

Date Idea: Plan a Picnic with Your Love



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There aren't going to be many more days of nice weather for lovers this year. The days are growing shorter and colder, but it's not too late to take advantage of a fine fall day for one last date.

The perfect way to close out the season together before you start snuggling up fireside is to take a picnic date. It's simple, quality fun with the person you love!

Picnics are a fairly easy date to plan and execute, so it's the little touches that make the difference. Don't bring your food in a tote bag: use a real basket, and bring a gingham blanket while you're at it. Go all out! And to further create the ambiance, make a playlist on your iPod with relaxing, but upbeat tunes. Think John Mayer, Goo Goo Dolls or Colbie Caillat.

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When it comes to food, the simpler the better. Wine or sparkling water are good bets for drinks, and finger foods are always a fun addition. Silverware can be cumbersome, so stick to fresh fruits, cheeses and the like. Hit up a local deli beforehand for good deals on side dishes and desserts! There are also easy recipes for everything from bruschetta to

spinach artichoke dip. Anything that you can feed to each other makes the afternoon more fun and interactive.

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What's great about a picnic is that it can even be done in your own backyard! So long as you make some time away from everyday life to have quality time together as fall comes to a close, that's all that matters. In the Santa Monica area? Check out TravelFusion for picnic ideas at Santa Monica Beach or Santa Monica Park along Ocean Avenue for some scenic picnic spots.

Have a favorite picnic food? Comment below and share with our other readers.