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**Ventura County**  
**Events:**

**Thomas Fire Annual  
Benefit Festival**  
Feb. 3  
2 - 9pm  
Plaza Park, Ventura

**Lantern Street Festival**  
Feb. 16  
5 - 10pm  
Downtown Ventura  
Main St.

**Civil War Days**  
Feb. 2-3  
10am - 4pm  
Strathearn Historical  
Park and Museum  
in Simi Valley



**Valentine Getaway!**

It's that time of the year to show your Valentine just how much they mean to you. Sure you can go to a store and buy them something but let's face it chocolates disappear

and flowers eventually die. You can buy jewelry that is worn from time to time and is expensive OR why not spend those hard earned dollars on something that will last forever like sweet memories from a Valentine's Day weekend getaway! From Ventura County there are so many great places to visit that are less than 3-hours away. Here are a few ideas:

**Catalina Island** – Take the ferry off the coast of Long Beach and head twenty-two short miles from LA to Catalina. Upon arrival, visitors will certainly feel like they've left California, or even the US, as the island has the same ambiance of a little European town. The town of Avalon offers all the charm and history of a great beach town. Sit back and relax or spend the day exploring the architecture of the quaint town with a spot of shopping at the local boutiques. If you are more allured by the great outdoors, the island has 48 miles of coastline and much of it is protected land with buffalo, eagles, dolphins and whales. Set up camp and explore the area, or go kayaking or scuba diving from a glass bottom boat.

**Idyllwild** - A breath of crisp mountain air, stars as far as the eye can see and nothing around but the calming sounds of nature. No you're not in nirvana, you're in Idyllwild, California. Set in the San Jacinto Mountains, the town is a peaceful oasis comprised of locally owned shops and restaurants. The area is also brimming with outdoor activities including mountain biking, camping and hiking. The area offers a variety of walking trails, both for beginners searching for a day hike and the more experienced folk looking for an overnight hiking expedition.

## For Lease

### Ventura

Active Senior Living 55 +  
6287 Turnstone St. #104  
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
1359 sq. ft.  
\$2550

### Simi Valley

610 Geranium Ln.  
2 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
1145 sq. ft.  
\$2400

### Ventura

481 Pear Ave Unit 102  
3 Bedroom, 3 Bath  
1758 sq. ft.  
\$2850

### Simi Valley

4315 Eileen St #4  
2271 sq. ft.  
\$2850

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### Valentine Getaway (cont.)

**Solvang / Paso Robles** - Nestled along the central coast of California is the town of Solvang. The shopping filled town has quaint Danish architecture and charm that will have you feeling like you're a world away. Visit the Spanish Franciscan mission at Old Mission Santa Inez, which was built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century or while you're in the area, be sure to check out Paso Robles, which has many vineyards with delicious wines to sip and savor. This getaway is a perfect trip with two great towns that are sure to stimulate your mind, eyes and taste buds!

**Temecula** - When visiting Temecula Valley, you will be amazed by all of the fun things to do. Known for their award-winning wineries, but there's so much more. Hot Air Ballooning is a great way to get a birds eye view of the Temecula Valley vistas. If you like culture, there is arts and entertainment including Community Theater and museums. Temecula also offers world-class shopping at Promenade Temecula or historic Old Town Temecula. After a full day of sightseeing and shopping, you may want to spend the day relaxing at one of their fabulous Spas. The town is filled with something for everyone!

**Cambria** - Nestled amid majestic pines and the glimmering sea along California's Central Coast, Cambria is a lovely village with countless scenic wonders. Just off the beaten path you'll discover one of the West Coast's most unique destinations. Cambria has plenty of things to do, from exploring rambling hilltop castles, to spying on Elephant Seals, to walking on sparkly, moonstone-filled beaches. And that's before I even mention the food and wine! From historical attractions and natural preserves to popular entertainment venues there is no doubt you and your valentine will have a magical time.

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### February Quote:

*"So often we fail to acknowledge what we have because we're so concerned about what we want."— John Wooden*

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