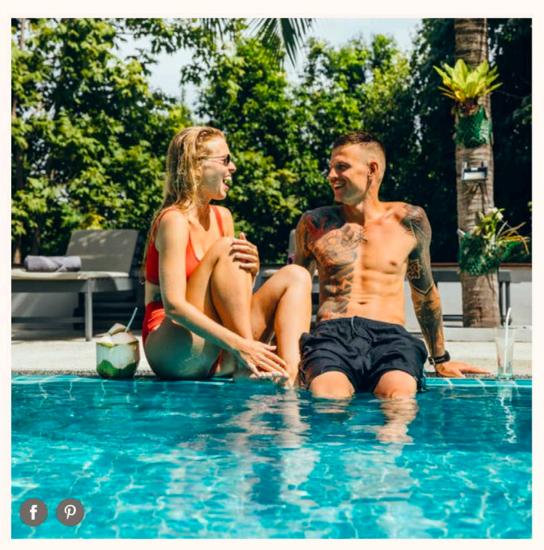
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The Best Valentine's Day Getaways in the U.S.

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While jewelry and flowers are fabulous gifts, they aren't the only way to treat your bae on Valentine's Day. Travel is the ultimate present. Contrary to popular belief, when it comes to romance, the buck doesn't stop with Paris (although, the City of Light is undeniably alluring). This year, we've got our sights set on some seriously seductive domestic destinations. From Savannah to Scottsdale, these locales prove you can plan a glorious Valentine's Day getaway without leaving the country.







Courtesy of Andaz Scottsdale

Scottsdale, Arizona

What's great about Scottsdale is that it can be as relaxing or rugged as you want thanks to a mix scenic hiking routes, sprawling botanical gardens, and resplendent resorts. Speaking of, we highly recommend staying at the Andaz Scottsdale. The vibe is super inviting with artisan-decorated bungalows and cozy fire pits. Looking for something to do with your sweetie? Sign up for a mixology class or indulge in a couples massage at the spa.







Courtesy of Visit Savannah

Savannah, Georgia

Antebellum architecture, Spanish-moss-draped trees, and picturesque parks set the stage for romance in Savannah. Genuine hospitality and scrumptious fare make it even more irresistible as do mild temperatures. There's a spate of amour-inducing pursuits, ranging from carriage rides to strolls under the stars. And, did you know Savannah is considered one of the most haunted cities? An evening ghost tour is an experience you won't soon forget, we promise.







Courtesy of Auberge Du Soleil

Napa Valley, California

Romance reigns supreme in Napa Valley. Locally sourced cuisine, world-class wine, and charming accommodations make it one of the most seductive destinations in the United States, err the world. Spend Valentine's Day sipping vino at the myriad tasting rooms (Alpha Omega Winery, Charles Krug, and Trinchero are a few of our favorites) or enjoying a picnic a gourmet picnic, then spoil your sweetie with a three-course dinner and wine pairing at Auberge Du Soleil's Michelin-star restaurant.







Courtesy of Doug Merriam / Kennebunkport Resort Collection

Kennebunkport, Maine

Kennebunkport goes all out for Valentine's Day with Paint the Town Red, a month-long celebration of love that includes themed events, restaurant specials, and hotel packages. (Chocolate-covered strawberries and bubbly? Yes, please!) Neon signs beautifully contrast the quintessential New England architecture. Empty beaches and snow-dusted forests are yet another draw. And if all else fails, you can rest easy knowing that deep soaking tubs and wood-burning fireplaces await at White Barn Inn & Spa.







Courtesy of Bob Krist / Florida Keys News Bureau

Key Largo, Florida

Key Largo is a sun-splashed retreat with beautiful beaches, crystalline waters, and consistent swimsuit weather. Not surprisingly, there's an abundance of outdoor activities—whether you prefer kayaking or swimming with the dolphins. Head to John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park for snorkeling and glass-bottom boat tours. Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail offers cyclists and pedestrians access to 106 miles of paved pathways. If you'd rather relax, finding a bar with breezy hammocks and frozen drinks certainly won't be difficult.







Courtesy of Scott Baxter

Palm Springs, California

An oasis in the middle of the Sonoran Desert, Palm Springs delivers 350 days of sunshine a year plus a smokin' hot design scene and Tinseltown legacy. High-style hotels and mid-century modern homes that once hosted the biggest names in Hollywood now welcome pairs seeking a sexy escape. Take advantage of the many golf courses, walk on the wild side at the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, or lounge by the pool with a refreshing cocktail.







Courtesy of Sherman Hogue / Explore Fairbanks

Fairbanks, Alaska

If seeing the northern lights is on your bucket list, consider a trip to Fairbanks. This attractive Alaskan city is one of the top spots to witness the aurora borealis. And did we mention February is a great time to go? Of course, chasing this wonderous natural phenomenon is far from the only adventurous pursuit. Duos can try dog mushing, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing. Afterwards, heat things up at the thermal springs.