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TREAT YOUR VALENTINE TO THE BEST OF KENT

Candlelight, champagne and romantic settings – you'll find them all in Kent so you've got no excuse not to treat the one you love this Valentine's Day.

Leeds Castle

Enjoy a romantic dinner at Leeds Castle, with champagne, a four-course banquet where you will be serenaded by the resident crooner, and a guided tour of one of England's most picturesque settings. The price of £95 per person includes wine with dinner, a surprise gift and a rose for every lady and dancing afterwards in the Heraldry Room. To book call 01622 767858 or see www.leeds-castle.com

Shepherd Neame Brewery Tour

Treat your man to a tour of Britain's oldest brewery with a day out at Shepherd Neame in Faversham. The Brewery Tour Gift Package includes a personalised certificate for a tour and tutored tasting (valid for 12 months) plus a presentation pack of two bottles of beer and a matching glass. For that extra special present, there are short-break gift certificates featuring a Brewery Tour plus an overnight stay at a Shepherd Neame pub. The brewery is also launching a Valentine beer, including rose petals and passionfruit juice, which will be available in selected stores nationwide. See www.shepherdneame.co.uk or call 01795 542016.

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge

Immerse yourself in the charms of Canterbury with a stay at this excellent B&B in the precincts of the cathedral which is ideally situated for exploring the bars and restaurants of the city. From February 13-15 you can bag a double room for only £49.50 per person, per night, which includes champagne and chocolates on arrival and a full English breakfast. There's also a private garden overlooking the cathedral – the perfect place for a romantic proposal. Call 01227 865350 or see www.canterburycathedralodge.org

The Marquis, Alkham

Kent's newest fine-dining restaurant with rooms, in the Alkham Valley near Dover, is celebrating Valentine's night in style by making it into a special five-day celebration. From February 10-14 the Marquis is offering a "sharing menu" for £35 per person. B&B is also available for £150 per couple including a glass of English sparkling wine. Call 01304 873410 or see www.themarquisatalkham.co.uk

The White Cliffs Hotel

This boutique hotel in St Margaret's at Cliffe, near Dover, offers log fires and lovely cliff top walks all year round but on Valentine's weekend you can add champagne cocktails and a candlelit dinner for two. A one-night Valentine's break for two people costs £199 per couple which includes a four-course dinner and an overnight stay. The Valentine's Day dinner without accommodation is a credit-crunching £29.50 per person. To book call 01304 852229 or visit www.thewhitecliffs.com

Port Lympne Wild Animal Park

Looking for love? Then discover your wilder side with a singles only event at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, near Hythe. Participants get to know each other while making paper mache models of wild deer, correctly known as 'harts.' Watch, share and delight in the animals' enjoyment as the 'harts' are thrown to the park's big cats. Highlights of the day include an 'animal love' guided tour and drinks reception at Port Lympne's Mansion House. Tickets cost £25 including park entry. To book call 01303 264 647 or visit www.totallywild.net

For more great romantic ideas visit www.visitkent.co.uk/valentines.

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