

Valentine's Day

Declare your love!

You have a date with love on February 14!
Whether you want to hint at your feelings
or shout them from the roof tops, why not use
Valentine's Day to show your other half what you
really feel? Symbolic gifts, exquisite gourmet
delights, surprising evenings out, and sensual
spas – from practical presents to luxurious
packages, we've selected the best ways to say
"I love you" in Paris. **By Sandra Serpero**

A precious Valentine's day



Dior will win your heart!

Victoire de Castellane, creative director of Dior Joaillerie, is passionate about two things – precious stones and color. Her latest ring, Coeur Romantique, is set with a majestic pink tourmaline cut into the shape of a heart. Just like a haute couture dress, the ring is tied with an elegant diamond encrusted bow. K.B.

**Dior Joaillerie. 8 place Vendôme, 1st.
Tel. 01 40 73 73 73.**



Rose jewelry

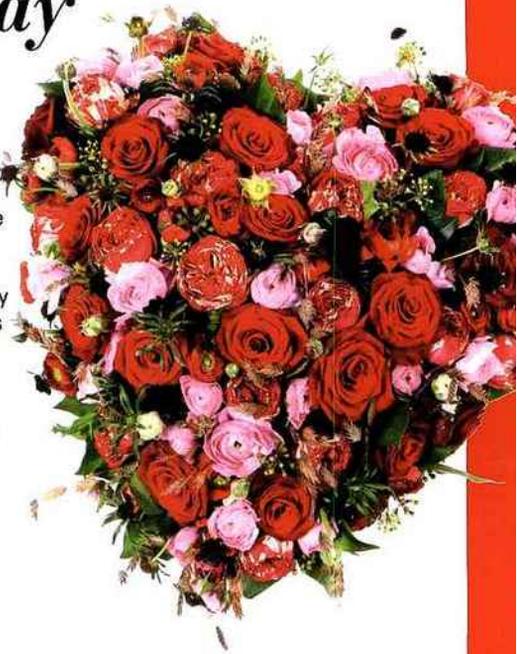
The time on this precious watch is kept hidden from view by a cover decorated with a rose. With a simple twist, the flower turns, allowing time to bloom into the open air. From the heart of the flower, set with a diamond, petals in pink gold and diamonds flourish, subtly ornamented with openwork, complemented by a mother-of-pearl bezel and hood. Why not grace the wrist of a loved one with some of the world's most beautiful – and sumptuous – roses this Saint Valentine's Day?

**Montre à secret Limelight Garden Party Piaget
Rose. 16 place Vendôme, 1st. Tel. 01 55 35 32 80**

Say it with flowers...

Reveal your soft spot with Luc Gaignard's rich, voluptuous heart-shaped bouquet. This made-to-measure cushion of flowers, which features curvaceous roses and gracious buttercups, looks good enough to lay your head on! Its message translates as "Every time I see you, sense you, hear you... I know I'm madly in love."

**Luc Gaignard. 13 rue du Bouloi, 1st
and 71 place du Docteur Félix Lobligeois, 17th.
www.lucgaignard.com**



Love potion...

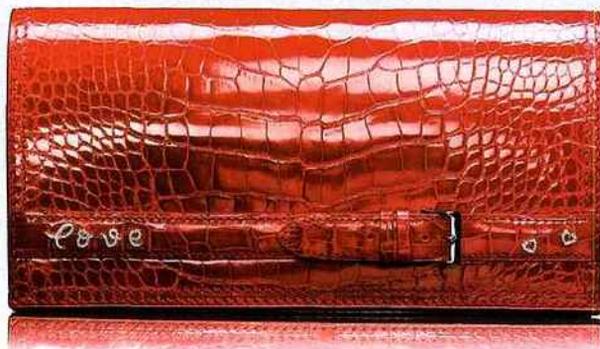
A variation on the fresh, spicy, woody notes of Cartier's Déclaration, this new evening perfume for men is guaranteed to arouse the emotions and break down the toughest of barriers. This impulsive fragrance by Mathilde Laurent is for men who dare to be who they are. Enjoying punchy, peppery notes with gentle hints of sandalwood, delicate rose, a flash of cummin and fiery nutmeg, this virile scent is captured in a transparent bottle with a very distinctive character.

