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| **Mid-Atlantic Destinations Offer a Variety of Romantic Escapes to Keep Your Winter Warm**  **(Mid-Atlantic Region, USA, January 18, 2017)-** Ready to recharge after the busy holiday season? Take time to reconnect with your special someone at charming bed and breakfasts and historic downtown regions. Destinations throughout the Mid-Atlantic offer the perfect options to complete your getaway including visits to local wineries, a chance for some pampering, dinner at top-notch restaurants and so much more.  Destinations represented by the Mid-Atlantic Tourism Public Relations Alliance ([MATPRA](http://www.matpra.org/)) share some of their most romantic getaways and experiences that are sure to warm up your winter. Contact the visitors bureau in the description for additional information.    **Delaware**  **Wilmington**  The enchanting Inn at Montchanin Village & Spa is a luxury boutique hotel with 28 individually decorated rooms and suites, a luxurious spa and fine-dining restaurant. Spend a romantic weekend getting pampered or use the Inn as the perfect base for exploring nearby historic mansions, blooming gardens and world-class museums. Greater Wilmington Convention & Visitors Bureau, Lyn Lewis, [lynlewis@visitwilmingtonde.com](mailto:LynLewis@VisitWilmingtonDe.com), [VisitWilmingtonDE.com](http://www.visitwilmingtonde.com/)    **Maryland**  **Baltimore**  Treat yourself and the one you love in Baltimore with romantic hotel packages that include breakfast in bed, fancy fireside dining options and out-of-the-(chocolate)-box Valentine's Day activities like "Cupid's Undie Run" at Luckie's Taven or "Sex at the Zoo" at the Maryland Zoo. Visit Baltimore, Kelly Nagle, [knagle@baltimore.org](mailto:knagle@baltimore.org), [Baltimore.org](http://baltimore.org/)    **Calvert County**  A romantic escape is closer than you think! Back Creek Inn, Solomons Victorian Inn and the Blue Heron Inn offer beautiful views of Back Creek and the Patuxent River, and are within an easy walk to many locally owned restaurants in Solomons. Catch your drift, and heart, in Calvert County! County Department of Economic Development, Joyce Baki, [bakija@co.cal.md.us](mailto:bakija@co.cal.md.us), [ChooseCalvert.com](http://choosecalvert.com/)    **Frederick County**  There is nothing more romantic than an evening of fine dining with the one you love. Volt, Chef Bryan Voltaggio's Downtown Frederick restaurant, offers the intimate Table 21 experience including 21 distinct courses prepared and served at the chef's table located directly inside the kitchen. Visit Frederick, Melissa Joseph Muntz, [mmuntz@fredco-md.net](mailto:mmuntz@fredco-md.net), [VisitFrederick.org](http://www.visitfrederick.org/)    **Howard County**  Looking for romance? Escape to The Columbia Inn at Peralynna, an award-winning boutique hotel located in Columbia, Maryland. Easy to get to from Washington D.C. and Baltimore, but nestled in beautiful rolling hills that will make you forget all about the beltway. Romantic weekend packages include champagne, roses and breakfast in bed. Visit Howard County, Sarah Kurtanich, [sarah@howardcountytourism.com](mailto:sarah@howardcountytourism.com), [HowardCountyTourism.com](http://www.visithowardcounty.com/)  **Montgomery County**  Love Thy Beer: Winter Warmer Showcase is the signature event of FeBREWary, Maryland Craft Beer Lover's Month. This is your opportunity to chat with brewers and owners of local breweries in an intimate setting over seasonal ales. Visit Montgomery, Bethany Manimbo, [bmanimbo@visitmontgomery.com](mailto:bmanimbo@visitmontgomery.com), [VisitMontgomery.com](http://www.visitmontgomery.com/)    **St. Mary's County**  Charming Historic Leonardtown, located on Breton Bay near the Potomac River, makes for a romantic getaway. Cozy up at the in-town hotel, Executive Inn & Suites, browse small shops around the brick Square, enjoy sweets from nearby Heritage Chocolates, and sip locally-produced wine at Port of Leonardtown Winery. St. Mary's County Tourism, Andrew Ponti, [andrew.ponti@stmarysmd.com](mailto:andrew.ponti@stmarysmd.com), [StMarysMD.com](http://www.visitstmarysmd.com/)    **Pennsylvania**  **Pennsylvania Tourism Office**  Whether you're tucked away at one of more than 700 bed and breakfast inns, counting stars in the darkest skies on the eastern seaboard or enjoying chocolate and wine pairings during Hershey's Chocolate Covered February, Pennsylvania boasts attractions and accommodations sure to rekindle connections and leave visitors feeling the love. Pennsylvania Tourism Office, Robin Tilley, [rtilley@tierneyagency.com](mailto:rtilley@tierneyagency.com), [VisitPA.com](http://www.visitpa.com/)    **Brandywine Valley**  Escape the