

♥ ROMANCE ON THE ROCK

At the southernmost tip of the Iberian Peninsula, there are few spots as romantic as Gibraltar. Guaranteed to get you holding hands, visit the (reputedly haunted) 18th-century Great Siege tunnels (*Willis's Road*) before enjoying a picnic surrounded by fountains in the 19th-century Italian-style Alameda Gardens (www.gibraltargardens.gi). Dine on oysters at La Mamela (*Sir Herbert Miles Road, Catalan Bay*, tel: +350 200 72373, lamamela.ning.com), one of The Rock's best seafood restaurants, then revel in the romance of life in a bygone era at The Rock Hotel (*3 Europa Road*, www.rockhotelgibraltar.com) a colonial-style refuge built in 1932.



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♥ LOVED UP IN LISBON

With its winding streets and wealth of parks and gardens, Lisbon is ideal for lovers. Hit the right note from the start by heading next door to the pretty town of Sintra, hiring a horse and carriage on the main square and trotting up to the impossibly romantic Palácio da Pena (pictured) before driving back down to Penha Longa Six Senses spa (*Estrada da Lagoa Azul, Linhó*, tel: +351 219 249 011, www.sixsenses.com) and splurging on a sensual, couples-only chocolate butter massage. Afterwards, take a taxi back to Lisbon for a relaxing sunset boat cruise to Trafaria with Megaverde (www.megaverde.pt), and pop the question at As Janelas Verdes (*47 Rua Janelas Verdes*, tel: +351 213 968 143, www.asjanelasverdes.com), a delightful 18th-century boutique hotel tucked away on a side street in Lisbon's atmospheric old town.

