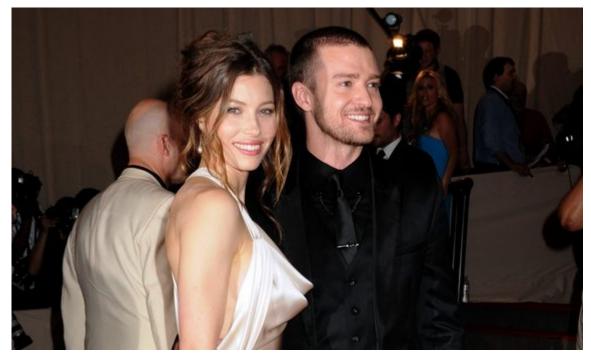
# Celebrity Couple News: Justin Timberlake Is Trying to 'Prove Himself' to Jessica Biel Post-PDA Drama





By Ellie

Rice

In the latest <u>celebrity couple news</u>, Justin Timberlake has been in hot water after pictures surfaced of him getting cozy with his *Palmer* costar in New Orleans this past November. Timberlake has been married to actress Jessica Biel for over seven years and they have a child together. According to *UsMagazine.com*, Timberlake is doing everything he can to earn back his wife's trust. We hope they can rebuild their relationship and not become the next pair of <u>celebrity exes</u>!

In celebrity couple news, Justin Timberlake is doing his best to come back from displays of PDA with a co-star who was not his wife. What are some ways to regain trust in a relationship?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Rebuilding trust within a relationship can be difficult, but potentially worth it with the right person. Cupid has some advice on how to repair your relationship:

1. Figure out what went wrong: Ask your significant other for honesty. Allow them to explain their thoughts and feelings as to why they may have strayed and broken your trust. Once you've established what was missing within the relationship, you can work towards moving forward.

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2. Leave the past in the past: If this is the person you truly want to be with, then rebuilding the relationship is a priority. Once you've talked about what went wrong, begin moving on from the situation. Try to go out and experience new things together and build memories that you can feel confident looking back on. Plan date night once a week and pick somewhere new to check out each time!

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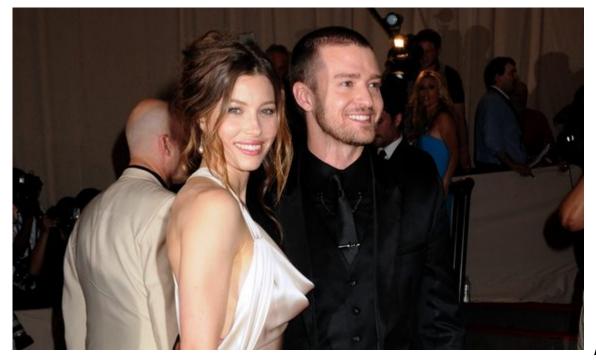
3. Put in the effort: If talking it out together just isn't working, then maybe try seeking professional help. If

Timberlake and Biel are making it work with couple's therapy, maybe you can too!

What are some ways you've rebuilt trust in your relationship? Start a conversation in the comments below!

## Dating Advice: 12 Date Night Ideas That Will Save You Money





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couple, it's important to establish healthy financial boundaries, especially when thinking of combining your finances and starting a family together. Often times, couples enter a relationship with their owns debts and bills and

support each other to pay them down together.

If you are in a relationship and have made a commitment to pay down auto loans, student loans, online loans, and credit card debt as a team, then one area you can certainly save on is date night. Just because you're being smart financially, doesn't mean date night is off the table!

## Here are 12 date night ideas that will save you money while you still have a great time.

#### 1. Movie Night at Home

You can easily invite your date to watch a movie with you at your house or theirs. This gives you the chance to find out what your date likes to watch and to get to know each other. You can talk before or after the movie (or even pause it in the middle), unlike in a movie theater.

#### 2. Happy Hour

Many places will provide deals during happy hour. Happy hour usually occurs between lunch and dinner, so if you're both available, you should go. It's a great way to enjoy a quick bite to eat in an easy going environment. Also, it's cheaper than usual, which is a plus.

#### 3. Inexpensive Arcades

There are many arcades with cheaper prices that you can visit with a date. It's a great place to interact, have some fun and win prizes. You can also see what types of games your date likes so you can keep that in mind for future dates.

#### 4. Ice-cream Sculpting

This may seem strange, but it's fun. You buy saran wrap and a tub of ice-cream. Completely wrap your table with the saran wrap and also put a covering, or towels, on the ground around the table. Work with your date to create an ice-cream sculpture. It's a great way to get close and to have a unique date.

#### 5. Go Window Shopping

Many people enjoy window shopping. If you invite someone to go window shopping, it gives you a chance to walk around and talk with each other. You can also see what kind of gifts your date likes, which you can make a note of for a future gift idea.

#### 6. Cheap Comedy Show

Many cities have cheap comedy shows that you and a date can attend. Just pay a small fee and enjoy a laugh with your date. It can be a great chance to see what type of humor your date enjoys so you can continue to make your date laugh and smile.

#### 7. Have a Drink and Chat

It's nice to sit down and chat. When you buy a beverage that you both enjoy, you can have an easy going environment. This makes it easy to talk and to see what types of drinks your date likes. It's a simple yet effective date.

#### 8. Cook a Romantic Meal

You can either cook the meal yourself or cook it with your date. Either way works, because you can impress your date and show that you care by cooking. However, if you decide to cook together, you can enjoy some time together.

#### 9. Go to a Museum

It can be fun to look at different exhibits and pieces of art. Luckily, many museums will have a day where it's free to visit, so you can go and enjoy the art. Learn more about art

and enjoy walking around with your date.

#### 10. DIY Project

It can be fun to get creative, so find a simple do it yourself (DIY) project you can do with your date. Make sure the DIY project is fun and something that isn't too hard to do. This will help your date to feel accomplished, avoid frustration and let you work together.

#### 11. Make Some Art

Creating art can be a lot of fun as well. Buy some cheap art supplies and enjoy creating your own personal masterpieces. You can admire each other's creations and continue to make other art pieces.

#### 12. Go Hiking

Hikes provide an easy way to talk with someone. Not only can you talk as you walk, but you can discuss different things you see on the trail. This will help you to avoid any awkward spaces in your conversation.

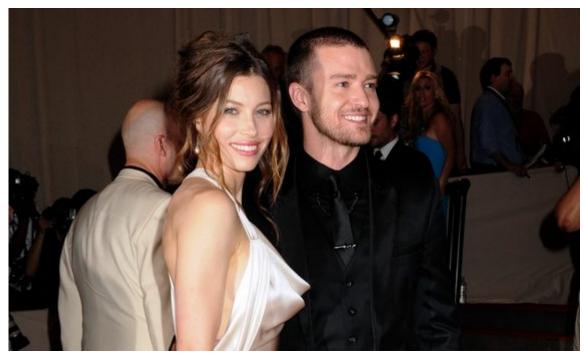
#### Try Them Out

Each of these date ideas keep things simple and cheap, making them ideal for people on a budget. Give them a try and see what your date enjoys, you'll both be happy together in the moment, and your budget will thank you.

#### Date Idea: Go to an Eat-In

#### Bakery





By **Hope** 

**Ankney** and Gabriela Robles

If it's too cold to enjoy the great outdoors and you and your sweetheart are going a little stir crazy at home, make a trip to a local eat-in bakery. It'll be a much-needed break from your usual routine of dining out at your favorite cafe or sports bar. Plus, you'll be able to keep warm and indulge in some delicious treats at the same time.

Date Idea: When it's too cold outside, eat-in bakeries are the perfect spot for you and your significant other to enjoy each

#### other's company outside the house.

Eat-in bakeries will usually seat you, and then a waitress comes to take your order. They typically offer various supplies of coffees, teas and hot chocolates, so you'll be able to have something to drink as you enjoy your sweet of choice. Think of tonight as a dessert date. Instead of a restaurant that smells like beer and fried food, you're in a place that holds the tempting aroma of pies and cookies. What could be a better way to spend a snowy winter night?

