

Sweet release

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■ CHAMPAGNE WISHES

If your love knows no bounds and your credit card knows no limits, the "Ultimate Romance" offer from L'Ermitage Beverly Hills is for you. The indulgent package includes two nights' accommodations, private car service to and from LAX, a guest-room welcome of 144 roses and chilled Dom Perignon, a four-course dinner for two at the on-site Livello restaurant and daily breakfast. Not extravagant enough? Also included: A 50-minute helicopter ride (plus 30 minutes of "private time" on a mountain plateau with views of Malibu beach) and a hairstyling session for two at Salon Benjamin. Since you're looking fab, how about a personal consultation with a representative from Neil Lane Jewelers? It's included, too. From \$7,000. lermitagebh.com

■ TRAVEL, GET LUCKY

Instead of chocolates or flowers, plan a trip with your valentine — you'll be glad you did. According to a recent survey from the US Travel Association ("the voice for the US travel industry"), couples who travel together report having a better sex life than those who don't. Of the 1,100 adults who took the phone survey, 77 percent of respondents who travel with their sweetheart report having a good sex life, compared with 63 percent of those who don't. As if you need another reason to pack your bags. traveffect.com

■ SAVING ON SICILY

Put a deposit down on [Perillo Tours'](http://PerilloTours.com) 12-Day South & Sicily Tour by the end of the month and save \$300 per person, double-occupancy, for departures between July 18 and Sept. 5. The journey begins in Palermo and ends in Rome (with stays in Taormina and Sorrento) and features visits to Mount Etna,

Pompeii and a winery. Priced from \$3,190 per person after the discount, the tour includes 10 nights' accommodation, guided tours, airport transfers and most meals. perillotours.com

■ FEELING PRESIDENTIAL

On Presidents Day weekend, consider a visit to the Homestead, a resort in Hot Springs, Va., that has hosted 22 former presidents, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. The historic hotel (1766!) in the Allegheny mountains offers all sorts of winter activities on its 3,000 acres, including skiing, ice skating and swimming in a warm, spring-fed outdoor pool. If you're more of an indoors type, enjoy a free history tour of the hotel or sample a cocktail in the Presidents Lounge, which is adorned with portraits of all the commanders-in-chief who have visited the property. Room rates start at \$175. thehomestead.com

■ BIGGER IS BETTER

In May, the Big Apple will welcome the Norwegian Breakaway, the largest cruise ship to call NYC home. The 1,062-foot-long, 18-deck ship, with 2,014 staterooms, features a quarter-mile open-air boardwalk, 28 dining options (including Ocean Blue from "Iron Chef" Geoffrey Zakarian and Carlo's Bake Shop of "Cake Boss" fame) and five multistory water slides. The ship itself will also bring a bit of NYC flavor to the seas, with a hull designed by Peter Max, ice sculptures of New

York landmarks like the Brooklyn Bridge at the Ice Bar and entertainment including Broadway's

"Rock of Ages." Seven-day cruises to Bermuda begin May 12, rates start at \$999 per person (\$499 for the third and fourth

travelers). breakaway.ncl.com

■ HOW SWEET IT IS

An affordable, daylong music festival that you can drive to? Yes, please! May 11 brings Sweetlife, a music and food festival presented by DC-based eco-food purveyors Sweetgreen, to the Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, Md. (about a 3 1/2-hour drive from NYC). Performers include Phoenix, Passion Pit and Yeah Yeah Yeahs on the main stage (and Holy Ghost! and Foxygen on the Treehouse Stage), plus there will be notable food vendors (think Luke's Lobster and DC Brau). The festival, featuring everything from solar panels on the main stage's roof to compostable cutlery, aims to be as green as the venue's surrounding 40 acres of forest. Tickets from \$75. sweetlife festival.com

■ WARM UP

Eight Marriott resorts across the Caribbean and Mexico are offering the winter weary a chance to "Lose the Blues, Find Some Green." Would-be sun-worshippers who book a room before the end of this month will receive 20 percent off regular "leisure" rates, plus receive \$200 in Bonus Bucks, good for a future stay. Participating hotels include Aruba Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino, CasaMagna Marriott Cancun Resort and Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort. Valid for travel between March 1 and May 31; minimum two-night stay required. Use promotional code "ICL" when booking. paradisemariott.com

■ TEXAS MESS

Down in Texas, crawfish and music are a classic combination like peanut butter and jelly — they belong together. Come celebrate the pair at the 27th annual Texas Crawfish and Music Festival, held in historic Old Town Spring (less than a 30-minute drive from Houston)