

# Britney Spears and Jason Trawick Take a Secret Trip to San Francisco



Britney Spears and

her fiancé Jason Trawick took a private vacation to San Francisco away from the paparazzi and Spears's legal issues.

According to *People*, Spears and Trawick stayed at the Westfield San Francisco Centre in the Extreme-Wow suite. A source said that the couple was very low-key and the getaway was just about the two of them.

**What are some fun ways to spend time alone with your partner?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Spending alone time with your partner is important, but it can sometimes get boring. Here are a few fun ways to spend time alone with your significant other:

**1. Play make believe:** Book a hotel room or bed and breakfast in another city for some alone time where no one else knows the two of you. Pretend to be lovers in a secret relationship.

**2. Take a road trip:** A road trip can be a lot of fun. Full of sing alongs and junk food, it will bring the two of you closer.

**3. Everyone loves a good game:** Game night is the best way to spend some time alone with your partner without the mushy [romantic](#) factor. Whether it's a board game or watching a sport, you'll have a great time.

**What are some fun ways that you spend time with your partner? Share your comments below.**

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## Mario Lopez and Fiancé Load Up on Spring Scents





Spring is in the air, and actor Mario Lopez and his fiancée Courtney Mazza started the season with some fresh scents. The couple loaded up on the latest spring collection at Bath and Body Works, and Mazza joked about how she loves to hoard their products. According to [People](#), Mario mentioned that he loves it when his fiancée wears a coconut scent as they were testing out the new products.

**What are some fun ways to celebrate spring with your partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Spring has finally come after a long winter, so get out and enjoy it with the one you love. Cupid has some tips to help you shake off your winter blues and get spring rolling:

**1. Be active:** Snow is melted and the sun is shining, so take advantage of what Mother Nature has to offer by planning an outdoor date. Rollerblading or going to play putt-putt where you can breathe in some of the fresh new air are great options.

**2. Kick back:** It's always nice to relax with the sun warming up your face and giving you a healthy glow, so plan a picnic with your partner somewhere where you can enjoy each others'

company and take in the newly budding nature around you.

**3. Re-accessorize:** It's time to ditch those winter clothes and haul out your summer wardrobe. Hit the shopping mall with your partner, and load up on some new spring trend essentials.

**How do you plan to celebrate the start of the season? Share your comments below.**

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## **Valentine's Day Advice: Five Unconventional Date Night Ideas**



By A Bullseye View

The old dinner and a movie routine can get old fast. This

Valentine's Day, it's time to spice things up. Whether you want to go out or stay in, these non-traditional activities are sure-fire fun:

### **Stay in and cook fresh pasta**

There's something about tackling a project like fresh pasta that's really fun. It's special, delicious and only requires two ingredients (plus you, of course!). To start, you'll need all-purpose flour and eggs. If you don't have a pasta maker, you can roll dough out with a regular rolling pin and cut it with a knife. With a little time and effort, you'll have a fine-dining experience that you made from scratch, together.

### **Get glam and smile**

In the age of digital cameras, unflattering Facebook shots and constant TwitPics, it can be hard to find a decent photo with your significant other. So, why not get all gussied up and pose like a pro? Hire a professional shutterbug or just ask a willing friend.

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### **Learn something together**

Take a class – a cooking class, language class, kickboxing class, massage class – it doesn't matter! As long as it's fun and a break from your daily routine, you'll both learn something new and have fun while doing it. Participating in the experience together is what's important.

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### **Give a personalized gift**

Flowers and sweets – although delicious – aren't your only

gift options. Give your beau a special something that will keep you in their minds (and hands) all day long – a custom photo phone case. CaseMate and Target give you the creative reigns on shatterproof, scratch resistant cases for iPhones, iPod Touch, BlackBerry and Samsung. Upload a cute snapshot of the two of you and start designing cases together. Best part? Their phone will stand out from the crowd *and* everyone will know they're taken!

