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Here's to Romance

Celebrate the most romantic night of the year
with a cocktail designed just for sweethearts.

Tiffany Parks shares her favorites.



Left to right: BANANA. (Chorus Café);
A Long Way to See You (Ristorante Baccano);
Famo all Romana (Palazzaccio Club);
Amor Latino (La Punta Expendio de Agave).

No two pair of lovers are alike; every coupling has its own quirks and characteristics. But almost any twosome can agree that sharing an expertly mixed cocktail is a delightful way to warm up on a cold February night, especially if it's Valentine's Day. So in honor of the uniqueness of every romantic duo, we've curated a list of cocktails by some of the most renowned barmen and barmaids in the city, with Venus herself providing the inspiration.

Long-distance Lovebirds

If you've ever crossed the ocean to be with the person you love, Mario Farulla of Ristorante Baccano has the concoction for you. With ingredients that recall far-flung, exotic locales, such as Trois Rivières Cuvée de l'Océan rum, Godet cognac, Martini Rubino infused with rose and apple, Suze liqueur, and Granatina, **A Long Way to See You** is a journey in itself, bringing together lovers from across the globe to share a spicy kiss. [Via delle Muratte, 23. Tel 0669941166.](#)

Sophisticated Sweethearts

If you and your beloved pride yourselves on your refinement and taste, book a table at the Sky Stars Bar where Alessandro Antonelli has perfected the **Original Champagne Cocktail**, adding a few details to bring the simple aperitif to a whole new level. The sugar cube, placed in the bottom of a chilled champagne flute, is soaked in Hine cognac, then drizzled with Angostura bitters. It is then topped with Jacquart Champagne, ready for that special anniversary toast. [Via Giorgio Zoega, 59. Tel 0687800168.](#)

Impossible Love

You'll have to travel a bit outside the city to try this drink, but we promise it'll be worth it. **Ruscio de Mare** (Roman dialect for "Sound of the Sea") is the creation of Ilaria Bello, barmaid of Talea in Torvaianica, a coastal town just south of Rome. With pink grapefruit juice, sea fennel syrup, Trois Rivières Martinica 50° rum, and wild fennel, the drink was inspired by the legend of a scorned sea nymph who transformed her faithless lover into a stalk of sea fennel—a plant that grows along rocky coastlines—and his mistress into a fish, so that the two could see each other yet never be together. The drink is an homage to impossible love, and all those who yearn in vain to be together. [Viale Francia, 22 \(Torvaianica\). Tel 069174000.](#)