

42 Romantic restaurants



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Choosing a restaurant for a romantic evening can be a daunting task. Whether it's a slightly awkward first date or a 30th wedding anniversary, the food and ambience play a big role in making a dining experience a special one. From twinkling sunset dinners to charmed weekend lunches, here's our pick of the most romantic restaurants around the country.

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Restaurant Mosaic at The Orient (Elandsfontein)

Ask for a private table on the tower balcony if you really want to be alone, but before you get that far, slip into the art nouveau champagne bar for a flute of fine bubbles. Need we say that Chantel Dartnall's food is some of the very finest – and probably the most romantic – in the land? Here you can pop any question you like. There are extensive menus to choose from at this Top 10 regular, ranging from R1200 to R7350 each. (You can also take a room and spend the night.) To really push out the boat, try the fresh oyster, macerated in champagne and set on a light apple jelly topped with slightly acidic champagne foam and topped with a homegrown pearl set in a spoon of salty sturgeon Caviar d'Aquitaine. The entire dish is presented in a custom-designed, hand-forged glass bowl that resembles a wave washing over the oyster.



The interior at Restaurant Mosaic is inspired by the Parisian Belle Epoque.