

experience COLUMBUS

SWEET ROMANCE

Fall in love (or fall in love all over again) on a romantic getaway in Columbus. With relaxing spas, intimate dinners and luxurious accommodations, there's plenty of ways to get the sparks flying.

DAY ONE

Pamper yourself and your loved one with a full body massage at one of the many **spas at Easton Town Center**, one of the Midwest's top shopping, dining and entertainment destinations. Among the hundreds of specialty stores to explore are three of the Columbus-based **Victoria's Secret** shops and **Tiffany & Co.** Save time for a horse-drawn carriage ride, available in December and during other special holidays.

Enjoy dinner and a show by **Shadowbox Live**, a theater troupe presenting hilarious comedy skits and sexy rock 'n' roll performances. Or head to one of Columbus' award-winning romantic restaurants. **M**, local restaurateur Cameron Mitchell's marquee restaurant, offers one of the best views of the downtown skyline from its outdoor terrace.



Romance awaits at M

The Refectory, set in a restored 1800s church, serves French cuisine in an intimate setting and has one of the best wine collections in the country.

Enjoy romance packages available at many of Columbus' best hotels. Each of the rooms is distinctive at **The Lofts**, where a rose petal turndown, chocolate nightcap and champagne await. Along with its trademark Heavenly Beds, the historic **Westin Columbus** offers a bottle of bubbly and strawberries. Stay across from Easton Town Center at the **Hilton Columbus at Easton** where you'll have champagne and breakfast for two in your room. Or enjoy the comfortable privacy at the **German Village Guesthouse**, a cozy B&B tucked in a historic neighborhood.

DAY TWO

Spend the morning in **German Village**, a charming restored neighborhood listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Stop for decadent pastries at **Pistacia Vera**, then stroll along the cobblestone streets, stopping at public gardens or one-of-a-kind shops, such as **Helen Winnemore Contemporary Craft Gallery** and **The Book Loft**, a popular independent bookstore. Enjoy lunch at **Barcelona**, which has one of the best patio settings in the city.

See and *smell* thousands of varieties of roses at the **Park of Roses**, one of the country's largest metropolitan rose gardens. You can even bring a picnic lunch and dine amid the flowers.



Be surrounded by flowers at the Park of Roses

Sample varieties of wine and choose your favorite at **House Wine** in the Olde Worthington shopping district or at **Vino 100**, close to Polaris Fashion Place mall.

Enjoy dinner downtown at the happening **Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse** or return to German Village to dine at **G. Michael's American Bistro**, set in a historic townhouse. After dinner, take in a show by one of Columbus' performing arts groups, including **BalletMet**, the **Columbus Jazz Orchestra** and **Broadway Across America-Columbus**.

DAY THREE

Admire flowers and a permanent collection of glass artwork at **Franklin Park Conservatory**, the only public botanical garden with a permanent Dale Chihuly collection.

Explore the art galleries and boutiques in neighboring **Bexley**, before indulging at **Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams**, known for unusual flavors such as Thai chili and salty caramel.

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