

Fabulous Facts about Valentine's Day

The most popular theory about Valentine's Day origin is that Emperor Claudius II didn't want Roman men to marry during wartime. In the spirit of love, St. Valentine defied the ban and performed secret marriages. For his disobedience, Valentine was jailed and executed on February 14. While in jail he wrote a note to the jailor's daughter signing it "from your Valentine".

The oldest surviving love poem till date is written in a clay tablet from the times of the Sumerians, inventors of writing, around 3500 B.C

The favourite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love? The red rose, of course. The bud stands for strong romantic feelings, so it's no surprise they make up the most popular Valentine's Day bouquets.

Many believe the X symbol became synonymous with the kiss in medieval times. People who couldn't write their names signed in front of a witness with an X. The X was then kissed to show their sincerity.

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. This was the origin of the term "to wear your heart on your sleeve."

In 1537, England's King Henry VII officially declared Feb. 14 the holiday of St. Valentine's Day.

Physicians of the 1800s commonly advised their patients to eat chocolate to calm their pining for lost love.

In Victorian times it was considered bad luck to sign a Valentine's Day card.

Richard Cadbury created the first Valentine's Day chocolate box in 1868.

Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year.

73% of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men. Men also buy most of the millions of boxes of chocolate given on Valentine's Day.

The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day.



Valentine's Menu 2019



11^h - 15th February 2019

VERY VEUVE BREAKFAST

9.00am - 11.00am

\$50 per person

Fresh Fruit Skewers with bush honey yoghurt

Choose any delicious **Hot Breakfast** from our menu

1 glass **Veuve D'Argent French Bubbles**

1 Pot of tea or cup of coffee

CHAMPAGNE & CHOCOLATE HIGH TEA

9.00am - 2.00pm

\$50 per person

1 glass **Fork & Spoon Premium Brut Bubbles**

2 Ribbon Sandwiches

Smoked Salmon & cream cheese Roulade, Savoury Tartlet, Savoury Puff

2 Raspberry Scones with homemade jam and Chantilly cream

4 Handmade Chocolate Sweets (Chef's Selection)

1 Pot of Tea or 1 Cup of Standard Coffee or 1 Soft Drink

LOVER'S LUNCH

11.30am - 2.30pm

Enjoy 2 courses for \$40pp or 3 courses for \$50pp

Entree

Ham Hock and Cheese Croquettes

served on a bed of pureed corn with side salad

OR

Grilled Fresh Asparagus

with olive oil, lemon and parmesan *(gf)*

Main Course

Macadamia & Herb Crusted Barramundi

with roast chat potatoes, steamed greens & Hollandaise sauce *(gf)*

OR

Vol au Vent

filled with a creamy chicken, bacon, asparagus and cheese mornay
served with side salad

Dessert

Chocolate Pavlova with raspberries and cream *(gf)*

OR

Crepe Suzette

light crepes with our classic orange and Cointreau sauce, ice cream and berries
(gf)