

Last-minute Valentine's Day: Tables in Chicago area are available, going fast

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Valentine's Day isn't complete without Champagne. (Zbigniew Bzdak/Chicago Tribune)

Happy Valentine's Day, fellow procrastinators!

For those of you without reservations for Friday and/or Saturday night, don't despair. First of all, Valentine's Day is notorious for no-shows, and Friday's single-digit temperatures are likely to inspire a few cancellations. A well-timed phone call, or placing your name on a wait list, could pay off.

Second, quite a few restaurants still have tables available, particularly during the early and late hours. Here's a list of places that, as of Thursday evening, reported having available tables.

Artango Bar & Steakhouse, 4767 N. Lincoln Ave. Before 6 p.m. and after 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

Autre Monde, 6727 Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. Saturday only.

Bar Biscay, 1450 W. Chicago Ave. Availability before 6 p.m., after 9 p.m., both nights.

Barrio, 65 W. Kinzie St. Two tables available Friday for parties of five to eight.

Beatnik, 1604 W. Chicago Ave. Early and late tables Saturday.

Bobby's Deerfield, 695 Deerfield Road, Deerfield. Both nights.

Cafe Lucci, 609 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview. Both nights.

Cafe Spiaggia, 980 N. Michigan Ave. Both nights.

Ceres Table, 3124 N. Broadway. Late Friday and good availability Saturday.

Chicago q, 1160 N. Dearborn St. Featuring four-course menu with bottle of wine, \$150 for two.

City Winery, 1200 W. Randolph St. Featuring a "wine and dine" menu, three courses with glass of wine, \$99 for two.

Craft Urban Kitchen, 211 James St., Geneva. Featuring \$30 prix-fixe menu.

Ditka's Restaurant Chicago, 100 E. Chestnut St. Very early and very late (10:30 p.m.) tables available.

Don Juan Restaurante, 6730 N. Northwest Highway. Both nights.

Eden, 1748 W. Lake St. Both nights; tasting menu \$150, vegetarian tasting \$110.

Gene & Georgetti, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont. Saturday only.

George Trois, 64 Green Bay Road, Winnetka. Late-Saturday tables.

Il Poggiolo, 8 E. First St., Hinsdale. Tables for two both nights.

La Luna, 1726 S. Racine Ave. Saturday only.

Lawry's the Prime Rib, 100 W. Ontario St. Saturday only.

Marchesa, 535 N. Wells St. Music and dancing in addition to menu. Both nights.

mfk, 432 W. Diversey Ave. Availability 5 p.m. Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

NIU Japanese Fusion Lounge, 332 E. Illinois St. Both nights.

Oceanique, 505 Main St., Evanston. 9 p.m. Friday; five-course menu, \$125.

Pat's Pizza, 2679 N. Lincoln Ave. Saturday only.

Pizzeria DeVille, 404 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville. Saturday only.

Robert's Pizza and Dough Co., 455 N. McClurg Court. Availability both nights.

Roister, 951 W. Fulton Market. Saturday only.

RPM Events, 317 N. Clark St. Wine dinner featuring Paul Hobbs Winery, \$105, Friday only.

Tanta, 118 W. Grand Ave. After 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

Tied House, 3157 N. Southport Ave. Both nights.

Volo Restaurant Wine Bar, 2008 W. Roscoe St. 7-9 p.m. Friday.

WoodWind, 259 E. Erie St. Both nights

Zed 451, 739 N. Clark St. Rodizio-style service including lobster, wagyu tenderloin, \$70; Saturday only.