

Dating Advice: 3 Best Places for Women to Meet Women



Dating isn't easy in general, but dating within a small group of people like the LGBT community can be even more challenging. There's no denying that it takes time and patience to find your same-sex soulmate and to get to know them and build a relationship, just like it would with any relationship. For a [single lesbian dating](#), finding someone mostly comes down to location. You need to know the right places to check out and pay a visit to in search of that special someone.

Check out this dating advice about the best places women can find other women to date.

Go Online

For a lot of smaller communities, it is a lot easier to connect online. There are some specialized lesbian dating sites that allow you to easily browse through profiles and find someone you would like to get to know better. After you have spent some time getting to know a few people, you can schedule a date with someone you find interesting. Because you've already chatted online, it takes some of the edge off of the first encounter. There won't be as many awkward silences. The only thing left is to determine whether you have chemistry with one another.

Attend LGBT Community Events

If you prefer to meet potential partners in person instead of online, you can always attend a community event. Check out what's happening online at your local LGBT community center, or see if there are any "pride" events in your area. If you haven't come out to your family and friends yet, consider attending the events in a neighboring town to avoid encountering anyone you know. It's all about feeling comfortable enough to be open and flirt, so if you need a change of scenery, that is what you should do.

Visit Your Local Lesbian Bar

If you are out and proud, there is nothing preventing you from frequenting the local lesbian bars. People gather openly and without fear and judgment at these types of establishments. Everyone there knows who they are and what they want, so all that is left is to find someone you are attracted to and start

up a conversation. And remember, if you only want to party and hook up, the weekend scene is what you need. On the other hand, if you are looking for something more meaningful and permanent, you should definitely go out on a weekday evening. That way the atmosphere is more relaxed and you can have a quiet and friendly conversation.

These are just some of the ways you can meet other interesting women with the hopes to develop a relationship. So, choose which one works best for you and go for it! You never know where you will find love.

Dating Advice: Why 'Ghosting' is the New Normal in the Dating Scene





By [Hope Ankney](#)

Most of us have been the victim of abandoned text messages, empty voicemail boxes, and the complete disappearance of someone we thought we had a great connection with over drinks. This leaves us with a haunted mind that tries to understand what we did wrong to cause someone to vanish from our lives. An experience that is more common in our [dating](#) lives than most of us think, the term “ghosting” (the act of withdrawing or ending a relationship suddenly and without explanation) has become the new normal.

In this dating advice, find out why “ghosting” is so trendy right now in the dating scene.

Is ghosting a new trend because of the rise of technology and social media? The absence of communicating with others face-to-face? The desensitization of considering others’ feelings

due to impersonal interaction? Those are questions that have circulated around the term “ghosting” for a while now, in an effort to understand the epidemic that has created open wounds and confusion. It seems that the main culprit to “ghosting” in our dating lives is the lack of vulnerable communication we have, now. Many people don’t know how to cope with having an honest conversation, so they’d rather disappear instead of confronting the other person directly about their feelings. Dr. Fran Walfish, a leading child, couple and family Psychotherapist in private practice in Beverly Hills, California, provides her opinion on why “ghosting” has become so popular in modern dating:

1. Technology: As Dr. Walfish explains, “We are currently living in an age where people judge dates based on what technology they have. They slide this under the guise of ‘ease’.” With how technology-dependent our society is, nowadays, it’s much easier to contact people on whatever social media app or texting device we have available to us. She goes on to say that people have normalized texting to be a front-runner in how we communicate in relationships, which ends up causing much more misunderstanding, uncertainty, and distance between people. This results in “ghosting” being a common practice that hurts and confuses the message receiver.

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2. “Cookie Jarring”: This, as Dr. Walfish has coined, “is a dating term where you keep someone as a backup with no real intention of dating them. You use them as a possible escort for parties or group events so you don’t have to go alone, but you put them back in the cookie jar when you’re done.” This somewhat of a brutal way to put it, right? But, “cookie jarring” is actually a phenomenon that only further perpetuates “ghosting.” With millennials and Gen Z-ers being raised in an environment of selfish and narcissistic media, these daters lack the realization that their behavior could

significantly impact another. So, when they're using someone or treating them coldly, they often don't see it as being rude or disrespectful.

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3. Peer Pressure: Young people seem to constantly worry about how their peers perceive them, especially on social media. Dr. Walfish details that "young adults seem more consumed with how they are viewed by their peers if they show up dateless, rather than building internal character by doing the right thing and treating others the way they want to be treated." Not only that but sometimes friends persuade them to drop those they're dating or seeing. We love to fit in, and it isn't abnormal for us to do that by 'ghosting' someone that the peers we value are telling us to. Peer pressure is the culprit for many people disappearing on others, and the constant focus on social media can tell a person that they don't need to be dating one person when there are so many potential partners out there.

4. Bottom Line: 'Ghosting has become a phenomenon that, sadly, is here to stay. The dating scene has veered away from finding someone to build a relationship with, instead, focusing more on how easy and simple hooking-up is. This replacement has caused a stunt in how we utilize our communication skills and function in healthy relationships. The [relationship advice](#) that Dr. Walfish gives on how to combat the ever-increasing, impersonal characteristics of modern dating is to stick to traditional dating roles. "Open, honest communication between two loving and solemnly committed partners is required to make all the types of role divisions in relationships work." And, if you aren't feeling the same connection that your date is, the best thing to say is what Dr. Walfish suggests: "You are a lovely person, but I feel like we are not the right match (or fit)." By doing this, you're at least not leaving someone in the dark, feeling abandoned and rejected without

knowing exactly why.

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Dating Advice: 7 Effective Ways Out of a Breakup





By Bijan Kholghi

You'll agree with me that getting over a breakup is not easy. This situation can be very tough, and there's no way we can sugar-coat it. That said, the period after a breakup still presents ample opportunity for personal rebranding. A few months ago, I was neck-deep in this highly frustrating condition. But I found a way that helped me grow.

Here are some of the compelling techniques and psychological methods that can help you rebrand and recover after a breakup or divorce.