Eau de toilette Déclaration d'un soir by Cartier, spray 100 ml, €82.

Ultra chic accessory

An original and precious fuchsia clutch bag by luxury leather goods maker Camille Fournet, Séléne represents the very essence of French chic. Fashioned from alligator skin and diamonds, and signed with "love" and two small hearts, this unique craftwork design gracefully combines fine materials, precious stones and romantic details. Elegance itself.

**Pochette Séléne. Camille Fournet. 350 rue Saint-Honoré, 1st.
Tel. 01 40 20 14 04, www.camillefournet.com**



A 5-star Valentine's day

Venetian flavors at the Royal Monceau

The Royal Monceau Raffles Paris is inviting you to embark on a gastronomic journey from Paris to Venice – all in the name of love! The hotel's restaurant, Il Carpaccio, has invited guest of honor Renato Piccolotto, legendary chef at the Cipriani hotel in Venice, to team up with its own chef, Roberto Rispoli, to create a menu featuring his most famous signature dishes, including white polenta with duck foie gras and black truffle. And to end this divine Venetian evening on a sweet note, diners can choose between a gourmet selection of desserts from the Cipriani or creations by Pierre Hermé.

Tuesday February 12th to Saturday February 16th. The Cipriani Hotel at Il Carpaccio, Le Royal Monceau Raffles Paris. 37 avenue Hoche, 8th. Tel.01 42999880.



Romance is in the air at the Lancaster

Throughout February, the Lancaster hotel is inviting lovers to embark on a romantic journey. The adventure starts at the Table du Lancaster, the hotel's one-Michelin star restaurant, with a special "him and her" menu created by chef Julien Roucheteau, to enjoy at your leisure. Next, take in the air as you embark on an outing, carefully prepared by the concierges from Clefs d'Or, to the Pont des Arts, where you can add a padlock to the bridge to seal your love

as you sip on a glass of champagne under the skies of Paris, before heading back to one of the Lancaster's ravishing bedrooms.

**Saint Valentine menu, €210 per person, excluding drinks.
Room package €560 (with lock, champagne and breakfast included).
Hôtel Lancaster. 7 rue de Berri, 8th. Tel. 01 40 76 40 76.**



A cocktail at the Le Burgundy

What better way to celebrate love than a drink in a five-star hotel? To coincide with Saint Valentine's Day, Christopher Gaglione, head barman

at the luxurious and cozy Le Burgundy hotel, has created "Lien d'amour," a lovetastic cocktail made from cognac, raspberry and passion fruit purees, Chambord liqueur and vanilla, perfected with a dash of Amour de Deutz champagne: ideal for raising a toast to love!

**Cocktail "Lien d'amour", €39 for two.
Hôtel Le Burgundy. 6-8 rue Duphot, 1st. Tel. 01 42 60 34 12.**



An exceptional stay at the Mandarin Oriental

Enjoy an unforgettable night at the Mandarin Oriental... with the Love in Paris package. After checking into your room (which comes complete with flower petals and champagne!), indulge yourself in a dual "Suites Spa" session for eighty minutes of total relaxation. And to make this a romantic adventure to remember, guests receive a "Belle de Nuit" candle when they check-out.

Love in Paris package until February 28. From €1,300 for two people with accommodation, breakfast, Oriental Essence spa session for two, and a Belle de Nuit candle. Mandarin Oriental Paris. 251 rue Saint-Honoré, 1st. Tel. 01 70 98 70 56.

