

Love & Libations: Mint Juleps for a Derby Date Idea



By [Yolanda Shoshana](#)

Whether you care about the Kentucky Derby or not, you will be hearing about the races' infamous Mint Julep until the Derby is well and done. You can't have a Derby celebration without the classic cocktail! Plenty of celebrities show up at the Derby to be seen, including Kathy Couric, Debra Messing, Tracy Morgan, and Harry Connick Jr., to name a few. Some celebrities even host events. Try hosting your own Derby party for a fun [date idea](#)!

Keep reading for celebrity spins on Mint Juleps for a fun date idea!

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If you can't make it to the Derby to hang out with your favorite famous people, you can still sip like a celeb. Dust off your big hats and put on your flashy clothes (even if you are just watching at home) to rock the latest [celebrity style](#) for your party or date night. Here are two recipes for the Mint Julep for your date idea – one has a Cognac base, while the other is based in whiskey:

D'USSE Julep (recipe courtesy of D'USSE)

Recently, [Beyoncé](#) stunned the world with her hot Coachella performance. Her boo, [Jay-Z](#), even joined her onstage. This celebrity couple will, no doubt, partake in the Derby. Jay-Z will probably make Bey a D'USSE Julep, the cognac-based version of this famous drink. Doesn't she deserve one or two? The Mint Julep was originally made with Cognac, so if you want a historically proper Mint Julep, this recipe is for you. It's perfect for entertaining, but if you and your partner are having a quiet Derby Day at home, it's still a great fit for your date.

Ingredients:

- 2 1½ parts D'USSE VSOP Cognac
- 1½ part simple syrup
- 2-4 sprigs of mint
- Crushed ice

Directions:

Place simple syrup in a julep glass with 5 or 6 mint leaves

and muddle. Fill the glass halfway with ice, add 1 1/2 parts of D'USSE VSOP Cognac, and stir. Add more ice and 1 part of D'USSE VSOP Cognac. Stir again until the glass is fully frosted. Top with ice.

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Jimmy Russell's Mint Julep

Matthew McConaughey is in bed with Wild Turkey to have his own signature whiskey called Long Branch. The whiskey is inspired by his Kentucky and Texas roots. The following Mint Julep recipe is one that McConaughey has shared from the master distiller of Wild Turkey, though I recommend using his Long Branch instead of Wild Turkey 101. It has Matt's humor written all over it. This one is a friends-and-family drink. It's worthy of whipping up a batch because it will go fast.

Ingredients:

- 200 mL Wild Turkey 101 or Long Branch
- 2-3 fresh mint sprigs
- Shaved ice
- 1/3 portion simple syrup
- Powdered Sugar

Directions:

Pour the whiskey and set aside. To fully enjoy the experience, make sure you have a proper stainless steel julep cup. Pick the fresh mint sprigs of their leaves and muddle the mint leaves in the bottom of the cup. Don't use crushed ice! Get a block of ice and shave some ice into the cup. This step is very important. Once the cup is cold and sweating, add simple syrup, powdered sugar, and mint sprigs. Finally, take the cup, go to your backdoor, throw the whole thing out, and drink the whiskey straight!

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Date Idea: Enjoy a Non-Traditional Christmas



By [Jessica Gomez](#) and Kristin Mattern

Do something different for your date this weekend and celebrate the Christmas time by breaking free from the moldy old traditions. We've got some nice dating advice! Don't get us wrong, traditions can be great. However, sometimes, we want

to do something out of the usual. Instead of mindlessly watching Christmas movies like *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* with your dearest for the eighty-billionth time, get a little creepy this Christmas and watch films like *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Get inspired with your sweetie to decorate your place in a non-traditional way and invite your friends over for this eerie NOEL!

Here are some indoor [date ideas](#) that will allow you to embrace the Christmas spirit, but also allow you to do something different:

Time to break free from conventions this Christmas and have a ghoulish good time!

Get scary: Take a tip from Tim Burton and incorporate the undead into your uncommon Yuletide celebration. Get cooking with your cutie and make cut out cookies to decorate for Santa. To put a twist on this tradition, decorate the cookies to resemble zombies or skeleton figures. Feel free to use Christmas colors like red, green, and white! Santa will be sure to appreciate your patchwork teddy bears and possessed angels. The two of you should also make a graveyard cake and write the reindeer or elf names on the headstones. Build a ghoul-filled gingerbread house complete with ghosts, broken tiled roof and dripping gumdrops. Stir up some romance as you mix Halloween-themed goodies with Christmas ones. Now that's out of the ordinary!

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Make your own Christmas stockings together: Keep the creative juices flowing as you and your honey make Christmas stockings to hang by the fire. Rather than use ordinary red stockings,

buy black or gold stockings to decorate. Using fabric glue, glitter, bows, and any other decorations you can think of. Make each other special stockings complete with ripped ribbons, sparkling spider webs, and tattered toys. This keepsake is sure to bring back fun-loving memories for years to come.

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Throw a Christmas party with a spooky twist: Now that you're brrcarrimming with treats and devilishly delightful décor, invite your friends over for a freaky Christmas costume party. Tell everyone to use *The Nightmare Before Christmas* as their inspiration, or help your guests a bit by having blank masks ready for everyone to decorate when they get to your place. Play a mixture of Christmas carols, Halloween music, and some intense classical music (Beethoven, perhaps?) to get everyone in the mood. Pretend you and your love are Jack and Sally as you dance the night away celebrating Christmas in a new and innovative way!

Have you ever had a non-traditional Christmas? Tell us all about it below!

