

## her getaways

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The stately New England-style Henderson Park Inn is situated directly on the Gulf of Mexico and provides visitors 1.2 miles of unobstructed sunset views and easy access to miles of pristine beaches.



# A ROMANTIC RETREAT



The newly renovated Henderson Park Inn Bed & Breakfast offers 35 uniquely decorated rooms and suites. Each room and suite is well-appointed with a variety of amenities, such as king-sized beds, private bathrooms with whirlpool tubs, and mini-refrigerators stocked with soft drinks and bottled water.



The Henderson Park Inn is an adults-only (overnight guests must be at least age 25) bed and breakfast, making it an ideal location for a romantic rendezvous.

As the most romantic holiday of the year approaches, many of us are searching for the perfect Valentine's Day present for our significant others. The only problem is that we often find ourselves face to face with the old standbys of flowers, cards and candy – gifts that don't tend to excite many men. So, what is it exactly that most lovers would love?

According to a 2004 survey by Hilton Hotels Corporation, a hefty 89 percent of participants say a vacation is the ideal present for Valentine's Day, and more than half said that going on a trip together made them fall in love all over again.

Anywhere with neon lights is obviously out of the question, and large hotels with cavernous marble lobbies are not especially intimate. Many people who live in the Columbus area migrate to mountain cabins this time of year. But why not stray from the beaten path – not to mention the heavy traffic – and head south to a beautiful inn this Valentine's Day?

The Henderson Park Inn Bed & Breakfast in Destin, Florida reopened last year after closing in 2004 following damage from Hurricane Katrina. It is newly renovated and the perfect romantic retreat for couples.

The Victorian-inspired bed and breakfast houses 35 beautiful rooms and suites, and includes lavish, all-inclusive amenities to its adult-only clientele. The inn offers complimentary breakfast and lunch, and wine and snacks are served nightly at sunset. Most rooms have a whirlpool bath and a fireplace, and all rooms – except the honeymoon suite – have a terrace or

balcony with an unobstructed view of more than a mile of Gulf of Mexico.

The Henderson Park Inn has the expected conveniences of a mini-refrigerator, microwave and coffeemaker in every room, but will still spoil its guests to no end with nightly turndown service, a kitchen pantry stocked with bottled water, sodas and snacks, complimentary DVD rentals, Wolfgang Puck coffee starter kits and Gilchrist & Soames bath amenities.

Adjacent to the 208-acre Henderson Beach State Park, the Henderson Park Inn is located in a quiet part of the city and even more peaceful during the off season (November through February). It is also the only beachside bed and breakfast in Northwest Florida.

Destin's many fine and casual dining restaurants, spas and shopping opportunities are only a short drive away. Some attractions coming to the Emerald Coast this February include *The Producers*, an irreverent comedy by Mel Brooks; *Ring Fire*, a tribute to Johnny Cash; a performance by the North Florida Symphony Orchestra; an exhibit by 19 self-taught artists from the Southeast; and an exhibit by painter Charles Gatewood of Phenix City, Alabama.

Henderson Park Inn Bed & Breakfast truly is the place to stay from it all and fall in love with your special someone over again.



**For More Information:** Visit Henderson Park Inn Bed & Breakfast's Web site: [www.HendersonParkInn.com](http://www.HendersonParkInn.com)