

# Date Idea: Learn Something New



By [Carly Horowitz](#) and Shannon Seibert

Just because you and your honey aren't in school doesn't mean you can't learn something new. There is so much you can discover about the world and about each other!

**Undertake a learning experience for your next [date idea](#)!**

This date idea is great because of its versatility. Together, you and your partner can dive into books, take on a new hobby, or even teach each other a few tricks of the trade. You'll be

able to see each other's different styles of learning in a fun and intimate way!

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Start off by talking nerdy to each other (haha get it). Being knowledgeable about something is extremely attractive, so take an online language course together. Duolingo.com offers numerous language courses, including French, Spanish, Italian, and many more. Maybe learning a romance language could ignite a little romance of your own. Soon, you'll be whispering sweet nothings of "je t'aime" and "ti amo."

Perhaps you can stir up a little healthy academic competition to amp-up the mood. Take a quiz together and whoever receives the lesser score makes dinner for the both of you for your [date night](#) tonight. After all, learning does work up an appetite!

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This date can also be a time for you show off a little. Play an instructional version of "Show and Tell" to showcase your special talents. One of the best ways to learn about your partner is to learn from them. Take turns teaching each other your secret skills, such as being able to touch your tongue to your nose or wiggling your ears. Maybe even teach him how you do your [date night makeup](#)!

Whether it's something as basic as a handstand or as interesting as unicycling, it can be a real bonding experience for the two of you. He'll enjoy showing you the ropes as much as you'll love teaching him. For example, let him guide you through the motions of how to juggle. Not only will you get a feel for what you're supposed to do, but you'll get to feel him close to you.

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To make the date even more fun, you can video each other's talents as well as your attempts to imitate them. The footage and bloopers will provide a good laugh over dinner afterward!

**We want to know:** What you have learned from your honey? Share with us below!

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## Date Idea: Relive High School Memories



By [Carly Horowitz](#) and Kristin Mattern

This weekend, take a stroll down memory lane as you and your sweetie hit up old hangouts from high school. Cheer for the home team as they play their biggest rival, plan an adult prom for your friends, or relive your first date jitters. No matter what you choose, you'll enjoy spending time with your man and thinking about your carefree days as a teenager.

**Time travel back to high school with your partner and embark on these suggestions for a different yet nostalgic [date idea](#)!**

Start the date off right by making team-themed t-shirts to wear to the game. All you need is a white shirt and some fabric markers in your school colors. Either pack a picnic dinner or plan to buy a good, old-fashioned hot dog from the snack bar. Remember to bring a blanket- not only will it keep the two of you warm as the night begins to cool, it will also make for a cozier moment.

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If football isn't your thing, take this opportunity to eat at your favorite burger joint from high school. Take a drive with the windows down and the music turned up. Order the same meal you used to eat when you were seventeen, or if you just want to satisfy your sweet tooth, share a chocolate milkshake. Lean in close to your sweetheart and reminisce about being young.

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Prom is debatably one of the most magical nights of your teen years. Take this date back to that romantic evening by finding an adult prom night near you, or host one at your house with your friends! Pretend you're on the prom planning committee

and choose a theme, like the 1980s or 90s. You and your partner can wear those slightly out-dated duds that you haven't worn in a while and strut your stuff as you dance the night away. Or you can model your favorite [fashion trends](#) and admire how style has changed over time!

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For another simple option, stick to the classics. Every high schooler goes on the ever-popular dinner-and-movie date. Remember the excitement before your first date and get ready to go out. Buy your significant other some flowers and pick them up at eight- don't be late! This cute date idea will have the two of you smiling all night long.

**Revisited your high school days on a date with your bae? Relive the magic by telling us about it in the comments below!**

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## **Date Idea: Plan a Walk Around Town**





By [Carly Horowitz](#) and Kristin Mattern

Already walked down every nature trail in the area with your sweetie? It's time for a new outdoor adventure! Take an urban stroll this weekend and enjoy the fantastic weather while finding all the coolest little hotspots around town. You might just uncover your new favorite place to hang out!

## **Venture out on a walk through your town for your next [date idea](#)!**

Before you set out on your date, you need to first decide a route. Will this be a short and brisk stroll through a familiar neighborhood, or are you up for a long trek through uncharted territory? Whatever kind of walk you pick, be sure to have your phone with you so that you don't get lost. Also, as you discover nifty places on your walk, jot them down in your notes so it is easier for you and your partner to visit them again.

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If you are wandering around a well-known area, like a part of town you drive through to get to work, take the time to slow down and appreciate all of the little details you miss during the morning rush. As you walk hand and hand, snap some pictures of the area. Take turns posing in front of your favorite coffee shop and stores. Discover a new little café that you've never noticed before and grab some lattes for your stroll around town. Play eye-spy with your darling and have fun looking at your community with a new perspective.

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If you live in NYC, why don't you and your honey walk the perimeter of Manhattan? If you did the route it would be a 32-mile walk and we know that's a bit challenging. So try just a quarter of it instead! It's tough but very fun and rewarding too. Dress for a hike or sport your favorite [fashion trends](#) as long as its comfy and easy to walk in! Bring water and food, and embark on a date that promises to please. See wigwams, old architecture, green gardens, the Hudson and more on this romantic adventure!