Step #1 – Redefine & Reclaim Yourself

The first step to healing starts with redefining yourself and giving a meaning to your life. Relationships need total

commitment to flourish, no doubt. However, the extent to which you gave up yourself in the relationship will determine how painful the transition phase will be for you. Perhaps you've always had this feeling of insufficiency or unworthiness about yourself prior to the relationship. Maybe you've failed at having your own life while the relationship lasted. Start by changing that narrative and start being the person you're happy to be.

Step #2 – Redefine Your Borders & Set Healthy Boundaries

Breakups give you a new chance to redefine your boundaries as a person. What does an ideal relationship look like to you? Take a moment to reflect on what your expectations are and better still, write these down. Having a clear idea of simple things like how much time you'd like to spend alone, with your partner, family members, family and friends with your partner, family and friends without your partner, etc can help. Other vital things can include whether or not you want to have kids, marry, as well as other things that may pertain to your career, personal, or social life.

Step #3 – Fix Your Broken Heart

Don't fall into the temptation of thinking about the good old days. This is like an addiction, and the earlier you get rid of it, the better. First, accept that that phase is over. Make a list of those things you didn't like about the ex. This will help you avoid being fixated on their positive sides, which will only hurt you the more. Finally, take practical steps to fill the voids in your social life and identity with things like fun and other fun activities you've missed.

Step #4 – Truthfully Analyze Your Role

This part demands complete truth and honesty. Ask yourself how and what your contributions were to the failure of the relationship. Question why you didn't change and what you should try to do better in your next relationship. This is important to help you grow and do better the next time.

Step #5 – Analyze Your Personal Trigger Points

One part of [getting over a breakup](#) requires analyzing your fights to see what the common triggers were. Perhaps the strong emotions involved appear to have stemmed from old patterns that have been there from childhood. Sometimes, it's not really what the other person does that hurts. Often, it may be an old pattern getting triggered unconsciously. Understanding these will help you avoid the triggers and may help you set the foundation for a stronger relationship when the chance comes.

Step #6 – Don't Please Too Much, No More!

Being committed to a relationship should not mean going against yourself to please the other person. This is more like a disease, and most times, it may reduce how much a person is attracted to you. Don't lose yourself to trying to be a perfect partner. It's necessary to stop this before you go into your next relationship.

Step #7 – Analyze Your Sex Life for Issues

Many people like to ignore it, but it's no lie that good sex life is crucial for healthy relationships. Cracks in your relationship can cause a sexual disconnection for one or both partners, and so your sex life can be a good indicator that something may be wrong. Your sex life should be balanced between being connected to your pleasure and the pleasure of the other person. This is also about putting too much emphasis on pleasing the other person.

Bottom Line

Analyzing the relationship for errors will help you get a better understanding of where things went wrong. More importantly, you'll be able to find the self-confidence and self-control you need to get over the phase. At the end of the day, getting over an ex is still not easy. However, these techniques helped me through my difficult moments after a breakup. If you can try them, I'm hopeful they'll help the light shine through the cracks of your broken heart, again.

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Celebrity News: Tyler Cameron Had Offer to Become 'The Bachelor' Amid Dating Gigi Hadid





By [Meghan Khameraj](#)

In [celebrity news](#), Tyler Cameron revealed that he was offered the titular role on *The Bachelor*, but declined. Cameron has been linked to model Gigi Hadid and the [celebrity couple](#) has sparked non-stop dating rumors. Though Cameron didn't mention Hadid by name as the reason for turning down the role, he definitely implied that he had other things going on in his love life. *UsMagazine.com* reports that Cameron told *Entertainment Tonight*, "Where I was at in my life ... I just didn't think it was where I wanted to be. My heart wasn't in it." Cameron has also been dealing with some family problems as his father's health has been on a decline.

In celebrity news, Tyler Cameron turned down being *The Bachelor* while he was dating Gigi

Hadid. How do you know if your relationship is strong enough to pass up a big opportunity?

Cupid's Advice:

Tyler Cameron turned down a major career and life opportunity by declining to star on *The Bachelor*. Though he stated that there were many reasons for him not to take the role, it seems as though his [celebrity relationship](#) with Gigi Hadid has had a big impact on his decision. Cupid has some [dating advice](#) to help you know if your relationship is ready to take priority over the other aspects of your life:

1. You both give things up: A successful relationship should be a give and take. If you and your partner are only giving or only taking, then you should take a step back and reevaluate the balance of your relationship. This will help further down the road if there is a potential disagreement about an opportunity.

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2. You try to compromise: Nothing ever goes as perfectly as planned, especially when you're sharing a life with someone. Keep in mind your partner's feelings and wants, and try to find a middle ground where you both can be happy. Compromises can be difficult and take time to work out, but they are worth it to ensure that your significant other is as happy as you are.

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3. You're open with each other: If you're finding the situation exceptionally difficult to navigate the best thing

to do is be open with your significant other. Let them know how you feel and what you really want from the situation. Be sure to also listen to them and take into account how they are feeling. An open and honest relationship will help you avoid an ill-feelings toward each other.

What are you willing to give up for your partner? Let us know in the comments below!

Celebrity News: Gwen Stefani Had No Idea Who Blake Shelton Was Before 'The Voice'





By Ahjané Forbes

In [celebrity news](#), “Hollaback Girl” singer, Gwen Stefani, did not know her country superstar boyfriend Blake Shelton existed prior to *The Voice*. The [celebrity couple](#) met when they had just divorced their celebrity exes. The two have a love dovey relationship on the show and plan to keep it that way for this season. According to *UsMagazine.com*, the songwriter said, “I mean, he’s just so magical. Blake is literally a unicorn. Like, anywhere he goes, people are just attracted to him.”

In celebrity news, Blake Shelton’s name isn’t famous to everyone’s ears, apparently. What are some ways to approach your crush?

Cupid’s Advice:

It’s not all that bad to not know who your crush was until you

met them. That said, approaching your crush can be the hardest thing to do. Cupid has some advice on how to approach your crush:

1. Watch how they interact with others: What is their personality like? Are they reserved or outspoken? Do you see any key indicators on them like a football team logo or a name tag from a job? Use what you can find to strike up a conversation to break the ice.