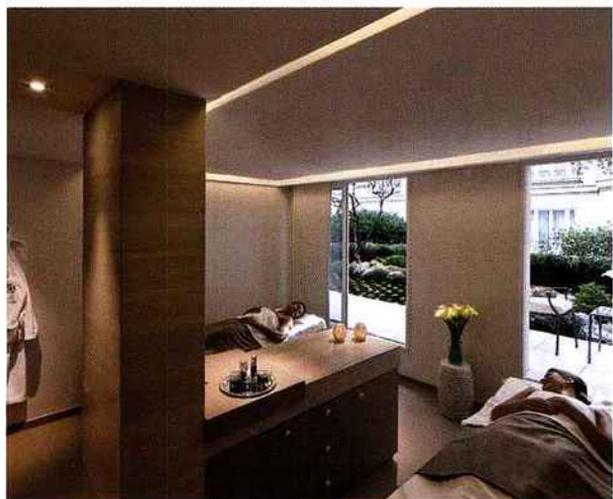
A relaxing Valentine's Day!



after the rain: the romantic spa

Nestling under the beautiful arches of the four-star Saint James & Albany hotel, the after the rain spa is offering lovers the chance to indulge in a little downtime together this month – and their artfully-named spa treatments are certainly filled with promise! The first – a tasty treatment called “Je t’aime moi non plus” – offers a 30-minute steam, 45-minutes chocolate cream massages in a double treatment room, followed by a chocolate bath on a cloud of whipped cream lasting 30 minutes, before ending with ginger tea accompanied by chocolate shavings. The second, “La vie en rose,” is intensely romantic and starts with a steam session, followed by angel’s oil massages in a double treatment room and a rose petal bath accompanied by two glasses of champagne and strawberries. Following both of these spa treatments – which each last one hour and forty-five minutes – you’re invited to spend time in the spa’s indoor swimming pool, relaxation room or fitness center.

“Escale Je t’aime moi non plus”, €250 for two people. “Escale La vie en rose”, €260 for two people.
Spa after the rain, Hôtel Saint James & Albany. 202 rue de Rivoli, 1st. Tel. 01 44584377.



Take it easy at Spa Le Bristol by La Prairie

Offered in a private salon equipped with a hot tub and steam room overlooking a terrace, this spa program for couples starts with a rose and ylang-ylang essential-oil foot massage, continues with an acupressure session to completely relax your mind and body, followed by a tension-releasing Bristol Signature massage or an 80-minute La Prairie facial massage. After all that exertion, indulge yourself in a plate of raspberry and ginger macarons or a selection of savory petit-fours by head pâtissier Laurent Jeannin, while sipping a glass of champagne or a Passion cocktail created especially by Maxime Hoerth, head barman at the Bristol’s bar. And the cherry on the cake? A special Saint Valentine’s edition of the Rose Duet candle by Diptyque.

Saint Valentine’s Package: €750 for two people, for two and a half hours of spa treatments. Spa Le Bristol by La Prairie, Hôtel Le Bristol Paris. 112 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, 8th. Tel. 01 53434300.

A sweet Valentine's Day



In the name of the rose

Café Pouchkine's delicate, artfully crafted "Rose rose" is the perfect treat for foodies everywhere. A surprising combination of flavors, this rose-infused delight with a hint of feijoa and hibiscus is accompanied by poppy seed macarons and strawberries, delicately perched on a bar of white chocolate. One-of-a-kind.

La Rose rose by Café Pouchkine, €19. Available from February 12 at the Café Pouchkine, Printemps de la mode. 64 boulevard Haussmann, 9th.



Gingerbread heaven

Along with its original, refined range of chocolates, Boissier has reinvented its celebrated artisan-made gingerbread by transforming it into a heart with a delightful satin ribbon. You can even add a message of your own – a great chance to show off your poetry skills!

**Cœur en pain d'épices, €10. Maison Boissier. 184 avenue Victor-Hugo, 16th.
Tel. 01 45 03 50 77, www.maisonboissier.com**

Culinary duo

This silky-smooth heart with a crunchy strawberry-flavored meringue base, accompanied by two strawberry and grapefruit coulis hearts, a dark chocolate mousse and a delicate ganache flavored with Madagascar Bourbon vanilla is the creation of Fabien Rouillard, head pâtissier at Fauchon. This sophisticated dessert, which is decorated with a white orchid and a pink sugar ring, is the perfect treat for two to enjoy with Chinese black tea flavored with rose petals, red fruits and hints of Tasmanian black pepper.

Duo Oui pour la vie ! Fauchon. 26 place de la Madeleine, 8th. Tel. 01 70 39 38 00.

Dessert for two, €30.

Tea, €15 for 60g.

