Date Idea: Thanksgiving for Two





Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate with family, watch football and indulge in turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie. As fun as the day may be, it can cause strain on your personal relationship if things aren't planned out properly. The day will be extra special if you set aside time to work together as a team.

For example, if you're preparing to host Thanksgiving with your partner, begin the process by sharing responsibilities and scheduling time together in advance. Pick a day where you will choose the turkey and get all of the accompaniments together. This will make things much easier and it will show your partner how committed you are to having a nice experience with them.

As for decorations, unleash your inner child and make them yourself. After all, who didn't enjoy creating outlined hand-print turkeys from construction paper as a child?

An early start and an organized plan are essential for Thanksgiving Day success. For the romantics at heart, leave time for a break with your sweetheart in between all the preparing. Or, spend a few moments making a list of all the reasons you're thankful for each other and then read it aloud. This will also remind you why your relationship is so special and once family and friends arrive, you'll be ready to serve up the meal and mingle.

For those looking to spend some time alone, one idea is to cook and eat dinner together and join your families for dessert. Just don't forget to clean up as a couple — it'll go twice as fast and will end the holiday on a positive note.

No matter what you decide to do together this holiday, remember to give thanks to your partner and tell them how much you appreciate them.

On Thanksgiving, what are some activities you and your honey work on together? Let us know in a comment below.

Date Idea: Inspire Your Date with Art





If you're tired of heading to the same date place each week, getting in touch with your creative side may be just the thing you need to rekindle (or jump start) your romance. An art exhibition or museum combines culture with artistic flair and can be very romantic.

If you're interested in getting hands-on experience, an art class may be the thing you need instead. Additionally, many pottery studios are open to the public and have ready-made pieces that you can purchase and paint. Enjoying this with a significant other can make for a fun, hands-on date that will expose the creative side in both of you.

If you're struggling to find something similar in your area, look at the community section of your paper for local artists showcasing their work. It's important to remember that art is subjective and what your partner may like, you may not. Sharing your perspective is what can deepen your relationship further.

Did you ever get artsy with your honey? Let us know about it by commenting below!

Relationship Advice: Wine Taste Your Way to An Intimate Date





By Sarah Batcheller

If you and your partner enjoy the luxury of indulging in expertly crafted wines, then attending a wine tasting event can be the perfect date idea. Watching a movie or dining at a crowded restaurant doesn't always give you the opportunity to be intimate. Who could ask for more than learning about — and sipping on! —smooth wines in a cozy tasting room?

Date Idea for Wine Enthusiasts

Have you ever wanted to feel like former *Bachelorette* <u>Kaitlyn Bristowe</u>, and enjoy your favorite crisp, white wine while conversing with your beau? Well, it's not as far-fetched as it sounds! Just find a winery in your area to give a classy and elegant edge to a typical weekend date idea. You can even find one that calls for more formal attire if that's the style you and your lover prefer. You'll be feeling like a reality TV star in no time!

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Don't forget to take your budget into account. This experience can be a full day event, and you may buy several bottles to take home. It's also good to confirm the cost of the tastings. Some places charge a fee to participate, while other venues are free. Finally, if you're hoping to purchase food to pair with your favorite new wine, you'll have that additional cost to factor in. Check out www.winerybound.com to find the winery closest to you.

Follow this additional <u>relationship advice</u> if you don't live near a winery: You can create your own wine-tasting experience by packing some bottles and enjoying a romantic picnic. Or you can look in your local paper for restaurants or wine shops in your area that are hosting tasting parties. For an even cozier option, consider planning your own event. Invite your partner over to your place for a private sampling of reds and whites from a particular region. You'll be regular connoisseurs before you know it!

Related Link: Date Idea: Tease Your Taste Buds

Whether you're a wine expert or simply looking to try something new, wine tasting is a fun, educational, and intimate date idea.

Have you ever been on a wine tasting date? Tell us about it in the comments below!

Date Idea: Don't Let Fall Cool Your Dates Down





Fall is here, and what better way to get ready for the cool weather than by heading indoors for dinner and a movie? Try something new by heading to a recently opened restaurant in your town or trying a dish that you and your date can share. Not only are you creating memories, but you're getting ready for the holiday, which is all about giving thanks to one another.

