

# For Valentine's Day 2019

Just in case you need some inspiration we have some ideas here. However you spend Valentine's Day have a lovely time!

The Waldorf Astoria is offering lovers who are really pushing the boat out this year the chance to enjoy some memorable times together at one of Edinburgh's premier hotels. The Valentine's package combines a photoshoot with Rose + Julien at 'off the beaten track' locations around the city.



Bask in luxury at the Waldorf Astoria

After the shoot you can relax in the Guerlain Spa – the only one in the UK – and have a massage in the couples' suite. Then you will finish off the day with an eight course meal prepared by Head Chef Daniel Ashmore in the Pompadour Restaurant. Highlights from the exclusive Valentine's menu include,

Lindisfarne Oyster with Yorkshire Rhubarb Granite, Fillet of Orkney Beef “Wellington”, Salt baked celeriac and wild mushrooms and a Blood Orange Soufflé with Rhubarb Sorbet.

The Valentine’s package consists of one night’s accommodation in a suite, including breakfast for two, as well as the photo shoot, couple’s spa treatment and 8-course tasting dinner in The Pompadour, prices start from £1,424. To book or find out more visit [www.thecaledonian.waldorfastoria.com](http://www.thecaledonian.waldorfastoria.com) or call 0131 222 8888.

**Dale MacPhee, General Manager at the Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian, said:**“We don’t always get the chance during the year to stop and spend quality time with the ones we love, and this is what has inspired us to create the Amor Experience. It offers couples the chance to have some fun together, whilst capturing these memories to keep and remember.”

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## **Edinburgh Gin**

This Valentine’s Day Edinburgh Gin is launching a gin-first – Botanical Bouquets.

The Scottish distiller has played Cupid, coupling up two of Valentine’s most sought after gifts – flowers and gin.



Edinburgh Gin has devised pink and white bouquets for Valentine's Day

Using the same botanicals as the blushing pink recipe of Edinburgh Gin Valentine's, each striking bouquet contains an arrangement of charming chamomile daisies, hot pink rose petals and aromatic lavender.

The result? A multisensory match that's quite literally love at first sight, scent and sip.

Beautifully packaged, this limited edition gift pack houses a 70cl bottle of Edinburgh Gin Valentine's paired with its matching bouquet.

Priced at £65 these ultra exclusive must-haves are on sale online [www.edinburghgin.com](http://www.edinburghgin.com) from 30<sup>th</sup> January for UK delivery on February 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Eating out



For Prezzo, Valentine's day is all about perfect partners, classic combinations and inspired pairings, which is what Italian cooking is founded on. When something just works, you know it in your heart.

That's why the restaurant chain has created a very special Valentine's Day set menu, bursting with delicious flavours and exquisite couplings, to really make it a celebration to remember. With combinations that match just as perfectly as you, Prezzo has carefully crafted the perfect Valentine's experience to suit all taste pallets and still make sure you have enough room for sweet treat too. It's valentines after all.

Prezzo have teamed up with Chapel Down and Fentimans to create the English Rose G&T, for an elegant start to a romantic evening. Pair the English Rose with the king prawn starter for the perfect match this Valentine's Day. Then get stuck in to one of Prezzo's delicious pizzas or pastas, such as the Vesuvio or Penne Gorgonzola. Or if you want to stay classic, opt for the spaghetti, it worked for Lady and the Tramp.

Enjoy two courses for £16.95 or make it extra special with

three for £19.95. Plus, because love is always something to celebrate, Prezzo is offering 25% off all bottles of Prosecco – the perfect accompaniment.

Prezzo and Valentines – made for each other x

For your chance to win a number of exciting prizes this Valentine's day with Prezzo (visit – [prezzorestaurants.co.uk/valentines](http://prezzorestaurants.co.uk/valentines)) –

- Tell Prezzo why you and your partner are made for each other
- Prize: 1x tour of the Chapel Down Distillery, 2x Fentimans hamper, 3x Prezzo dinner for 2
- Competition closes 18th Feb, winners selected and announced 28th Feb

## **At The Queen's Hall on Valentine's Day**

An alternative Valentine's Day celebration at The Queen's Hall . Led by David Pittendreigh of Majestic Causewayside you will learn a little more about the wines on their list (and others) via an informal tasting process.

Accompanied by delicious canapés made by their Prue Leith-trained Bar Manager, Jane Pollock.

Places are limited [so book now!](#)

## **A historic tour of Riddle's Court**

Riddle's Court is owned by Scottish Historic Buildings Trust and they are offering tours of the building on Valentine's Day. You could top off your tour with a visit to [Scotts Kitchen](#). Of course for those in the know there is the King's Apartment which you can have overnight...

10.30-11.15 **Highlight Tour:** A concise tour of our 16th century

building. £5

3.00-4.15 **In-Depth Tour:** A longer & more detailed tour of our building. £12/£9

[More details here](#)

## Get away to Hotel Du Vin

Show the love this Valentine's with a romantic night away. Dine on an exquisite three course Valentine's menu and a glass of Champagne. Retire to a luxurious room for the night with fine bedding that you'll never want to leave and wake to a full cooked breakfast in our Bistro the next morning. Exclusive to you when you book direct. Happy Valentine's. [Booking details here.](#)

## Lidl launches new luxury candles

There's nothing more romantic than candlelight and just in time for Valentine's Day, Lidl UK has launched a brand new designer-inspired range of candles for just £3.99.



