Romantic Boat Ride





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Test your love on the high seas and hit the water this weekend by going for a **romantic boat ride** with your favorite first mate!

If you're an early riser, experience a beautiful sunrise and see some of the spectacular landmarks at a harbor near you. Being aboard a pristine sailboat and gliding on the open water is a thrilling experience. You'll feel the wind in your hair, the salty air on your face, and your lover's arms wrapped tightly around you as you bob through the waves. There might even be time to go fishing while you're out braving the wild seas. What a romantic way to spend quality time together, free from the distractions of real life on land! So throw caution to the wind and get aboard your very own love boat.

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There are a ton of companies that offer afternoon and sunset romantic boat rides, where you can bring a nice picnic to snack on in case you work up an appetite as you put your sailing skills to good use. And don't forget the chilled bottle of Chardonnay for you and your date to sip as you enjoy the scenery. Check out some of these sailing companies that offer romantic boat rides, like Sushi Sundays or a Hawaiian Grill Sail, both in Santa Cruz.

If you don't happen to be next to an ocean, don't fret — you can still cruise your way to paradise with your beau. Grab an oar and take a ride in a rowboat on a nearby pond. Lounge in your boat on a warm and lazy afternoon and watch the day go by. Imagine him sitting opposite from you, wooing you with verse or song as you gaze deeply into his eyes. Perching a parasol over your shoulder is recommended to fully accomplish the classic love story scene.

If you're lucky, a gondola ride might be an option too. It won't be hard to picture the beautiful canals, aged bridges, quaint cafes, and old balconies of Venice as your singing gondolier guides you and your love on a romantic journey through time and place.

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A paddle boat is also a great way to get some exercise and spend a romantic evening together. Grab some food to go — something simple like burgers and shakes — and hit the lake. Start out at dusk so you have enough sunlight left to enjoy your dinner and view the sites as you paddle around. Finish up your meal right before the sun sets and watch the city lights turn on. See their reflection on the water, shining brighter as the sky grows dim for an even more romantic setting.

Have you ever had a romantic boat ride on the water? Share your story in the comments below!