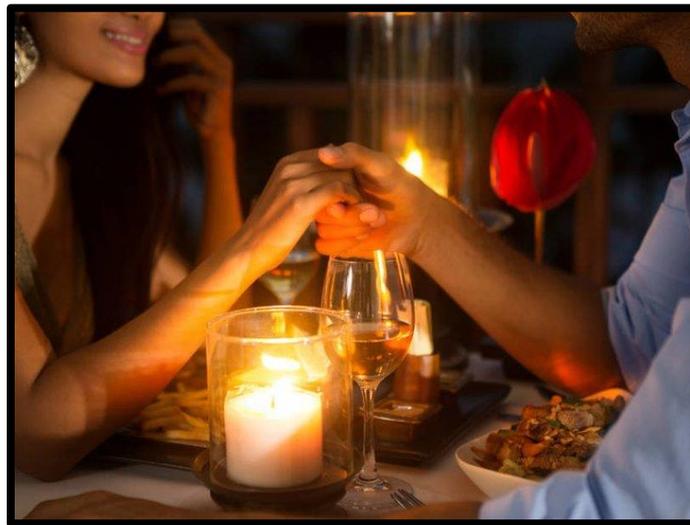




Austin Valentine's Day 2019 Guide

It's never too early to start planning that romantic outing with your love, and Patch has got you covered, For Galentine's Day too!



AUSTIN, TEXAS — Love it or hate it, Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and it's never too early to plan for that romantic evening with your significant other. Disregard the date at your own peril if you're with someone, as you will likely hear about it if you choose to do nothing.

For the rest of you — hopeless romantics or those alerted upon seeing this story acting now through a sense of self-preservation — Patch has got your back. We've assembled a list of some of the best events designed to celebrate the day of love on Feb. 14 — and the days before and after the amorous date. We'll continually update the list as the big day draws near.

Here's what we got so far:

APIS RESTAURANT & APIARY

23526 TX-71, Spicewood, TX 78669

Celebrate a romantic Valentine's Day in THE Hill Country at renowned, relaxed fine dining restaurant, Apis. Those making reservations starting at 5 p.m. will feast on culinary creations of Chef Taylor Hall and his talented team in the form of a three-course prix fixe menu with optional snack starters such as Market Oysters and the famous Egg Toast. Appetizers include Truffle Pasta, Osetra Caviar and Dry aged Beef Tartare with multiple entrée options such as the Six-day Aged Rohan Duck and a Terrapurezza Red Wattle Pig Tasting. End the night on a sweet note with Cheese and Apis Honeycomb or the Chocolate Torte. Price: \$95. For reservations, call (512) 436-8918.



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BFF GALENTINE'S CELEBRATION

Adelante Boutique, 1206 W. 38th St., No. 4104

Bring along the besties and join Bumble BFF and Adelante Boutique to celebrate Galentine's with the gals. Enjoy complimentary treats & beverages from Yes We Can Wine, Frankly Organic Vodka and FitJoy Tarot readings from Sound Sight Tarot Lip touchups by Sentrel Natural Beauty Manis by LACQUER and 20% off all health & wellness items at Adelante and more. This event takes place on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Bring a gal pal or swipe right on BumbleBFF to find a new friend to meet!" organizers write with palpable enthusiasm. "Show your bumble app at the door for an AWESOME goody bag (first come, first served)." Check out the Facebook Event link for more details.

For the uninitiated, this unique twist on Valentine's Day took hold after an episode of the television show "Parks & Recreation" in which the main character created the alternate holiday designed to celebrate the joys of female friendship. Life has been imitating art ever since, with the observance growing in popularity since 2010. Girl power!

THE CARILLON

1900 University Ave. Austin, TX 78705

Celebrate the most romantic day of the year at The Carillon, nestled inside the AT&T Hotel and Conference Center, with a three-course dinner featuring a choice of dishes from Chef Kyle Barham. Among the menu offerings are Coconut Lobster Bisque, Seared Loup de Mer and an optional wine pairing menu from Sommelier Susie Scott. Dinner service will run from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Price of this three-course prix fixe menu is \$75 per person | Optional wine pairing \$25 per person. For reservations: (512) 685-8300, or visit www.cicloatx.com to book via OpenTable



CICLO

98 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, TX 78701

If a romantic four-course Valentine's Day dinner in Ciclo, crafted by Chef de Cuisine James Flowers, doesn't powerfully telegraph your love to the significant other, nothing will. Four Seasons Hotel Austin's new restaurant will also have an Aphrodisiac Cart stocked with romance-inducing items such as Texas Wagyu beef bites, oysters-on-the-half-shell, caviar and bottles of champagne. Dinner service will take place between 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The price is \$95 per person | Prices vary for the Aphrodisiac Cart. Still unconvinced? Take a gander at the full menu then, why don't you, and open your heart dammit. Reservations: Call 512-685-8300 or visit www.cicloatx.com.

