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Valentine's Day Gift Guide: Top NYC Luxury Hotels For Romance



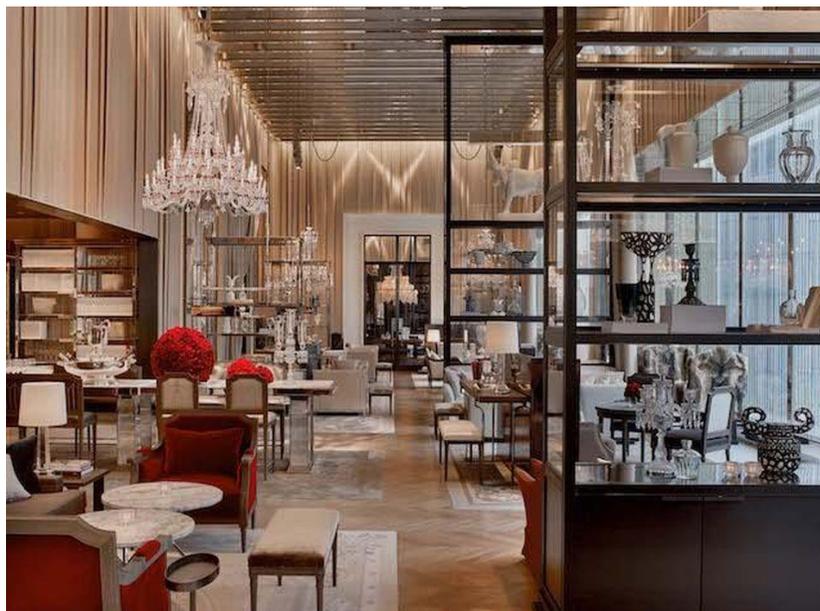
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If you still haven't made plans for Valentine's Day, what are you waiting for?

Pick up the phone (or click on a link) and book a getaway at one of these luxurious New York City hideaways. They'll be decked out with hearts, flowers and other romantic surprises to make your stay memorable!

Baccarat Hotel New York



Grand Salon at Baccarat Hotel New York BACCARAT HOTEL NEW YORK

The legendary Baccarat name evokes opulence and the [Baccarat Hotel New York](#) doesn't disappoint. Guests will be dazzled by the crystal-lit curtains, sparkling chandeliers, and the hotel's signature red décor and in-room "Champagne button" on bedside phones that allows guests to order their favorite vintage bottle served in Baccarat fluted glasses. An ideal destination for any grand celebration, this flagship property sets the perfect stage for Valentine's Day romance.

The [Romantic Retreat Package](#) includes luxurious accommodations, a glass of champagne upon arrival, a decorative [Baccarat Red Zinzin Heart](#) keepsake gift, afternoon tea with champagne for two in the Grand Salon, and a romantic Baccarat keepsake box filled with rose petals. Also, from February 8-17, the hotel will be introducing an elegant [Passion du Chocolat tea](#). The hotel is located in the heart of midtown Manhattan, directly across the street from the Museum of Modern Art and steps away from the celebrated shops on Fifth Avenue.

Mandarin Oriental, New York



Suite bedroom with a view of Central Park MANDARIN ORIENTAL NEW YORK

Located in the Time Warner Center, [Mandarin Oriental, New York](#) is renowned for its pampered service and towering views over Columbus Circle and Central Park. From February 13-18, couples can celebrate Valentine's Day with the hotel's [New York City Romantic Retreat](#). The (minimum) two-night stay package includes a welcome amenity with champagne and chocolate covered strawberries; breakfast for two daily at the Mandarin Oriental's signature restaurant, [Asiate](#); a rose petal amenity; two 80-minute Oriental Essence Massages (for two guests); and a Valentine's Day Dinner tasting menu for two, also at Asiate.

