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TRAVEL NOTEBOOK

Mark Valentine's Day with romantic getaway

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Forget the roses. What your special someone really wants for Valentine's Day is a romantic getaway.

Here are three ways to please your lover -- and get chocolate, too:

- Je t'aime Romance -- At six of Paris' Concorde Hotels & Resorts, get a buffet breakfast, a glass of champagne, a box of chocolates and a copy of "Where to Kiss in Paris," a guide to the most romantic places in the city. Rates are \$250-\$413 per night, Feb. 8 through Feb. 17. Call (800) 888-4747 or visit www.concorde-hotels.com.
- Celebration of Love -- An ocean-view room at the Sandcastle Inn at Pismo Beach, Calif., plus a one-hour, in-room couples massage, a bottle of wine and chocolate-covered strawberries. Rate is \$559 for two nights, through February. For this and other romance packages, call (800) 720-0223 or visit www.pacificahotels.com.
- Chocolissimo -- Stay at The Lodge at Chaa Creek in Belize City, Belize, for candlelight dinners with cocoa-infused drinks and desserts, plus a choice of five chocolate-inspired spa treatments, including a chocolate fondue wrap. Rates are \$2,400 per couple for three nights and \$2,870 for four, through February. Call (866) 480-4534 or visit www.chaa-creek.com.

Idaho lodge special

To celebrate its first winter season, Teton Springs Lodge & Spa in Victor, Idaho, is offering two introductory packages. The resort is 25 minutes from Jackson Hole, Wyo. Through April 15, the rate is \$129 for a lodge room, \$199 for a one-bedroom suite or \$299 for a two-bedroom suite.

To book either package or learn more about Teton Springs Lodge & Spa, call (877) 787-8757 or visit www.tetonspringslodge.com.

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-- Zach Dunkin