Date Idea: Don't Let Fall Cool Your Dates Down





By Bonnie Griffin

Fall is here, and what better way to get ready for the cool weather than by heading indoors for dinner and a movie? Try out a new <u>date idea</u> by heading to a recently opened restaurant in your town or trying a dish that you and your date can share. Not only are you creating memories, but you're getting ready for the holiday, which is all about giving thanks to one another.

Check out this date night idea and

try out some new foods while you make some lasting memories.

To get current information on new restaurants coming to your area and for some great deals (who doesn't want to save money before the holidays?), check out websites like Bloomspot, Groupon and Living Social.

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If you'd rather stay in, become a chef in your own kitchen and start whipping up some fall-flavored creations. Bake a pumpkin pie for your sweetheart, or embrace the season by making it together. Whether you decide to cook a three-course meal or just dessert, finish the evening with a movie by the fire, which will put you in the mood to cuddle well into winter.

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Do you and your special someone have a specific restaurant you love? Let us know by commenting below.

Restaurant Review: Rue 57 in NYC Serving Up Superb Flavor!





By Bonnie Griffin

In this <u>restaurant review</u>, Rue 57 in New York City takes a drab corner bar to new heights. Critic Rob Patronite and Robin Raisfeld rave, saying, "What used to be the dreariest corner on 57th Street is now a boisterously attractive destination with quirkily superb dishes like mission fig turnovers with Parma ham and duck crumble."

Restaurant Review: Rue 57 in NYC is serving up superb flavor and a luxurious atmosphere for every meal of the day!



Rue 57 Lobster dish. Photo: Instagram/@rue57nyc

Rue 57 may look small and quaint from the outside, but it touts three stories once you walk inside and is decked out in lavish decorations making for a truly elegant experience. The decor will set the mood for dinner and makes a great location for <u>date night</u>. Don't want to eat lunch outside? That okay because they have a beautiful outdoor section where you can enjoy your brunch in the sun.



Rue 57 NYC Beautiful Dining Hall. Photo: Yelp.com

Not only does Rue 57 offer a beautiful environment with succulent food, but their bottomless brunches keep the customers coming back for more. Their menu is bound to meet your taste bud's desires ranging from burgers and steaks, to seafood and incredible sushi. All of this served by their friendly and attentive staff makes it one restaurant you will not want to miss the next time you're visiting New York City.



Rue 57 NYC Brunch. Photo: Instagram/@ms.knowwheretogo

Rue 57 in New York City is great for brunch, lunch, and dinner. Essentially, if you're in NYC and looking for a great atmosphere with steller service and amazing food, look no further than Rue 57. You can find them on their website https://rue57.com/, or through social media on Facebook and Instagram.

Movie Review: Spider-Man: Far From Home





By Bonnie Griffin

In the next Marvel installment, *Spider-Man: Far From Home*, Peter Parker, played by Tom Holland, is trying to get away and spend some quality time with his crush, M.J., but evil has a different idea. He must face a new evil intent on ending the world without the help of the Avengers. Parker is forced to step up and believe in himself. He needs to find his own strength, and face his fears on his own in order to defeat the newest threat to the world's survival. Check out our <u>movie</u> <u>review</u>.

Check out our movie review on Spider-Man: Far From Home, an action-packed film for the whole family!

Should you see it: If you are a fan of the Marvel universe, and you have seen Avengers: Endgame, then you will not want to miss what comes next in *Spider-Man: Far From Home.* As the next installment following in the Marvel franchise, this movie will help us Marvel fans see beyond the world *Endgame* left for our neighborhood friendly *Spider-Man*. It is a movie of perseverance and teaches us that we can all conquer evil if we just believe in ourselves.

Who to take: Spider-Man: Far From Home is rated PG-13 and is a great action packed movie you can watch with your family, with just enough romance for <u>date night</u>.

Cupid's Advice:

We're inspired by the strength that Spider-Man shows in this movie. He has to learn to believe in himself and understand that he is good enough to defeat evil even when he doesn't have the backup of the Avengers at his side. We have some advice about believing in yourself to overcome any negative obstacle that stands between you and success:

1. Believe it is possible: You set the tone for your own life and legacy. If you want to overcome anything that tries to stand in your way, then it is important that you believe in yourself. If you tell yourself you can achieve your dreams and be successful, and take action, then you will find yourself turning your dreams into realities in your future.

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2. Visualize the win: If you have a goal in mind you want to achieve, practice visualizing yourself in that role every day, and follow through with tasks that can help you obtain what you want. Want a promotion at work? Begin volunteering to help with events and new initiatives. Visualize your self in the new role you desire, then put yourself out there to make steps towards your dream becoming your reality.

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3. Understand that failure is okay: If we are being honest, then we have to understand that the path to achieving our dreams will not be lined with just successes. No, there will be times when you try something to achieve your goals and it will fail. That is okay, and it will offer a great learning experience for you. Don't take failure to heart. Examine what went wrong and learn from the mistakes so you can succeed at your next attempt.

What are some things you've done to learn to believe in yourself and achieve your goals? Share your thoughts below:

Movie Review: Ophelia





By Bonnie Griffin

Coming to theaters June 28th, IFC's movie Ophelia brings us the story of Hamlet with more action and steamy romance than we've seen before, starring Daisy Ridley and George MacKay. Set in medieval-era Denmark, Ophelia falls for Hamlet, but their union is threatened when treachery strikes the royal court, derailing Hamlet's claim to the throne. Ophelia is caught in the middle, torn between choosing love or loyalty. Check out Cupid's movie review below!

Check out our movie review on Ophelia, a romance and drama-filled film that's great for date night!

Should you see it: If you're looking for a movie that combines romance, drama, and action, then *Ophelia* is the movie for you.

Who to take: Ophelia is a great emotional story of love versus loyalty that would make a great movie for <u>date night</u>.

