

Date Idea: Enroll in a New Class



By Ché Blackwood

This weekend, step out of your comfort zone and learn something new by enrolling in a class with your partner. With a little research, you can easily find sites that connect you to local shops where you will learn to paint, make the perfect bottle of Merlot, or write a romantic poem. Whether you want to create a mouth-watering sushi roll or bowl the perfect game, there are plenty of classes available for couples to experience together.

Dating Advice to Incorporate Your Love's Interests Into Your Relationship

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Here's some [dating advice](#) from Cupid: For a special gift, enroll your significant other (and yourself) in a class that aligns with their interests. If they've been hinting at learning how to do the Downward Dog, search for a yoga studio in your area. If your partner's favorite movie moment is Demi Moore's pottery scene in *Ghost*, spend a few hours learning how to sculpt together and reenact the film. The two of you can create fun moments while aligning your interests.

If you're a busier couple, review your planners and look for upcoming special events that could spark the desire for learning something new. For example, if your best friend's wedding is approaching, take ballroom dance lessons. If a company dinner is on your agenda, then an etiquette or networking course could be fun to take. By combining your future obligations with an educational class, you'll be ensuring that your hectic schedule is helping, not hindering, your time together.

Related Link: [Prince William and Kate Middle Take Cooking Classes](#)

For the romantics among us, schedule a cooking class. Choose your favorite type of cuisine and spend a few hours sipping on a glass (or two) of wine as you whip up a special meal. Or, if you're the adventurous type, sign up to go skydiving with your sweetheart. You're bound to feel like you're on a date meant for your favorite reality TV show!

What kind of classes would you want to take on this date idea? Tell us your best dating advice in the comments below!

Date Idea: Create a List of New Year's Resolutions with Your Partner



A new year is here, and you know what that means: Time to make a few resolutions! This year, try something different and make a list with your partner. Setting resolutions together is not only a fun weekend date idea but a great way to strengthen your relationship. Figure out what you both need to do as a couple to keep things moving forward. Then, write down your suggestions for each other and for yourself. Take Cupid's [relationship advice](#) and make sure to commit to more quality

time together.

Cupid's got relationship advice just in time for the New Year! What resolutions will you and your sweetie work on together?

It's hard to find time when you're busy with work, but with a little creativity, you'd be surprised at how easy it can be. For instance, instead of sitting in front of the computer alone or running errands by yourself, invite your other half to work on projects or tasks with you. That's a great way to sneak in some time together.

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Don't forget to include communication on your list of resolutions. If you were to ask any relationship expert, they'd probably tell you that for a relationship and love to be successful and healthy, you *must* listen to one other. So why not make a date out of it? Express your needs to your partner and listen to theirs in return.

You can even turn to your favorite celebrity couple for inspiration. For instance, if you've always admired how easily [Jennifer Aniston](#) and Justin Theroux show their love for each other, talk to your significant other about it and let them know that you'd like to be more open about your feelings in front of your friends. Or, if you're struggling to fit romance into your busy lives, read some recent interviews with celebrity mom [Carrie Underwood](#) to see if she has any helpful love advice.

Related Link: [Celebrity News: Justin Theroux Constantly Tells Jennifer Aniston She's Beautiful](#)

If you run out of unique ideas for your list, you can always fall back on the tried and true resolutions, which include eating healthy, exercising, and getting rid of bad habits like smoking. Think about your use of technology too: Try putting down the phone and texting less while you're together. You can also schedule one date night per month that *doesn't* involve staring at a screen: Instead of watching television or going to the movie theater, head to a nearby museum or just take a stroll in the snow.

Do you have any more relationship advice for couples writing New Year's resolutions together? Let us know in the comments below!

Date Idea: Volunteer Together this Holiday Season





The holiday season is filled with celebration, family time and giving. And, there's no better way to give than by volunteering to help the less fortunate. Find a cause that both you and your significant other think is important, and enrich the lives of others.

