

Valentine's Day Dinner-for-Two Offered in Shelby County, KY Culinary gem in American Saddlebred horse country plates up romantic outing

SHELBYKY - JANUARY 2015 - Tucked between Louisville and Frankfort, KY, the



communities of Shelbyville,
Simpsonville and Shelby County
(ShelbyKY) combine to form a
dynamic dining terrain where
romantics can linger over a delicious
meal in historic and intimate
settings. See the special Valentine's
Day dinner options listed below,
then visit www.VisitShelbyKY.com

for more information about dining in and travel to ShelbyKY.

Family-owned **Bell House** has planned a cozy evening of fancy dining on Saturday, Feb. 13, where you and your significant other will experience a four-course meal (\$40-\$60 per person), beginning with an amuse-bouche and concluding with dessert. In between, choose from 10-oz prime rib served with a horseradish compound butter and au jus; parmesan-encrusted sea bass with a roasted red pepper cream sauce; apple and feta pork roulade drizzled with a pomegranate sauce; or pan-fried chicken stuffed with goat cheese and topped with raspberry balsamic glaze. Located in the heart of downtown Shelbyville, this restaurant offers an eclectic menu filled with American/Italian favorites, local Kentucky flavors and delicious homemade desserts, and is known for its romantic ambiance. 502-437-5678; www.BellHouseRestaurant.com

Toast your coupledom on Saturday, Feb. 13, with a special steak dinner at the **Old Stone Inn**, a former stagecoach inn built in the early 1800s located in Simpsonville. Enjoy a hand-cut, 8-oz filet topped with creamy baby portabella mushroom sauce and served with homemade mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables (\$41). The restaurant will also be serving its regular dinner menu. The ambience of this National Historic Landmark with its wide wood floors and stone walls is one of casual elegance. 502-722-8200; www.old-Stone-Inn.com

Valentine's Dinner at **Harvest Coffee & Cafe** is set for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13. The menu includes Bluegrass wedge salad with Kenny's Farmhouse bleu cheese crumbles, Boar's Head smoked bacon and vine-ripe tomatoes and, for the entree, Kentucky bourbon-glazed lamb shanks with baby roasted rosemary potatoes paired with pickled garden asparagus and angel biscuits with herbed butter. Dessert is a Cellar Door bourbon truffle, two-bite maple pecan bar and a flute of crisp champagne garnished with sugared berries. Cost is \$53.99 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Seating is limited. Reservations must be made by February 8. 502-633-8090; www.facebook.com/HarvestCoffeeCafe?ref=stream&filter=1

Dinner For Two will be dished up the family-owned **La Cocina de Mama**, an authentic Mexican restaurant in downtown Shelbyville known for its beautiful culinary presentations. Diners may choose one of three entrees – rib-eye steak, pollo en crema de champiñones, seafood enchiladas – each accompanied by mashed potatoes and sweet plantain and finished with a dessert of pineapple upside-down cake for two. To accompany dinner, choose one of three drinks: Cancun margarita, tropical margarita or swirl margarita. This special dinner is available only on Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb. 14. Cost is \$49.99 per couple. Call the restaurant to make reservations. 502-633-1114; www.facebook.com/LaCocinadeMamaky/?fref=ts

Valentine Weekend at **Cattleman's Roadhouse**, a locally owned steakhouse, offers select dinner specials on Feb. 12, 13 and 14. Bourbon-glazed sirloin (\$16.99) on Friday; steak and tenders (\$18.99) on Saturday; and a two for \$22 dinner featuring many of the restaurant's favorites. A

prime rib cooked-to-order dinner (\$19.99) will be served each of the three evenings. Salad bar and side are offered with each choice and a full bar with excellent wine selections and five drafts is available. Here the steaks are aged 28 days and hand-cut, produce is locally sourced and desserts are handmade. Reservations not needed. 502-647-5959; www.CattlemansRoadhouse.com

Shelbyville's **Sixth and Main Coffeehouse**, a local hotspot serving fresh roasted coffee, espresso drinks and hot chocolates, plus books, WiFi, Louisville's famous Kizito cookies, bagels, pastries and from-scratch scones, will have a Valentine's Drink called the Cafe Amore. This delicious blend of fresh roasted espresso, steamed milk, decadent Ghirardelli caramel sauce and cinnamon is topped with real whipped cream and dusted with cinnamon. Featured through Feb. 28 or while supplies last, the drink starts at \$3.85. 502-647-7751; www.6amCoffee.com

Make it a full-on Valentine's Day celebration by adding a visit to the tasting room at Talon Winery or picking up gifts for each other at The Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass – where you'll also find Ghirardelli Chocolate and Ice Cream. Spend the night in one of the area's charming lodgings, including The Loft on Main, Yellow Carriage House Bed and Breakfast and Blues End Farm Bed and Breakfast. Visit www.VisitShelbyKY.com for more information.

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Spend Valentine's Day at a linen-draped table-for-two at Shelbyville's Bell House Restaurant. Photo: ShelbyKY Tourism Commission & Visitors Bureau

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ABOUT SHELBYKY Tucked between Louisville and Frankfort, Ky., Shelbyville/Simpsonville/Shelby County (ShelbyKY) form a community of small-town charm and world-class equestrian events. The American Saddlebred Capital of the World, its rolling landscape is home to 90-plus historic Saddlebred horse farms and breeding and training facilities where visitors can go behind-the-scenes for a rare peek into the world of these captivating show horses. ShelbyKY's dining landscape includes culinary icons Old

Stone Inn and Claudia Sanders Dinner House; overnight choices include a number of brand name chain hotels, group lodgings and bed and breakfast inns. Outdoors adventure includes water sports (fishing, canoeing, paddle boating), horseback riding, golf and fall-fun pumpkin patches. A pastoral gem with rural roads and uptown downtowns, ShelbyKY is also known as Design Destination for its wealth of interior design, antique, home accessory, fabric and furniture shops, including the highly regarded Wakefield-Scearce Galleries as well as the new designer outlet mall, Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass. Niche.com ranked Shelbyville No. 1 on its "Best Towns to Raise a Family in Kentucky" and among the best places in the U.S. to live and work. Movoto.com named Shelbyville as one of the 10 safest places in Kentucky and one of America's most caring cities. www.facebook.com/VisitShelbyKY