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**Le Margot French restaurant's** lavender glazed chicken is served on sautéed spinach and sun-dried tomato sauce in the shape of a heart.

## Romance on the menu

Takeout, dine-in options can help make Valentine's Day special

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**V**alentine's Day falls on a Wednesday this year, which means you can celebrate on the big day itself, plus the weekends before and after. Some restaurants are offering their specials for that whole time. Others are focused on Feb. 14. And a few have romantic vibes all year around. Reservations are recommended or required at most places.

**AL BIERNAT'S** Both the Oak Lawn and North Dallas locations will offer their regular menu plus a Valentine's Day special for dine-in and takeout from Feb. 14 to Feb. 18. For \$199, receive two six-ounce lobsters thermidor and an eight-ounce Wagyu tenderloin. For reservations, call the Oak Lawn restaurant at 214-219-2201 or the North restaurant at 972-239-3400. 4217 Oak Lawn Ave. and 5251 Spring Valley Road, both Dallas. [albiernats.com](http://albiernats.com).

**BLUE MESA GRILL** The dinner-for-two

menu will include mini crab and shrimp cakes, fajitas with chicken and skirt steak, black beans, coconut lime rice, guacamole, chopped salad, churros with three dipping sauces, and a bottle of bubbly for \$75. Feb. 14 from 5 to 9 p.m. 14866 Montfort Drive, Addison, 612 Carroll St., Fort Worth, and 8200 Dallas Parkway, Plano. [bluemesagrill.com](http://bluemesagrill.com).

**DAKOTA'S STEAKHOUSE** This underground restaurant in downtown Dallas will celebrate Valentine's Day with a

three-course dinner for \$95 per person. The entree options include surf and turf, New York strip, Berkshire pork chop, roasted chicken and sea scallops. For an additional \$25 per person, upgrade to dry-aged porterhouse for two. Feb. 14 from 4 to 10 p.m. 600 N. Akard St., Dallas. [dakotasrestaurant.com](https://dakotasrestaurant.com).

**EATZI'S MARKET & BAKERY** Valentine's Day dishes are available for pickup, including charcuterie, Rosewood Ranch Wagyu sirloin, crab-stuffed lobster tail, black truffle-Parmesan mashed potatoes, chocolate-dipped strawberries, heart-shaped red velvet cake and Linzer heart cookies. Dinner-for-two packages are \$135.99 to \$149.99. Orders must be placed by Feb. 13 at 10 p.m. Multiple area locations. Order online at [holiday.eatzis.com/valentines-day](https://holiday.eatzis.com/valentines-day).

**EBB AND FLOW** This quirky cute spot in Deep Ellum and Plano's Shops at Legacy will offer three-course menus for two for \$80 from Feb. 13 to Feb. 18. The menu includes multiple choices for starters, entrees, desserts and cocktails. Options for the main course include salmon piccata, chicken-fried chicken, pork chop and stuffed chicken. Valentine's-themed cocktails will be available for an additional cost. 2651 Commerce St., Dallas, and 7300 Lone Star Drive, Plano. [ebbandflowtx.com](https://ebbandflowtx.com).

**ELLIE'S RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE** The downtown Dallas restaurant's Valentine's Day specials include beet hummus, cider-brined Berkshire pork chop and Chocolate Decadence, a dessert with dark chocolate ice cream and mint-strawberry salad. The regular a la carte dinner menu will also be available. Two Valentine's cocktails will be offered. The French Kiss includes vodka, cranberry syrup, Prosecco and edible glitter, and the Pink Lady has gin, brandy, lemon juice, egg white and grenadine. Feb. 14 from 5 to 10 p.m. Make reservations at OpenTable. 1717 Leonard St., Dallas. [elliesdallas.com](https://elliesdallas.com).

**EVAN'S MEAT MARKET** From Feb. 9 to Feb. 18, this butcher shop in the Shops at Highland Park will have a to-go special for two for \$99. The package includes a heart-shaped rib-eye steak, two sides such as roasted sweet potatoes and brussels sprouts, and a dessert. 4266 Oak Lawn Ave., Dallas. [evansmeatmarket.com](https://evansmeatmarket.com).