Cupid's Advice:

We're intrigued by the multiple dynamics in IFC's Ophelia. The blooming romance between Ophelia and Hamlet, the betrayal in the court by Hamlet's own family, and the battle Ophelia faces to choose between her love for Hamlet and her loyalty to the throne. This is bound to be one super-charged romance that you don't want to miss. Cupid's has some advice on when you should decide between love and loyalty:

1. When the one you love is making a negative decision: We've all been in love with someone who occasionally makes a poor decision. We are all human and mistakes are inevitable. Sometimes, the person you love might make a poor choice that forces you to choose sides, such as choosing their side over your loyalty to your family. Just because you love someone does not mean you always have to agree with them, especially if they are asking something of you that is not in anyone's best interest.

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2. When loyalty means ditching someone you love: Sometimes the people or organizations we are loyal to try to make us abandon those we love. Have you ever had a job you were loyal to tell you that you cannot call out to take care of your sick child? They want you to put your loyalty above the health of your sick kid and that is a time you might want to fight the battle and choose love over loyalty; after all, if they ask you to leave behind your sick child, it sounds like that loyalty only runs one way.

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3. Choosing your life partner: It is never a happy thing to think that members of your family might reject the person you love, the person you want to spend your life with and marry, but it happens. If your family tries to force you to choose your loyalty to them over your own happiness and the person you're in love with, it can be hard to choose a side because it's a tough situation. Ultimately, you need to decide what you need to be happy, and if that is the person you fell in love with, choose them because your happiness is just as important as your family's. In the end, they may accept your partner over time.

Have you ever been faced with having to choose between loyalty or following your heart with the person you love? Share your advice for maintaining those relationships when faced with this kind of dilemma below.

Beauty Trend: Shades of Gray





By Mara Miller

Having shades of gray in your wardrobe makes sense, as it gives you a chance to look professional and sophisticated. This is why it's actually a good color to wear for a job interview. Makeup on the other hand? Say *what*? Gray makeup has been around for a while, although it hasn't been an actual <u>beauty trend</u> until now. <u>Beyoncé</u> herself has worn gray lipstick, and we're going crazy over this <u>celebrity makeup</u>. Even better: there are multiple shades of gray you can find on the market. If this beauty trend caught your attention, check out a few of the ways we found you can incorporate shades of gray in your makeup look for your next <u>date night</u>!

Follow this <u>beauty advice</u> if you want to test out this smokey look:

1. Lipstick: Gray lipstick is best worn with neutral shades such as more gray or white as Beyoncé modeled in her Instagram photo. Light pastel pinks and light blues may work as well. It looks great with all skin tones, but it's important to pair this lipstick with neutral shades so you don't end up looking sick.

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2. Lip Liner: Don't forget the lip liner! Use this to outline your lips before you apply your lipstick. You can use it like normal lip liner.

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3. Contouring: Gray contouring powder has been around a while. It's better for fair skin and can be used to add shadows to your cheeks for more definition on your face. Just be careful with some of the powders out there, because they are deeply pigmented.

4. Nail Polish: You can find an array of gray nail polish if you want to test this beauty trend. Unlike gray lipstick, shades of gray nail polish will pair with just about any color you choose to wear (it looks stunning on nails against any shade of red fabric!). 5. Eyeshadow: Chances are, you have a good amount of grays if you're an eyeshadow addict. Eyeshadow is versatile like nail polish in that it looks great with just about anything. Smoke your eye out with some deep gray/black for an alluring eye look for your date!

6. Eyeliner: You can find eyeliners with different shades of gray. Some might have purple, others might have hints of blue. It's a great color to try if you're bored of plain old black or brown.

Do you think you'll try wearing different shades of gray? Let us know in the comments below!

Movie Review: Hampstead





By Mara Miller

If you're craving a good romance starring Diane Keaton, this romance about an American widow in Hampstead falling for a grumpy Irish loner may be for you! Inspired by a true story, Emily gets more than she bargained for when she takes up a cause after Donald's home is threatened by real estate developers. They fall in love while she tries to convince him to fight against those threatening his home. Check out our movie review.

In this movie review, *Hampstead* is a great date night movie!

Should you see it: Yes! This is a feel-good romance about fighting for what you believe and supporting your partner.

Who to take: Take your partner for a date night! Snuggle up with some nacho cheese and pretzels and enjoy.

Cupid's Advice:

Seeing Emily support Donald through his tough times while they fall in love is inspiring. Cupid has some ideas on how you can be supportive of your partner through difficult times in a new relationship:

1. Be strong: Showing your partner that you can be strong for them when they need you will give them strength. It will show them that you have their back when no one else does.

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2. Try not to make it about you: No matter what it is that is making your partner face difficult times, try not to focus on your needs or wants. Doing so can make your partner feel unimportant and unloved.

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3. Encourage them: Encouraging your partner and trying to help them to face their issues will reinforce the fact that you are supportive and care about what they are going through. This is true no matter if it's a new relationship or one that has lasted over ten years.

What are some other ways you can support your partner through difficult times? Cupid wants to know!

Date Idea: Pop the Cork!





By Emma L. Wells and Mara Miller

While wine tasting at a vineyard is an excellent and romantic <u>date idea</u>, it can also be costly and hard to arrange if you don't live near a winery or the savings for a trip. Even better: you don't need to head to Napa to enjoy a romantic and fun night with your beau for your next <u>date night</u>!

Let the wine and conversation flow this weekend with this date idea!

Wine tasting can actually be an easy and cheap date idea in this <u>dating advice</u>. Try visiting different restaurants and bars in your area. At each location, ask for a glass of your server's favorite wine. If you want to stick within a certain price point or have a preference of red versus white, it's totally acceptable to share when you order. Just say something like, "We'd really like to try a glass of your favorite white wine, preferably in the 10-20 dollar range."

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Ask your server why this particular wine is their favorite or where the grapes were grown; that way, you can learn a little bit about each wine you taste. Test your palate and see if you can taste what they're talking about. You might even consider bringing along a wine tasting guide. A simple Google search will bring up many options to get you started. Take notes on your phone to help you remember what wines you liked best (either the name of the wine or even just the region of the vineyard).