5 Things We Can Learn from Justin Bieber & Selena Gomez's Rocky Relationship





By Ashton Dixey

There are a lot of beautiful [celebrity couples](#) out there, but there is one in particular that we've all come to admire and treasure: [Justin Bieber](#) and [Selena Gomez](#). Society has perhaps learned more from observing their dating story than we could from reading a [relationship book](#)! Although they're currently on a break right now, that doesn't mean that we can't learn from this super cute couple.

Read on to learn more about the five things that celebrity couple Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez taught us about relationships:

1. First loves are the hardest to get over: Justin Bieber was only 16 and Selena Gomez was 18 when they both started dating each other. Fresh faced and in love, these two went everywhere together and were spotted packing on the PDA in full swing.

Fast forward eight years later (past all of the drama) and these two are still in touch trying to make things work. It seemed like Bieber never fully recovered once Gomez and him broke-up. Gomez even wrote a song about it called "The Heart Wants What It Wants." Be careful who you fall in love with for the first time because that first break-up is the toughest to recover from.

2. Learn to be okay alone: It seemed as if these two kind-of lost their balance when they had their [celebrity break-up](#). One ended up in rehab and the other was caught peeing in random wash buckets in California. Be sure you are okay with who you are as a person inside so you can move on without racking up 20 tattoos on your neck to try and burn away the pain. One month shortly after the break-up, Justin ended up driving drunk without a license, running from the cops, and even egging his neighbor's house. When you go through a break-up, don't lose touch with yourself. Now is the perfect time to rediscover the greatness within you. Stay in touch with friends and family that truly support you so you can talk through your emotions instead of acting impulsively.

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3. Keep a cool head after a break-up: Sometimes it feels really good to go on social media and unfollow your ex-boyfriend or girlfriend. Or, it might be fun to go out with a random person for the night and post pictures of yourself and them kissing. Although this may relieve the pain for a bit, it is not the best idea. Bieber put fuel on the Jelena rumor fires when he unfollowed Gomez and started posting steamy pictures of himself and other girls on Instagram. There was somewhat of an Instagram war occurring between the two. Try your best to keep a cool head after you break-up and don't do anything you'll regret. If you do end up back together at some point, you don't want to do anything that might spoil the relationship for the future. Collect yourself, you got this!

4. Rebounds don't work: If you're trying to get over an ex, it can be tempting to find someone that's available and willing to jump into a relationship with you. But when your heart is still reeling from wanting to be with your ex-lover, this can be a very bad decision. Instead of facing the pain, you're pouring it into a new relationship and settling to boot. Gomez ended up dating The Weeknd for about eight months before she ended up back in Bieber's arms after a sweet bicycle trip that turned out to be an awesome [date idea](#). As much as you try to forget that person that you're still in love with, it won't be easy, and it certainly won't be fair for the person who's serving as your rebound.

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5. If at first you don't succeed, try try again: Throughout Bieber and Gomez's rocky relationship, it seems that Bieber had tried to win Gomez back many times. From serenading her at a hotel in Beverly Hills, to posting photos complimenting Gomez on his Instagram, he tried and tried again to win her back. After several years of trying, it worked! They got officially back together and even made it Instagram official this month. If there's anything to learn here it's that true love never dies and that if there's someone you know you're supposed to be with, it makes sense to fight for their love. Bieber did it for Gomez and even though they are on a break right now, true love is always worth fighting for.

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Love & Libations: Date Ideas & Summer Loving With Rosé



By [Yolanda Shoshana](#)

With the start of spring earlier this week and summer creeping closer, it's time to bust out the rosé. While it's fun to "rosé all day" anytime of the year, there's something even more magical about sipping the pink wine during the spring and summer months. If you're looking for a fun [date idea](#), here are four rosés that you can enjoy to make you feel like the rich and famous.

Spring & Summer Date Ideas with Rosé

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Château Miraval Rosé

Love didn't keep [Brad Pitt](#) and [Angelina Jolie](#) together, but their wine, Miraval, is still flowing strong. When the former celebrity couple came out with the rosé, it was such a hit that it was named "the best rosé in the world." When they split, the first question was, "What will happen with the wine?" Luckily, the wine lives on!

Pitt once said that he tastes every barrel himself – but now, I'm not sure who tastes for him now since he is rocking a sober life. Made from four grape varietals in Provence, it's an elegant wine that works for all types of occasions. This wine is perfect for what Wendy Williams calls the "kitchen table top," when you are with family and friends sharing secrets, celebrity gossip, and the joys or oys of life.

Diving Into Hampton Water Rosé

Can you imagine Jon Bon Jovi sipping rosé by the pool? It's not a bad image at all. He just launched a new rosé inspired by the Hamptons called Diving Into Hampton Water. Rosé wine is known as "Hampton's Gatorade" because it's a big deal during the summer. Bon Jovi's son, Jesse Bongiovi, came up with the concept and name of the wine. While the name of the wine features the Hamptons, it's actually produced in the South of France by the very charming winemaker, Gérard Bertrand.

It's the kind of wine to sip by a pool when hanging out with your boo. The wine is selling out because it's shiny and new. If you can get your hands on a bottle, it will be a special treat for you and the one you love.

Sofia Rosé

This rosé by Francis Ford Coppola is named after his only daughter Sofia, who most people know as a talented director and screenwriter. With her busy schedule, I can't help but wonder how often she has her wine. This California wine is a blend of Syrah and Pinot Noir. It's an elegant wine in a sexy bottle that showcases the lively pink color of the rosé. The aromas in the wine are floral and berries, which make it wonderful to pair with fish, seafood, and cheese.

Skip the Sofia Rosé bubbles in the can and go for the still wine in a bottle. It's perfect to pair with a quiet date night at home or when you're cooking dinner together.