Rather than going out for a meal, serve meals together instead. Volunteering at a soup kitchen is a selfless act that you'll later appreciate and if you do it with your partner, it'll definitely bring you closer together. Check out volunteer opportunities at soup kitchens near you.

Another way to volunteer is by visiting residents in retirement or old age homes. Family time is practically synonymous with holiday cheer and often families can't make it to see their loved ones. Take time to bring joy to others by playing cards, baking, reading or simply telling them stories.

If none of the above ideas work for you this holiday, try giving back to your community by making gift baskets with your mate. Gather non-perishable food items and donate them to the underprivileged. The two of you can also bond over cooking

meals and delivering them to homeless shelters.

Acting selfless as a couple during a season of indulgences will help you work on your own relationship and appreciate the fact that you have one another at this time.

Let us know how you are giving back as a couple this holiday season and what your favorite volunteering activity is.

Date Idea: Enjoy a Date by the Fireplace



Follow Cupid's [relationship advice](#) and spend this weekend

indoors with your sweetheart. Cuddle up next to the fireplace and have a night filled with love.

Relationship Advice for a Cozy Night In

Take a cue from famous couple Chrissy Teigen and [John Legend](#), and turn your kitchen and dining area into a winter wonderland. Rather than worrying about being on a date in the cold weather, bring the romance into your own home. Set up a table and dine by a lit fireplace, or arrange a comfortable area on the floor and light your favorite winter-scented candles. Once you have your location, order in some comfort food to enjoy with one another.

Related Link: [Chrissy Teigen Slams Rumors About Her Celebrity Pregnancy](#)

After holidays filled with smoked turkey, your grandmother's stuffing, and green bean casserole, it's time to indulge in that Chinese food craving. Order a few different entrees to split, like General Tso's chicken, beef and broccoli, and fried rice. Don't forget the egg rolls too.

It's not only about dinner! Dessert can make or break a good night. So instead of ruining the evening with a boring end to dinner, get cozy by roasting marshmallows and making s'mores. To complete this sweet treat, have hot chocolate with a twist. Not sure how? Add Peppermint Schnapps – and a mini candy cane for decoration! – and relax after a long week at work. This drink is called The Snuggler for good reason, so cuddle close with your partner while enjoying it!

Related Link: [10 Ways to Give Thanks To Your Partner](#)

Most importantly, spend time working on your relationship and love during your time together. Make this night about the two of you and talk about your lives and maybe even the future.

It's common for couples to start thinking about marriage and babies after a family-filled holiday season, so use this opportunity to find out what's next for your partnership.

What's your favorite indoor date idea for the winter? Let us know by sharing your relationship advice below.

First Date Outfit Ideas: Sports Game





Round Sunglasses | Lace-Up Boots | Jeans | Sweatshirt |
Shoulder Bag

By Maggie Voelker

Heading to a big sports game is the perfect opportunity to show that you can “hang;” so nix the heels and miniskirt. Unless you have serious ties to one team, figure out what team he’s rooting for and go with that; it will show you pay attention to him and hey, it makes dressing a little easier. Wear jeans and a cute crewneck sweatshirt or an awesome vintage sweater in his team’s colors. Pair with trendy flat, lace-up boots, retro sunglasses and a small bag. Go get ‘em tiger!



Fleece | Aviator Sunglasses | Jeans | Shirt | Sneakers

Sports, beer, and a girl at your side, could it get much better? Show off your manliness in a pair of dark jeans, a long-sleeved t-shirt and fleece jacket. Add a pair of cool, retro kicks and aviator sunglasses and you’ll be the epitome of suave.

First Date Outfit Ideas: Outdoor Festival



By Maggie Voelker

Mother Nature can be unpredictable in the fall so dress in layers. Whether you're going apple picking or beer tasting, stand-out from the crowd in a pair of colored, skinny jeans or cords and boots. Pair that with a long-sleeved tee or sweater (depending on the weather) and a fabulous faux fur vest. Add a cross-body satchel and don't forget your wayfarers for a day outdoors!



