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





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Dinner <u>date nights</u> are pretty standard among most couples. Sure, it's fun to get dressed up and have a night out, or even have a sultry night in and cook together. Sometimes, though, dinner can feel like a drag or the safe, comfortable option. While there are plenty of potential options that do not involve food, we all have to eat sometime! If you still want to incorporate munching into your date night, but want to break free from the standard dinner-and-a-movie mold, you'll love these awesome alternatives!

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Grab a pen and paper, you're going to want to write these yummy <u>date</u> <u>night ideas</u> down!

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

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

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

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4. Everybody Loves Brunch: If you want the traditional dining-out experience but are tired of going to your usual dinner restaurants, switch it up and go on a brunch-time outing!

Though this date wouldn't take place during the traditional night setting, day dates are very fun, too! Brunch has become a loved meal of the day, because of its versatility. It pleases those who enjoy breakfast foods, and those who gravitate toward lunch.

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

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

Product Review: Beauty Products to Help You Look and Feel Your Best This Valentine's Day





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Valentine's Day is here! Whether you have a hot date or your date is yourself, these beauty products will make your skin glow on this endearing holiday. ANNEMARIE BÖRLIND's Beauty Essentials are compatible with any skin type — old or young, oily or dry. In the deep Black Forest of Germany, ANNEMARIE BÖRLIND's Beauty Essentials are intricately crafted in a unique way. The best thing about these products is that it is not necessary to use all of them together in a regimen (although that is a spectacular idea). These individual products can be easily incorporated into your already established beauty routine. Use these four beauty products this Valentine's Day, and your skin will thank you!

With these amazing beauty products, Cupid won't need to shoot an arrow at someone to get them to fall for

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you! Check out our product review:

Eye Wrinkle Cream

No one wants to have wrinkle marks around their eyes on their big V-Day <u>date night</u>! Luckily, this can be prevented with the help of ANNEMARIE BÖRLIND's Eye Wrinkle Cream. This product is made with carrot extract and sesame oil which creates a gentle moisturizing glimmer. This vegetarian product can help make your eyes pop even more!

Orange Blossom Energizer

Waking up in the morning and applying a refreshing face wash is the best way to start your day. Make sure to start off your Valentine's Day the right way, and apply this strong antioxidant serum of carrot and Sicilian blood orange oils. This product also incorporates the perfect amount of vitamins B5, C, and E in order to feed your skin the nutrients it needs to thrive and glow.

Firming Gel

The search for the perfect product that minimizes the appearance of your pores is over! You can put on ANNEMARIE BÖRLIND's Firming Gel when you're in a rush to get ready for your Valentine's Day date because it is fast-absorbing! This gel contains horsetail extracts which help to create a smooth complexion. Plus, this is a completely vegan creation!

Rose Blossom Revitalizer

Get ready for your face to be radiant! This concentrated serum of Damask rose water and rose oil alleviates irritated skin. It's a moisturizer, firmer, and revitalizer all in one amazing rose scented product. Who needs Valentine's Day roses when you have this Rose Blossom Revitalizer?!

Try out these products for your Valentine's Day look this year!

Movie Review: Midnight Sun





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Midnight Sun is no doubt another American romantic drama movie to add to your must see list! In this movie, 17-year-old Katie Price is played by Bella Thorne. Katie has a condition where she is extremely sensitive to sunlight. This leaves her indoors sleeping or playing music during the day, and outdoors exploring at night. That outdoor nighttime exploration becomes

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a little more intense when she meets the guy of her dreams, Charlie, played by Patrick Schwarzenegger. Things become difficult when Katie has to tell Charlie about her condition and then they have to figure out where they are going to go from there. How will they make this fiery true love work?

This movie can definitely cause a few tears to be shed. Check out our movie review below!

Should you see it:

If you enjoy a classic romantic film, go for it. Director Scott Speer showcases a rich summer romance while demonstrating the difficulties of making a love work when incurable medical conditions are present. This movie is to be released on March 23, 2018.

Who to take:

This movie is perfect to go see with your partner or your friends! It can be a <u>date night</u> or a girls' night. You can even see it with your mom as it is rated PG-13, so hopefully no embarrassing sex scenes arise.

