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This Valentine's Day, Turn up the Heat in the North Georgia Mountains

Crackling fires, hot tubs, spa treatments and locally made wine and chocolates are all part of the many romantic packages offered by Dahlonega's cabins, inns, and B & B's.

Dahlonega, GA – January 14, 2008 - Bundle up with your loved one and head to Dahlonega, an authentic and cozy town in the mountains of Northeast Georgia, located just off Georgia 400, about an hour's drive north of Atlanta. This beautiful village is even more appealing in the colder months when the warmth of numerous cozy cabins, B & B's, lodges and inns calls out to those seeking a romantic rendezvous. Special Romance and Valentine's Day packages such as the *Valentine "Kiss" Mountain Getaway* at the European-style Lily Creek Lodge, the decadent *Peruvian Chocolate Renewing Facial* offered at Mountain Laurel Creek Inn & Spa or *Sweethearts Month* at Cavender Creek Cabins where guests will find a teddy bear and chocolates in their cabin, commemorate this day of love.

Whether you want to relax inside and never leave the cozy comfort of your accommodations or get out and explore the many shops, cafés and galleries of the historic town square or even spend a little time in the bracing air of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Dahlonega is the place to be. For information on Valentine's Day and winter packages go to www.dahlonega.org or call the Dahlonega Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-231-5543.

2008 Romance Packages, Dahlonega, Georgia

Cavender Creek Cabins

February is sweetheart month at Cavender Creek Cabins. Cuddle up in a rustic cabin set on the banks of Cavender Creek among the breathtaking natural beauty of the North Georgia Mountains. Each cabin has a private deck with swings, rocking chairs, gas grill, and most have private, outdoor hot tubs – and for the month of February – a white teddy bear and sampler box of locally made chocolates. Guests can book three nights for the price of two, when your stay includes a Tuesday night. .

Call 866-373-6307 or visit www.cavendarcreekcabins.com

Cedar Mountain Cabin

Escape your busy and hurried world by spending Valentine's Day weekend at Cedar Mountain Cabin located high atop Cedar Mountain, only 9 miles from the historic Dahlonega square. For this romantic weekend, guests will receive champagne, a fruit and

cheese platter and all the privacy needed to rekindle your romance with that special person. This Valentine's Day Special is only \$225 (plus tax) for a two night stay (regularly \$300). This special is valid for Cedar Mountain Cabin and two adults only; February 14 – 24, 2008.

Call 706-300-6504; 706-867-0271 or visit www.vrbo.com/118833

Forrest Hills Resort & Spa

Get away for a truly romantic interlude in a beautiful and private forest setting. This Valentine's Day package includes a special candlelight dinner featuring the solo vocalist Jenna Grate accompanied by her husband on the key board. Following dinner, you can retreat to your Woodland Cabin with hot tub for \$199 per couple, or to a Luxury Cottage with hot tub, for just \$299 per couple. Special offer valid Thursday, February 14, 2008 only. Value options for extended stays available.

Call 706-864-6456 or visit www.forresthillsresort.com

Lily Creek Lodge

Valentine "Kiss" Mountain Getaway - Steal a heart with this old fashioned romantic combination of a dozen roses, a heart shaped box of chocolates, a Valentine card with a special message from you and a visit to one of Dahlonega's award winning vineyards for a wine tasting for two amid beautiful mountain views. Special package is Available for the weekends of either February 8 and 9 or February 15 and 16. Package prices start at \$320/per couple plus tax for a two night stay in a romantic queen guestroom. Add Thursday night, 2/14 or Sunday night, 2/17 to your two night package (Fri and Sat) and receive a gift certificate for \$40 for dinner for two at the Corkscrew Cafe on the Square in Dahlonega.

Call 706-864-6848 or visit www.lilycreeklodge.com

Long Mountain Lodge B & B

Snuggle with your sweetie in this Adirondack-style lodge set amongst the Chattahoochee National Forest where every room is complete with mountains views and wood-burning fireplaces. The lodge also offers a full breakfast each morning. February 8 – 18, 2008, Long Mountain Lodge celebrates Valentine's Day with a complimentary split of champagne, Ghirardelli chocolates and fresh flowers in each room.