## **Volunteer**

What's the total opposite of an expensive night on the town? Spending a few hours, or even a full day, volunteering at a local charity or organization. Get those good vibes pumping by volunteering as a couple. You'll feel great about your partner *and* you can spread some of your love to others.

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# **Valentine's Day Date Ideas: Five Unique Ways to Spend the Holiday**







By Erika Mionis

Valentine's Day is the one holiday completely dedicated to our love lives. If you're single, you'll survive. If you're in a relationship, then congratulations! Now you can worry about gifts and date ideas for the coming holiday. Though there's nothing wrong with the classic dinner date, you can be sure you and your significant other won't be the only couple with the same idea. Here are a few unique date ideas to make this Valentine's Day one you'll never forget:

**1. Hot air balloon ride:** Hot air balloon rides are well worth the expense. Find the nearest hot air balloon company (it may be a bit of a drive, depending on where you live) and set out to see the sunrise or sunset. Most companies offer a light breakfast or dinner after the ride. Hot air balloons can easily carry up to five people, so try splitting the cost with another couple.

**2. Horse-back riding:** For the animal-loving couple, a date on horseback can be fun and romantic. Most ranches offer trail rides that bring you through isolated parts of nature. Make sure to talk over lunch or dinner afterward, as loud conversation mid-trail often startles the horses.

**3. Hiking:** Tough out the last of winter on an outdoorsy date

with your partner. Make sure to pick a trail that suits your athletic abilities, because though exercise is fun, it's hard to feel attractive when you're sweating and gasping for air. Pack a picnic for a quick lunch/snack once you reach the end of the trail or the top of a mountain.

**4. Paint pottery:** Decorating pottery is a fun and creative way to spend the holiday. You can work as a team on a single pottery piece, or you can each work separately and compare your craftsmanship. For the especially artsy couple, try making pottery instead of just painting it.

**5. Play games:** Try visiting an upscale arcade to play some pool. To make the game a little more interesting, decide on a friendly wager, like a massage exchange. After the game, grab some quarters or tokens and visit some of the other games in the arcade. Your next competition comes in the form of skee ball.

**Do you have any Valentine's Day date ideas? Feel free to share them below.**

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## **Date Idea: Cheer for Your Favorite Football Team**







By Ché Blackwood

Super Bowl Sunday is in just a couple of days, so it's time to start prepping for the big day! This event is synonymous with snacks, tackles, and fun. Not to mention, it's a great way to get hyped with your honey or engage in a little friendly competition with your pals. Fuel your partner's appetite by whipping up their favorite dips and other game-day treats – it'll be love at first bite. Below, you'll find Cupid's [dating advice](#) on ways to make the most of the biggest sporting event of the season.

## Dating Advice to Plan the Perfect Super Bowl Sunday

You and your other half have been waiting all season to see which team is going to take it all home. Will it be the Denver Broncos, led by quarterback Peyton Manning and the best defense in the NFL, or the Carolina Panthers, led by quarterback Cam Newton? Take a cue from one of our favorite celebrity couples [Carrie Underwood](#) and Mike Fisher as well as their celebrity baby Isaiah Michael and host a homey get-together for the occasion. Plan ahead of time to save you trouble in the long-run.

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A viewing party is the best way for you lovebirds to enjoy the spirit of the game with your closest friends, and the right decorations, food, and activities will make your party unforgettable. Make sure you have your team's jersey ironed and ready to be worn for good luck. If you really want to go all out, then decorate your living room and/or backyard with your team's paraphernalia. It can be as easy as picking up some streamers and balloons in orange and blue or blue and black. If you have pets, don't forget to get them something to show their team spirit as well!

Since everyone is feeling competitive, you can organize a contest for "best dish" or "best game-day attire." Then, you can hand-make voting cards, and on the day of the game, everyone can decide whose food and whose outfit they like best.

**Related Link:** [Date Idea: Cheer on a National Sports Team](#)

If you are lucky enough to live near the stadium, plan a tailgate in the parking lot for this date idea. You don't need a view of the field to have a good time, and sites like Tailgating.com can give you tips on making the most out of your parking lot party. If you and your date are cheering for opposite teams, make a friendly wager on the game.

