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View of Stockholm,
Sweden at dusk
in winter.



Destinations for European **ROMANCE**

From candlelit courtyards to snow-kissed rooftops, discover Europe's most romantic destinations this February — refined, indulgent, and entirely yours

A romantic winter break in some of Europe's more impressive and underrated destinations...? Why now, this month we've three travel suggestions including the impressive city of Prague.

Prague, Czech Republic

Few places rival Prague in February for sheer atmosphere. The city's fairy-tale skyline rises from the mist like a dream — spires, bridges, and castles reflected in the slow-moving Vltava. Wander hand-in-hand across Charles Bridge at dawn, the air crisp and silent except for distant church bells. Duck into a café for steaming mulled wine, or explore the art-filled courtyards of Prague Castle, dusted in frost.

For a stay that defines luxury, check into The Grand Mark Prague (www.grandmark.cz) — once a Baroque palace, now a serene five-star retreat just steps from the Old Town. Its courtyard restaurant serves breakfast among columns and climbing ivy, even in winter. Dinner is best reserved at Terasa U Zlaté Studně (www.terasa-zlatastudne.cz), where panoramic views over the city lights make every bite feel cinematic.

Stockholm, Sweden

For those who prefer modern elegance wrapped in Scandinavian calm, Stockholm in February is a revelation. The archipelago city glitters under pale northern light, its frozen waterways mirroring pastel façades and flickering lanterns.

Start with a walk through Gamla Stan — the old town's ochre-coloured streets feel timeless under a dusting of snow. Browse design boutiques, pause for a cinnamon bun at a cosy fika café, then take a boat across to Djurgården for the Vasa Museum and a breath of bracing Baltic air.

When evening falls, the city turns intimate. Candlelit restaurants and jazz-filled lounges beckon, their warmth radiating through frosted windows. Stay at Hotel Diplomat Stockholm (www.diplomathotel.com), a grand waterfront townhouse combining classic glamour with Swedish refinement. For dinner, Oaxen Slip (www.oaxen.com) serves sustainable Nordic cuisine — reindeer, smoked fish, and wild herbs — in a setting both relaxed and refined.