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When you first arrive, take a careful look at the drink and dessert menus; seek out new treats that you think sound tempting and ultimately decide together what you'd like to order. Step outside of your comfort zone and order something that you've never had before. If you're really in the mood for some sweets, order a second small dessert that you already know you love. Relax with a cup of your favorite dessert-esque drink as you and your man chat about your weeks and take in the scent of the sugary bakery.

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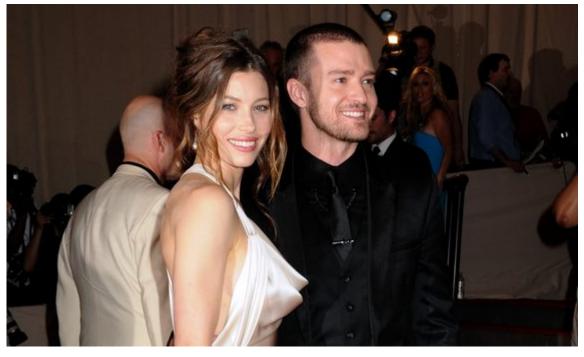
Consider trying a slice of Mississippi Mud pie with a macchiato or indulge in a piece of apple strudel with a nice, warm hot chocolate. If you're a chocolate lover, order some brownie or hazelnut cake pops along with a choco-banana frappe or a chocolate cream pie paired with a dirty chai.

After the desserts arrive, share the treats with each other. Or if you want to indulge in a more private setting, take them to go. Experience a great night filled with delicious pastries, scrumptious drinks, and your loving sweetheart!

What's your favorite dessert treat to share with your date? Tell us in the comments below.

Celebrity News: Hannah Brown's 'Bachelorette' Runner-Up Goes On Date with Gigi Hadid Days After Spending Night with Hannah





Ву

Ashley Johnson

In each and every season of *The Bachelorette*, former bachelors and bachelorettes alike (along with a few athletes) inevitably make their highly anticipated return to the show to drop some relationship truth. Whether it's Ben Higgins having a one- on- one with Colton Underwood or Hannah Brown sitting court-side

with Jaylen Brown, the singles are coached on "finding the one" and what to look for in a significant other. However, this is no simple task and may include a lot of casual dating before getting serious with anybody and making that commitment. According to *UsMagazine.com*, on Sunday, August 4, in <u>celebrity news</u>, Tyler Cameron and Gigi Hadid were spotted together on what appeared to be their first <u>date night</u> ever in NYC, just two days after *The Bachelorette* runner-up was seen leaving Hannah Brown's apartment in L.A.

# In celebrity news, Tyler Cameron isn't committed to Hannah and is dating around. What are some things to be careful about when you're dating around?

#### Cupid's Advice:

While Tyler seems to have been getting cozy with more than one woman (Gigi Hadid being one of them) and seems to be living a true *bachelor* life outside of reality TV, Cupid has some dating advice on how to date around like the model himself and other single celebrities:

1. Be transparent: Being transparent means being truthful and being clear about your intentions. Sometimes being honest with people can be difficult, but you are not going to get what you want out of any relationship by hiding your true feelings. Relationships only work when the people involved are on the same page and have both of their wants and needs met.

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2. Have patience: As we know from many years of The Bachelor

and *Bachelorette*, you do not just fall in love on the first date (or maybe you do), and dating is a process. It is highly unlikely you are going to commit to one person after just one date, and you may find yourself going on numerous dates with numerous people until you find what you are looking for, and that is okay. You just have to be patient!

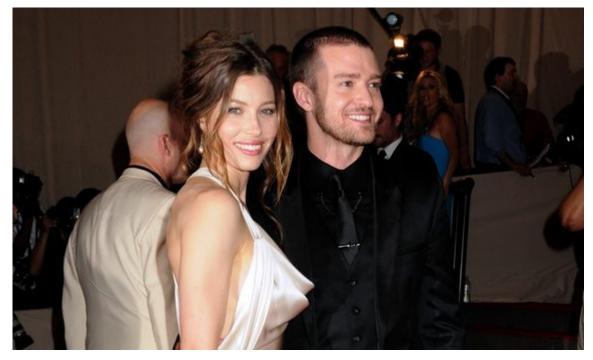
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3. Take the time to discover yourself: Use the opportunity of getting to know various new people to also get to know more about yourself. By intimately being exposed to all different personalities and behaviors, you are going to find some that you absolutely love, and others that you absolutely cannot stand. Dating different people only reaffirms your own wants and needs, and helps you figure out what you want more of (or less of) in life.

Can you think of any more ways to be careful when dating around? Let us know in the comments below!

## Restaurant Review: Indulge in French Cuisine at Marliave in Boston





Ву

#### Bonnie Griffin

In this <u>restaurant review</u>, Marliave in Boston has been serving great French cuisine since it was opened by Henry Marliave in 1885. The walls are lined with pictures from the restaurant's history, and the building maintains its old French feel. Marliave offers exquisite French cuisine with a touch of oldworld charm.

### Restaurant Review: Marliave offers delicious French Cuisine!



Marliave Shrimp Scampi. Photo: Instagram/@marliave

If you're looking for a great French cuisine meal just off the beaten path in Boston, MA, then Marliave is a great place to start. Marliave has been serving up amazing French cuisine since 1885. From its delicious raw bar to the tasty beef wellington, you cannot go wrong with the plentiful menu options for lunch and dinner.



Marliave Roasted Cauliflower. Photo: Instagram/@marliave

This <u>popular restaurant</u> has a great wine and beer menu, perfect for <u>date night</u> or a night out with your friends. They also host private parties for your special events in their beautiful, historically-preserved building. Need a pick me up? Try out their recently added espresso bar, and get your day started with a delicious Cafe Au Lait.



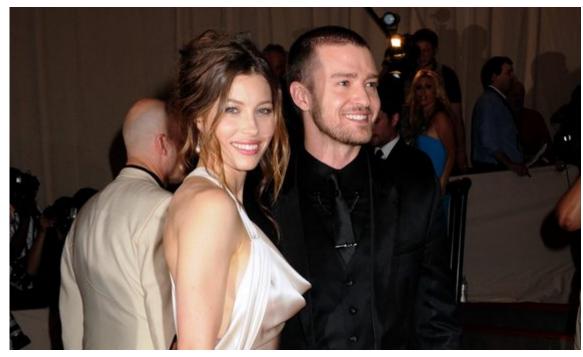
Marliave Cortado. Photo: Instagram/@marliave

Marliave is great for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They can host parties whenever you have a special occasion to celebrate and are guaranteed to satisfy your taste-buds with their extensive menu and fine French cuisine. You can find more about Marliave and make reservations online at https://www.marliave.com/, or through social media on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> and <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>.

#### Product Review: Rock Long Hair on Date Night with

#### **Barely Xtensions**





By <u>Mara</u>

#### Miller

Have you ever lopped off all your hair and then immediately regretted it? Maybe you planned a date night with a new guy from your favorite dating app, and now you regret losing those locks. Or, perhaps it's not because you want to impress a guy at all—you can't decide if you want to grow your hair out for a change. Hair extensions are great for those moments in life where we feel indecisive, and Barely Xtensions at Sally Beauty has you covered with 18" and 20" options.

### Check out these great hair extensions from Barely Xtensions in

#### our product review.

#### These extensions are made with real hair.

Barely Xtensions uses Remy hair—real human hair—in their hair extensions. Human hair versus plastic or other synthetic material works best if you plan to style your extensions. You have your stylist cut the extensions to blend in with your hair so it isn't obvious you have them in. The biggest perk to wearing extensions is the ability to take them out after a hot day so you don't have a heavy curtain of hair around your shoulders. Since it's real human hair, you can style them however you want—with a curling wand, flat iron, or whatever style you're in the mood for that day.

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#### Barely Xtensions look natural.

Each extension provides a revolutionary, micro-thin weft that blends in with your hair. It won't stick up like some other extensions and appears more natural since the wefts are made from real human hair. Every extension is hand-picked for silky, tangle-free hair that is thick from top to bottom, instantly helping you get that added length to your own locks. The clips are no-damage, meaning they will not get stuck in your hair after you're finished wearing them for the day.

