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ROMANCE COMES ALIVE IN LAKE HAVASU CITY

LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz. (January 29, 2024) – February is the month for lovers in Lake Havasu City, located along the western section of Arizona known as Arizona's West Coast.

Valentine's Day arrives on the 14th when thoughts turn to celebrating love—not just romantic love between couples, but the love for friends, family members and ourselves.

The folks at Go Lake Havasu, the city's destination marketing organization, might be slightly biased in thinking their city is Arizona's most romantic, but it's easy to understand why.

For only \$4 p.p. round trip, couples can witness stunning landscapes and unique landmarks as they take a 15-minute sunset ferry ride across the lake to the California side, from just north of the London Bridge to Havasu Landing Resort & Casino. For the ferry schedule, see the Havasu Landing Resort & Casino website at <https://www.havasulandingresortcasino.com/>.

Couples who want a deeper sunset experience and sense of togetherness will enjoy a sunset cruise with Sunset Charter & Tour Co. Learn more about their Sunset Copper Canyon Island Tour at <https://www.golakehavasu.com/sunset-charter-tour-co-sunset-copper-canyonisland-tour-aboard-canyon-cruiser-kon-tiki>.

Then there's the charm and historic beauty of the famed London Bridge. With 700 energy-saving LED lights lit up at night in pink and red, this world-famous icon is well suited for a romantic selfie spot.

"Couples can create lasting memories with some adventurous winter activities such as hiking, off-roading or mountain biking," suggests Susan Smith, Go Lake Havasu's CEO.

Couples can share a romantic meal at charming waterfront restaurants and cafes, including Javelina Cantina, Makai Cafe, Martini Bay and Kokomo at London Bridge Resort, Shugrue's Restaurant & Bar and Turtle Grille at The Nautical Beachfront Resort.

They can also picnic on white sand beaches at Lake Havasu State Park, stroll along Shoreline Trail, or visit one of the area's five confirmed honest-to-goodness vortexes (yes, it's a thing), wherein they can tap the rejuvenating energy moving up and out of the earth (up-flow) or inflow—calming energy flowing back into the earth. Learn more at <https://www.golakehavasu.com/vortexes>. For more romantic getaway ideas, visit <https://www.golakehavasu.com/romantic>.

Lovers can enjoy the local culture, music and entertainment scene, relax poolside at a local resort, enjoy a couple's massage, or attend a tribute concert honoring Roy Orbison (Feb. 4), Billy Joel and Elton John (Feb. 8), REO Speedwagon (Feb. 10), ABBA (Feb. 16), The She Gees (Feb. 17), Garth Brooks (Feb. 18), and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons (Feb. 25). (For details, see the calendar of events at www.golakehavasu.com)

Couples can kick off their romantic getaways with a visit to the city's Visitor Center, where they'll find free guides to attractions, activities and restaurants, and videos highlighting the city's history and its iconic bridge. It's also an ideal place to stock up on Havasu merch, London-themed goods imported from England, and items from local businesses. (www.golakehavasu.com/visitors-center). Visitors can pin their hometowns on a large wall map at the entrance.

Celebrate Winter at These February Events

- **38th Annual Winterfest Street Festival, Feb. 3-4, 2024, Downtown Havasu District** – The Winterfest Street Festival hosts over 30,000 spectators and more than 200 vendors along McCulloch Blvd. from Smoketree Ave. to Acoma Blvd. (Downtown Havasu District). Local merchants feature Winterfest-related specials, sidewalk displays, live music, a food court and money-saving sales, creating an event that has something for everyone. It's the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce. (https://www.golakehavasu.com/38th_Annual_Winterfest_Street_Festival_2024/02-03-24)
- **Vintage Trailer Campout and Rally, Feb. 3, 2024, Lake Havasu State Park** – It was a simpler time when Americans first traveled the U.S. in a home on wheels—before microwaves, WiFi or smartphones. Step into the golden age of American roadtrips and

experience the joys of travel during a bygone era. (https://www.golakehasasu.com/lake-havasu-vintage-trailer-campout_2024/02-03-24)

- **16th Annual Lake Havasu City Rockabilly Reunion, Feb. 16-18, 2024, Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4** – Ah, rockabilly music, an early style of rock-n-roll. It dates back to the early 1950s in the U.S., especially in the South. As a genre, it blends the sound of Western musical styles, such as country, with that of rhythm and blues, leading to what is considered "classic" rock-n-roll. Come Feb. 16-18 and enjoy two days with cool cats and chicks, retro-fashion, rock-n-roll oldies music and rat-rods. There will be 150 vendors of all types, food, a beer garden and the ever-popular Pin-Up Girl contest. What's more, over 800 cars and motorcycles will be on display. Events include giveaways, a swap meet, a Motocross Freestyle Stunt Show and a 1950's hair salon and barber. (<https://www.golakehasasu.com/lake-havasu-city-rockabilly-reunion-2024/02-17-24>)

- **Fireworks Havasu - 35th Annual Western Winter Blast Pyrotechnics Show, February 15-18, 2024, Havasu 95 Speedway @ SARA Park** – If you've seen fireworks before, trust us, they were mere sparklers compared to Winter Blast. Ka-boom. It's here that fireworks professionals from throughout the West dazzle spectators with explosive new crowd-pleasers. The aerial displays are so spectacular that they have triggered car alarms in nearby parking lots. Winter Blast is hosted by the Western Pyrotechnic Association (WPA), dedicated to the safe, legal and artful use of pyrotechnics. (<https://www.golakehasasu.com/western-winter-blast-pyrotechnics-show-2024/02-18-24>)

- **PickleFest, Feb. 23-25, 2024, Dick Samp Memorial Park** – Pickleball, likened to a combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong, now boasts the support of LeBron James, Tom Brady and more than 36 million other Americans, plus hundreds of locals and visitors in Lake Havasu City. It's right up there alongside more traditional sports like golf, basketball and tennis. Some tournaments attract tens of thousands of spectators. Join the fun at the ninth annual PickleFest 2024 pickleball tournament, hosted by the nonprofit Lake Havasu City Pickleball Association (LHCPBA). The event will feature Women's Doubles plus Men's Mini Singles, Mixed Doubles and Men's Doubles plus Women's Mini Singles. It's free to spectators. (https://www.golakehasasu.com/LHCPBA_PickleFest_Tournament_2024/02-23-24)

About Lake Havasu City

Lake Havasu City is situated on the eastern shore of Lake Havasu on the Colorado River border of California and Arizona. The city was established in 1963 by Robert P. McCulloch, Sr. as a self-sufficient, planned community. Lake Havasu City is located on what is known as "Arizona's West Coast." Driving time is three hours west of Phoenix, 2-1/2 hours south of Las Vegas and

four to five east of the Los Angeles region. As part of the northern and western limits of the Sonoran Desert, Lake Havasu City and the surrounding area feature outstanding biodiversity.

The area attracts 835,000 visitors annually with its historic London Bridge, pristine lake, friendly community, abundant sunshine and annual events, ideal weather and wide range of restaurants and lodging. More than 400 miles of stunning coastline offer exceptional watersports, including fishing, skiing, kayaking and house boating. Visitors can also explore the lake from the beautiful beaches, campsites and hiking trails.

Rated one of the top 100 best bass fishing lakes in America, Lake Havasu is ideal for catching large and small-mouth bass and striper fishing. The region is also host to extensive off-road trails and undeveloped stretches of river. For more information: GoLakeHavasu.com

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