Call 706-864-2337 or visit www.longmountainlodge.com

Mountain Laurel Creek Inn & Spa in Dahlonega

Chocolate isn't just a delicious treat for your tummy, it's a decadent treatment for your skin. This year, give the gift of a Peruvian Chocolate Renewing Facial. At the end of the one hour treatment, your Valentine will take home a beautiful gift box with the balance of

the dry mask, enough for a few more self-treatments and accompanied by a spa-quality body brush and a handful of delicious Belgian chocolates. The signature facial includes a gentle cleansing and exfoliation of the skin, a hand and neck massage and chocolate mask. During the month of February, the Special Valentine's Day price is \$90.00.

www.mountainlaurelcreek.com

Mountain Top Lodge

Rest and relaxation begin here in this unique B & B situated on a secluded, wooded hilltop where guests will enjoy a large, comfortable bedroom and a hearty breakfast served in a relaxing country home furnished with antiques and unique treasures. To celebrate Valentine's Day, guests will receive 10% off regular rates for a minimum two-night stay along with a complimentary bottle of wine or box of chocolates. Special offer valid: February 8 – 17, 2008.

www.mountaintoplodge.net

Blackstock Vineyards Winery

Dining at the Blackstock Winery Lodge is a romantic treat with crackling fire in the lodge and ladies are greeted at the door with a long-stem rose. This award-winning winery is offering three seatings for Valentine's Day dinner: February 14, February 15, & February 16. The price is \$65.00 per person with wine included. The winery, built upon the apex of a ridge topping a 1,600 foot elevation, offers the most exquisite mountain views in North Georgia and incomparable vineyard views from its tasting room, which is open daily year-round.

Call 706-219-2789 ext. 223 or 225 for reservations; www.bsvw.com

Three Sisters Vineyards and Winery

2008 Wine & Chocolate LOVERS Celebration

Three Sisters Vineyards presents the Annual "Wine & Chocolate LOVERS Celebration" taking place the first three weekends in February; between 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. During this event, the winery will combine chocolate and wines in a special tasting line-up. No reservations are required for the free and \$10 per person tastings. This year, a special \$25 per person private tasting/seating in the winery will be offered. Reservations for the \$25 tastings are required; limited seatings at 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 PM. The \$25 tasting includes a barrel tasting, souvenir wine glass, special chocolates and Sweet Grass Dairy Georgia Cheese tasting.

For more information call 706-865-9463 or visit www.threesistersvineyards.com

Wolf Mountain Vineyards and Winery

Celebrate this special day of love at one of North Georgia's most exquisite and romantic locations. Wolf Mountain Vineyards and Winery offers their Valentine Gourmet Dinners on Saturday, February 9th and 16th, both at 7pm. The menu consists of six courses with wine pairings for \$80 all inclusive (includes tax and gratuity). Guests will relish gourmet treats such as *Mini Smoked Duck Ravioli with Ginger Hoisin Dipping Sauce, Fried Lobster Tail and Chateaubriand Duo drizzled in a Rosemary Demi Glace with Potato Croquets and Asparagus and more.* Of course, a Valentine's meal wouldn't be complete without chocolate! *The dinner will conclude with a Flourless Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Sauce garnished with Fresh Berries.*

For reservations call .706.867-9862, to learn more about the winery visit

www.wolfmountainvineyards.com

Valentine's Day Event at Hummingbird Lane Art Gallery

Join the festive atmosphere at Hummingbird Art Gallery (located on the square in Dahlonega), throughout the day and into the evening of Saturday, February 9th. Special events and offers include:

- Bob Christmas and Sonny Houston will be playing live on the stage from 3-7.
- Glass artist Sherry Moser will have an open trunk show from 3-7 p.m. and her collection is going to be fabulous! The colors of her dichroic glass pieces will literally stop people on the street, and your sweetheart is sure to love the selection she will be bringing!
- Special discounts will be offered on selected artists and artists are working furiously now to bring you and your sweetheart only the best of their work for the romantic holiday.
- Guests of the Bed and Breakfasts in Dahlonega will enjoy a special "Sweetheart Discount" by mentioning this promotion.
- Hummingbird Lane Art Gallery is known to be the largest collection of acquirable artwork in North Georgia. They feature artists who work in all mediums: glass, oils, acrylics, photography, woodturning, stone sculpture work, pastels, wood working, and more. Call 706-864-5991; or visit www.hummingbirdlaneonline.com

Dahlonega, the site of America's first major gold rush in 1828, is located just off Georgia 400 in the pristine and picturesque North Georgia Mountains. Unique shopping opportunities abound in Dahlonega, especially around its historic square that easily earned a coveted spot on the National Register of Historic Places. Now the center of a thriving music and arts scene, and the heart of the Georgia wine industry, Dahlonega provides much to see and do during every season; local innkeepers and hotels offer specials and discounted packages for couples, families and friends. For more details, contact the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce,

Convention & Visitors Bureau by calling toll-free 1.800.231.5543 or by visiting www.dahlonega.org.

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