To get current information on new restaurants coming to your area and for some great deals (who doesn't want to save money before the holidays?), check out websites like Bloomspot, Groupon and Living Social.

If you'd rather stay in, become a chef in your own kitchen and start whipping up some fall-flavored creations. Bake a pumpkin pie for your sweetheart, or embrace the season by making it together. Whether you decide to cook a three course meal or just dessert, finish the evening with a movie by the fire, which will put you in the mood to cuddle well into winter.

Do you and your special someone have a specific restaurant you love? Let us know by commenting below.

Date Idea: Play Games Amusement Park-Style





Going to the movies and dining in a nice restaurant can make for a great evening, but it can also make time pass by way too quickly. After all, the best types of dates are the ones that last for hours and involve a lot of excitement. Are you searching for a date idea that will consist of hours of fun? Then feel the thrill of love in your relationship by visiting an amusement park with your significant other this weekend.

The best amusement parks may not be located in your area, but it's definitely worth it to drive there. The live entertainments, expositions, game booths and rides will make your day unforgettable. And who better to share these memories with other than your partner?

Take some risks by riding on roller coasters. Not a fan of heights? Then take a journey on a train around the park or ride on the bumper cars. Nothing is more romantic than taking a spin on a carousel and riding on the Ferris wheel, while looking at the skyline.

Perhaps the most exciting part about theme parks are winning games. Excite your mate by trying your luck at playing a few and winning him or her a prize. If you plan on competing with

each other, make a deal at the booth — first to win will get a kiss! Of course, that would be a win for both of you.

As the day comes to an end, plan on grabbing a bite to eat before hitting the road home. Amusement parks have an abundance of great eateries, ranging from hot dog stands to five star restaurants. Maybe keeping it simple with some cotton candy or funnel cake will make for an oh-so-sweet ending.

Have a favorite date idea? Comment below and share with our readers. Until next time, have a great week!

Date Idea: Get Wet and Wild on the Water





With this great summer weather, it's time to have some fun in the sun. What better way to do that than by getting wet and wild on the water?

Grab your boo and head out on the water for some great waves and fun. If you don't have your own boat, why not rent one for the day? Head out to Montauk or take a ride around New York City to see some memorable sites, and cherish the time you get to spend with your love. Bring along some lunch or dinner to make your own romantic meal on the water.

If you're up for more intense action, rent a jet ski and get crazy. It's sure to be an adventure! If you're on the West Coast and are ready to have some extreme fun, why not go white water rafting? This gives you an excuse to get close to your honey when you're going over steep falls or bumps.

If you don't feel ready to hop on a jet ski or go white water rafting, take a dip in the water and go for a nice swim with your beau. In the Midwest? The Great Lakes are a "great" option. Take a trip to Southwest Michigan and indulge in some beautiful lakeside beaches, like Silver Beach in St. Joseph.

No matter what you and your partner choose to do, you're bound to have tons of fun in the sun.

Do you have any tips on how to get wet and wild on the water this weekend? Share your thoughts below!

Date Idea: Enjoy a Day at the Fair





Searching for some date ideas? Cupid's got you covered! Treat your love to an exciting day at the local or state fair.

Going on a date to the fair will add excitement to your romantic relationship. Since fairs come once a year in most

areas, it's worth it to put a day aside and attend one. Not only will you make great memories and enjoy yourselves, but you'll both feel young again.

The best parts about a fair are the rides and <u>food</u>. Nothing is more romantic than riding the ferris wheel with your partner and looking at the skyline together. Consider taking a ride on the merry-go-round, too. And what could be more delicious than cotton candy, funnel cakes and elephant ears?

Most fairs have live performances and animals. Enjoy the evening dancing to some music. The <u>Great New York State Fair</u> features a Grandstand filled with <u>great performances</u>.

Perhaps the best way to get your significant other excited is by competing at the game booths. Try your luck at playing a few games and winning your sweetheart a prize. On the west coast? Check out the <u>California State Fair and Expo</u>, which starts today, July 15th.