Wayfarer Sunglasses | Faux Fur Vest | Jeans | Sweater | Bag |
Riding Boots



Pull Over | Boots | Cord Pant | Wayfarer Sunglasses | Button
Down

Men, stay comfy and warm in casual corduroy pants, a casual button-down shirt and half-zip sweater. Keep your feet toasty in a pair of chukkas or casual boots, and protect your eyes from the fall sunshine with a pair of retro wayfarers. And gentlemen, take advantage of the cold: If your date is looking a little chilly, put your arm around her and warm her up for a bit, they'll appreciate the gesture.

First Date Outfit Ideas:

Dinner and Drinks



By Maggie Voelker

Ooo la la dinner and drinks, huh? Time to play dress-up. While you get to flaunt your chic style on this date, don't forget it's the first time you will be hanging out together so you don't want to reveal too much. Try a fitted black dress and cute cropped jacket with understated heels. Throw on a pair of sunglasses, grab a clutch or cute bag and you're ready to go!



Shoulder Bag | Mary Jane Heels | LBD | Blazer | Cat Eye
Sunglasses



Belt | Dress Shirt | Khaki Pants | Jacket | Dress Shoes

Guys, put your best-dressed foot forward for this sophisticated outing. Opt for a pair of dress pants, dress shirt and sport coat – no tie. A sweater could be substituted for the jacket if that's more your style. Don't forget the belt and above all, nice shoes – remember, girls love shoes. It's embedded in our DNA, we can't help it. Feed into our obsession and big bonus points will come your way!

Headed to the office holiday party? These ensembles are perfect for a night with the coworkers too!

Date Idea: Road Trip Your Way to Romance



By [Sarah Batcheller](#)

If you and your significant other have taken in all that your town has to offer and you're ready for a change of scenery, it's the perfect time to embark on an unforgettable road trip! With the warmer months approaching, the two of you can follow this weekend date idea to take a small adventure and prepare for spring. Road trips are a great way to spend quality time together, something we often forget to do as we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of a new year. Cupid's [dating advice](#) is sure to help you and your honey make the most of this weekend date idea!

Related Link: [Enjoy a Secret Sunset on Your Next Date Night](#)

Dating Advice for Couples Looking for Adventure This Weekend

If you're ready to leave behind the colder weather once and for all, drive South to a warmer state for some fun in the sun. If you're the more adventurous type and want one last cold weather rendezvous before the snow melts away, embrace the chilly season and set your sights North for winter sports. Or you can travel to the nearest mountain and go for a romantic hike. Camping together is another idea that will be sure to keep you snuggling all night. It also adds to the minimalist attitude that road trips are all about! For those couples who want to hit as many destinations as possible, you can fuse romance and adventure and take a weekend cruise.

You and your sweetie can take this time to show love like your favorite Hollywood couples do since they're always on the road. No matter where you decide to go, if you plan on being in the car for a while, find ways to beat boredom by playing some fun games or using the time to catch up with one other after a long work week. Playing your favorite music or an audio book will give both of you something to enjoy while driving too.

Related Link: [Date Idea: Kidnap Him!](#)

Just remember to turn off your phone and ignore your calls, e-mails, and texts. Make this weekend *only* about you and your significant other. For those couples who haven't gone on a getaway, this date idea could be an important next step in your relationship and love.

Ever been on a road trip with your honey? Share your dating advice with us in the comments below!

First Date Outfit Ideas: Dinner and Movie



By Maggie Voelker



Oversized Sunglasses | Blazer | Blouse | Jeans | Ballet Flats
| Clutch

For this typical first date scenario, keep it classy-casual. Leave the heels at home since you're headed to the movies and add the sexiness in other ways – a slightly sheer blouse for instance. Add dark skinny jeans, a trendy waterfall blazer and flats. Accessorize with a fabulous bag and sunnies and he'll have a hard time concentrating on the movie's plot!



