



Twenty-Six Perfect Dates in 13 Global Cities

Romance season is here. Be it the work week or weekend, Valentine's Day or any old evening, we've got you covered.

CHICAGO



Chicago's Lyric Opera House.

Book a table at ... Oriole, a Michelin-starred destination down an industrial alley in the West Loop. Don't be deterred by the freight elevator-like entrance; once the door opens you'll be transported into the perfect date night in a softly lit dining room with lots of nooks and crannies. The tasting-menu-only evening starts with a complimentary cocktail (currently a warm apple cider with barley shochu) and progressing through 16-odd courses like capellini with truffles, squab with wild blueberries, and Santa Barbara sea urchin.

Before dinner, if it's weekday ... Enjoy some aperitifs at Cindy's Rooftop at the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel, a Venetian Gothic landmark from the 1890s which recently underwent a classy, ultra-slick renovation. Clink glasses and stare into each other's eyes, when not taking in the sunset's pinks and oranges reflected across Millennium Park and Lake Michigan. Note for the chilly: the house hot chocolate features a white velvet speculoos (great with a dark rum).

Before or after dinner, if it's a weekend ... See what all the fuss is about with a matinee or evening performance to *Hamilton*, one of the hottest Broadway shows in recent memory, now on tour. Unlike in New York, you won't have any trouble getting tickets. Alternatively—or heck, stoke your passions and make it a double feature—the Lyric Opera is playing *Carmen*, the classic French tale of vital, dangerous love and fiery independence.