

Spend Valentines Day in Northern Ireland

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Valentines day celebrated on Monday 14th February of 2022, is when couples express their love and affection with greetings and gifts. In Northern Ireland many couples will celebrate by going for a nice meal in a restaurant, or a trip to a romantic spa or hotel. Being in unprecedented times, and travel being at a stand still, why not spend your valentines at home this year. Here are a variation of different locations that you may not have heard of. From quirky to chic and modern stays, there will be somewhere for anyone to enjoy here in Northern Ireland.

Pebble pods

If you like the idea of camping with luxury, Pebble Pods is the place for you. Situated right on the shores of Strangford lough, these luxury camping pods are one of Northern Ireland's newest places to visit. Being located on the shores of Strangford lough, there are kayaks available to hire on site if you are up for a water activity. With stylish eco friendly spaces such as a hot tub and sauna right on your doorstep. Additionally, the pods are equipped with everything you'll need for your stay. This includes heating, a kitchenette, free wifi and on site toilets and showers. Right in the heart of County Down there are plenty of things to do to make the most of your stay as well as plenty of places to eat including Daft Eddies, The Smugglers Table, The Dufferin Arms and The Poachers Pocket. If you are up for a romantic walk Mount Stewart, Castle Ward and Rowallen are all perfect places to go.

