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Miami Culinary Love Story: Restaurants Setting the Scene

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Elevate Your Romance with Miami's Exclusive Valentine's Day Menus

As Valentine's Day approaches, Miami's skyline and shimmering coast become the backdrop for romance. Imagine having a candlelit dinner at a rooftop restaurant with panoramic city views. Miami's vibrant energy transforms into an intimate dance of flavors and moments, inviting couples to create cherished memories on this special day. From the quaint and cozy to the extravagantly wealthy, dining spots across the city vie to offer an enchanting experience that captures the essence of Valentine's Day in Miami – a testament to love's timeless allure in the Magic City.

Abbalé Telavivian Kitchen – Miami Beach

Enjoy the taste of the Mediterranean in every delectable dish this Valentine's Day with Abbalé Telavivian Kitchen's six-course prix-fixe menu – served at both the recently debuted Aventura location and South Of Fifth. Guests can expect complimentary prosecco, a romantic table setting, and a delicious kosher-style menu comprising Lamb Chops, Prime Flat Iron Steak Shashlik, Whole Branzino, and more. For reservations at Abbalé Aventura, make your reservations [here](#). For reservations at the South of Fifth location, [here](#). Abbalé South of Fifth is located at 864 Commerce St, Miami Beach, FL 33139 * Abbalé Aventura is located at 2956 NE 199th St, Aventura, FL 33180.

Byblos – Miami Beach

Miami Beach's Mediterranean hotspot Byblos offers a three-course tasting menu at \$395++/per couple. Upon arrival, guests will receive a welcome Champagne glass and a bouquet of roses at their table. The tasting menu will include Byblos' classics such

as Hamachi, Truffle Pide, and Hummus Royale, and new menu items such as Diver Scallops with roasted baby carrot, quinoa, labneh, and osetra caviar. Guests will end the night with the chef's choice of dessert. Also included will be two specialty Valentine's Day cocktails per guest. Byblos' a la carte menu will also be available for guests. Byblos Miami is located at 1545 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139

Carbone – Miami Beach

Nothing says 'I love you' like treating your Valentine to Carbone. The iconic Italian-American favorite offers a luxurious four-course prix-fixe feast with classics, including Caesar alla ZZ's, Mario's Meatballs, Spicy Rigatoni Vodka, Veal Parmesan, and more. With a delicious meal and a Lemon Cheesecake for dessert, your date will surely fall in love. For reservations and more information, please visit www.resy.com. Carbone Miami is located at 49 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139

Casa Mariano – Doral

On Wednesday, February 14, Chef Mariano Araya will treat guests to a delicious 3-course menu at the chic and intimate Mediterranean-inspired restaurant. The \$100 per person (plus tax and gratuity) menu includes Jumbo Seared Scallop, Tuna Tartare, Lobster Ravioli, Prime Strip Loin, and Rose Hazelnut Tiramisu. Pair the evening with a bottle from a creative and exciting list of exceptional wines, or be guided with a \$35 per person pairing. Seatings are available at 6:30 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. Enjoy an elegant, warm, and inviting evening, making Chef Mariano's casa as comforting as one's own. For reservations, visit www.opentable.com. Casa Mariano is located at 8200 NW 27th Street, Suite 106, Doral, FL 33122

Casa Ya'ax – Edgewater

Casa Ya'ax in Wynwood invites couples to celebrate the day of love with a delectable four-course menu and a specially curated cocktail this Valentine's Day. Priced at \$80++ per person (excluding tax & gratuity), Chef Omar Montero will showcase the spirit of Mexico. Start with Tamal de Mariscos with roasted chile ancho and guajillo sauce, crema fresca, queso fresco, and tendril pea shoots; second course – Tuna Tartar and Watermelon Compressed Salad with salsa macha sesame oil, soy sauce, cucumbers, chives, and spicy nori; for the third course, revelers can choose between Mole Rosado with Moulard duck breast, and Black codfish teriyaki de chile Morita with potato purée and grilled Brussels sprouts; and end the meal with a specialty dessert. Don't forget to order the curated Valentine's Day cocktail, Strawberry Fields

Forever, with vodka, St.German, strawberry, and mint. For reservations, visit www.resy.com. Casa Ya'ax is located at 51 NE 24th Street, suite 101, Miami, FL 33137

