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## New England's sweet escapes: romantic Valentine getaways



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Luxury waterfront Gurney's Resort & Marina offers a Valentine's feast for the senses.

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With Valentine's Day falling midweek this year, you've got two options: call in "love sick" and steal away on V-Day proper, or make it a weekend-long celebration of love later this month. No matter which fits your schedule, we found sweet deals in hot spots.

### Paint the town red

Maine's coastal resort area known as the Kennebunks — Kennebunkport, Kennebunk and Arundel — is letting its love-light shine (quite literally) with "Paint the Town Red," a weeks-long celebration of love aimed at showcasing area romance.

Dock Square, the bustling hub of downtown Kennebunkport, will be aglow with red twinkling lights, and its shops, galleries, boutiques, and eateries offering "red plate" specials and events. A good resource for deals and happenings: [lovekpt.com](http://lovekpt.com)

Smack in the middle of Dock Square, The Kennebunkport Inn offers a “Love KPT” package: a two-night stay, complementary red wine and chocolate-covered strawberries upon check-in, three-course dinner for two, and a late check-out at noon. One Dock Square, Kennebunkport. Rates vary; call 207-967-2621. [kennebunkportinn.com](http://kennebunkportinn.com)

You’ll find the same sweet deal weekends at Boathouse Waterfront Hotel, (21 Ocean Ave., Kennebunkport. 877-266-1304. [boathouseme.com](http://boathouseme.com)); The Grand Hotel, a boutique hotel with an art gallery (1 Chase Hill Road, Kennebunk. 877-455-1501. [thegrandhotelmaine.com](http://thegrandhotelmaine.com)); and starting Feb. 15, at luxury oceanside Cape Arundel Inn & Resort. 208 Ocean Ave., Kennebunkport. 855-346-5700. [capearundelinn.com](http://capearundelinn.com).

Need help planning? Ask Cupid. Couples staying at resorts mentioned above in February can call the Cupid Concierge to deliver flowers, book a couples massage, deliver dessert in bed, and other romantic gestures. 207-967-1517.

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