This date idea can be as flexible or planned as you want. You may prefer to scope out restaurants or bars ahead of time and make an itinerary for the evening. If you want to be a bit more spontaneous, just pick a starting point, enjoy your first glass of wine, and then stroll around the block until you find your next spot.

To make the most of this dating advice, think about heading out earlier in the evening so you snag the happy hour deals. After a few stops, find a good spot for a nice dinner. Consider switching it up by ordering your favorite wine for your partner to try. If they don't like it, you know it won't go to waste!

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Making this date idea a success is easy; just be open to trying new things and having fun. As the wine flows, so will the conversation. Location hopping will help you get to know your hometown better, and you may even find a new favorite place to hang out.

Tell us about your favorite wine tasting adventure with your partner!

Product Review: Colored Contacts is the Next Best Dating Advice





What does your eye color say about you and who you are attracted to? It's often said that the eyes are the windows to the soul. They are the first thing we notice in another person and there is much more to eye color than simple genetic pigmentation. Eyes can reveal a lot about your personality and your health. Most shocking, however, is that eye color can also determine who you're most attracted to! Evaluating eye color could be the best <u>dating advice</u>!

Product Review: SmartBuyGlasses Offer Dating Advice!

It may be no surprise to you that many romantic couples share a few physical traits, but attractiveness to a certain eye color could come from a surprising source. According to a paper published by Lisa DeBruine and her colleagues at the University of Glasgow, people tend to prefer romantic partners whose eye color matches that of their parents. To demonstrate how eye color affects one's attraction to another, the research team recruited 300 heterosexual and homeosexual men and women and made records of their eye color, as well as their parents' and lovers' eye color. The eye colors were then categorized into light (covering blue, green, blue-green, grey and hazel) and dark (covering light brown, dark brown and black).

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The researchers found that overall, heterosexual women and homosexual men were twice as likely to have a lover with similar eye color to their father's, while homosexual women and heterosexual men were more likely to have a lover matching their mother's eye color. While dreaming about your next <u>date</u> <u>night</u>, consider changing your eye color to boost the attraction.

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In general, the eyes are what many people describe to be the most important facial feature in a potential partner, according to another study by FastLife.com. The survey stated that the majority of male and female participants found blue to be the most attractive eye color. Other than blue, they found men preferred women with green eyes over brown, whereas women were more attracted to brown eyes over green in men.

While it's true that there can be many reasons behind why you

may be attracted to a certain physical quality, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so what people find attractive is totally subjective. Nonetheless, if you've always wondered how you might look with a different eye color, colored contact lenses are a popular bet. There are numerous sources for colored contact lenses; however, finding good quality, affordable and comfortable choices can be tough!

Check out <u>SmartBuyGlasses</u> to get your own colored contact lenses!

Product Review: The Essentials For a Night In





By Gillian Lee

Want to have a special <u>date night</u> with your loved one? We have the products for you! Planning a night with your significant other can boost your relationship and remember why you fell in love. Cupid has the best <u>product reviews</u> for a night in.

The Perfect Products For A Night In

Playboy California Red Wine Blend, \$50



Nothing brings a night together like a bottle of red wine. This wine was blended with just the right amount of fruit, oak, and acidity to give you the best flavors. Pairing this wine with a side of popcorn and a good movie, you're bound to have many nights in. Include this bottle of wine the next date night!



ICICLES Dating Card Game, \$12

ICICLES card game is used to find dates and for icebreakers! But, this can be used for a fun game to find at more about your significant other. You can ask questions, and spark up memories from your past that you can dwell on and appreciate. Valuing your loved one is incredibly important for your relationship. This card game can bring you back to the basics.

<u>GlyDerm Gentle Face Cleanser</u>, \$28



This face cleanser is perfect to remove any impurities in the skin without causing any irritations. Who doesn't love clear skin? This can be a cute idea to develop a skin routine with your loved one. This product is perfect to clean off your face before heading to bed because of how soft and glowing it makes it feel!

<u>GlyDerm Face Lotion</u>, \$37



This lightweight lotion is perfect for a night cream for you and your significant other. This pore-minimizing lotion fights fine aging lines and can make your skin glow! With radiating skin, you and your loved one can have a boost of confidence.

Beauty Trend: Red Lipstick





By Lauren Burczyk

Starting to get bored with your nude lipstick? Have you dreamt of experimenting with something more bold that will draw attention? Then, you're in luck! Get the latest celebrity look with traditional red lipstick that is sure to turn heads.

Red lipstick is officially the hottest <u>beauty trend</u> of 2019! Here's more about this latest beauty trend just in time for your next <u>date night</u>:

1. If you're looking for a daily lipstick with added benefits, try one of these: The latest red shades offer innovations to hydrate and plump your lips like Giorgio Armani Beauty Rouge D'Armani Matte. For something that will last all day, try Lancome L'Absolu Rouge Drama Matte Lipstick.

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That You Need For Your Next Date Night

2. If you want something that's guaranteed to look great with your skin tone, try this one: Maybelline New York took the guesswork out of the finding the perfect shade of red for your lips. Maybelline's *Red For Me* shade was tested on diverse skin tones and was regarded as invariably flattering for all.

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3. If you're still unsure how to pick the perfect red shade for you, then try this: Still afraid that red may not be the right shade for your skin tone? Keep experimenting and doing some research until you find one that you fall in love with. While shade is important, it's also good to remember that texture has a lot to do with finding your perfect red lipstick, go for velvet or matte finish.

Have any more inspiration for how to wear this latest beauty trend? Comment below.

Movie Review: Isn't It Romantic





By Lauren Burczyk

Looking for the perfect rom com to attend with your love? You won't have to look any further than this review! We have the perfect romantic comedy, where a woman's life actually turns into one. After hitting her head on a pole in the subway trying to save her purse from a thief, Natalie, a love cynic, played by the delightfully hilarious Rebel Wilson, wakes up to find herself in a world much different from her own. In theaters February 13th, this lighthearted comedy will be the perfect start to your Valentine's holiday.

