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BAR

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Love Nests

Romantic bars can be found Uptown, Downtown and all over this town. Here are some of our faves, snuggle-worthy for you and your plus one.

By Jomi Sweet



IN THIS MONTH OF LOVER on the beach are not what winter nights are ideal for your sweetheart. We picked lighting, fancy cocktails and

THE LIBRARY BAR

Think a library can't be sexy? The Library Bar at the Hudson lures couples with a parlorlike and plenty of discreet nooks (the bar's namesake cocktail, Woodford Reserve, walnut lik

Will it be intimate conversation near the fireplace? A friendly game of pool at the purple felt table? Or perusing a vintage art books on an English leather sofa? Or, heck, just find a spot anywhere and steal into each other's eyes.

THE SMILE

If your idea of romance is a night in a country cabin, get yourself to The Smile. The subterranean bar and restaurant, with brick walls, rustic decor and mini-bouquets of wildflowers on wooden tables, exudes just that comfy village vibe. If you can, sit at the cozy table tucked under the window in the front, or bar seats that flank the stairs leading to the private dining area, and dig into plates of marinated goat cheese and steamed mussels. The decidedly unfussy bar menu, with classic cocktails, popular beers and a thoughtful selection of reds and whites by the glass, makes drink decisions a breeze, allowing you to devote more attention to the one you're with.

SPYGLASS ROOFTOP BAR

Enamored of New York's twinkling, towering skyscrapers? Take it all in at Spyglass Rooftop Bar, on the 22nd floor of the Archer Hotel. The Empire State Building dominates the view beyond the floor-to-ceiling windows, putting on a display of Art Deco splendor worthy of a city postcard. Add in creative cocktails like Spice Me Twice: rum, cardamom, citrus and egg white) and glamorous marble bar (with royal purple stools),

The 24-karat gold leaf ceilings and supple leather banquettes stand in stark contrast to the main attraction: colorful, whimsical murals of animals and Central Park-inspired scenes by "Madeline" children's book creator, Ludwig Bemelmans.

DANTE

This West Village bar and restaurant seems persistently lively, yet rarely overcrowded. It boasts Instagram-worthy design aesthetics, including vintage signage, checkered floors and whitewashed brick walls. And Dante's really knows how to pour that romantic Italian drink, the Negroni. Bartenders mix nearly a dozen variations of the red-hued aperitif, and even offer it on tap. Savor a few of them, and you and your date might book a trip to Florence before you even leave the bar.

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lique churns out glistening bonbons and handmade truffles (above) that literally melt in your mouth. Rich flavors, like raspberry, mint and hazelnut, complement (rather than overpower) the addictive bitterness of aged and milk chocolate.

KREUTHER'S HAND-CRAFTED CHOCOLATE

NYC-born, starved Gabriel Kreuther's chocolates are a feast for both the eyes and the palate. Bonbons (in flavors like bananas Foster, peanut butter pretzel cassia and grapefruit yogurt) come speckled in vibrant colors and abstract patterns that would give Jackson Pollock a run for his money.

STICK WITH ME SWEETS

Creamy fillings, in flavors like peanut butter and jelly, matcha green tea and yuzu, are stuffed inside domes of colorful chocolate at this shop. The confections come packaged in elegant book boxes that have made celebrities like Oprah swoon.

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