

TimeOut

# The best affordable romantic getaways near NYC

Make your sweetheart swoon without breaking the bank when you book these affordable romantic getaways that are an easy trip from NYC



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We get it: you want to spoil your sweetheart.

But those big and romantic gestures for [Valentine's Day](#), important anniversary dates, and special occasions can cost a pretty penny. When you want to save some money but still impress the person that puts up with you, our cheap romantic getaways will make them swoon.

Shake things up with a trip upstate to an antique shop, tour nearby wineries, or spend an afternoon at a luxurious castle without breaking the bank. These affordable romantic getaways prove that you don't need to drop all your dough to make your special someone feel *extra special*.



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## 2. Newport, RI

4 hrs 30 mins by car

Sure, the abundance of yachts and Gilded Age mansions make Newport seem a little out of reach. But new and affordable accommodations have arrived to keep it real, and some of the town's most iconic sights—like the coastal views from its iconic Cliff Walk stroll—are totally free. So go ahead and take your sweetie to this *City by the Sea*.

**Stay here:** [Hammets Hotel](#)

This boutique waterfront property in the heart of Downtown Newport has rooms that start around \$200 off-season, which is a perfect time to bundle up and explore the cobblestone streets, quaint shops and cozily sip some New England-style chowder on the wharf.

**Eat here:** [Anthony's Seafood Market & Restaurant](#)

Sure, you *can* take your sweetheart out for a fancy lobster dinner. But why not keep it casual? For way less, a New England lobster roll is sure to make anyone swoon. At this local favorite, a no-frills lobster roll won't break the bank even though it packs close to a half-pound of lobster—and even comes with fries for around \$22.