

Many countries celebrate St. Valentine's Day on February 14th. This modern-day holiday is a celebration of love which gets its name from a Roman priest, Valentine, who secretly performed wedding ceremonies for Christian couples in the 3rd century.

Weeks before the fourteenth of February, shop windows are decorated with red paper hearts, red streamers and boxes of chocolates. Heart-shaped cakes and sweets are baked and gifts such as perfume and jewellery are promoted by department

stores.







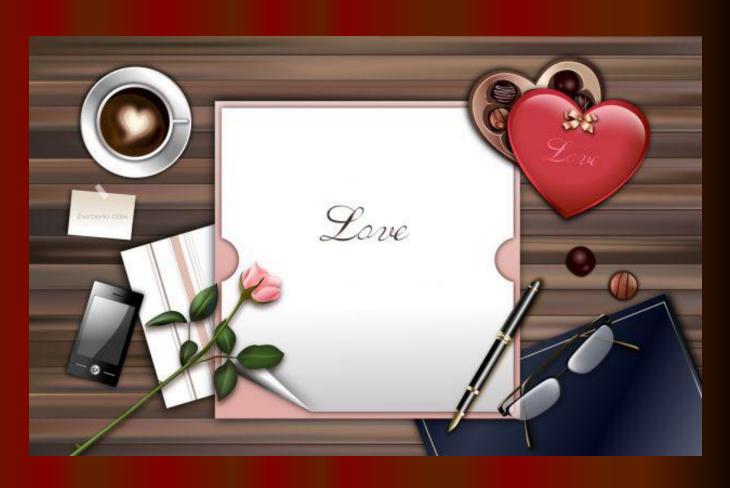
Red roses are ordered from florists, dinner reservations are made and presents are bought in preparation for Valentine's Day.







## Even cards and small gifts are made by young children at school.



Gifts, wrapped in shiny paper and red ribbons, are exchanged, woman receive bouquets of flowers and people express their feelings to their loved ones.



## On Valentine's Day, many people wear something red, since it is considered to be the colour of love.





In the evening, many couples choose to dine at romantic restaurants while others enjoy spending time together at home.









Valentine's Day is a time to let people know how much you love and appreciate them. It is a day that makes everyone feel romantic and happy.