Button Down | Shoes | Jeans | Khaki Jacket | Aviators

Guys, trade in your sweat pants for a pair of dark jeans and a casual button-down shirt. Dress it up with a pair of boat shoes or loafers and a nice jacket. Add a little bit of “coolness” with a pair of aviator sunglasses and you'll be ready to impress, I promise.

With the holiday season coming up, these outfits would also perfect for Thanksgiving dinner at his or her parents – not too formal, but not too relaxed.

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.

Fall 2011: First Date Outfits





By Maggie Voelker

Introduction to Series

I used to think securing the first date was the hard part ... and then I had to dress for one. I wanted to look good, but not appear like I was trying too hard. It was Fall so the weather was unpredictable – would we have a freak blizzard or would I be blinded by the sun? I knew the date included a hockey game, but then what? I was lost.

After giving my roommate a fashion show of options, I finally settled on the appropriate “hockey game meets possible dinner meets possible bar” ensemble. After the drama of picking my outfit, I decided it would be my gift to humankind to write a post on first date get-ups.

Making a good first impression is crucial. You’ve got to dress like you’re excited to be there – even if “here” is a sub-zero hockey rink. Learn from my dramatic first date experience and read on to find a few first date outfits.

Coffee or Lunch

Gals: For this casual date, comfy-cute is key! Try an over-sized sweater with a pair of dark skinny jeans and ankle boots. Style it up with a pair of cute sunglasses, a shoulder bag and accessories. It says, “Yup, I look this great without even trying.”



Guys: Keep it casual with a pair of jeans and a trendy sweater. Don't forget the t-shirt or undershirt – chest hair on the first date is a huge no, no. Accessorize with a pair of slip-on shoes or Chucks and over-sized aviators. Oh, and please remember to shower (note: this applies to all future first date outfits).



Stay tuned for the next outfit for the dinner and movie date.

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* [Kaitlyn Bristowe](#), 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!

Related Link: [Celebrity Couple Kaitlyn Bristowe & Shawn Booth Talk Wedding Plans & Mile High Club](#)

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 [relationship advice](#) 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 [food](#). 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 [Great New York State Fair](#) features a Grandstand filled with [great performances](#).

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 [California State Fair and Expo](#), which starts today, July 15th.

Here's a list of the [top state fairs in America](#), 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 4th. 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!

Social One's Dating Dos and Don'ts





Summer marks the beginning of a very active dating season for many flocking outdoors ready to shake their cabin fever. And for those who feel their courting skills might just need a bit of sharpening, Chicago singles event service, Social One, has developed an authoritative list of the dos and don'ts of dating.

"Social One is the original dating technology," said owner Mary Vallone in a statement. "We know that the most effective way to meet that special someone is to get out from behind your computer and into the real world. That's why Social One produces more than 30 events each month geared at getting together singles with similar interests." Without further adieu, the Social One dos and don'ts of dating are:

DO:

1. Do notice something positive about your date (nice hair or outfit) and compliment them on it.
2. Do pull a woman's chair out and open the car door; chivalry is NOT dead.

3. Do have a couple of topics (current events; travel experiences) in mind in case the conversation falls into one of those awkward silences.

4. Do keep up with current events so you can talk intelligently about major developments.

5. Do wear sexy underwear (even if they don't see it, you'll know you have it on; you'd be surprised how it perks up your attitude).

6. Do put all your past relationships and dating disasters behind you; a first date should be about getting to know each other, not drudging up the past.

7. Do SMILE; sounds basic, but a positive attitude goes a long way.

8. Do know what you want, but keep it within reason: if you're Jewish and you want to marry a nice Jewish girl, great. But a nice Jewish girl with red hair from Highland Park who likes dogs and works as an interior designer might be too persnickety.