Two other Valentine's Day dining options: A five-course [tasting menu](#) at [The Aviary NYC](#) on the hotel's 35th floor, which features some of the season's finest ingredients (e.g., caviar, oysters and black winter truffles) and includes a signature Aviary NYC cocktail pairing with each course. Or, a special celebratory menu at [The Office](#), created by Chef de Cuisine Michael Dengelegi. [This package](#) includes individual caviar parfaits and a dozen oysters to share, paired with a champagne cocktail. On this day, \$5 of each reservation will be donated to the non-profit Billion Oyster Project to support the restoration of oysters in the New York Harbor.

Library Hotel New York City



Happily Ever After at the Library Hotel New York City THE LIBRARY HOTEL COLLECTION

The boutique [Library Hotel New York City](#) on Madison Avenue is a unique NYC treasure. Located around the corner from the historic New York City Public Library, each of the hotel's ten floors is dedicated to a different subject of the Dewey Decimal System, and each room showcases up to 100 books on one topic.

During the month of February, this hotel beloved by book lovers is fit for romance. Couples can take advantage of the [Happily, Ever After Package](#)—which includes a king-bedded room with a chilled bottle of Veuve Clicquot champagne and a one-half pound box of Leonidas chocolates upon arrival. And apropos of the library theme, guests receive a book of sonnets, perfect for reciting to a partner. Other options: Guests can also book the balconied “Love Room” filled with more than 100 books dedicated to the subject of love and curated by none other than Dr. Ruth Westheimer—or request the Erotica Room, where instead of sonnets, guests can take home their own copy of the Kama Sutra.

Sofitel New York



Street view of the Sofitel New York SOFITEL NEW YORK

Named one of the 50 best hotels in New York City by Condé Nast Traveler, [Sofitel New York](#) is known for its contemporary décor, sophisticated artwork, cosmopolitan service and French "art de vivre" approach. Perfect for a romantic getaway, the hotel's convenient midtown location is also ideal sightseeing and shopping. Through March 15, the hotel lobby will be transformed into a gallery entitled “The Power of Love,” featuring

vibrant works by artist Fer Da Silva. Colorful hearts of all shapes and sizes—collectively referred to as Corazón de Fer—will spread the artist’s message of unity and love.

For Valentine’s Day, Executive Chef Robert Hohmann has designed a special prix-fixe menu for the hotel’s signature restaurant, [Gaby Brasserie Française](#)(which will include a half-bottle of Moët and Chandon per couple). A [Magnifique Romance](#) package is available for guests wishing to extend their experience beyond dinner: The package includes an overnight stay with a 4PM late check-out, Champagne, chocolate treats, and breakfast for two at the restaurant. Also, as a special Valentine’s Day treat, a one-stop Love Pop Up Shop will be set up in the hotel’s private dining room offering romantic gifts for purchase, including works by Da Silva, candles by The Sphinx and the Priestess, Gaby’s macarons and more. Those in search of romantic guidance can participate in mini tarot card readings by The Sphinx and the Priestess co-founder and Tarot reader, Hayley Elisabeth Kaufman.

The Mark Hotel



Sensuous Valentine's Day menu at The Mark Hotel THE MARK HOTEL

Housed in a 1927 landmarked building, [The Mark Hotel](#) is a luxury property with 105 rooms and 46 suites on the Upper East Side, only steps away from Central Park.

For Valentine’s Day (and the holiday weekend), the hotel is offering a sensuous, three-course special [prix fixe room service menu](#) that pairs natural aphrodisiac bites—including a dozen oysters on the half shell—with love potion cocktails. It even features a luscious, red velvet cake dessert. If they’re still hungry, guests can order a side of Osetra Caviar with Warm Blini. Other stimulating extras on the same menu: A Sexual Satisfaction Grade Card, a pair of Agent Provocateur Panties, and The Mark Eye Mask. Breakfast is complimentary each morning of a stay. Booking a night at the hotel’s two-story 10,000 square-foot penthouse suite (said to be the largest hotel suite in the United States) can make for a truly memorable stay.

