





AIN'T NO LOVE HIGH ENOUGH

If you enjoy getting high on Valentine's Day, the best place to celebrate at elevated heights with panoramic city views is SkyBar at the pool-level on top of Traders Hotel. It has an unbeatable view of the floodlit Petronas Twin Towers and vistas of the city skyline don't get much better than this. Its 33rd floor, semi-open location overlooking the glistening towers is nothing short of stunning. The range of signature martinis is equally impressive and intoxicating. Start the night with a romantic set dinner at Gobo Upstairs within the hotel and proceed even higher to a pre-booked cabana (these poolside retreats are snapped up well in advance) for Valentine's Day packages featuring Belvedere Vodka and Veuve Clicquot and Dom Pérignon champagnes. The party will carry on well into the night.

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ROSE PETAL ROMANCE

KL's best kept secret is Carcosa Seri Negara, the elegant all-suite boutique hotel within Lake Gardens. The Dining Room here is a classic formal dining space where guests converse in hush tones and is, thus, the ideal venue for a romantic dinner on the 14th. The evening of rose petal romance begins at the stately entrance, where an avenue of rose petals greets diners, and continues at the bar where Perrier-Jouët Champagne cocktails are the preferred pre-dinner drink. Adjourn to the elegantly-set, candle-lit tables for romantic set dinners of five or seven courses, including a glass of bubbly. For die-hard romantics, live like royalty and book the Audience Suite where Queen Elizabeth II holed up when she last passed through KL. Enjoy a romantic dinner on the semi-open balcony and let the chefs craft their magic while you are serenaded by a violinist.

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INDULGENT INDULGENCE

Indulgence Restaurant and Living is a romantic retreat for those who appreciate tantalising food, premium wines and smart accommodation (that's about everyone!). The restaurant with boutique accommodation is located on Ipoh's "Millionaire's Row". The Tudor-styled building was once home to one of Ipoh's wealthy families but it has been converted into a romantic retreat. This Valentine's Day, forget local Ipoh delicacies such as *ngah choy kai* (chicken and bean sprouts) and *sar hor fun* (noodles) and, instead, book a table at Indulgence and enjoy dishes such as pistachio and rocket pesto pasta or grilled scallops topped with vegetables. For sure, foie gras and lobster will feature on its Valentine's menu and chilled champagne will flow freely from the cellars. Six themed rooms above the restaurant are sumptuous in their decor, style and comfort. Guests can stay in a suite with an English country ambience, including a four-poster bed and plush lounges, but with contemporary features like a mini bar and flat-screen television. The other themed suite is Moroccan in inspiration, while the remaining deluxe rooms are contemporary, Thai, Chinoiserie and Italian in design.

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SPICE OF LIFE

Blue Elephant Restaurant in Bangkok, and with branches in several other cities worldwide, offers authentic Thai food that also helps maintain important elements of traditional Thai cooking. The landmark 100-year-old building and its charming Thai ambience makes this a romantic setting to add a little spice to your love life. For something different this Valentine's Day, dine in the restaurant or attend its cooking school to learn how to cook some exciting Thai dishes. The school has fully-equipped facilities and lessons normally commence with an early morning visit to the markets with the chef and finish with a meal of the food cooked by the class. Participants receive a certificate, an apron and a basket of Blue Elephant signature products such as herbal teas and curries. For your memorable Valentine's Day feast, start with one of its famous entrées like foie gras with tamarind sauce. Move onto *Yam ma kuer doi kham* (grilled scallops with eggplant and truffle oil), which is creatively presented and traditionally spiced. Some other dishes guaranteed to impress include *tom jiew* (spicy beef and sweet potato soup), *koong ma kham* (king prawns with caramelised tamarind sauce) and *chu-chi* snow fish (snow fish cooked in red curry).

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