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Located in LA? Drive out to Venice Beach, located about a half an hour away from the coast. Take in the iconic boardwalk with its unique and colorful buildings, ferris wheel and trendy shops while enjoying the brisk fall air as it rolls off the ocean. You can even take a self-guided tour of Venice's Murals for free. Then head over to a quaint little eatery like Il Moro Restaurant and Gastrobar and watch the sunset. It's the perfect ending to a perfect [date night](#).

**Have you planned an outdoor date in your hometown? Tell us about it in the comments below!**

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# Date Idea: Hometown Hotel



By Jessica Conigliaro and [Carly Horowitz](#)

Plan an exciting “stay-cation” with your partner, and spend the weekend in a hotel right down the block. Going on vacation is usually extremely costly. But luckily, it doesn’t have to be. If you’re looking for a few inexpensive nights of relaxation, simply stay in your hometown. Even though you’re not traveling too far, this still serves as a [romantic getaway](#) because it is always beneficial to spend some time with your boo out of the house.



# Enjoy a romantic and quick [date idea](#) while saving some bucks!

Order scrumptious room service and spend some peaceful time together without worrying about any responsibilities. Cuddle up in bed and rent a movie- maybe watch something that you both missed when it was in theaters. Don't forget the popcorn! A little escape from reality is just what the two of you need to prepare for yet another work week.

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Be sure to plan a couple's spa day in order to make it really feel like you are vacationing together. Get a soothing massage or relax in the sauna with your partner. While you're at it, spoil yourself and get a facial too. You will get both be in the vacation spirit before you know it!

Additionally, use this time to bond with your partner by going to the gym together. A "stay-cation" is the perfect opportunity to reset your workout routine – you have a free gym at your disposal! Jump on side-by-side treadmills or head to a local hiking trail. If the hotel offers yoga classes, give that a shot too! Yoga is an amazing activity that helps you get in touch with your inner self. You'll both relax, work up a sweat, and feel great about yourselves.

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Go down to the hotel restaurant one night for a romantic dinner. Treat yourselves and order the most expensive thing on the menu. Sip on some fancy cocktails while you wait for your meal. Be sure to save room for dessert too! Get a brownie sundae and let your sweetheart feed you delicious scoops of ice cream and hot fudge. What a perfect way to end a perfect weekend.

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Tell us about a “stay-cation” that you’ve enjoyed with your partner!

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## **Date Idea: Best Shows to Binge-Watch With Your Partner**



By [Karley Kemble](#)

If you and your partner enjoy staying in, kicking back and watching shows together, then you’ve probably binge-watched a show (or five) together. Are you on the hunt for another one?

Look no further. Check out these four [date ideas](#) that will have you hooked!

## You'll love these show recommendations for your next [date night](#)!

**1. Friday Night Lights:** Regardless if you are a football fan or not, this show is a must-see. The five seasons follow a close-knit Texas football team and their community at-large, and also talks about topics surrounding contemporary American culture.

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**2. The Office:** There's a reason "The Office" was a household name for nine seasons! Each episode perfectly captures the hilariousness of a normal 9-5 workday, and the characters are so unique and compelling. You and your partner are sure to laugh until your stomachs hurt.

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**3. This is Us:** If you've been wanting to tune into "This is Us" but don't want to feel lost during the current season, dive in on Hulu! This show takes you on an emotional journey within each 45 minute episode, following the lives of the Pearson family throughout the course of their lives.

**4. Scrubs:** "Scrubs" is another oldie but goodie, because it brings humor to a rather mundane place – the hospital. Nine seasons will definitely keep you and your partner busy for awhile, too.

**What shows do you and your partner watch together? Share in the comment section!**

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# Date Idea: Batter Up



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

This weekend, celebrate America's favorite pastime with your love! Go to a baseball game, watch one on television, or even play together at a nearby park. No matter what, you'll both appreciate taking an interest in something new for this [weekend date idea!](#)

**Spend this weekend enjoying a classic sport with your love!**

Want to surprise your partner? Buy two tickets to the next local baseball game and head to the ballpark to cheer for your hometown team. For lunch, enjoy a stadium hot dog or some cheesy nachos and a cold beer. Your significant other will think it's romantic that you're spending the day doing something new and team-driven.

Go to the game a little early and watch the team warm up by the dugout. If you're lucky, you may even get to meet some of the players or score some autographs. Buy a jersey, hat, and foam finger to really get in the spirit. Be sure to bring your camera too – your new gear makes for a perfect photo opportunity to commemorate this [date night](#). The baseball park may even offer professional shots.

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Want to do something romantic for your partner? Pucker up for the kiss cam. Being on the screen will make you feel like a [celebrity couple](#)! Make the game more interesting by placing bets on which team you think is going to win. Rooting against each other will make the game even more fun. Loser has to buy the next round of beers or cook dinner that night.

