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## THIS VALENTINE'S DAY, CUPID'S ARROWS LAND IN IRVING, TEXAS

City offers a variety of romantic ideas and festivities to visitors

**IRVING, Texas (Feb. 9, 2012) –** Whether planning a quiet evening out or a luxurious getaway, Valentines will find a match in Irving, Texas to create that memorable Valentine's Day celebration.

One of the world's last remaining romantic symbols has a home on the Mandalay Canal, located in the heart of Las Colinas in Irving. Gondola Adventures boasts an authentic Venetian gondola, one of approximately 400 remaining in the world, in its group of gondola ride offerings. The only gondola operator in Texas and one of a handful in the entire United States, Gondola Adventures provides one of the most memorable and only of its kind "Venice-reverent" experiences.

Gondola excursions on the Mandalay Canal and adjacent to Lake Carolyn are available daily. Prices range from \$50 for a basic cruise, to \$275 for an on-board gourmet dinner. The gondolas accommodate two to six passengers, and all cruises are designable to fit any occasion. Advance reservations are required. For more information, call (866) 646-2064 or visit gondola.com.

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Irving's restaurants and selection of more than 75 hotels tailor to the season of love with custom Valentine's cuisine and accommodations in atmospheres schemed for romance.

Serving up authentic Italian in Irving for almost 25 years, <u>iFratelli Risorante and Wine Bar</u> offers a four-course Valentine's Day dinner complete with a wine flight from the award-winning *iFratelli* wine list – at an affordable \$35 per guest. Call (972) 501-9700 to book reservations and visit <u>ifratelli.net/ristorante</u> for more details.

Find a dash of live music and great wine at one of Irving's newest spots, *Sfuzzi*, known for its fresh, innovative Italian foods and artisanal neapolitan style pizzas. For more information and to book a reservation, call (214) 390-9801 or visit sfuzzilc.com.

Irving's Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas celebrates love this year with a \$2,500 Four Seasons gift card giveaway. To enter, visit the Valentine's Day giveaway tab via the Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts Facebook page, and share your dream escape – where you want to take your loved one and what you would do for your ideal romantic getaway. Contest winner or not, couples are invited to indulge in a custom massage for two and enjoy a pampering experience available at only a few of the world's most luxurious spas. The Spa & Salon at Four Seasons offers a full-service, European-style spa with private treatment rooms, a relaxation area, spa cuisine and an outdoor spa pool.

An *Ooh Là Là* romantic experience awaits at the Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas, complete with romantic treats of sparkling wine; petit fours and French macarons; and daily breakfast for two at Trevi's, the hotel restaurant, or via in room-dining. Matched with deluxe accommodations to include romantic, robe-inclusive turndown service, and music and lighting arranged to preference, the stage is set for a celebration to be remembered. Visit <u>irvingtexas.com</u> for a complete list of Irving hotels, dining options and more.

## About Irving, Texas

Located immediately adjacent to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and between Dallas and Fort Worth, Irving, Texas, boasts more than 75 hotels and nearly 12,000 rooms. Las Colinas, a 12,000-acre master-planned community within the city of Irving, is known worldwide for its quality and uniqueness. The city is home to 10,000+ companies, 50 Fortune 500 companies, and the world headquarters of six Fortune 500 companies. For more information, visit the <u>Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau</u> site.

