



RECIPE FOR ROMANCE

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IS IT TIME FOR SOME
NEW ROMANCE IN YOUR
RELATIONSHIP?

As the old song goes, when the couple is about to decide whether to stay together, a wise old woman exclaims, "Wait! Run away together for the weekend and come back to see me on Monday." She knows a romantic interlude can rekindle any relationship.

We're confident that the one we're recommending for Original Florida will be a perfect recipe for your romance too, even if you just want to spend some time together. So here goes our idea of a perfect trip....

Ingredient One: Begin the trip at a romantic location. There are some wonderful choices in Original Florida. We chose Steinhatchee Landing Resort and the Herlong Mansion.

Ingredient Two: Discover new things together. Remember how much fun it used to be to explore new places and discover new things together? In that case, you're going to love Tallahassee with the largest collection of antebellum plantations anywhere in the South.

Ingredient Three: Spend some time walking together in the outdoors. There's nothing more refreshing than strolling arm in arm through a park or a forest.

Ingredient Four: Don't just eat, instead DINE together.



Hundreds of romantic restaurant choices await.

Ingredient No. Five: Savor a good bottle of wine together. Take your partner to the Dakotah Winery in Chiefland to sip and taste. Then, take a bottle designed and painted by local artists back with you.

Ingredient No. Six: Throw something really special for you both, into the trip. Whatever your main interests, Original Florida's possibilities to share are endless. There are art museums, outdoor recreation, history and heritage, the Butterfly Rainforest, springs for underwater diving, hiking, scenic byways, boat excursions, fishing, and more. Enjoy whatever you choose. ■

POSSIBLE ITINERARY

- Gulf of Mexico Cruise at Miller's Landing in Suwannee – Enjoy dinner while the sun is setting
- Goodwood Museum and Gardens in Tallahassee – Tour the plantation considered to be the most elaborate in Florida
- Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park in Tallahassee – Stroll the glorious gardens created by a banker turned landscape designer
- Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science – Explore a collection of historic buildings
- Bellevue Plantation at the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science – Tour the modest plantation home of a descendant of George Washington who married into Napoleon's family
- Tall Timbers Plantation on State Road 12 near Georgia border – The Historic Beadel House is very much a contrast to the other plantations
- Fanning Springs State Park – Enjoy the springs in a town built by the army
- Kanapaha Botanical Gardens in Gainesville – Over 60 acres of natural collections and flowers to enjoy
- Dakotah Winery in Chiefland – Taste grapes native to Florida and take a bottle of wine home
- Historic Micanopy south of Gainesville – Enjoy this quintessential southern town
- Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville – Visit three museums that illustrate the unique natural history of northern, southern and coastal Florida
- Butterfly Rainforest in Gainesville – Enjoy thousands of butterflies up close and personal