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Heat Up Your Valentine's Day in the Kitchen with Six Cooking Classes

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Do you and your significant other share a love for food that never quite made it into your own kitchen? If you can't get a reservation at your favorite restaurant even when [booking early](#), reignite your passion over a gas range this Valentine's Day with a cooking class. From learning how to prepare three-course dinners to setting the mood with aphrodisiacs, cooking classes are a romantic and practical way to knock off your dinner and date for the evening. Wondering what to expect? Hit play for a preview from our friends at [NBC Chicago](#) who went to the Barry Callebaut Chocolate Academy; then check out our list of six classes to heat up your Valentine's Day.

Barry Callebaut Chocolate Academy

Get Valentine's Day started early at the Barry Callebaut's Chocolate Date Night for Couples on February 11 from 6:30-9:30 P.M. For \$200, you and your significant other can nibble on chocolate while carelessly spill wine on yourselves and giggling about how those aphrodisiacs are kicking in. Sign up by visiting [their website](#).

Green Zebra

Are you both vegetarians or need to placate your date's superficial "I'm not eating meat" phase of their life? Green Zebra is hosting a three-course Valentine's Day cooking course on February 12-13 from 4-6 P.M. for \$95 per couple that includes hands-on instruction and recipes to take into your own kitchen. Call 312-243-7100 to make a reservation.

Mercadito

Can't afford to whisk the love of your life away to Mexico this Valentine's Day? Settle for second best with a Romantic Cooking course from Mercadito chef Patricio Sandoval at Double A, the subterranean component to the popular River North restaurant. Sandoval will hold two cooking demos showcasing four dishes with paired cocktails on February 14 from 5-8 P.M. and 9-11 P.M. for \$95. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 312-329-9555.

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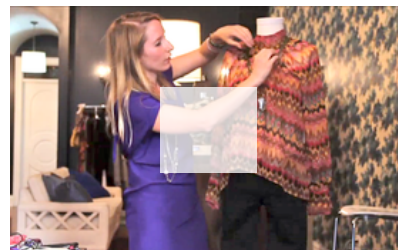
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Cooking Fools

Set the mood with an intimate evening of standing close to one another, preparing a candlelit dinner for two over a sexy cut of sashimi. No, really! Believe it or not, fish are actually an aphrodisiac (why do you think sushi spots are so popular for date night?). Cooking Fools will be hosting a Sushi For Lover course on February 14 from 6:30-9 P.M. for \$195 per couple, where you'll get a hands on demo on maki and nigiri followed by a dinner reaping the fruits of your labor. For more information, call 773-276-9377 or e-mail info@cookingfools.net.

Parties That Cook

No date this Valentine's Day? You could sit by yourself in front of the TV with a box of take out OR you could cook your dinner with fellow singles and possibly score a date. Parties That Cook will be hosting their Valentine's Day Singles Cooking Class at the Charlie Baggs in the Belden Stratford at 2300 N. Lincoln Park West on February 10 from 6:30-9 P.M. Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased through [their website](#).

Naveen's Cuisine

Add some spice into your love life with an Indian cooking class covering the basics of Bombay curry, mushroom matar, chawal, kachumbar. Classes cost \$60 per person and are BYOB, so dust off that reserve you've been saving for the occasion and enjoy corkage fee free. For more information, call 773-661-2696 or e-mail Naveen@NaveensCuisine.com.

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