Isn't It Romantic is a romantic comedy about a woman that doesn't believe in love who suffers an injury and wakes up to find herself in a world revolving around love

and romance. Something that initially feels like her worst nightmare, turns into being everything she always needed. Read on for our movie review and ways to stop being so cynical about love.

Should you see it: If you're looking for a great romantic comedy to get you in the Valentine's Day holiday spirit, then this one's for you!

Who to take: This movie is perfect for a <u>date night</u>. Take your partner or someone you recently started dating to kick off Valentine's Day.

Cupid's Advice:

Cynicism is often times a defense mechanism. If you've been jaded by love in the past, then it's common to become cynical about love. Here are some ways to stop being such a love cynic and find your perfect match:

1. Recognize that you've become cynical about love: Just like anything else, it's important to identify your problem, so that you can overcome it. Take a look at how you view other couples and how you feel about your past relationships, if your thoughts are mostly negative, then this may determine just how cynical about romance you've become.

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2. Challenge your inner love cynic: To change how you feel about love, you must challenge your current thoughts on being in a relationship. For instance, if you think that relationships are a waste of time, try seeing it another way. Look at a relationship as an experience to learn and grow from another individual, no matter the outcome of how it turns out.

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3. Examine your social media posts: A great way to change your thoughts on love and become more open to the idea of a relationship, is to examine your posts on social media. If many of your shared posts are negative toward love and relationships, try unfollowing the original page that posted the content, so that you are not subject to that type of thought any longer.

Can you think of any other ways to stop being such a love cynic? Comment below.

Celebrity Couple: Emma Stone & Dave McCarry Giggle Together at SAG Awards





By Lauren Burczyk

In <u>celebrity news</u>, <u>celebrity couple Emma Stone</u> and Dave McCarry giggle together during a rare public <u>date night</u>. The couple was seen together on Sunday at the 2019 SAG Awards, being very giddy. According to *UsMagazine.com*, this isn't the first time the couple has made a rare public appearance together to an awards show. Earlier this month, the couple enjoyed a night out at FOX's Golden Globe afterparty, where they were seen being very affectionate toward one another.

The elusive celebrity couple Emma Stone & Dave McCarry are not often seen in public together. What are some ways you and your love can prevent public expectations from influencing your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

It's important to not let others influence your ideal relationship. While public expectations may be tough to overcome, there are some ways to help prevent them from influencing how you and your partner carry on your love for one another:

1. Forget about public expectations altogether: It seems much easier than it actually is, but it's important to forget about what others expect of you. When we let go of all public expectations, we tend to enjoy our partners even more.

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2. Put your relationship first: Instead of worrying about having to impress other people, just focus on yourselves. There's nothing saying that the two of you have to enjoy the same public events as other couples, so just participate in whatever makes the two of you happy.

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3. Don't let other people complicate your relationship: If going out with other couples always ends in a disaster, then it's best to spend time by yourselves. While your friends may expect you to go on group dates, it's better that you keep your relationship strong and stay away from all of the drama.

Can you think of more ways to prevent public expectations from influencing your relationship? Comment below.

Date Idea: Dance the Night Away





By Courtney Shapiro and Sarah Batcheller

Sure, going to the movies and grabbing burgers is a relaxing and tasty <u>date night</u>...or it's just plain boring. But don't worry! Better nights are just around the corner. Prove to your sweetheart that you can go the extra mile for them by scheduling dance lessons this week. With this <u>date idea</u>, you get to shake and show off while fitting in your daily exercise. Plus, you get to be close and personal with your significant other. Take this <u>relationship advice</u> and go dancing with your partner.

Use This Date Idea to Reconnect With Your Beau

If you're searching for something romantic with this date idea, try ballroom or Argentine tango. Not sure what the differences are? A ballroom tango is a type of dance that you've seen on *Dancing with the Stars*. There are certain moves you must learn – from underarm turns to alternating hand holds to side-by-side choreography. If you and your partner prove to be particularly talented on the dance floor, you can even enter competitions.

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The Argentine tango is a social dance, and because there aren't any steps involved, it relies on improvisation. In short, it means that you and your mate can learn how to dance it quickly. You can go out that night and display your new moves at a nearby nightclub or bar!

If you follow this relationship advice and want to do something that's fun and sexy, try salsa. Although couples don't embrace as much as they do in a tango, dancers hold hands most of the time and remain in one spot, often swapping back and forth. If this idea appeals to you, then get ready for all the hip wiggling and spins you'll face! Salsa is a great style for those who just want to be eye-to-eye while dancing with their honey.

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If you still aren't sure which dancing lessons to take for this weekend date idea, see these dances in action. Check out videos on Youtube.com, or you may consider taking a beginners class for all three dances. That way, you can compare the pros and cons of each style and pick out which one is best for you and your beau. Have you and your special someone taken dance lessons before? Let us know by commenting below!

Date Idea: Embrace the Cold Weather





By <u>Mara Miller</u>

With your flip flops in storage and warm weather a distant memory, it's easy to spend your weekends under a warm comforter, reading a book together or flipping through the channels for <u>date night</u>. Although binge-watching Orange Is the New Black and ordering a pepperoni pizza can be great at times, your love life shouldn't cool down just because the temperature is declining. Instead, use this <u>weekend date idea</u> to take advantage of the season by embracing winter activities that you can only enjoy once or twice a year.

Relationship Advice: Winter Activities for Your Next Date Idea

1. Try something new and go tubing: Whether you're a pro or haven't been on the mountain since you were a kid, it's one way to keep your pulse pumping with your partner. Most ski resorts offer this activity, and since you have the option to stay a few hours or an entire weekend, coasting down a hill just may turn into that surprising <u>romantic getaway</u> that you've been craving.

