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Remember romance and forget your worries with a Valentine's getaway

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Pack the chocolate. Bring the roses.

Leave the children at home and forget your worries. The time has come to celebrate love and passion.

Make this year's Valentine's Day special with a weekend away at one of the region's comfortable and romantic resorts.

Yes, some couples will choose to find romance in a nylon tent, camping in the cold.

For the rest of us, we'll take advantage of oversized soaking tubs, we'll drink in panoramic views and then indulge in a delicious dinner.

Of the many places that are just far enough away to feel at ease but close enough that you don't need a cat sitter, we chose three that all have Valentine's Day specials.

Book soon, or plan ahead for next year.

[Alderbrook Resort & Spa](#)

Two hours west of Seattle on the southern shores of Hood Canal, Alderbrook Resort & Spa is luxury in the wilderness.

The Olympic Mountains dominate the views, while the quiet waters of Hood Canal lap at the shoreline.

Eagles, otters, seals and sometimes whales find their way here.



Alderbrook Resort & Spa
Alderbrook Resort on Hood Canal offers
Valentine's Day packages that include dinner and
spa treatments.

Settled in this beautiful place, the resort provides plenty to do, or nothing to do. Special packages for Valentine's Day are available beginning Friday and running through Feb. 18.

A "Surprise" package includes accommodations, \$70 credit to the Restaurant at Alderbrook, a bottle of wine, and a dozen roses. Prices range from \$209 to \$389.

The "Unwind My Valentine" package adds a \$100 credit at the Spa at Alderbrook and costs \$309 to \$489.

For \$325 a person, couples can enjoy a two-and-a-half-hour special spa treatment that includes an aromatherapy bath infused with scattered rose petals; a body glow moisturizing treatment with a choice of Dead Sea salts and ginger-lemongrass oils, or spicy scented organic brown sugar and shea butter; a choice of aromatherapy or hot stone massage; and additional treatments and treats.

Alderbrook Resort

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Reservations at www.alderbrookresort.com or 360-898-2145.