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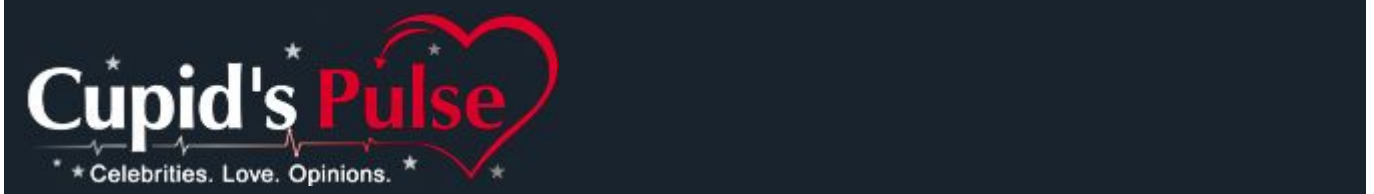
Vanderpump Rosé

While Lisa Vanderpump is famous for being one of the stars of *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*, she is quickly becoming known for her wine. Since she and her husband, Ken Todd, are in the hospitality business with 28 bars and restaurants, having a wine is a natural progression. The Vanderpump Rosé is produced in Provence, so it's perfect to drink when you want to feel like you are in France without hopping on a plane. As Vanderpump says, "Life isn't all diamonds and rosé – but it should be."

It's a feminine wine with a lot of personality on the palate. This wine is perfect for your summer soirees at a rooftop bar or in the backyard with your squad.

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Date Idea: Friendsgiving



By [Carly Horowitz](#) and Kristin Mattern

Have a Friendsgiving! This weekend, instead of having a one-on-one date with your sweetie, make it a group night and set-up a belated Thanksgiving dinner. Invite your partner's and your closest buddies over for a fun and social date night. This date idea comes with all the trimmings for a good time.

Plan a Friendsgiving and have this

date idea include your closest friends!

Make it a potluck and ask your friends to each bring a different dish. Not only does this cut down on the amount of cost and time for you spend, it allows you all to try a variety of dishes! Suggest that your friends bring their favorite Thanksgiving entrées and desserts. Sample your best friend's mom's famous pumpkin pie, washed down with your sweetheart's secret recipe for Irish cream cordial. You can impress everybody with your signature candied yams, a recipe passed down from your grandmother.

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Be sure to pick a theme! Ever had a true Southern Thanksgiving? You and your babe can research some southern comfort foods and traditional Thanksgiving dishes to serve. Cook up some deliciously decadent dishes like sweet potato casserole with marshmallows on top, cornbread stuffing, creamy collard greens and fried okras. Channel your inner [famous chef](#) inside you and make everyone's tummy smile. Bring all the warmth of the south to your Friendsgiving, or pick a different theme like Thanksgiving in New York City or Los Angeles.

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Discover you and your honey's inner connoisseur and have a wine or beer tasting with your friendsgiving dinner. Have each of your friends bring a wine or beer from a different region of the United States. See which region's drink really compliments certain dishes, or have a vote to see what beverage beats out the rest as everyone's favorite. At the end of the night, have a swap and let everyone take home his or her top choice from the tasting.

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To add more spice to your event, create placement cards that are also thankful cards. Relive childhood memories as you and your significant other trace each other's hand on white construction paper to make hand-turkeys. Color the front to resemble a traditional turkey or to go along with your dinner's theme. Write each guest's name on the colored front for the place card and on the other side write a simple question: What are you thankful for? Use the cards to set the table and place a crayon or pen nearby. Have your friends fill in the cards when they first arrive, and then before dinner, go around the table and share what everyone is thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Have you hosted a Friendsgiving or a holiday-themed dinner party before? Tell us all about it in the comments below!

Date Idea: Go To a Turkey Shoot





By [Carly Horowitz](#) and Kristin Mattern

If you can't wait for Thanksgiving and dreams of pumpkin pie and mashed potatoes are already filling your head, it's time to get into the holiday spirit! This weekend, take your significant other to a turkey shoot. Don't worry, no turkeys are harmed during this event! Take aim at love as you and your partner shoot at targets 30 feet away in this long-standing traditional competition. Whoever hits the center of the targets, or just gets the closest, wins a frozen turkey as a prize! It'll be the perfect addition to your Thanksgiving table.

Take part in this traditional [date idea](#) during this season of thanks!

Get in the mood for this date by wearing flannel shirts and horseback riding boots. If you're a skilled shooter, impress your babe with your marksmanship. And if you're a little gun shy (pun intended), a good tip to remember is to move with the

recoil as the gun hits your shoulder to avoid bruising or discomfort. Always wear safety goggles and practice safe shooting. Don't point your rifle anywhere but the target and follow all the instructions provided by the event coordinators to ensure a fun and safe time.

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When your turkey shoot is over, it's time to head back for a romantic home-cooked meal. Cooking is a fun activity that you can enjoy together. Grow closer with your sweetheart while swapping recipes or researching some new ones. For something simple, make a dish like pasta with red sauce and turkey meatballs. During your [date night](#) time in the kitchen, discover each other's favorite foods and types of cuisine. If you don't feel like cooking, order in! Opt for cheesy pizza or spicy Thai food, whatever the two of you are craving after your big day. Look into some [famous restaurants](#) near you and see if they offer take-out as well.

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After dinner, make Thanksgiving-themed drinks like hot apple cider or cranberry and vodka and watch a Thanksgiving movie. You and your honey will laugh until it hurts watching a classic like *Trains, Planes and Automobiles*. Then, get a little sentimental and relive your childhood with *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*. Build a fire in the fireplace and really get cozy with the one you love as you prep for the upcoming holiday.