**What do you and your dearest have planned for Super Bowl Sunday? Dish your dating advice in the comments below!**

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# 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

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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!**

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# Prince William and Kate Middleton's New Year's Eve Plans



Prince William and Kate Middleton will be surrounded by family and friends as they ring in the New Year. A source told [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) that the newlyweds plan to spend New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in Aberdeen, Scotland and will stay at Birkhall, the 53,000 acre estate belonging to William's father, Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla Parker-Bowles, Duchess of Cornwall. The source also revealed that Middleton's parents, Michael and Carole, are expected to join in on the festivities, although they won't likely be staying with the royal family.

**What are some romantic ways to spend New Year's Eve?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Whether you're going out on a double date or staying inside cuddled up watching a movie with each other, there are plenty of romantic ways to ring in the New Year with your love. Here are a few last-minute ideas to make sure you get your New Year's kiss:

**1. Plan a dinner at home:** There's a wise tale that says to get to a man's heart, you have to know how to cook. Prepare a candlelit, romantic dinner at home for just the two of you. If the weather is somewhat breezy, set up a nice backyard dinner for you and your love. That way, you will have front row seats to an early firework show.

**2. Hit the beach:** You may not be able to ring in the New Year in Las Vegas or New York, but you can always take a quick getaway trip to a nearby beach that will allow you and your significant other to spend some quality time together. Watch the fireworks pop over the ocean as you and your love relax with your feet dug into the sand.

**3. Dance the night-away:** So maybe you're the type of couple that likes to be seen. Head to the club dressed to impress, and dance all night to your favorite songs. Go as a couple, on a double date or with a group of your closest friends.

**How do you plan to spend the New Year with your significant other? Share your ideas below.**

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## **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.

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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!**

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## 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.**

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## **The Most Romantic Hotels for Couples –and Celebrities!**



By Isabel Eva Bohrer

Finding a secret hideaway as a famous couple is difficult. Paparazzi follow you everywhere, and you need some good fences and security to really make that vacation a relaxing one. Despite these difficulties, there are some places that make it possible. Read on for information on the most romantic hotels and which famous couples have stayed the night there. To make your very own reservation, check out [www.luxury-hotels.com](http://www.luxury-hotels.com).

### **1. GoldenEye Hotel & Resort (St. Mary, Jamaica)**

Once owned by James Bond creator Ian Fleming, this hotel is a purely romantic experience with a celebrity twist. It is not an ordinary hotel, but instead a compound of luxurious private villas. Each of them offers its own private world, set amid spectacular tropical gardens and embellished with extraordinary comforts, amenities and service. Fleming's three-bedroom villa is particularly popular as it still



contains the writer's Jamaican red bullet wood desk. This also includes three individual bedrooms (each with outdoor garden bath and rain shower), a private swimming pool and a secluded beach. During the day, you can explore the coves and at night, sit at Fleming's old desk to write a love letter – or perhaps even the next great spy novel.

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## **2. Chateau Marmont (Los Angeles, USA)**

Ever since its opening in 1929, the Chateau Marmont hotel has been a discreet movie star getaway. In addition to the private guest bungalows, the establishment comes with the popular Bar Marmont, and a see-and-be-seen restaurant. Kate Bosworth and True Blood's Alexander Skarsgard were spotted kissing at Chateau, while Lindsay Lohan and Avril Lavigne had a bar brawl here. Twilight stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson spent the night together at the hotel, whilst Tila Tequila and Meghan McCain were seen lunching.

The courtyard has welcomed Jennifer Aniston, John Mayer, and Billy Crudup, and the patio has been home to Eva Longoria and Christina Applegate. The restaurant's living room is where Sienna Miller and Josh Hartnett cozied up and on one single night, actresses Lindsay Lohan, Charlize Theron, and Mary-Kate Olsen all graced the halls. You won't just feel like a star at Chateau Marmont, you may actually see some while you're here.