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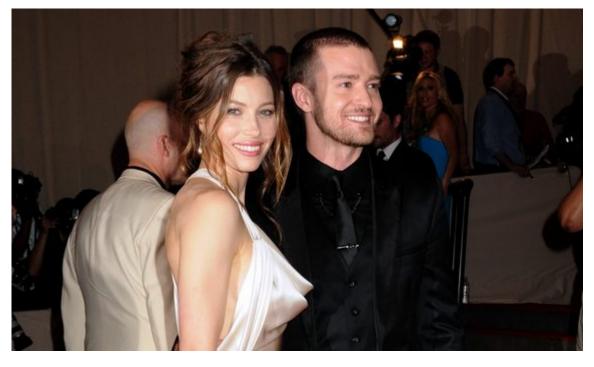
**Purchase Options:** Barely Xtensions includes five wefts: (1) 9-inch weft, one (1) 6-inch weft, one (1) 4-inch weft, and two (2) 3-inch wefts. All you need to do is pick your color, although packaging may vary. You can find the 18" Barely Xtensions on SallyBeauty.com, ranging from \$167.99 to 184.99, depending on the color you need. With 11 shades, you're sure

to find one to match your hair color!

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## Love & Libations: Tequila Cocktails To Sip Like a Celebrity





By **Yolan** 

#### da Shoshana

While everyone talks about Champagne being sexy, the seduction of tequila is starting to be known. It's been said that women who drink tequila make fabulous lovers. Being a tequila drinker, I won't confirm or deny these claims. You will have

to do your own field research to see it if it's true.

### Tequila: a Seductive Spirit for Date Night

It makes sense that celebrities keep selecting tequila as a business they want to get into; the rich and famous always want to be a part of the hottest and sexiest thing. From <a href="Justin Timberlake">Justin Timberlake</a>, to Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Toby Keith, Carlos Santana, and on and on, tequila is the hottest trend. It would be nice to see a few female celebrities come out with a tequila, as well. Imagine if Cardi B. got into the tequila game; it would be lit.

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If you want to sip tequila like a celebrity, be ready for National Tequila Day on July24<sup>th</sup>. Below are suggestions for cocktails made with two hot brands to help you celebrate the day. Either rock it with your friends or just the one you love. Stay strong and get your tequila on.

At this point everybody knows that <u>George Clooney</u> and Rande Gerber are a part of Casamigos Tequila. They made so much money selling it, Clooney has boasted that he never has to work again. The main reason they got into tequila was so they could have one to drink while hanging out. Clooney is legendary for entertaining with food and drinks. I'm still waiting on my invite, it must be lost in the mail.

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Casamigos is the go-to tequila when you are having your friends and family over. Since Clooney married Amal, his tequila soirees are now filled with deep conversations of politics and economics. You don't have to aim for that, unless that's how you want to spend the night. Maybe just a night of

tacos and tequila. Who wouldn't love that for their next <u>date</u> <u>night</u>?

#### **Smoky Casa Margarita**

#### Ingredients:

2 oz. Casamigos Tequila

1 oz. Fresh Lime Juice

.75 oz. Agave Nectar

2 Dashes Orange Bitters

Flamed Orange Peel

#### Instructions:

Combine all ingredients into tin shaker. Add ice. Shake well. Strain into rocks glass. Add fresh ice. Garnish with a flamed orange peel.

Two well-known crooners, Adam Levine and Sammy Hager, created a unique libation by mixing tequila and mezcal together for the world's first "mezquila," called Santo Puro Mezquila. The spirit came to life after Levine and Hager were drinking together in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. They were probably a tad tipsy when they decided to mix tequila and mezcal, but they both liked the taste so much they decided to make mezquila a real thing. Leave it to one of the sexiest men alive to come up with a libation that features not one, but two sensuous spirits in a bottle. Santo is the drink that is perfect for a relaxing evening at home while listening to a playlist with a little Maroon 5.

#### Santo Revelation

#### Ingredients:

■ 1.5 oz. Santo Mezquila

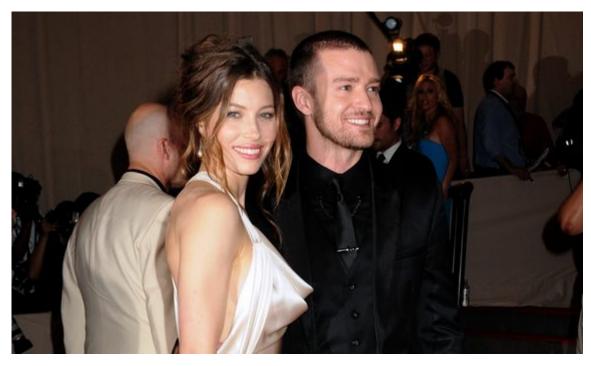
- 1 oz. Passion Fruit Nectar
- 2 ea. Thin Slices of Fresh Ginger Root
- 1 ea. Lime Wedge
- 2 oz. Ginger Beer
- 0.25 oz. Pomegranate Syrup (sub: Premium Grenadine)

#### Instructions:

Muddle ginger root, lime wedge, and passion fruit purée in shaker glass. Add Santo and ice. Shake well and strain over fresh ice. Top with ginger beer and sink pomegranate syrup. Garnish with a ginger slice (optional).

### Date Idea: Bring the Beach to You





By Sarah

Ribeiro and Bonnie Griffin

Escape the cold winter months and bring the beach to you. Have your own island getaway with this <u>date idea</u> by planning a romantic and private stay-cation. Create your own blissful <u>date night</u> with your private beach island.

## Date Idea: Create your own beach for date night and build your own island getaway!

The first step for this amazing date weekend is to crank up the heat in your house. Forget about how chilly it is outside by keeping your thermostat set to summer temperatures. You and your sweetheart can pretend you're on the beach while lounging around in each other's arms, blasting Bob Marley and dreaming of the sunshine. To really relax, dim the lights and lead each other in a soothing yoga and meditation session.

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For dinner, enjoy grilled pork and pineapple kebabs and

picture yourself in paradise. To really set the mood, keep a beach-themed film on in the background; 'Forgetting Sarah Marshall' is a great romantic comedy set in Hawaii. After you're finished eating, head back to the kitchen and have a friendly dessert-making competition with your partner: prepare the most tropical dessert you can think of, like key lime pie, fried ice cream or chocolate-dipped coconut macaroons. For something a bit easier, keep a bowl of fruit handy and feed each other. Passion fruit is tropical and in season in January, and it tastes great cubed and frozen.

For some added fun, turn your bathtub into a Jacuzzi. You and your honey can soak in the tub, drinking piná coladas and margaritas. Perhaps you'll even be inspired to plan a real vacation together. Grab some travel brochures or pull up a travel website, pick out your favorite tropical locations and consider what activities you can do there: horseback riding in Hawaii, nightclubbing in Ibiza, hang gliding in Brazil. Figure out ways that you and your sweetheart can start saving up for your romantic getaway.

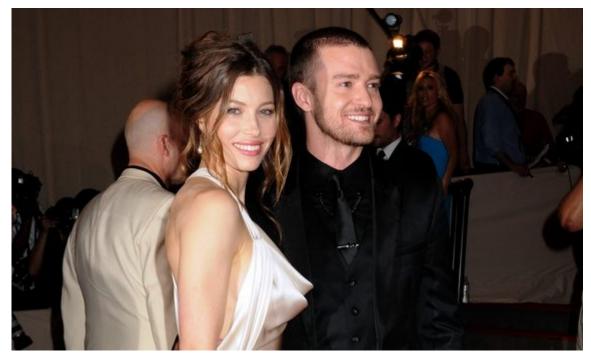
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After a nice long soak, break out the coconut oil and give your love a tropical spa treatment: spread some beach towels on the bed and take turns giving each other massages. Find your favorite massage bar at lushusa.com — their Heavanilli bar is made specifically for the bedroom. If you want a challenge, create your own home spa treatments, like a simple seaweed wrap, or try a home-made facial with fresh fruit, olive oil or yogurt. No matter what, keep each other pampered in true vacation style.

Have any ideas for a faux beach getaway? Let us know in the comments.