This date idea could be you and your sweetheart's new November tradition!

Ever been on a Turkey Shoot? Tell about your experience in the comments below!

Relationship Advice: Date Ideas For Your Significant Other's Birthday



By Lori Zaslow and Jenn Zucker for [Project Soulmate](#) //
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Planning the perfect birthday can be tough, especially when in a relationship. The date you plan can make or break your significant other's big day, so choose wisely! When planning, you should consider what would be fun and memorable for both of you. Whether you are thinking sentimental, sexy, or spontaneous, the birthday [date idea](#) should always have a touch

of *you* in it. Add in something special that makes it clear that you put a lot of thought into the date, like your significant other's favorite food or something only you two would understand. Follow the [relationship advice](#) below, and you will definitely make your partner's birthday one to never forget!

Five Birthday Date Ideas for Your Significant Other

1. Plan a picnic: This is the perfect date idea if you're looking for something sentimental. The food prep, the wine, and the location are all aspects that you can arrange based on your partner's preferences. Maybe he'd be into a picnic in the park with a perfectly-packed basket of wine and homemade comfort food as well as a cozy blanket for the two of you to share. If the weather isn't nice enough for a picnic outside, no worries! Move it indoors. A picnic in the living room is just as romantic. Set the mood with dimmed lights and some flowers and candles, and you are destined for the perfect birthday date.

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2. A night out on the town: If you're not into the sentimental stuff, plan a night out. Get dressed up and hit the big city! A night at his favorite bar is a great way to spend any birthday. If you're looking to make it extra special, after happy hour drinks, go to a fancy restaurant that neither of you have been to before. Trying something new together will make it even more memorable.

3. Host a brunch: Looking to include your friends and family in the birthday celebration? Hosting brunch is a perfect way to get all your favorite people together. French toast, fresh fruit, and mimosas make up a delicious (and easy!) menu. This

date idea is a great way to make your significant other feel loved, and it allows the two of you to have the night to yourselves after the party is over.

4. Recreate your first date: This date idea is the perfect way to show off your sensitive side. Recreate the first date you had as a couple. If it was a movie date, rent the movie (or find it on Netflix) and set up a theater at your place. Complete the date with popcorn and candy. You can add to the night by cooking your partner's favorite meal.

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5. Plan a getaway: If you two have a favorite vacation spot nearby, book a nice hotel for the night or weekend and make reservations at your favorite restaurant. Or you can plan a road trip to a secluded destination. It's the perfect chance for you to reconnect. Looking to make it more extravagant? Plan a few days of vacation in a different city or even a different state. If you're tired of the cold, find somewhere warmer to travel for the weekend, like Arizona or California. You can find a nice place to stay through Airbnb. Whether it is an outdoorsy vacation or a few days filled with good food and shows, you're sure to have created the perfect birthday weekend for your partner.

Don't be afraid to alter these birthday date ideas to fit your relationship. Make it personal and memorable. Your significant other will appreciate the thought and planning you put into this date, whether it's sentimental or spontaneous!

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Date Idea: Deck the Halls



By [Jessica Gomez](#) and Kristin Mattern

Deck the halls with the one you love! With November dwindling, it's time to pack up the turkey-inspired décor and look towards the end of the year. Spend quality time with your honey this weekend by decorating the house and stirring up some holiday spirit. Wear ugly sweaters, put some holiday tunes on, and get the garlands out for this heart-warming date.

If you're prepping for Christmas: Put on Santa hats and get ready to rock around the Christmas tree as your sweetie and you put up ornaments from your childhood. You can also make homemade ornaments that celebrate your relationship and add them to the tree. Get creative and cut photographs of each

other into snowflakes, or decorate ornaments with each others names as keepsakes. Place snowmen statues, reindeer decorations, and whimsical elf figures around the house. Get the dinning room looking festive with a red tablecloth and green runner. Place candlesticks with gold candles on the table and an evergreen centerpiece in the middle to top off this chic holiday spread.

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If Hanukkah is right around the corner: Place the menorah where everyone can see. If you and your significant other are artistic, buy blank wooden dreidels and decorate them yourselves using wood paint. The two of you are sure to have fun as you craft and reminisce about playing with dreidels as children. Place your homemade dreidels on your table as decoration, add a blue tablecloth and silver runner to amp up the elegance. You can use a silver menorah as a centerpiece.

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While decorating: Listen to your favorite holiday music. Take a dance break from decorating and sway along together to the music for an intimate moment. Or put on a classic holiday movie to watch while your partner and you deck the halls. The background music will add to the ambiance and get the two of you in the holiday mood. Feel free to make some holiday goodies in the oven as well.

Ever decorate for the holidays with your honey? Tell us about your holiday dates in the comments below!

Date Idea: Get in the Game



By [Carly Horowitz](#) and Kristin Mattern

Nothing says November and Thanksgiving tradition like a friendly game of football with your sweetie. The two of you can throw around the old pigskin alone this weekend, or grab some family and friends for a game against other couples! Celebrate with drinks at a local spot or cuddle up for a football-themed movie at home. Get out there and tackle your way into love.

Check out these entertaining [date ideas](#)!

Put on your favorite team jerseys, step outside, and enjoy the

cool fall weather as you play a game of catch. Gather your friends and family together for a game. Play flag football – there's no tackling necessary! Use cheap socks dyed two different colors that the players can tuck into their pockets to differentiate the teams. To take down an opponent, simply grab a sock from the players' pocket. Come up with a team chant or victory dance for whenever either you or your sweetheart score a goal!