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2. Show them you're interested: Walking passed your crush well-dressed and making eye contact is not just for the movies. It actually works. Eye contact and being groomed is a very attractive tactic that can draw your crush to you. Reel them in with a playful stare as you walk passed, keep looking at them, and then turn away. This will get there attention and who knows they might just make a move on you!

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3. Talk to them: It's okay to just have a normal conversation with them to see what they are all about. Try not to bring up that you like them at first. See if they mention that they are with someone, and then take that approach. Their personality will tell you a lot about if you want to pursue them further. Take baby steps before rushing for the goal!

When you had a crush how did you get their attention? Share your experiences in the the comments below!

Expert Dating Advice: How To Have Tough Talks With Your Partner



By Tori Autumn

At some point, many people have to say, “We need to talk,” to their partner, a phrase that could affect the relationship moving forward. Some examples of sensitive topics include [moving in](#), talking about [marriage](#), having children, being committed, financial responsibilities, arguments with family members, unresolved conflict, or the decision to separate.

How to make that tough talk with your partner easier!

Ultimately, the reason why you shouldn't be afraid to have tough talks with your partner is that having uncomfortable conversations test the strength of a long-term relationship.

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Here are some tips for nailing those difficult talks:

1. Make the Setting a Place You Feel Most Comfortable

The setting of the conversation sets the tone and could make a difference for how you both begin and end the talk. You can find a spot with little to no distractions, get there a little earlier so that you can feel relaxed, and have a general outline (mentally or written down) of the main points you want to talk about.

2. Practice Detaching From the Outcome

You are responsible for what you say, but you can't control how someone will react to what you've said. One of the biggest reasons why we delay tough talks is because we allow the fear of thinking our partner will get upset or change the way they feel about us to hold us back.

However, deciding to not have the needed conversation that you want keeps your true feelings on the back-burner. Instead of focusing on what goes wrong, the goals to be understood and to understand your partner should take priority.

In an [interview actor Will Smith](#)'s wife, Jada Pinkett-Smith talks about how she felt drained after hitting a wall in her marriage while trying to juggle her family's multiple careers. After admitting this, she said, "I just knew with the kind of

love that Will and I share – which is beyond romantic love – that we could transform our union and figure out how to re-create what we had.” She went on to say that she believed she and Will had the tools to keep a healthy relationship and family together.

If you know your partner pretty well, the outcome of the conversation was probably going to happen eventually, but speaking up about what’s on your heart now gives you both the accountability to move forward accordingly.

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3. Give Your Partner the Opportunity to Express His/Her Feelings

After you’re done speaking, let your partner get his/her time to react and say how they feel. This time is as equally important as when you led the conversation, so be fully present and listen, rather than speak defensively.

Tough talks do not necessarily get easier over time, but the way to have them is to start with lighter conversations and gradually move up into more honest conversations. Deciding to push past the awkwardness will give you the opportunity to express yourself and see how your partner really feels.

Ladies, want to know the 3 secrets to getting a man to take you seriously? Download your free guide [HERE!](#)

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New Celebrity Couple Pete Davidson & Margaret Qualley Travel to Venice Ahead of Red Carpet Debut

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By Meghan Khameraj

In the latest [celebrity news](#), Pete Davidson and Margaret Qualley went to Italy together! According to an insider for *UsMagazine.com*, the newly announced [celebrity couple](#) have “been seeing each other for a couple of months.” Though the

couple has been together for a few months, they are set to make their first public appearance as a [famous couple](#) at the 76th Venice Film Festival.

In celebrity news, this new celebrity couple is ready to step out as an official couple together. How do you know when to take your relationship public?

Cupid's Advice:

Pete Davidson and Margaret Qualley are taking their relationship to the next level with their first official appearance as a celebrity couple. While this is a big and sometimes scary step, Cupid has some relationship advice that will help you figure out if you're ready:

1. You both want to go public: This may seem obvious, but if you and your partner aren't on the same page, then going public will only add fuel to the fire. Talking about your relationship with your partner in the early stages will allow your relationship to be more honest.

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2. You picture a long-term relationship: You wouldn't want to announce your new relationship to all your friends and family just to break up a few weeks later. If you can't picture yourself with your partner in the future, then it's time to rethink going public.

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3. You're ready for opinions: With a public relationship comes public opinion. You and your significant other should be ready to deal with any negativity that might surround your relationship. Focus on the positive that comes with having a public relationship, such as honesty and trust.

What are some tell-tale signs that a relationship isn't ready to go public? Let us know in the comments below!

Dating Advice: Cookie Jarring



“Love is an untamed force. When we try to control it, it destroys us. When we try to imprison it, it enslaves us. When

we try to understand it, it leaves us feeling lost and confused.” – a confused lover

When it comes to narrating a tale regarding the history and contemporary details of love and relationships, none claim to be an expert. Almost everyone seems to be somewhat baffled when it comes to the concepts of love and attachment. You can never be definite about the path your current relationship, and therefore you should be taking precautions. All the while, however, you tend to indulge in a relationship no matter what happens or had happened to you in the past. You just can't keep yourself apart from this sweet poison that you're taking so deliberately – love. That doesn't mean you're not skeptical at the end of the day, which can lead to questions and uncertainty in your relationship. To get rid of that insecurity, you need to trust in your partner completely, and trust nowadays is hard to come by.

Social media and various dating apps offer you a world of possibilities. It's like a cookie jar you just have to reach in to to find your preferences. As a result, the term “cookie-jarring” came into existence in the dating advice world.

Let's suppose you're in a casual relationship with your neighborhood friend or your one of colleagues, and at the same time, you get involved with a potential candidate from www.DoULike.com. Now, you're in jeopardy. At first, you were not so sure about your local friend or colleague and to

maximize the confusion, you find your 'DoULike' mate even more dynamic and influential. Now, you're just keeping your friend and colleague as back-up plans. The whole idea of dating someone as a back-up plan is referred to as "cookie-jarring."

