

# Date Idea: Travel Abroad without Leaving the Country



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If you live in the U.S., you and your honey can get a taste of foreign culture without traveling overseas this weekend. Traveling abroad is expensive and impractical for a short trip, but there are many places in the states dedicated to celebrating an array of various cultures.

Take a trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan for the Bavarian Festival, voted one of the top 5 festivals in the area. Running through the summer months, you'll have a blast while immersing yourself in German heritage. Enjoy games and rides with your other half, dance to live Bavarian music, indulge in ethnic food and try ice-cold, imported German beers. The two of you will be getting a taste of Germany without having to spring for a pair of expensive tickets across the Atlantic.

If you live in San Francisco, take a trip to the Chinatown area, which is the first of its kind in North America and home to the largest Chinese community outside of Asia. The entrance gate, which is on Grant Street, is the most photographed structure there. Take a few moments to admire the Dragon Gate, as it's called, before entering the area. Then, embark upon an unguided walking tour and get lost in the culture. Explore some of the oldest Buddhist temples and try authentic dim sum. Many other cities, such as New York and Chicago, have Chinatown neighborhoods as well. No matter what state you live in, visiting these cultural destinations will make you feel as though you've traveled half way around the world.

Experiencing life abroad without leaving the states is an inexpensive way to be romantic with your partner. You may have such a positive experience that you'll take your relationship to the next level and start preparing for an extended trip together.

**What do you and your honey do to explore other cultures? Let us know in the comments below.**