Chateau ZZ's – Brickell

Enjoy a delightful Valentine's Day dinner at Major Food Group's newest restaurant, Chateau ZZ's, in a historic Brickell manor perfect for date night. The glamorous destination will offer a four-course prix-fixe menu of iconic Mexican dishes from the light and flavorful tableside Guacamole, Tuna Tostada, and Coconut Snapper Ceviche to the Sweet Corn Elote or New York Strip Al Pastor. For reservations and more information, visit www.resy.com. Chateau ZZ's is located at 1500 Brickell Avenue, Miami, FL 33129

Contessa – Miami Design District

Inspired by the old-world sophistication of Northern Italy's iconic villas and estates, Contessa in the Miami Design District is the perfect a-la-carte dining destination for your Valentine's Day dinner. Indulge in Whipped Ricotta, Spicy Lobster Capellini, the Classic Veal Milanese, and a selection of delicious Homemade Gelato for your special date! For reservations and more information, visit www.resy.com. Contessa Miami is located at 111 NE 41st St., Miami, FL 33137

Dirty French Steakhouse – Brickell

Major Food Group's Dirty French Steakhouse brings the love this Valentine's Day with a decadent three-course prix-fixe menu perfect for this special occasion. The menu starts with classics like Tuna Tartare and Lobster Ravioli, leading up to the main course with your choice of Filet au Poivre or Scottish Salmon. Don't forget to leave room for the one-of-a-kind desserts such as the Opera Cake and Beignets. For reservations and more information, visit www.resy.com. Dirty French is located at 1200 Brickell Ave, Miami, FL 33131

Eva – Coconut Grove

Celebrate love with a special Valentine's Day menu at Eva in CocoWalk, Coconut Grove. Guests can enjoy a delightful culinary experience with their loved ones for \$60 per person (plus tax & gratuity). Begin your romantic evening with a choice between a refreshing Greek Salad or the exquisite Tuna Crudo. Guests can choose the main course between Grouper, Lamb Chops, or Mussels. Complete your dinner experience

on a sweet note with a choice between the heavenly Almond Bar or the classic Baklava. Make this Valentine's Day memorable with a feast for the senses at Eva. For more information and to make a reservation, visit www.opentable.com. Eva is located at 3015 Grand Ave #120, Coconut Grove, FL 33133.

Gianni's – Miami Beach

Celebrate your love in style this year on Valentine's Day at one of Miami's most romantic restaurants, Gianni's, at the former Versace Mansion – Villa Casa Casuarina. The gorgeous world-renowned dining destination will offer a delectable four-course prix fixe menu with a glass of Pommery Champagne prepared by Executive Chef Valter Mancini. Dine al fresco under the retractable awning beside the famed pool festooned with gold mosaic tiles or indoors in one of the ornately furnished dining rooms. Outdoor dining is \$225 per person; Indoors is \$175, exclusive of tax and service charge. Find Gianni's Valentine's Day Menu [here](#). For reservations and more information, visit www.opentable.com. Gianni's is located at Casa Casuarina, 1116 Ocean Dr, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

Giselle – Downtown Miami

From the moment you step into the sultry world of Giselle, you're enveloped in an atmosphere of mystique and sophistication, setting the stage for an unforgettable evening ahead. With a panoramic backdrop featuring a retractable roof, dine under the stars while enjoying picturesque views of Miami's skyline. The carefully crafted menu, a fusion of Asian, Mediterranean, and French-inspired flavors, sets the stage for a culinary journey that ignites the senses. Awarded Best Club/Night Venue for its immaculate design, Giselle's masterful fusion of modern elegance and international influences envelops each room with a romantic essence of refined luxury. Whether in the intimate Terrace Lounge or the awe-striking Dream Room, every corner of Giselle offers an idyllic setting for an unforgettable date night. For reservations, visit www.gisellemiami.com. Giselle Miami is located at 15 NE 11th St, Miami, FL 33132

Joliet – Miami Beach

On Valentine's Day, embark on a romantic culinary journey at Joliet, Miami Beach's beloved seafood bistro. Indulge in a three-course St. Valentine's Day Menu priced at \$190 for two, promising an unforgettable evening. Guests can begin with appetizers like Seared Yellowfin Tuna with niçoise relish, soft poached egg, and champagne dressing, or the Warm Camembert served with fig honey, frisee, and buttered toast.