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2. Create some fun in your own backyard: Get all bundled up, venture outside, and make snow angels or build snowmen with your cutie. Better yet, when your mate turns their back, you'll have the chance to start a snowball fight. A little activity and some healthy competition will keep your blood flowing even during the coldest of days. Being silly with your sweetheart is important, and playing in the snow is a great way to do it.

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3. Warm up after your outdoor adventure: Heat up some good old-fashioned hot apple cider. If you're feeling frisky, spike it with some Fireball whiskey. A warm drink with the one you love is the perfect end to a day filled with fun winter activities!

How do you and your beau keep busy during the colder months? Tell us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Spend an Intimate Night Indoors





By Sarah Batcheller and Ché Blackwood

If you're craving a romantic <u>date night</u> but don't want to spend a fortune or you're tired of the same-old restaurant scene, then get creative and bring the excitement of a night out into your own home! There's no reason you and your partner can't share an intimate evening dancing and dining together without breaking the bank. With this weekend <u>date idea</u>, your dining room can rival even the fanciest of dinners.

How to Plan a Date Idea at Home

Pick out something sexy to wear for your beau: Just because you're at home doesn't mean you shouldn't get dolled up. In fact, staying in means you can actually dress a little nicer than usual. This is one time when you can feel free to overdress (or under dress) for the occasion. No matter what, you want to feel beautiful and comfortable!

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Share a drink to kick the night off: Stop by your local winery or liquor store and ask the manager to choose a good bottle of red for the best value. When you buy wine directly from the store rather than at a restaurant, the prices are drastically reduced, leaving you with a higher-priced bottle for a lesser cost. If you really want to go all out, purchase a few different bottles and have your own wine tasting. Just pop the cork, swirl your glass, and pretend your kitchen table is the most coveted spot in the house.

Cupid's <u>dating advice</u>: take the night to the next level and plan a special menu to cook together. Choose a unique recipe to really test your culinary talents or remake the first meal the two of you ever shared together. Be sure that your dinner pairs well with your wine of choice. Red meat and pasta taste great with a full-bodied Merlot!

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After you've wined and dined, relax: Fortunately, you don't have to go very far! Run a bubble bath for two if you really want to get the romance flowing, or curl up on the couch with popcorn and watch a movie with your sweetie. The comforts of being home mixed with the luxuries of a passionate date will leave you feeling refreshed and swept off your feet, without any looming stress over next month's credit card bill! How do you like to spice up a night at home? Tell us in the comments below!

Product Review: Your Date Night Secret Weapon





By <u>Ivana Jarmon</u>

Dating is never easy, especially when life gets in the way. Between work, family and social commitments, there's hardly any time to squeeze in time for you and your significant other. So, what do you do? You plan a special date night just for you and him or her, of course! Cupid has some dating advice on what date night essentials you may need for your special night in this product review.

Product Review: Check out some must-have products for date night!

Isabelle Grace Jewelry Madreperla Drop earrings, \$52

Isabella Grace Jewelry features one-of-a-kind pieces designed to be a keepsake. The Madreperla Drop earrings are a chocolate brown pearl highlighted with a two-toned crystal and draped on your choice of gold- or silver-plated lever-back ear wires. These earrings are the perfect bling to pull off the rest of your look on date night.



Isabelle Grace Jewelry "Madreperla Drop earrings"

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<u>Dermelect "Revitalite Professional Eyelid and Dark Circle</u> <u>Corrector</u>, \$59

The daily grind can be very tiring and may bring puffy and dark circles underneath your eyes from lack of sleep. But, when it comes to date night, panda eyes is the last thing you want. Dermelect attacks these issues by reducing dark circles under the eye and focuses on soothing and concealing elements. Dermelect is made to give you a youthful well-rested look for every date night. The cream works instantly with soothing ingredients that work to reduce the dry skin around your eyes, while it evens and tightens your skin. The eye cream features hydration and tightening agents to address droopy, puffy and dark eyelids.



Revitalite Eyelid and Dark Circle Corrector

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OZNaturals Sweet Almond & Macadamia Nut Butter, \$40

A date night in most handbooks involves touching and exploring, but no one wants dry skin while enjoying the "chill" in "Netflix and chill." OZNatural Body Butter is a rich body moisturizer that provides a healthy hydrated skin and that refines the look and feel of it. Macadamia nut oil nourishes dry skin with vitamins A, B1- B2 and B6 and Omega 7 acids all found in Sweet Almond oil. OZNaturals' goal is to give you beautiful skin.



OZNaturals Sweet Almond and Macadamia Nut Body Butter

Bra Bridge, \$20

Support and confidence are two things you need on a date night, and both are provided by the Bra Bridge. This accessory helps your bra do its job, which includes keeping away sagging and side boob while minimizing bouncing. Each set comes with white, black and beige.With one clipped to the front your bra, it magically transforms your look.



Bra Bridge.

Moroccan Magic, starting at \$12

Date night means having kissable lips, and what better way than to use Moroccan Magic? One of 2018's top lip balms and named the "Best New Drugstore Lip Balm," Moroccan Magic is made with 100% pure argan oil. Argan oil is known for its anti-aging and condition properties, the result of which is that your lips look plump and moisturized. This lip balm is packed with omega 6 fatty acids, antioxidants and linoleic acid. The Moroccan Magic line of lip balms is available in Rose, Coconut Almond, Peppermint Eucalyptus and Lemon Thyme.



Moroccan Magic

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Product Review: Beauty Products to Revitalize Your Sun-Kissed Skin





By <u>Rachel Sparks</u>

Summer feels like deeply tanned skin and sand in *everything*. Summer also feels like tight skin, dry from endless afternoons basking outside. You want to repair your skin before seasons change, when cold air devoid of moisture is more likely to make you and your skin crack. Check out this product review for the best beauty products to bring the lively shine back into your skin!

Product Review: Beauty Products to Reinvigorate Your Skin!



