

## Romantic Weekend Getaways

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Some of the most romantic weekend getaways exist in the most populated destinations in the US. Here are a few to consider.

I'll Take Manhattan. You can spend a fabulous weekend in New York City and stay either at the Marriott Hotel on Broadway, for example, which is right near the Theatre District; or you can book a weekend at the Plaza Hotel overlooking Central Park. Perhaps you would like to stay at the Mandarin Hotel and Spa where you can be pampered for the weekend. No matter what your budget is Manhattan is more than accommodating.

Manhattan is considered one of the most romantic spots in the U.S. Whether you enjoy dinner in your hotel suite or dining at one of the five-star restaurants; the night is always young for lovers who seek solitude in a city that hosts millions of tourists each year. Whether you take a carriage ride through Central Park, enjoy an opera or symphonic performance at Lincoln Center, or walk along Fifth Avenue during the evening hours; the city offers something for everyone.

San Francisco. With its rolling hills, fantastic cuisine, and friendly people; San Francisco offers hotel stays that are sure to enhance your romantic side. Among the most notable hotels are the Fairmont hotel, located in the Nob Hill area; the Mandarin Oriental, which is known for its best views of the Bay and the city; or the downtown San Francisco hotel that is close to cable cars, shopping, restaurants, and theatres.

Have dinner at one of the many seafood restaurants, such as McCormick and Kuleto's, where the panoramic view of the Bay, as well as Alcatraz island; both of which are a stunning backdrop. You may also wish to stop by O'Neill's Irish Pub for an after-dinner drink. You may leave your heart here after departing this great city by the Bay.

Las Vegas. Time will stand still at this resort destination. With a myriad of hotels to choose from you can enjoy your time here without having to worry about time, because there are no clocks in the casinos.

With great weather year-round (hot, but always dry), you can enjoy the early morning hours at the hotel's pool and enjoy the evening attending a fabulous show or visit lady luck at the casino.

Whether you stay at the Venetian Hotel and enjoy a romantic ride on a gondola; or marvel at the lush indoor gardens, aquarium, and the Secret Garden at the Mirage; Las Vegas is both affordable for any budget and is the perfect weekend romantic getaway.

Lake Placid. Far away from the maddening crowd, you will find comfort and romance at the Mirror Lake Inn. With gorgeous mountain and lake views, fireplace, and very large tubs, you will find the accommodations more than satisfactory. In fact, they are quite conducive to a romantic weekend.

Among the many things you might like to do is to take a walk to the neighboring town of Lake Placid, only two miles away. Here you will find shops along Main Street and you can stop at the Cottage for lunch. Swimming, fishing, canoeing, and kayaking are some of the activities available at Mirror Lake Inn.

The calm and quiet ambience of this Inn is the perfect weekend getaway destination for couples.

### Questions

Where do you like to go for romantic weekend getaways?

What are some things you can do there?

Have you ever visited Manhattan?

Have you ever visited San Francisco?

What are some places you visited?