

Schedule Valentine’s flowers for someone overseas at least two weeks before February 14, and earlier if you can. Choose the delivery date in the recipient’s local time, then check the available delivery window before placing the order.

Give the order enough time

Two weeks is a useful planning target, not a guarantee. Valentine’s Day is a busy time for florists, and the flowers or delivery slots you want may become unavailable as the date approaches. An earlier order gives you more room to choose and time to correct an address or payment problem.

If you are ordering only a few days ahead, check the florist’s stated cutoff and the dates still offered for the recipient’s address. Do not assume that a service available in a large city will also reach a rural area on the same schedule.

Ask how the order will be handled if the chosen flowers are unavailable. A florist may offer a similar arrangement, but substitution policies vary. If a particular flower or color matters, say so in the order notes and check that the florist can meet the request.

Use the recipient’s local calendar

February 14 may begin many hours earlier or later for your recipient than it does for you. Select the date shown for the delivery location, not the date on your own calendar. This matters especially if you are ordering close to the florist’s cutoff time.

Check local weekends, public holidays, and the florist's delivery days. Some businesses may not deliver every day, and a holiday can affect opening hours. If February 14 is unavailable, a delivery on February 13 can be a sensible choice.

Consider where the recipient will be that day. A workplace address may be convenient on a working day but less useful if the office is closed. For a home delivery, think about building access and whether someone is likely to be there to receive the flowers.

Check the details before you pay

Small mistakes can delay a delivery, particularly when the florist needs to contact someone in another country. Have these details ready:

- The recipient's full name and complete local address, including any building or apartment number.
- A phone number the florist can use in the recipient's country.
- Any access instructions, such as a reception desk or entry code.
- Your preferred delivery date and a short card message.

Read the delivery terms before confirming. Look for the expected delivery window, the policy for an absent recipient, and any option to change or cancel the order. Keep the confirmation so you can check the details or contact the florist if needed.

Common questions

Can I request an exact delivery time?

Some florists offer time windows, but an exact hour may not be available. Check before ordering if the recipient has a narrow window.

Should I send flowers a day early?

Yes, if February 14 is not available or the recipient will be easier to reach on February 13. An earlier date also allows some room for a delay.

What if I do not have the recipient's phone number?

Ask the florist if it can deliver without one. If a number is required, arrange a way to share it before placing the order.

See also: here