For the main course, choose from options such as Lobster Bouillabaisse with mussel, shrimp, saffron tomato broth, and satsuma, a succulent Filet Mignon with au poivre sauce, potato gratin, and heirloom carrot, or the flavorful Rosemary Chicken with sweet n' sour gastrique, roasted grape, and jasmine rice. A divine flourless chocolate dessert featuring chocolate ganache, chocolate strawberries, and mini macarons is sure to impress. Dinner includes a choice of Pinot Noir, Pinella, or Champagne, creating the perfect ambiance for a Valentine's Day celebration. Joliet's signature a la carte menu will also be available. Valentine's Day dinner will be available from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For reservations, visit www.resy.com. Joliet Miami Beach is located at 1209 17th St, Miami Beach, FL 33139

L'Artisteria Pizzeria – Brickell

Who doesn't love pizza? It's saucy, cheesy, and oh-so-versatile. And what better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with a heart-shaped pizza from L'Artisteria Pizzeria in the heart of Brickell? Don't miss their special offer: the 3-course Valentine's Dinner Package for 2. Enjoy two appetizers, two pizzas, two dolci or coffee, and a complimentary bottle of Prosecco or wine. Plus, there's a special surprise for all couples! This all-inclusive dinner for two is priced at just \$99 (\$49.50 per person). Join L'Artisteria Pizzeria for an inviting evening filled with love and deliciousness. For reservations and more information, visit www.opentable.com. L'Artisteria is located at 766 SW 1st Ct, Miami, FL 33130

Mayfair Grill – Coconut Grove

On Valentine's Day, the Mayfair Grill at Mayfair House Hotel & Garden offers an exclusive Prix Fixe Menu, blending romance with culinary artistry. The first course features delights like Sweet Petite Oysters and Wagyu Tataki, while seafood enthusiasts can enjoy Infiadita de Langosta with Lobster Salad and Ikura caviar. The second course includes Octopus Al Carbon with Pistachio Mole and a sumptuous New York Wagyu Steak. A lighter Charred Eggplant option caters to vegetarian tastes. The meal concludes with sweet choices of Avocado Sorbet, Coconut Sorbet, or a decadent Lava Cake. This special menu, priced at \$ 125, promises a luxurious and memorable dining experience for celebrating love. For reservations and more information, visit www.mayfair-grill.com. Mayfair Grill is located at 3000 Florida Ave, Miami, FL 33133

MO Bar + Lounge – Brickell

One of Miami's chic and glamorous hotel bars, MO Bar + Lounge, is the perfect spot to spoil your partner this Valentine's Day. Enjoy a delicious three-course prix fixe menu paired with cocktails, live music, and breathtaking views of Miami. Priced at \$250 per couple, the menu includes a first course of Alaskan Red King Crab paired with champagne; Australian Wagyu Short Rib and Sirloin paired with a "Serendipity" cocktail; and the "LoveStruck" Raspberry mousse for dessert paired with a special "When Harry Met Sally" cocktail. For reservations and more information, visit www.mandarinoriental.com. MO Bar + Lounge is located at Mandarin Oriental Miami, 500 Brickell Key Dr, Miami, FL 33131

Ostrow Brasserie – Buena Vista

Ostrow Brasserie will feature a mouthwatering multi-course French dinner menu on Valentine's Day by Chef Olivia Ostrow at \$150 per guest in Buena Vista's most charming dining room. Featuring a French jazz soundtrack and Paris ambiance, guests will be welcomed with a Kir Royale Cocktail, a delicious champagne cocktail made with Crème de cassis, a sweet dark berry liqueur, Caviar Blinis, and Smoked Salmon Canapes. An Arugula and Pear Blue Cheese Truffle Salad is followed by a leading course choice of Beef Wellington or Dover Sole for two. Lastly, a Chocolate Mousse with Passion Fruit Ice Cream topped with French Caramel for a sweet finish. For reservations and more information, visit www.ostrowbrasserie.com. Ostrow Brasserie is located at 4850 NW 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33127

Queen – Miami Beach

Step into the enchanting world of Queen Miami Beach, celebrated as one of the nation's most luxurious dining destinations, where romance takes center stage. Nestled within the iconic Paris Theater, Queen captivates with its timeless charm and modern sophistication, offering an unparalleled romantic ambiance where history and contemporary elegance intertwine. The menu is a culinary journey through modern Japanese delights, each dish crafted with precision to tantalize the taste buds and create an unforgettable dining experience. From the dazzling Lobmeyr chandeliers in the arrival hall to the cutting-edge sound and lighting system, every detail has been thoughtfully designed to delight guests' senses. For reservations and more information, visit www.queenmiamibeach.com. Queen Miami Beach is located at 550 Washington Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139