After the game ends, toss around a baseball together before calling it a night. Teach each other your personal techniques – maybe your love has a special curveball that helped their high school team win the state championship, or maybe you're the sporty one and can create some friendly competition.

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If the weather (or your wallet) is not on your side, catch the big game on television. Head to a nearby sports bar and watch the game with other excited fans. For a more low-key night, get out the fuzzy blanket and cozy up with your love. Mute the TV during commercial breaks and let your love tell you more about the teams, players and sport in general. Cupid's [relationship advice](#): make your partner feel important and show

you care by listening to them rave about their favorite pastime!

How do you like to watch baseball with your love? Share in the comments below.

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## Date Idea: Play All Day



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

While summer daylight is still stretching into the late hours of evening, make sure your grasping onto every last minute of it. Enjoy the warm sunshine and cool afternoon breezes while you still can! Head outdoors to a nearby playground with your love interest; swing, slide, and play the day away. Don't

forget to stop by the ice cream truck to refuel! Who said you were too old for a day at the park?

## **This weekend [date idea](#) reignites the fun of childhood summer days!**

When you were young, going to the playground was the highlight of your day – and now, you get to relive the fun and share it with someone special. Take a trip down memory lane with your partner and show them where you used to play all of those silly games with your childhood friends. While you're there, race down the slide or swing on the swings together.

Get out your old baseball mitt and play some ball together. Have fun working up a sweat! Perfect your pitching and batting techniques while also getting close and cuddly. For a more free-spirited time, bring a Frisbee and fling it around with your love. Whatever you do, your love will appreciate the friendly competition and will be impressed by your athletic talents while you both are getting in some fun [fitness trends](#)!

If your park is close to a lake, bring some bread and feed the ducks. After visiting the ducks, grab your bikes and ride along a trail. No need to go too fast; let your partner lead the way and just enjoy the beautiful scenery. After your busy day outdoors, unwind a bit before heading home. Find a cozy bench and wrap your arms around each other. Enjoy a light conversation and the calming breeze as you watch the sunset for a romantic end to your [date night](#).

**How do you and your partner feel like kids again? Share in the comments below.**

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# Date Idea: All's Fair in Love



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

Keep yourself from getting the end-of-the-summer blues by adding a little love to your life. Bring your partner to a local fair and spend the day walking around together and checking out the nifty booths. Or try some new drinks together at a wine-testing festival. After all, nothing says romance better than a glass of wine a cool summer evening. Cupid's [date ideas](#) will keep you and your love busy all summer.

**All is fair in love, so enjoy this end-of-summer date idea!**

Looking to end the warm season with a little more excitement?



Go to an amusement park with your date and hop on a thrilling roller coaster ride. Get ready to scream together! Or find a water park in your area and take a ride down the lazy river—a great way to spend some peaceful alone time with your man. After venturing down a water slide, snuggle up for warmth with your love and utilize each other's body heat. Cupid's [love advice](#): this is a great time to be silent and just enjoy being with your partner.

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If you want a more low-key activity, let your boyfriend win you a prize at a local carnival. You'll certainly feel special while carrying a gigantic teddy bear around for the rest of the day. As you walk past the rides and games, hold hands and enjoy the cool breeze with one another. Challenge your partner to your favorite carnival game; a little competition is good for your relationship, right? Let loose a little: share a plate of fried dough and get messy together. Be sure to take a picture with your faces covered in powdered sugar—a fun moment to remember your wonderful [date night](#)!

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What do you do with your love for a fun day together at the end of summer? Share your experiences below.

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## Date Idea: Beach and Beyond





By [Rachel Sparks](#)

You've been to the beach with your love about a hundred times this summer. It's time to look for new ways to enjoy the sun and sand. The days are long and the possibilities are endless. This weekend's [date idea](#) is all about trying new things in the sun!

## **This weekend's date idea is about fun in the sun together!**

Search for beautiful shells and sand dollars in the sand. You'll have a great time showing off your finds to each other, and it'll help you break away from your usual routine of sunbathing and swimming. If you're feeling adventurous, look for crabs darting across the beach. Make a game out of it: if your partner finds more crabs than you, you have to cook him dinner for a romantic end to your [date night](#)!

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If you really want to get serious about searching, bring a

metal detector with you and see what random items are buried on the beach. You and your love will get excited whenever that buzzer goes off. The thrill of the treasure hunt will get you both excited.

Once you're done exploring, get messy in the sand together. Dig a hole and bury each other. You'll both feel like kids again, and you'll love creating new laughs together. Build sand castles. Have a contest to see whose creation comes out the best. Bury your legs and make a mermaid tail. End with a beach photoshoot [Reese Witherspoon](#) or [Gwen Stefani](#)-family style!

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If you like learning new things, look into your beach's history. Pick up a brochure or check out their website; maybe there's an area further down from your usual spot that you never knew existed. Sharing some knowledge will spark both your curiosities and will give you something new to discuss.

**How do you mix things up at the beach with your man? Tell us in the comments below.**

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## **Date Idea: Build Your Love**





By [Rachel Sparks](#)

What better way to build your love than to actually build something together? Grab some blankets and pillows for a temporary fort or wood and nails for something more permanent and start planning your creation with your partner. You'll both challenge your creativity skills, grow your team working skills, and also learn something new – both about building *and* about each other with this amazing [date idea](#)!

