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For procrastinators and the clueless, Valentine's Day can be a hard holiday to figure out. *Arizona Foothills* is here to help you find the best places to dine and stay this Valentine's Day.



Click the next button below to see the best places to dine and stay.

Sassi Restaurant



Sassi is Scottsdale's nationally known celebration of the best of Southern Italian wine and food. This AAA 4 Diamond independent restaurant transports you to the gracious setting and hospitality of an Italian farmhouse, serving a bounty of fresh local ingredients, handmade pasta, wild caught fish and more than 250 Italian wines.

Celebrate a very romantic Valentine's Day at Sassi. Dinner for two includes a shared Antipasti, a first course of Ricotta gnocchi, a choice of three entrees and desert for \$175.

Reservations begin at 5:00 p.m. To book your reservation visit sassi.biz/restaurant/reservations.php or call 480.502.9095.

Click here to view Sassi's Valentine's Day Menu.

10455 E. Pinnacle Peak Parkway Scottsdale, AZ 85255 480.502.9095 Sassi.biz

elements at Sanctuary on Camelback



Romantic Elements

Celebrate Valentine's Day with all the luxuries, including a romantic hideaway retreat and a sumptuous dinner at the all new elements restaurant, with its expanded cutting-edge kitchen and new exciting menu.

Package includes:

- · One night accommodations
- · Valentine's Day dinner for two at elements
- · Complimentary upgrade to a suite

Stay an additional night on February 15 and receive 30% off.

Rates from \$645, available February 14, 2010.

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Based on double occupancy; includes room tax and F&B tax and gratuity. 30% off applies to February 15 only. Subject to limited availability; advance reservations required.

To book your getaway, call our Reservations Specialists at 800.245.2051.

Valentine's Day Champagne Brunch

elements is known for its seductive atmosphere and we've enhanced that notion with a very special brunch experience to celebrate the occasion.

A delectable a la carte brunch menu created just for this day by Chef MacMillan, tables sprinkled with rose petals, a bowl of fresh strawberries and choice of a "Sweethearts" Champagne Cocktail offered upon arrival. Champagne Cocktails are priced at \$6 each, the first is complimentary for the lady.

In addition, elements house made Bloody Marys are also priced at just \$6 each. Call 480.607.2300 for reservations.

"Sweethearts" Champagne Cocktail Menu

Sweet Talk | Peach Puree & Champagne Kiss Me | Strawberry Tanqueray Gin, House Made Lavender Bitters, Lemon Juice, Prosecco True Love | St. Germain, Champagne, Soda Be Mine | Plymouth Gin, Lemon Juice & Champagne Love Me | Orange Juice & Champagne

Valentine's Day

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a luxurious four-course dinner at elements, featuring an array of Chef Beau's most seductive fare... including:

- Raw oysters and caviar
- Farm-fresh salads
- Lobster and veal
- · Incredibly decadent desserts

Plus, enjoy a glass of bubbly upon arrival and a rose on departure...all for just \$95 per person, not including tax & gratuity. Reservations are available from 5:30-9pm – but space is limited, so call 480.607.2300 soon!

5700 East McDonald Drive Paradise Valley, AZ 85253 480.948.2100 www.sanctuaryoncamelback.com

Christopher's Restaurant and Crush Lounge



Celebrate Valentine's Day weekend at Christopher's Restaurant and Crush Lounge in Phoenix.

Friday February 12 and Saturday February 13 enjoy their signature A La Carte menu or 3 Course Special Menu: \$55.00 ++ per person*, \$85.00 ++ per person* with wine pairings (*tax and gratuity will be added, not included).

Valentine's Day, Sunday February 14, choose from 2 Special Menus created by Chef Christopher Gross featuring signature dishes like Smoked Salmon with Caviar, Lobster Pot Pie, Boneless Rack of Lamb, Crepinette of Scallops, Filet au Poivre, Roasted Venison, Osso Buco, Passion Fruit Mousse Tower, Tarte Tatin and more. 5 Course Tasting Menu Gourmand: \$75.00++ per person*, \$125.00 ++ per person* with wine pairings (*Tax and Gratuity will be added, not included) OR 3 Course Menu: \$55.00 ++ per person*, \$85.00 ++ per person* with wine pairings (*Tax and gratuity will be added, not included). A special A La Carte Menu also available. Dinner will be served 5 - 11 p.m.

Celebrate with Perrier Jouet all weekend long - purchase a split or full bottle and receive 2 elegant champagne flutes and a complimentary box of chocolates* (*While Supplies Last).

For reservations call 602.522.2344.

2502 E Camelback Rd Phoenix, AZ 85016 602.522.2344

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www.christophersaz.com

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar



Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar is the premier destination where couples can share their passion for exceptional food and wine. In celebration of Valentine's Weekend – Friday, February 12th through Sunday, February 14th – Fleming's will offer a special Valentine Sharing Menu created especially for two, in addition to the regular a la carte menu. To add extra flair to this romantic occasion, Fleming's Director of Wine Marian Jansen op de Haar has created a custom cocktail, the Valentini.

