

# The Lady

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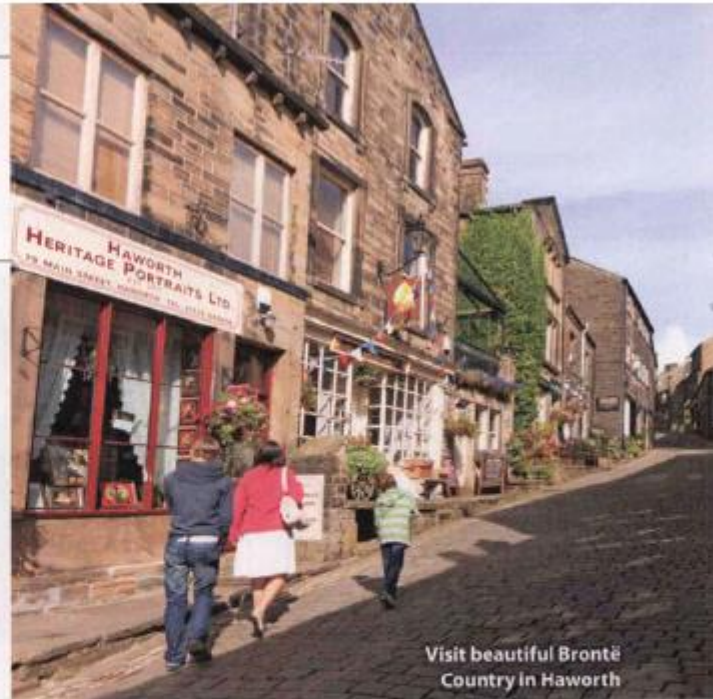
TRAVEL



## THE GLOBETROTTER

# Romantic BREAKS

There are a number of delightful places to visit if you want to take a romantic trip this month, says Melonie Clarke



Visit beautiful Brontë Country in Haworth

### DAY TRIPS Brontë Country

Discover the inspiration behind Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*, said to be set around the village of Haworth, West Yorkshire, and start with a visit to Top

Withens, the story's supposed setting, and Brontë Waterfall. Brontë Parsonage Museum – once the family home – contains the world's largest collection of Brontë family manuscripts, letters, early editions of novels, plus

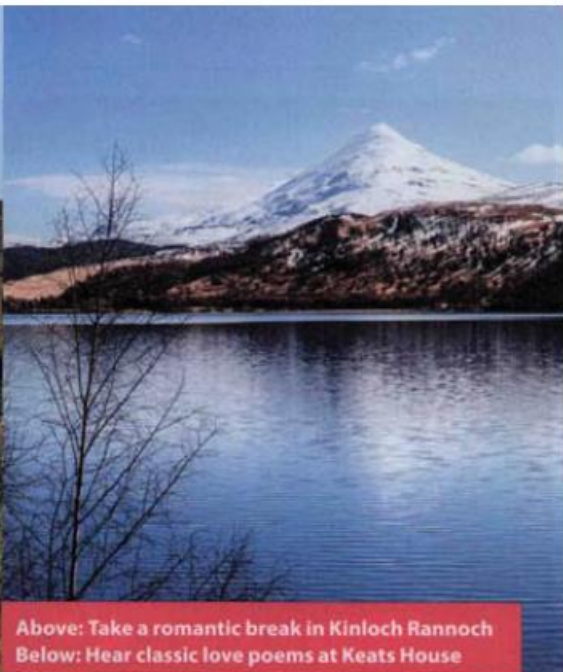
secondary material on the Brontës and their work.

• 01535-642323,  
[www.bronte.org.uk](http://www.bronte.org.uk)

### Carnforth

For fans of the 1945 David Lean film *Brief Encounter*,

a visit to Carnforth Station in Lancashire is a must. The clock used in the film is still in place, as is the tea room setting, and the station has been restored to its 1940s glory. Go along to the Heritage Centre to see the *Brief Encounter* exhibition.