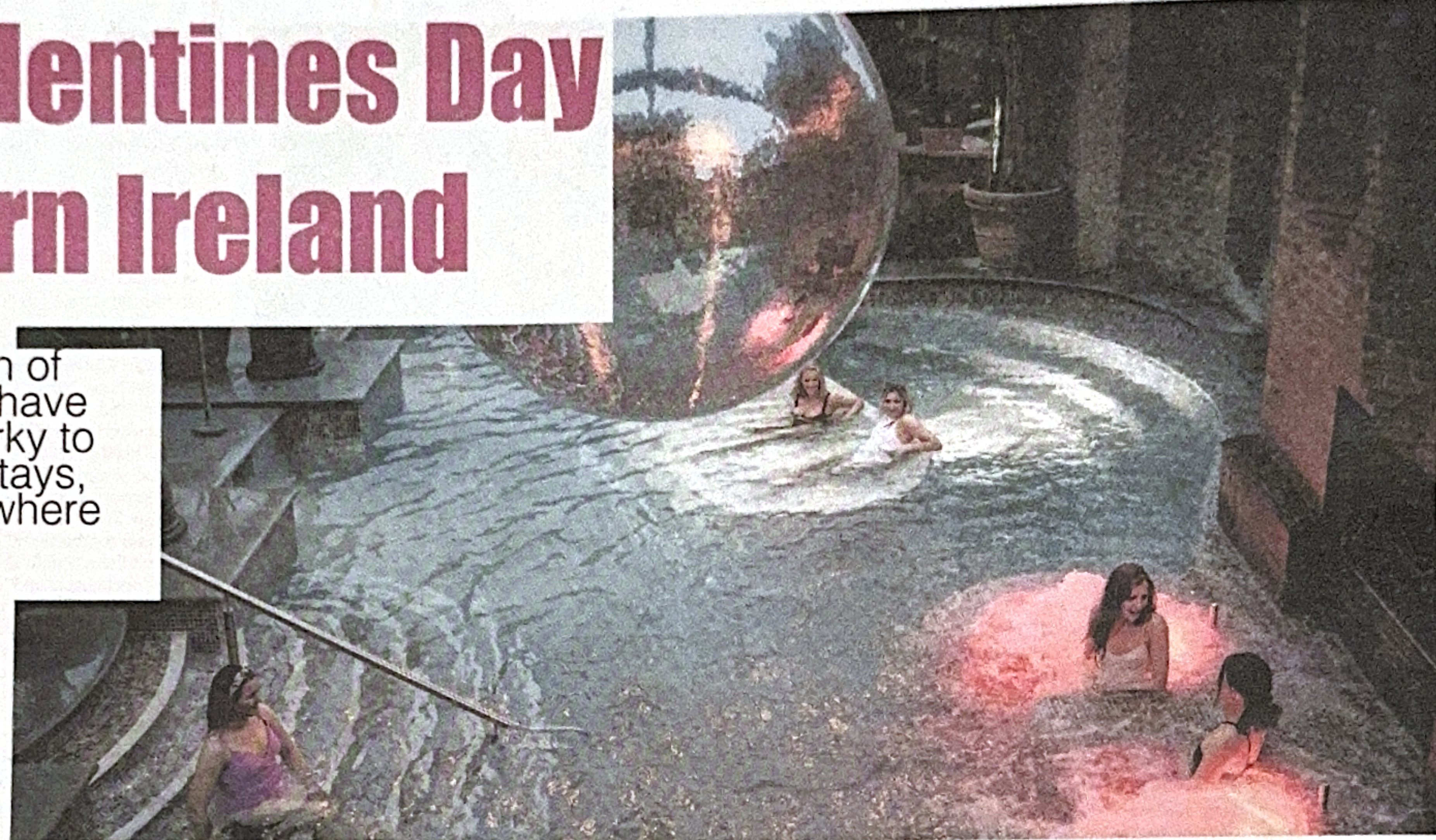
The Rabbit Hotel & Retreat

Described as Galgorm's 'sassy little sister' The Rabbit Hotel & Retreat is the perfect place to spend your valentines day with your other half this year, the hotel is beautifully presented with lots of character. Just 10 minutes away from Belfast International Airport and 20 minutes away from Belfast city centre. Enjoy a date night as The Rabbit Hotel & Retreat offer a valentines day special. This includes one nights accommodation, full Irish Breakfast, a bottle of bubbly in your room on arrival, a three course evening meal, rose petal turndown, cocktails and access to the relaxation burrow. Their menu has a range of delicious foods to suit everyone such as a whopping 32oz tomahawk steak, and a roast fillet of hake are just some of the main dishes available at the hotel. There is also a vegan and gluten free menu available. The luxurious spa at the retreat is unforgettable. With a hint of glam and luxury it is the perfect place for a weekend of rejuvenation. Relax in the calming and detoxifying salt chamber that reduces stress and increases energy levels. You can also chill with a drink of your choice in the roman bath or visit the swedish sauna which features a hot stone fireplace that keeps the temperature at 75 degrees. Perfect in this cold February weather. What is a spa without a sauna?

Within the relaxation burrow of The Rabbit Hotel & Retreat you can unwind and reflect by taking a dip in their bubbly hot tubs with stunning views of the lake-side. They also have relaxation cabanas, loungers and water beds for you to truly get that villa experience right here in Northern Ireland. You can also find yourself detoxifying your body and mind for the ultimate rejuvenation experience in the aroma steam room. Circulating essential oils among the steam aids the mind and body. The retreat has also created an underground heated sand beach at their lakeside which they say is perfect for sunrise yoga or to take in the views of the lakeside with a drink in your hand. This is the perfect place for a touch of romance and relaxation and will make you feel like you're on holiday when you're still in Northern Ireland.

A Night under the Stars

Spend a romantic night under the stars in a luxury hideaway like no other at Finn Lough. Combining nature with luxury stay in a transparent forest bubble dome in a secluded lakeside haven and find your zen. The forest bubble dome has 180 degree transparency to get that perfect view of the stars while indulging in the beauty of nature. The dome is kitted out with all of the amenities you will need on your stay, including a handcrafted four poster king sized bed, a bathroom with a shower, complimentary bathrobes and a coffee machine. Finn Lough do things a bit differently from any other retreat. They have an Ode to nature which involves providing a loving appreciation to their surroundings by protecting it



A picture of The Rabbitt Hotel & Retreat's bohemian glam spa

with sustainable practices. You will find yourself eating wholesome fresh food filled with favour from their forest and fields. At Finn Lough they offer all day dining and tasting experiences. Perfect for foodies! They believe that a nourished body makes for a happy soul.

Finn Lough have created a private 'self-guided' spa trail that flows through a series of forest rooms. The trail is designed to provide a sense of quiet calm. The rooms include a Finnish style sauna that has lake views for a truly tranquil experience. And a herbal sauna where you can breathe in all the scents of nature. This is like aromatherapy but instead with herbs including Heather, Rosemary and Birch to revitalise your respiratory system. A float room is another way of relieving stress and tension at Finn Lough. Through the use of epsom salts which creates a weightless sensation allowing you to float your way into relaxation. You can also soak up the views at Finn Lough while relaxing in the hydro pool hot tub. To end your trail visit the relaxation room where you can lie back and indulge in a book or appreciate the forest views and woodfired scents. At Finn Lough they aim to become more sustainable through their use of captured rainwater, reusable aqua shoes, chilly's water bottles and organic cotton robes for guests. You will definitely leave Finn lough feeling rejuvenated.

Spend Your Valentines at an award winning boutique hotel

Me & Mrs Jones is an award winning boutique hotel located in Portstewart. The quirky, vibrant decor creates a sense of romance and luxury. Their rooms are filled with grandeur including their carved wooden beds dark, dark colours, and ceiling mirrors, you are in the perfect place for a romantic evening. Each room is unique with different colours and styles with their inspiration taken from top hotels around the world. You will not be disappointed with the food selection at this boutique hotel. From roasted monkfish to a supreme of free-range chicken, Me & Mrs Jones have a range of dishes on their menu to suit all tastes. They also have a great selection of drinks available, from craft beers as well as a range of lagers and beers from around the world, liqueurs, cocktails, spirits and both new and old world wines. Me & Mrs Jones have you covered when you are ready for an alcoholic beverage. Its location adds to the appeal, being situated on the main street of Portstewart you are just a short walk away from the Atlantic ocean. Northern Ireland Travel News are currently running a



Finn Lough forest bubble dome

competition to win an overnight stay for two at Me & Mrs Jones. Enter to be in with a chance of winning a romantic staycation just in time for valentines day.

