

Eating In or Eating Out

Deciding whether to eat in or out on Valentine's Day can be a tough decision to make. Have a look at our tips on both and make your decision from there; let us help make it a night to remember.

Romantic Dinner Tips

Whether you want to make a huge effort to impress your partner or just have a simple yet romantic Valentine's dinner, following these tips will guarantee the night runs smoothly.

- **Prior Preparation:** Prepare as much of the food as you can and set the table before the evening begins. You don't want any distractions; the night is about spending time together.
- **What to Eat:** Put lots of thought into what you plan on serving; don't choose something that needs your full attention in the kitchen all night – you want to spend as much time sat at the table. And make sure it's something your partner will enjoy!
- **What to Drink:** Whether you choose expensive champagne, wine that compliments the meal or just a couple of beers, make sure they're chilled in the fridge and ready to drink (unless you choose red of course)
- **Table Settings:** For a relaxed setting just light a few candles around the room and lay the table as normal – candle light is a very simple but effective way to create a romantic setting.
- **Enjoy the Evening:** Don't put pressure on yourself; you may end up feeling stressed, the exact opposite of how you should be feeling. Relax and enjoy the evening with your partner – even if that means a trip to the takeaway.

Dining Out on Valentine's Day

If you decide your culinary skills just aren't up to the challenge of cooking a romantic meal, then why not dine out?

- **Where to Eat:** Choose a restaurant that is personal to you both, that you love going to – maybe you went there on your first date or for an anniversary? Don't choose somewhere you have never been before unless highly recommended by a friend. Bad food could kill the mood!
- **Book in Advance:** Make sure you book a table; turning up on the night without a reservation isn't advised. Valentine's Day can be an extremely busy night and the chances are the restaurant will be fully booked.
- **Special Menus:** Find out if the restaurant is doing anything in particular for Valentine's Day when you book; a lot of restaurants do set menus or specials in addition to their house menu.
- **Leave the Car at Home:** Enjoy the night and get a taxi home; you should both be able to enjoy a nice glass of whatever you like without worrying about driving home.