"Cookie-jarring" happens as a consequence of insecurity. If you're ever feeling unstable in your relationship, you may drag yourself towards a backup option intentionally or unintentionally to find stability. It's the new trend emerging worldwide. The modern dating landscape is ever-changing. Because this process has a fail-safe option, you always have a fallback option where you have no need to be lonely or to panic about the possibility of rejection.

This is a tool of modern age dating, yet there is nothing charming about it. There is always a person who ends up getting hurt and has a hard time recovering from it mentally and psychologically. "It keeps you feeling dependent on having someone, anyone in your life – which is not the healthiest way to start a relationship," Theresa Herring, a licensed marriage and family therapist from Chicago, explained. She also stressed on the point, saying, "Plus, it could blow up in your face if the person you're actually interested in finds out and it prevents the person you've cookie jarred from meeting somebody who actually fond of enough to date them."

To sum up, a sincere byproduct of insecurity and lack of respect leads you to "cookie jar" your not-so-compatible partner who you kept as a bystander all along. The fact is, sometimes people simply don't know what they want, which can lead to "cookie-jarring" and a lifetime of regret.

"We often confuse what we wish for with what is." -Anonymous

Beware of the red flags, and embrace the decisions you make while in a relationship, be it a cookie-jar or not.

Dating Advice: The Best App for Trans Women & Men



Dating apps have come a long way. According to some, they have an even longer way to go. At any rate, there are now some decent apps for transgender dating. Trans women and men are welcome on platforms like OK Cupid, Match, and more, but the [best app for them right now is Grindr](#). It was started 10 years ago and has become the biggest social networking app for trans, gay, bi, and queer people. According to the app's website, it has millions of daily users from all over the world.

In this dating advice, find out more about Grindr.

Grindr is a modern dating app showcasing a vibrant LGBTQ lifestyle. Now, the app is extending into new platforms. It is, in fact, more than a dating app and features original content that touches on thorny social issues and blazing innovative paths throughout the dating community.

Grindr has managed to create a safe space for trans people to discover and navigate a vast dating pool. In the past, it had a reputation for flings, but all kinds of options are available now. There are a lot of gay men, trans women, and straight men interested in [transgender dating](#) on the app. There are quite a few FTM too. Recently, the app introduced options for members to identify themselves as “she/her,” “he/him,” or “they/their” as well as various gender identification options, including “queer”, “non-binary,” “non-conforming”, and “trans woman.” The app has banned nudity in public photos and gives the option to list what type of relationship you’re looking for.

Users can identify as bottoms, tops, or versatile. Safety and health are crucial to the founders of the app and users can disclose the date, on which they last got tested for STIs (if they wish). Members can send each other private messages and see images of matches based on distance. Grindr Xtra comes ad-free, with unlimited blocks and likes, the chance to view hundreds of possible matches, and additional filters.

More to It Than Meets the Eye

The site is very well designed and has sections on topics such as “What is gender identity?”, what it means to be transgender, cisgender, and non-binary, and the difference between being trans and being intersex. There is information about transphobia and what to do if you are trans and need

help. There is a list of resources on the site put together by the National Center for Transgender Equality for people in the US.

Another option the app points to is the Trans Lifeline, an organization by and for transgender persons. There is a number to call in Canada and in the US. Trans Lifeline is staffed by kind, helpful volunteers who are always ready to respond to community members' needs.

Runners-Up

While Grindr is the best app for trans people in our humble opinion, there are others which deserve to be mentioned and have some potential for those interested in transgender dating. These include Luckyapp.co, Zoosk, and OkCupid.

Lucky

This is a great app for hookups, very straightforward: you get "lucky" when you find a match. It's welcoming, anonymous, and great for trans men and women. The app supports all types of sexual orientations, so you can find a match no matter what your preferences are and what your gender identity is. It helps people explore their sexuality in a safe space.

Zoosk

This app is 100% free to use and offers live video and vocal "speed sessions" via computer and webcam. It has many transgender users, whom you can meet very fast.

Zoosk is a "site with a heart" whose scope goes beyond helping people meet and have a good time. The platform is very active in volunteer work, with staff regularly helping out at animal shelters, local arts groups, and Glide Memorial. Zoosk is always searching for new ways to make a difference to community life.

OkCupid

OkCupid makes it easy to sign up – all you need to do is link your profile to your Instagram account. On the downside, the app requires a long profile. To see transgender men and women specifically, you can use a “filter” option. According to Quora users, though, you will only see those who self-identify as transgender.

If you meet a trans person on a dating app, don't ask them what gender they are (they have indicated this upon signing up) and don't ask them what genitals they have. This will put them off.

Ask the Guys' Guy: Dirty Talk for Beginners





By [Robert Manni](#)

Question from Megan S: I'm not opposed to dirty talk, but I think I am terrible at it. Help!

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Hi Megan: Thank you for this provocative question. It gets me hot just thinking about it. Just kidding, but that ties into my response. Men and women get turned on by different things and every individual has his or her own set of turn-ons. Although there are generalities (men tend to be more visual and women are usually attracted to confidence and emotional intelligence) love and sex is often a crap shoot when it comes to what gets a particular partner hot.

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I was at a movie and my date swooned over the length of Daniel Day-Lewis's fingers. Go figure. When it comes to dirty talk, what might feel dirty and sexy to you might be bland or too tame for a guy or another woman. You just never know what is going to light up the scoreboard. But you have to be in the game to win, so take a deep breath and get ready to cut loose.

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Most guys like the direct approach and I would not be concerned about being too graphic. When it comes to dirty talk, the golden rule is to let your freak flag fly, hope for the best reaction, and, while you're at it, make sure you're rocking his world like no one else. Attitude goes a long way, so if you want to talk the dirty talk, make sure to walk the walk. You don't need to confine your sexy talk to the bedroom. Nothing turns a guy on more than when he is out on a date and his partner whispers in his ear what's in store for him when they get home. He'll probably immediately shoot up his hand and call out, "Check, please!".