**This weekend's date idea is all about building something together!**

Revert back to your childhood days and make a fort together for a fun [date night](#)!. Get some blankets and create a tent in the living room. Have a playful pillow fight, cuddle up, and share funny stories from when you were younger. If the weather is sunny and warm, go outside and build your fort on the lawn. Let the cool evening breeze and cozy tent ease both of your minds. Be sure to bring a childhood snack like popcorn, pudding, or a bag of Twizzlers. No matter what, you'll connect

with your significant other in a fun and unique way.

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If you're looking for a bigger project to tackle, build a tree house together. A good amount of time will be needed to develop and execute your plan, and your teamwork skills will certainly be tested. Be prepared to get your hands a little dirty too! Once you're finished, you'll have a new space to enjoy with your love and build new memories in.

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Whether you're relaxing in your blanket fort or newly-built treehouse, what you do together after building is important. Our [relationship advice](#) means spending quality time together. Dig out your old board games and challenge your love to a competition. Break out a deck of cards and let your S.O. teach you how to put on a poker face. Bring a radio to your new hangout and play your favorite tunes. Watch fireflies, the clouds, or each other for the perfect ending to a busy day of building.

**Have you ever built something with your love? Tell us in the comments below.**

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## **Date Idea: Bloom in the Sun**





By [Rachel Sparks](#)

You've spent the whole summer with your partner at the beach, playing in the sun, splashing around in the ocean, enjoying trail mix and sunflower seeds together. If you're running out of [date ideas](#), Cupid's Pulse has them all. Have you ever given thought to where those sunflower seeds come from or how they grow? It's time to get back to the roots by creating your own love garden together. As the flowers grow, you'll be reminded of that [date night](#) when you first planted them. For fun, take bets on how long they will take to sprout.

**Spend some quality time getting back to your roots with this summery date idea!**

If neither of you have a green thumb, bring your man to a sunflower maze. To make things a bit more exciting, you can embrace your inner child and play hide-and-seek among the giant stems. Use both of these activities to bond with your

man while fitting a little exercise into your afternoon. By the time you leave the maze, you'll be ready for a cold glass of wine and a delicious picnic dinner.

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When you get home, look up a recipe for sunflower ice cream and whip some up before you sit down to a nice healthy meal. The ice cream will be a unique summer treat and may even become a tradition for you to make as a couple. It'll take about four hours to freeze, so be patient. Prepare some easy-to-make grilled chicken on the barbecue and pull together a tasty summer salad complete with cranberries and apples. Food always brings people closer together and cooking together can remind you of how much you love one another.

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Sunflower season is one of the hidden treasures of summer. Make sure that you take advantage of this beautiful time of year!

**Have you ever planted your own garden or visited a sunflower maze? Share your experiences in the comments below.**

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## **Date Idea: Take the Stage Together**





By [Rachel Sparks](#)

This weekend, share the spotlight with your partner by performing on stage with one another. If you and your sweetheart have watched plays, comedy shows, and concerts and have always fantasized about acting or being up on stage, creating your own will make for a fun [date night](#)!

**Cupid's weekend [date idea](#) will get you and your partner on stage!**

Search your local newspaper for opportunities. Most papers have an "entertainment" section that includes workshops, auditions, and open mic nights. Pick one that looks fun and spend the weekend acting out another character or enjoying the applause together.

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Start your date in a class or workshop. Practice playing different characters, like a quarreling couple or a meddlesome duo. For something different, check out a comedy class. You'll



learn to be comfortable with your body and your surroundings and find humor in every situation.

Take the skills you learned and audition for a show. Your significant other can be your partner in a play or dance audition. He can even be your target during a stand-up audition.

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Are you not the performing type? Try hitting up the karaoke bar instead. You can spend the night sipping on cocktails while you randomly select songs for each other to sing. Or you can have an entirely duet-based night, choosing songs meant for two like “Endless Love,” “I Got You Babe,” “Under Pressure” or “You’re the One that I Want.”

No matter what you decide, make sure you and your partner are putting on a show together. The excitement of performing will be a memory you’ll carry with you.

**Have a good performing date idea? Tell us in the comments.**

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## Date Idea: List Your Love





By [Rachel Sparks](#)

We all express love in different ways. Sometimes, just being in the same room doing different things is all your partner needs to feel connected. There are times, though, that we may want to do a little extra in order to express our love. Writing out a list of all the things you love about your partner is a romantic [date idea](#)!

## Reconnect with your partner with this romantic date idea!

**1. Find a cozy environment:** Cuddle up next to one another to set the mood. Plan a picnic outside if the weather is nice or stay in during the winter, bundled under a blanket. Make sure to set the mood with candles, music, and a bottle of wine.

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**2. List the physical:** Are there things you physically love about each other? Does your heart flutter whenever your partner opens his eyes in the morning? Are you obsessed with

his beard or the way her hair curls at the nape of her neck? By jotting down these things you notice about each other, you'll give one another a boost of confidence and strengthen the physical bond you share.

