10 Luxury Homestays And Villas For The Perfect Valentine's Day Getaway

Spend quality time with your better half at these cosy homestays that promise warm hospitality, delicious meals and outstanding views.

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There is something really comforting about unwinding at a homestay instead of a regular hotel. The owners go that extra mile to add that personal touch to your experience and with having the entire place to yourself, you are never confined to just one room. Tucked away in scenic locations, the view from most of these places is the cherry on the icing. If you want to escape with your loved one on Valentine's Day, then choose from these homestays and villas.

1. Vayu Retreat, Uttarakhand



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The Grand Trunk Road

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Surrounded by oak, deodar, rhododendron, apple, peach, apricot and walnut trees and overlooking the mountains is this lovely and warm cottage of Aparupa and Abhijit. This spacious place has four bedrooms, a sprawling living room, an attic and a wooden deck, as well as a viewpoint. Simple Indian meals made of fresh and seasonal produce are served, completing the home experience. If you are a dog lover, get ready to be charmed by Laddu and Barfee – the two Pahari dogs at Vayu.

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2. Eagle's Nest, Pangthang, Sikkim

The famous former footballer Bhaichung Bhutia has converted his home in Sikkim into a beautiful homestay. Located in Pangthang, not too far away from Gangtok, it has seven bedrooms built in the local architecture style with wood panelling and bamboo furniture. Wake up to lovely views of Kanchenjunga on a clear day or just wander around the fruit trees in this three-acre property. The food served is wholesome northeastern cuisine and fresh as many ingredients are grown within the property. Bhutia enjoys taking the guests around for hiking and trekking.

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3. Shivgarh House of Sustainable Living, Mozamabad, Rajasthan



Surrounded by three private lakes that are frequented by hundreds of birds, this homestay sits in the middle of a farm — that sprawls over 200 acres — and takes sustainability rather seriously. In the midst of crops and trees, there are three cottages and two rooms. The cottage comes with private sit- outs and, circular swings. The food here is farm- to- table, so with everything that grows in and around makes their way to your plate.

They grow their own lentils, cereals, vegetables and fruits. You can go for tractor rides, boating on a shikara and cycling or just be with imbibe nature listening to birdsong. It is about one hour away from Jaipur.

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4. Divyam From BYLOO, Shyamkhet, Uttarakhand



Want to check into a homestay where Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma stayed? On their recent trip to Uttarakhand, this celebrity power couple spent time at BYLOO, which stands for Because You Live Only Once. Located in Shyamkhet in Bhowali, it has five bedrooms and a lovely lawn.

There is planty to do for those who want to keep busy such as a picnic by the stream or a nature walk, but if you would rather just unwind, then



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sprawl out on the deck to watch the mountains spread out in front and watch a stunning sunrise or sunset. If you check in with your pet this Valentine's Day for two nights then the third night is free.

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5. Annapara, Wayanad, Kerala



OQL 113 likes Annapara Homestay is a boutique hide away located on top of hillock with breathtaking views all around. It is located in Vythiri, Wayanad. Kerala.

We started in 2005, with a commitment to being sustainable and following the principles of responsible tourism. We have been carbon negative and spiritually positive for 17 years. Pet Facilities: ·Only dogs allowed Pet boarding charges applicable
Owners to bring their pets' beds & bowls
We can provide basic home cooked food at a charge
We do not have any pets on the property Property spaces & facilities : Property spaces & facilities:

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-Our Gazebo overlooks the pool and the valley beyond and is the perfect place to lounge away the day with a book in hand from our mini library.

-Our amphithearter has Chembra peak as the backdrop. A place from where an expanse of Nature is seen while sipping a cup of tea.

-A badminton court helps you exercise your muscles when you feel like it.

-There are hammocks and swings scattered on the property to laze and enjoy the serenity and beauty all around.

•We have 5 heritage rooms and 2 family suites. The heritage rooms can accommodate 3 pax with an extra bed. Each family suite has 2 queen size beds on the ground level and 2 single beds in the Attic and can accommodate upto 6pax each.
•All rooms have a verandah.
•All rooms have an attached washroom with basic toiletries.

Our guests are taken on walks along picturesque trails through tea and coffee plantations.
Evenings come alive with bonfire and music.
On request we provide a mud bath (chargeable) which is therapeutic and opens the pores in the body to feel refreshed and rejeventated.
At tribal dance (chargeable) can be arranged in which guests also can participate and have a lively and

enjoyable evening.
•Sightseeing to various interesting places in Wayanad can be arranged.

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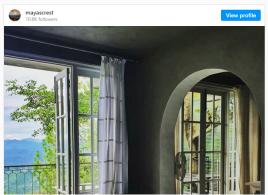
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Whether you laze by the pool or curl up with a book on the hammock, this secluded cottage located on top of a hill oozes with charm. It's ideal for a busy working couple who wants to disconnect from the outside world because there's no WiFi or television. There are seven rooms here, a pool and the kitchen serves traditional Kerala meals. You can go for walks through tea, coffee and cardamom plantations and enjoy bird watching.

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6. Maya Crest, Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh



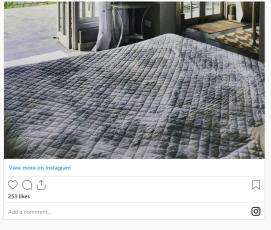


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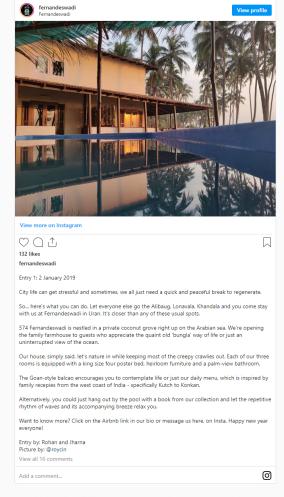
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Wherever you turn, there are gorgeous views of the mountains — but it gets even better at sunset since the home is on a ridge at a height of 5,500 feet. Mother-daughter duo Usha and Vibha Hooda have set up this dream home near Kasauli that has three bedrooms, many sit-out areas and two friendly dogs. There's a library in the living room and the meals are all local.

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7. Fernandes Wadi, Uran, Maharashtra



Wake up to expansive views of the Arabian Sea when you stay at Fernandes Wadi in Uran. Located in the middle of a coconut grove, the hosts Jharna Thakkar and Rohan Fernandes have refurbished an old ancestral home. Three rooms are done up tastefully with four-poster beds and a lounge area, there is a dip pool and a long verandah overlooking the sea. The meals are local Maharashtrian and they try to use what's grown on their farm. There's plenty to do around but it is the break from Mumbai's chaotic life that is the real winner.

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8. Meenabagh Ratnari, Himachal Pradesh





It may be a tad bit tough to find this place, but once you reach, there is no looking back. Located amidst lush apple orchards, the four-bedroom cottage beckons you to take it easy and do nothing. It has everything you would expect from a traditional Himachali home —— wooden floors, mud and stone walls, an attic, a fireplace in the sun room, gorgeous views and good food. However, the rooms on the first floor don't have any views and instead open out into a pretty lounge area with French windows.

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9. Barefoot Bungalow, Buranskhanda, Uttarakhand



This luxury three-bedroom home sits tucked away in Buranskhanda, about 25 km from Mussoorie. Away from the hustle-bustle of the hill station, it is a place to disconnect from everything and just gaze at the mountains. The rooms are done up in wooden interiors and there's a glasshouse overlooking the mountains where all the meals are served. Go for treks and hikes around the area and spend the evening around a bonfire with a live musician.

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