The bottom line is to be confident and cool about your sexuality and not be concerned about the exact words you say. Get his attention, then relax and make things happen. If he does not respond to your dirty talk, don't take it personally. You can give it a shot another time. If he does not take the bait again, laugh it off and consider looking for a guy who craves everything about you, especially your sexy talk.

Good luck, and play safe.

Robert Manni

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Ask the Guys' Guy: How Much Is Too Much On Exes?



By [Robert Manni](#)

Question from Mia B: Talking about exes with a new partner is important. How do you know when it's the right time to bring up your past and how much information should you share?

Dating Advice: What You Should Tell Your New Partner About Your Ex

I have a theory about exes. By definition, they are no longer involved in your love life and there are reasons why. Every relationship is different, but if you see a pattern of the same issues cropping up relationship after relationship, it's time to look inside and ask yourself if you are doing something to invite the same circumstances into your life. There is nothing wrong with a relationship that does not work out long-term. Breaking things off does not mean it was a failure. The way I looked at breakups is we had our time together and we moved on. In the long run, when you look back, it's almost always a good thing that you moved on.

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The point is, exes are exes for a reason. It is not necessary to discuss them and past relationships in detail. It's always better to start a new relationship or even a first date as a fresh start without baggage. If for whatever reason you need to discuss or rehash details of past relationships and why things did not work out, keep it short, be positive, and don't play the blame game. There is no bigger buzz kill to potential suitors than listening to a new partner trash their ex. Everyone who hears this will put themselves in the position of the ex and wonder if they will be judged the same way.

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Of course we all have a past, but my advice is to tread carefully when discussing former partners. You'll get better results by focusing on your new thing and the lessons learned from past relationships that went south.

Good luck.

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Ask the Guys' Guy: How to Pick Up the Man You Like





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Question from Shaylin R: I'm all for making the first move on a guy I like. What are some tactics men like when a woman tries to pick him up?

Best Ways to Make the First Move on the Guy You Like

Hi Shaylin:

Your question and suggestion is music to the ears of most of the men I know. Maybe it's because guys today are not sure how to make a real connection with a woman once they get past texting and swiping. Some guys are just plain lazy. Whatever the reasons are, most guys love it when women are proactive and make the first move and "pick them up." I'm not sure this is necessarily a good thing for women, but if you make the first move you will get a reaction, so it's worth a shot.

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Women send subtle signals to guys they are interested in. The problem is, most men don't pay attention and therefore do not know how to read the signals of an interested woman unless those signals are overt. I am not suggesting that women simply take over the dating dance and ask the guys out. I believe in romance, seduction, and a man behaving like a man in the very best sense of the word. Guys need to put themselves on the line more, ask women out more, and plan the specifics of a date. If women let guys off the hook on these basics and do all the work, IMHO, guys will sit back and let you. So, be careful of what you wish for.

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That said, times are a-changing and no one wants to wait around until a guy finally gets the message that you are interested. If the guy you set your sights on is not responding to your subtle overtures, it's okay to make a move,

Here's an example: he's always talking about the Yankees. If you have a connection, you could say, "My company has a season box at Yankee Stadium. I have them next Thursday." If he does not take the bait, maybe you want to rethink the situation. You can also offer to meet up casually for beers to discuss an issue he's facing or meet up for some much needed post-workout hydration after spin class. The point is, make it feel organic and not like you are chasing him. Leave bread crumbs on the path and make him work.

If you don't feel like playing it that way, ask him out without an organic connection. This could be coffee, drinks, or whatever. If he's into you, he'll jump at the chance. Once things get underway though, I suggest putting the onus back on him to pursue you. After all, do you really want to chase the guy around? He should be chasing you. You're worth it, right?

Good luck.

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Dating Advice: 3 Ways to Know If Your Relationship Is Worth Saving





By Tori Autumn

There comes a time in many relationships when tensions flare up, underlying resentment starts to rise, and overall trust is broken. You start to question if the relationship in question is worth saving. Is there a long-term commitment coming down the line? It can be extremely tough to know if the person you're with is the one for you.

In this [dating advice](#), find out if your relationship is worth saving.

1. Evaluate the way you both bounce back from arguments.

How you handle the storm when things go haywire can speak volumes to how you interact with each other moving forward. When you both need to cool off, do you find yourself still resenting your partner after a few weeks have gone by? Is your partner open to having normal conversations after the argument or does he/she avoid the topic and pretend like it didn't

happen? And, most importantly, how do you feel overall after having a bad day with your partner? When you evaluate your reactions to both small and big arguments, this will bring you one step closer to understanding if the person you're with is the right one for you.

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2. The chemistry is still there.

A good sign that your relationship is strong is that whenever you see your partner, it still feels good. Being with the person who makes you happy can feel new and fresh. Whether you've been together for one year or 10 years, you're both able to continue the romance, laughter, chemistry, and overall great company.

The important thing to remember about chemistry is that you should pay attention to the consistent behaviors and the reactions you're both expecting. For example, if your ideas of keeping the romance alive are going out on dates, watching comedies, planning trips/activities together, etc., you should make sure your partner is open to the things that make you happy. This should go both ways. This way, you won't feel like you're putting in more effort than your S.O.

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3. You still feel safe communicating yourself.

On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the highest, how much trust do you have in your relationship? Trust can take the form of communicating your issues, happiness, frustrations, loyalty or emotional security. If your relationship went through a rough patch, and you can both find the strength to sit down and have those meaningful talks, this is one of the most common ways of knowing a little tension is something your partnership will

survive.

All in all, you'll know if this relationship is worth saving if this is something you both really want. Take a step each day to think about if your life has changed for the better since you've been with your partner. And if so, be open to trying out new ways to keep the relationship going!

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Ask the Guys' Guy: Online Dating for Beginners





By [Robert Manni](#)

Question from Samantha W: I'm new to the digital dating world and my friends keep recommending Tinder, but this app has the reputation for hook-ups. How can I find something more serious and filter out the booty calls?

