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LOVE IS IN THE LAND THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

DESTINATION CLEVELAND OFFERS IDEAS TO FALL HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE WITH THE CLE

CLEVELAND (Feb. 8, 2017) – Looking for Cupid? It's quite possible he's spending Valentine's Day in Cleveland this year. As a city known for its passion, it's bursting at the seams with love-centered activities. From romantic dinners for two to a night on the town with friends, Destination Cleveland's guide for this special occasion can make any hopeless romantic's dreams come true.

Relax and Enjoy the Classics

The Cleveland Orchestra

- Classical music is the go-to choice for romance. With one of the most renowned orchestras in America calling Northeast Ohio home, a performance by <u>The Cleveland Orchestra</u> makes for a perfect date night. Concerts include "<u>Schubert and Mahler</u>" on Feb. 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. or "<u>At the Movies Breakfast at Tiffany's</u>" on Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Severance Hall, 11001 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, 44106

Cinematheque

- According to *The New York Times*, the <u>Cleveland Institute of Art's Cinematheque</u> is one of the country's best alternative movie theaters. It shows art, independent and foreign films, as well as revived classics

 perfect for satisfying any movie craving. The schedule for Feb. 10 and 11 includes "<u>Marius</u>," "<u>Best</u> <u>Worst Thing That Ever Could Have Happened</u>," "<u>The Love Witch</u>" and "<u>Deluge</u>." On Valentine's Day, a special feature, "<u>Love Affair</u>," is scheduled for 7 p.m.
 - Cinematheque, 11141 East Blvd., Cleveland, 44106

Wine, Dine and Be Mine

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

- That's amore! Feel the love on the <u>Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad's</u> "Grape Escape" Wine Tasting Excursion on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Guests can grab a date and enjoy samplings of five wines and a plethora of appetizers as they cruise through the <u>Cuyahoga Valley National Park</u>. <u>Tickets</u> start at \$60 and guests must be 21 or older to climb aboard.
 - o Rockside Road Station, 7900 Old Rockside Road, Independence, 44131

Ferrante Winery and Ristorante

- What's Valentine's Day without a glass of vino made right here in Northeast Ohio? Just an hour east of Cleveland, <u>Ferrante Winery and Ristorante</u> in Geneva is a great choice for a girls' night out or for dinner with your sweetheart. A special Valentine's Day dinner is available on Feb. 10, 11, 12 and 14 and includes a three-course meal, pairing a delectable wine to complement each course. Guests can even bring a bottle of wine home to keep the romance flowing all night long.
 - o 5585 State Route 307, Geneva, 44041

Marengo Luxury Spa

- Gather a group of friends for a spa day or get a couple's massage at the <u>Marengo Luxury Spa</u> in Downtown Cleveland's historic Arcade. This full-service day spa offers massages, facials and nail and hair services. Guests can relax and refresh with a variety of <u>spa packages</u> including the Ultimate Getaway Spa Package, Couples Delight Massage Package and Perfect Day Package.
 - o 401 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, 44114

Eat Breakfast in Bed at a Bed and Breakfast

Riverside Gables Bed and Breakfast

- Located just 20 minutes outside of Downtown Cleveland, <u>Riverside Gables Bed and Breakfast</u> offers the perfect escape from the city's hustle and bustle. This B&B is made for breakfast lovers as guests are welcome to enjoy freshly made bakery items in addition to the seasonal full breakfast served in the formal dining room.
 - o 50 North Rocky River Drive, Berea, 44017

Washington Place Bistro and Inn

- <u>Washington Place Bistro and Inn</u> offers first-class amenities that will make any person feel like royalty. The luxurious rooms feature a cozy fireplace, flat screen TVs, and complimentary Sunday brunch with a weekend stay. Located five miles from Downtown in the historic Little Italy neighborhood, guests can explore many shops and restaurants during the day and grab a cup of coffee from <u>Rising Star Coffee</u> <u>Roasters</u> to ensure they shop but don't drop.
 - 2203 Cornell Road, Cleveland, 44106

Emerald Necklace Inn

- The <u>Emerald Necklace Inn</u> is located near the Cleveland Metroparks, which means couples can step right outside and get their hearts racing with activities like hiking and biking. If it's too cold to go outside, guests can enjoy the quaint Tea Room or get pampered at the salon and spa.
 - o 18840 Lorain Road, Cleveland, 44126

Romance at the Rink

Ice Skating at Public Square

- Nothing says romance like holding hands while skating around an ice rink. To celebrate Valentine's Day, guests can lace up their skates and enjoy free, 45-minute ice skating sessions at Downtown Cleveland's <u>Public Square</u> on Feb. 14 from 3 11 p.m. Guests should be sure to arrive early as tickets will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis due to the limited number of people allowed on the ice per session.
 - o 88 Public Square, Cleveland, 44114

Pink the Rink

- It's not every day that there's a pink ice skating rink in Cleveland. <u>Pink the Rink at University Circle's</u> <u>Wade Oval</u> takes ice skating (and romance) to a whole new level with a rink that is dyed pink from Feb. 10-12. Spend the day skating then enjoy special offers and discounts at select restaurants and shops in the area with the Pink the Rink wristband.
 - Wade Oval, 10820 East Blvd., Cleveland, 44106

Satisfy your Sweetheart's Sweet Tooth

Malley's Chocolates

- Chocolate is a Valentine's Day essential, and Cleveland's own <u>Malley's Chocolates</u> offers some of the best chocolate in the country. With 22 locations across Northeast Ohio, it's easy to purchase sweets like Malley's delicious chocolate-covered strawberries or grapes for an after-dinner treat.
 - Various locations throughout Greater Cleveland

The Chocolate Bar

- Chocolate candies and truffles are easy to come by, but there is only one <u>Chocolate Bar</u> in Cleveland. With about 50 percent of the menu consisting of an ingredient associated with chocolate, this restaurant is a chocolate lover's dream. Guests can indulge in the famous chocolate cocktails and desserts or choose a dish from the full dinner menu.
 - o 347 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, 44114

Mitchell's Ice Cream

- They say a way to a girl's heart is ice cream, and any significant other will score major points if date night includes a stop at <u>Mitchell's Ice Cream</u>. With a variety of ice cream flavors, such as Caramel Fudge Brownie and Blue Cosmo, as well as other frozen treats, there are tons of desserts to satisfy that sweet tooth. For an added bonus, a <u>Mitchell's Tasting Tour</u> is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Ohio City location and includes a tour of the shop and kitchen, a demonstration on how they make their homemade ice cream and the best part FREE samples.
 - 1867 West 25th St., Cleveland, 44113, and seven other locations throughout Greater Cleveland

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