Robin McGraw Revelation. Photo courtesy of RobinMcGrawRevelation.com

OMG! Is This Really Me? Instant Face Shaper, \$34

The best way to care for others, according to Revelations founder Robin McGraw, is to love yourself first. How better to love yourself than to invest in your face, the place you show the most emotion and the place you might feel the most insecure about. Made free of parabens, mineral oils, sulfates, or chemicals, this face shaper not only helps you look your best, but feel your best, too. OMG! Is This Really Me? works by counteracting fine lines, wrinkles, and the sagging effects of gravity by saturating your skin with Omega-3 and an agent similar to Botox, known as Argireline. Added glow provides the youthful sheen you've been missing.

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Robin McGraw Revelation. Photo courtesy of RobinMcGrawRevelation.com

Live Life LIFTED, \$42

It's been awhile sine you and your love have had a sultry <u>date</u> <u>night</u>, so when you do go out you want to look as tantalizing as possible. Don't be afraid to wear a plunging neckline. Your décolleté will look stunning when you use Live Life LIFTED. Designed without chemicals, parabens, sulfates, or mineral oils, this lifter erases crepey, sagging skin, wrinkles, and dark spots. The Dynamic Infusion Technology uses peptides and hyaluronic acid to delve deep into the skin and reinvigorate it. With Sunflower oil and Jojoba Esters, it sounds almost as delicious as you're going to look.

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DOT YOUR EYES, \$40

You're out on your <u>romantic getaway</u>, a weekend with just you and your love, the soft sounds of nature outside the window to your all-inclusive resort. The late nights are showing under your eyes, but you want to look better leaving than when you arrived. Combining cutting-edge skincare science with botanical ingredients, this eye cream will revitalize your skin at the cellular level. A five peptide complex encourages collagen growth to tighten puffy and sagging skin and lighten those dark circles. As if glowing eyes didn't make you feel great, no Robin McGraw products are tested on animals, so you can have a clear face and a clear conscience.

If you are looking for new skincare products that will give you beautiful, hydrated skin without any chemicals or animal testing, then Robin McGraw Revelation is for you. Check out their website, Facebook, or Twitter!

Dating Advice: How to Make Summer Love Last





By Joshua Pompey

The end of the summer may be closing in, but that doesn't mean we can't still take advantage of the few weeks we have left. This is an optimal time to plan some <u>date nights</u> that will be remembered long down the road. Summer time is when I met the love of my life online, who I am proud to say is now my beautiful wife. Read the below <u>dating advice</u> from <u>relationship</u> <u>expert</u> Joshua Pompey to help spark that summer love.

Dating Advice to Help You Hold Onto Your Summer Crush!

1. Rooftop drinks: Drinks, city skyline, beautiful weather, and a beautiful woman. There really aren't many better ways to spend a summer evening. This sure beats heading over to a sports bar or a neighborhood hole in the wall. With a scenic background, the night turns a bit more romantic, and ultimately, more memorable. If you don't have a rooftop in your area, an outdoor venue that allows you to enjoy the fresh air will do. Most cities or towns will have at least one spot that is conducive to this type of setting.

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2. A night at the beach: The second date I had with my wife was a night at the beach. We started out with some oceanside drinks and then moved the night to a casual outdoor restaurant. We ended the night sitting on a blanket and staring out to the ocean. Well, that's not entirely true; the night actually ended with our first kiss!

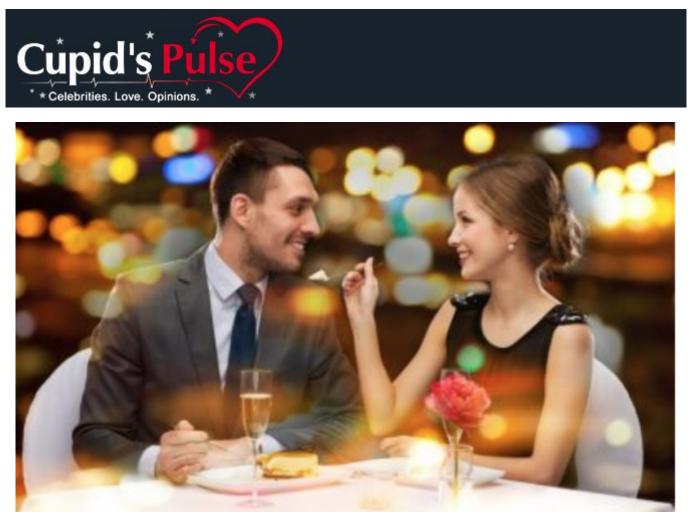
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3. An amusement park: Nothing says summer like a few rides, some cotton candy, and a ferris wheel. We may not have made it to a real amusement park, but we did manage to make it to Coney Island on 4th of July weekend. Between the food, quirky atmosphere, fireworks, and laughing about how ferris wheels make me nervous, it was an all around great night. If you don't have an amusement park in you area, see what types of fairs or carnivals will be in town.

4. Catch a ball game: You know what my wife finds to be the most boring thing in the world? Baseball. Seriously. When I turn on a game she goes comatose within ten seconds. But guess what? We have a ton of fun at baseball games. The fresh air, the food, and the energy of a stadium is enough to put a smile on most people's faces, regardless of whether or not they are sports fans.

5. Road Trip: This may have to come later in the dating game, but once you are officially on the path to relationship status, nothing seals the bond like a good old fashioned road trip. Ours involved renting several AirBnB's as we crossed through Maryland, Baltimore, Virginia, and Washington. To this day, we have countless memories that we will never forget from this trip. Joshua Pompey is an online dating and relationship expert. For more free dating advice, click <u>here</u> now.

Product Review: Beautiful Jewelry By Chamilia That Will Definitely Make Him Notice You



By Bre Gajewski

If you are looking to catch the twinkle in someone's eye or the overall sparkle on your next date, look no further. <u>Chamilia</u>, a <u>Swarovski Company</u>, has gorgeous jewelry that will definitely make him notice you.

Product Review: Find the perfect accessory for your next <u>date night</u> or <u>romantic getaway</u> from <u>Chamilia</u>.