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## **3. Oyster Box Hotel (Umhlanga, South Africa)**

Prince Albert and his wife Charlene Wittstock went all the way to South Africa for their honeymoon (after all, the bride is a native). Here, they decided to stay at the Oyster Box Hotel. Set on the Indian Ocean and opened in 1947, this hotel quickly



gained a legendary reputation thanks to its combination of colonial charm, impeccable service, lush tropical gardens and breathtaking seaside setting. If you want the presidential suite where Prince Albert and his wife stayed, be prepared to splurge – it has its own terrace and private dining area for \$7,350 a night.

#### 4. Gramercy Park Hotel (New York City, USA)

The Gramercy Park Hotel is the place to be if you want to be hip, famous and beautiful. Even if you're staying the night elsewhere, you can still visit the Rose Bar, whose velvet-heavy décor has made it the epicenter of the New York bar scene. Janet Jackson was recently there to admire the artwork on view at the Rose Bar, while Kid Rock smoked a cigarette outside. Chace Crawford, in turn, met some business partners there, while Sting was also seen staying at the hotel. The celeb legacy dates all the way back to Humphrey Bogart who got married here, and Babe Ruth who was a regular among the bar guests.

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## 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.

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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!

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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.**

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## **Top 10 Romantic Winter Getaways**





By Abbi Compel and

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On December 22nd, the first official day of winter is upon us. The sun begins to rise late and set early, which can lead to some minor winter blues. As you start to go stir crazy, take this piece of [relationship advice](#) to heart, and start planning a romantic getaway for you and your partner. A nice break from the same old routine is probably just what you need to reignite a spark in your relationship.

## **Cupid has some love and relationship advice on where to escape with your loved one this season:**

**1. Tampa Bay, Florida:** With the winter chills fast approaching, the birds aren't the only ones heading south this winter. Located along the Gulf of Mexico, Tampa Bay is an ideal destination for a couple vacation. Enjoy long walks along the shore of one of the beautiful beaches, like hot spot Archibald Beach Park, which is often busy on weekends and features restaurants and bathrooms nearby. You can even

indulge in your sporty side and check out a Tampa Bay Rays baseball game with your mate.

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**2. Montego Bay, Jamaica:** With its vibrant reggae, tropical shores, and relaxing atmosphere, there is no doubt that Montego Bay, or “Mo’Bay,” is Jamaica’s center for tourism. You and your partner can adhere to this piece of [dating advice](#) and enjoy an array of water sports, from fishing to snorkeling and scuba diving.

**3. Riviera Maya, Mexico:** With its warm climate, the Riviera Maya an ideal destination to get away from it all with your partner. Enjoy swimming in the beautiful Caribbean Sea in the city of Tulum, as you gaze at the only archaeological site located near the sea, and then immerse yourself in a rich cultural experience as you discover Maya history.

**4. Bangkok, Thailand:** Among the most urban and safe cities in Asia is Bangkok. Known as the hottest city in the world, its coolest period is November to February, so it’s definitely worth checking out at this time of the year. The city’s diversity and glamour, infused with a romantic ambiance, make it an ideal destination for a couple’s holiday. Palaces, Buddhist temples, museums, and parks will keep you busy sightseeing during the day, while exotic performances will entertain you at night.

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**5. Paris, France:** There is something about Paris that continues to entice tourists and [celebrity couples](#) alike year after year. Come visit the “city of love” during low season for tourism, and allow yourself to be compelled. Drenched in art and culture, Paris is home to the iconic Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Chateau de Versailles, and the Chartres Cathedral. The Seine River is an ideal make-out spot... among many others! Other absolute musts include indulging yourselves

in a bottle of wine and a baguette, warming up at a local coffee shop and enjoying a jazz show. You can definitely spot some celebrity couples enjoying their time here!

**6. Quebec City, Canada:** Winter is a great time to visit Quebec City. The St. Lawrence river freezes, and the streets are covered by a pristine blanket of white, transforming the city into a winter wonderland. These features give the city the charm and glamour that make it the perfect site for a romantic holiday. You and your partner will be amused by ice sculptures, night parades, dance, and music during the Winter Carnival in January and February. These are some perfect date ideas!