**KESSAKU** This sushi restaurant with skyline views will offer a post-Valentine's Day omakase with sake pairings. The event will include a lesson on sake, plus welcome and dessert cocktails. Feb. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. 1401 Elm St. (on the 50th floor of the



Gustav Schmiege III

**Al Biernat's Valentine's Day** special includes lobster thermidor and Wagyu tenderloin over garlic mashed potatoes.



Dakota's Steakhouse

**Dakota's Steakhouse** will have three-course dinners for \$95 per person.



Ellie's Restaurant and Lounge

**The menu** at Ellie's Restaurant and Lounge will include beet hummus.

National Building), Dallas. [kessakurestaurants.com](http://kessakurestaurants.com).

**KNIFE** Chef John Tesar's steakhouses will be open Feb. 14 for Valentine's Day. The Dallas location will have a four-course meal for two for \$190. The menu will include oysters with strawberry mignonette; salad with arugula, avocado and pomegranate seed; chateaubriand with ginseng demi-glace; spicy chocolate pot au creme; and two splits of Rosa Regale Brachetto d'Acqui. The Plano location will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Reserve via Resy. 5300 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, and 6121 W. Park Blvd., Plano. [knifesteakhouse.com](http://knifesteakhouse.com).

**KONA GRILL** Valentine's Day specials, available from Feb. 12 to Feb. 18, will include Perfect Pair, a six-ounce filet and a lobster tail, for \$69, and chocolate molten lava cake for \$17. The regular menu will also be available. 8687 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, and 5973 W. Parker Road, Plano. [konagrill.com](http://konagrill.com).

**LA PARISIENNE** The Frisco French bistro will have a four-course dinner for Valentine's Day for \$85 per person. It will be available Feb. 10-11 and Feb. 14 and includes dishes such as steak frites, lobster risotto, boeuf bourguignon and spicy rigatoni pasta. There will also be a holiday cocktails list. The regular menu will be available. 6740 Winning Drive, Frisco. [parisienneusa.com](http://parisienneusa.com).

**LE MARGOT** This snazzy French bistro in Fort Worth is from chef Felipe Armenta and *MasterChef* judge Graham Elliot. The daily menu includes steak frites, pâtés, Chardonnay-braised mussels, lavender-glazed chicken, tarte flambees, rose crème brûlée and profiteroles. The bar lineup includes bubbles by the glass and cocktails such as Ohh La La, which has Grey Goose L'Orange, strawberry syrup and cotton candy. Open daily. 3150 S. Hulen St., Fort Worth. [lemargottx.com](http://lemargottx.com).

**LORO** Casual Cupids might enjoy a date night at this Asian smokehouse from Aaron Franklin of Franklin Barbecue and Tyson



Raynor Brumfield

**From Feb. 14 to Feb 17**, Meddlesome Moth gastropub will offer a la carte specials that include steak Oscar with crab and lobster, seared Atlantic sea bass and a dessert board.

Cole of Uchi. On Valentine's Day only, the East Dallas and Addison locations will have a deal of buy one boozy slushee, get a second one for \$1. The flavors include gin and tonic, mango sake and Vietnamese coffee. The menu at these no-reservations places include chicken karaage and smoked brisket with chile gastrique and Thai herbs. Open Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. 1812 N. Haskell Ave., Dallas, and 14999 Montfort Drive, Dallas. [loro eats.com](http://loro eats.com).

**MALAI KITCHEN** The four locations of this Thai and Vietnamese restaurant will be open for Valentine's Day dinner on Feb. 14. Special dishes will include crispy lamb

potstickers, golden lobster, tempura-crusted ahi tuna and Burmese beef short ribs. There will also be Valentine's-inspired cocktails and specials on wine. 6130 Luther Lane, Dallas, 3699 McKinney Ave., Dallas, 1161 E. Southlake Blvd., Southlake, and 5289 Monahans Ave., Fort Worth. [malaikitchen.com](http://malaikitchen.com).

**THE MANSION RESTAURANT** On Feb. 14, the restaurant at the Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek will have a four-course prix fixe dinner for \$175 per person with an optional wine pairing for \$115 per person. The menu includes bluefin tuna, potato and truffle agnolotti, beef short rib and bone marrow picada, and either flourless chocolate cake or Tropical Tryst for dessert. Upgrade to a Binchotan charcoal-grilled A5 Wagyu for \$65, or add caviar service for the table for \$195. 2821 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas. [rosewoodhotels.com/en/mansion-on-turtle-creek-dallas](http://rosewoodhotels.com/en/mansion-on-turtle-creek-dallas).