As a Swarovski Company, Chamilia has a commitment to excellence. Each piece is made from .925 sterling silver or 14 karat gold. Additionally, they all feature genuine Swarovski Crystals or Zirconia, or Italian Murano Glass.

The company will be releasing an extended stud earring program with 14 new styles on September 4, 2018. You can see the entire collection in the picture below.



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"We're here to help a woman tell a story that's hers alone through her jewelry," said Kristin Coaker, Head of Merchandising and Brand Communications for Chamilia. "Stud earrings are an area of expansion right now due to increased demand in the category. We are seeing constellation piercings, in particular, as a growing trend. Chamilia stud earrings are collectible, affordable, and last a lifetime. The classic motifs in this collection are truly timeless, as are the materials the earrings are crafted in."

In addition to this new line of earring studs, Chamilia sells hundred of other jaw-dropping designs. We personally love the <u>Crystal Capped Hoop Earrings Polished</u> and the <u>Origins Linear</u> <u>Earring</u>.



Crystal Capped Hoop Earrings Polished, \$65

These styles are stunning and could be worn for any special occasion, we can even envision them on our favorite actress as she wears them at her next <u>celebrity wedding</u> or <u>celebrity</u> <u>vacation</u>.

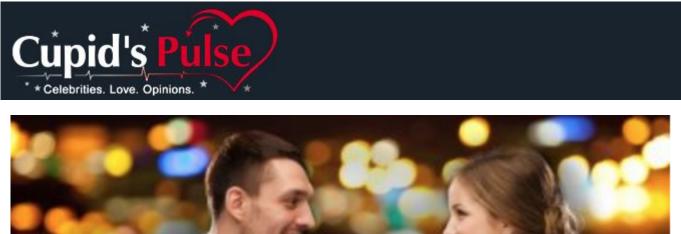


Origins Linear Earring, \$100

Find Chamilia's jewelry on their <u>website</u> or in select stores using their <u>store finder</u>.

For other reviews of must-have products, click <u>here</u>.

Movie Review: Have a Blast Watching 'The Spy Who Dumped Me'





By <u>Haley Lerner</u>

The Spy Who Dumped Me is a hilarious action comedy film starring Mila Kunis, Kate McKinnon, Justin Theroux and Sam Heughan. In this comedy, best friends Audrey (Kunis) and Morgan (McKinnon) end up tangled in an international conspiracy after discovering Audrey's boyfriend who dumped her was actually a spy. Things get heated when Audrey's ex shows up to the best friends' apartment with a team of assassins on his trail. Audrey and Morgan end up traveling to Europe to escape the assassins and save the world. This thrilling comedy is out in theaters on August 3rd.

The Spy Who Dumped Me is the story of how to best friends get thrown into an international conspiracy after one is still reeling from a break-up. Keep reading our <u>movie</u> <u>review</u> and our tips on how your friends can help you move on from a break-up!

Should you see it:

Totally! Who doesn't love a hilarious comedy sprinkled with fun action scenes. This movie will definitely have you on the edge of your seat and make your stomach hurt from laughing so hard.

Who to take:

This move can be perfect to see with a group of your best friends! Or, it could be perfect for a <u>date night</u> with your special someone.

Cupid's Advice:

Getting over a break-up can be really hard, but a best friend can make it easier. Cupid has some reasons you should turn to your friends after a break-up:

1. They can cheer you up: Your BFFs can be a shoulder to cry on and your biggest supporters in making you feel better. Stop moping around after a break-up and instead hit the town with your closest friends. Having a good time and forgetting about your ex can seriously make things a lot better.

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2. You can vent: If you're not in the partying mood, your friends can totally be the people you spill all your feelings about the break-up to. You've probably told them all about your relationship in the past, so they know the situation and can give you advice on how to get over it.

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3. They can set you up: Itching to move on quickly from your ex? Your friends can help with that by setting you up with someone cute! They know you best, so they can help find you someone who will make you much happier than your ex ever did.

Have any other reasons why spending time with your best friends is the best break-up cure? Comment below!

Love & Libations: Celebrity Sips on Tequila Day





By Yolanda Shoshana

There's no denying that tequila is one of the hottest spirits around right now; however, not all tequila is created equal. Some of it is cheap and fills you with nothing but regrets the next day. In fact, that may be the reason you're scared to get anywhere near this specific libation ever again. Do yourself a favor and revisit the spirit or take a different approach to it. While there is bad and ugly tequila, there is some really good juice that has hit the market. It's a spirit that men and women enjoy. It's been said that women who drink tequila are mysterious and sexy. On your next <u>date night</u>, maybe pour a little tequila on the rocks to knock off their socks.

Read for More Tequila Tips from Relationship Expert Yolanda Shoshana!

Celebrities have been jumping on the tequila trend. You will find that the celebs who make the best stuff were tequila fans well before they got into the booze game. National Tequila Day is on July 24th, making it the perfect time to sip like the rich and famous.

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Most people know that Sean Combs has been the face for Cîroc Vodka, but some will be surprised that *DeLeón* Tequila is his baby. Combs is far more vested in the tequila company. The luxury spirit comes in a fancy bottle that would make a great addition to a home bar or the perfect gift for your tequila loving boo. There is a bottle of *DeLeón* that runs for around \$850, but there are affordable options to choose from. Think of this as a sip and chill tequila or the kind of libation to get you in the mood for foreplay and boudoir business.

Casamigos is probably the most famous celebrity tequila on the market. When George Clooney and Rande Gerber sold the company for \$1 billion dollars, everyone clutched their drinking glasses. Though they sold the company, Clooney and Gerber are still very much involved with the brand. I bet Clooney sips a little bit more of it since becoming the father to twins. The Casamigos Blanco would be great for whipping up a batch of margaritas for the girls and chatting about love, life, and the pursuit of happiness.

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If you have been a fan of Mario Lopez since his Saved By The Bell Days, know that he has an adult beverage for you called Casa Mexico that he owns with partner Oscar De La Hoya. Lopez is so into the tequila that 120 bottles were served at his wedding. Take that as <u>relationship advice</u> from Lopez: the couple that shares tequila together just may stay together. Clearly Casa Mexico is good for sharing with loved ones.

