Date Idea: Pucker Up While Putt-Putt Golfing





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

Are you tired of having to sit quietly during your regular movie dates? If so, your next date with your significant other should be an awesome game of putt-putt golf! This will give you guys a chance to <u>try something new</u>, all while enjoying the warm summer weather and each others' company.

You don't have to be a pro to enjoy the game with your mate; this date

idea is all in the name of fun and love!

Miniature golf will give you two a chance to be competitive, which will create fun conversations — something that every relationship needs! Come on guys, don't we all love being able to help out our partners when they are struggling to hit the ball? This is also the perfect time to be cute and cuddly. Go ahead and give your love a special kiss when he/she does a good job! You know what else wouldn't hurt? A comforting hug when your sweetheart misses the ball — your cool point meter will increase big time!

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Another way to make your date priceless is by dressing alike! By throwing on some matching polo's and some nice cargo shorts, you'll be picture perfect together. Now after your fun but tiresome date, dine at the restaurant of your choice and talk about all the funny things that happened while golfing. Sounds like the perfect date!

Take a look at some of America's best and most bizarre courses:

- 1. Lake George, N.Y.'s Around the World in 18 Holes
- 2. Mayday Golf in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- 3. Putz n Glo Miniature Golf in Rapid City, S.D.

Know any other ways of enjoying a good game of mini golf? Comment below!

Date Idea: Take Him Out To The Ball Game





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

It's summertime, which means it's the perfect time to bond with your beau over something he loves ... baseball! Not only will this show him that you listen to what he likes, but also that you're willing to take an interest and bond with him over it.

Why not surprise your honey with tickets to see his favorite baseball team for date night?

If you don't want to head to a Major League game, why not remind him of his childhood and check out a little league game? This way you have the rush of real competition, but without the stress of all the rules of major league baseball. Plus, watching Little League is usually free, where as Major League can be pretty pricey.

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If you don't want to head to a game, why don't you make your own? Get some friends and family together and set up a game in your own backyard or nearby park. Grab a bat and a ball and play for yourself. It definitely beats sitting on the couch watching the game.

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Or even better, set up a couples baseball game, and make it a weekly event! If you don't feel like putting a whole game together, simply play a game of catch with your beau. What better way to enjoy a beautiful summer day?

Have any baseball-related ideas for your next date? Share your ideas below.

Date Idea: Take In Some

Cartoons





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

Remember Sesame Street, Winnie the Pooh and Bugs Bunny? They were probably your favorite cartoons when you were younger, and still are today. But now that you're older and too busy, you might not have the time to watch them.

Well, why not use this <u>date idea</u> and spend this weekend catching up on your favorite cartoons with your mate? After all, you're never too

old for Loony Tunes.

Snuggle up on the couch with your man and watch some Saturday morning cartoons. Make a breakfast complete with Lucky Charms, and turn back the clock to a time when everything was easy.

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Spend the following day with an animated flick at a theater. Not interested in anything that's currently being played? Rent your favorite Disney classic films and cuddle up with with a bowl of popcorn and soda at home with your significant other.

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What are some of your favorite cartoons? Share below.

Date Idea: Take a Trip Down Memory Lane





By <u>Marissa Donovan</u>

Some of the sweetest memories between two people come from the very beginning of their relationship. This weekend, plan a <u>date night</u> centered around all of your first experiences as a couple. It will be an evocative reminder of why you're together and how far you've come.

Walk down memory lane as a couple!

Relive that special moment by visiting the place where you met. If you were introduced at a bar, go back and order the same drinks. Wear the same outfit you wore on your first date, if possible, or simply grab a bite to eat and recall what attracted you to one another.

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Take some time to plan out the evening by revisiting the same restaurant, club, or venue that ignited the initial spark before you two became an item. Put on your best dress, have your partner pick you up, and get to know one another all over

again. You're bound to feel those familiar butterflies, rekindling your romance once more.

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No matter where you met, engage in activities reminiscent of your vibrant beginnings as a pair.

Have you relived old memories with your long term love? Do you have a great first date story? Give our readers <u>relationship</u> advice on how to relive memories in the comments!

