9 Unique Ways to Spend Valentine’s Day in Phoenix

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Ah, Valentine’s Day. A holiday that once meant bringing a secret admirer letter home from school (attached with candy if they were serious, of course) but now means so much more. We at Arizona Foothills like to think of it as a day of sincere appreciation. Valentine’s Day is a time to recognize the love that surrounds all of our relationships. It’s a day to bask in that warm, cozy goodness and remind our loved ones just how much they mean to us – be it with a kiss, breakfast in bed or a day out on the town. Whatever you plan will be perfect and special, but if you’re feeling idealess, here are some happenings around town.

Cozy up with some pups at the Villa La Paws Grand Opening Event

Share the love a day early on Feb. 13 with the whole family by taking a trip to the brand new Villa La Paws Pet Resort & Spa for its Valentine’s Day-themed puppy party. The event will feature a pet photo station, doggie “kissing booth,” and face painting for kids. Villa La Paws has also teamed with local animal rescue groups ABC Animal Rescue, Bully Pride of Arizona, and Love of Dogs to bring loveable pets available for adoption. The free event, which is open to the public and leashed pets, will also have dog training demos, raffle prizes, free nail trims, food and treats for pets and people, and tours of the new Scottsdale resort. villalapaws.com

Win complimentary food, drinks at Topgolf

Take your chances at winning a bay for your bae at Topgolf this February. Starting Feb. 1, texting ‘Bae’ to 68633 for a chance to win a fully swagged-out bay with complimentary food and drinks on Valentine’s Day. The winner will be notified Feb. 11. For those who don’t win, be one of the first 50 couples to stop in at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to win free themed gift bag at Topgolf Scottsdale or Topgolf Gilbert. topgolf.com

Bike rides, chocolates, roses, oh my!

Designed with the adventurous couple in mind, this Valentine’s Day date package put together by Pedego Scottsdale and Chocolade van

Brugge provides couples with two electric bike rentals, a box of Belgian chocolates, two coffees from Chocolade van Brugge and a single red rose. Explore Old Town however you and your sweetheart choose, and share some yummy snacks when you get a little tuckered out. Pedego Scottsdale; Chocolade van Brugge

Travel back in time at the Vintage Car Show

End your love-filled day strolling between vintage, old-fashioned cars on Main Street at The Shops at Norterra. This free, annual Valentine’s Day event begins at 6 p.m. and will feature vintage cars, roadsters, hot rods, and a few modern vehicles to top it off. Live music will be provided by Kenny Love and the Rockerfellas, and radio personality, Charlie Huera from KOOL-FM, will host a retro costume contest with prizes and giveaways. Re-live the 50s with a father-daughter and mother-son “sock hop,” dance lessons and interactive games, while listening to 50’s era tunes. At the end of the night, stop in at the photo booth to remember the fun forever. Couples looking for a more luxurious end to the night can stop in at Ah-So Sushi & Steak or Sauce Pizza & Wine. norterrashopping.com

Take a romantic day trip aboard the Love Train

Treat your sweetie on a trip to the Grand Canyon National Park on Valentine’s Day. The Grand Canyon Railway is offering half-off tickets, including all classes and fares, on Feb. 14. Begin at 9:30 in Williams, near the iconic Route 66, and journey through the Colorado Plateau, passing beautiful landscapes from pine forest to desert forest.

Walk-in service is available, but reservations are highly recommended, as tickets sell fast. thetrain.com

Get Butterflies at Butterfly Wonderland

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., guests at the Butterfly Wonderland exhibit can experience an array of red butterflies in the conservatory while listening to live love songs. Couples will receive homemade heart-shaped cookies from Triple Delight Bakery, and ladies will receive an additional surprise gift. Make the day unforgettable with a themed picture at the SharpShooter. Regular admission prices apply. butterflywonderland.com

See Ballet Arizona’s “The Sleeping Beauty”

What better way to spend Valentine’s Day with your loved one than experiencing a classic love story first hand? Under the direction of Ib Andersen and music by Peter Tchaikovsky, “The Sleep Beauty” charms audiences with its stunning costumes, dazzling sets and breathtaking choreography. See this performance between Feb. 11 and 14 at Symphony Hall in

downtown Phoenix. balletaz.org

Shares Some Laughs at the Tempe Comedy Concert Series

Watch feature performer, Tony Vicich, in his PG-rated “Love and Marriage” interactive comedy experience. For a fun, positive and love-filled event, visit Tempe Center for the Arts Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. to see male and female performers entertain questions straight from the audience. Tickets range from $10-25. tempe.gov

All the single ladies, all the single ladies

Head over to the W Scottsdale for the “Wing(wo)man Party,” Saturday, Feb. 13, to party at the hotel’s rooftop WET Pool Deck with music by a live DJ, cocktail tastings and more. Taste the night’s signature “Wingman” cocktail, including Red Bull, Jack Daniel’s Tennessee Honey and refreshing herbs. wscottsdalehotel.com