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After you're done tossing the ball around, go out for drinks at a nearby sports bar. To amp up the friendly rivalry, decide beforehand that the losing team will buy the first round of drinks. Remember to set a price cap so that no one is ordering too many cocktails! Celebrate the winning team's victory and the fun times you and your partner shared.

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Wind down the evening by watching a sports movie. Enjoy Friday Night Lights for something stirring. If you're looking for laughs, pick Waterboy or Leatherheads. Finish your [date night](#) by snuggling together and just relaxing after your active day.

Do you enjoy playing football with your love? Let us know in the comments below!

Date Idea: A Day in the Hay





By [Carly Horowitz](#) and Kristin Mattern

October is finally here. Are you looking for some autumnal-themed fun for a date this weekend? You're in the right place.

Check out these fun fall weekend [date ideas!](#)

You and your sweetheart could take advantage of the crisp fall air and fiery foliage by heading out for a ranch adventure. Spend the day growing closer to your honey as you learn how to care for horses by cleaning out their hooves, brushing their manes and feeding them treats like carrots and sugar cubes.

Then, take off on a romantic trail ride. It's incredibly romantic to go horseback riding with the one you love. The setting is intimate, and you get to enjoy a serene moment while learning a new skill. And hey, even if you and your dearest aren't great horsemen, you can still enjoy some playful teasing as you get the hang of riding together. Laughter brings people closer, and you're sure to

have some as you bounce on horseback down the trail.

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After you're done spending time on horseback, keep the fun flowing by taking a hay ride. Enjoy the fall scenery while snuggled up with your partner in the wagon and take a moment to enjoy the smell of the grass and the gorgeous day the two of you are sharing. Have a candlelit barn dinner to polish off your Western experience with a romantic [date night](#). Keep the mood going with a cowboy-themed spread surrounded by a rustic ranch setting.

Unsure where the closest ranch is? DudeRanches.com does the footwork for you by finding ranches across America. Some ranches even have more amenities than the great outdoors like spas, pools, tennis, bars and hot tubs. Find the one that best suits you and your significant other.

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If you live near New York City, check out some of the ranches near the Hudson River Valley. For example, Rocking Horse Ranch is a fun place! After a ride through the beautiful Adirondack Mountains, you and your honey can travel a different trail – one through Hudson Valley Wine Country. Taste your way through a variety of vineyards to round out your date.

If you're close to Los Angeles, enjoy trail rides and cave exploration at Griffith Park Horse Rentals or discover you and your lover's inner cowboy at Sunset Ranch. Kick back in the California sunshine when your time on the trail is done, and learn about the rich history of the San Antonio Winery that has been in LA since 1917.

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No matter how you and your sweetheart enjoy your 'day in the

hay', remember to just have fun!

Ever been horseback riding on a date before? We'd love to hear about it! Share your experience by commenting below.

Love & Libations: Heat Up Your Relationship with a Date Night in the Kitchen



by [Yolanda Shoshana](#)

Preparing a nice home-cooked meal on a [date night](#) with your

partner is one of the sexiest things that you can do together. It's also important to pair your food with the right spirit or wine. There are some [celebrity chefs](#) who have the perfect libations to add a sensual touch to your dinner table.

Ideas for Date Nights at Home

If you are a foodie, you have probably already gone to an Alain Ducasse restaurant. The celebrity chef has around 19 Michelin stars under his belt. Ducasse partnered with Grey Goose to create the first gastronomy vodka called Grey Goose Interpreted by Ducasse. Basically, the vodka was made to pair with food. Since it has notes of coffee, chocolate, and vanilla, it would be great to pair with something from the slow cooker on a night that you and your partner plan to stay in. It would be particularly wonderful with a mole sauce.

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If anyone should be in the libation business, it's Martha Stewart: She shows us how to cook and entertain better than anyone. She finally got into the wine game by creating a wine club with some of her favorite picks. Joining the club could be a great way for you and your boo to plan your meal based on wines from around the world. Stewart has plenty of aphrodisiac recipes available to whip up that can go with your wine choice. Don't forget to try new dishes! It adds to the excitement.

If you are into Italian wines, then chef Lidia Bastianich has the right wine for you. Besides hosting a television show, Bastianich is a restaurateur mainly on the East Coast, but she has a spot in Kansas City too. She founded the Bastianich Winery in 1997 in the Friuli-Venezia Giulia area of Italy. Since she has various cookbooks, you and your partner could select one of her recipes and pair it with one of her wines. If white wine is your choice, the Bastianich Vespa Bianco

would be great with fish. On the flipside, the Bastianich Vespa Rosso is the perfect selection for a red sauce dish – and just because red wine is sexy.

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Wolfgang Puck is known for his extravagant dinners and his work with celebrities. Did you know that Puck also has his own wine? Luckily, they're very affordable: There are both red and white selections in the 12 to 15 dollar range. The wine was created to celebrate family, friendships, and hope. If you wonder what to pair his wines with, go with pizza. Everyone knows that Puck loves pizza, and he has a pizza dough recipe that makes people salivate. Plus, pizza and wine are the perfect pairing for a night of romance.

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Date Idea: Fall in Love with Falling Leaves





By [Jessica Gomez](#) Kristin Mattern

We bet you remember the sheer thrill of leaping into a pile of earthy leaves as a child, the joy of tossing the motley colors up into the sky over your head and watching them fall around you. Relive that magic this weekend with your sweetheart and rake your way to the perfect fall date.

Here are some [date ideas](#) that involve colorful, crispy leaves:

Offer to help your honey rake his or her yard...and then jump in: See who can make the biggest pile or who can rake the fastest – making things into a competition get some couples going. Rate each other's leaf jumps: Who made the biggest mess? Who fell in the funniest or more gracious way? Use your phone to record the jumps so you can compare. Maybe even post some awesome action shots to Instagram or Facebook.