#### Date Idea: Christmas Movie Marathon





Ву

Samantha Mucha and Bonnie Griffin

Getting cozy with your partner by the fire while watching ABC Family's '25 Days of Christmas' should be number one on your to-do <u>date night</u> list this holiday season. Leave the freezing winter weather outside with this <u>date idea</u>, and kick back for an indoor weekend with your sweetheart.

#### Date Idea: Cozy up to your love

#### with a Christmas movie marathon!

Watching Christmas movies will not only put you and your lover in the holiday spirit, but the price is right — free. Throughout the month of December, there are a variety of holiday-themed broadcasts on all of the national networks. The choice is yours, really. Of course, if you're lucky enough to own a DVR, you won't have to choose. You can load up "Miracle on 34th Street," "8 Crazy Nights," and "A Christmas Story" and watch them whenever you please.

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To make this into a romantic evening, pour some wine or brew up some hot cocoa. You can even go above and beyond by renting your partner's favorite childhood Christmas films. If you are in the mood to get nostalgic, ask your partner's parents to share old home movies of your boyfriend on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Watching videos of him as a child can help spark good feelings and could be a Christmas tradition that you decide to continue in your relationship.

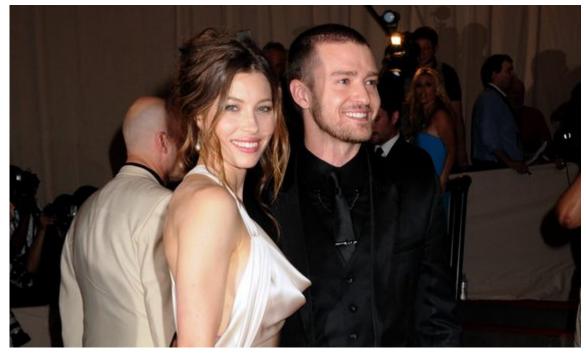
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It's only getting colder. So, get the popcorn popping and throw on your best flannel pajamas. Cozy up with your holiday honey for the most relaxing moments you'll have for the entire holiday season.

What's your favorite Christmas movie? Share your top pick with our readers by commenting below.

#### Date Idea: Wrap Gifts Together





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The holiday season can be a stressful time with your partner, even though it should be full of joy and holiday cheer. To lessen your to-do list this December, and still have time for a <u>date night</u>, try this <u>date idea</u> for something different with your sweetheart. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons, and tape. It's time to channel your inner Christmas Elf.

### Date Idea: Turn wrapping gifts into a magical date night!

There's no doubt that wrapping gifts is a difficult task. It's an endeavor that should be left for the most skilled and

nimble-fingered family members. Yet, nothing says "I support you, babe!" quite like helping out. Have your lover join you.

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It may sound like you are just recruiting your man to do your chores while you sit back and relax, but that is not the case at all. It becomes less of a task and more of a constructive activity when you two do it together. Have your significant other bring over their unwrapped gifts (but not yours, you don't want to ruin a good surprise) and the two of you can work together.

To make your Friday night even more entertaining turn gift-wrapping into a game. Maybe your relationship could use a little competitive edge. Try timing yourselves to see who can make the best-looking package in the quickest amount of time. The winner has to bake cookies for the not-so-perfect wrapper.

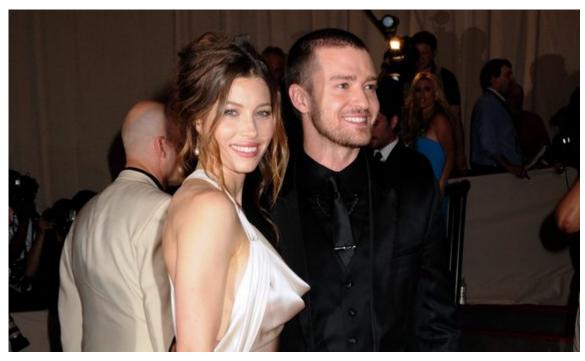
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Putting on some holiday music while sitting by a warm fire is a romantic conclusion to this date. After your gifts are piled neatly under the tree, sit back and relax with your beau. As the night of gift-wrapping fun comes to a close, catch a Christmas movie on TV and drift off to sleep cuddled up in each other's arms.

What unique date ideas do you have during the holidays? Share your ideas below.

#### Date Idea: Get Off the Grid





By Sarah

Ribeiro and Bonnie Griffin

Stay away from a boring <u>date night</u> this weekend and go on a spontaneous road trip with your partner by hopping in the car and driving with no plans in place. With this <u>date idea</u> you'll start off in your town, exploring neighborhoods you've never seen and finding restaurants, cafes or other niche spots for future dates together. Then, take it one step further: skip the highway and take a back road to somewhere random on the map, maybe a nearby town or a tourist attraction that you've been meaning to see. Don't forget to bring a camera so the two of you will always remember the places that you visited.

### Date Idea: Hit the road with your partner and zero plans!

For added adventure, go out of the state. Take the highway as far as you dare and stop at the cutest bed and breakfast that fits within your budget. Find a famous landmark in a neighboring state or follow the signs to the most intriguing spot advertised on the highway. Some great — and somewhat strange — tourist spots include Ruby Falls in Tennessee, the Oz Museum in Kansas, Lizzie Borden's Bed and Breakfast in Massachusetts or the Mob Museum in Las Vegas. Look for more unique tourist attractions at Roadside America and pick out your favorites.

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Cash in on your significant other's interests and find somewhere that fits with his hobbies. Is he a gamer? Look for a retro arcade in a small town. Is he a wine or beer connoisseur? Visit a vineyard or brewery for some local flavor and be sure to take home some free samples.

You can check things off your bucket list during the trip too. Drive down to your local airfield and take your journey on a thrill-seeking twist by going skydiving or taking flying lessons. Enjoy a hot-air balloon ride or even get completely off the grid by going off-roading.

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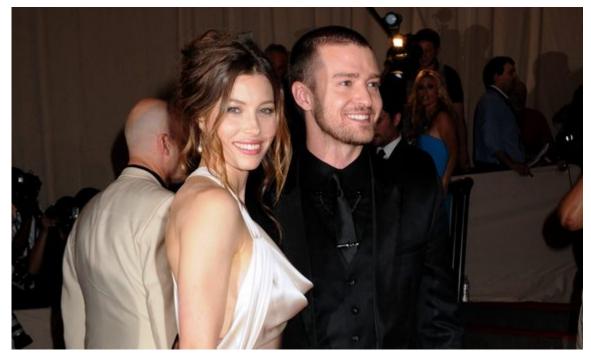
In the car, do your best to keep your man entertained. Play some old-fashioned car games, like Twenty Questions — a great way to get to know your sweetheart better — or the traditional License Plate Game, where you compete against each other to find license plates from each state (bonus points for international plates). Be sure to bring some healthy snacks with you too, like granola, trail mix or fresh fruit.

The most important thing to remember on this date is to not to plan a thing. Let the road carry you and your partner to a memorable weekend.

What are some of your best off-the-grid locations? Share them in the comments below.

#### Date Idea: Play Dress Up





By <u>Sarah</u>

Ribeiro and Bonnie Griffin

Tired of being cooped up all winter? For this <u>date idea</u>, refresh everything you learned in college acting class by pretending to be someone you're not. Dress up with your honey and have the time of your life on <u>date night</u> revitalizing your imagination.

Date Idea: Take date night to the sky with your imagination and a

#### costume!

Search for nightclubs having costume parties and spend the night dancing in your babe's arms dressed as the king and queen of the ball. Many city nightclubs have themed nights, such as sci-fi, masquerade, 80's attire, 'Alice in Wonderland' or even 'Twilight.' Club Oberon in Boston has a weekly "Donkey Show": while their dance party rages on, a subtle re-enactment of Shakespeare's classic <u>romantic</u> comedy 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is performed around the club. Additionally, Marquee in Manhattan throws a European party every Friday, celebrating the party cultures of different European nations.

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Go to a cosplaying (costume playing) convention and tap into your inner nerd, dressing as your favorite comic book character and reaping the benefits of watching early film footage and trailers. Ohayohcon and Setsucon are two huge conventions that are traditionally held the last weekend in January in Columbus, Ohio, and at Penn State College respectively. Be sure to stick around once the convention ends: the after parties are usually at local nightclubs where you can party all night with your sweetheart.

