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What to do in Florence for Valentine's Day 2020

Romance in the Renaissance city

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This February 14, Florence is filled with *amore* as a packed line-up of romantic events has us swooning. Where better to celebrate the beauty of love than within the beauty of Florence? From romantic escapes and luxury spas to the intimacy of Tuscan dining experiences, here is *The Florentine's* guide to Valentine's Day in Florence.

Where to eat



The triumphant finish to the divine menu at the Bristol Winter Garden

Opulence and style in the **Bristol Winter Garden** at the hotel Helvetia & Bristol Firenze - Starhotels Collezione, located in the city's historic centre. Bubbles and canapés start off the fine-dining experience, followed by an intriguing and creative menu featuring cheese and pepper tortello pasta with lobster and gold leaf, plus other tantalizing treats such as black truffle and Da Vinci caviar, finishing off with a scrumptious white chocolate, raspberry and passion fruit delight. 110 euro per person, wine pairing included is the price for the ideal Valentine's venue. [Click here to book your table for two.](#)

Valentine's Day at the **Hard Rock Cafe** in Florence is a love-filled affair. A special menu plays part in this Belle Epoque themed fest. Dancers of the Parma ballet delight diners with the Can Can, a sure highlight of the evening. The Love at First Bite Menu will be available from February 10-17 and features delights such as lobster cobb salad, blue cheese salad, and BBQ grilled chicken, to be followed by a special Valentine's Day brownie. Appetizer or dessert + main is 39,95 euro. [Book your table online here.](#)

A romantic evening at **Le Pavoniere** (via della Catena, 2) with their special Valentine's menu is another ideal option. With a welcome drink, baccalà alla livornese on the menu as well as a bottle of wine, the antipasto, primo, dessert and drinks comes to 35 euro per person. For more info and to book call 3921724859.



La Bottega del Buon Caffè's romantic Valentine's menu

Taste for yourself the artistry and sophistication of La Bottega's seven-course Valentine's Farm-to-Table dégustation menu lovingly and thoughtfully crafted by head chef Erez Ohayon and the whole [La Bottega del Buon Caffè](#) (Lungarno Benvenuto Cellini 69/r) team to celebrate the occasion. This very special dining experience is being offered at 185 euro per person, including wine, or 135 euro without wine pairing. The ultimate in elegance and intimacy, the private dining room is also available at a cost of 350 euro. What a wonderful way to express your love or indeed ask *that* magical question? T: 055 55 35 677. [Read more here.](#)

The **Mercato Centrale** (piazza del Mercato Centrale, via dell'Ariento) has a fine feast for all as well as some fun and games. From 6pm, play along with a themed game called #amorealprimopiano and find your soulmate with special cocktails on offer. Take a sticker and look for your soulmate among the shops in the market, once found, take a selfie and use the hashtag #amorealprimopiano, tagging the profile @ilmercatocentrefirenze. Then go to the counter to receive your well-deserved complimentary cocktails. Those playing in pairs need to answer three simple questions: if two out of three answers match, the cocktail is served! Info and booking for the Valentine's Day menu at the Tosca restaurant, call 055 2657424.

A fundraising dinner **Valentine's Day for ANT** will be held on February 14 at the ornate **Palazzo Borghese** (via Ghibellina 110, Florence). All money raised will go to Fondazione ANT Italia Onlus to help cancer sufferers in their own homes and to cancer research. The evening begins with welcome drinks and dinner accompanied by live music by Barbara Vignali, followed by dancing. (Minimum donation 55 euro / 349 2554648).

Enjoy an aperitivo in the spectacular rooms of the **Palazzo dei Vicari in Scarperia**, the picturesque Tuscan setting for a romantic evening. Dinner at the San Barnaba restaurant along with the aperitivo costs 45 euro and requires reservation by February 13. [Book from Destination Florence and for more details.](#)