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Even for the busiest of brides and grooms-to-be, being in the midst of planning your nuptials doesn't mean you can skip on your Valentine's Day plans! Take a well-deserved break and escape to a romantic getaway, just the two of you, that will leave you feeling connected, calm, and ready for the (wedding!) fun that is to come. Any of these romantic [Southern California destinations](#) oozes romance and relaxation — perfect you and your fiancé to have a wonderful holiday weekend.

[Belmond El Encanto, Santa Barbara](#)

This beachfront Santa Barbara resort is the perfect, relaxing haven to unwind and de-stress. With the hotel's [Retreat to Romance package](#), you'll emerge from your getaway feeling totally rejuvenated — thanks to a 50-minute couples' massage and spa visit. Lucky for you, SoCal's warm temps year-round make it possible to enjoy a dip in the infinity pool or take a stroll through the property's lush gardens. Follow either choice by popping a bottle of bubbly and indulging on chocolate and raspberry macarons in the privacy of your own suite. And, don't miss the chance to peek at the hotel's many event spaces while you're there. One of them might just be the dream wedding venue you've been looking for! [Read real brides' reviews here!](#)

[Ojai Valley Inn & Spa, Ojai](#)

If all the wedding planning madness has caused the romance in your relationship to need a little

TLC, not to worry — just one weekend at the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa will reignite that spark. Throughout the month of February, the hotel's [29 Days of Romance special](#) offers a variety of Valentine's Day-themed activities that you and your fiancé will love. It's the perfect chance to treat yo'self with Cupid's essentials — flowers, sweets, and balloons — or, go on an adventurous lover's treasure hunt (\$150 per couple) sprinkled with clues inspired by your relationship. Regardless of the way your day pans out, end it with some s'mores by the fire, a chocolate-and-cocktail-pairing nightcap, and some stargazing. [Read real brides' reviews here!](#)

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[Rancho Valencia](#), San Diego

Set on 45 acres of manicured gardens, the idyllic Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa is a botanical oasis that is worth the trip south. Book a luxurious private casita for you and your sweetheart with the [Yours + Mine](#) Valentine's Day offer (starting at \$793), and you'll be welcomed with a bottle of wine before heading to a romantic candelit dinner at the resort's Veladora restaurant. The next day, 60-minute spa treatments await you both — but trust us, the villas' decadent deep soaking tubs and adjoining steam showers (big enough for two!) are so delicious, you'll be tempted to just spend the entire weekend enjoying them. [Read real brides' reviews here!](#)

[Terranea Resort](#), Rancho Palos Verdes

The luxury oceanfront Terranea resort has romance written all over it. Kick off the weekend with dinner and dancing at the locale's formal black tie ball on the 13th (\$140 per person) — the perfect opportunity to practice your dance moves for the big day. With the special [Valentine's Day package](#) (starting at \$625 per night), you'll retreat to your spacious guest room and draw yourself a rose petal bath — while sipping wine and feeding each other strawberries, of course. It doesn't get any more romantic and cliché than that (and we're not complaining!). On Valentine's Day, enjoy breakfast at Catalina Kitchen and then end the magical escape with a picture-perfect couple's yoga session at sunset. [Read real brides' reviews here!](#)

For more romantic V-Day escapes or venues for your wedding shower, big day, and every bridal bash in-between, head to our [California Venues page!](#)