

Try something unique on Valentine's Day

Take a cruise around Manhattan

Tired of dining on land? Try a boat. For Valentine's Day dinner this year, board the **World Yacht** and partake in the Sweetheart package (\$99 per person), which includes a four-course sit-down dinner and a single rose. The Romance package (\$139 per person) also includes a Champagne toast and Godiva chocolates. If you can't hit the open water on the 14th, this boat sails on the 15th and 16th, too. All departures are from Pier 81 at 7 p.m. TICKETS: 212-630-8100, worldyacht.com



Impress your date with a rare glass of wine

A Voce Columbus, (10 Columbus Circle, 3rd floor), will be pouring an 18L of 2008 Soffocone Di Vincigliata Toscana (the only 18L in the U.S.) and will pour by the glass (\$25), quartino (\$37.50) and carafe (\$125). Soffocone in Italian means fellatio, and the original label on the bottle was so seductive, sexy and mysterious that it was banned from being imported into the U.S.! Show your valentine that mischievous side. RESERVATIONS: 212-823-2523, avocerestaurant.com



Cook a meal with, or for, your lover

David Bouley's Test Kitchen, (88 West Broadway), will be hosting cooking classes on the 14th. If you want to impress your partner, take the class alone (\$275), then head home with all the ingredients and recipes you'll need to create a romantic four-course meal. Or, bring your partner with you and take the cooking class and dinner for two (\$650, wine pairing additional \$125 per person). You'll create a six-course meal and then enjoy it to the sounds of a grand piano playing. RESERVATIONS: 212-964-2525, davidbouley.com

Eat all the parts of a pig

Fatty 'Cue, (50 Carmine St.), will be carving up an outrageous and delicious Valentine's Day dinner, and it's not for the faint of heart. The hotspot will be serving a Nose to Tail five-course tasting menu, and delicacies include a crispy pig ear salad and trotter chowder. The swine will be amplified by ingredients like escargot and black truffles. \$59 per person, additional \$20 for wine pairings. RESERVATIONS: 212-929-5050, fattycue.com



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Dinner and music make for a romantic evening

Go "Gangnam Style" with your valentine

No, not the dance, though we're sure that would be appreciated at **MONO+MONO** (116 E. 4th St.) for Valentine's Day. The Korean restaurant's package features dishes like the jeon sampler (pan-fried shiitake, pork and sesame leaf) and Korean fried chicken, and the three-course \$140 menu includes a bottle of red or white wine or soju and a private tour of the restaurant's 30,000 analog jazz albums. There will also be live jazz by David McKay. 212-466-6660, monomononyc.com

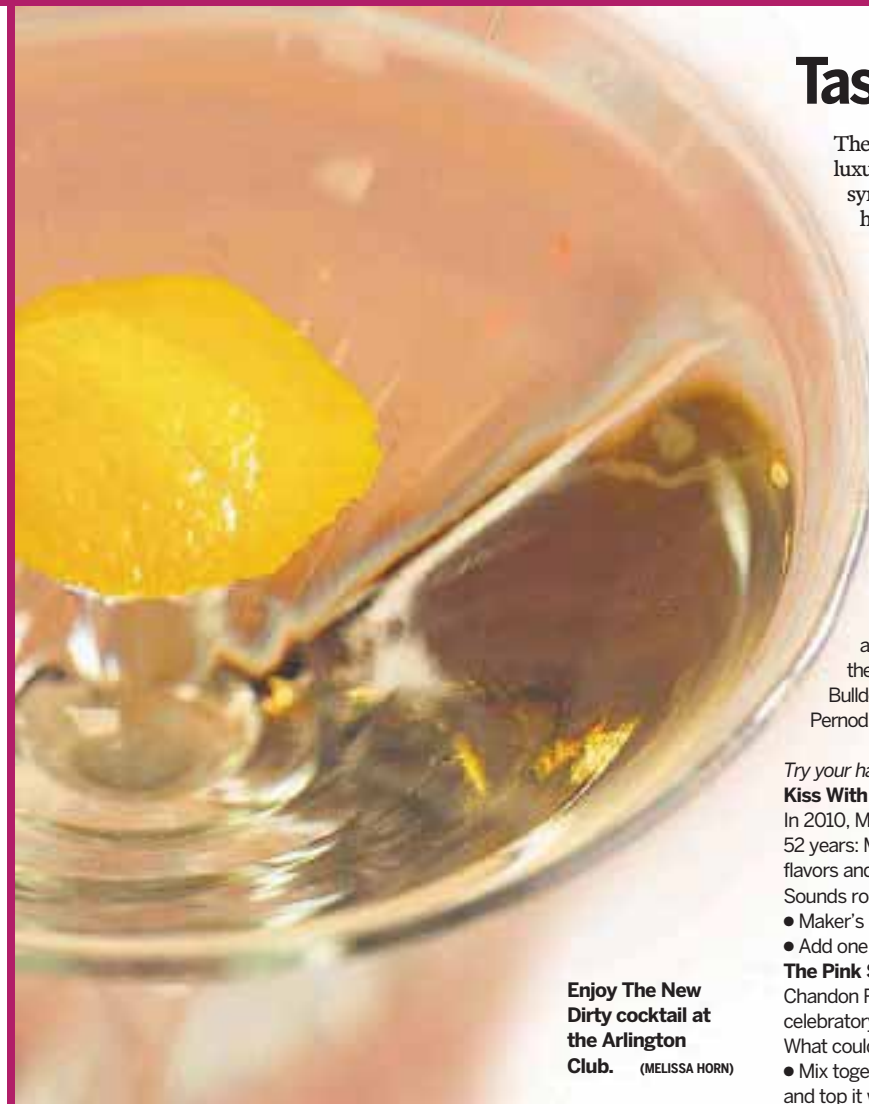
Experience a piano bar with amazing views

