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Intimate Dining for You & Your Valentine

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Wooing the object of your affection takes on a life of its own on Valentine's Day. Expectations are high. The urge to impress is powerful. Planning the perfect evening takes the shape of a mating ritual unmatched in the animal kingdom—only *Homo sapiens* can make dinner reservations. For February 14, consider these fine restaurants with reputations for scenery and over-the-top romance.

Keenan's at the Pier, Chrysalis Inn & Spa, Bellingham WA

If you're looking for a casual, intimate setting with a bay view, look no further than Keenan's at the Pier. Executive Chef Mika Christensen highlights the foods of the Northwest against a backdrop of Bellingham Bay with the San Juan Islands rising in the distance. Dine on the fresh catch of the day, perfectly prepared beef from a Northwest farm or even a fun favorite—shrimp and grits. Reserve a romantic water view room with a fireplace and two-person tub; with a Romance Package you get a bottle of sparkling wine and rose petals to put Valentine's Day in the proper perspective. thechrysalisinn.com

The Dining Room at Stephanie Inn, Cannon Beach OR

Impress your sweetie by dining at one of the world's most acclaimed resorts. The Stephanie Inn's dining room, with views of the hills bordering Cannon Beach will be a highlight of your visit to the Oregon Coast. You'll enjoy a sophisticated yet relaxed atmosphere, with selections from the menu or a prix fixe multi-course dinner crafted by Executive Chef Aaron Bedard and his culinary team. Ask about the chef's free daily cooking lesson exclusively for guests. If you stay the night, your room is only steps away. Stephanie Inn has designed a number of Romance Packages to choose from. The rest is up to you. stephanie-inn.com

Beverly's, The Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene ID

In Idaho's resort city of Coeur d'Alene, the 5-star cuisine at Beverly's is just what Cupid suggests for you and your Valentine. Well known as one of the Northwest's best restaurants, Chef de Cuisine Tyler Schwenk and his staff deliver culinary delights just meant for such an occasion. Besides the impressive food, you'll enjoy views of Lake Coeur d'Alene and the surrounding mountains from your table for two on the Coeur d'Alene Resort's 7th floor. Beverly's has a notable wine cellar and knowledgeable staff to recommend the perfect wine; you can even tour the floor-to-ceiling wine displays. After you raise your glass to toast your sweetheart, you can watch your meal being prepared in Beverly's open-concept display kitchen. For the perfect romantic experience, book the Dine, Spa and Stay Package. cdaresort.com



Short rib ravioli at Stephanie Inn

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Dinner is served at Keenan's at the Pier

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