9. Do follow up; if you had a good time and you have a phone number, use it!

DON'T

1. Don't be late; it sends the message that your date isn't important.

2. Don't wear too much makeup, perfume or cologne; what are you hiding?

3. Don't ask pointedly personal questions like "How much can a partner at your law firm expect to make?" or "How many lovers have you had?"

4. Don't follow "The Rules" version of dating (i.e. waiting

three days to return calls, refusing Saturday dates if he calls after Wednesday, or any other game strategy).

5. Don't talk too much: rambling on and talking "at" someone kills the experience and alienates people; your goal is to listen, ask questions and do roughly 50 percent of the talking.

6. Don't take on a negative line of conversation: when talking about yourself, keep it positive; stick to your best attributes; and remember, anything you say negatively about anyone else reflects negatively on you.

7. Don't just find the next compatible person and settle down; the experience of going out with different people will tell you about what's important to you and will allow you to powerfully choose the right partner.

Social One is the original dating technology based on the human operating system and offers a calendar of events that range from skiing to wine tasting, river rafting to theatre going, for singles. Social One provides real ingredients for real people and makes dating simple. Social One is based in Chicago, Ill., with offices in Indianapolis, Ind. and Los Angeles and Costa Mesa, Calif.

Singles Event: Club Getaway Weekend





Want to pack all the activities of a week-long trip into an entire weekend? If so, check out WeekendDating.com, which is hosting a trip to Club Getaway in Kent, CT, just two hours away from New York City. This Memorial Day weekend you can be adventurous and go ziplining or just relax with a sophisticated wine tasting. No matter what your interest is, a weekend at Club Getaway will ensure you have an awesome time while also meeting singles...or at the very least, a nice view of the lake.

Who: WeekendDating.com

What: A Club Getaway Weekend

Where: Club Getaway
59 South Kent Rd.
Kent, CT 06757

When: Friday, May 27 to Monday, May 30

Cost: \$449

Singles Event: Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt



Need a new quest to help break the monotony in your life? If so, head out to the Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt singles event this Sunday at 1 p.m., hosted by Meet Market Adventures.

Brought back by popular demand, this urban scavenger hunt will have new clues to figure out. Participants must collect as many items as possible – but can only use their feet or the MTA system. After the hunt will be drinks at a local pub.

They say life is a series of adventures; in this case, it's literal. Now get out there! Maybe you'll find someone to share your adventure with along the way.

Who: Meet Market Adventures

What: Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt

Where: Stone Creek Lounge

140 E. 27th St (between Third and Lexington)

New York, NY 10016

When: Sunday, May 22 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$19.99 + tax

Singles Event: Salsa Dancing Lessons





How many of you can honestly say you can salsa dance? Whether you can or can't, all ages are welcome to a night of salsa dancing, hosted by Long Island Singles and WeekendDating.com. The event starts at 7 p.m. on Sunday but the group will meet up a half hour before to mingle. As you learn some new dance moves, ladies will rotate every few minutes, allowing you to meet some new people. Ole!

Who: Long Island Singles and WeekendDating.com

What: Salsa Dancing Lesson

Where: TBA after registration

When: Sunday, May 15 at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$10.75 before May 13, \$12.75 after

Singles Event: Night Of Comedy and Laughs



Need a cure for the mundane weekdays? Head out to EastVille Comedy Club Friday night for this week's singles event from Meet Market Adventures. A standard NYC stop for comedians like Jim Gaffigan, Chris Rock, Sarah Silverman and Dave Attell, Eastville is the place to have some fun and meet others flying solo. You'll sit right up front – meaning you won't miss a second of the action. So head on out and take the next step in your adventure of being single!

Who: Meet Market Adventures

What: Singles Night of Comedy & Laughs

Where: EastVille Comedy Club

When: Friday, May 6 from 8 to 11 PM

Cost: \$19.99