COVER 3 and COVER 2

Various locations

All Cover 3 locations in and around Austin along with Cover 2 venues will be offering fun specials designed not only to celebrate the upcoming day devoted to love, but also ancillary Galentine's Day and Singles Awareness Day holidays taking place on Feb. 13 and Feb. 15, respectively.

- **GALENTINE'S DAY (FEB. 13):**
 - The day prior to Valentine's Day on February 13, ladies across Central Texas are invited to celebrate their female-friendships at COVER 3 in honor of Galentine's Day. From 4pm to close (10pm) COVER 3 will offer patrons half-price bottles of wine from Rodney Strong, which has previously been awarded the title of "American Winery of the Year" by Wine Enthusiast Magazine. Please be aware that this special is only available at COVER 3 (not COVER 2).
 - *NOTE: This unique holiday was in fact started in 2010 thanks to NBC's "Parks & Recreation" TV show in which the beloved character Leslie Knope created a new holiday that celebrates the joys of female friendship. Since then, the fictional event has become a reality and a nationwide sensation, with women across the country gathering together each year for this annual holiday. See the clip [HERE](#).
- **VALENTINE'S DAY (FEB. 14):**
 - COVER 3 & COVER 2 will offer patrons a complimentary glass of champagne paired with chocolate dipped strawberries along with the purchase of two entrées or sandwiches, such as the filet mignon or blackened snapper with fresh blue crab, and two beverages.
- **SINGLE'S AWARENESS DAY (FEB. 15)**
 - COVER 3 & COVER 2 are also inviting those who are without a romantic partner for Valentine's Day to celebrate their independence and enjoy a



delicious single-serving brownie made in-house daily from scratch (topped with vanilla bean ice cream, homemade chocolate and caramel sauces and candied walnuts) served complimentary with the purchase of an entrée or sandwich on Single's Awareness Day on Thursday, 2/15, the day after Valentine's Day.



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GERALDINE'S

605 Davis St., Austin, TX 78701

From 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., couples will celebrate their love at Geraldine's with a memorable dinner and live local music. This Rainey Street restaurant will be offering Valentine's Day specials in addition to the traditional menu: Foie Gras and Wild Mushroom Flatbread with basil pesto, caramelized apple, and a preserved Meyer lemon relish and a Raspberry Rose Entremets crafted with lemon cake, white chocolate mousse, raspberries and roses, and pistachio "kisses" for dessert. Here's an added romantic note: Local Austin music duo and real-life couple, Beth // James will be performing from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. For reservations, call (512) 476-4755.

IT'S ITALIAN CUCINA

1500 S. Lamar Blvd., Suite #110, Austin, TX 78704

It's Italian Cucina is offering a special cooking class on Feb. 25 in an even dubbed "Cucina d'Amore," which is Italian for "cooking for love." This has the makings of a great gift to give and share with your favorite person this Valentine's Day. Executive Chef Al Fini will guide couples through an authentic Northern Italian four-course meal — including scratch made pasta, antipasto and more. After the class participants will enjoy their finely



prepared meal in It's Italian Cucina's intimate dining room along with a curated wine pairing.

Here's a summary:

Date: Feb. 25, 2019, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Price: \$200 per couple (includes tax and gratuity)

To Book: 512-482-8655 or info@itsitaliancucina.com

Website: <https://itsitaliancucina.com/>

Location: 1500 S. Lamar Blvd.

Menu: Antipasto Bruschetta Pomodoro, fresh roma tomatoes, herbs, garlic and olive oil Paired: Salviano Pinot Nero Rose 2017 Umbria Primo Piatto Fettuccine Con Crema, fresh spinach fettuccine with cream of parmesan sauce Paired: Ceretto Arneis "Blange" 2017 Piedmont Secondo Piatto Vitello or Pollo Como, veal or chicken sautéed with tomatoes, basil & onion Paired: Frescobaldi "Terre M'ore" Cabernet 2016 Tuscany DolceTazza di Cioccolato, chocolate cup with Mascarpone & Amarena cherries Paired: S te ina di N otte Prosecco n/v V eneto.