Visit the **Center Bar** (10 Columbus Circle) on the fourth floor of the Time Warner Center for small plates and cocktails this Valentine's Day. Impress your date with the expansive views of Central Park and the live piano music. 212-823-9482, centerbar.nyc.com

Jazz and supper at a renowned spot

For an all-inclusive evening, hit up the **Smoke Jazz and Supper Club Lounge** (2751 Broadway). The lounge is hosting a performance by Gregory Generet, and a three-course dinner featuring sea scallops and truffled Malbec chicken will be served. All that costs \$75 per person, plus \$35 for unlimited wine and beer, \$50 for a bottle of premium Champagne, plus unlimited wine and beer, or \$75 for unlimited cocktails, wine and beer. 212-864-6662, smokejazz.com

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Enjoy The New Dirty cocktail at the Arlington Club. (MELISSA HORN)

Tasty V-Day libations

The Valentine's Day holiday calls for romance and luxurious treats, chocolate and treating oneself. Also synonymous with Valentine's Day (for adults): alcoholic beverages.

Try a Valentine's Day-themed cocktail at city restaurants and bars.

- **The New Dirty at the Arlington Club** 1032 Lexington Ave., 212-249-5700. Mixologist Keith Nelson designed this sexy cocktail, made with Belvedere vodka, Lillet, Dolin, a pinch of salt and a flamed orange peel.
- **The Whiskey-Gram at Fatty Crab** 634 Hudson St., 212-352-3598. Eat at the Crab on Valentine's Day (because who wouldn't want to eat watermelon pickle and crispy pork with their lover?) and you'll get a complimentary mini bottle of whiskey and pickle juice. Pickle backs!
- **Love Potion 79 at the Mermaid Oyster Bar** 79 MacDougal St., 212-260-0100. You can enjoy oysters at the Mermaid any day, but only on Valentine's Day do the mixologists concoct this special drink. Made with Bulldog Gin, crème de violette liqueur, lemon juice and Pernod, this potion is likely to make you feel even more in love.

Try your hand at making a drink at home.

Kiss With a Bite

In 2010, Maker's Mark came out with its first new bourbon in 52 years: Maker's 46. The new Maker's is distinguished by bold flavors and aromatics including caramel, vanilla and spice. Sounds romantic to us!

- Maker's Mark 46 on the rocks
- Add one maraschino cherry and a ½ teaspoon of the juice

The Pink Sparkle

Chandon Rosé is a perfect Valentine's Day spirit. Not only is it celebratory just by nature of being bubbly, but it's also pink! What could be better?

- Mix together: ½ oz vodka and 1 oz Ruby Red grapefruit juice and top it with Chandon Rosé sparkling wine

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