

# How To Create a Romantic Getaway

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Romantic getaways don't have to take a lot of planning. These simple preparations can help you have a grand escape, even if it only lasts for a weekend.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Time Required:** 1 weekend

## Here's How:

- 1 The first decision is where you want to go on your romantic getaway. If your answer is simply "somewhere romantic," you have more options to consider -- but they're fun options!
- 2 Look at a number of potential bed and breakfasts. Don't just make a reservation at the first one that looks romantic. Consider the location, remembering that for a weekend getaway any travel time is usually time not spent being romantic.
- 3 Find out if the B&B you're considering offers a special "romance package." Many do, and this can be a very easy way to essentially have your romantic getaway professionally planned. Ask innkeepers questions until you're comfortable you understand exactly what's included in the package and how much it will cost.
- 4 Don't cram too much activity into the weekend. Romance and a busy schedule rarely mix.
- 5 Ask the innkeeper for cozy, romantic restaurant recommendations and make reservations in advance.
- 6 Get other ideas from the innkeeper. They know all about quiet picnic locations, secluded walking paths, and other romantic excursions in the area.
- 7 Splurge a little -- get the room with the king-size bed and a Jacuzzi or whirlpool tub.
- 8 Bring your own romantic amenities -- scented candles, bubble bath, massage lotion. Be sure to check with the innkeeper to make sure you don't bring anything you're not permitted to use.
- 9 Don't hesitate to ask for advice from veterans of romantic getaways. Post a note in our discussion forum or other online discussion groups to see what other travelers suggest.

## Tips:

- 1 Make the trip a surprise. My husband and I take turns planning our anniversary trip -- it's great fun for both of us.
- 2 Try something new together on your vacation, such as taking a horse riding lesson.