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## ROMANTIC RETREATS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY 2020

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As the most romantic day of the year is right around the corner, we wanted to share 10 tempting Valentine's Day getaways for an unforgettable escape. From lavish getaways in Mexico to over-the-top packages in Palm Beach, spending time with your loved one on 14 February just got a whole lot sweeter.







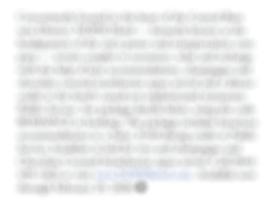








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Setting the stage for an amorous getaway, where wild horses roam freely and southern charm meets rich maritime history, The Crystal Coast is nestled along North Carolina's Southern Outer Banks. Romantic couples love stepping onto the oak-lined streets of favored seaside "gem," historic Beaufort, and it is not uncommon while dining at a waterfront cafe to see wild horses running freely on Carrot Island, just across the glassy waters of Taylor's Creek. Historic walking and culinary bicycle tours inspired by Nicholas Sparks' Beaufort-set books, "A Walk to Remember," and "The Choice," are popular with active couples. Intimate bed and breakfasts with elegant Victorian suites and charming gardens, boast decadent home-cooked meals in close proximity to quaint shops, a waterfront boardwalk and divine freshfrom-the-docks restaurants. Hopeless romantics in search of hotel accommodations may especially be intrigued by (the newly opened) Beaufort Hotel's 'A Ride to Remem-ber' package. crystalcoastnc.org. Available year-round. Sunday arrival.



"Sparks Fly"

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NORTH CAROLINA'S SOUTHERN OUTER BANKS