



# 12 lavish Valentine's Day travel experiences for 2018

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(CNN) — For many of us, February 14 usually involves picking up some flowers on the way home from the office and hoping the best ones haven't already gone (they usually have).

Or showing your special someone how much you care by attempting to bake for the first -- and last -- time.

Luckily, Valentine's Day can be a whole lot more exciting and successful.

With a little preparation -- and maybe a generous bank manager -- you could travel and float above elephants in a balloon, get a classical piece of music composed just for you or even dive for pearls.

**Love through beadwork in Durban, South Africa:** Learn the ancient art of beadwork and create your own Zulu love letter at a beading workshop located in the hills around Durban.



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Here are 12 of the most remarkable ways around the world to spend February 14 with your special someone in 2018:

## 9. Love through beadwork in Durban, South Africa

The lush hills around Durban in South Africa are the gateway to the area inhabited by the country's largest ethnic group, the Zulus. Many practice artistic traditions passed down over generations, notably the delicate and intricate art of bead work.

One unusual way to woo a Valentine comes in the form of a Zulu love letter, where the different patterns and bead colors chosen offer different meanings. For example, white apparently symbolizes purity and true love, while blue indicates both fidelity and loneliness.

The WowZulu beading workshop at the craft marketplace allows participants to learn the ancient skills and also discover more about other rich elements of Zulu culture.

The experience ends with a visit to the picturesque homestead of a master crafter to see how it should be done.

Classes cost 385 rand (\$32) each, which includes coffee, bottled water, and guide service.

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