cold and enter the romantic world of Longwood Gardens' Orchid Extravaganza. Explore a magical world where thousands of colorful orchids drape walls, flow from baskets and form captivating archways in artful displays. Book a cozy Bed & Breakfast for a perfect romantic weekend. Brandywine Valley, Nina Kelly, [nina@brandywinevalley.com](mailto:nina@brandywinevalley.com), [BrandywineValley.com](http://brandywinevalley.com/)    **Butler County**  Located in the quaint town of Saxonburg, the historically refurbished Hotel Saxonburg offers couples a unique, romantic Valentine's Day experience with a private dinner for two. Couples can also explore the area, as Hotel Saxonburg is within walking distance to boutiques, cafes and antique shops. Visit Butler County, Kimberly Windisch, [kimberly@krolmedia.com](mailto:kimberly@krolmedia.com), [VisitButlerCounty.com](http://visitbutlercounty.com/)    **Central PA**  The Carnegie Inn & Spa in State College provides fine dining, lodging and spa treatment all in one place. The Nature Inn at Bald Eagle combines the rare opportunity for beautiful lodging in a state park with the #1 eco-friendly resort in the United States according to USA 10 Best. Central PA Convention & Visitors Bureau, Andy Rupert, [andyr@visitpennstate.org](mailto:andyr@visitpennstate.org), [VisitPennState.org](http://visitpennstate.org/)    **Franklin County**  Franklin County is for sweethearts! Enjoy a relaxing Valentine's Day weekend at one of the luxurious beds and breakfasts, the perfect setting for relaxation, romance and rejuvenation! Enjoy a romantic dinner for two at the fine dining restaurant The Orchards or Copper Kettle, a local favorite seafood and steak house. Franklin County Visitors Bureau, Inc., Lauren Cappuccio,[lcappuccio@explorefranklincountypa.com](mailto:lcappuccio@explorefranklincountypa.com), [ExploreFranklinCountyPA.com](http://www.explorefranklincountypa.com/)    **Huntingdon County**  Tuck in to luxury amidst the railroad history of Huntingdon County at the Iron Rail B&B, enjoy your stay on an expansive Norwegian-inspired estate at the Inn at Solvang, or relax in the opulent furnishings at the Gage Mansion in historic downtown Huntingdon. Bed and breakfasts in the Raystown Lake Region offer a posh base camp. Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau, Ed Stoddard, [estoddard@raystown.org](mailto:estoddard@raystown.org), [Raystown.org](http://raystown.org/)    **Indiana County**  Relax, rejuvenate, and renew!  Rise up and enjoy Phoenix Spa & Salon's Tropical Saltmousse Glow at the Chestnut Ridge Resort. Cuddle up at historical Heritage House Suites.  Stroll the quaint downtown for private gourmet delights at Nap's Cucina Mia, Benjamin's or Coventry Inn! Indiana County Tourist Bureau, Maria Jack, [mjack@visitindianacountypa.org](mailto:mjack@visitindianacountypa.org), [VisitIndianaCountyPA.org](http://www.visitindianacountypa.org/)  **Laurel Highlands**  For the ultimate romantic escape, look no further than the luxurious Nemacolin Woodlands Resort! Spend the night at the Chateau Lafayette inspired by the Ritz Paris, dine at the Forbes Five-Star Lautrec, and explore the $45 million art collection and indulge in a relaxing spa service. Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau, Anna Weltz, [aweltz@laurelhighlands.org](mailto:aweltz@laurelhighlands.org), [LaurelHighlands.org](http://www.laurelhighlands.org/)    **Lehigh Valley**  Take time to reconnect with your special someone with a relaxing getaway to the Glasbern Inn, a stunning countryside retreat. During your visit, stop by one of the nearby location along the Lehigh Valley Wine Trail, or opt to taste some grain-to-glass spirits at Eight Oaks Craft Distillers. Discover Lehigh Valley, Kaitie Burger, [kaitie@discoverlehighvalley.com](mailto:kaitie@discoverlehighvalley.com),  [DiscoverLehighValley.com](http://www.discoverlehighvalley.com/)    **Pocono Mountains**  The Pocono Mountains offers an adventurous side of romance, allowing couples to go snow tubing hand in hand, learn how to ski together, see the Pocono Mountains on a zip line over sparkly white terrain, take a horse drawn sleigh ride, plus much more! Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, Kelly Shannon, [kshannon@poconos.org](mailto:kshannon@poconos.org), [PoconosMountains.com](http://poconomountains.com/)    **York County**  Cozy up by the fireplace at the historic Jackson House Bed & Breakfast, where a peaceful walk on the York County Heritage Rail Trail is just outside the door. Special lodging packages come with a bottle of bubbly and chocolate-covered strawberries waiting for you and your sweetheart on Valentine's Day. York County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Andrew Staub, [astaub@yorkpa.org](mailto:astaub@yorkpa.org),  [YorkPA.org](http://www.yorkpa.org/)    **Virginia**  **Alexandria**  Named the "#1 Most Romantic City in the U.S." in 2016 by Amazon.com, Alexandria, Virginia provides an inspiring backdrop for your love story. Your first date. Your 25th anniversary. Whatever the occasion, let the city's colonial architecture, cobblestone streets, stunning waterfront views and historic charm whisk you away. Visit Alexandria, Leah Spellman, [lspellman@visitalexva.com](mailto:lspellman@visitalexva.com), [VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/date-ideas/)    **Charlottesville and Albermarle County**  Named one of the most romantic cities in the nation, the Charlottesville area is home to cozy B&Bs, hotels, and inns, plus plenty of intimate fine dining options. Afterwards, curl up next to a roaring fireplace with some local wine and hand-crafted chocolates for a perfect Charlottesville area romantic getaway! Charlottesville Albemarle Convention & Visitors Bureau, Bri Warner, [warnerb@charlottesville.org](mailto:warnerb@charlottesville.org), [VisitCharlottesville.org](http://visitcharlottesville.org/)    **Fairfax County**  The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, located in Fairfax County, Virginia, is home to your perfect romantic getaway. Enjoy morning spa treatments, followed by shopping in the luxurious Tysons Galleria mall (directly connected to hotel), then treat yourself to Afternoon High Tea. End your night with live jazz paired with local wine. Visit Fairfax, Ali Morris, [amorris@fxva.com](mailto:amorris@fxva.com), [FXVA.com](http://www.fxva.com/)    **Hampton**  Get cozy during a couple's romantic getaway to Historic Phoebus, in Hampton, Virginia.  Enjoy private time at the new two-bedroom boutique hotel, Simply Panache Place.  Plan a dinner date at The Point at Phoebus or Deadrise in neighboring Fort Monroe, then head to The American Theatre for a live show. Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau, Elizabeth Severs, [elizabeth.severs@hamptoncvb.com](mailto:elizabeth.severs@hamptoncvb.com), [VisitHampton.com](http://visithampton.com/)    **Lexington and Rockbridge**  Want a recipe for romance? Take a couples in-room Swedish massage, add local wine, chocolate and cheese, and mix for a scrumptious getaway at Brierley Hill B&B in Lexington. Enjoy mountain views and wildlife from private patios, breakfast in front of a roaring fire or stroll the sprawling grounds. Lexington and Rockbridge Area Tourism, Patty Williams, [marketing@lexingtonvirgina.com](mailto:marketing@lexingtonvirginia.com), [LexingtonVirginia.com](https://lexingtonvirginia.com/)    **Loudoun County**  Love is in the air in Loudoun where B&Bs and luxury resorts are surrounded by 40 wineries, horse farms, and historic estates. Relax with a glass of vino by a fireplace overlooking the vineyard, enjoy a couple's massage or tap into your adventurous side with a zipline experience over the countryside. Visit Loudoun, Jennifer Buske-Sigal, [sigal@visitloudoun.org](mailto:sigal@visitloudoun.org), [VisitLoudoun.org](http://www.visitloudoun.org/)    **Shenandoah County**  Ignite the romance with a relaxing getaway at a charming cabin or bed & breakfast nestled among the mountains of the Shenandoah Valley. Take in the scenery along one of the many hiking trails overlooking the valley before unwinding over a glass of wine at one of eight vineyards. Shenandoah County, Jenna French, [jfrench@shenandoahcountyva.us](mailto:jfrench@shenandoahcountyva.us),  [VisitShenandoahCounty.com](http://visitshenandoahcounty.com/)  **Virginia's Blue Ridge**  Virginia is for Lovers of mountains, outdoors, craft beer, wineries, trains and all of the above.  Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains and along the Appalachian Trail, Virginia's Blue Ridge is the perfect metro-mountain romantic weekend getaway.  Shop, dine and relax in one of the most picturesque spots in Virginia.  Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Catherine Fox, [cfox@visitvablueridge.com](mailto:cfox@visitvablueridge.com), [VisitVABlueRidge.com](http://visitvablueridge.com/) |

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| **About Mid-Atlantic Tourism Public Relations Alliance**  The Mid-Atlantic Tourism Public Relations Alliance (MATPRA) is a cohesive unit of regional tourism partners encompassing Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. The group serves travel journalists by creating a regional resource that ignores geographical boundaries. The Alliance promotes common threads and offers saleable stories to journalists about the mid-Atlantic destination as a whole. For more information, visit [www.matpra.org](http://www.matpra.org/).    # # # |