Rosnashane House

Rosnashane house is situated amidst a 500 acre farm in Ballymoney and has a variety of different experiences for the complete romantic staycation for you and your partner in Northern Ireland. You can indulge in a stay at their secret gate lodge originally named the keepers lodge, has been fully transformed into a beautiful cosy lodge with amenities for self catering as well as a private garden. You will also have access to the hot tub in the barn which is completely private and located at the back of the house, to fully get that well-needed relaxation experience soaking in the tub. At the secret gate lodge, you can get a full luxurious couples massage in its very own double treatment room. They have a range of different packages available with the gold experience including everything you'd possibly need for a romantic get away. This includes Luxury Over Night Accommodation, Unlimited Private Oversized Hot tub, 45 Minute Luxury Spa Treatment, Cocktails on arrival, Welcome Pack, Goodies/Nibbles/Cereals/Pancakes - Tea/Coffee Machine, Cheesy & Spicy Salsa Nachos, Chinese Delivered, Chilled Bottle of Prosecco, DVDs & Board Games. What is there not to like about that?

You can also stay in the treehouse which is situated 10 ft into the trees. This hidden gem is perfect for Valentine's Day, with stunning sunset views of Sperrin Mountains and beyond from your private hot tub and Egg swing on the balcony. This is an experience you won't forget. If you like the sound of the treehouse experience then you will also love the Stargazer glamping experience that Rosnashane House has to offer. There is no doubt that this is a very popular retreat, where you will think you are on holiday when in fact you are just in Northern Ireland. The Stargazer is a different concept to the usual glamping experience. You enter through a 300-year-old barn kitted out with a massive private lounge and hot tub area. You are then greeted with a geodesic dome that Rosnashane House has describe as 'the pinnacle of luxury glamping.' With sleigh beds and boutique furniture this dome is completely secluded. Among all the different areas of this retreat you can spend your valentines evening relaxing in. The Bell Tents are one of the more quirky stays, this private and cosy tent with fairy lights and warm lighting really set the mood for your romantic evening.

Rosnashane house also offer day spa experiences where you can enjoy a chat with your friends or cuddle up to your other half in your own private hot tub for the day. They offer afternoon tea, luxury facials, body massages, access to the quiet room with herbal teas and a fruit platter and much more.

Rosnashane house are offering a 50 Shades package that is the ultimate couples escape you'll never forget. You can choose from any of their 5* overnight accommodations. When you arrive you will receive a complimentary lovers cocktail followed by a heavenly 30 minute couple spa treatment. When you return to your bedroom after your luxury massage you will find your bed dressed in rose petals with a chilled bottle of prosecco perfect to get your evening started. Enjoy a game of Lover's Truth or dare while indulging in strawberries and chocolate. As well as a private oversized hot tub to soak and relax.

Burrendale, Hotel Country Club and Spa

Burrendale Hotel Country Club and Spa is located in Newcastle with featuring views of the Mourne Mountains and is great for sightseeing, recreation,

dining and travelling around. Relax in stylish and comfortable accommodation and dine in their exceptional restaurant as your special occasion deserves a special meal. The Burrendale hotel have held 'The Taste of Ulster Award' since 2012 with high quality local and seasonal food for their guests. Store your mind and body at the hotels luxurious spa that offers a variety of different treatments for you and your partner to enjoy. With eight individual suite they provide services such as a facial, massages, a nail bar for the perfect pampering session. At the Burrendale Hotel you will be able to relax in their cosy rooms but you can also take a trip into the busy town of Newcastle for a walk along the seaside.



Carrickmore glamping pods

Carrickmore glamping pods are the perfect place for a valentines retreat away. If you're into a luxury camping experience, this is the place for you. Tucked in the hills of Carrickmore, Omagh at Copney farm estate. These pods are private and very secluded with beautiful 360 degree views of the countryside.

These pods are kitted out with everything you'll need for your stay away this valentines. (and yes, they do have electricity!) When me and my boyfriend arrived at the tiny house, we were given a bottle of prosecco that started our stay off right! Anthony is a very attentive and welcoming host from start to finish and made sure we had everything we needed for our night away. I was surprised to see the appliances that were provided such as a waffle maker, toaster, kettle, TV, shower and even FREE wifi! Could you go wrong?

The pods are very private and this was one of my favourite things about this stay, you have your own secluded hot tub jacuzzi which you can use anytime throughout your stay allowing you to unwind and relax 24 hours a day. Everything is neatly presented, clean and ready for use on your stay. The cabin is made up of a kitchenette area, a dining small dining area, a sofa and coffee table and a comfortable double bed area. It is a very quiet location in the countryside so we both had a lovely sleep. There is a decking area with seating and a BBQ if you were up for cooking some bbq food, we decided to treat ourselves to a meal in the town nearby instead. This is the perfect place for relaxing, however, if you are keen to explore you can enjoy a walk around Loughmacrory lake which is not far from Copney farm. Thank you to Anthony for your fantastic service throughout our stay.