

Abu Dhabi is awash with spots for the newly besotted and long time couples. Cuddle up in some of our favourite restaurants for romance ...

Shang Palace

For style and substance, Shang Palace at Shangri-La hotel offers great atmosphere, great service and above all, great food to fall in love with. With a charming venue and helpful yet non obtrusive staff, Shang Palace is the perfect setting for fine food and fine romance with your loved one.

Cost: AED 300-400

Contact: 02 509 8888

Al Dhafra dhow cruise

Set the mood with someone who makes you gooey-eyed with a lounge in the majlis before having a spectacular meal on the water. An experience you have to try at least once, the Al Dhafra dhow cruise is a truly unique night out.

Location: on the waterfront behind the fish market at the port end of the Corniche.

Contact: 02 673 2266 or 02 673 2288

Benihana

Instead of sitting across the table from your nearest and dearest, why not sit side by side around the Teppanyaki grill – if your fellow diners don't give you enough to whisper about, watching the chef's sleight of hand cookery certainly will.

Location: Beach Rotana Hotel

Contact: 02 697 9011

Sardinia

When you really want to impress, nowhere says 'posh' quite like Sardinia. Superb quality, personal service and the quirkiest presentation you've ever seen give this swanky spot the golden touch, and the atmosphere still manages to remain comfortable.

Location: Abu Dhabi Country Club

Contact: 02 446 5455 or 02 443 6333

Le Boulanger

There's just something about sitting outside bathed in the moonlight with your honey bunch –

Top five ... romantic spots

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this reasonably priced French café perched shore side affords a lovely view of Corniche and the calm water of the sea. Cuddle up with a cuppa and let the open air fan your amorous flames.

Location: on breakwater between Hiltonia and Marina Mall

Contact: 02 631 8115