**3. List the abstract:** What quirks does your sweetheart have that make your day? Is their passion for work inspiring to you? Do they have an annoying habit that actually makes you smile, like talking to themselves or singing in the shower? Pick the small, obscure attributes that you've never talked about before and let them know that you accept them unconditionally.

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**4. List your relationship:** Write down the things about your relationship that make you the happiest. Recite your favorite traditions: weekly date nights, pre-sleep cuddles or post-work wind-down sessions. Choose your commonalities and why they make you such a strong couple. Do you share a favorite movie? Explain why quoting it on a daily basis makes your relationship better. Do you both have type-A personalities? Tell your S.O. how you think your similarities and differences make you stronger together. Write down how you've grown from each other.

**5. Share your list:** Whether you go out for dinner for a romantic [date night](#), stay in and watch a movie, or plan a [romantic getaway](#), sharing these lists with each other will boost confidence, strengthen bonds, and reignite passion.

**How do you tell your partner that you love him or her? Share your story below!**

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# Date Idea: Get Woodsy



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

You've spent all summer trying to get fit with your partner. Maybe you've been talking about it and haven't made any progress with the gym, so you want to stay active in other ways. This weekend, you and your sweetheart can find a fun way to exercise and still have a fun and memorable date. Get woodsy with your love on a calming nature walk for a fun and fit [date idea](#)!

## Date Idea: Get Fit & Get Out on a Woodsy Nature Walk

Head to your closest state or national park for a day of

hiking. Bring all the essentials for this outdoorsy date: water bottle, boots or sturdy sneakers, bug spray, sunscreen, a bag you can use for garbage, hiking snacks like Clif Bars, trail mix, or dried fruit, and, of course, a camera to capture your day. Some good just-in-case items to bring include a compass, matches or a lighter, a first-aid kit, a whistle, a flashlight, a rain jacket, and plastic bags to protect your things from getting wet.

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Don't forget to pack a lunch! Try packing a (light) picnic for you and your significant other. Include finger foods like sandwiches, grapes, berries, and chips. Just make sure it won't go bad being left in a backpack all day. You can also include a "sample-size" bottle of red wine (the kind you find at a wine tasting) for a [romantic getaway](#) just for the afternoon. When the two of you get to the top of the mountain, or any clearing you deem appropriate for a picnic, take the time to rest and appreciate each other and the beautiful scenery around you.

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During your picnic, take out the camera and have some fun. Try to get some candid shots of your sweetheart stuffing their face or ask a passerby to take some photos of the two of you. Explore the area nearby without wandering too far off the path. Can you get some good nature shots? Make a photography scavenger hunt.

**Have you and your date gone on a hike together? What are some ways you've made it fun and romantic? Share your tips below!**

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# Date Idea: Wine and Dine



By Sarah Ribeiro & [Melissa Lee](#)

Summer is just starting, and you and your sweetheart need to get ready for the new season. This weekend, go on a wine-tasting adventure to embrace the fresh warm weather. You and your love can find a new favorite wine while exploring a beautiful vineyard nearby.

**If you're looking for a romantic way to have some fun, this weekend date idea is ideal for you and your**

# Love.

First, you and your sweetheart need to decide which wines you will be trying this weekend. Narrow down your wine preferences to a specific kind of wine you want to taste. Do you only like reds? Limit the weekend to cabernets, merlots and pinot noirs. Or spend the weekend comparing whites and reds. A “pinot-only” date will allow you to taste different pinot noirs and pinot gris that are made in your area.

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Next, search online for wineries or vineyards in the area that offer the wines you’ve picked and plan to travel to a couple of them throughout the day. You and your partner can even arrange a town car or limo to drive you around, so you don’t have to worry about limiting how much you drink. Plus, it’ll give you a sense of luxury and a chance to cuddle up on the ride.

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At the vineyard, it’s important to keep sharing opinions with your significant other. You can pick a wine that the two of you are crazy about and buy two bottles to take home with you. The first bottle can be shared that night, and you can reserve the second for a future anniversary or romantic date.

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After the wine-tasting fun is done, head back to your place and enjoy a romantic meal together. Skip out on the cooking for the night and indulge in a take-out meal from a nearby Italian restaurant. Make sure your wine suits your meal by using a wine pairing chart. The rule of thumb here is that darker meats belong with darker wines and lighter meats stick with lighter wines. You can even try a wine-based dessert, like a strawberry and wine sorbet, that will cleanse your

palate and provide the perfect ending to a perfect day.

Have any great wine-based date ideas? Share them in the comments below.

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## Date Idea: Make Your Love a Masterpiece



By [Sarah Ribeiro](#) & [Melissa Lee](#)

Get creative with your love this weekend: paint, sculpt, or throw some pottery and feel like an artist for the day. Make something with your sweetheart that the two of you will proud to show off to your family and friends. Try this unique date



to tap into your inner creative genius and create a work of art that you and your love can keep as a memento of your time together.