Serious Online Dating for Beginners

Hi Samantha,

Congratulations on entering the digital dating world. When it comes to dating, technology can be a blessing or a curse. It's up to you and how you play the online dating game. One key to success is always being yourself, the same person you are online as offline. That means maintaining your values and criteria for potential online dates just as you would when meeting someone in person. If you're not into booty calls, don't waste your energy on apps that have a reputation for hook ups.

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[Meeting Online](#)

There is a wide variety of dating websites and apps to choose from. Many are specific about the type of clientele they seek and who they cater to. When getting your feet wet in online dating, it's easy to dive into the deep end of the pool and find yourself treading water due to the amount of offers you'll receive. On most sites and apps, new people get lots of attention and it can be quite overwhelming if you are a smart and attractive woman.

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Before signing up or downloading an app, do your own research and talk to your friends, both female and male. When you have a clear sense of what the apps and sites are all about, I suggest choosing between one and three apps or websites to sample on a trial basis. That way you'll see the differences in what each service has to offer without spreading yourself so thin that you're constantly juggling dates instead of qualifying potential partners and making a real connection. I also strongly recommend looking inside and determining what experience you want to get out of the online dating game before signing up. If your goal is simply dating, you're in luck. If you want to go deeper, you'll need to set your personal parameters for qualifying the type of guy you're looking for and then stick to your plan.

The good way of managing the online dating process is by starting slow and keeping things simple until you get your bearings and a feel for how the online dating game is played. Remember, never lower your standards to match a service or an app that does not represent the real you.

I hope this helps. Good luck!

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Dating Advice: 3 Coping Strategies for Widowers that Work





People who have never experienced tremendous loss can never relate to what it's like to be a widower and frankly wouldn't know anything about [dating a widower](#) either. Moving on and accepting the fact that the world won't stop turning just because it feels like your life has come to an end is quite challenging, but doable when the time is right. Below, you'll find our top three coping strategies for widowers not sure how to deal with the stress of getting back to dating following their spouse's death.

Dating Advice: How to Heal After the Death of a Spouse

The death of a significant other is much harder to overcome than a divorce or a break-up. Here is some [dating advice](#) on how to begin to heal and move on.

Dip Your Toes Into it: How will you ever know if you're ready to date again if you don't try it? It's only natural you're overwhelmed with feelings of guilt, and grief itself isn't

that far behind on the list of things you feel the most, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't at least give it a shot. Nobody expects you to go out to a bar and meet people six months following your spouse's death; however, online dating provides you with a perfect opportunity to test the waters and see how you feel about talking to someone you find interesting. Open up a profile and check out what's out there. Simple companionship might do the trick at first before you meet someone truly worthy of your time.

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Keep it to Yourself: If you have kids, it's unlikely they'll understand that you're trying to move on. Rest assured the same goes with your spouse's family. Nonetheless, you should try to get your life back on track when you feel you're ready and nobody in the world can say when that is but you. There will be people who'll think it's too soon, but don't blame them. Everyone deals with loss in a different way. This is precisely why you should keep the fact you're going back to dating under wraps until you meet someone you'd like by your side at a family dinner or a camping trip with friends. Wait until the opportune moment to let your inner circle know there is someone new in your life and take it from there without making too much of a fuss.

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Cherish the Memory: The fact that you're trying to move on doesn't mean you can't cherish the memory of your late spouse. Having someone to watch a movie with, go out to dinner or to confide in will be fulfilling enough, so that you don't feel like a burden to your kids, family, or friends. In time, they'll understand that it's good for everyone that you're not alone and will come to terms with a new person sitting across from them at your birthday party. The most important thing you need to remember is that you can talk about your late spouse

whenever you feel the need to do so, regardless of the fact that life goes on. Visit their grave with your kids, openly talk about them, and keep letting your kids know you're not forgetting about their mom or dad.

What suggestions do you have for dating after the death of an S.O.? Offer advice below!

Date Idea: Embrace a Rainy Day



By [Bonnie Griffin](#)

You had a perfect outdoor date planned for this weekend, but now it's supposed to rain. What are you going to do? Are you going to cancel date night and curl up under the covers? No way! Cupid has some great [date ideas](#) for when the rain runs you inside.

Check out these date night ideas for when your outdoor plans get rained out.

Take advantage of a rainy weekend by adapting and planning something fun with your significant other even though it may not have been your original idea. Cuddle up with your honey next to the fire and enjoy each other's company. Or, better yet, move all of your furniture and build a little fortress just like when you were a little kid and the rain kept you from going outside.

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If you don't want to stay at home, then check out a flick you've been dying to see, whether that means going to the theater or watching it at home. A perfect rainy day movie to see is Woody Allen's recent movie *Midnight In Paris*. It centers around Paris being beautiful in the rain!

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If you're not in the mood for seeing a movie and want something with a little competition, consider going bowling or to an arcade. Check out the "it" bowling destination for our favorite celebrities, Lucky Strikes. They have numerous locations throughout the U.S., and you never know which celebrities you may run into; [Justin Bieber](#) celebrated his album release party this past March at the New York City location. If you're not a bowler, then hit the arcade. Dave

& Buster's has over 55 locations, so you're sure to find one near you for a game-filled night inside and out of the rain.

If you really want to get romantic, take a hint from *The Notebook*, and recreate one of the heart-warming movie's key scenes. Kiss in the rain! Now that's one great way to make a seemingly bleak day look cheerful.

How do you and your significant other embrace a rainy day? Share your stories below!

Date Idea: Indulge Your Senses at the Coffee Shop





By [Bonnie Griffin](#)

Coffee is usually used to make one feel energized, and for some people it's an addiction. The place that people go to get their "fix" can turn into a dating ritual for some couples. It isn't a necessity for every date to be fancy. Sometimes, the simplest choice can actually be the best [date idea](#).

Check out this great date idea if you are a coffee lover!

Enjoy a night of comfort drinks, like a Mocha or Frappuccino, soothing music and an intimate table (or couch) for two with your hubby by checking out some of the best coffee houses in your city.

