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## TOP FIVE OREGON ROMANTIC DESTINATIONS VALENTINE'S DAY 2018

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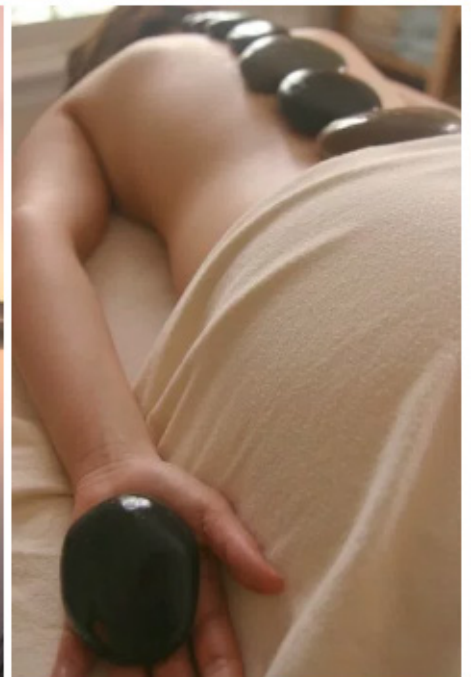
### OUR TOP PICKS FOR OREGON GETAWAYS THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

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Oregon is filled with romance. Parts of this state are dark and misty, others bright and cold. The scenery is so stunning, there isn't much need for the manufactured machinations of candy hearts and carnation bouquets. Still, it doesn't hurt to add a little something to the background—it could be just what you need to stoke the fire and heat up the passion.

# NUMBER 1 ROMANTIC OREGON GETAWAY: BLACK BUTTE RANCH

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There's an old standby in Central Oregon that sometimes gets overlooked by its more modern, fancy competitors. But Black Butte Ranch is old-school Central Oregon, done just right.

Black Butte has all the necessary components for a great romantic weekend—the mountain views, the quiet serenity, the horseback rides. The ranch offers an extensive list of spa treatments, including a side-by-side massage. And Black Butte is a perfect jumping-off point for a weekend of year-round outdoor adventure. Hoodoo is just up the road, so a ski day is within reach. There are endless hiking, biking and other opportunities similarly nearby.

Beyond the usual joys of Black Butte, the ranch offers a \$59 romance package for any vacation rental. That package includes a bottle of champagne and two wine glasses, as well as some local spa products, a box of truffles and, you guessed it, rose petals spread just so when you arrive at your rental.

Don't doubt the power of rose petals, side-by-side massages and a glass of bubbly enjoyed on the porch during the sunset—sometimes clichés exist because they are true.

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## BEST NEARBY ROMANTIC DINNER

This one comes with a caveat. First of all, Kokanee Cafe in Camp Sherman is one of the best restaurants in Oregon, not just near Black Butte. But it's closed in the winter months. Next up, Cottonwood Cafe (formerly Jen's Garden), is a tremendous restaurant—but the trick is, it's only open for breakfast and lunch. So instead of a romantic dinner, start out your day with a romantic breakfast and go from there. Big Tree Benedict, anyone?

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