Above: Take a romantic break in Kinloch Rannoch  
Below: Hear classic love poems at Keats House

Above: Warwick Castle  
Right: Chelsea Harbour Hotel

◆ 01524-735165,  
[www.carnforthstation.co.uk](http://www.carnforthstation.co.uk)

### Keats House

Here you can read love letters and poems from John Keats to Fanny Brawne in the some of his finest lines. The house was to be Keats's last residence in England and now serves as a memorial to the poet, featuring Fanny's engagement ring, locks of hair, paintings and original books in which his poems were penned, and the lovers' letters. For Valentine's Day, head to a late opening of Keats House and make a Regency-inspired Valentine's card, listen to readings of Keats's poems and love letters, and hear live music at the pop-up bar (16 February, £15). There are also readings of poems by Byron and others in Afternoon Poems: Love, performed by the Keats House Poetry Ambassadors (11 February, free).  
◆ 020-7606 3030, [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/keats](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/keats)

### SHORT BREAKS Warwick Castle

On 14 February, you can spend the night at the Knight's Village at Warwick Castle. The romantic break includes Prosecco upon arrival, a string quartet



accompaniment to a candlelight dinner, breakfast and two days' entrance to the castle. From £77 per person.  
◆ 0871-265 2000,  
[www.warwick-castle.com](http://www.warwick-castle.com)

### Follow in Jane Austen's footsteps

Lainston House Hotel in Hampshire has a Valentine's package from £325 for two, including Champagne, a six-course tasting menu, overnight accommodation and breakfast.  
◆ 01962-776088, [www.exclusive.co.uk/lainston-house](http://www.exclusive.co.uk/lainston-house)

### Weston Park Valentine Weekend

Weston Park in Shropshire is giving guests the chance to try their hand at chocolate-making (16-17 February). Quaff Champagne at a reception in the Marble Halls before sitting down to a five-course dinner in the 17th-century dining room, serenaded by a harpist. Flowers and Champagne are available upon request.  
◆ £399 per couple. 01952-852106, [www.weston-park.com](http://www.weston-park.com)

### De Vere Horsley Estate

Celebrate in royal style at Horsley Towers, the fine residence featured in the BBC's historical drama, *The Crown*. Horsley Towers in Surrey was also the home of Ada Lovelace, Lord Byron's daughter. Packages include a B&B stay in a deluxe double room, plus dinner for two, from £219.  
◆ 0148-328 4211,  
[www.phcompany.com/de-vere/horsley-estate](http://www.phcompany.com/de-vere/horsley-estate)

### The Chelsea Harbour Hotel

The Valentine's Gala at this London hotel's ballroom over two days includes a Champagne reception with canapés, a four-course dinner and performances from Adele impersonator Nikki Rae, with a six-piece band. Tickets for 16 or 17 February cost £125 per person. In addition, guests can book the Someone Like Adele package, which includes an overnight stay, tickets to the Valentine's Gala and breakfast, from £395 per night based

on two people sharing.

◆ 020-7823 3000,  
[www.millenniumhotels.com](http://www.millenniumhotels.com)

### Dunalastair Hotel

This Victorian hotel in Kinloch Rannoch, Perthshire, is offering one- and two-night packages which include pink fizz, chocolate and roses. Available from 9-18 February. One night £285; two nights £495. Price includes dinner and B&B based on two people sharing.  
◆ 01882-580444, [www.dunalastairhotel.com](http://www.dunalastairhotel.com)

### Roch Castle Hotel

This 12th-century castle in Pembrokeshire could be a setting for your own fairy tale. Beautifully restored, there are six en-suite bedrooms, and if you book a romantic stay this month you can enjoy a free bottle of sparkling wine and Wickedly Welsh chocolates on arrival. Available from 13-15 February for a two-night stay. ■  
◆ 01437-725566,  
[www.rochcastle.com](http://www.rochcastle.com)