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Rather have that coffee in private? Then recreate the scene right in your own home by purchasing your favorite coffee

beans or coffee of your choice and making a “favorites” playlist that best suits you and your partner’s mood.

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While creating your playlist, search for easy how-to recipes that would perfectly compliment your coffee. Dim the lights, wear something as snug as your oversized pajamas and set up a table for two. Spray the air with a sweet and soothing scent and indulge yourselves in the moment. Who knows what this romantic and homey setting could lead to?

Spread love in between each sip while swaying to the beat of the music, and maybe even the beat of his heart.

Have your own ideas about coffee shops and dates? Share them with Cupid! And if you want other themed date ideas, drop Cupid a comment below!

Date Idea: Explore the Big Apple





By [Bonnie Griffin](#)

If you're searching for an adventurous [date idea](#), you may want to consider spending the weekend in New York City. From museums to concerts to endless other attractions, you and your partner are sure to have the time of your life.

Check out this great date night idea if you're looking for a little adventure!

If you love movies and being outdoors, look into one of the many free outdoor concerts and films at the Lincoln Center. It's a classy vibe and an exciting way to enjoy New York City without spending a dime. You can even experience a live orchestra for free.

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While you're there, don't forget to take your mate to The Nuyorican Poetry Cafe, where you can indulge your artistic side with poetry performances from brilliant spoken-word poets. Be delighted by literary events, theatre, performance, and music, all for an affordable price.

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Or better yet, a little shimmy could get you off your feet. New York City hosts its popular Summer Stage, where you and your man can enjoy free performances of talented dancers, who show off their flexible bodies. If you're interested in attending, don't forget to bring a blanket to spread on the ground, and possibly an umbrella to shield yourselves from the sun. You want to be as comfortable as possible at these kinds of events.

For a complete list of attractions, visit New York City's official guide for tourists. Once you plan out the perfect date in the city for your sweetheart, head over there. Take a bite out of the Big Apple and enjoy yourselves!

Have some of your own exciting New York events? Cupid would love to know. Spread the word! And if you want other themed date ideas, drop Cupid a comment below!

Date Idea: Relive Your Teenage Years





By [Mara Miller](#)

What if you could go back in time and be “17 Again?” Although you may not be Zac Efron in the movie, it’s very easy to relive your childhood memories by going back in time and dressing the part, watching a film or reading a book from that era. You can even relive your teenage years while you’re on a date, which can be extremely nostalgic.

Relive your teenage years with this date idea!

Stir up memories of mullets and 90210 fashion by renting a movie from the past like *Rambo* or *Legally Blond* with this dating advice. It could make a fun conversation starter, especially if you come dressed for the part.

After the movie, don’t forget to jam out to music that was totally ‘in’ during your teenage years. Even if you and your partner weren’t teens at the same time, you can still share

what kind of music you liked when you were growing up. Knowing that your partner was a heavy metal rocker while you were all about hip hop can make for a very interesting experience.

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For adventurous types, dress the way you did during high school and stroll the streets with your partner while eating Twizzlers and sipping soda out of a crazy straw. You might get a lot of stares, but who cares? You'll never see these people again, and you and your partner will have memories for a lifetime.

If you're looking for a laugh, flip through each other's high school yearbooks. There are sure to be a few fashions do's and don'ts that'll make each of you cringe and say, "What in the world was I thinking?"

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Of course, curiosity will probably get the best of you by the end of the day, and you'll be left wondering what your old high school friends are doing. If you're feeling a bit nosy, surf through Facebook or Classmates and let your date know you have nothing to hide.

Have you and your partner relived your teenage years on a date? Let us know how it went by commenting below.

Date Idea: Get Your

Relationship Off the Ground



By [Mara Miller](#)

Are you getting bored with your typical date nights? There's only so many times you can do dinner and a movie before it becomes tedious. If you're looking for a way to spice up your relationship, then you should consider trying something unique and different to get your relationship off the ground with this dating advice and dating tips.

Check out this date idea for unique date night plans!

Since it's still summer (just barely!), amusement parks are

“just the ticket” for some a high thrill good time. From rides to live entertainment to great fried food, they have everything to make your date a memorable and adventurous one.

Scream your lungs out on a wild roller coaster ride, feed each other some cotton candy, stand hand-in-hand and exchange kisses in line or have fun laughing at each other trying to win that elusive prize!

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Check out the 10 Best Amusement Parks in America if you aren't sure which park to visit. If you live in Pennsylvania, Dorney Park is a great choice. It has fairly short lines, which means you'll have a better chance of getting on most of the rides. If you're a chocolate addict, you may want to visit Hershey Park, where there are both rides and delicious chocolate.

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After spending an entire day at a theme park with your partner, give your body a chance to relax from the major adrenaline rush by going on a boat ride the next day. Feel the cool breeze on your face and enjoy the tranquility of the ocean, while taking in the gorgeous views and sharing some bonding conversations – possibly about your date the day before.

Getting your relationship off the ground may not be as difficult as you anticipated, but more fun than you ever imagined.

Have any other ideas to lift your relationship off the ground? Share them with Cupid! And if you want other themed date ideas, drop a comment below!

Date Idea: Run Outta Moonlight



By Emma L. Wells and [Bonnie Griffin](#)

Is there anything more romantic than staying up all night to spend some quality alone time with your partner? Cupid has some [dating advice](#) to deepen your relationship and love by connecting under the light of the moon. For this [date idea](#), you need nothing, but each other...and maybe a little caffeine!

Be Playful with This Romantic Date Idea

Staying up past your bedtime will make you both feel like kids again. And there's so much you can do together as you waste the night away! Use this time to talk and get to know each other even better. Consider playing a game like Would You Rather or Truth or Dare to get the conversation flowing. Or get out your old family photos and learn more about each other's childhoods.

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If you're in a playful mood, you may want to play a card game or pull out those board games from the back of your closet. You don't even have to follow the rules! Since you have all night, try combining two games and coming up with your own guidelines to create something new together. This weekend date idea should be light-hearted and fun. Make coffee, hot chocolate, or tea to keep those eyelids from drooping. And don't forget a midnight snack!

