



Take the family on a Valentine's Day retreat

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Share the love this [Valentine's Day](#) season. Here are five places to rekindle the family flame.

1Sonoran Desert hideaway, Scottsdale, Ariz.The entire family will enjoy a lifting of spirits in the beautiful Arizona desert. Check into the [Four Seasons](#) Resort Scottsdale at Troon North, where jagged peaks combine with prickly cactus to provide a visual feast. The gang can scamper up the adjacent Pinnacle Peak nature trail and then relax by the pool. While the kids head out to get in touch with their inner wrangler or join in the Kids for All Seasons program, mom and dad can enjoy a couple's massage inspired by native traditions using desert sage and jojoba oils.

Contact: 480-515-5700; www.fourseasons.com/scottsdale

2Rocky Mountain romance, Gunnison and Crested Butte, Colo. Enjoy a weeklong celebration of love in this mountain haven. With something for every member of the family, you can choose from a couple's energy massage class, music, plays, ski clinics, brunch at a local yurt, sleigh rides, cooking classes, chocolate-making classes just for kids and yoga programs.

Contact: 1-800-814-8893; www.gunnisoncrestedbutte.com

3Riviera Nayarit, Mexico. Check in to an ocean-view master or parlor suite at the Grand Velas All Suite & Spa Resort on Banderas Bay, and there's room for all in the spacious, all-inclusive accommodations. Enjoy strawberries and chocolates upon arrival as well as a special Valentine's Day dinner for the whole crew at any of three a la carte gourmet restaurants. While the children are playing at the Kids Club or enjoying the Kids Cooking Classes, mom and dad can pamper themselves with a free 45- to 60-minute guided hydrotherapy ritual at the Grand Velas Spa. Also included: meals, beverages, 24-hour in-suite service, in-suite mini bar, fitness facility, workout programs and more. Children up to age 16 stay and eat free when sharing the rooms with their parents.

Contact: 1-888-320-7579; www.grandvelas.com

4Sesame Place, Langhorne, Pa. Join Elmo for his My Fuzzy Valentine celebration at Sesame Place, a fun zone considered the ideal first theme-park experience for young children ages 2-7. Enjoy a kid-friendly lunch and sing along with the likes of Big Bird, Cookie Monster, Bert, Ernie and Zoe. Grown-ups are welcome to join in the fun. Reservations required.

Contact: 1-866-464-3566; www.sesameplace.com

5Montage Resort, Laguna Beach, Calif. Sometimes, parents need time to themselves, and this resort's romance package is sure to restore a couple's energy for car pools and homework help. Enjoy three days and two nights in an oceanfront suite with breathtaking views and warm sea breezes. Dine in room and at the Loft, relax in a couple's massage at Spa Montage, linger in a rose-petal bath drawn by the resort's romance artist and relish breakfast in bed.

Contact: 1-866-271-6953; www.montagelagunabeach.com

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