Date Idea: Lift Your Love To New Heights





By Marissa Donovan

There's no reason for your next date to be grounded when there are so many unique options hanging just above your head. For an incredibly memorable day together, take to the open sky with this date idea.

Let your love literally soar to new heights.

Some hot air balloon companies offer romantic packages that include champagne and a candlelight dinner. Taking off just before dawn or right after dusk is usually the best time to travel.

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Is seeing the world from a panoramic, 3,000 foot floating perch not your thing? Maybe being in an enclosed helicopter will do. For those couples who are feeling particularly adventurous, you may want to look into sky diving packages. This may be something you've always dreamt of doing but didn't

know who to invite along. Now is the perfect time to ask your partner! Remember to purchase a video to recount your moment in flight for years to come.

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If being in the open sky doesn't feel safe enough, tall and towering skyscrapers provide views and experiences that give you the best of both worlds. There are usually wonderful restaurants and bars on top, like the Seattle Space Needle's Sky City, and 230 Fifth's Rooftop Garden in New York City. Enjoy a quick bite or cocktail while taking in the cityscape, especially at night as the lights illuminate around you. If you don't live near a city, go on a hike to the tallest summit you can stomach.

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Let the landscape take your breath away while enjoying a mountainside picnic with your sweetie. The possibilities are endless when the sky's the limit.

What risk taking date nights have you experienced? Leave your memories and <u>relationship advice</u> in the comments.

Date Idea: Gift Him with a Guys' Night Out for Sports





By Marissa Donovan

Whether he's playing video games or watching his favorite team, you know how your boyfriend or husband wants to spend his spare time. Instead of dragging him to go shopping at the mall, gift him with a night that will take your love to new height. Try this weekend date idea and have a blast!

Plan a guys' night out with your partner!

Do your part by researching the team and the players. Add in a few statistics and you will be sure to impress him. If your partner enjoys a sport that's featured on a premium channel, like boxing, order it and invite his friends over to watch it too. You could even contact a restaurant in your area to find which spot will be broadcasting the main event.

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If you really want to shock him purchase two unexpected tickets so he can watch his favorite team live. Don't tell him

where you're headed and watch his eyes light up as you reach the stadium. A few hotdogs and a clear view to the field will make his day and spark the romance.

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Trips to the batting cages, put-put golf and trivia night are other great television-free options for your date night. Let him know that you're as laid back and fun to be around as his guy friends.

Have a great idea for a perfect guy's night out together? Dish your <u>dating advice</u> in the comments below.

Date Idea: Stay Indoors





By Marissa Donovan

We've all had one of those days where we just want to stay home and do absolutely nothing. Of course you've been looking forward to going on that special date with your significant other, but after a stressful week, you'd rather stay indoors and just relax. Well, why not do both?

Experience a fun night indoors with your partner!

Invite your significant other over your house and spend time together there. Spend the night playing card games or play video games. To make things interesting, create your own rules. Come up with penalties for the loser and prizes for the winner. Show off your competitive side!

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If you run out of games to play, take out a puzzle you've never been able to complete. Sit down with some coffee and sweets as both of you attempt to put the pieces together.

There are also puzzle apps you can download on your phone in case you don't own one to solve together.

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After you solve your puzzle can settle down in front of the TV with a bowl of popcorn with your partner. There's many other ideas for a fun night indoors. Make sure to have fun and stay warm!

Have a favorite indoors date of your own? Comment below and share with our readers.

Date Idea: A New Kind of Valentine's Day Date





By Marissa Donovan

Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Cupid can help you plan out an unforgettable day!

This year's holiday can be all about creating an original love story.

It's okay to be single on Valentine's Day! Go out and hit the town with other single friends or family members. Splurge on yourself and get a haircut or a new outfit for the night. Celebrate the day by loving you for you!

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For those in a happy relationship, surprise your partner with a homemade gift! Your partner will appreciate the time and effort you took to make the gift. A framed photo or something that references one of your inside jokes as a couple will be more meaningful than flowers.

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It's all about creating lasting memories that you can smile about later. Whether you're single or in a relationship, make sure you're having a fabulous Valentine's Day!

Do you have any creative date ideas for Valentine's Day? Comment below, and share with our readers.

