



8 getaways in Australia and New Zealand to beat the box of chocolates this Valentine's

Some say Valentine's Day is a bit cliché, but we think that's only if you're picking up roses and a heart-shaped box of nougat.

They're a sweet sentiment, but there's no denying that an experience is more likely to make the highlights reel. And with travel on track to be the trending gift of 2019, we've rounded up a few ideas that'll blow last year's dinner out of the water.

5. A riverside retreat with bespoke jewellery

Be greeted with Louis Roederer champagne on arrival at New Zealand's **Huka Lodge**, where seven hectares of private gardens surround an intimate retreat beside the Waikato River. Reconnect over private dining experiences, with pre-dinner drinks, canapés and five-course degustation course included. In the in-room safe, you will find a pair of 18-carat pink gold rings from Parisian jeweller **Chaumet's** 'Bee My Love' collection. Referencing Napoleon's use of the gold bee as his emblem, the bee and honeycomb motif on the rings represent an imperial pledge of love. Upgrades to a bespoke ring option are available.