**7. Kitzbuhel, Austria:** Located on the Kitzbuhel Alps, this small medieval town is a truly enchanting location, ideal for sports fanatics. One of Austria's most famous winter sports resorts, Kitzbuhel offers a wide array of exciting activities that will allow you and your partner to reconnect by skiing, snowboarding, ice skating and hiking together. In the evening, go for a romantic stroll through the picturesque town.

**8. Dillon, Colorado:** This is another enthralling winter paradise. You'll be bedazzled by the glow and sparkle of the Lights Festival throughout December and half of January. Dillon is also home to the Arapahoe Basin Ski Area, the highest skiable terrain in North America. Adorned with snow, Dillon offers plenty of great couple's activities which will allow you and your honey to really unwind.

**9. Charleston, South Carolina:** This historic city is distinguished by its rich array of churches and museums. Take a romantic horse-drawn carriage tour of the quaint town. There are plenty of relaxing spas, which will make this destination a perfect couple's retreat. If you head over in February, check out the Oyster Festival.



**10. Sun Valley, Idaho:** This unique resort city is known as one of the world's top winter resorts. Its peaceful setting creates the perfect backdrop for a romantic vacation. Spend your days engaging in fun physical activities like cross-country skiing or snowboarding, and during the evening rekindle your passion by a flickering fire place in one of Sun Valley's many beautiful lodges.

**Where do you plan to take your honey this Winter break? Share your ideas below.**

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## **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!

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## 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.

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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!

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## 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!**

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## **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!

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Don't forget to take your budget into account. This experience can be a full day event, and you may buy several bottles to take home. It's also good to confirm the cost of the tastings.



Some places charge a fee to participate, while other venues are free. Finally, if you're hoping to purchase food to pair with your favorite new wine, you'll have that additional cost to factor in. Check out [www.winerybound.com](http://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!**

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## **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.**

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# 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!

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## **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!

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## 10 Ways To Be A Beach Bum With Your Beau



By **Vicky Sullivan**

of **Aspiring Socialite**

During the hot months, the beach is the perfect place to go, either as a couple or while on a group date with mutual friends. Regardless of whether you're in a relationship or not, this location is the perfect place to enjoy a romance in the summertime – no wonder so many people choose to have beach weddings or visit exotic beach-side resorts on their honeymoon! If you're itching to head to the sandy shores,

here's a countdown of the top 10 ways to be a beach bum with your beau this season:

**10. Sex on the beach:** It's not just a drink. But, make sure you don't get caught.

**9. Take a stroll:** A long walk on the sand or the boardwalk is an ideal way to bond with your partner in the summer sun.

**8. Have a picnic:** Eating on the beach together is a sweet way to share a meal, whether it's during the day or under the stars. Bring a large blanket to sit on and watch out for those seagulls. They may be hungry too.

**7. Ride horses:** Many beach resorts offer seaside horseback riding, which is both a romantic and unique experience to share as a couple.

**6. Steal a kiss:** The beach is as good a place as any to grab a smooch from your beau. Plus, it creates an excellent backdrop for a passion-filled day.

**5. Apply sunscreen:** Helping your partner apply sunscreen is amorous in two ways. Not only are you watching out for your partner's well-being, but you're also giving them a sensuous rub down – and no one can criticize you for getting touchy-feely in the name of good health.

**4. Relax in the breeze:** Try visiting the shore during a slightly windy day. The breeze and soothing sound of the waves are bound to cool you off.

**3. Create a photo shoot:** In the dead of winter, you'll want to remember the fun times you spent frolicking in the sun. Take a moment to snap some cute shots of you and your partner, beaming and tan on a sunny day. Grab some shells to glue to a frame and voila – instant home décor.

**2. Take a scenic boat ride:** Sail out into the ocean for a



peaceful and relaxing ride. Or, if you want to pick up the pace, rent jet skis instead. Or, rent just one jet ski and share the ride together. Just remember to play nice and take turns letting your partner drive.