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If you enjoy more ancient stories, visit a renaissance fair or even try out LARPing (live-action role-playing). You and your honey can dress as medieval royalty and play pretend in another century. Live out a fairy tale adventure together as your knight in shining armor saves you, a damsel in distress, from the hands of an evil dragon. You can act like your favorite 'Lord of the Rings' character or get into a more recent groove and dress up as someone from HBO's 'Game of Thrones.'

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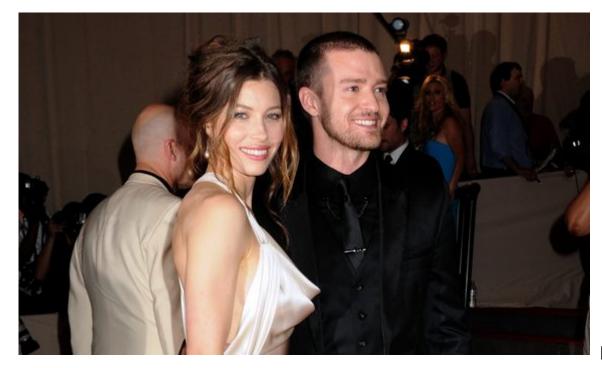
If you don't have the money to be hitting up the city (or don't live near one), stay in for the night. During the day, head to your closest Goodwill store and get 20 dollars worth of old, strange clothing and accessories. Once you get back home, come up with the most ridiculous outfits that you and your <u>partner</u> can create. If you want, you can even put outfits together for each other. Make up scorecards and judge each other on creativity and hilarity.

At the end of the <u>date</u>, the two of you can take a photo in your get-ups and frame it as a memento of the silly and imaginative time you had together.

What are your favorite dress-up dates? Tell us below.

## Date Idea: Volunteer Together this Holiday Season





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#### Bonnie Griffin

The holiday season is filled with celebration, family time, and giving to others. There's no better way to give than by volunteering to help the less fortunate. For this <u>date idea</u>, find a cause that both you and your significant other think is important, and spend <u>date night</u> together while enriching the lives of others.

## Date Idea: Volunteer to a worthy cause you and your partner are passionate about.

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

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Another way to volunteer is by visiting residents in

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

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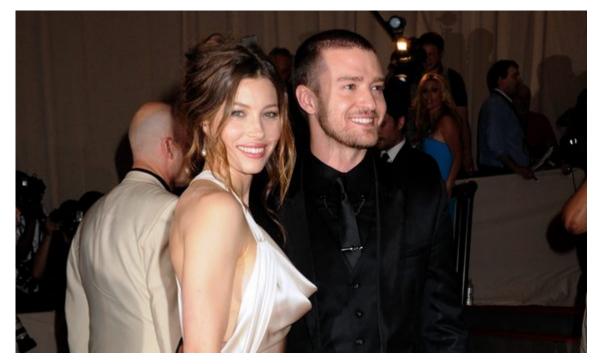
If none of the above ideas work for you this holiday, try giving back to your community by making gift baskets with your mate. Gather non-perishable food items and donate them to the underprivileged. The two of you can also bond over cooking meals and delivering them to homeless shelters.

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

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

#### Date Idea: Thanksgiving for Two





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Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate with family, watch football and indulge in turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie. As fun as the day may be, it can cause strain on your personal relationship if things aren't planned out properly. The day will be extra special if you set aside time to work together as a team with this date idea.

## Date Idea: Make Thanksgiving romantic. Turn it into dinner for two.

If you're preparing to host Thanksgiving with your partner, begin the process by sharing responsibilities and scheduling time together in advance. Pick a day where you will choose the turkey and get all of the accompaniments together. This will make things much easier and it will show your partner how committed you are to have a nice <u>date night</u> experience with them.

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As for decorations, unleash your inner child and make them yourself. After all, who didn't enjoy creating outlined hand-print turkeys from construction paper as a child?

An early start and an organized plan are essential for Thanksgiving Day success. For the romantics at heart, leave time for a break with your sweetheart in between all the preparing. Or, spend a few moments making a list of all the reasons you're thankful for each other and then read it aloud. This will also remind you why your relationship is so special and once family and friends arrive, you'll be ready to serve up the meal and mingle.

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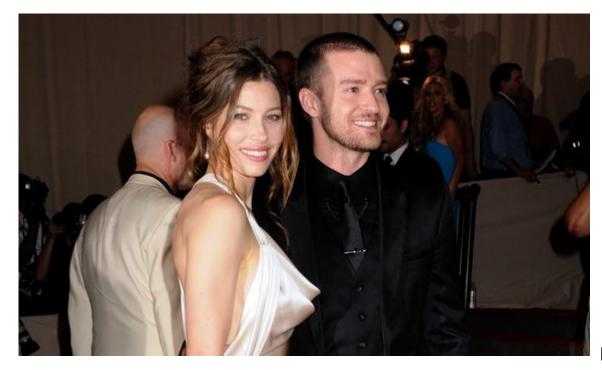
For those looking to spend some time alone, one idea is to cook and eat dinner together and join your families for dessert. Just don't forget to clean up as a couple—it'll go twice as fast and will end the holiday on a positive note.

No matter what you decide to do together this holiday, remember to give thanks to your partner and tell them how much you appreciate them.

On Thanksgiving, what are some activities you and your honey work on together? Let us know in a comment below.

### Date Idea: Inspire Your Date with Art





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#### Bonnie Griffin

If you're tired of heading to the same date place each week for <u>date night</u>, getting in touch with your creative side may be just the thing you need to rekindle (or jump start) your romance. Here are some <u>date ideas</u> that might stir your inner artist. An art exhibition or museum combines culture with artistic flair and can be very romantic.

# Date Idea: Take your date night to a creative level and inspire your date with beautiful art.

If you're interested in getting hands-on experience, an art class may be the thing you need instead. Additionally, many pottery studios are open to the public and have ready-made pieces that you can purchase and paint. Enjoying this with a significant other can make for a fun, hands-on date that will expose the creative side in both of you.

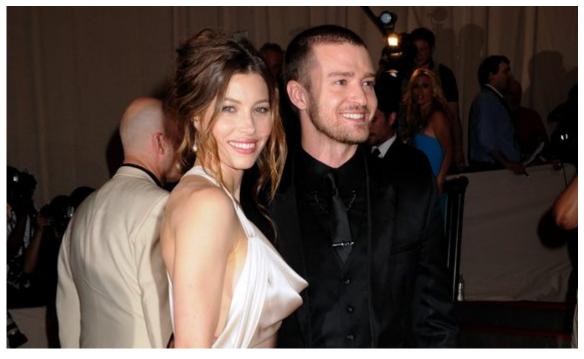
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If you're struggling to find something similar in your area, look at the community section of your paper for local artists showcasing their work. It's important to remember that art is subjective and what your partner may like, you may not. Sharing your perspective is what can deepen your relationship further.

Did you ever get artsy with your honey? Let us know about it by commenting below!

## Health Trend: Tampon Alternatives





By <u>Mara</u>

A recent <u>health trend</u> has been on the rise in 2019 in the form of tampon alternatives. You don't need to limit yourself to only tampons. Tampons can hurt, depending on the brand, and they are packed with chemicals like rayon and bleached wood fibers that shouldn't be anywhere near our bodies. You can find 100% cotton tampons but they won't help you with the sustainability aspect of searching for tampon alternatives if that's why you want something different for your monthly flow. Let's forget about sleeping with a tampon in-that's a big nono because the average person gets 7 to 9 hours of sleep, and therefore going way past the recommended time it's safe to leave a tampon in. You should use a pad instead. Pads aren't any better either-it can feel like you're walking around with a stinky diaper all day. Exploring tampon alternatives can not only help you toward sustainability but can also help ease the cost and discomfort of having your period. You're also reducing the risk of potential illness with our <u>health tips</u>.

