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'Tis the season for romance.

Why wait for Valentine's Day? There's plenty of romance in December in cities across the country, made even more special with a dash of holiday magic. So snuggle up close with the one you love and experience the warmth of these most romantic Christmas towns.



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Newport

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Add a dash of Gilded Age romance to your holiday in the harbor town of Newport. The Newport Mansions—built by the rich-and-famous at the turn-of-the-20th-century offer <u>Holiday Evenings at the Newport Mansions</u>, including live music, refreshments, and the chance to stroll exquisitely decorated, softly lit rooms. Here, too, you can attend the <u>Governor's Ball</u>, take a <u>Holiday Lantern Tour</u> of Newport's old town, and stroll among twinkling lights along the harbor's Victorian-age avenues. There's no shortage of cozy eateries to share a table for two—try <u>White Horse Tavern</u>, America's oldest tavern (1673), super comfy with a roaring fire, low beamed ceilings, and delish seasonal dishes on the menu. Then unwind in your très chic room and seductive ocean views at <u>The Chanler at Cliff Walk</u>, perfect for a romantic tryst.

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