Date Idea: Get Out Of Your Comfort Zone





By Marissa Donovan

Occasionally relationships can become too mundane. Couples who are bored can get creative by trying something new!

Make an effort to step out of your comfort zone so you can keep the spark in your relationship.

Even new couples can run out of date ideas. Try participating in an activity that one of you is passionate about. For instance, take up a sport that your partner enjoys participating in.

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If you and your significant other have been together for a while, try something new for a day. If you've never tried skydiving, do it together! If you've never been to a drive-in theater, go visit one.

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Drive-In Movie

Trying new things can often spice up a "too comfortable" relationship. Chat with your partner about trying something new!

Do you have any romantic date ideas? Comment below, and share with our readers!

Date Idea: Gamble on Love





By <u>Marissa Donovan</u>

With the new year approaching, there's no better time to take

a risk on your love life. Try your luck by heading to your nearest casino. It's perfect for a first date, group outing, or general date night with your partner.

There's something for everyone at a casino!

You'll never feel bored with your partner at a casino. Many entertainment venues are typically near you location wise and offer all kinds of shows. Casinos often have with performances by musicians, magicians, and comedians.

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You can always start the night by hitting the tables. Have fun playing blackjack or trying the slots. You can even plan a trip in conjunction with the casino, with help from TripAdvisor's list of the best casinos.

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For more luxury hotel casinos for a high-end weekend getaway, check out Gayot.com.

Do you know of a fun casino to visit? Share your suggestion in the comments bellow for our readers to see!

Date Idea: Plan a Party





By <u>Marissa Donovan</u>

Tired of getting stuck inside due to the snowfall? After watching every movie during the 25 Days of Christmas twice over, what are you and your partner to do? Tell your friends to put on their ugly Christmas sweaters and get ready for a holiday bash!

With this <u>date idea</u>, parties will bring out the holiday spirit in your relationship.

When it comes to the guest list, don't be afraid to get creative! Send a holiday spirited invitation to your boyfriend's friends as well as your own. Introducing your friends will bring you two closer, and you might make a few

love connections.

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Now to the good stuff — the food of course! A pot luck is always a great idea for a gathering of close friends and family. You're then serving a wide variety of dishes, and you might even snag a secret recipe! Another option is to spend the day cooking up a storm while listening to some holiday tunes with your sweetheart.

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Don't be stuck in the holiday blues. Celebrate your relationship this season with a holiday party!

Have any other fun holiday themes in mind? Leave your party ideas in the comments bellow!

Date Idea: Make the Perfect Playlist





By Marissa Donovan

Need a great <u>date idea</u> for this weekend? As the holidays are now upon us, many couples and lovers part ways to spend the season with their respective families. And there's one way you can make sure your special someone will have you on their mind while you're apart: make them a special playlist!

Spend time together by sharing music you both love! Here are some key elements to a the perfect love mix:

Here are some key elements to a the perfect love mix:

1. Beatles song: It doesn't matter which one, but no one does frothy love pop like these guys did.

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2. One that makes them laugh: Maybe it's ironic, or you have

an inside joke about it — or maybe it was the song that played on your awkward first date. Just make him smile.

3. Country song: These are some of the best and most honest love songs.

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- **4. Classic:** The obvious choice is Frank Sinatra, but any song from before 1960 will work.
- **5. A sappy one:** Think Lionel Richie, Barry White or even Mariah Carey.
- **6. Your song:** If you're making him a mix, you should already have a song. Make it the last one they hear. Websites make it easy to make playlists by giving you the music you love and the option to add a title. It's like a

music you love and the option to add a title. It's like a modern mixtape that you can access on your phone anywhere you go!

Have a favorite song or artist you would like to recommend? Leave your suggestions in the comments below so other readers can check them out!

Date Idea: Dress Boo-tifully for Halloween





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

Stumped on fun date ideas for the weekend? Halloween is coming up, and there's no better time for coordinated outfits than this spooky holiday.

Whether it's with your special someone, or a group of all your special people, dressing up and going all out on Halloween is a must! Check out our date ideas.