**MARGARET'S** This ranch-to-table restaurant on the 11th floor of the JW Marriott Hotel in the Arts District will offer a six-course prix fixe dinner from Feb. 14 to Feb. 17. The menu, which is \$250 per couple with optional wine pairings for \$75 per person, includes the choice of braised beef pappardelle with lobster bisque or pan-seared foie gras with savory bread pudding and bone-in filet with onion and



Loro

**Only on Valentine's Day, Asian smokehouse Loro** will have a "Share a Slushee with your Crushee" deal on its boozy frozen drinks.

black garlic soubise or turbot mosaic with fish mousse cannelloni, bouillabaisse and mushroom tea. Reservations can be made through OpenTable. 800 N. Harwood St., Dallas. [margaretsdallas.com](http://margaretsdallas.com).

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17, the Design District gastropub is offering several a la carte specials for Valentine's Day. The menu includes steak Oscar with crab and lobster (\$67), seared Atlantic sea bass (\$48) and a dessert board with chocolate-covered cherries, raspberry cheesecake and churros (\$18). On Feb. 14 only, several beers will be tapped, including Petrus Cherry Chocolate Nitro Quad and 3 Nations Brewing's Devour Imperial Stout Creme Brulee. They will be available by the pour or in a four-beer flight for \$25. 1621 Oak Lawn Ave., Dallas. mothinthe.net.

**MEXICAN BAR COMPANY** This spot in the District at Willow Bend will offer a five-course Valentine's dinner for two for \$100 from Feb. 12 to Feb. 18. The menu will include surf and turf, lamb lollipops, pan-seared scallops and aguachile enamorado. The regular menu will also be offered. Reserve via Resy. 6121 W. Park Blvd., Plano. mexbars.com.

**MONARCH** Start Valentine's Day early at this downtown Dallas spot, which is offering several truffle specials. Through Feb. 10, Rosewood Ranch Wagyu short rib will be served with truffle risotto, morels and Périgord black truffles, which will be shaved tableside, for \$90. On Feb. 9, Bianchetti truffles will be shaved tableside for a dish with Hokkaido uni and Roman gnocchi for \$50. 1401 Elm St. (on the 49th floor of the National Building), Dallas. monarchrestaurants.com/reserve.

**SANJH** This new upscale Las Colinas restaurant is centered on regional Indian cuisine. From Feb. 14 to Feb. 17, it will offer a three-course dinner menu featuring starters such as bharwan paneer tikka and tandoori jhinga, entree options of gulnar kofta or pistachio-crust lamb, and

desserts such as strawberries Romanoff or kulfi. The meal, which is \$125 per person, also includes chocolate-dipped strawberries and either a glass of Champagne or a mocktail. 5228 N. O'Connor Blvd., Irving. sanjhrestaurant.com.

**STK STEAKHOUSE** From Feb. 12 to Feb. 18, this Uptown steakhouse with nightclub vibes will have a Wagyu filet special for \$89. The regular menu, which includes dry-aged porterhouse, oysters, surf and turf, and sweet potato donuts, will also be available. 2000 McKinney Ave., Dallas. stksteakhouse.com.

**TRULUCK'S** The seafood restaurants in Dallas, Plano and Southlake will offer two Valentine's Day entrees from Feb. 10 to Feb. 15. Filet mignon with cold-water lobster tail is \$99, and prime rib-eye with prime king crab is \$130. Add a slice of cheesecake with Callebaut Belgian chocolate mousse and luxardo cherries for \$14 a slice. 2401 McKinney Ave., Dallas, 7161 Bishop Road, Plano, and 1420 Plaza Place, Southlake. trulucks.com.

**WICKED BUTCHER** Dallas Chop House recently reopened in downtown Dallas as Wicked Butcher, which also has a location in downtown Fort Worth's Sinclair Hotel. For Valentine's Day, both will offer three-course prix fixe menus for \$135 per person. The menu includes eight-ounce center cut filet, 12-ounce dry-aged rib-eye, pan-seared duck breast, ginger miso Chilean sea bass, hamachi crudo, and beef carpaccio with lavender aioli. Add a wine pairing for \$75 per person or caviar service for \$210 per couple. Feb. 14 from 5 to 11 p.m. 1717 Main St., Dallas, and 512 Main St., Fort Worth. wickedbutcher.com.



Truluck's

**Truluck's will sell** cheesecake with Callebaut Belgian chocolate mousse and luxardo cherries.



STK Steakhouse

**STK Steakhouse will have** a Wagyu filet special available from Feb. 12 to Feb. 18.



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