**1. Watch the sunset:** Stay until the early evening to enjoy one of nature's most beautiful gifts. A sunset over the ocean is a view you won't soon forget, and it's a picture perfect way to end a day you spent bumming around with the one you love.

**What's the most romantic thing you've done with your partner at the beach? Let us know below!**

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## 5 Reasons To Play Hooky From Work With Your Honey



By Andrew Pryor

You're sitting at your computer at work and you've had it up to "here" with the pile of papers sitting on your desk. All you can think about is an afternoon escape. After all, the work will still be there when you get back. If you're contemplating calling in sick or checking out early, double up with your partner so that you can really enjoy the day. A vacation for two is much more fun than one. Here are five ready-made reasons to hop the cubicle walls and make time for yourself and your loved one:

**1. Celebrate a promotion:** If you've just picked up a new title and a pay raise, what better way to celebrate than to spend some time off with someone you love? He or she can accompany you to an early and fancy dinner date where you can toast your latest success.

**2. Get an early start on happy hour:** If you leave half an hour early, it should be five o'clock by the time you hit your favorite bar. Meet your partner there and think back to the first time you bought him or her a drink.

**3. Adopt or create your own holiday:** Whether it's Talk Like A Pirate Day, Flying Spaghetti Monster Day or the birthday of a celebrity you've always worshiped, find a reason to celebrate, and take time off from work. Here are a few silly suggestions for the month of July from [BrownieLocks.com](http://BrownieLocks.com).

**4. It's a nice day outside:** Look out the window, feel the sunshine hitting your face and imagine lying in the grass with the love of your life. Life is too short to spend eight hours of your day indoors, so find an out-of-the-way spot you and your honey can call your own.

**5. You don't need a reason at all:** The best things in life are unexpected. Come home early and surprise your husband, wife, partner or lover with a sensuous and lovely day together. Sometimes, you don't need an excuse to spend a day away from work – you just need someone to make that day worthwhile...and

maybe a 'broken' alarm clock.

Do you have any ideas about how to escape the workday with your partner? Share them with us in a comment below.

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# Exclusive Interview: Former 'Bachelorette' Winner Jesse Csincsak Shares Opinions On Ashley Hebert's Hometown Dates



Last night on [The](#)

[Bachelorette](#), [Ashley Hebert](#) met the in-laws of the remaining four men: Constantine Tzortzis, Ames Brown, Ben Flajnik, and [J.P. Rosenbaum](#). As she traveled to the contestant's hometown and met their families, her spark grew for some of the guys, while she questioned her relationship and love with others. In the end, she sent Brown home. Here's what *Bachelorette* expert Jesse Csincsak had to say about the episode in our exclusive interview:

## **Exclusive Celebrity Interview with Jesse Csincsak**

**Constantine's hometown date seemed so perfect. Do you think he'll be one of the last men standing, or do you think it was edited to look that way for a reason? Maybe there's something more coming that will shock us!**

I think Constantine will be the next to go home. He has a strong connection with Ashley, but it's moving way slower than the rest of the guys, and I think that will be what gets him sent home. I don't think there are any tricks about his edit, but who knows – I have seen crazier stuff!

**Do you think it's a red flag that Ben's relationships and love haven't lasted that long and that he's only brought home one other person?**

I'm not going to lie – Ben is cool, but I just don't see Ashley moving to central California to be a mellow wine maker's wife. I personally think Ashley would be better suited with J.P. or Constantine, but I am not her.

**Do you think J.P. has a jealous streak that could get in the way of his relationship with Ashley? Or will his lack of commitment lead to their demise?**

Every guy has a point of jealousy. It's all about how much it takes to trigger that jealous bug. I think they are going to

get into some deep conversations next week. Perhaps that's what the walking out of the room scene will be.