If you're celebrity conscious, there are some great and easy celeb pairings for you to dress as this year. The standby is Beyonce and Jay Z, with Miss B wearing her "Single Ladies" leotard and Jay Z sporting all Rocawear. Another option for the more rock-and-roll couple, is Russell Brand and Katy Perry. There is an assortment of wigs to fit Perry's ensemble and for Russell, those who want to wear shirts need not apply.

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For the more literary minded, celebrate the upcoming Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows release by dressing as Harry and Hermione. This costume idea can be easily expanded to include a larger group as well. Another fantastical literary couple would be Bella and Edward from the Twilight series.

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And lastly, while Lady Gaga is undoubtedly going to be popular choice this Halloween, you can even make that a group costume, too. This is mostly for the ladies, but brave men can rock it, too! Gather up your friends and strut your stuff in Gaga's most outrageous outfits — from the meat dress to the Kermit the frog ensemble.

Have a favorite couple costume of your own? Comment below and share with our other readers. Until next week, Happy Halloween!

Date Idea: Star in Your Own Romantic Comedy





By Noelle Downey

Looking for fun <u>date night</u> ideas for the weekend? Even if your love life might not be quite as glamorous as a Hollywood romantic comedy, that doesn't mean you can't live out your favorite movie-style date!

Take a cue from some of your, or your partner's, favorite rom coms and reenact a date idea from the movie.

1. 500 Days of Summer: Do you have a more realistic take on love? Then (500) Days of Summer is for you. Head to IKEA or a similar home goods store and play house in the set-up kitchens, living rooms and bedrooms. Be as silly as possible! It worked for Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zoe Deschanel in the movie, so why couldn't it set off sparks for you, too?

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2. How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days: Are you and your mate the competitive type? Start off like Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson in How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days and go out for lobster! It's an interactive food, but leaves room for talking, too. They play a game of questions in the movie, but feel free to take a different leaf from the movie's script and challenge each other with different bets. See who holds up their end and who cracks under the rom com pressure with this fun weekend date idea.

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3. It Happened One Night: Or, if you're into the more classic love stories, there's nothing like a road trip to live out your It Happened One Night dreams. Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable bicker all down the road, but after one night at a roadside inn, the two can't help but fall in love. Hopefully your travels will be less bumpy than theirs, but either way, it's a great way to get some quality time and laughs in with your loved one.

Have a favorite rom-com date of your own? Comment below and share with our other readers!

Date Idea: Look Into Your Future





By Noelle Downey

Need an idea for a fun group <u>date night</u> out with friends or your new fall fling? October is the month of spooky ghouls and goblins, and with Halloween approaching, there's no better time to explore the more mystical side of life...and death!

Looking to cuddle up and share a scream-filled night of fun this fall for a hauntingly good weekend date idea? Try these wonderful ways to get in touch with your spooky side!

1. Visit a psychic, and see what your future holds: This can be fun with friends or a date, and even if you don't believe in hocus pocus, you can still get a laugh. Try giving false signals or even just maintaining a serious face throughout the reading, as many fake psychics play off of your body language

and reactions. See if you have the real deal in your presence.

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2. Get your tarot cards read: This is an ancient art, and can be done for couples as well as singles. See where your expectations lie, according to the cards. Maybe you'll find out a fling might be more than that very soon. Even palm readers can be a hoot! Again, if you believe in this sort of thing, then this date is obviously right up your alley, but it's still fun even if you're not a true believer.

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3. Watch a scary flick: Finish the night off by heading home to watch *Ghost*, a classic romantic movie filled with supernatural influences. More into the undead then ghostly figures? Try *Warm Bodies*, a film that combines a cute and quirky love story with plenty of gory and spooky zombie action.

Have a cool supernatural experience of your own? Comment below and share with our other readers.

Date Idea: Plan a Picnic with Your Love





By Delaney Gilbride

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

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

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

Caillat.

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

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

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

Date Idea: Ignite Sparks While Camping





By Delaney Gilbride

You've undoubtedly heard of camping in the woods with a tent, campfire and roasted hot dogs. It's time to take the weekend off to enjoy a camp called "Love". Feeling like you and your partner never have time away from everyday distractions? Don't stress — Cupid's got you covered.

