



Love Is In The Air



Cloak Petal 30th & University Roll (courtesy photo)

February isn't the only love-centric month on the calendar - August marks **Romance Awareness Month**, a time for reinvigorating your relationship with spark, spontaneity, and sweet moments - not to mention surprise date nights! Whether planning a first date or celebrating 50 years together, the setting is everything for your magical evening experience. Don't gamble on a B-rate spot - make memories with a night out at some of the finest date spots in San Diego!

Jump start your heart with a trip to [The Whiskey House](#), the Gaslamp's premier whiskey bar and drinking destination. Featuring the largest whiskey collection in California with over 2,500 unique bottles along with eclectic craft cocktails, wine flights, exquisite charcuterie, and house-made fare from fresh-ground sausages to exotic cheeses, The Whiskey House is the perfect addition to your date night agenda. Enjoy your meal amidst the soft mood lighting and plush couches with plenty of sips and an order of the **Short Rib Pappardelle**, a slow roasted short rib ragu.

Treat your sweetheart to a night to remember at [Cloak & Petal](#), the trendy and intimate Japanese eatery that has taken root in Little Italy. Dine beneath ever-blooming cherry blossom trees at this social spot humming with an artful mix of Asian tradition and urban accents. Savor food, drinks, and fellowship with one-of-a-kind handcrafted cocktails, mouthwatering Japanese cuisine, and elegant sushi rolls including the **30th & University Roll**, stuffed with crab, scallops, and asparagus and topped with rare seared wagyu, a truffle soy reduction, jalapeno, and greens.

Add more romance into your relationship at [Greystone Prime Steakhouse & Seafood](#), a landmark of the historic Gaslamp Quarter for nearly 20 years. One of the most highly-acclaimed steakhouses in California, Greystone's legendary menu offers USDA Prime steaks, a variety of exotic game including antelope and wild boar, fresh seafood, and an international selection of hand-cut wagyu beef. Delight in the pinnacle of downtown sophistication at this top-notch eatery and spoil your sweetie with the **Glazed Bourbon Pork Chip**, served with tart apricot, creamy polenta, and pickled carrots.

Show some love for your significant other at [Osetra Seafood & Steaks](#), the height of modern elegance in the bustling Gaslamp Quarter. Boasting a wide range of fine dining fare from gourmet seafood, aged meats, and a raw oyster and caviar bar, Osetra's unrivaled ambiance is centered around a three-story tower housing an award-winning collection of wines retrieved by wing-clad "Wine Angels" in a system of harnesses! Dive into a plate of the **Northern Atlantic Salmon**, grilled to perfection on a bed of garlic spinach, charred tomatoes, and sweet radish.

Searching for a spot by the sea? Look no further than [Waterbar](#), the "social seafood" construct overlooking the shores of Pacific Beach. Born of a deep appreciation for creativity, fresh cuisine, and the culture unique to California's southern coastline, Waterbar's timeless and trend-setting dishes are made from scratch with an eye for sustainability. Listen to the lull of the crashing waves and nosh beneath the sunset with flavorful dishes including the **Shellfish Piperade**,

your choice of black mussels or venus clams with Spanish piperade, white wine, parsley, shallots, garlic, basque pepper, and grilled bread.

Keep it casual at [Tajima](#), the Convoy ramen shop that has quelled San Diego's cravings for authentic Japanese cuisine since its opening in 2001. With a focus on honoring traditional flavors and style with a premium selection of ramens made from scratch, this cozy and comforting restaurant offers dishes honed to impress local foodies and connoisseurs alike. Bond over bowls of piping hot ramen including the **Spicy Sesame Ramen**, a spicy tonkotsu soup base mixed with special sesame paste, ground pork, bean sprouts, fried garlic chips, ½ ramen egg, baby bok choy, green onions, and Japanese seaweed.