

Abilene Valentine's Day Fun for Lovers

Hotel Staycation/Getaway Deals:

- MCM Elegante – Valentine's Deal with suite, includes keepsake glasses, sparkling wine, happy hour reception, something sweet for your sweetie, made-to-order breakfast. www.mcmelegantesuites.com
- Marriott Courtyard Northeast: Romance Package: Suite with a King bed, chocolate covered strawberries or cookies, sparkling wine (must be 21 years old), rose petals, breakfast for two (entree off breakfast menu with a hot or cold beverage) <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-deals/abine-courtyard-abilene-northeast>

Valentine's Fun for Theatre Lovers:

- Shakespeare's **Measure for Measure**, Abilene Community Theatre, Feb 8-18
- **Sense & Sensibility** – Abilene Christian University Theatre, Feb 9 -10, Feb 16-17
- Broadway in Abilene: **Wizard of Oz**, Abilene Convention Center, Feb. 13
- **Shrek the Musical**, Hardin Simmons University, Feb. 14-18
- The **Grand Gatsby Murder Mystery Dinner**, Taylor County History Center, Feb. 16
 - The Reddell House Speakeasy will feature dinner, drinks and a little murder mystery. Dress the part of a 1920's flapper and help find who done it. Registration is required for this special night.
- **Peter & the Starcatcher**, Paramount Productions @ The Mill, Feb. 16-23
 - This inventive new production will be staged as "immersive theatre" in and around the audience, who also will be served dinner. Tony Award-winning play with music and a hilarious and rollicking theatrical event. As a "prequel" to Peter Pan, the show upends the century-old story of how a miserable orphan comes to be The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up.

Valentine's Fun for Dance Lovers:

- **Daddy Daughter Dance**, Abilene Convention Center, Feb 8
- **Beloved Dance** Pop Up Boot-Scootin' at Eller Hall, 1101 N. 2nd, Feb. 10
- Rosie Cheeks & Pinup Dolls presents a **Sock Hop** for all ages, family friendly, Boys & Girls Club, Feb. 10

Valentine's Fun for Lovers of the Classics:

- **Roman Holiday** Classic Film, Paramount Theatre, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.

- *Pre-movie presentation by movie aficionado Robert Holladay at 6:30 p.m.*
- Music of the Knights, **Abilene Philharmonic**, Feb. 17
- This is a classic: Drop off the kids. Feb. 10 is **Parent's Night Out at the Y**. Call to make reservations.

Valentine's Day Fun for World Travelers:

- Around the World at The Grace, Feb 16: Guests will 'globe hop' around the museum and enjoy a progressive evening inspired by the culture, music, food and drink of four unique regions: Spain, Switzerland, Lebanon and New York. Proceeds benefit The Grace Museum's exhibitions and programs.

Valentine's Day Fun for Nature Lovers:

- Star Party at Abilene State Park Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.
- Sweetheart Hike, Abilene State Park, Feb. 14, 10 a.m.
- The Abilene Zoo, open all day on Valentine's Day
- Trout Derby, Nelson Park, Feb. 17, 10 a.m.

Valentine's Day Fun for Art Lovers:

- Something New – Art demonstration and exhibit Mike Lanier Studio, Feb. 10
- "Loving Vincent," Feb. 15, 6 p.m., showing at Mike Lanier Studio 13, 909 N. 13th
- The Grace Museum, Center for Contemporary Arts, National Center for Illustrated Literature.
- Stroll the Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden, east of the Abilene Convention Center, free.

Valentine's Day Fun for Social Justice Lovers:

- National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature: Open Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Our Voice: Celebrating the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Awards." This exhibit features a 50-year celebration retrospective showcasing the art created by the winners of this 49-year literary award, started by the widow of MLK Jr.

Valentine's Fun for Unconventional Romantics:

- Team Roping, Feb. 10, 10 a.m., Taylor County Expo Center (free all day)
- Teen Scene After Hours, Anti-Valentine's Party, (Abilene Public Library) Feb. 16
- Abilene Speedway Icebreaker, Feb. 16
- Bullseye Pistol Match, Abilene Gun Club, Feb 10, 9 a.m. to noon. Open to members and non-members

Valentine's Day Gone Wrong:

- Free Women's Self Defense Class, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m., Team Chip Tae Kwon Do Centers