

love by chocolate

indulge in the most sensuous sweet

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There is no more romantic food than chocolate. It is sweet, rich and velvety, and it even contains a chemical that makes the body feel a sense of euphoria. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that all forms of chocolate, from decadent truffles to a rich chocolate layer cake, make the perfect gifts to inspire a little love. Whether you want to continue the theme of romance with a chocolate wedding cake or wedding favors, or you just want to surprise your sweetheart with something sweet this Valentine's Day, here are four places to customize the perfect chocolate indulgence.

LACROIX AT THE RITTENHOUSE, 210 Rittenhouse Square

The Grand Lacroix Gift Box is the creation of executive pastry chef Michael Vandergeest, and this is one gift that will melt anyone's heart. In Lacroix's new, state-of-the-art confiserie, Vandergeest handcrafts nearly 20 flavors of specialty chocolates and assembles them in a four-tiered gift box. The box seems unassuming at first, but then dramatically unfolds to reveal four layers of creamy chocolate morsels, plenty to share over a glass of wine by candlelight. Some sinful flavors include orange milk chocolate with Honduran cinnamon and roasted pistachio with a white chocolate ganache and a touch of brandy. Lacroix will also personalize chocolates for special events by putting writing directly on the chocolates, allowing customers to choose their own flavor or infusion, or placing a note in the gift box.

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