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Dear Harry,

February the month of romance is upon us. Who says romance must or can only happen on February 14th? I think the whole month should be dedicated to romance and spending some time alone to rejuvenate both ourselves and our relationships. In the aftermath of all the holidays we want to plan as simply as possible and let others tend to the details. At least I do. [Charleston](#) and [Asheville](#) offer much to see in the way of our gorgeous Spring flowers and trees and both cities are full to the brim with romance.

In the Southeast February is perfect for bike rides, long walks, and wonderful surprises such as the spring flowers blooming at [Magnolia Plantation](#) or at the [Biltmore Estates](#). This is the time for Oyster Roasts outside over long wooden tables at [Boone Hall Plantation](#). It's a great time to explore quiet cities and great restaurants before the crowds. In this issue we will present some wonderful romantic, rejuvenating and simple gorgeous destinations.

A Romantic Beach
Getaway to Ponte Vedra
Beach, FL



You can find all the romance at this little heard of destination near [Jacksonville](#) and [St. Augustine](#). Beautiful romantic [Ponte Vedra Beach](#) offers warm sun and miles of sandy beaches. Sip cocktails, take walks, shop at quaint stores or just do nothing by the pool.

[The Lodge at Ponte Vedra Beach](#) is a luxury oceanfront resort situated approximately 25 miles from Jacksonville. Hotel amenities include evening turndown, complimentary morning newspapers, valet parking, and a business center. Guests may also enjoy the three pools, massage services, children's activities, afternoon high tea, and sporting activities. Onsite drinks and dining are available at the Innlet Dining Room The Oasis, The Innlet Lounge, and the Oasis Bar. Guest rooms feature cable TVs, fully stocked bars and refrigerators, coffeemakers, window seats, oversized bathrooms, telephones, voicemail, dataports, Jacuzzi or Roman garden bathtubs, lighted vanity areas with make-up mirror, hairdryers, luxury bath toiletries, ceiling fans, irons, ironing boards, terrycloth bathrobes, bathroom scales, in-room safes, and private terraces or balconies.

[The Ponte Vedra Inn & Club](#) with oceanfront fitness center boasts 250 beautiful rooms and suites, most of which directly face the ocean. Recreational amenities include 36 holes of golf, 15 tennis courts, a world class Spa and is a AAA Five Diamond Property.

[For Ponte Verde Accommodations](#)

• Spotlight on Service: Town & Country Real Estate

Relaxing beach vacations are a great way to escape the pressures and tensions of everyday life. [Town & Country](#)



Real Estate offers friendly and experienced staff are here to make your vacation a success. You receive full access to Fripp Island amenities plus you receive the Low Country Passport with coupons to Beaufort area Restaurants, Golfing and more. Reward yourself with a wonderful real estate experience on Fripp and Harbor Island.

• Enjoy a "Fun Ship" Cruise



Carnival Cruise Lines continues to redefine contemporary cruising with "Today's Carnival," a term coined by the line to describe its commitment to enhancing all aspects of the "Fun Ship" vacation experience. A "Fun Ship" cruise includes upgraded cuisine and new and expanded facilities, as well as a greater variety of onboard activities and shore excursions. Guests can enjoy a spectacular outdoor wrap-around promenade, a wedding chapel, and a reservations-only supper club serving world-famous stone crabs from the renowned Joe's Stone Crab Restaurant in Miami Beach. Carnival considers dining to be the highlight of any "Fun Ship" vacation. Carnival's Total Choice DiningSM is one of the cruise industry's most comprehensive dining programs, offering the widest variety of formal and casual options at sea, and includes lobster as an entree on every "Fun Ship."

Entertainment options have also become more varied, with dazzling Vegas-style revues featuring high-tech video projections, lasers, pyrotechnics, and elaborate sets and costumes presented in multi-decked show lounges, some of which can accommodate up to 1,500 guests. Carnival's friendly casinos are among the largest at sea and feature the most popular games of chance. Drop a coin in a slot machine, bet your lucky number at Roulette, or beat the house in a game of Blackjack or Caribbean Stud Poker. The Carnival fleet offers a multitude of themed lounges to suit the tastes of each guest. Cheer your favorite team at the sports bar, or perform your favorite song with the help of karaoke. The piano man and other dazzling entertainers will set the mood for a night of love, laughter, and relaxation.

[For more information on Carnival Cruises 2007](#)

• Upcoming Events



The Bassmaster Classic in [Birmingham, Alabama](#) takes place February 23-25 at the Birmingham- Jefferson Convention Complex. Join championship barbecue chef Troy Black each day at the Outdoors Expo for barbecue demonstrations, samples and giveaways.

[For more information on Birmingham
For Birmingham Accommodations](#)

[Miami, FL South Beach](#) (SOBE) for those in the know hosts the [Wine & Food Festival](#) Feb 22-25 will feature the [Food Network Awards](#) hosted by Emiril Lagassee on Friday the 23rd at the Jackie Gleason Theatre. The event begins with a red carpet at 6:30 and then the show itself from 9:30 to 11:30.

[For Miami Accommodations](#)

• Little Gem of the South: The Lodge at Sea Island, GA

Back in a time when tradition and decorum mattered as much as competition and camaraderie and service meant attention to the slightest detail. It was the era of the Sporting Life, a time of relaxed sophistication and comfortable elegance. Welcome back to that special place in time at [The Lodge at Sea Island](#). A golf resort experience like no other in twenty-first century North America where you'll find a level of service so attentive, you'll never want for anything. Your personal butler sees to that. Enjoy accommodations and amenities so luxurious. so comfortable. so well thought-out, you'll wonder how they read your mind. Savor exquisite dining. with accoutrements fit for royalty.

[For accommodations at the Lodge on Sea Island](#)

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