# Okay, Ladies—let's talk periods. Check out this new health trend for tampon alternatives!

Forget stained jeans on your next <u>date night</u> for this <u>health</u> <u>advice</u>—tampons are potentially dangerous. Toxic Shock Syndrome and other infections are every woman's nightmare. Tampons, especially the super-absorbent kind for heavier flows, and can trap bacteria inside called Staphylococcus aureus if left in too long, causing TSS. Although the syndrome is rare, this still can have fatal effects for women. Beyond this, tampons cause an unimaginable amount of waste during your monthly flow, and they're *expensive*. When you add up how much a woman spends in her lifetime on tampons, it can be up to \$5,600 dollars. We've gathered a list of alternative tampon products for you to try. Some of them may still generate waste, but nowhere does it equal the number of waste tampons produce:

1. Menstrual Cups: Menstrual cups are great because not only are they reusable with a one-time cost (therefore saving you upwards of \$120 each year and much more during your childbearing years), but they also allow you to monitor your flow, have a less embarrassing odor, and lower landfill waste. Brands like Tampax, Diva Cup, and Luna Cup make their menstrual cups out of medical grade silicone. The cost might be pricey at about \$40 dollars to buy the cup but it will save you much more in the long run. Just be aware of the mess menstrual cups can make since they catch body fluids. Using a menstrual cup can have a learning curve as well because they can be difficult to remove—do not do it by the stem. In fact, you might want to cut the stem down if it hurts. Do not panic if you can't get the cup out immediately. Pinch the base and pull slowly. It's best to practice using the cup before you start your period. Also—be comfortable with yourself. You have to get very familiar with everything down below so you don't hurt yourself inserting the cup.

It should be noted there have been some reports of menstrual cup-related TSS incidents, but only when the women have left them in far longer than the recommended time (7 days as opposed to 10-12 hours). Be sure to keep track of time when using any kind of insertable period product for your own safety. Timers on your phone do wonders.

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2. Disposable discs: Comparable to menstrual cups, disposable discs are inserted like a diaphragm and can be left in for up to twelve hours. You can even get frisky in bed with your partner while you are using one. The Flex Company, a disposable menstruation disc company, claims the Softdisc has not been linked to TSS, but be sure to do your own research before you decide to search out period alternatives. Soft disposable discs might be a better alternative to the stiffer silicone cups because they aren't as hard but still catch any

fluid that leaves the cervix. You'll still spend money on your period products but they will still go farther than regular tampons.

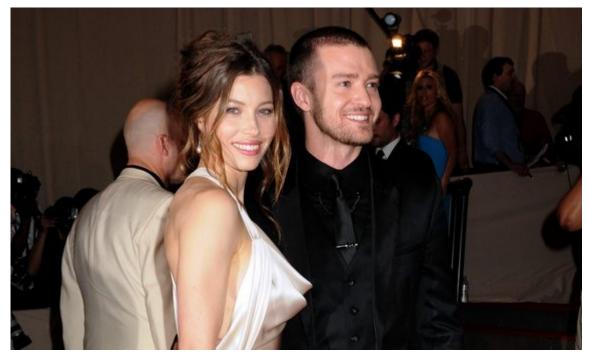
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3. Period Panties: Specifically designed to catch your flow during the month, period panties are a tampon alternative that allows you to forgo inserting something in your body. If you have a heavier flow, some of these products may require something else to help catch excess fluids, but there are some brands that have introduced superabsorbent underwear that will help you avoid using other products. Period panties—or thongs, boyshorts, hipsters, bikinis, or hi-cut-work in place of clunky pads that make it awkward through the day. Depending on the panty and the brand you buy, they are equivalent to the absorbancy of 2 to 3 tampons. Be prepared to wash the laundry every day, too! Period panties may also be a good product to start your teen on when she starts her first period since she won't have to deal with embarrassing leaks or odors at school if you get her a few pairs that can handle a heavier flow to get her through the day.

Are there other types of period alternatives you've tried? Let us know in the comments below!

#### Movie Review: The Informer





By <u>Katie</u>

#### Sotack

Altered Carbon's star Joel Kinnaman is set to debut as the star of the summer thriller, The Informer. The movie is centered around a past felon who, as a current FBI informant, must return to prison in order to infiltrate the mob. Only matters become more complicated with the informant's family to consider and the local police department breathing down the FBI's back. A story of power, corruption, and vengance, The Informer will keep you on the edge of your sit, praying that our hero makes it through.

# Check out The Informer for a date night thriller that'll keep you on your toes!

**Should you see it:** If you're looking for a suspenseful crime drama that'll spike your adrenaline and have you rooting for the underdog, this film is right for you.

Who to take: The Informer may be deal with darker themes, but it's centered around family being everything. The movie is too

mature to bring the kids, but it's perfect for date night. Grab your partner for a reminder that no matter what stands in your path, you can fight your way back to family.

#### Cupid's Advice:

The protagonist's drive to live free with his family is inspiring. His risk taking and perseverance show a man dedicated to his wife and little girl. With that in mind, here are ways to prioritize your family:

1. Have a set work schedule: It's difficult to prioritize your family when you never see them. By having a set work schedule your family will know that you will reliably be present at certain times of the day. This isn't possible for everyone, but if you can, obtain a consistent schedule with hours aligned with your family's time table.

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- 2. Quality time: Along with a consistent schedule, it might be tempting to poop out at the end of the day. If the couch is calling your name it's still important to make an effort. By all means, lay down and take a nap. But cut the time in half and make room for your loved ones in your day.
- 3. Be their safety net: While Kinnaman's character's adrenaline junkie risk taking might be sexy on screen it has many negatives in real life. When it comes to adventures it's better to check in with your significant other on their opinion and it's effect on the family. As the patriarch or matriarch of the family you should provide a sense of security.

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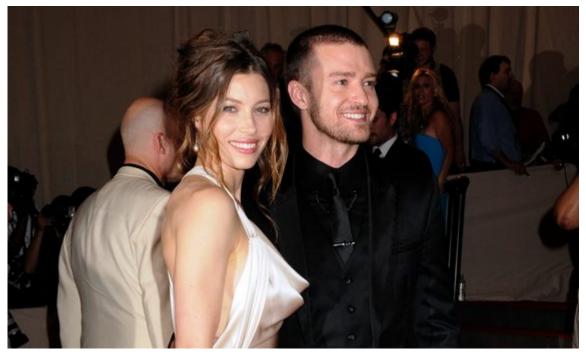
**4. Avoid arguing:** Perhaps the hardest advice of all for some. It is perfectly fine to have a disagreement, but don't let that turn into an all out war. When dealing with conflict,

treat the members of your family with respect and patience. Eventually things will settle down and compromise will occur.

How do you maintain your family relationships? Share in the comments below!

Exclusive Celebrity Interview: Celebrity Fashion Stylist Brad Goreski Shares Secrets for the Perfect Sunglasses





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Brad Goreski, a prominent L.A. <u>celebrity fashion stylist</u>, has worked with the likes of <u>Jessica Alba</u>, <u>Demi Moore</u>, and Rashida Jones. Currently the Exclusive Brand Stylist for Kate Spade New York, Goreski spares some time for an <u>exclusive celebrity interview</u> with Cupid's Pulse just in time for National Sunglasses Day. In our Exclusive Celebrity Interview Goreski shares his secrets for finding the perfect pair of sunglasses for your face shape and your style.

### Celebrity Interview with Brad Goreski: National Sunglasses Day and Relationship Advice

Goreski loves sunglasses. They're important in protecting our eyes from UVB and UVA rays and are an important part of our summer wardrobe. "They are a great way to express where our style is at for the season," said the fashion guru. Goreski is a huge advocate for wearing sunglasses as an accessory to dress up an outfit, but he is also a strong believer that they should be worn to protect your eyes.

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Styles have become so diverse that there is a sunglass style for everyone. Goreski's stylist experience takes us through the trends he sees. With the resurgence of the eighties' style, neon has made a comeback. If you don't like bold-colored frames, have fun with the colors of the lenses. For example, you can try a metallic or mirror finish, a smokey grey, or tinted lens. A simple outfit, like jeans and a T-shirt, can be dressed up with a stellar pair of sunglasses too. "Accessories like sunglasses help you look like you put

the effort in," said Goreski.

