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### Valentine's Day Events Feb 2011

If you imagine being surrounded by glorious scenery, whilst dining in fantastic restaurants and relaxing in a luxurious hotel this Valentines Day, then the Garden of England is the perfect place for a romantic getaway.

For those just looking to spend quality time together, there are some wonderfully romantic attractions and things to do in Kent, and with high-speed train links from London reducing some journey times to around 37 minutes, a trip to Kent couldn't be easier.

#### **Chilston Park Hotel, Maidstone**

Set back from the tree-lined lanes of Kent, this luxury Grade 1 listed manor house is set in the heart of a 22-acre rural parkland and offers the perfect location for a secluded break with your special someone. Spoil yourselves with a three-course dinner in their 2 AA Rosette restaurant, followed by overnight accommodation and breakfast the following morning. A half bottle of Champagne and single red rose will be placed in your room upon arrival for that extra special romantic touch.

St. Valentines Dinner, Bed and Breakfast costs from £200 based on 2 people sharing a classic room.

St. Valentines Afternoon Tea is also available – served with a glass of champagne and single red rose for £60 for 2 people.

[www.handpickedhotels.co.uk/hotels/chilston-park](http://www.handpickedhotels.co.uk/hotels/chilston-park)

#### **Walleth's Court, Near Dover**

Located in the glorious heart of the White Cliffs Country, this 4-star Jacobean manor house is the perfect choice for a country retreat. Cuddle up in front of a cracking log fire with the one you love after a romantic walk along the wild open cliff tops. Spend the rest of your day enjoying full use of the spa facilities including indoor pool, sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi or even treat yourself to one of the many treatments on offer. In the evening be spoilt with champagne cocktails followed by a heart-warming candlelit dinner for two.

A one night Valentine's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Champagne Break is from £150 per person.

A delicious six course Valentine's Dinner is available from £60 per person.

[www.wallethscourt.com](http://www.wallethscourt.com)

#### **Mulberry Cottages**

What could be more romantic than having your own luxurious and private cottage this Valentines? Mulberry Cottages are on hand to help you and your Valentine find your very own romantic hideaway. With cottages all over the county you'll be spoilt for choice whatever you're looking for whether it be cosy cottages deep in the heart of the countryside, or chic apartments with stunning sea views, Mulberry have all you need to create your own special getaway.

[www.mulberrycottages.com](http://www.mulberrycottages.com)

### **Leeds Castle**

Treat the one you love like royalty this Valentines Day with a romantic evening at the magnificent Leeds Castle, Maidstone. Begin your evening with a champagne reception followed by a guided tour of the castle. Indulge in a sumptuous four course meal served in the King Henry VIII Banqueting Hall and relax after dinner in the castle's dining room over coffee and petit fours.

The valentine's dinner costs £115 per person and there is also the option to complete your evening with a stay in one of the castle's bedrooms and enjoy the romance of the castle's grounds and gardens. Dine and sleep packages start from £215 per person.

[www.leeds-castle.com](http://www.leeds-castle.com)

### **Kent and East Sussex Railway**

For a unique valentine's experience, Kent and East Sussex Railway in Tenterden are combining fine-dining with a journey on England's finest rural light railway. Enjoy an intimate four-course dinner, on board the Wealden Pullman, with complimentary drinks on arrival before embarking on your romantic journey. Sit back and relax during your own mini-getaway and indulge in complimentary chocolates before presenting your love one with a red rose to conclude this wonderful evening.

Please note: pre-booking is essential.

[www.kesr.org](http://www.kesr.org)

### **Biddenden Vineyards**

Why not add a touch of sparkle to your Valentine's Day with one of Biddenden Vineyard's award winning wines. Gribble Bridge Sparkling Rosé is the perfect treat for your loved one on Valentine's Day and a perfect accompaniment to a cosy night in or romantic meal for two.

Enjoy a leisurely stroll around the vineyard and pick up some treats for your valentine's meal as the vineyards holds an exclusive Tasting Day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February, giving visitors a chance to try before they buy on a range of local products including wines, ciders and apple juice.

[www.biddendenvineyards.com](http://www.biddendenvineyards.com)

### **Scotney Castle Garden, Lamberhurst**

Scotney Castle is known as one of the most romantic gardens in England. The fairytale 14<sup>th</sup> Century moated, ruined castle is surrounded by stunning gardens and an overwhelming atmosphere that you will fall in love with.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-scotneycastlegarden](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-scotneycastlegarden)

### **Port Lympne Wild Animal Park**

This Valentine's Day do something wildly romantic at Port Lympne, start off the day with an African experience safari, followed by a cocktail and three course meal served in the 1920s mansion. Afterwards relax over coffee and mints before strolling around the animal park to see some of the world's most rare and endangered animals.

[www.aspinalfoundation.org/portlympne](http://www.aspinalfoundation.org/portlympne)

### **Hever Castle**

Nestling in the heart of the Kent countryside, Hever Castle is one of the most romantic castles in the country. Spend a romantic weekend in one of their private

houses – Medley Court is a luxurious 5\* Gold Award, four bedroom cottage and guests staying in the cottage benefit from a pass to visit the 13<sup>th</sup> century double moated castle, once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's ill-fated second wife and mother of Queen Elizabeth I. Guests also have access to much of the award winning gardens, lake and parkland in complete privacy during times when the grounds are closed to the public.

[www.hevercastle.co.uk](http://www.hevercastle.co.uk)

### **Burlington Hotel, Folkestone**

During your evening at the Burlington Hotel you will be treated to the delights of a three course meal in the luxurious settings of the Bay Tree Bar and Grill. Treat your partner to an evening away from home and stay in one of the hotels many rooms, waking up to a full English breakfast the next morning. Make your experience extra special by enjoying one of the many holistic spa treatments available at the hotel's Trinity Clinic.

Valentines package including 3 course dinner, overnight accommodation in a standard room and full English breakfast costs just £55 per person.

[www.theburlingtonhotel.com/welcome.htm](http://www.theburlingtonhotel.com/welcome.htm)

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