This weekend, take a load off and get a babysitter for the kids. Cupid has some date ideas to make both staying in and enjoying nature seem like the best ideas you've ever had.

Slumber party! Light some candles, dim the lights, and pop in your favorite movie from back in the day. Snuggle up on the couch with your beau and piles of blankets. Relive *The Breakfast Club* from start to finish and chuckle at the

memories it leaves you with.

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If you live in the NYC area, book a campground outside the city for some time away from the over-bearing lights and intrusive car horns. Black Bear Campground is a great option! Take a romantic stroll on a nature trail or lounge in front of the campfire as the warm glow illuminates your faces. Look up at the sky. The stars that you almost forgot existed are finally sparkling above you.

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Not a fan of the woods? Book a room in a nice hotel for the weekend. Get a couples' massage and take a steamy dip in the hot tub together! Check out *Time Out New York*'s weekend getaway travel suggestions and stay in the Hampton's for a change of pace.

Have some Couples Camp ideas of your own? Comment below and share with other readers.

Date Idea: Take a Journey





By Delaney Gilbride

Even though summer vacation has come and gone, there's no reason to fall into a rut for the weekends to come. One great way to get to know that new special someone, or even escape with an old love, is to hit the open road.

Leave the fast-paced life of weekday work and head out on a driving trip this weekend.

There are plenty of scenic routes to be taken anywhere in the US, even if you only want a short drive! Rent a convertible and drive with the top down through a beautiful area right around home. You can even book a room at a Bed & Breakfast if you want to take the longer road less traveled by.

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If you're more into looking for an adventure, hit the highway and try to visit as many "World's Largest" destinations in the

surrounding states as possible. Nothing says romance like a cute picture in front of the world's largest Corn Palace! The fact is driving trips, near or far, are great bonding experiences that often lead to some great stories down the line.

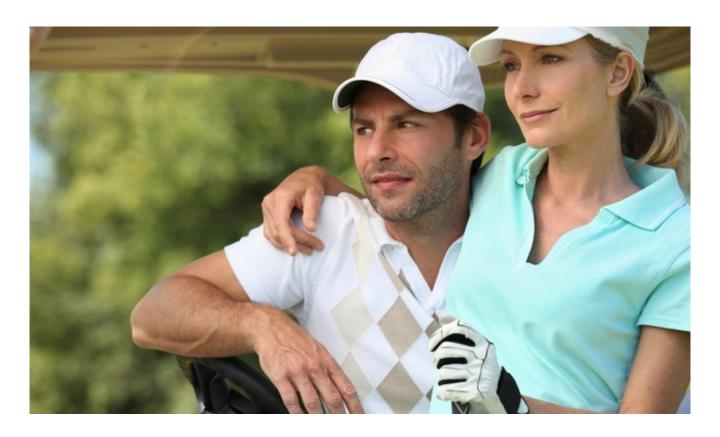
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In the San Francisco area? Check out the movies in Redwood Road through the East Bay Hills for some breathtaking views.

Have a secret weekend hideaway? Comment below and share with your fellow readers.

Date Idea: Fall into Love This Autumn





By Delaney Gilbride

Fall is creeping upon us! While that means shorter days and lower temperatures, it also means that nature's most vibrant show is about to begin. Fall showcases the change of leaves from rich, summer green to all the reds, yellows, and oranges of autumn.

It's the perfect time to take a walk with that special someone, or even pack up and take a weekend away with nature. So get out there and enjoy the show with this date idea!

For a simple <u>date idea</u>, pack a picnic lunch and head to an arboretum or your closest national park. Often times these parks have events surrounding the coming of fall. Even without

these festivities, parks are a great place to relax with a loved one.

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For those more fully invested in the outdoor experience, there are foliage tours all over the country, particularly in New England! If you're looking for a romantic weekend vacation, there's no better place than under the blanket of beautiful fall colors. There are also bird watching tours that you can take in addition to, or alongside, the foliage tours!

If you're a lover of fall and didn't see your favorite fall activity above, comment below and tell our readers about it!

