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Valentine's Day restaurants: Picks for Long Island's most romantic eateries

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No shopping, no cooking, no cleaning up — the very idea of dining out is romantic. But on Valentine's Day, the stakes are higher. Roses and violins aren't necessary, but good service, soft lighting and, most of all, exceptional food are nonnegotiable.

Here are some Long Island restaurants that fit the romantic bill.

Hurry up and make a reservation if you want a table for two.

Selections by Newsday's food staff.

Sandbar



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Sandbar (55 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor): Guy Reuge, who established Mirabelle first in St. James and then in Stony Brook, is executive chef at this seafood-centric restaurant, which rises on the former site of Wyland's Country Kitchen. The menu offers American favorites and more in a setting buoyant with local history and artwork. More info: 631-498-6188