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Make a scrapbook with the leaves: Leaves are for more than just jumping in. Document the different leaves you and your significant other find along the way. Compare colors, shapes, and sizes. Take a moment to marvel at the wonders of nature. Create a scrapbook together where you add all the really beautiful leaves you find or add photographs of the beautiful views. If the leaves are supple enough, you can even make leaf rubbings together. Take a piece of paper, place it over the leaf, rub a naked crayon the long way against the paper over the leaf, and voila! You have a commemorative etching of your fall romp.

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Cuddle up and enjoy the gorgeous fall foliage: After all the leaves are raked, the pile jumping has ended and your apple pie has been consumed, you and your honey can cuddle up under a blanket or recline against a tree in the yard and take it all in. Check out your state's peak foliage [here](#).

Now it's time to get out there and make some magic fall moments with your honey! If you want to spread some extra love, help your parents or elderly neighbors clean up their yards too. Build up some good Karma together – and hey, you never know, the person you helped out might just give you an apple pie or some hot cider when you're finished.

Have you shared some fun fall moments with your love? Share below!

Date Idea: A Day with Your Pumpkin



By [Jessica Gomez](#) and Shannon Seibert

Sure, picking and carving pumpkins is a fun date idea, but sometimes we want to change it up. Outdo yourselves and head to a pumpkin festival or to a fall fair. Really breathe in the autumn air and experience the season's spirit together. Participating in this unique [weekend date idea](#) can do wonders for your relationship because of the bonding.

We have a date idea for you and

your “pumpkin” this season. Check it out:

Go to a fall fair as a date! Fairs are a great date spot because there is something new to discover around every corner. Whether you view the festivities from the heights of the Ferris Wheel or chow down on goodies, it's always eventful. Hop on a hayride together and listen to ghost stories with your bae. Chase each other through a corn maze and challenge each other to some carnival games. Fall head over heels for your boo thing as you're both whipped around on the fair rides. Classics such as “The Twister” and bumper cars will bring out your sense of adventure and have the both of you laughing and screaming with joy.

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After you play, check out some of the fair's shows. Usually, there are monster truck rallies, tightrope walkers, and even magic shows that will captivate you and your love. Be sure to get good seats because you're about to be amazed!

At the end of your fair-a-pollooza, have your partner pick out a winning pumpkin to take home. Together, carve out the insides and remove the seeds. Then, bring your pumpkin to life with creative designs.

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For a delicious snack, gather the seeds and wash off the pulp. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees and place the seeds on some baking sheets. For a more classic snack, coat them in a light glaze of extra virgin olive oil and sprinkle them with salt. If your pumpkin is looking for a more tropical taste, glaze the seeds with coconut oil and a hint of pineapple juice. Heat the seeds for fifteen to twenty minutes or until golden. Yum!

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End this date idea by grabbing a quilted blanket and a cup of hot cocoa and heading to your couch. Munch on your pumpkin seed goods and pop in a Halloween movie. If your honey is a horror fan, you can never go wrong with old classics, such as *Friday the 13th* or *Halloween*. These films will give you an excuse (not that you need one) to hold on tight to your other half because the films will scare you senseless.

How do you and your sweetheart get into the fall spirit? Tell us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Haunt Your Honey





By [Jessica Gomez](#) and Kristin Mattern

Halloween is the perfect day to shake things up a bit and have a date that fits the holiday! Get into the spirit with your sweetie and dress up as a couple: go for goofy, serious, or sexy. However you switch it up for this haunted holiday, take advantage of the spooky atmosphere and do something different together.

Halloween is an exciting time of year, and we have some love and dating advice. Here are some [date ideas](#) for those of us who love feeling the spooky spirit:

Get scary and venture into a haunted house: Looking for the scariest haunted houses around? Check out [America Haunts](#) or [Haunt World](#) for the freakiest attractions across America. Hold tight to your honey as you walk through enchanted rooms and

possessed houses. Share some laughs over who screams first or loudest.

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If fake horror isn't enough, find a real haunted property and check it out: Take photographs as you walk around – you never know when you might catch a ghost on film. However, remember to make sure you aren't trespassing. You can visit this [site](#) to find some real haunted houses to tour on Halloween. You can also opt to have a Halloween picnic at a nearby graveyard and enjoy the scary scenery; just remember to always be respectful.

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A romantic and scary movie date: If at home, curl up together on the couch and watch some horror classics or go for the recent and new. The choice is yours. If you want to do a real Halloweeny-flick, you should watch all three Halloween films by director John Carpenter. For more suspense and intrigue and less scare, put on The Twilight Zone. Discuss your favorite kinds of Halloween movies, and don't forget to bake some Halloween-themed snacks to enjoy. Feeling lazy? Buy the snacks. For more thrills and chills, make your way to your local theater. If you don't want to stay home, catch the latest horror flick or thriller at the movies, then sit back and prepare for the scare-a-thon as the cinematic magic takes you and your date on a roller coaster of gut-wrenching emotions.

Halloween is such an awesome holiday! Always remember to get a little wild and have a spooky good time with your sweetie!

Have you had a freaky date on Halloween? Share your chilling tales in the comments below!

Ways to Incorporate Food Into Date Night That's Not Just Dinner



By [Karley Kemble](#)

Dinner [date nights](#) are pretty standard among most couples. Sure, it's fun to get dressed up and have a night out, or even have a sultry night in and cook together. Sometimes, though, dinner can feel like a drag or the safe, comfortable option. While there are plenty of potential options that do not involve food, we all have to eat sometime! If you still want to incorporate munching into your date night, but want to

break free from the standard dinner-and-a-movie mold, you'll love these awesome alternatives!