Famous Restaurants: Crazy Milkshakes in NYC





By Delaney Gilbride

Nothing has been taking the internet by storm quite like New York's latest trend of crazy, over the top milkshakes! It's nearly impossible to scroll through Instagram without laying eyes upon mountainous milkshakes literally *overflowing* with sweets ranging from heaps of savory chocolate cake to decadent donuts. This delicious <u>food trend</u> in NYC has people flocking to the Big Apple in order to satisfy their sweet tooth cravings.

Looking for some <u>relationship</u> advice from Cupid? Take a trip to NYC and visit one (or all) of the three most <u>famous restaurants</u> serving up ultimately outrageous milkshakes:

1. Black Tap (529 Broome St, New York, NY 10013): This

restaurant is the cream of the crop when it comes to the perfect milkshake, so end your date night the right way by stopping at Black Tap on Broome Street! Thankfully, you don't have to worry about cutting your night short in order to indulge in their artfully designed milkshakes. Black Tap is open until 12:00 AM during weekdays and are also open until 1:00 AM Thursday through Saturday. These \$15, foot-tall milkshakes launched this past November and have spread like wildfire over social media. One of their fan favorite milkshakes include the Sweet N' Salty Peanut Butter Shake: chocolate frosted rim with chocolate gems and PB cups topped with a sugar daddy, pretzel rods, chocolate covered pretzel, whipped cream and chocolate drizzle — what else could you ever want in a milkshake? So, if you and your boo are ever in the New York area, make sure to check out this Insta-famous eatery!

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2. Sugar Factory (835 Washington St, New York, NY 10014): In case you miss Black Tap's 1:00 AM weekend cut off point, don't fret! The Sugar Factory, located on Washington Street, is open weeknights until 1:00 AM and 2:00 AM on weekends. The Sugar Factory prides themselves on their delicious sweets in and on their shakes. Celebrities such as <u>Kylie Jenner</u>, who appeared at the chains Ocean Drive opening, can't seem to get enough! Although the Sugar Factory has dessert options such as their \$99 King King, which includes 24 scoops of ice cream, and their \$1,000 chocolate fondue served with a bottle of Dom Perignon, you don't have to spend a fortune to get a great shake. Their most popular \$20 shake called the Caramel Sugar Daddy Cheesecake milkshake serves your typical vanilla milkshake in a mug coated with chocolate icing drizzled with caramel sauce and whipped cream. You thought that was the last of it? The shake also comes with a huge slice of cheesecake paired with their famous rainbow lollipop right on top. Get

your fix by visiting the Sugar Factory!

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3. Buns Bar (263 W 19th St, New York, NY 10011): This restaurant known specifically for their decorated milkshakes is the perfect <u>date idea</u> for you and your love if you're looking to be a bit nostalgic during your date night. Buns Bar located on West 19th Street decorates their milkshakes with everyones favorite childhood characters such as SpongeBob, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and Spiderman. Anything you can think of, they make it! After coating their glasses with thick layers of icing, the artists at Buns Bar carefully place sprinkles, marshmallows, and cereal on the outside of the glass to create your favorite characters. Looking for something a bit more "adult"? No worries — Buns Bar lives up to their name. You can order some of their famous milkshakes with a splash (or more) or your favorite liquor! People are obsessed with their famous Cinnabon Milkshake. Typically priced at \$15 dollars a shake, for an extra \$5 you can add shots of RumChata liqueur to enhance the savory Cinnabon shake. Keep your night going by checking out Buns Bar!

Are you from the New York area and know other places to find over the top milkshakes? Share some of your favorites with us by commenting below!

Date Idea: Cuddle Up in the Dark





By Delaney Gilbride

Need a fun <u>date idea</u> for this weekend? Cupid's got you covered! With the summer on the rise, evening dates are looking more and more tempting.

Get out into the cool and sultry night and check out what's sizzling in your area for the perfect summer date night!

Many popular museums have special events going on in the evenings. The American Museum of Natural History in New York City hosts Evening Bat Walks on select Friday and Saturday nights. You can also check out local aquariums and marine centers for your special night! Visit List of Public Aquariums

from FishChannel.com to find one near you.

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Another great nighttime idea is stargazing. Live in the city? Not a problem. All those bright lights may make it difficult to see the night stars, but it's not impossible! The Amateur Astronomer's Association of New York leads stargazing ventures every week. Search 'amateur astronomers association' on Google to find one in your city and take a tour.