"It's Italian Cucina is the richest and most refined creation of our 30 years of experience in the restaurant, food and beverage sector," says chef Al Fini. "We love Austin and love sharing our passion for Northern Italian delicacies with everyone."

Clearly, what's being described here is not only nourishment for the body, but also for the soul and the love-filled, beating heart. Too much?

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LONE STAR COURT

Located in The Domain, 10901 Domain Dr., Austin, TX 78758

Lovey-dovey couples are allowed to be adorably corny while in the throes of love and adoration. And so, the Lone Star Court offers its "S'more Love Romance Hotel Package." Snuggle around Lone Star Court's fire pits and roast s'mores with your significant other for a romantic Valentine's Day, officials suggest. The S'more Love Romance Package includes overnight accommodations for two, two complimentary drinks in The Water Trough, a romance amenity and s'mores package upon arrival, continental breakfast at The Water Trough, and complimentary wi-fi. Prices start from \$224. Reservations: Hotel packages can be made online here or by calling (855) 596-3398.

MATTIE'S

811 W Live Oak St, Austin, TX 78704

Indulge in a special Valentine's Day dinner menu at Mattie's with delectable starters, entrées, and desserts exclusive to the romantic holiday. Standouts include the Porterhouse for Two (\$120) with lobster mac & cheese, biscuit crumble, grilled asparagus, preserved lemon sauce béarnaise, and house made steak sauce. Dinner service is between 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. For reservations, call (512) 444-1888.

PERRY'S STEAKHOUSE & GRILLE



114 W. 7th St., Austin, TX 78701

This Valentine's Day, Perry's Steakhouse & Grille will offer a three-course prix fixe menu with nine entrée options that will include the Filet Perry, 14-ounce Prime New York Strip and Prime Ribeye. Guests will also enjoy signature appetizers like the Wedge Salad and desserts such as the Chocolate Crunch, crunchy milk chocolate covered with a dark chocolate ganache served with homemade whipped cream, toffee and peanut brittle. Perry's prime steaks are complemented by an award-winning wine list and signature tableside service. Perry's newest high end, limited production wine – Big Red – will also be available for \$35/glass (regularly \$45) or \$140/bottle (regularly \$180). Price: 5:30 p.m. and earlier, \$59.95 | 5:45 p.m. and later, \$74.95. The regular full diner menu will be unavailable, so make sure to check out the Valentine's Day version: Menu. For reservations, call 512-474-6300 or visit www.perryssteakhouse.com.

SECOND BAR + KITCHEN DOWNTOWN

The Austonian, 200 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701

From 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., join that special someone for dinner specials at this downtown staple. Enjoy a cheese board + bottle of bubbles + flirtatious emoji macarons to share. Plus, a pasta special made just for two. "Think Lady and the Tramp's big bowl of pasta with meatballs, red sauce, and basil!" officials said in providing a word picture. Price: \$25 for Cheese Board + Bubbles + 6 Macarons; Pasta special (Price TBD). Reservations: Call (512) 827-2750.

SECOND BAR + KITCHEN DOMAIN NORTHSIDE

3121 Palm Way #101, Austin, TX 78758

From Feb. 14-16, between the hours of 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., lovebirds can dine with Second Bar + Kitchen Domain NORTHSIDE for a Valentine's Day weekend dinner special. The Austin staple will offer a four-course Valentine's Day menu featuring Roasted Red Beet Hummus to share; Poached Lobster + Herb Salad; Black Truffle-Potato Ravioli; your choice of Braised Lamb Osso Bucco or Texas Red Fish; and Gorgonzola Dolceor Chocolate + Red Raspberry Torte. Price: \$75 per person. Reservations: (737) 300-4800

SPA DJANGO

575 Hyatt Lost Pines Rd, Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Unchain your love at Spa Django with the specially timed "Soulmate Sunset" treatment offered throughout the month of February. Located at Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa, the spa treatment provides couples with the unique opportunity to have the spa completely to themselves. The experience begins with side-by-side, 60-minute customized massages in the spa's duet suite. Following the treatment and after the spa officially closes, couples will receive an hour of exclusive rest and relaxation time where



they can enjoy the spa's relaxation room, watch the sun set from the heated outdoor pool and patio which overlooks Wolfdancer Golf Club, or use the spa's saunas, whirlpools, and steam rooms. Throughout the month of February, guests can also add Spa Django's special Valentine's Day amenity set to any treatment. The amenity set allows guests to take the spa experience home with two plush robes, bottles of the spa's signature body wash and lotion, reusable water bottles, two rejuvenating eye masks, and a Spa Django candle.



