



ROMANCING WITH FOOD

Let cupid do its job, romantic music work its charm and red roses spread their message. But don't forget that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Get him licking his fingers and if your girl is the foodie type, then take her out for a romantic evening. In case you are wondering where, we offer assistance:

■ Smokehouse Grill this Valentine's is offering a week-long Valentine celebration fest. The highlight is their spectacular offer on exclusive champagne bottles embellished with Swarovski crystals. To complement this already tempting offer the champagne offered will be charged tax free. The seduction continues with special martinis and martini glasses which are also embellished beautifully with Swarovski. And feel even special as you can take these beautifully crafted

glasses home. ■ Rush to Manré and woo your love as they will welcome you both with a Sweethearts Special (champagne, strawberry crush), a signature drink created by the cupids at Manré. It lays down its most romantic spread that includes caviar, asparagus, avocado, salmon, strawberries, chocolate and champagne at Rs 2,250 (all inclusive) per couple. Else, invite her to a romantic candle lit dinner (set menu) and let Manré make your night memorable with soft music, heart shaped balloons, roses and chocolates at Rs 5,000 (all inclusive) per couple. The option for a la carte menu is also available.

■ Asia7, the pan Asian cuisine restaurant located in Ambience Mall, Gurgaon, offers a Valentine's Day special Pan Asian lunch buffet



at Rs 550, chef special Valentine dinner feast at Rs 650, a special cocktail menu at Rs 199 along with a glass of sparkling wine served on arrival of each guest as well as a take-away gift for your loved one.

■ Have an Italian rendezvous with cupid at Little Italy Villa Falconieri, Defence Colony market, this Valentine's. Along with surprise gifts for the couple, the menu includes a non-vegetarian and a vegetarian meal. Non-vegetarian delights include cream of beetroot and chicken, Crunchy lettuce and lamb salad or chunkiest lamb with roast potato. Vegetarian options have orange bruschetta or dry fruit risotto roll, cream of carrot, an assorted platter of stuffed vegetables, or vegetable mill-fill and much more. The meal for two will cost Rs 2500.

■ Go all mushy at Park Plaza Gurgaon as it is featuring a special strawberry based buffet for both lunch and dinner on Valentine's at the New Town Café while Bobby Joe entertains with romantic songs in the evening. The buffet is priced at Rs 999.

■ Radisson Hotel NH-8 has designed an exceptionally romantic and cosy evening for a beautiful experience of cherished moments, this Valentine's Day. The hotel is featuring different themes at its various restaurants ~ from sweet nothings at R The Lounge to Prepare food for your love theme at NYC. Go to the poolside to be a part of the Arabian Nights or take the royal feast at The Great Kabab Factory.



■ Lodi ~The Garden Restaurant presents 'The Week of Love' to celebrate Valentine's Day featuring a special Table de Hote menu with aphrodisiac dishes and drinks. The meal is priced at Rs 1000 for two.

■ 'Be Wild at Heart' this Valentine's Day at Tabula Rasa, Saket, where on Valentine's night a special bar, the love shots bar, will serve different types of shots along with cocktails like

Sex on the Beach, Tequila Sunrise, Strawberry Shots, among others. Entry is free for everyone, and all drinks and cats are on a la carte basis.

■ Treat your valentine to a special week at Barcode, Vasant Vihar, as it is celebrating the Love Week. Enjoy live DJ and rapper and relish the romantic Valentine menu with cocktails such as Cosmo Affair, Mojito Affaire and Be My Valentine at Rs 300; mocktails such as Queen of Hearts, You & I, Obsession and Crush at Rs 250, and desserts and special snacks as well.

■ Grab special goodies for your valentine at the Ye Old Bakery, The Claridges, till 14 February. A special valentine cake, candle light pastry, chocolate heart, chocolate and pistachio hearts, strawberry pavlova are just a few of the divine options to choose from with pricing starting at Rs 150.

■ Nirula's celebrates the Valentine season with LoveByChance, a combo for two and exclusive gift items, specially designed around



the theme of love. Nirula's LoveByChance combo comprises a heart shape pizza and beverages. Nirula's has also specially created heart shaped cakes, doughnuts, chocolates jam cookies, etc., as gifting items. These products can also be ordered online at

www.nirula.com.

■ Surprise your sweetheart this Valentine's Day at Pizza Hut with the new, delectable range of Golden Surprise pizzas. The pizzas are stuffed with a tempting filling baked into the edge with golden cheddar melted on top, so that you 'enjoy it backwards'. You can choose from two scrumptious fillings ~ fresh Cajun pancake and spicy chicken sausage baked into the pizza, with a generous sprinkle of golden cheddar cheese.

■ Celebrate Valentine Day at Bonsai with your loved one with a special five course meal and toast it with a bottle of wine. Get mouth watering delicacies like Shiitake Soup, Grilled Prawn, Lemongrass Salad, caramelised Spicy Nuts in Cucumber Cups, Japanese onigiri, Beltun Noodles and more and a surprise dessert with a bottle of sparkling wine. All priced at Rs 5000.

■ La Dolce can help you make a good impression on this special day. Pick your heart's desire from cakes and pastries,



to brownies, cookies and more, all decorated in Valentine's colours. Try one of the strawberry filled tarts, or take home a dozen heart shaped chocolates.

■ Café Coffee Day is all set to add to the romance of Valentine's Day with the launch of 'Couples' ~ two exquisite portions served together to complement the celebration of love. CCD has created two tantalising flavours and even introduced a combination of food and beverage items.

■ Fresc Co, the Mediterranean restaurant at Ambience Mall, Gurgaon, celebrates Valentine's Day with live music. It offers a gourmet Valentine lunch buffet at Rs 595, chef's special Valentine dinner feast at Rs 695, special cocktail menu at Rs 199 along with a glass of sparkling wine at the arrival of each guest and a take away gift for your loved one.