Recently Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson announced that he would be

starting his own tequila brand. Personally, I wish he would have gone with The Rock Rosé, but tequila it is. While his tequila isn't out yet, he deserves an honorable mention. Mana will probably hit the shelves any minute; the Rock wastes no time when he brings it. The spirit will be called Mana Tequila. Mana means supernatural in Polynesian. It will be interesting to see how the spirit comes together. Given the name, it sounds like there will be an island flair to it. I imagine it will be good for when you and your partner can't travel to the Polynesian triangle but want to feel like you're on a <u>romantic getaway</u>.

For more Love & Libations date ideas and celebrity couple predictions from Yolanda Shoshana, click <u>here</u>.

Product Review: His & Her's Outfits for Date Night





By <u>Rachel Sparks</u>

No date is complete without the perfect outfit. Whether you're planning a <u>romantic getaway</u> or a fancy <u>date night</u>, these cashmere wardrobe staples will have you and your date rocking the latest <u>celebrity fashion</u>.

Product Review: Cashmere Wardrobe Staples Perfect for Every Date

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Pure Cashmere Shawl, \$99



Pure Cashmere Shawl. Photo courtesy of cashmereboutique.com

What can make you feel more attractive than cashmere? Each shawl is made from 100% cashmere wool in three ply. Measuring 36″ by 80″, they're long yet delicate enough to be versatile for any outfit. Whether you want to wear this shawl with a classic little black dress or a rock-inspired pantsuit, the 29 available colors will meet every need. Buy one, or several, while they're on sale to have as thoughtful gifts or for fashionable nights out.

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Men's V-Neck Cashmere Sweater, \$119



Men's V-Neck Cashmere Sweater. Photo courtesy of cashmereboutique.com

Made from A-grade, 3 ply pure cashmere, there is nothing more luxurious for your man than this v-neck sweater. What better way to give a man self-confidence and make him feel appreciated than by giving him a sweater of such high-quality? Available in six colors, from a dapper black to a dusk blue, there is nothing sexier for a man to wear on a date than this v-neck.

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Fashion Tips: How To Rock Heels Without The Pain





By <u>Haley Lerner</u>

If you've ever worn high-heeled shoes, then you're aware of the extreme discomfort the pretty things can bring. Despite the fact that heels are often extremely expensive, they typically tend to be pretty painful. But pain from high heels isn't always temporary, and sometimes wearing them too often can result in foot damage or chronic pain. While it can help to cut back on wearing heels, we also have some <u>fashion tips</u> on how to make wearing gorgeous high heels painless on your <u>date night</u>.

Follow these fashion tips to rock heels without the pain!

1. The size is right: If you really want to avoid pain from wearing heels, then you must make sure you are actually wearing the right shoe size. Make sure to have your feet sized correctly and make sure the heels you buy aren't too big or too small. Also, make sure you know if you have a flat foot or high-arch foot, as you may need to adjust your shoe type based on this.

2. Thicker heels: A great way to avoid pain via heels is to avoid stilettos and opt for a thicker heel. A chunkier heel will give you more stability and put less pressure on the bottom of your feet. You can also avoid thin heels by wearing platform shoes, which can be extremely comfortable.

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3. Take breaks and stretch: Sometimes, your feet really just need some relief from your heels. Throughout the day, kick off your heels and stretch out your feet. Focus on stretching your ankles and toes.

4. Shoe inserts: If you know your heels are going to cause you some pain , purchase some shoe insert pads that go under the balls of your feet to help prevent future ache. Go for ones made from silicone gel to help prevent your feet from sliding in your shoes.

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5. Carry provisions: Despite how hard you try to avoid pain from heels, it's possible you still might end up with soreness and some blisters. Always be prepared for the discomfort by carrying band aids and ibuprofen to treat your pain.

Have any more tips on how to wear high heels without the pain? Comment them below!

Product Review: Travel in Style with These Glam Bags!





By <u>Rachel Sparks</u>

Cute and practical is on every traveler's wish list when it comes to bags. These totes will help every world adventurer fight the frazzled looks of long flights by carrying luggage in style. Whether you're going somewhere for a <u>romantic</u> <u>getaway</u>, a family vacation, or a <u>date night</u> at the beach, these summer travel bags are must-haves.

Product Review: Summer Travel Bags for Stylish Vacations!

Flightline Travel Tote, \$45



Flightline Travel Tote. Photo courtesy of flightlinetravelllc.com

The perfect clutch for your travel essentials, the Flightline Travel Tote has thought of your every need. With side pockets especially designed to hold your passport, legal ID's, and phone, you can easily access all of your essential documents while going through security; no extra time digging through your purse needed. A patent-pending o-ring designed zipper creates the unique ability to still open the clutch while it is placed inside a seat back pocket. The tote easily detaches from other Flightline bags to make trips to the bathroom quick, and all bags come with a small strap so that you can hang your tote anywhere. Though sleek in design, the tote is big enough to hold a small tablet, expanding as wide as a thick magazine. You can customize your tote in either classic black or a deep purple, both made of vegan leather.

OMG Accessories Duffle, \$58



OMG Accessories Duffle. Photo courtesy of omgaccecssories.com

How better to pack for a girls' weekend or a romantic getaway than in a cute patterned duffle? Available in five bubbly patterns, these bags are a flirty addition to your travel wardrobe. Names like "Denim Foxy Roxy Weekender" and "Frenchie Louie Weekender" can match your mood. All bags are made of vegan leather with a webbed nylon adjustable strap and gold hardware. Measuring 9″x18″, it's the ideal size for a couple days away. The patterns are what make the bag unique, and they come with the options of "Rainbow,", "Kitty Kat," "Foxy Roxy," "Unicorn Gwen," or French bulldog "Louie."

Start this travel plans with a little inspiration from these summer travel bags!

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