

Celebrate your love in Toronto this Valentine's Day

TORONTO (January 28, 2014) – Valentine's Day in Toronto offers whatever your heart desires for an unforgettable and unique romantic experience. Book your romantic Toronto getaway on **seetorontonow.com**, where you can find the perfect Toronto Valentine's Day experience with the best rates and availability from over 50 of Toronto's hottest hotels, as well as the latest information on events, attractions and gastronomic offerings. While in Toronto, check out the endless possibilities of things to do:

ATTRACTIONS:

As part of the **Toronto Zoo's** Adult Program, they present *First Comes Love* on February 14 and 15. Join them for an evening of fascinating conservation facts on parenthood where you will learn facts such as how the male sea horse, and not the female, carries their young or that giant pandas only have 72 hours in which they can mate. Their Valentine's Program includes a romantically inspired dinner, special animal encounter, an interactive group presentation and a tour of the Reproductive Labs. The mystery of birth, and parenthood, has been explored throughout the ages and it's no surprise that many of the most interesting discoveries have come from the animal world. www.torontozoo.com

Take your love to new heights by visiting the **CN Tower** for a romantic adventure. Love is always in the air at 360 The Restaurant at the CN Tower, one of Toronto's most romantic restaurants and home to World's Highest Wine Cellar. You see the best views of Toronto from the SkyPod, or stand on the world's first Glass Floor too. www.cntower.ca

Catch one of **Mirvish Productions'** shows during the Valentine's Day weekend. *Heartbeat of Home*, making its North American Premiere, is a music and dance spectacular with thirty-eight of the best Irish, Latin and Afro-Cuban dancers. *Metamorphosis*, Franz Kafka's terrifying but bizarrely comic story follows the Samsa family and their son, Gregor, as he is inexplicably transformed into a gigantic insect. Making its World Premiere is *Arrabal*, a story told entirely through dance and the music by multiple Academy Award® winner Gustavo Santaolalla and his band. It is based on the true story of the political violence that threatened to destroy Argentina in the 1970's. www.mirvish.com

The **Bata Shoe Museum** presents a limited run of *The Last Seven Steps of Bartholomew S.*, an original play by Toronto-based playwright Daniele Bartolini. This immersive and interactive theatrical experience invites participants to step into the footsteps of a mysterious stranger. Small groups of participants will spend the evening with a character whose life has been impacted by the mysterious Bartholomew S and each group will be drawn into the retelling of encounter that takes place in, and had been inspired by, one of the galleries of the Bata Shoe Museum. The show runs every Friday in February at 7pm and tickets include a wine and cheese reception with the cast following the performance. www.batashoemuseum.ca.

Don't miss Atom Egoyan's return to the **Canadian Opera Company** with his adaptation of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, about two couples gambling with faith and desire. Featuring a cast of exciting young opera stars and distinguished, seasoned veterans, this work is full of both farce and folly and runs until February 21. Opera lovers can also watch Verdi's *A Masked Ball (Un ballo in maschera)* running February 2-22. It

stars Canada's own Adrienne Pieczonka and depicts a deeply human tale of forbidden passion between two very grown-up lovers. www.coc.ca

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the **Toronto Symphony Orchestra** presents the classic romantic film *Casablanca* as you've never experienced it before! On February 14 and 15, the Orchestra performs Max Steiner's glorious score live to the film, enhancing every beat of the movie's noble heart with luscious live sound. www.tso.ca

Skate with the one you love at one of Toronto's popular rinks! Check out **Harbourfront Centre's** DJ Skate Nights' Valentine's Day event on the Natrel Rink on February 15 featuring Toronto's freshest, queer-friendly dance party, *Yes Yes Y'all*. Lovers and friends can also skate on the ice rink at **Nathan Phillips Square** – considered a quintessential Toronto experience. www.harbourfrontcentre.com, www.toronto.ca

FOOD:

As part of **Winterlicious**, the City of Toronto's most anticipated culinary celebration, The Chefs' House at George Brown College is teaming up with world champion oyster-shucker, Patrick McMurray to prepare a mouth-watering dinner on February 13. The Chefs' House, a student-centred learning restaurant, and Chef Patrick will tantalize your taste buds with a five-course plated dinner utilizing fresh, local ingredients paired with local wines. www.toronto.com

Le Dolci is offering a variety of sweet Valentine's Day ideas! From a Cupcake Decorating class with fondant and buttercream, to a Truffle-making class where you'll learn the art of making ganache from scratch to Valentine's Day Afternoon Tea, there is something for every kind of lover at Le Dolci, Toronto's fun, foodie studio. www.ledolci.com

Tasty Tours is offering its *Valentine's Day Sweets & Chocolates Tour* on February 9 at 11:30am. Participants will discover romance in Kensington Market and sample a variety of delicacies while unwrapping the history of sweets. www.tastytourstoronto.com

HOTELS:

The Eaton Chelsea, Toronto is offering its *Bulles D'amour Romance* package. Extend your romantic Valentine's Day evening to your room with a selection of champagne and sparkling wines paired with Truffles and chocolate covered strawberries, while melting your stress away in a bath of Rose, Geranium and Lime, Jojoba and sweet almond Oil with a "Fizzie" from Inspired Soap Works Limited. Also enjoy a 5-Course Valentine's Day dinner in Bb33 Bistro & Brasserie for \$50 per person. eatonchelsea.com

Unleash your love at **Le Germain Maple Leaf Square** with the hotel's *Romantic Getaway* package. The package includes one night's accommodation, one bottle of wine, chocolate covered strawberries, breakfast in bed, high speed wireless Internet access, indoor valet parking and 2 pm check-out. www.germainmapleleafsquare.com

Celebrate Valentine's Day for the entire month of February at the **Spa at Four Seasons Toronto** and show how much you love each other! Celebrate with a loved one by booking any two facials and you will receive two, 90-minute aromatherapy massages for the price of 60-minute massages. www.fourseasons.com/toronto.

For those in need of some romantic intervention this Valentine's Day, **The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto** comes to the rescue. This February, the hotel introduces its *Romance Concierge* program where the Romance Concierge team will assist guests in creating one-of-a kind experiences for that special someone. The hotel is also offering a *Valentine's Day Romance Package* February 14-16th which includes accommodation in a Deluxe Room, chilled bottle of champagne upon arrival, rose petal turndown, breakfast in bed and valet parking. www.ritzcarlton.com/toronto

OTHER:

On February 14, **Breathe Yoga Studio** is offering *Couples Restorative + Thai Yoga* - a special two-hour workshop designed for couples to completely relax through yoga and thai yoga massage which they will be taught to practice on one another. www.breatheyogastudio.com

Romance is in the Air! **National Helicopters** can help you plan an unforgettable surprise for your sweetheart this Valentine's Day with a private flight over Niagara Falls and the beautiful town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. This extended tour takes off over Niagara's wine-producing region towards the Niagara River and includes views of Queenston Village and Whirlpool Rapids on your way to Niagara Falls, all while taking a sip of local sparkling wine. www.nationalhelicopters.com

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