**Related Link:** [Celebrity Pregnancy: Former 'Bachelorette' Emily Maynard is Expecting!](#)

## Planning Hometown Date Ideas

**Who plans the hometown date ideas? For example, J.P.'s roller skating date – was that his own idea, or did the producers plan that?**

The producers do all the planning, but you can tell them what you would like to do – such as snowboarding or go on a horse and carriage. They want it to be activities you would actually enjoy doing!

**How nerve-wracking are hometown dates? Is it true that this is the first time you are physically seeing your family since the show started?**

When you go on the hometown dates, you don't even get to stay at your house or see your family except what everyone sees on camera! They make you stay in a hotel two miles from your house, so you can't talk to or see anyone you know. That's why everyone looks genuinely happy to see one another on camera.

**Do all the families need to sign a waiver stating that they can't disclose the hometown dates before the season airs? What's the process?**

All family members do have to sign a non-disclosure agreement before the contestants even get to their hometown. Once the fifth and sixth guys go home, the producers approach the contestants after the rose ceremony and ask them for the contact information of the person the *Bachelorette* will be meeting on the hometown date. Since the producers do it all, the guys don't get a chance to tell their parents what's going on.

**Which of the remaining men do you think is best for Ashley?**

Although I think Constantine or J.P. will fit her lifestyle the best, Ben is a great guy too!

**Were you surprised to see Ames go? If so, who did you think would leave this week?**

I wasn't surprised to see Ames leave. Somehow, I just can't see Ashley sitting by a massive indoor pool and Jacuzzi talking about how amazing Ames is for the rest of her life or being driven around in a horse and carriage by the butlers until she's 80. But then again, that's just me.

**Related Link:** [Reality TV Star Ashley Hebert Instagrams Amazing Post-Celebrity Baby Body](#)

**In next week's highlights, there's a knock on the door from someone who surprised Ashley by flying to Fiji. Who do you think that might be?**

I think the surprise is either Ames or Ryan P.

**There is also a scene where her family doesn't feel that one of the guys is right for her, and it looks like she chooses him anyway. Any guesses who that may be?**

I think that has to be J.P. or Ben because it's down to the final two when you meet the parents.

*Want more Bachelorette insider insights than what our exclusive interview gave? Tune into the Bachelorette Beatdown at 6pm PST every Tuesday on [www.RTVZone.com](http://www.RTVZone.com). The Beatdown is hosted by Jesse himself, and he is always joined by notable show alums!*

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# 10 Cool Summer Date Ideas to Heat Up Your Relationship



By [Andrew Pryor](#)

It's a known fact that opposites attract, but even those destined for each other need to find common ground. So this season, if you can't stand the heat while your partner is soaking up the sun – or if you're basking in 100 degree temps while your lover is counting the days to December – try switching things up a bit. Here are five fiery and five frosty things to do with your significant other this summer:

**1. Schedule a hot stone massage for two:** Heat is a natural tension reliever, so enjoy this relaxing experience together. Give your stressed out muscles a rest and take your mind off of your problems, whatever they may be.

**2. Indulge in exotic and spicy cuisine:** Thai, Indian, Moroccan, Cajun – pick your picante poison and indulge in a

fiery mouthful. Spicy food is an aphrodisiac, so don't be afraid to stimulate your senses.

**3. Throw it on the grill:** Whether it's charcoal or gas, bring some sizzle to your summer with a delicious barbecue. Cook up a feast, and have an outdoor date together.

**4. Light some fireworks:** Watching sparks fly and explode across the night sky is the perfect way to ignite the passion in your relationship. Brighten up your evening with a fireworks display and hope for a bright and engaging future with your loved one. Just be sure to check whether setting off these bad boys is legal in your state!

**5. Catch fireflies in your backyard:** Sure it's a childhood pastime, but sometimes, old traditions are the best ones. Stumbling around in the twilight, holding hands and grasping at blinking lights is a perfect way to work up a sweat and make great memories.

**6. Make homemade ice cream:** This is another traditional pastime that deserves to be brought back. Dump sweet cream and sugar in a bowl and whip up a cool and tasty treat for your sweetheart. Then sit on the porch and watch the sun set, one hand holding a cone while the other arm is draped around your partner's shoulder. How sweet it is indeed!

