

## TripAdvisor Proposes Top Ten Places to Pop the Question

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### New York Sites Best for 'Yes'

TripAdvisor(R), the world's largest travel community, today announced the top 10 places in America to propose, according to TripAdvisor travelers and editors.

#### 1. Central Park, New York, New York

There is no better place to offer up your heart than the heart of Manhattan, Central Park. With a number of different venues to profess your love -- be it on a bridge, a secluded patch of grass, among a crowd, in a boat, or on an ice rink -- Central Park is the one-stop-shop of romantic proposal locales. According to one TripAdvisor traveler, "I got proposed to right next to the lake in Central Park, near the fountain! It was perfect and I have such happy memories of that day!"

#### 2. Grand Canyon, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona

Don't lose your footing while on one knee at the Grand Canyon, the renowned natural wonder with a vertical drop of over a mile. Whether soaring above in a helicopter, hiking to the depths of the canyon, or just watching the sun rise over the lip of the western rim, this trip will make for an unforgettable engagement. As one TripAdvisor traveler recounts, "The sun going down on the canyon was enough to make me cry! It is breathtaking and so much more than I thought it would be."

#### 3. Kapalua Bay Beach, Maui, Hawaii

On the northwest shore of Maui, featuring mountain peaks and ocean views, Kapalua Bay beach is an uber romantic destination. Secluded and serene, Kapalua offers clear blue water, white sand, palm trees and amazing sunsets ... need we say more? As one TripAdvisor traveler offered, "For pure and serene relaxation, the unencumbered beach ambience is almost unmatched."

#### 4. Napa Valley, Napa, California

Propose to your sweet with your favorite grape varietal and (hopefully) celebrate with champagne on one of the many beautiful vineyards in Napa Valley. Whether touring the area's vineyards, or enjoying a romantic picnic alone, the wine is sure to enhance the mood (and your chances). As one TripAdvisor traveler suggests, "Table Rock, which also overlooks the valley, might also make a nice place to pop the question."

#### 5. Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls, New York

For a truly classic approach, go directly to the site of romance-on-demand, Niagara Falls. Marvel at the 167-foot waterfalls, but be sure not to drop the merchandise -- or you may find yourself going over in a barrel. Regardless, the experience will be a memorable one. As one TripAdvisor traveler said, "You'll be able to feel the electricity in the air."

#### 6. Christmas Point, Twin Peaks, San Francisco

The geographic center of San Francisco, Christmas Point on Twin Peaks has fantastic, unhindered views, providing the perfect backdrop for that special moment. Especially wonderful at sunrise or sunset, there is no more romantic way to take in San Francisco Bay. As one TripAdvisor traveler said, "For romance you HAVE to go to twin peaks at night. It is gorgeous. I'd be really jealous of a girl who was proposed to there."

#### 7. Bellagio Fountains, Las Vegas, Nevada

When in Vegas, there's no better place to pop the question than the fountains at the Bellagio, where you and your better half can enjoy the famous water show synchronized to the sounds of famous Broadway tunes, classical music, and crooners like Sinatra and Martin. As one TripAdvisor traveler said, "This is the most romantic and awe-inspiring event in Vegas!"

#### 8. Empire State Building, New York, New York

Feel on top of Manhattan while proposing at the observation deck at the Empire State Building, home to legendary movie proposals. With spectacular 360-degree views, make the moment happen in style at the world's most famous skyscraper. As one TripAdvisor traveler said, "At the top of the Empire State Building as it is getting dark -- absolutely beautiful settings for that perfect proposal and fantastic views -- something that you will both remember forever!"

#### 9. Red Rocks, Sedona, Arizona

Rise to the occasion, and take the hot air balloon ride while soaring over the famous Red Rocks of Sedona and enjoying mile high views of the Verde Valley. Get a different perspective on foot, and pop the big question when the rocks are illuminated by sunset, and cast a particularly magical and romantic glow. As one TripAdvisor traveler said, "Head up to the scenic overlook at Red Rocks Canyon prior to sunset and enjoy a nice picnic."

10. Mount Aspen, Aspen, Colorado

Particularly fitting for a ski trip, Aspen features a beautiful and romantic European-style village, and for the magic moment, you may want to try a horse-drawn sleigh ride where you can enjoy the stunning views and hopefully hear, "I do". As one TripAdvisor traveler said, "The sleigh ride in winter is forever memorable on a clear, starry winter night."

"Some classic, some exotic and some relatively obscure, these are ten amazing places to propose and are all replete with romance," said Michele Perry, director of communications for TripAdvisor.

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