Sadelle's – Coconut Grove

Delve into a delightful Valentine's Day brunch at Sabelle's Coconut Grove with the house's beloved a la carte menu. With a menu featuring every romantic classic from House Salmon to Challah French Toast, offerings cater to every palate. Whether salads or sandwiches, savor the flavors of a memorable Valentine's meal at Sabelle's Coconut Grove. For reservations and more information, visit www.sabelles.com. Sabelle's Coconut Grove is located at 3321 Mary St, Miami, FL 33133

Sexy Fish – Brickell

Sexy Fish Miami's Valentine's Day Lover's Omakase Menu is only available on Wednesday, February 14, for \$250 per guest and includes a bottle of Perrier Jouet Grand Brut for every two guests. The Omakase menu will feature delicacies such as Home Smoked Yellowtail with Yuzu and Tofu, Lobster Tempura and Smoked Mary Rose Sauce, Spanish Red Prawn Nigiri & O-Toro, Caviar Maki, and finished with a decadent Valentine's Day Dessert Platter complete with candy apple perfect for sharing with your cupid. To view the whole menu and make reservations, visit www.sexyfishmiami.com. Sexy Fish Miami is located at 1001 S Miami Ave, Miami, FL 33130

Sofia – Miami Design District

Born out of a love affair between Contemporary Art and exquisite Italian cuisine, Sofia Design District exudes romance from every corner of the restaurant, all the way through its charming outdoor dining terrace. Once seated, expect an undeniably world-class culinary experience that will ignite all your senses, where you and your date will find the dishes just as stunning as the artwork layered throughout. Indulge in the restaurant's signature spicy rigatoni, Torre di frutti di mare, and carpaccio di manzo before ending your night with one of Sofia's dreamy nightcap cocktails. From the curation of pink lacquered pieces, lush greenery, and frilly rose umbrellas in Sofia's outdoor oasis to the glossy crimson fabrics and Italian-imported chandeliers in the main dining area, Sofia makes for the perfect romance-fueled Valentine's Day outing. For reservation and more information, visit www.sofiamiamidd.com. Sofia is located at 140 NE 39th Street #133, Miami, FL, 33137

Rishtedar – Wynwood

Spice Up Your Valentine's Day with Rishtedar's Kamasutra Menu! As Valentine's Day approaches, Rishtedar is thrilled to unveil an exceptional dining experience designed

to ignite the flames of passion and enchant every palate. They are introducing two exclusive Valentine's Day pre-fixe menus – the Kamasutra and the Tantric – available on Wednesday, February 14. Kamasutra Menu – \$150: Two cocktails – Shanti * Jheenga Koliwada (Breaded Ecuadorian shrimp marinated in masala with a spicy and acidic touch) * Lobster Masala (Southern Indian flavors with coconut, spices, acidic to palate) * Mathan Rogan Josh (Famous Indian lamb dish marinated in onion sauce with spices and plenty of masala) * Lasun Naan (Indian garlic bread made in the tandoor) * Basmati (Rice) * Aphrodisiac Dessert * Small Gift. Tantric Menu – \$130: A bottle of Sparkling Wine * Goa Chilly Bengan (Eggplant in fresh onion, pepper, and tomato sauce with spices) * Bhindi Masala (Crunchy okras, stir-fried with onions and tomatoes, all with fragrant spices) * Paneer Tikka Masala (House cheese marinated in exotic tikka sauce made with Indian spices) * Lasun Naan (Indian garlic bread made in the tandoor) * Basmati (Rice) * Aphrodisiac Dessert * Small Gift. The carefully crafted menus promise an unforgettable experience for food enthusiasts and those seeking a bit of spice in their intimate moments. The dishes feature ingredients and spices commonly used in Indian cuisine, which are believed to benefit sexual health. For reservations and more information, visit www.rishtedar.com. Rishtedar is located at 232 NW 24th St, Miami, FL 33127

Sushi By Scratch – Coconut Grove

Celebrate love with an exclusive one-night-only experience at Sushi by Scratch Restaurants this Valentine's Day. The unique dining experience, crafting sushi from Scratch, adds an extra touch of specialness to the occasion. Indulge in their signature 17-course Omakase, meticulously created by their team of talented chefs using luxurious ingredients and premium imports. Priced at \$285 per person (plus tax & gratuity), the experience includes a specially curated menu, welcome cocktail, champagne toast, and farewell tea. A \$50 deposit per person is required, credited towards the final bill. Limited reservations for parties of 1 to 10 are available, with extra bites and beverages offered at a surcharge. Sushi by Scratch is located at 3242 Charles Street in Coconut Grove. Dinner is available across three seatings – 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. There is ample street parking available. To make a reservation, visit www.sushibyscratchrestaurants.com.