In addition to colors, Goreski says that frame shapes are becoming more diverse. "My favorite trend right now is the cat eye," he says. "It's a little futuristic." If you're wary of trying a bold new look, check out the discounted aisles. "Try cheaper sunglasses so you can try trends before committing to expensive glasses," he advises.

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Goreski has four tips for finding the perfect pair of sunglasses and he says that opposites attract. "If you have a round face, go for square frames," he offers as a tip to our followers. And when it comes to style, if you lean towards a more classic look then go for an aviator. And if you are bold and futuristic try micro-glasses.

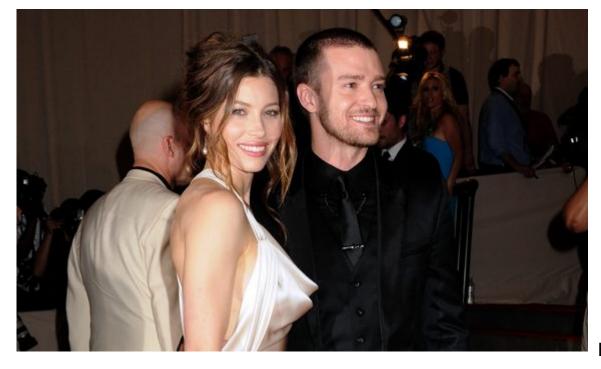
What interview is complete without some <u>relationship advice</u>? Goreski shares the secret that has held him and Gary Janetti together for eighteen years. "Always dress up for each other. Take pride on the inside and the outside. Putting in the effort after so many years together makes for a whole different experience." For your next <u>date night</u>, dress in a way that "makes you feel beautiful and excited. That energy attracts people."

What's coming up next for this stylist? Award season! While waiting for the summer lull to end, Goreski is excited for National Sunglasses Day, June 27th, and encourages everyone to take a selfie in their favorite pair of sunglasses.

Interested in following Brad Goreski? Check out his website, <a href="MrBradGoreski.com"><u>MrBradGoreski.com</u></a> or follow him on <u>Twitter</u>!

## Dating Advice: 5 Fun Summer Date Ideas





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Krystle Kotara

Love is in the air this summer and you have enough days left to embrace the glorious sunshine with a thoughtful and romantic day out. Whether you're getting intimate on a summer's evening or exploring the local theme park, there are plenty of activities to get your heart racing. Here's a guide to five fun summer <u>date ideas</u> for you and your partner:

#### In this dating advice, relationship

## expert Krystle Kotara has some great summer date ideas.

1. Open-Air Movie Screening: Attending an open-air screening is a perfect way to make the most of the sunny weather. There are plenty of movie screenings that take place in the summertime, ranging from modern classics to new releases. This date is all about the atmosphere, so you don't have to be a movie fanatic to enjoy the day. Grab some popcorn, pop open some champagne, and lose yourself for a couple of hours. Pick an evening show and cozy up to your partner under the stars.

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- 2. Watch the Sunset: This summer date night idea involves putting on some comfortable shoes and taking a hike in the afternoon. As it gets later in the afternoon, head to a secluded spot and watch the sunset. You can make it a special date by bringing a picnic and blanket to settle in for the evening. There's nothing more romantic than indulging in delicious food and wine while waiting for the sun to go down with your partner by your side. Take selfies with your phone to make the memories last forever.
- 3. Rent Bikes: If you don't own one already, rent a bike and take a ride around the local area to explore parts of your hometown that you've never seen before. Some of the greatest summer date ideas are best left unplanned, so go wherever the moment takes you. When you see things that look interesting, take a break to marvel at your discoveries.

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**4. Go to a Theme Park:** Theme parks are best enjoyed in the summer, so hop in the car to a nearby fairground and allow nostalgia to set in. To make it more of an adventure, take a trip to a theme park further afield that you haven't visited.

Once you've worn yourselves out on the rides, you can finish off this summer date idea by satisfying your sweet tooth with delicious cotton candy while browsing the stalls.

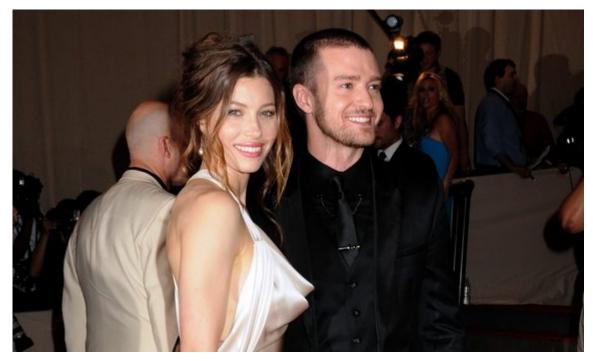
**5. Visit a Botanical Garden:** Ignite your senses with gorgeous colors and delicate scents and get lost in stunning botanical gardens this summer. You're in no rush, so take a long stroll around the beautiful flowers and plants, enjoying the scenery. Grab a bite to eat and cup of coffee in the café for a relaxing end to your day.

#### **About Krystle Kotara**

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## Date Idea: Embrace a Rainy Day





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#### Bonnie Griffin

You had a perfect outdoor date planned for this weekend, but now it's supposed to rain. What are you going to do? Are you going to cancel date night and curl up under the covers? No way! Cupid has some great <u>date ideas</u> for when the rain runs you inside.

# Check out these date night ideas for when your outdoor plans get rained out.

Take advantage of a rainy weekend by adapting and planning something fun with your significant other even though it may not have been your original idea. Cuddle up with your honey next to the fire and enjoy each other's company. Or, better yet, move all of your furniture and build a little fortress just like when you were a little kid and the rain kept you from going outside.

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If you don't want to stay at home, then check out a flick you've been dying to see, whether that means going to the theater or watching it at home. A perfect rainy day movie to see is Woody Allen's recent movie *Midnight In Paris*. It centers around Paris being beautiful in the rain!

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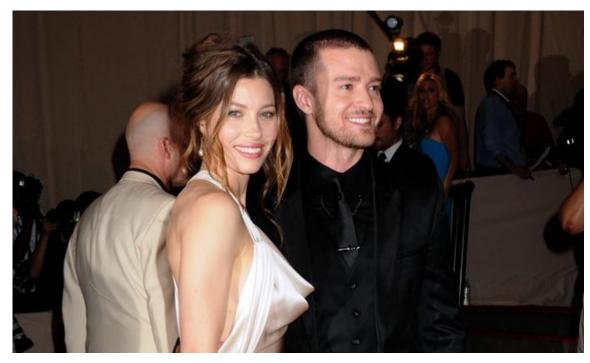
If you're not in the mood for seeing a movie and want something with a little competition, consider going bowling or to an arcade. Check out the "it" bowling destination for our favorite celebrities, Lucky Strikes. They have numerous locations throughout the U.S., and you never know which celebrities you may run into; Justin Bieber celebrated his album release party this past March at the New York City location. If you're not a bowler, then hit the arcade. Dave & Buster's has over 55 locations, so you're sure to find one near you for a game-filled night inside and out of the rain.

If you really want to get romantic, take a hint from *The Notebook*, and recreate one of the heart-warming movie's key scenes. Kiss in the rain! Now that's one great way to make a seemingly bleak day look cheerful.

How do you and your significant other embrace a rainy day? Share your stories below!

## Date Idea: Indulge Your Senses at the Coffee Shop





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#### Bonnie Griffin

Coffee is usually used to make one feel energized, and for some people it's an addiction. The place that people go to get their "fix" can turn into a dating ritual for some couples. It isn't a necessity for every date to be fancy. Sometimes, the simplest choice can actually be the best date idea.

## Check out this great date idea if you are a coffee lover!

Enjoy a night of comfort drinks, like a Mocha or Frappuccino, soothing music and an intimate table (or couch) for two with your hubby by checking out some of the best coffee houses in your city.

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Rather have that coffee in private? Then recreate the scene

right in your own home by purchasing your favorite coffee beans or coffee of your choice and making a "favorites" playlist that best suits you and your partner's mood.