**If you're looking to get in touch with your creative side, this weekend date idea is perfect for you and your partner!**

First, pack up a picnic basket loaded with your favorite foods. Include finger foods that you can feed to each other, like berries, veggies or pretzels, as well as your honey's favorite meal. Bring a bottle of wine and two glasses as well, then head up to the most scenic spot in your area. Scope out a high hill, a look-out point or a state or national park. Enjoy the sounds of nature around you or bring your iPod with you to play a soothing painting playlist. Examples of great relaxing music to spark creativity include Yanni, Pearl Jam, Pink Floyd, Adele, Animal Collective or classical and instrumental music.

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After you and your love have a romantic sunset picnic, set up an easel (or two) and try your hand at painting. Choose between painting your sweetheart or the landscape around you. Don't be afraid to experiment with color and style. Be silly with one another – you can even try painting a caricature! You don't have to be a great artist to enjoy being creative. Painting is a great way to unwind and relax on a quiet night with your love.

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Another way to get artsy is to head to your local art supply store or studio and register for a class. Most studio-based

art classes offer deals for couples who register for classes, sometimes providing Date Night specials which include complimentary champagne. Pick something you and your partner have never done before: shops like Color Me Mine let you paint your own ceramics, or you can try making ceramics yourself. Glassblowing is also becoming incredibly popular and is showing up in more studios. Plus, you'll get a professional product that you and your sweetheart can take home with you.

**Have an idea for a crafty date? Share it in the comments below.**

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## **Date Idea: Listen to the Music**





By [Sarah Ribeiro](#) & [Melissa Lee](#)

It's almost June, which means it's time to start doing summer activities. This weekend, start the new season off right by spending some time at outdoor performances with your love.

**If you and your sweetheart are huge music fans, this weekend date idea might be perfect for you two!**

Some of the most popular summer activities are outdoor fairs, concerts and music festivals. Not only are they fun, but they can be incredibly romantic too. Look up your local symphony orchestra; most of them hold open practices in the early summer, where you and your sweetheart can wrap yourselves in a blanket at the park and listen to classical music under the stars. For a more private experience, you and your love can stay in the parking lot, canoodling in the back seat of the car, high-school style, while you listen through the open windows.

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Check your newspaper and community bulletin board to find more local outdoor concerts or music festivals where you can cuddle with your sweetheart. You can try something new, like a bluegrass festival: Bluegrasser has a database of national bluegrass events where you and your beau can get country. Most bluegrass festivals even feature farmer's markets, where you can buy local produce and other goods like handwoven blankets and handmade jewelry. Or check out a jazz festival, where you and your love can spend the day dancing in each other's arms, filling up on goodies from food vendors and exposing yourselves to rising musicians.

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If you're more of an active couple, you can check out a bigger-scale music festival. Larger festivals are typically three days long, with tens to hundreds of mainstream acts playing on multiple stages. Some festivals that are traditionally held in late May and early June are Electric Daisy Carnival in New York, Sasquatch! Festival in George, Washington, and Bonnaroo in Manchester, Tennessee. In past years, these three festivals have featured acts such as Fatboy Slim, Avicii, Jack White, Bon Iver, Radiohead and Red Hot Chili Peppers. Find a festival that best suits you and your sweetheart's music tastes and plan a road trip with them. Spend the entire weekend listening to your favorite musicians, dancing and falling even more in love.

**What are some of your favorite musical dates? Share with us below.**

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# Date Idea: Meeting the Parents



By [Sarah Ribeiro](#) & [Melissa Lee](#)

Celebrate this Mother's Day by taking a trip home. Plan a weekend visiting each other's parents in the spirit of the holiday.

**Check out this weekend date idea if you're interested in introducing your partner to the family!**

If you live nearby, look at this weekend as a road trip with your beau. The two of you can pack snacks and create a

playlist with songs from your childhood to makes yourselves feel nostalgic. Some great 70's and 80's favorites include "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Livin' on a Prayer," "Vogue," "Dancing Queen," "Take on Me," and "Thriller." If your honey has never met your family, you can share stories about them on the ride to get him or her ready for their endearing eccentricities, like the fact that your father sings opera in the shower or that your mother will wake up at 5 a.m. to make you all breakfast. Make it a game to see who has the strangest family stories.

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Before you get to your parent's house, take a drive around your hometown. Show your sweetheart where you grew up: take them to your high school or grammar school, bring them to where you had your first date and show them your favorite hangouts when you were a kid. Pick out the best ice cream shop in town and buy a cone for your partner, telling them your favorite memories of going out for an after-dinner sweet treat with your parents.

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After the nostalgia has worn out, head to the house and make a mother's day meal with your love. Try to replicate your favorite recipes that your parents used to make you and serve it to them on a fully set table with flowers and candles. Don't forget to bring a bottle of wine and dessert. You can harken back to your childhood with dessert: try something simple that you would make as a child, like brownies, ice cream sundaes or strawberries with whipped cream. It's a great chance for you and your love to work together and bond in the kitchen. Be sure to let your parents know how much you appreciate them – and don't forget to buy a Mother's Day gift!