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If you live around Los Angeles and are into the pop culture scene, now is the perfect time to head to one of the city's famous venues! Live Nation holds tons of concerts in LA and the surrounding area, featuring artists like Justin Bieber, Rihanna, Keith Urban, and more. Don't live in Los Angeles? You can find a live concert or play near you with a little research at *ticketmaster.com*.

Have a romantic night spot you want to recommend? Comment below and share it with our other readers.

Date Idea: Shop 'Til You Drop





By Delaney Gilbride

If you're looking for new <u>date ideas</u>, check out the mall! While the mall may not be the first place you'd go to find a potential mate, your favorite store can be a good place to meet new people.

With summer sales going on across the country, there's no better time to head to the mall to check out the low prices and local hotties:

For 20-somethings, check out stores like Buckle and Hollister, which have sales associates of both sexes. The cutie helping you find your size could be your next best-dressed date! Here's a quick tip to get started: say you're shopping for a family member of the opposite sex. It's an opportunity to give them compliments, as well as check out their style.

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To find someone who shares your interests, specialty stores are the place to go. Into hunting, fishing or other outdoor activities? Check out places like Bass Pro Shop. If music is your thing, go to the nearest Best Buy or a local vinyl store! Whether it's the person behind the counter, or someone shopping the rack next to you, there's an easy opening for starting a conversation that could continue over coffee… or maybe even a date night!

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Other great places to look are hole-in-the-wall boutiques. The atmosphere is personal, and you can be certain the people who shop there are from your area.

Want to hit up the Anniversary Sale to do some shopping for love? Visit Nordstrom's website to find the store nearest you.

Have a romantic shopping story of your own? Comment below, and share with our readers.

Date Idea: Fire Up the Weekend





By <u>Delaney Gilbride</u>

Need a fun <u>date idea</u> for Memorial Day weekend? Cupid's got you covered! While everyone's celebrating the best of May with friends and family, there are still plenty of places for you and your boo to couple up. And even if you're single...

Memorial Day weekend is full of gatherings and festivities that make it easy to have fun with friends and find sparks with someone new:

This time of year is a great to catch the very beginning of summer movies. This year the buzz is centered around *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales*. But hey, there's no reason to stay inside when the weather is so nice! Grab a blanket and head to see a movie in the park or at a drive in for the perfect <u>date night</u>.

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It goes without saying that the weekend is also full of barbecues and parties, and while a family gathering might not be the best place to find a mate, hosting your own festivities could be just the way to do it! Food (and especially drinks) always make for a good time. Want some love advice? Invite other singles over and ask everyone to bring a platonic date and set off your own fireworks for finding love.

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In the Chicagoland area? Check out the *Movies in the Park* series at the city parks.

What are you doing to celebrate the weekend? Comment below and share with our other readers.

Date Idea: Take A Trip to the Park





By Delaney Gilbride

Are you searching for new <u>date ideas</u> this weekend? Cupid's got you covered. Now that spring has sprung, why not enjoy the beautiful weather by taking a day trip to a nearby state park or hiking trail?

Check out the best that nature has to offer with your boo!

If you and your significant other are athletic and crave a physical challenge, try a mountain for intense hiking or rock climbing. If you live in New York, the Adirondacks offer 46 peaks for hikers of all experience levels! Additionally, these beautiful mountains offer the perfect romantic setting to get cozy with your partner after a day outside. Relax by the fire, and be dazzled by the views at one of the area's hotels, such as Lake Placid Lodge.

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For something less strenuous, why not seek out a local nature preserve and pack a picnic lunch? Eating homemade sandwiches amidst wildflowers will be a welcome change from the usual restaurant atmosphere.

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If you and your love like to think outside the box and try new things, then Geocoaching might be a great way to do that. This game of hunting and seeking treasure is played all over the world and is a great, fun way to bond with your partner by spending time outdoors honing your tracking skills. Learn more about this new phenomenon by finding a Geocoaching center in your area.

Do you have any great nature dates you'd like to share with us? Please do so by commenting below. Until next week, enjoy the sunshine!