

**Press release**

**Romantic breaks in The Beautiful South  
this Valentine's Day**

**Eastleigh, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010** – Couples visiting South East England can enjoy a number of romantic breaks, days out and special offers for all tastes and budgets this Valentine's Day. This year, February 14<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday, making it a great excuse for a short break to any of the South East's nine counties: Kent, East Sussex, West Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Surrey, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

For more information on romantic days out in South East England, please see: [www.romanticdaysout.co.uk](http://www.romanticdaysout.co.uk).

**Five-star Valentine's breaks in Chichester, West Sussex**

This Valentine's, why not spend a romantic weekend at Chichester's latest five-star hotel, The Fish House, which is located amidst beautiful rolling Sussex countryside – the perfect backdrop for a romantic break. Guests can book secluded hot tubs with their own private thatched gazebo, complete with iPod docking station and champagne and chocolates fridge. There's also an award-winning Fish Bar boasting a delicious Oyster counter and fresh seafood menu. Guests can choose from a fine dining a la carte menu or an eight-course restaurant tasting menu. An overnight Valentine's package for two costs £295 per night in a luxury designer king size bedroom and includes champagne and chocolates, dinner, bed and breakfast, roses and a teddy bear. This offer is valid from 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

[www.thefishhouse.co.uk](http://www.thefishhouse.co.uk)

**Escape to a romantic retreat on the Isle of Wight**

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a romantic weekend in a luxurious converted barn in the scenic village of Niton, South Wight. The characterful Tennyson Barn offers charming accommodation surrounded by acres of picturesque countryside, making it the ideal destination to embrace privacy and relax with a loved one. Departing on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010, a three-night self-catering Wightlink Green Getaways break in Tennyson Barn costs £220 per person. A week's stay starts from £280 per person. Prices include return Wightlink car ferry crossings from Portsmouth or Lymington.

[www.wightlink.co.uk](http://www.wightlink.co.uk)

**Michelin-starred hotel restaurant, Isle of Wight**

Partners can treat their other halves to a luxurious Valentine's break with a stylish stay at The Hambrough this February. Couples can enjoy an overnight stay in one of the hotel's exclusive seven rooms, together with a champagne breakfast and six-course dinner at its Michelin-starred restaurant, prepared by Chef Patron Robert Thompson. Designed with romance in mind, the special Valentine's menu will feature specialties such as Champagne and Canapés,

Oyster Tempura and Wild Strawberry Mousse. A bottle of champagne and a handmade sugar rose is also included in the package. Departing on 13<sup>th</sup> February, the one-night Valentine's break at The Hambrough starts from £230 per person and includes dinner, champagne breakfast and Wightlink ferry crossings.

[www.wightlink.co.uk](http://www.wightlink.co.uk)

### **River Thames Rainbow Cruises**

In honour of Valentine's Day, Rainbow Cruisers is offering a special deal when hiring a deluxe cruiser to sail along the River Thames. Couples can cruise along the royal river in one of the elegant self-drive boats, stopping off along the way to visit quaint pubs, picturesque picnic spots and interesting attractions. All Rainbow Cruisers come equipped with a microwave, DVD player, stove, fridge, heating, linen and toiletries – making them a fantastic home from home. Prices start from £400 for two days and one night.

[www.visitthames.co.uk](http://www.visitthames.co.uk)

### **Love on a budget with Four Pillars Hotels, Oxfordshire**

Couples wishing to celebrate 14<sup>th</sup> February on a shoestring can take advantage of a number of discounted Valentine's breaks with Four Pillars Hotels. The hotel group has some great offers, including an overnight stay at Abingdon hotel on Valentine's night for only £40 per person with dinner, bed and breakfast and a complimentary glass of bubbly to enjoy with an evening meal. Abingdon is also hosting a Gala Dinner Dance on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February from just £95 per person. Abingdon Four Pillars hotel is located just six miles South of Oxford in the heart of the Thames Valley.

[www.four-pillars.co.uk](http://www.four-pillars.co.uk)

### **Bungalow breaks with in-lodge therapies, Isle of Wight**

Gurnard Pines Resort enjoys a peaceful woodland setting close to the yachting haven on Cowes. Set within 55 acres of woodland these spacious and wonderfully appointed holiday homes provide visitors with an ideal base for an active or relaxing holiday. The heart of the resort boasts an array of sports and leisure activities, whilst those looking for quieter moments can discover the nearby delights and many beautiful sandy beaches that the Isle of Wight has to offer. Guests can also enjoy an array of in-lodge therapies, massages and beauty treatments. A seven-night stay at Gurnard Pines Resort starts from £245 in a four-berth bungalow.

<http://www.redfunnel.co.uk/places-to-stay/special-offers/valentines-offers>

### **Stylish wine breaks in Dorking, Surrey**

Visit Denbies Vineyard this Valentine's Day for the chance to unwind and learn all there is to know about the wine making process at the UK's largest vineyard. Couples can take part in Denbies' indoor wine experience, which transports visitors through the working winery teaching them all about how wine is developed – from the grapes to bottled wine – along the way. Tours end with a tasting of award-winning Surrey wine in the sprawling wine cellar. The indoor wine experience starts from £14 per person. Denbies also offers two restaurants with amazing locally sourced food and accommodation in a tastefully renovated farmhouse in the heart of the vineyard. Seven stylish

double rooms with en-suite facilities are available from £95 per room on a bed and breakfast basis.

[www.denbiesvineyard.co.uk](http://www.denbiesvineyard.co.uk)

### **Discover the Philosophy of Love in Brighton, East Sussex**

Visitors to Brighton can discover the Philosophy of Love at the Brighton Science Festival this Valentine's Day, as science writer Richard Robinson will be taking a humorous look at the bewildering stages of love. Why not take a romantic stroll along the seafront, stopping off at Brighton's famous boutique shops down The Lanes along the way? Top the day off with a visit to Brighton's classy oyster and champagne bar, Riddle & Finns, for some aphrodisiacal delights near the seafront.

[www.visitbrighton.com](http://www.visitbrighton.com)

### **Love Heart Chalk the Pavement, Portsmouth, Hampshire**

Why not confess your love on the pavements of Portsmouth this Valentine's Day and scrawl a romantic message on the street for a loved one to see? On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009, there will be a Love Heart Chalk the Pavement Project and a Love Heart Wall at Gunwharf Quays for people to create their own meaningful messages of love. Marriage proposals with chalk are also encouraged! It is free to leave a chalk love message and all materials are supplied.

[www.visitportsmouth.co.uk](http://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk)

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For more information on visiting South East England, including places to stay from B&Bs to luxury hotels, please see:

[www.visitsoutheastengland.com](http://www.visitsoutheastengland.com).

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