Luxury candles at Lidl to create the right mood!

Customers can choose from three different scents: soft and calming Lavender, rich and warming Pomegranate or tropical

Citrus & Herb. Encased in an elegant glass jar, the candles make the perfect addition to the home or even a present to a loved one.

The brand new 'The Luxury Collection' range also includes reed diffusers and room sprays in the same scents, and at just £3.99 customers can pick up the whole collection in their favourite fragrance for under £12. Available from 7 February onwards.

## **Pampering....**

Whether you're looking to spoil your loved one or for the ultimate pamper treat with the girls, [Macdonald Marine Hotel & Spa](#) in North Berwick is making it a day to remember with its Valentine's Spa Break.

The indulgent spa trip, which includes an overnight stay, is the perfect chance to unwind with loved ones or friends and with dinner and breakfast included the following morning, it's ideal for those looking to make a proper break of it.

Celebrations get underway on arrival with a bottle of prosecco and the indulgent Valentine's package also includes a 25-minute spa treatment for each guest during their stay. Guests can choose from a range of treatments including a massage, facial or file and polish.

Expertly trained ELEMIS staff will leave skin pampered with a range of luxury products, packed full of nutrients designed to rejuvenate the skin, body and mind.

Macdonald Hotels Spa Collection covers 20 locations across the UK and the Valentine's Spa Break offer is available across the full range, including Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel, Macdonald Forest Hills Hotel & Spa in Aberfoyle, Macdonald Inchyra Hotel & Spa near Stirling, Macdonald Marine Hotel & Spa in North Berwick and Macdonald Craxton Wood Hotel & Spa in Chester.

The [Valentine's Day Spa Break](#) is available until 28 February 2019.

## Anta for Coffee lovers...

This Valentine's Day, show your long lasting love with an Ochil Candle Beaker from [Anta](#). Once the candle has burnt away, the beaker can be cherished for life.

Choose from three scents... secret garden, northern lights and indian summer.

Ochil candle beaker with decoration now £30 plus free standard UK delivery, down from £48!





*Treat someone this  
Valentines Day...*

It's almost Valentines Day again and at Ronaq we're ready to help you make your better half feel as special as they should. Book now for a romantic meal for two at Ronaq!



Show someone how much they mean to you this Valentines Day by booking them a table for two at Ronaq - Edinburgh's Premier Indian Restaurants!

Happy Valentines Day!

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## Photo ideas

ASDA Photo have some cute ideas for you this February. Use

your own photos and personalise a gift for the one you love.



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## **Notting Hill**

One of the most popular rom-coms of all time, Notting Hill, is coming to Vue Edinburgh Omni and to Vue Edinburgh Ocean Terminal for a one-off screening this Valentine's Day.

The classic film starring Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant turns twenty in 2019.

William Thacker (Hugh Grant) is the owner of a London book shop, whose humdrum existence is thrown into romantic turmoil when Hollywood star Anna Scott (Julia Roberts) appears in his shop. A chance encounter soon blossoms into a full blown love affair.

Johnny Carr, Alternative Content Manager at Vue UK and Ireland, said: "Notting Hill was one of the highest grossing films of 1999 and this 20th anniversary screening is sure to bring a wave of nostalgia to anyone who was around for the original, and introduce a new romantic comedy favourite to those who weren't."

Notting Hill will be screened in Vue Edinburgh Omni and Vue Edinburgh Ocean Terminal at 7pm on Thursday 14 February. Back row tickets (amongst others) can be booked at [www.myvue.com](http://www.myvue.com)



Delicious Scottish tablet to sweeten up your potential Valentine!

### **Tablet for those with a sweet tooth**

For Valentine's Day you could send some home made tablet straight to the one you love. And you could always put a cryptic message in for them to guess it was you. Donnie of Loch Leven Tablet Company (but he's actually based here in Edinburgh) does a great job in making the tablet and then sending it wherever you want it to be delivered. It is delicious! [Shop online here](#)

### **A little wine tourism to Lavaux in Switzerland**

This might be a little bit of a delayed Valentine's trip.... The hidden gem of Lavaux is dubbed 'the Wine Route of Switzerland' and is famed locally for its light and crisp white wines. The steeply sloped vineyards are in a UNESCO listed area that offers remarkable views of the Alps and Lake Geneva. Wine holidays here can easily be incorporated into ski trips or weekend breaks due to the range of local wineries, train lines and ski slopes. (*Direct return flights from Edinburgh – Geneva starting from: £68.99*) according to [Opodo](#) who advise that for those who dream of wandering through vineyards with the grapes and vines in full bloom, the summer

months (June/July) are the best time to visit. This means you should plan your trip in April to get the best deals

Alternatively, if you want to soak in the sights and sounds of the grape harvest, you'll need to travel in September or October. Plan your trip in July.