

Tipples in the Name of Love

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than sipping on delicious cocktails with your loved one? Whether it's in front of the fireplace under a warm blanket or on a hilltop with a picnic basket, cocktails are the perfect accompaniment to any occasion. FOUR takes a look at some romance-inspired cocktail recipes from our favourite resorts across the globe.

VIK RETREATS' LA SUSANA

Located in the sand on the Playa Mansa beach of José Ignacio in Uruguay, La Susana is a laidback restaurant and beach club that serves the ultimate in fresh, local and organic Uruguayan cuisine, enhanced by a terrific ambience and great music. Under the shade of bamboo pergolas, guests can enjoy the enchanting seaside setting while sipping on bespoke cocktails and VIK wine.

Set just steps away from **Bahia Vik**, La Susana compliments Vik Retreat's unrivalled collection of retreats in Uruguay including **Estancia Vik**, **Playa Vik**, and **Bahia Vik**. As the South American summer heats up, the bartenders at La Susana have shared recipes for the property's favorite beach cocktails, which are nontraditional takes on the Aperol spritz and hot caipirinha.

La Susana Spritz

Ingredients

- 90ml Aperol
- 60ml sparkling wine
- 1/4 grapefruit
- 1 Tbs sugar
- 1 slice of fresh cucumber

Method

1. Put the grapefruit and sugar in a shaker and crush with a mortar until it becomes a syrup.
2. Fill the shaker with ice and add the Aperol. Shake strongly and strain into a large wine glass filled with ice.
3. Add the sparkling wine and finish it with the cucumber slice.



Red Hote Caipi

Ingredients

- 60ml Christiania vodka
- 30ml passion fruit pulp
- 1 Tbs red berries mix
- 1/2 lime in quarters
- 2 Tbs sugar
- 5 drops of Tabasco sauce
- ice flakes

Method

1. Put the lime and sugar in a glass and crush with a mortar until it becomes a syrup.
2. Add the passion fruit, berries, Tabasco, vodka and fill the glass with the crushed ice.
3. Shake well and serve in the same glass.