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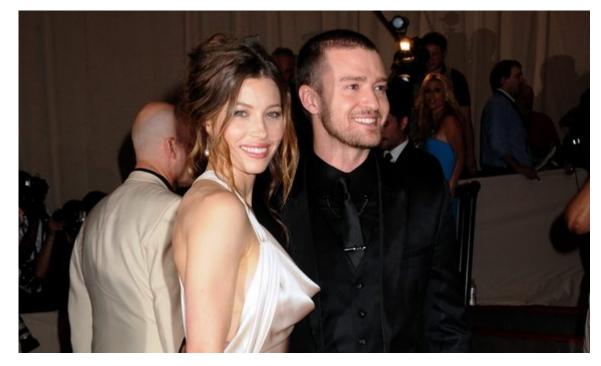
While creating your playlist, search for easy how-to recipes that would perfectly compliment your coffee. Dim the lights, wear something as snug as your oversized pajamas and set up a table for two. Spray the air with a sweet and soothing scent and indulge yourselves in the moment. Who knows what this romantic and homey setting could lead to?

Spread love in between each sip while swaying to the beat of the music, and maybe even the beat of his heart.

Have your own ideas about coffee shops and dates? Share them with Cupid! And if you want other themed date ideas, drop Cupid a comment below!

## Love & Libations: The Love Of The Negroni





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#### Yolanda Shoshana

When you ask someone which cocktail they love, the Negroni may be the first thing that comes to mind. It's such a phenomenon that you can find one on pretty much any menu, or simply request it at a bar. As I mentioned in an earlier column, Anthony Bourdain loved this drink so much that he called it "the perfect cocktail". There's even a Bubbly Negroni that was invited for Valentine's Day; the sex appeal can't be denied. This drink is perfect for date night!

### The Sexiest Drink for Date Night: Negroni

This year, the cocktail turns 100 years old. We have two guys to thank for the libation with a love story at the heart of it all.

The Negroni is named after Count Camillo Negroni, who was known for being quite a character. The Count went into his favorite cafe and wanted an Americano (created by Gaspare Campari) with a bit more alcohol. That's when a bartender replaced the soda for gin, and just like that a famous

cocktail was born. There are three main ingredients to make a Negroni: Campari, gin, and vermouth. While you can use any gin or vermouth, there is only one Campari.

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Most people know the liqueur because it's in almost every bar and restaurant around the world. Did you know that behind it all is a love story? As you know back in the day, people named everything after themselves, which is why you probably won't be surprised to find out that in 1860 a man named Gaspare Campari started a small family business to make aperitifs. When he died, his two sons took over the business. It was David Campari who started using celebrities in the Campari posters. Basically, Campari was rocking with celebs before it was cool.

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In the midst of it all, Davide Campari fell in love with a famous Italian opera singer, Lina Cavalleri. She was also known as the "greatest beauty in the world". She was definitely a lovely lady; in regard to singing, let's just say her looks probably got her hired. Davide fell madly in love with Lina and followed her on a world tour. Today, we might call that stalking, whereas during their time it was thought of as "charming". As they traveled to Milan, Moscow, and New York, Davide started selling his families products to bars and restaurants. The small family business grew into a worldwide sensation. While the business became a success, it's sad to say that Lina wasn't really feeling Davide. She married someone else, while he would pine for her until the day he died.

The love story started off between a man and woman, but grew into the world's love for a bitter liqueur. I quess that's

what makes the story so bittersweet.

May your love story turn out much better. Enjoy a Negroni or two with your boo during Negroni Week. If you are rocking the single life, get together with your squad and celebrate the single life.

#### Classic Negroni

1 oz. gin

1 oz. Campari

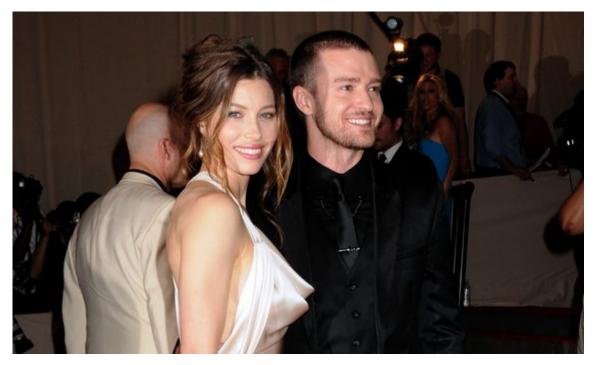
1 oz. sweet vermouth

Orange twist

Stir ingredients in a mixing glass with ice, then strain into a chilled cocktail glass, and garnish with an orange twist.

## Date Idea: Carve Your Way Into His Heart





By Emma

#### L. Wells and Bonnie Griffin

This <u>date idea</u> begins at your local pumpkin patch, farmer's market, or supermarket where you and your significant other can pick out the perfect pumpkins to decorate for Halloween. Don't buy only two pumpkins; grab a bunch of different sizes so you can make your very own pumpkin patch. To strengthen your relationship and love on this date idea, all you need are some pumpkins and a little creativity!

### Get Creative With This Pumpkin-Themed Date Idea

This date idea is a little messy but really fun. You can attempt all sorts of themes with your jack-o-lanterns. Try making scary and happy faces. If you're really artistic, pull out all the stops and carve your pumpkins into someone's likeness, like a celebrity or maybe even your beau. If you don't feel like making faces, you can dress up your pumpkin in fun patterns instead. You don't have to be skilled with a knife to make them look great! Consider decorating them with a little glue and glitter or paint to make a glitzy jack-o-

lantern. It doesn't matter how they turn out; the main thing is to give it your best shot and enjoy the time with your partner.

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You two may have so much fun that you'll want to keep going! Spread your happiness around by buying smaller pumpkins and carving or decorating them to give as gifts to your friends and family. Place yours around your house, inside and out, to really get your home ready for Halloween.

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Carving pumpkins is also the perfect time for you and honey to discuss your Halloween costume ideas. Consider this dating advice and think about choosing a couples costume this year. Get into the spirit of this weekend date idea by munching on Halloween snacks and treats and putting on a Halloween playlist or movie to entertain and inspire you.

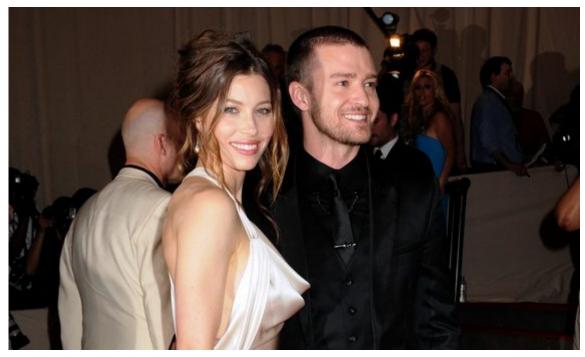
After you're done with the carving and clean-up, you can even try your hand at making delicious dried pumpkin seeds from the leftovers. You and your partner will have plenty to talk about — like your favorite Halloween memory — as you express your creative side!

Have you and your mate carved pumpkins together before? Tell us about it below!

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If you're searching for an adventurous <u>date idea</u>, you may want to consider spending the weekend in New York City. From museums to concerts to endless other attractions, you and your partner are sure to have the time of your life.

# Check out this great date night idea if you're looking for a little adventure!

If you love movies and being outdoors, look into one of the many free outdoor concerts and films at the Lincoln Center. It's a classy vibe and an exciting way to enjoy New York City without spending a dime. You can even experience a live

orchestra for free.

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While you're there, don't forget to take your mate to The Nuyorican Poetry Cafe, where you can indulge your artistic side with poetry performances from brilliant spoken-word poets. Be delighted by literary events, theatre, performance, and music, all for an affordable price.

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Or better yet, a little shimmy could get you off your feet. New York City hosts its popular Summer Stage, where you and your man can enjoy free performances of talented dancers, who show off their flexible bodies. If you're interested in attending, don't forget to bring a blanket to spread on the ground, and possibly an umbrella to shield yourselves from the sun. You want to be as comfortable as possible at these kinds of events.

For a complete list of attractions, visit New York City's official guide for tourists. Once you plan out the perfect date in the city for your sweetheart, head over there. Take a bite out of the Big Apple and enjoy yourselves!

Have some of your own exciting New York events? Cupid would love to know. Spread the word! And if you want other themed date ideas, drop Cupid a comment below!