Here's a list of the <u>top state fairs in America</u>, so no matter where you are, you can take part in the fun.

So what are you waiting for? Plan on a day to take your love to the fair, and then let us know how it went by commenting below. Until next time, have a great week!

Date Idea: Star Gaze on The Beach





What's more romantic than lying under the stars with your boo? Pretty close to nothing! Summer is the perfect time to live out your dating fantasies, and what better way to do this than by star gazing at the beach?

Don't dress for a day to play in the sand, but instead wear some comfy clothes and bring a nice blanket to cuddle up in with your beau. It'll guard against the cool breeze that comes off the water at night, and it'll also be a good excuse for the two of you to snuggle closer.

Pack a bottle of wine and some dinner to create your own romance scene. You can even set the mood with some slow music or even a cute playlist that the two of you created together, some inscents, or even a few candles. Now tell me that doesn't sound like a story book ending!

And what better way to finish off the night than by wishing

upon a star? Your wish may just come true, whether it be for true love or simply another date. If you feel like totally sweeping someone off of his or her feet, why not get a star named after them? That's a scene straight out of *A Walk To Remember* starring Mandy Moore.

No matter what you decide to do on a starry night, the most important thing you can do is embrace the love that is in the air and enjoy the person by your side.

Have any ideas of your own for a starry night? Comment below, and share with our readers.

Date Idea: Fire Things Up On the Fourth of July





Although Fourth of July is celebrated to commemorate America's freedom, its festivities make it a great day to plan a date. If you'll get the weekend off, as well as the fourth of July, spend your three-day vacation with the following ideas in mind:

- 1. Host a BBQ: Plan on hosting a BBQ with your partner and invite a few friends over. Grill your favorite food and bake a fourth of July cake.
- 2. Beach: Spend the following day at the beach and have a bonfire in the evening. Bring a blanket to keep yourself warm when you curl up next to your significant other. Don't forget to also bring along marshmallows, graham crackers and chocolate bars to make S'mores.
- **3. Picnic:** Spend Independence Day with your love by having a picnic in a park. Light up a few sparklers in the evening.
- **4. Vacation:** Always stressed and no time to relax? Then take advantage of your three days off by taking a short trip with your partner. If you'll still be in America, make sure to check out the Independence Day parades that are taking place.

Live in Manhattan, New York? Macy's will kick off the world's largest fireworks display around 9 p.m. on July 4^{th} . It's an event you won't want to miss.

Do you have any Independence Day date ideas? Comment below, and share with our readers. Enjoy the holiday!

Date Idea: Plan a Snow Date





Looking for date ideas as Valentine's Day approaches? Make a wintertime fantasy out of the coming weekend! As far as any of us are concerned, the magic of the holiday season lives on as long as it's cold. How else would we get through the low temperatures, right? So make the most out of the most

romantic day of the year and spend some time basking in the beauty of winter before it's gone! Below, we share Cupid's dating advice for all the sentamentalists who just aren't ready to let the holidays go.

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Take advantage of your time off from work. There are so many outdoor activities that are going to expire come spring, so enjoy them before it's too late. Hit up your local ice skating rink before it's transformed back into a roller rink. For the more athletic, you can engage in a friendly game of hockey with your lover. If there's snow on the ground where you are, then have an end-of-season snowball fight. The playfulness is bound to bring the two of you closer together as you celebrate Valentine's Day.

Dating Advice for an Unforgettable Valentine's Day Weekend

After all the wintry fun (or if you're just the indoors type!), you can stay warm and snuggle with your other half by engaging in one last round of sitting by the fireplace. Take some dating advice from famous couple Reese Witherspoon and Jim Toth, whose celebrity marriage makes staying home look like there's nothing more romantic in the world. Brew some hot chocolate and put on your favorite rom-com. If you'd rather only enjoy the company of your honey, then let your favorite love songs play in the background as you hang out.

Related Link: Relationship Advice: How to Keep the Spark in Your Relationship After Valentine's Day

If you're the festive type, try another date idea and have one last holiday decorating party: String up some lights and paper chains to get in the spirit. The decorations paired with a

home-cooked meal will be sure to stir that home-for-the-holidays feeling all over again. If you really want to go back in time, the two of you can make cards for each other — just like the old elementary school days!