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After dinner, pull out your old photo albums. Let yourself be

humbled as your parents tell your partner all of your embarrassing childhood stories and show off your braces-filled middle school yearbook photo. Then spend the next day doing the same with your sweetheart's parents.

**What's your favorite Mother's Day date? Tell us below.**

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## **Date Idea: Cuddle With a Furry Friend**



By [Sarah Ribeiro](#) & [Melissa Lee](#)

Spend the weekend with your partner surrounded by each other's love and your love for animals. Getting a chance to cuddle up

with a gentle creature will put the two of you in a loving mood.

## **Looking for a fun way to spend the weekend with your significant other? This date night idea is perfect if you two love animals!**

Plan a zoo trip with your love – check out the Association of Zoos and Aquariums to find a local zoo that the two of you have never visited. While you're there, be sure to take photos not just of the animals, but of you and your sweetheart too. Be sure to let go of your inhibitions and let your inner child show; there's nothing more endearing than watching your partner get excited over seeing giraffes. Plus, it's a great photo (or video!) opportunity. At the end of the day, head to the souvenir shop and find something memorable to get each other. It can even be something humorous and tacky, like the typical gorilla stuffed animal holding a heart, so long as you two can make a loving memory out of the gift.

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If you're more of a community-centric couple, try your hand at volunteering. Call up your local animal shelter and see if you can set up a time for the two of you to help them out. Petfinder offers a directory of animal welfare groups where you can volunteer. This day is definitely another "photo op" for you two, as you may get the chance to play with or walk a homeless animal. Be prepared for dirty work, too: most shelters ask for help cleaning and sanitizing cages and kennels, but the work is well worth it. You may find an adorable cat or dog that the two of you are willing to foster or even adopt.



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For those who already have enough animals in your life, take them on a date with you. Head to your nearest dog park with your honey. Let your pets play while you sit back and relax with your beau, holding hands and bonding over your love for your furry babies. Or keep them on the leash and take a walk – or even a hike – and take in the new spring weather. Tell each other stories about your first pets, why you love animals and what your favorite furry creature is and why. It's a great opportunity to get to know each other better and enforce why you love each other.

**Have an idea for a great animal-lover's date? Share it with us in the comments below.**

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**Date Idea: Make Sushi Together**





By Daniela Agurcia & Melissa Lee

Every girl loves to be wined and dined by her significant other. While restaurants are great, sometimes, you want a cozy night indoors when your partner surprises you with his best rib dish, a bottle of wine and a bouquet of red roses.

**In reality, we're not all top chefs and often end up making a mess in the kitchen when we even attempt to make something as simple as macaroni. In this situation, a sushi kit can save date night.**

You can find a sushi kit at a nearby grocery store for a reasonable cost. They're not as complicated as they sound and will walk you through the entire process, helping your date night to go as planned. Dress up and invite your beau over for a home-cooked meal. Greet him with a glass of Pinot Grigio,

and surprise him in the kitchen with the sushi materials all set-up for you to make your favorite rolls together. Sushi kits come with a cookbook, rice, nori for wrapping the sushi, ginger, spicy wasabi and soy sauce. A couple of simple rolls you can make include California Rolls, Tuna Rolls and Salmon Rolls. Put on your favorite playlist, and for the next 30 minutes, flip through the cookbook and create a 10-15 piece sushi set. Lay it all out on a big plate and fill a little bowl with soy sauce. You're ready to feast!

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After you put your kit to good use, spend the rest of your time together enjoying your sushi and that bottle of wine. Catch up on what you've both done throughout the week, and sit back and enjoy each other's company. The best part about a sushi dinner is that you don't get that extremely full feeling you'd have if you ate something heavy like pasta or a burger. Sushi is the perfect meal to leave you feeling satisfied with some extra room for something sweet.

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Go the extra mile and surprise your date with a fortune cookie for dessert...but customize it. Slip in a little note that reads "I love you" or "I'm happy I met you." It's an unexpected gesture that will make your date feel especially loved. Plus, it'll make this date night all the more memorable.

**What ideas do you have for dining in with your loved one? Share your ideas below.**

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# Date Idea: Workout Together



By [Daniela Agurcia](#) & Melissa Lee

April is here, with Summer just around the corner. Now is the time where everyone throws on their swimsuits and heads to tropical destinations like Cancun, Miami, and Hawaii to lay out in the white sand and soak up the beaming sun. It's the last chance for you to sculpt those legs and define those abs – and what better way to do it than with the one you love.

**After a great workout for this date idea, you'll feel stress-free and energized. Plus, it provokes**

# **happiness, which will benefit your relationship.**

Use this month to develop an exercise schedule together. Take advantage of all of your options, whether it's at your local gym or a nearby park. Sign up for a spinning class, something you can do at your own pace since your strength level will be different than your partner's. It doesn't even have to be a workout – dancing provides great exercise as well. Hit up the nearest salsa class for a curve-building calorie killer. Whether it's dancing or weight training, be there for each other and remember that it's about support – not competition!

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Don't want to waste a beautiful day indoors? Kill two birds with one stone by heading to the park. Run side-by-side for 30 minutes, and then help each other with a core workout on the grass. You can even go hiking or canoeing to put those legs and arms to work, all while engaging in conversation and enjoying each other's company.