Grab a pen and paper, you're going to want to write these yummy [date night ideas](#) down!

1. Have a Friendly Bake-Off: For some competitive fun with your partner, try a bake-off. You can make something as simple as cookies, or something more challenging, like a pie! Make sure to set some stakes before getting started: loser has to clean the kitchen or pay for the next time you go out!

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2. Samples, samples! Get your samples: Ever been to Costco in the evening? Make it a date night! Get your bulk shopping done and fill up on some yummy samples. It's a fun and certainly different date idea. You can even make a game out of it, and see how many samples you can wrangle before being turned away. Though we can't guarantee there will be samples readily available in the evenings, it's still worth a shot!

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3. Breakfast for Dinner: We all know breakfast is the most important meal of the day. You don't just have to eat eggs, hash browns, or pancakes during the wee hours of the morning! Breakfast for dinner is an amazing substitute for a traditional pasta dinner at a sit-down restaurant. You can either find a cafe that serves breakfast all day, or whip up a meal in your own kitchen! It'll feel much more special than a regular dinner, guaranteed!

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4. Everybody Loves Brunch: If you want the traditional dining-out experience but are tired of going to your usual dinner restaurants, switch it up and go on a brunch-time outing! Though this date wouldn't take place during the traditional night setting, day dates are very fun, too! Brunch has become a loved meal of the day, because of its versatility. It pleases those who enjoy breakfast foods, and those who gravitate toward lunch.

5. I Scream for Ice Cream: Ice cream is a good idea year-round. Seriously! Nothing beats a spontaneous ice cream run, and there are plenty of places to grab a scoop, pint or gallon! Whether you want to split a huge sundae or do your own thing, ice cream is a great way to spend time together and treat yourselves!

How have you incorporated non-dinner date nights into the mix? Share your experience with us in the comments!

Date Ideas: Be a Sweetheart





By [Jessica Gomez](#) and Shannon Seibert

The saying goes that the best way to a person's heart is through their stomach – and we agree! Take this weekend to satisfy your sweet tooth with some new recipes and fun in the kitchen. With these delicious date ideas, you and your significant other can indulge in sweet treats – and in each other. It's time to get sweet with one another! Get creative and bake something special. Surprise each other with samples of your favorite desserts and be sure to try them all.

Remember all of those Pinterest recipes you've "pinned for later"? Well, now is the time to bust out your best Betty Crocker moves to impress your partner and add a new dimension to your relationship!

Here are some yummy [weekend date ideas](#):

If you need a little baking inspiration, you can never go wrong with chocolate: Brownies, cookies, cakes, or any other treat – chocolate is always the answer! You can bring a little extra something to your batch of brownies by putting crumbled Oreo pieces in the batter. You can also bury your honey's favorite candy bar in the cake batter for a sweet surprise. If you aren't a fan of chocolate, there are plenty of other sweet options on the web that you can whip up to satisfy that sweet tooth.

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Play with your food: Consider this dating and [love advice](#). Sure, you've always been told not to play with your food, but it's time to bend some rules. After all, we're adults! Make an assortment of yummy treats and blindfold your bae. Feed them one bite at a time and have them guess which one he's tasting or even the specific ingredients. If they get it right, then it's your turn to be blindfolded! If you're feeling a little adventurous on this weekend date idea, bring out your inner six-year-old and start a classic food fight. Flick a little flour their way, and before you know it, the both of you will resemble the inside of a mixing bowl. If you don't mind the mess, it's a fun way to pass the time while waiting for your goodies to bake.

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Decorate your tasty treats: After all, icing is just a step up from Crayons. Write your baby a sweet message on a decorative cake to show them you care. Something as simple as "glad you're mine" or the traditional "I love you" can make them smile. Afterwards, pair a glass of Sherry with your favorite dessert, and enjoy sweet conversation with each other.

Have any sweet secret recipes? Share with us in the comments below!

Date Ideas: Love is Magic



By [Jessica Gomez](#) and Shannon Seibert

Magic isn't just for kids, and it can be more than silly card tricks or a rabbit hopping out of a top hat. In fact, love is an indefinite form of unexplained magic. The feeling of love is a magical mystery that can give us reasons to believe in something greater than ourselves.

This weekend, you and your sweetheart should leave your predispositions at the door and become enchanted by the power of magic all over again. Here are some magical [date ideas](#):

Have a magic movie marathon: There are so many movies that will have you two love birds wanting to learn a few tricks of your own. Get some popcorn and other munchies to set the “movie marathon” mood and snag a couple of cheap bottles of wine while you’re out too to prepare. Then, get ready to snuggle close together and watch recently released magic movies and the classics! [Netflix.com](https://www.netflix.com) has a whole category of enjoyable magic-based movies, so that you and your honey can have the pick of the litter.

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Check out a local magic show: Buy some tickets or even go out and watch street performers in the park – magic can exist anywhere. Tour your local area to see if you can catch any of your city’s hidden talent. There are also plenty of night clubs and venues that showcase magical talent. During the show, try to make guesses about how each trick is executed and compare theories. Some magicians incorporate the audience in their tricks, so get yourselves involved! Maybe being “sawed in two” will actually end up bringing you and your other half closer together.

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Look up magic trick tutorials: Do it separately, and then try them on each other. This will be a cute bonding experience and

you'll learn some new tricks – plus the ones you can teach each other as well. You give a little and get a little. Learn a couple, learn a bunch – up to you. Embrace your inner child and go nuts!

Have any other ideas on “magical dates? Share with us in the comments below!

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!

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!

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 it's 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!