Photo courtesy of Spa Django

STAGECOACH INN

416 S. Main St., Salado, TX 76571

This venue also evokes the romance of the pioneering days, featuring a breathtaking setting on the south bank of Salado Creek that's shaded by massive oak and pecan trees fed by fresh and mineral water springs. Yes, that's lovely, but how about the food? From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Valentine's Day, Stagecoach Inn restaurant will feature a special four-course dinner for two with a prix fixe menu that will start with Tea Bread, Hushpuppies & Honey, followed by a choice of a savory appetizer, entrée, and Strawberry Kiss or Texas Chocolate & Butterscotch Chip Brownie. A glass of sparkling wine will also complement the meal. **BONUS:** Plan a romantic staycation or getaway with the Stagecoach Inn this Valentine's Day. The hotel will be offering a special Valentine's Day hotel package complete with a standard room for two guests with king or double queen bedding, and a bottle of wine and chocolates upon arrival. Hotel Availability: Feb. 10-17. Price: Prix Fixe Menu \$45 + tax and gratuity | Valentine's Day Hotel Package \$129 + tax. For reservations, call (254) 947-5111.

SWEETHEART MAKERS MARKET



1607 San Jacinto Blvd.

On Saturday, Feb. 9 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Scholz Garten will be hosting a Valentine gift shopping event with local vendors, music provided by DJ Fontana, complimentary wine samples and a raffle for the chance to win a Valentine's Day dinner for two at Scholz. The event is free and open to the public, family-friendly and dog-friendly.

Local vendors include:

- Fluri United
- Mana Culture
- Willigan's Island
- Rogue Warriors Soap Co.
- White Deer Apothocary
- Path to Ananda Botanicals
- Ana Aguilar Jewelry
- Dakini Studios
- Party Holster
- Yellow Elephant Clothing Company



TRULUCK'S SEAFOOD, STEAK AND CRAB HOUSE

Truluck's Arboretum, 10225 Research Blvd., Suite 4000

Truluck's Downtown, 400 Colorado St.

Celebrate tru love at Trulucks's (see what we did there?) by indulging in the restaurant's signature, Southern-inspired cuisine paired with stand-out libations in an intimate, upscale setting. At Truluck's lovebirds will experience a notably refined dining experience centered on fresh-caught seafood and crab, prime steaks, and an exquisite wine selection. Truluck's Arboretum and Downtown locations feature exceptional dish



selections perfect for sharing with a significant other this Valentine's Day. Enjoy the restaurants' signature Florida Stone Crab — delivered directly from its own Florida Keys fisheries to guests' tables within hours — or delight in other savory menu highlights that include:

- Chilled Seafood Celebration: Four shrimp, four oysters, jumbo lump crab cocktail, four fresh crab claws.
- Lobscargot: Maine lobster cooked in herb garlic butter with gruyere and Havarti.
- Miso-Glazed Seabass with crab fried rice and chilled cucumber slaw.
- Redfish Pontchartrain with crawfish tails, shrimp, blue crab, Creole sauce and rice pilaf.
- Alaskan King Crab Cluster with lemon-garlic butter.

For a picture-perfect mealtime pairing, Truluck's wine list — recognized by Wine Spectator Magazine's Award of Excellence — offers more than 70 coveted varietals available by the glass and bottle or hand-crafted libations using only premium spirits mixed with fresh fruit and hand-squeezed citrus juice. What's more, this Valentine's Day only Truluck's will feature a specialty cocktail created specifically for lovers' toasts — the aptly named TruLuv, made with a tantalizing blend of vodka, orgeat, strawberry rhubarb syrup and Aperol.

Guests can luxuriate on their romance-filled passions with decadent desserts such as Chocolate Malt Cake or Baked Alaska, made in-house daily using the freshest ingredients.

"True love lasts, but tables on Valentine's Day may not," restaurant officials noted in a press advisory. As such, advance reservations are strongly encouraged. Call Truluck's Arboretum at (512) 794-8300 or Truluck's Downtown at (512) 428-9000. Business casual attire is requested.

Truluck's Arboretum (10225 Research Blvd., Suite 4000, Austin, Texas) is open Monday through Saturday, 5 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, 5 to 9 p.m., with Social Hour daily, 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Truluck's Downtown (400 Colorado St., Austin, Texas) welcomes diners Monday through Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m., with Social Hour daily, 4:30 to 7 p.m.