Lotte New York Palace



Valentine's macarons at Pomme Palais LOTTE NEW YORK PALACE

As one of fewer than 100 buildings in New York City landmarked both inside and out, [Lotte New York Palace](#) is unquestionably one of Manhattan's most storied properties. The hotel's public areas are gracious; its classically furnished guestrooms beautifully appointed. The views of St. Patrick's Cathedral from above are simply jaw-dropping. This five-star hotel is an idyllic place to celebrate love and romance.

For the holiday, the front desk will be making its signature "Share the Love" postcards available for guests to send home to loved ones. For each postcard mailed, the hotel will make a donation to the American Heart Association in honor of American Heart Month. Also, Pomme Palais, Michel Richard's charming patisserie in the hotel, will feature an assortment of Valentine's macarons, the perfect gift for a sweetheart. For a unique evening (not for Valentine's Day only), couples can book the [Evening of Enchantment](#) package and see magician Steve Cohen perform his critically acclaimed show, *Chamber Magic*, which takes place in an elegant salon at the hotel. The package includes luxurious accommodations, two complimentary "Think-A-Drink" cocktails (per room), a deck of custom Chamber Magic playing cards, and a meet-and-greet with the magician with the purchase of tickets for the 9PM show.

Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown



Ty Bar at Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown FOUR SEASONS HOTEL NEW YORK DOWNTOWN

Set in a residential skyscraper designed by architect Robert A. M. Stern in trendy Tribeca, the [Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown](#) is the second Four Seasons property to grace New York City. The luxury hotel's 189 rooms and suites occupy 24 floors of an 82-floor building that only opened two years ago.

The hotel has created a romantic V-Day Package (which will only be available on Valentine's Day). It includes an overnight stay in a Superior King Room, a five-course prix-fixe dinner for two in CUT by Wolfgang Puck (located on the ground floor of the building) and a Rose Revival Soak Service for two designed by the spa director. Every room and suite features a deep soaking tub that can accommodate two people: The private, in-room Rose Revival Soak experience features pure Himalayan Salts to naturally lift spirits while tuberose and lemongrass ignite the feeling of positivity and love. This package can only be booked by phone; for information, call 646-880-1924 and ask about the V-Day Package.

The Westin New York at Times Square



View from the Empire Suite WESTIN NEW YORK

[The Westin New York at Times Square](#) is an AAA Four Diamond, 873-room property that sits beside Times Square, often called the "Crossroads of the World." Guests can take a short walk from the hotel to more than 40 theaters and countless eateries on Restaurant Row. The hotel's sprawling presidential suites on the 44th and 45th floors are over 1,800 square feet each with a marble entryway, dining room, living room, sweeping city views and more.

The hotel has created a "Take Your Love to New Heights" experience that includes an evening in a presidential suite; round-trip black car service from the hotel to Central Park for a personal horse-drawn carriage ride; a romantic candlelit four-course dinner and wine pairing prepared by the Executive Chef and served in the privacy of the suite; and natural aphrodisiacs: Champagne and chocolate covered strawberries delivered to the suite at turndown time. Although the package was created in time for Valentine's Day, it will be available throughout the year. To book, call 1-866-716-8108 and mention package code LVU.

11 Howard



Master bedroom of a Terrace Suite 11 HOWARDS

[11 Howard](#), a six-story 207-room boutique hotel in New York City's fashionable SoHo district, combines Danish minimalist design with the glamour of downtown New York. The hotel boasts an inviting bar and lounge, The Blond, while The Library acts as a social space to unwind, sip a cocktail or enjoy a meal. It's the perfect launch pad for exploring this eclectic neighborhood that includes Chinatown, the Bowery and Little Italy.

Guests booking stays between Feb 14-18 will receive a complimentary HigherDOSE infrared sauna spa session, Prosecco and chocolate upon arrival, breakfast in bed and a room upgrade based upon availability. For fabulous French food in a romantic setting with a whimsical touch, make dinner reservations at [Le Coucou](#) (also at 11 Howard), a collaboration between successful restaurateur Stephen Starr and legendary Chef Daniel Rose.