To make this date idea even more romantic, light candles around the house. Since the weather is nice this time of year, you can venture outside and star gaze while you snuggle together under a blanket. See how many constellations you can name – you can check your work with an app like SkyView. Don't forget to make a wish on any shooting stars you might see!

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You'll be making memories you can cherish for years to come. Since the nighttime is often free of distractions (like work e-mails and texts to answers), your relationship and love will be stronger after taking this dating advice. Perhaps the moon will allow you to see your partner in a totally new light. This could be a story to tell your grandkids!

Have you ever stayed up all night with your honey? Share with us in the comments below!

Love Advice: Get Your Country On



By Emma L. Wells and [Bonnie Griffin](#)

Put on your cowboy boots, because this [date idea](#) will have y'all traveling to a dude ranch! You'll have a barrel of laughs as you ride horses, stop by the rodeo, and even learn to square dance.

Pick Up New Skills with This Country-Themed Date Idea

For this date idea, you and your partner will head to a nearby dude ranch. They have a lot of fun weekend activities for you two to enjoy. Channel your inner cowgirl and boy as you're taught how to ride horses and use a lasso. You might even catch a rodeo. Whether you're horseback riding through mountain trails or hiking along a river, this is the perfect opportunity to connect with each other and with nature. Take this [dating advice](#) and make sure to snap lots of pictures so your friends and family can see how much fun you had.

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Some dude ranches offer a variety of sports activities, including archery and horseshoes. Why not turn it into a fun competition? You can even rope in (pun intended!) another couple and make some new friends. Ranches that are near lakes or rivers will often have canoeing and fishing too. If it's a hot day, take advantage of these water activities and cool off!

Next, it's time to get your country music on. You'll be sure to wrangle his heart as you spin each other around the dance floor and learn to square dance. Your relationship and love will grow as you and your significant other try to keep up with the quick pace of the tunes. You two will impress your friends next time you pull out your new moves; you might even have a secret talent for it.

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Don't forget to dress the part too! Because these are mostly outdoor activities, you don't want to wear anything too nice. You'll be comfortable in jeans and boots or sneakers. If you

plan on getting on a horse, make sure you're wearing long pants. Bring a cowboy hat if you have one!

You and your beau will have a blast on this country-themed weekend date idea. Doing something outside your comfort zone will help you connect on a totally new level. Not to mention, you'll have plenty of great pictures and lots of happy memories together after the day is done!

Have you and your honey ever visited a dude ranch? Tell us below!

Date Idea: Honoring 9/11





By Emma L. Wells and [Bonnie Griffin](#)

[Date ideas](#) can't always be about romance, flowers, and fun. Some days, like September 11th, need to be spent in reflection and deference for spiritual renewal. The terrible events in American history on this day still have repercussions that reverberate in our society nearly 18 years later. September 11th is known as Patriot Day and is a national day of service. Cupid has some [dating advice](#) for a date night to mark this significant occasion.

Connect With Your Partner With This Volunteering Date Idea

The events of September 11, 2001 were undoubtedly damaging to our country in countless ways. On this day, pay homage by helping to fix some of the problems in your community. Visit your local homeless shelter or VA Hospital. Volunteer for a cause that matters to you, whether it be related to food, justice, education, the environment, or something else – as

long as it's important to you. We can't change the events of past, but we can do something to better our future.

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Take pride in your country by visiting a 9/11 or veteran's memorial. Some cities have museum exhibits, and many places host non-denominational memorial services you can attend. You can also support the troops by working with one of the many organizations that collect cards and packages to send to soldiers overseas. You may consider signing up as a volunteer for a disaster preparedness group, such as FEMA or the Red Cross. You and your partner can research and make an emergency plan together if you don't already have one.

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Another way to follow this dating advice is to watch a 9/11 documentary or read a book about the tragic day with your sweetheart. Two acclaimed films you can check out are *The Second Day* and *Project Rebirth*. Consider picking up a historical book about the events leading up to and including Patriot Day. If you are looking for a shorter read, check out *A Time of Gifts* by the late Stephen Jay Gould, published just days after the Twin Towers were hit.

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Participating in these date idea activities with your significant other will deepen your relationship and love. Connecting over issues you both believe in will draw you together and make your partnership stronger. Seeing your partner interact with a young child, sick patient, or the elderly will give you a better understanding of their values. Before volunteering, make sure you and significant other are on the same page and have similar goals and expectations for the day.

How will you honor 9/11? Tell us below.

Date Idea: Kidnap Him!



By Emma L. Wells and [Bonnie Griffin](#)

Of course, we don't mean that you should *actually* kidnap your sweetheart! But a faux kidnapping surprise is a great way to spice up your relationship and love. This [date idea](#) is about catching him off guard and showing off your spontaneous side.

Be Romantic and Exciting With This Spontaneous Date Idea

Surprise your significant other in the morning by telling him you're kidnapping him for the day. He'll love how genuine and carefree you are. Just remember to stealthily check his schedule ahead of time and make sure that he doesn't have something important planned.

For this date idea, you should have a whole day filled with surprises for him. For starters, whisk him out of bed and take him to a big pancake breakfast for the two of you. Don't tell him ahead of time where else you're going; it's for you to know and him to find out!

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With this relationship advice, you'll be visiting some of your favorite past date spots. Think back on your relationship and the places you fell in love, then head out to the places that have significance for you as a couple. You can go to where you first met, where you had your first date or kiss, and where you first told each other "I love you." It will be very romantic to recall all those special moments together.

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To make this weekend date idea even more exciting, consider adding a treasure hunt component. After you kidnap him in the morning, give him a set of clues that you and him will follow throughout the day. It's a great chance to test your riddle skills! Give the day some variety by not just visiting places but doing activities too. Stop at locations where you can do a project or play a game together.

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This date idea is great for seeing how far you've come as a couple as well as all of the possibilities you have for the future. After your spontaneous day, have a relaxed and romantic candlelight dinner waiting at home and end this date on the right note.

What kind of spontaneous date ideas have you planned? Tell us below!