To give couples another reason to celebrate, Fleming's is offering each couple dining during Valentine's Weekend a "Valentine Card" with a complimentary \$25 Fleming's card inside to use toward a future rendezvous with their sweetheart.*

The Valentine's Weekend Sharing Menu Offers:

May we suggest starting the evening with a toast to your Valentine.

VALENTINI, A Bellini-inspired cocktail with Belvedere Vodka, Peach Schnapps, fresh peaches, fresh lemon juice topped with Chandon Brut Rosé \$9.95 per glass

Saucy Glazed Porterhouse Steak, Double-thick cut with a cognac mushroom glaze, served with parmesan cheese mashed potatoes and green beans glazed with porcini butter Served with choice of Fleming's, Caesar, or Wedge Salad \$98.00 for two** Suggested wine pairing: Beaulieu Vineyard, Tapestry Cabernet Blend Napa Valley, 2005

Blue Cheese Crusted Filet Mignon & Lobster En Fuego, Two filets paired with generous chunks of Maine lobster baked in the shell with our creamy sriracha chile sauce, served with oven braised potatoes and roasted cauliflower with kalamata vinaigrette Served with choice of Fleming's, Caesar, or Wedge Salad \$89.00 for two** Suggested wine pairing: Oberon, Merlot Napa Valley, 2006

Red Velvet Cake & Chocolate Dipped Strawberries, Classic three layer red velvet cake with strawberry cream cheese frosting, garnished with two double dipped chocolate strawberries \$9.50 for two** Suggested wine pairing: Croft, Tawny Port 10 year old Portugal NV

Reservations are recommended for this popular weekend. There are four Fleming's in Phoenix in Peoria, Scottsdale, DC Ranch and Chandler. Visit <u>www.FlemingsSteakhouse.com</u> for your closest restaurant and to make a reservation.

*\$25 Valentine Card offer is available for main dining room visits occurring on 2/12/10, 2/13/10 and 2/14/10 only. One card per couple. Valentine's Card will be delivered at the end of the meal and will be valid through March 31, 2010.

**Does not include tax, gratuity or wine pairings.

Fox Restaurant Concepts



Make a Date with Fox Restaurant Concepts this Valentine's Day!

Our chefs have prepared extraordinary three-course menus featuring a selection of both new and classic dishes ranging from \$55-\$85 per person beginning at 5:30pm (or \$35-\$50 per person between 4:00-5:30 pm) for Bloom (Scottsdale & Denver), The Greene House, Modern Steak, NoRTH (Scottsdale, Austin, Tucson, Denver, Kansas City), Olive & Ivy, Montana Avenue, and Wildflower.

Make plans to visit Blanco (Tucson and Scottsdale) or Zinburger (Tucson) and enjoy a special Valentine's Dinner for Two for only \$35 from 5 pm – close. Special includes one Appetizer, two Entrees, one Dessert and two drinks (two select draft beers or glasses of wine at Zinburger – Tucson ; or two house margaritas or glasses of wine at Blanco – Tucson only.)

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True Food Kitchen is offering a special three-course menu for \$25 per person beginning at 4pm until close.

For more information visit <u>www.foxrc.com</u>.

W Scottsdale



For couples looking for a flirty, fantasy escape, look no further than W Scottsdale where couples are invited to heat things up with an array of package options by "ratings." Yes, how adventurous are you? Surprise your sweet with a weekend stay at the posh W Hotel and opt for a either a romantic or racy rendezvous with package options that include a bottle of Veuve Clicquot, breakfast in bed for two, an upgrade to a Spectacular Room and one of three perks below starting from just \$259 per night:

Fantasy Package Rated PG-13

Enjoy all the perks above, plus chocolate covered strawberries and rose petals.

Fantasy Package Rated R

Enjoy all the perks above, plus Jimmy Jane Spin the Bottle and Dylan's Body Frosting.

Fantasy Package Rated W

Enjoy all of the perks above, plus you'll receive a whip, handcuffs and mask for your delight.

Click here to book now for stays February 11 through February 15, 2010.

Fred's at Barneys New York Scottsdale



Please join us at Fred's for our upcoming Special Valentine's Day 4-course menu! You & your special someone will just LOVE what Fred's has to offer!

A Special Valentine's Day 4-course Dinner Menu at Fred's at Barneys New York will be offered Saturday, Feb. 13 from 5 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person (additional \$18pp option for wine pairing).

In addition, Fred's will offer traditional Sunday brunch on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

Call 602.337.6111 for reservations or book via Opentable.com.

Melting Pot



Valentine's Day at the Melting Pot is a delicious four course fondue experience with a romance theme including a champagne toast, a love quiz and a gift bag valued at \$75. Each location is decorated for the lover's holiday. This romantic packaged event is \$150 per couple.

For more information visit <u>www.meltingpot.com</u>.