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# SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

*A perfect romantic weekend escape*

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**F**ebruary is an ideal time to head north for a romantic snowy getaway. An ideal long weekend escape is South Lake Tahoe, Calif. If you book a room at the new Landing Resort & Spa, you can enjoy fine dining, skiing at Heavenly Mountain, rooms with fireplaces overlooking Lake Tahoe, and an indulgent spa to boot.

### **About South Lake Tahoe**

South Lake Tahoe is a mountain town (elevation 6,223 feet above sea level) of about 34,000 on the shores of the majestic Lake Tahoe. The town is at the base of Heavenly Mountain, with 97 ski trails on more than 4,800 acres. The lake itself, which straddles California and Nevada, is North America's largest alpine lake, stretching for 22 miles.

South Lake Tahoe and Heavenly Mountain have activities for everyone, both on and off the mountain. During the winter, there's skiing, snowmobiling, natural hot springs, hot air balloon rides, helicopter tours, casinos, jazz clubs, shopping and dining.

While in Lake Tahoe, you simply must take a scenic lake cruise. Because of the lake's depth, it beautifully reflects the sky—and the best way to experience the most incredible blue water anywhere is on board Zephyr Cove Marina's boats. The Tahoe Queen operates a 2.5-hour daily scenic tour and a twice-a-week dinner cruise from the Ski Run Marina in town. The M.S. Dixie II operates daily two-hour scenic and dinner cruises from April through September from the Zephyr Cove Marina, just a few minutes north of town. Pickup is available for both cruises and details are online at [www.zephyrcove.com](http://www.zephyrcove.com).

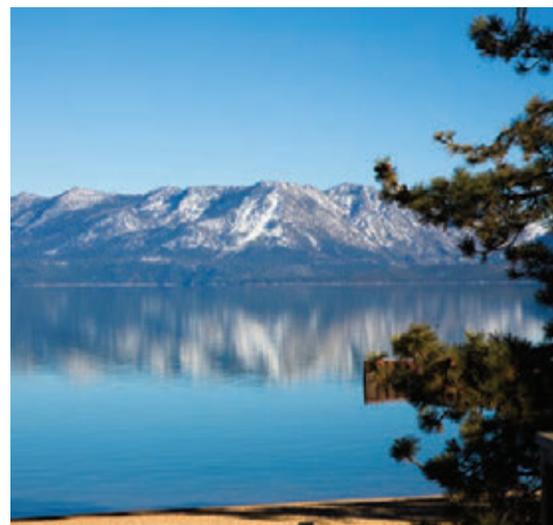


### **The Landing Resort & Spa**

The Landing Resort & Spa ([www.thelandingresort.com](http://www.thelandingresort.com)) opened in Dec. 2013 and offers the perfect romantic Lake Tahoe stay. The resort, ranked one of the Top 10 Lakeside Hotels in the World by TripAdvisor, is just a few blocks from the Heavenly Mountain Gondola, and overlooks Lake Tahoe.

This 88-room luxury boutique hotel is designed for comfort. You can hop on the Mercedes shuttle to the gondola for a day on the slopes (or the shops), but when you return, you'll want to snuggle up in a plush robe by your very own fireplace as the sun sets over the lake. Rooms include goose down pillows and comforters, a wet bar, a refrigerator, a Keurig coffee maker, an oversized jetted soaking tub, a rain shower, heated marble floors in the bathroom, and even a heated toilet seat.

The resort's full-service spa offers an intimate place to unwind. Opt for one of the sports treatments après-ski or indulge with your special someone in the couple's treatment. There is also a steam room and sauna.



### **Drinks and Dinner at Jimmy's Restaurant**

No visit would be complete without drinks and dinner at Jimmy's Restaurant at The Landing. The backlit bar has gorgeous onyx walls. You might want to order up a signature Ouzo cocktail while you're there. The adjacent restaurant serves up wood-fired Greek and regional California cuisine. The menu, developed by celebrity chef Maria Elia, features seafood, seasonal options, and locally sourced ingredients. With the food's Greek influence (the wood grilled Halloumi is a must-have), you might want to order one of the Greek wines. There are also private dining alcoves with fireplaces, or you can snuggle around one of the fire pits on the patio.