**7. Take a refreshing swim:** It's the greatest way to beat the heat in the summertime – what more needs to be said? Just try to stay away from crowded public pools and beaches. Find your own private spot if you can.

**8. Keep cool with a water balloon fight:** Why not make keeping cool fun? Instead of standing in front of a fan or sticking your head in a freezer, get your playful aggression out with a water balloon barrage.

**9. Celebrate Christmas in July:** The summer isn't known for snowmen and sleigh bells, but you can bring some holiday

spirit to a summer climate. Dig out that plastic tree from the attic, sing carols to each other and exchange gifts 'just because.'

**10. Go skydiving:** It's a radical suggestion, but there's nothing more invigorating and life affirming than feeling the wind whip past your face while you're thousands of feet above the ground. Try it with your loved one and you'll always have a story to tell your friends.

**Do you have any hot or cold weather ideas to stir up a relationship? Share them with us in a comment below.**

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## **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!

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# Our 5 Best Summer Date Movies



By Diamon Hall

Going to the movies is a reliable, low-key date idea. However, they might be more enjoyable if the film has a love or relationship theme to it. Want to know our top picks for you and your honey to look forward to this summer? Take a look at these five, which are sure to get your hearts' melting:

**1. *The Ledge* (July 8):** Terrence Howard stars as a police officer named Hollis in this sexy and suspenseful thriller. Gavin, played by *Sons of Anarchy*'s Charlie Hunnam, is tangled up in a love affair with his evangelical neighbor's wife Shauna (Liv Tyler). Suspense comes into play when Gavin is reeled into a life or death situation by Shauna's husband, Joe (Patrick Wilson). Hold onto your date until the end of this romantic thriller.

**2. *Friends With Benefits* (July 22):** This comedy stars Justin

Timberlake as Dylan, a potential recruit who gets reeled into the Big Apple by headhunter Jamie (Mila Kunis). Despite their immediate attraction to each other, they realize they're everything they've been running away from in a relationship. Deciding to keep it strictly physical, this sexy duo learn that a "no strings attached" affair is almost impossible.

**3. *A Little Help* (July 22):** Dental hygienist Laura Pehlke (Jenna Fischer) not only loses the love in her marriage, but also loses her husband to a heart abnormality. Her mother, Joan (Lesley Ann Warren), and sister, Kathy (Brooke Smith), step in to help and offer advice on how to cope with her husband's death and deal with her angry and hostile son, Dennis (Daniel Yelsky). In the midst of all the confusion, Laura discovers that the only person she can truly confide in is Kathy's husband, Paul (Rob Benedict), who's had feelings for her since high school. Twenty years later, circumstances draw them closer to each other despite their obvious complications. Watch to see how this craziness ends.

**4. *Crazy, Stupid, Love* (July 29):** In this comedy, Cal Weaver (Steve Carrell) is in his 40s and life couldn't possibly get any better for him. After all, who wouldn't want to have a good job, big house, great kids, and married to his high school sweetheart? Unfortunately, his dream life quickly takes a turn for the worst when he discovers his wife cheated on him and wants a divorce. However, this corny guy can barely snag a date. Friend Jacob Palmer (Ryan Gosling) happens to be a player and tries to work his magic and get Cal to score with the ladies. See what happens when Cal realizes that no matter how he tries to change, his heart is one thing that can't be replaced – and it seems to keep leading him back to where he began.

**5. *One Day* (Aug. 19):** After only one day together (their college graduation), Academy Award nominee Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess (*Across the Universe*) begin an undying friendship. Their characters, Emma Morley and Dexter Mayhew,



keep their friendship alive by remembering key moments of their relationship every July 15. But somewhere between their laughter and tears, the two discover what that graduation day really meant to them, which leads to a renewed passion for life – and love for each other.

**Hopefully this list provided you with some good movie date ideas. Let us know what you think of each movie after you've seen them in a comment below!**