

## Loving it up in Toronto on Valentine's Day

TORONTO (January 18, 2012) – Celebrate Valentine's Day in Toronto for an unforgettable and unique romantic experience. Dance the night away with your Valentine, try couples yoga, shoot Cupid's arrow, enjoy a unique bowling date, learn about love in the wild, and so much more. Couples coming to Toronto can also take advantage of the popular Arts and Culture Package starting from \$150, which includes hotel accommodation; tickets to Casa Loma, the Ontario Science Centre's Leonardo da Vinci's Workshops, or the Royal Ontario Museum's Maya: Secrets of the Ancient World; and 15% off at select The Bay locations. For more information please visit [www.SeeTorontoNow.com](http://www.SeeTorontoNow.com) or call 1-800-499-2514.

### Valentine's Day activities in Toronto include:

Dance the night away at the **Casa Loma's** Big Band Valentine's Day Dance. The Toronto All-Star Big Band, known for their tributes to 1930's and 1940's, will be performing at 8:00 p.m. For family-friendly Valentine's Day fun, bring your teddy bear for Casa Loma's tea time and storytelling on Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m. Following a reading of Little Red Riding Hood, children will receive 12 freshly baked cupcakes, pink icing and all the hearts they need to decorate their cupcakes. A special children's tour through Casa Loma is included with this program. Back by popular demand for Valentine's Day, "Shoot an Arrow Through Cupid's Heart" at Casa Loma. Try something different this year and join NCCP trained archery coach Shawn Adams for an opportunity to learn the sport of archery. After the initial training, couples will take part in games themed to everyone's favorite day of love! Must be 14 and older, \$34.00. [www.casaloma.org](http://www.casaloma.org)

Enjoy a romantic dinner with your Valentine at **Nota Bene**. The restaurant will feature a special three-course menu created by Chef David Lee and his team. Three courses with a glass of champagne (\$99) or without glass of champagne (\$79). [www.notabenerestaurant.com](http://www.notabenerestaurant.com)

Enjoy lane side service and delicious menu items while you burn up the lanes with your sweetheart at **All Star Interactive**. The Valentine's Day Bowling Date includes bowling for two (two games each) two glasses of champagne, a gift, and a culinary glee of carbs and protein. [www.allstarinteractive.ca](http://www.allstarinteractive.ca)

Bring the one you love to a performance of acclaimed Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho's *Love from Afar*, a haunting and vivid musical creation that has become one of the most performed and successful operas composed of this century. Presented by **The Canadian Opera Company**, *Love from Afar* runs for eight performances at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts on Feb. 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18 and 22, 2012. [www.coc.ca](http://www.coc.ca)

Find out which of the two house wines at **Chateau des Charmes** makes the perfect Valentine. Each weekend in February a different chef from the culinary team at Vintage Hotels will demonstrate how to prepare their favourite "red" dish. [www.chateaudescharmes.com](http://www.chateaudescharmes.com)

Each weekend in February, celebrate "Days of Wine and Chocolate 2012" with the wineries of **Niagara-on-the-Lake**. Each of the 28 member wineries will pair a premium VQA (Vintners Quality Alliance) wine alongside a tempting chocolate pairing. The event takes place weekends in February 2012 (4/5, 11/12, 18/19, 25/26) from 11 am to 5 pm. [www.niagaraonthelake.com](http://www.niagaraonthelake.com)

**The Drake Hotel** will be celebrating Valentine's Day (and their 8th anniversary) in style with a week-long celebration kicking off on Thursday, February 9th with a party. Anticipate week-long surprises and contesting over social media, culminating in a prix-fixe Valentine's Day menu on the 14th. [www.thedrakehotel.com](http://www.thedrakehotel.com)

This February declare your love on a cupcake! **Le Dolci** is offering special "For Lovers Only" cupcake decorating classes. Le Dolci's "For Lovers Only" classes are two hour, hands on classes where each participant gets twelve blank canvasses to express their love on. Instead of paint, participants will learn to work with fondant and buttercream to make twelve mini vignettes of love. [www.ledolci.com](http://www.ledolci.com)

**Mysteriously Yours** will be featuring a mystery dinner theatre show called "Godfather Knows Best" – a spoof of the classic mobster film – on Saturday, February 11 (\$85 per person) and on Tuesday, February 14 (\$79 per person). [www.mysteriouslyyours.com](http://www.mysteriouslyyours.com)

Valentine's Day weekend (February 11-12) children 12 and under who bring a valentine for their favourite wild friend get in to the **Toronto Zoo** free. Toronto Zoo is also hosting a special adult-only (19+) event on February 12 called "So You Think You Can Romance?" where Valentines are invited to discover the elaborate, awkward and sometimes hilarious lengths to which animals will go to attract a mate. The program includes interactive presentations with the Toronto Zoo's Education Programs Coordinator and the Curator of Reproductive Programs & Research, a tour of the Reproductive Science labs, and dinner. \$80 Zoo member couple, \$90 non-member couple. [www.torontozoo.com](http://www.torontozoo.com)

Presented by **Canadian Stage**, *Cruel and Tender*, a provocative play by Britain's foremost contemporary playwright Martin Crimp, will be showing from Jan 21-Feb 18 at the Bluma Appel Theatre. A special post-performance Q&A with a selection of cast members, directors or designers will follow the show on Valentine's Day. [www.canadianstage.com](http://www.canadianstage.com)

**Yogatree** invites you and your sweetheart to try a new form of partner yoga that blends Yoga, Thai Yoga Massage and Acro Yoga together into one dynamic experience during their special Valentine's Day partner workshop. Saturday, February 11th, 2012, 3:30pm-5:30pm. [www.yogatree.ca](http://www.yogatree.ca)

Test your senses at **Reif Estate**'s Wine Sensory Bar and explore the nuances of fine wines paired with fine chocolate. This tasting highlights how subtle flavours in both the chocolate and the wine can be affected by specific pairings. First the palate is introduced to the wine and then followed by enough chocolate to coat the entire mouth. [www.reifwinery.ca](http://www.reifwinery.ca)

Take your love to new heights by visiting the **CN Tower** for a romantic adventure. The CN Tower will be lit in red to mark Valentine's Day. [www.cntower.ca](http://www.cntower.ca)

The **Old Mill Inn & Spa** will offer a special package for Valentine's Day called "Valentine's Sunday Treat Package." It offers you and your Valentine a Valentine's Day dinner buffet and a special room rate on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Complimentary continental breakfast and parking included. [www.oldmilltoronto.com](http://www.oldmilltoronto.com)

**The Harlem Globetrotters** are coming to Toronto to play two games which will feature rookie standout Tiny Sturgess – the world's tallest basketball player at 7 feet 8 inches. The two games will take place at the Rogers Centre on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The Original Harlem Globetrotters are celebrating their 86<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, continuing a world famous tradition of ball handling wizardry, basketball artistry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment that continues to thrill fans of all ages. [www.harlemglobetrotters.com](http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com)

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