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Welcome to a special issue of the Arundel Village Experience Magazine to celebrate what we know as the world's most romantic day – Valentine's Day which falls on Tuesday 14th February 2017.

Although this current deluge of rain has brought with it the cold weather, let's keep warm at Arundel Village which boasts of three great restaurants. Enjoy a hot chocolate with some yummy cakes or biscuits. Book a table for later and have a romantic dinner with champagne and roses.

Arundel Village has an array of great Valentine's gifts from romantic getaways, specialized chocolate, perfume, flowers, jewellery and champagne, along with a variety of other options for him and her. Every year throughout the world, the 14th February is celebrated by old and young alike, by exchanging gifts usually red roses which is the universal symbol associated with love, along with chocolates, champagne and candlelit dinners. Sending a card to a loved one is also very popular and deemed to be the second most popular card sending day after Christmas. Approximately 150 million cards are exchanged annually on

Valentine's Day.

Although celebrated worldwide, some countries, for example Finland, refer to Valentine's Day as Friends Day, which focuses more on remembering friends than solely on romance. In Guatemala this day is known as Day of Love and Friendship.

Let us not forget that there are many different types of friendships, loves and relationships which are sometimes easily overlooked. Come and celebrate this happy day at Arundel Village, where you will find the ideal gift for either a loved one, a dear friend or perhaps an extra special family member. A thought for someone else is a priceless and precious gift.

Our team send happy and positive thoughts to you all and let's continue to spread the positivity throughout this year.

Kind regards

The Arundel Village Team

***Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom - Marcel Proust***

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We are all aware that when we give someone a rose, the colour dictates what we are trying to say; and with a red rose the translation is clear- attraction and adoration....

however the number of red roses also can offer an insight into the giver's feelings!? Here is a quick guide so not only do you understand what you are receiving but also what you are giving!



# Roses by Numbers

by Lydia Smith

**One rose:** Love at first sight or years later "you are still the one."

A symbol of awkward first dates, memorable anniversaries and romantic gestures!

**Two roses:** Mutual love and affection . . . so you may find you also owe him two roses!

**Three roses:** The traditional three-month anniversary gift. It can also simply mean "I love you."

**Six roses:** Infatuation, or "I want to be yours." Careful with this one as if you don't feel the same it could get a little awkward!

**Nine roses:** A big jump up from six, nine roses symbolizes eternal love or "I want to be with you forever" – a big statement!

**10 roses:** A perfect 10 means "You are perfection" – probably the one we want to have the most!

**12 roses:** A dozen is like picking the best heart from a Sweetheart candy box; it means "be mine."

**13 roses:** Thirteen may be a baker's dozen, but not so in love. Its meaning is actually disputed: Some believe it means friends forever whilst others believe it means "You have a secret admirer."

**15 roses:** Careful with this one as it means "I am sorry" – so either he has a reason to apologise or you can think of it as a credit for some future error!

**20 roses:** The red starts to get excessive around 20, and supposedly that means sincerity.

**21 roses:** "I am dedicated to you" is the hidden meaning behind 21 roses. Perhaps similarly to 15 his way of proving himself!

**24 roses:** If one dozen says "be mine," two dozen says "I'm yours." Whilst being handed a huge bouquet of roses might be utterly flattering you must be careful; he could be yours whether you want it or not!



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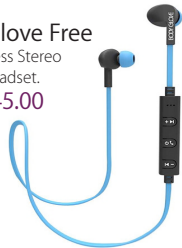
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Zimbabwe is incredibly diverse – from the lush mountainous eastern highlands to the game parks of Hwange, the Victoria Falls, adventure capital and Wonder of the World, the vast inland sea of Lake Kariba, the mighty Zambezi River and along its many banks and sites, the wildlife-rich wilderness of Mana Pools – a World Heritage Site.



But there are also some hidden gems. We have several "best-kept-secrets" that are well off the beaten track and perfect for those who want a quiet haven or a place to be away from the crowd. Visit our offices for more information on what special offers our own country has to offer!

Visit remote Gonarezhou "the place of elephants" and view the incredible Chilojo Cliffs, or the ancient metropolis of Great Zimbabwe - the largest stone structure in Africa, besides the pyramids of Egypt. Visit Bulawayo – the City of Kings, and the nearby granite hills of the Matobos – another World Heritage Site - steeped in history and culture. These main attractions all offer plenty to see and do, with great options for romantic get-aways or a special celebration.







Although a fairly recent venture as Inspiration of Zimbabwe was created in early 2014, it enjoys the long standing experience of its directors Bruno van den Bossche, Hayley Idensohn and Isabella Togni, as well as the Tours Manager Donald Hondo who have managed and operated uncountable FIT, groups and MICE events in Southern Africa. Between the 4 of them, they total close to 90 years of experience. Bridget Ncube has recently joined the growing team in this dynamic company and with her degree in tourism brings fresh ideas and a new dimension.



We recently organised and co-ordinated Vintage Air Rally with vintage planes flying from Crete to Cape Town – which was reported by BBC to be very successful – more to follow on this!  
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