What's your favorite V-Day date idea? Let us know in the comments below!

Date Idea: Bundle Up for Fun





Just because the holidays are over doesn't mean the magic of winter has to end. Cupid's got some date ideas for those who love to embrace the colder weather. Temperatures are ice cold, so there's still time to sport your chicest coat or get all

toasty warm by the fireplace. As your toes freeze, as icicles form on your eyelashes, and as the snow falls outside your window, you may be tempted to stay inside, but there's nothing more romantic than taking your partner out for some fun in the snow!

Relationship Advice to Enjoy the Winter Weather

Related Link: Date Idea: Rent a Cabin in the Snow

Sure, there are always the classics: snowmen, snow angels, and sledding. Why not try something a little more exciting this holiday season? Follow this relationship advice by adding a twist to the snow day classics while surprising your neighbors with your creative front yard. Instead of the traditionally white snowman, why not make a colorful one? Take some food coloring, mix it with water, and place the mixture in a spray bottle. Once you build your snowman, squirt the color on, and watch the snow change colors. Try layering different colors for a rainbow or ombré effect. You can also make your favorite fictional character come to life with just a bit of accessorizing: Use a lightning-bolt scar and glasses make for a great Harry Potter, or you can style your creation with a wig and a crown to create your favorite Disney princess.

For a more social activity, try starting a couples' snowball fight. Invite your neighbors and divide yourselves into teams. Whether you're playing couples against couples or girls against guys, you're sure to bond with your friends who enjoy a little wintertime fun. Building snow forts is another great way to get the competition rolling. You could also challenge each other to a snow angel contest or teach each other how to juggle snowballs.

Related Link: Date Idea: Have Fun in the Winter Sun

If you're feeling particularly athletic, take a cue from Hollywood couple <u>Jessica Simpson</u> and hubby Eric Johnson and organize a football game in the snow. All you need are some friends and a football! A game of tackle is no big threat when your field is cushioned with snow. Plus, it's a great way to enjoy the beautiful white winter but also stay warm. You'll get so caught up in the fun that you won't even want to keep score!

Share your best wintertime relationship advice in the comments below!

Date Idea: Cook a Romantic Dinner





Need a fun date idea for this weekend? Cupid's got you covered with some amazing dating advice! There's never been a better time to get creative in the kitchen. Cooking is a skill that can relieve stress and bring people together. Not to mention, it's a useful talent at any event, any time of year. No matter how you choose to perfect your skills, you're bound to benefit greatly; taking a class will allow you to truly master the recipe, and cooking at home will ensure plenty of leftovers. You can take classes as a couple or in a group. No matter how you decide to go about it, you're sure to turn up the heat with this weekend date idea.

Related Link: Prince William and Kate Middleton Take Cooking Class

Dating Advice for Culinary Enthusiasts

Look at local colleges or culinary institutes for classes. Some restaurants even offer them right in their own kitchens. Consider your favorite spot in town, and see if they offer what you're looking for. You'll be sure to utilize the skills in the future if you're learning to create your longtime favorite dish. If you're interested in learning how to pair meals with drinks, you can find a class that covers it all! Need help? It's ultra-easy these days to research affordable classes online.

If you want to stay in, there are plenty of ways to work your magic around the stove. Check out the recipes for couples on Cooks.com, or just look up ideas for your favorite ingredient. Remember to go grocery shopping for everything ahead of time, and take into account any significant preparation time. You also want to be sure to create a romantic ambiance, so that all your hard work can be truly appreciated. Reality TV star Khloe Kardashian is an expert on setting a pristine kitchen scene, so be sure to check out some of her tutorials in order to make sure the night is just right.

Related Link: 'RHONJ' Star Kathy Wakile Talks Desserts in Celebrity Video Interview: "Indulge. It's Not Going to Kill You!"

In the NYC area? Check out the New York City Travel Guide for neighborhood restaurants that offer cooking classes and wine tastings for couples.

Have a romantic recipe or hot spot you'd recommend? Comment below and share your dating advice with our other readers!