



10 Romantic Ways to Pop the Question

Finding the perfect romantic way to “Pop the question” can often elude men. The ultimate wedding proposal in the “Mars” mind might be on the jumbo screen at the Lakers game – not exactly every girls dream proposal.

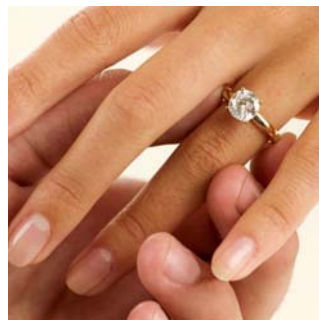
Here are a few romantic suggestions to get your proposal on the romance fast track:



1. Consider surprising your sweetheart with a night out of dining. Austen’s at the Pierpont Inn offers panoramic coastal views to toast one another as the sun sets on the horizon. Arrange with the staff in advance to make the evening as romantic as possible. The waiter may even get into the act by placing your sparkling engagement ring on top of a scrumptious dessert, or arrange to have the waiter bring a long stem chocolate covered strawberry with the engagement ring of her dreams slide down the stem..... or simply slide the ring into a glass of sparkling champagne... and toast your life together as future husband and wife...



2. Romantic walk on the beach: Reserve an ocean view fireplace suite at the Pierpont Inn for a weekend getaway. This is where having a few friends comes in handy.... Have your friends help you by building a sandcastle on the beach and setting the stage for a romantic dinner on the sand. Suggest to your sweetheart that you take a stroll along the beach... as you stumble across the romantic scene, she will be very impressed by your extra efforts. At sunset, slide the ring box atop the castle and watch her tear up with joy.



3. Another option is to stroll hand-in-hand around the lush grounds, stopping at one of the most picturesque sites on the entire Pierpont Inn property – a secluded English Tudor rose garden. Tucked amongst a cornucopia of gorgeous flowers, it features a rose covered gazebo, creating a fairytale atmosphere in which to propose marriage.
4. For pure romance, the Austen Pierpont Suite can’t be beat. Overlooking the pristine Pacific Ocean, it has a two-person whirlpool tub and a living area complete with Craftsman furniture and a warm, inviting fireplace and king-size Tempur-Pedic bed with premium linens. Consider toasting one another near the fireplace while enjoying hors’dourves from room service.



5. For the contemporary woman, consider a truly groovy place to propose. Reserve the Pierpont Inn's ocean view '50s Flat. On the property, this "Jetsons" inspired suite has been restored to reflect décor and furnishings from the 1950s. Place a blanket in front of the romantic sculpture fireplace and have room service deliver an in room picnic for two... a truly romantic memory for years to come.

6. Boat Cruise to the Channel Islands. Start with a refreshing breakfast at Austen's Restaurant, enjoy the Panoramic coastal views to get the day started. The hotel's concierge has already arranged your tickets, so share your plans for the day and set off to the harbor. Upon reaching the majestic Channel Islands, where pristine waters welcome sea lions and dolphins, take your sweetheart to the bow of the ship and propose. Ask the captain to blow the ship's horns after she accepts. Upon your return to The Pierpont Inn, celebrate your new engagement with a romantic dinner at Austen's inside the hotel. Have a bottle of champagne and chocolate-covered strawberries waiting in the room for dessert.



7. An ultimate couples day at the spa at The Pierpont Inn will be a day to cherish as you both receive pampering and tender loving care from professional therapists. Begin with side-by-side simultaneous massages in a private couples room, selecting from a variety of massage styles such as Japanese Shiatsu or Reiki for a deep relaxation experience. After the massage treatments, walk hand in hand to your cozy room, where a luscious fresh fruit platter and sparkling wine or champagne is waiting.

8. A stay in one of The Pierpont Inn's two private Rose Garden Cottages is a truly romantic way to propose. These secret hideaways offer vaulted ceilings, whirlpool tubs, fireplaces and cozy furnishings. Order room service on silver platters and place an engagement ring in the center of the platter for an unsuspected surprise. Or, take her outside to the gardens just beyond the cottage doors and propose there. Return to the same location to exchange wedding vows.



9. Vickers Estate – Surprise her with a weekend getaway to The Pierpont Inn. Rent out the entire Vicker's Estate! Tell her to pack her bags and blind fold her on your trip to the Pierpont Inn so she is completely surprised. In advance, sprinkle rose petals up the stairs to the master suite, leading right to the engagement ring box. Let her follow the petals to find her ultimate romantic proposal.

10. Dinner in the English Gardens. Nestled in a private enclave on site near the Garden Cottages, arrange to have a romantic table setting set up under the garden gazebo, where many couples exchange their vows. Candles will flicker, casting shadows as dinner is served from Austen's restaurant. The first course is an appetizer she can't refuse – a ring box placed in the center of oysters and a glass of champagne to toast the proposal.