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!

Hiking & Camping Travel Destinations that Make for a Great Date Idea





By [Carly Horowitz](#)

Albert Einstein once said, "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." Participating in activities out in nature improves your overall well-being and mental state. Nothing compares to the deep breaths of fresh air when you are hiking through the mountains or camping in the woods. Hiking and camping are both amazing mind and body workouts. Why not add your heart into the mix as well? Plan a splendid date nature and your partner. Cupid has narrowed down the seven best hiking and camping [travel destinations](#) that make for a great date idea!

These seven hiking and camping travel destinations in the United States are perfect for a [romantic getaway](#) and make for great date

ideas!

1. Mohonk Preserve (New York): The Mohonk Preserve is a great place to hike because they have multiple trail options ranging from easy to difficult. Cupid's personal favorite is the Lemon Squeeze Hike, although it takes a good amount of physical fitness to complete. But then again, it could be a "mind over matter" task. This place is perfect for a romantic getaway, because there is a beautiful resort right on the preserve called the Mohonk Mountain House. Plan a weekend and stay at the beautiful Mohonk Mountain House in the Hudson Valley with your partner! You can spend your days hiking, doing water sports in the lake, and just enjoying nature.

2. Glacier National Park (Montana): This is a fabulous place for both hiking and camping. You can secure a campsite in advance at any of these locations: Fish Creek Reservations, St. Mary Reservations, Apgar Group Site Reservations, or Many Glacier. This destination will really help you and your partner get in touch with nature as you may come across some bears! Be on the lookout, and enjoy all of the wonderful things that nature has to offer.

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3. Grand Canyon (Arizona): If you have not traveled to the Grand Canyon yet, it is definitely worth it. Travel with your partner to admire the beauty of the red rock together. The best time to hike along the Grand Canyon is around sunrise or sunset. The history of the Grand Canyon is very interesting as well! Feed both your mind and body with knowledge and exercise as you and your boo take the trip..

4. Arches National Park (Utah): Arches National Park exhibits beautiful naturally formed sandstone arches that are great to take pictures with your partner for an Instagram opportunity!

This is a very cool hiking spot. You can camp there as well, although camping space is limited. Remember to bring a backpack filled with water and snacks for the hike!

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5. Olympic National Park (Washington): Have you ever put up a suspended tree tent? It's a tent that is almost like a hammock because it is positioned in the air tied to two trees. Olympic is the perfect place to do so and check it off your bucket list! This area offers more than just typical hiking; it has three completely different ecosystems, including a rainforest! Amazing.

6. Badlands National Park (South Dakota): This landscape offers dramatic scenery of rock formations. You and your partner can come across fossils as you hike through the variety of trails – Door Trail, Saddle Pass Trail, Castle Trail, Cliff Shelf Trail, Fossil Exhibit Trail, and more!

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7. Hot Springs National Park (Arkansas): Camping doesn't always necessarily have to be combined with hiking. This camping experience offers a natural spa treatment for you and your partner. The waterfront atmosphere makes for a romantic natural experience! Anywhere you decide to travel will be amazing as you are experiencing nature with someone who means a lot to you, and not much can top that!

Which hiking or camping destination do you want to travel to for a date? Comment below!

New Celebrity Couple: Shailene Woodley Makes Relationship with Rugby Player Ben Volavola Instagram Official



By [Jessica Gomez](#)

In [celebrity news](#), there is a new [celebrity couple](#) in town! Shailene Woodley is in a relationship with Ben Volavola. The celebrity couple made it official on Instagram, according to [People.com](#). Woodley and her Rugby playing beau indulged in some PDA in her Instagram story, Wednesday. The new couple was kissing and flaunting their [date night](#) in photos on social

media. The love birds were in France, attending the Valentino Haute Couture Spring Summer 2018 show for Paris Fashion Week.

There's a new celebrity couple in town! What are some creative ways to announce your new relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

A new relationship is exciting, and although many of us want privacy, we don't want secrecy. In a world where social media is what seems to connect us the most, it is one of the main platforms where people share big news. Cupid has some tips on cute, creative ways to announce your new relationship via social media:

1. PDA post of an awesome date: Showing some PDA during a creative date with your girl or beau is super cute! And it's a creative way to briefly show the type of couple you are, so pick the right "stage" for your photo. Some fun adorable dates to choose from are: going for a romantic swim or boat ride, camping, a picnic, taking a class together (any kind), a getaway or road trip, and DIY project you are both working on. The list is endless! If the pressure of a photo of you both on a date is a little too much for you, you can also try taking an adorable, endearing photo or a stunning one of you both side by side looking your best – talk about couple goals! [Ariana Grande](#) and Mac Miller took the endearing approach, posting a cuddled up photo, while Elon Musk and Amber Heard went for the looking beautiful together.

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2. A photo of your other half taken by you: You can also post a random photo you've taken of your lover for a shocking

affect, have your followers like “What?!” Imagine, a random photo of someone else popping up on your news feed, to then realize who it was posted by – Cute. Celebrity couple Zachary Quinto and Miles McMillan took a similar approach when Quinto posted a photo of McMillan staring right at the camera along with a caption on missing him. Adorbs!

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3. A discreet photo: Want to tease? Want to just show you're tied down but don't want to share with who just yet? Share your relationship in a teasing manner then, like [Jennifer Lopez](#) and Alex Rodriguez for example. Jlo shared a photo on Instagram of the couples' sneakers while rumors of them dating were floating around – discreet huh? Other ways to do it are to snap photos of your hands or a photo taken of your back sides, let people guess who you're with, if you're into it.

What are some ways you or your partner shared the new relationship news? Comment below!

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!