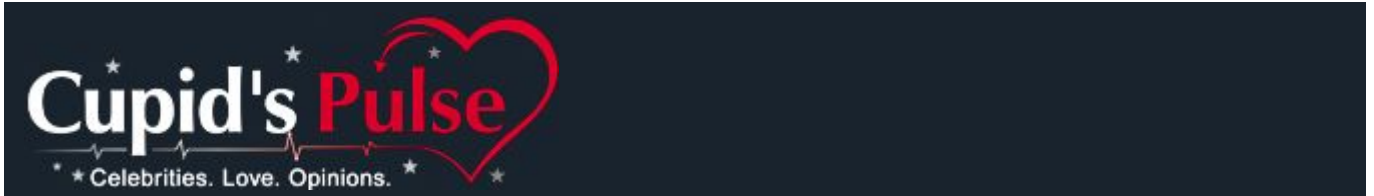
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Many people don't have time to fit in exercise between their jobs and their social lives. But you don't have to choose one over the other. Dating shouldn't derail your plans to get fit this summer. You both want to look good for each other, so what better way than getting fit with someone you love? With your new fitness regimen, you can accomplish this. Sounds too good to pass up. Give it a try!

**What fun workout plans do you and your man do together? Share your ideas with us below.**

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# Date Idea: Have a Colorful Day



By Ché Blackwood & [Melissa Lee](#)

Remember the fun of youth by creating a daytime date centered on coloring. With this [relationship advice](#), you'll be taking a trip down memory lane with the one you love. It'll you feeling rejuvenated and creative!

For this [date idea](#), invest in a box

**of crayons, grab a few coloring books, stock up on old sweet films and give yourself the play date of your childhood dreams!**

There are a variety of coloring books, allowing you to choose the best ones for your personality. If your honey likes baseball, pick up a workbook focused on the popular pastime. If you've still got a thing for princesses, purchase a Cinderella coloring book. If kid's books aren't your thing, head over to an adult store. Many of them carry adult themed coloring books, which will prevent your afternoon from staying G-rated.

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Challenge your beau's artistic talents by judging each other's coloring. If you're really creative, grab a few colored pages from each book and make up a story together. Sketch to your hearts' content, but be sure to stop as soon as it loses its appeal. Some things are better in moderation.

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Once the crayons have started to crumble, watch a favorite animation together. Whether a classic like *Beauty and the Beast* or a more grown up choice, like *Futurama*, savor the experience of watching cartoons together with popcorn and a cozy cuddle on the couch. The rare opportunity to forget your adult responsibilities will leave you feeling joyful and young at heart.

**How do you like to stay young with your partner? Tell us in the comments below!**

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# Weekend Date Idea: Celebrate Easter by Getting Crafty



By [Marissa Donovan](#)

With Easter right around the corner, it's easy to lose track of your relationship while getting caught up in family and social obligations. To properly balance a busy holiday schedule and a thriving love life, you need to be creative. Get crafty on Friday, Saturday, and Easter Sunday.



# Hop right into this [date idea](#) by doing Easter crafts with your sweetheart!

Whether you celebrate Easter for religious reasons or not, you'll have a blast taking part in the festivities with your partner. Visit a local grocery store and buy an egg-dying kit. With a variety of colors to choose from, you will be able to express your more artistic sides. Stickers can help the artistically challenged keep their eggs looking beautiful. Surprise your partner with a secret love note by purchasing a few white wax crayons. They are easily accessible and allow you to write invisible messages on shells, which won't show until after they've been dyed.

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Feel like a kid again by arranging an old fashioned Easter egg hunt for your loved one. To add a new twist to this old game, write up a series of romantic hints for each other. Direct him to find a hint in a picture frame or cookie jar!

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Afterward, arrange an Easter basket for your date. Fill it with candies and special trinkets that he'll love, like a favorite DVD or tickets to a concert. Ending one date by planning another is a great way to ensure you'll keep making memories together.

**What type of fun do you plan around Easter? Let us know in the comments below!**

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# Date Idea: Hunt & Thrift for Treasures



By [Marissa Donovan](#)

Rummaging through your grandmother's attic, or sifting through a garage sale can be a thrill when you find old treasures. This weekend, make a [date night](#) out of it by visiting thrift stores and flea markets with your special someone.

# Find excitement by treasure hunting as a couple!

Try sorting through forgotten artwork, jewelry and furniture to find the perfect addition to your life. Vintage clothing can be resold online if your findings don't match your own particular needs. Always check the latest [fashion trends](#) to see if you can still pull off the vintage look!

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Driving through town and stopping at garage sales is another great way to hunt for used items! Garage sales have the added benefit of allowing you and your sweetheart to speak with an item's owner. This gives you the opportunity to discover the history of an object before purchasing it.

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Keep an eye out for neighbors replacing older furniture or preparing for a move! They are much more likely to bargain price since they need to get rid of their items quickly.

**What's the best thing you found with your partner at a thrift store or flea market? Let us know in the comments!**