

Thomson's Top 5 Most Romantic Valentine's Destinations

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Mexico (<http://www.thomson.co.uk/destinations/caribbean/mexico/holidays-mexico.html>)

1. Thomson Couples El Dorado Seaside Suites, Mexico

Welcomed with a chilled glass of champagne, customers that choose the El Dorado Seaside Suites (<http://www.thomson.co.uk/destinations/caribbean/mexico/mexico-caribbean-coast/riviera-maya/hotels/el-dorado-seaside-suites>) as their Valentine's Day destination will not be disappointed. This stylish and intimate hotel boasts a first class setting and a wealth of amenities to ensure a relaxing and romantic Valentines getaway.

Couples will be treated to some fantastic, luxurious touches that include; butler service on the shorefront, his 'n' hers spa treatments, and four-poster daybeds on the sand. With a fantastic selection of restaurants, coming courtesy of international chefs and a wealth of deluxe room varieties including swim up options; the El Dorado Seaside Suites will be difficult to beat.

Offering a variety of excursions to suit all tastes, including; trips to the Mayan Chichen Itza, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, or for the more active Xel Ha - a beautiful rainforest fringed river, where couples can raft or snorkel, and for the more daring a leap off the cliff of courage into the pool below.

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Thomson offers seven night holidays to Mexico staying at the 5T Thomson Couples El Dorado Seaside suites, on an all-inclusive basis, from £1429 per person. Price is based on two adults sharing and includes flights departing from Manchester airport on the 13 February 2013. To find out more about this holiday or to book visit your local Thomson travel shop, thomson.co.uk or call 0871 230 2555.

The Maldives (<http://www.thomson.co.uk/destinations/indian-ocean/maldives/holidays-maldives.html>)

2. Thomson Platinum Vilamendhoo Resort & Spa, the Maldives

The Vilamendhoo resort & spa (<http://www.thomson.co.uk/destinations/indian-ocean/maldives/maldives/south-ari-atoll/hotels/vilamendhoo-island-resort-and-spa>) experience starts before you even set foot on the island, with a seaplane transfer from the airport. Flying over the turquoise waters and pearl-white isles sets the scene for what's to come – the perfect start to a romantic Valentine's break in the Maldives. Why not follow in the footsteps of celeb couples like Isla Fisher & Sascha Baren Cohen, and Marvin & Rochelle and take a dip in the crystal clear waters of the Indian Ocean.

This newly refurbished resort offers unrivalled beaches, fantastic restaurants and a variety of different room options including Garden Jacuzzi and water villa options. It's the perfect Valentines escape from reality with its idyllic location ideal for couples who want to relax and enjoy quality time together.

Getting stuck into snorkelling and a variety of watersports is a must in the Maldives to fully appreciate the amazing underwater delights the Indian Ocean has to offer.

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Thomson offers seven night holidays to the Maldives staying at the 4T+ Thomson Couples Vilamendhoo Island resort & spa, on an all-inclusive basis from £1789 per person. Price is based on two adults sharing and includes flights departing from London Gatwick airport on the 10 February 2013. To find out more about this holiday or to book visit your local Thomson travel shop, thomson.co.uk or call 0871 230 2555.

Kenya (<http://www.thomson.co.uk/destinations/africa/kenya/holidays-kenya.html>)

3. Ndogo Safari & Southern Palms, Kenya

For the more adventurous couple, Thomson offer safari Tour & Stay options; combining a three night safari taking in the breathtaking Tsavo East and West National Parks with an 11-night stay at the stunning Southern Palms Resort

(<http://www.thomson.co.uk/destinations/africa/kenya/kenya/diani-beach/hotels/southern-palms.html>). This Valentine's break is perfect for those that enjoy the best of both worlds, a thrilling safari teamed with relaxing beach break.

Featuring visits to attractions including; Mzima Springs underwater hippo sanctuary, and the Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary that spreads out over 280,000 acres, offering the opportunity to spot the likes of ostriches, cheetahs and lions, the Ndogo safari really is unmissable.

Boasting one of the largest pool scenes in East-Africa the Southern Palms resort is the perfect place to unwind after a safari break. Set next to a snow-white strip of sand and surrounded by lush tropical gardens, it offers the perfect African retreat for couples.

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Thomson offers 14-night Tour & Stay holidays to Kenya, incorporating a three night Ndogo Safari with an 11-night stay at the 4T Southern Palms on a full board basis from £1639 per adult. Price is based on two people sharing and includes flights departing from London Gatwick airport on the 8 February 2013. To find out more about this holiday or to book visit your local Thomson travel shop, Thomson.co.uk or call 0871 230 2555.

Morocco (<http://www.thomson.co.uk/destinations/africa/morocco/holidays-morocco.html>)

4. Thomson Platinum Riu Tikida Plameraie, Marrakech

Part of Thomson's extensive Platinum portfolio, this all inclusive hotel is in a peaceful location within easy reach of Marrakech

(<http://www.thomson.co.uk/destinations/africa/morocco/morocco-marrakech/marrakech/holidays-marrakech.html>).

The hotel looks like a traditional desert village, with annexes sprinkled around manicured gardens, the

perfect Valentines oasis. With 13 acres to explore, laid with lawns, palms and hibiscus trees, and linked by stone-flagged footpaths, the sheer openness of this property gives a real sense of its peacefulness.

The lagoon style pool really is the 'piece de resistance', a seemingly endless turquoise expanse with a very tempting pool bar marooned in the middle - an ideal spot for couples to cool off and refresh with a well-deserved cocktail.

Excursions on offer in Marrakech include visits to the Garden of Marrakech, a beautiful home with manicured Gardens owned by international designer Yves Saint Laurent. Guests can also sample the real tastes of Morocco with a traditional Moroccan supper, offering an unbeatable chance to sample what this fabulous country has to offer.

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Thomson offers seven night holidays to Marrakech staying at the Thomson Platinum 4T+ ClubHotel Riu Tikida Palmeraie on an all-inclusive basis from £484 per person. Price is based on two adults sharing and includes flights departing from London Gatwick airport on the 11 February 2013. To find out more about this holiday or to book visit your local Thomson travel shop, thomson.co.uk or call 0871 230 2555.

Goa (<http://www.thomson.co.uk/destinations/indian-ocean/india/goa/holidays-go.html>)

5. Thomson Chic and Unique Living Room Hotel, Goa

With its Buddha statues, water fountains and chic interiors, the Living Room is a boutique hotel with a laid-back, bohemian edge. A modern property just ten minutes' walk from the restaurants and markets in Vagator, this hotel offers a perfect location for those couples looking to be at the heart of the action.

Thomson (<http://www.thomson.co.uk/>) offers some fantastic excursion in Goa showcasing what India really has to offer. The Butterflies and Waterfalls excursion offers customers the chance to experience a stunning butterfly sanctuary teamed with a visit to a cascading waterfall - perfect for a cool off in the hot climate. For the animal-lovers the Elephant and Spice Trail is ideal, offering a trip to a traditional Indian village followed by an elephant trek, an amazing addition to any Valentine's break.

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Thomson offers 14-night holidays to Goa staying at the 3T+ Living Room Hotel, on a bed & breakfast basis from £999 per person. Price is based on two adults sharing and includes flights departing from London Gatwick airport on the 12 February 2013. To find out more about this holiday or to book visit your local Thomson travel shop, thomson.co.uk or call 0871 230 2555.

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