Cupid's Advice:

This movie exhibits the real life struggle of obstacles getting in the way of love. Although, strong love trumps all. Cupid has some <u>relationship advice</u> on how to deal with relationships when there is an unchangeable circumstance that exists:

1. Communicate: If you have a situation similar to Katie in Midnight Sun, make sure you fully explain whatever your situation is to your partner when you feel comfortable. It is

definitely a lot of pressure to disclose your circumstances on the first date, but you should open up to them as soon as you are ready so that they know what is going on.

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2. Do not take rejection personally: We all wish that if we were to tell a partner about a medical condition that they would be so loving and willing to make things work no matter what- although, that is not always the case. Sometimes, people have their own issues or things that they have to take care of and they may become overwhelmed once they are informed of your situation. This does not mean that you are any less of an amazing individual. This just means that you have come even closer to finding your soulmate now that this partner is out of the way.

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3. Accept support: If you open up to your partner about your medical condition and they are willing to help and be there for you, accept it! It may feel a little uncomfortable if you are not used to your partner being supportive, but it is an amazing thing. If they want to help in any way, let them know that you really appreciate their comfort.

Are you interested in seeing Midnight Sun? Let us know below!

Beauty Advice: Incorporate

Flowers In Your Beauty Routine





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Flowers add a quaint touch of beauty to any fashion look, or a charming pop of color to your bedside table (who doesn't love to receive a bouquet of flowers, right?!) Flowers offer more purposes than a stylish print or thoughtful, fresh gift. There are plenty of ways to bring these pretty petals into your daily beauty regime. Whether you are looking to de-stress in the bathtub, cover your face in highlighter, or spritz some sultry perfume on before your big date night, we've gathered together some awesome products that will make it easy to look, feel, and smell awesome!

Check out our awesome beauty advice to help freshen up your beauty routine with flowers:

1. Rosehip Oil: Beauty serums and oils have skyrocketed in popularity in the last year! Rosehip oil is among the products that celebrities swear by. In fact, it's Miranda Kerr's secret to flawless skin. Rosehip oil has antioxidants, fatty acids, and vitamins that provide wonderful benefits for your skin. It helps moisturize, minimize fine lines and wrinkles, brighten your skin, and more! It's versatile and a must-have for anyone!

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2. Bath Bombs: If you've never experienced the amazingness of bath bombs, you have to give it a try. There are many floral-infused options available through different retailers. Perhaps the most popular is Lush Fresh Handmade Cosmetics' "Sex Bomb." The pretty pink and lilac orb has a euphoric rose scent, so you won't have any problems relaxing after a long week! The best part about soaking in a bath-bombed tub is that the scent soaks into your skin, so you'll smell fresh and floral for the rest of the day!

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3. Body Spray & Perfume: The most common way to integrate flowers into your routine is as easy as a few spritzes of perfume! With tons of options out there, it can feel overwhelming to find one that you love. Take notes from your favorite celebrities! Daisy by Marc Jacobs is a fan favorite of Miley Cyrus, and Ariana Grande is known to wear Viktor & Rolf's Flowerbomb. If you're looking for something to fit your budget a bit better, Bath & Body Works has many affordable options — their signature and best selling scent is Japanese

Cherry Blossom!

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- 4. Makeup: There are tons of fleur-inspired beauty products out there! For a fresh-faced glow, try Milani's petal brush or Lancome's Rose Highlighter. If you're looking for something for the lips, try Blossom lip glosses or Modern Minerals' Lotus Flower infused lipgloss for a fresh flower pout.
- 5. Hair Pieces: Flowers in your hair are so elegant and dainty! If flower crowns are too basic for you, try weaving them into your braids, clipping them to the side, or even wearing them as a classic headband. Adding flowers to any hairstyle instantly dresses up any look!

How have you added flowers to your routine? Share with us below!

Date Idea: Learn Something New





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Just because you and your honey aren't in school doesn't mean you can't learn something new. There is so much you can discover about the world and about each other!

Undertake a learning experience for your next <u>date idea!</u>

This date idea is great because of its versatility. Together, you and your partner can dive into books, take on a new hobby, or even teach each other a few tricks of the trade. You'll be able to see each other's different styles of learning in a fun and intimate way!

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Start off by talking nerdy to each other (haha get it). Being knowledgeable about something is extremely attractive, so take an online language course together. Duolingo.com offers

numerous language courses, including French, Spanish, Italian, and many more. Maybe learning a romance language could ignite a little romance of your own. Soon, you'll be whispering sweet nothings of "je t'aime" and "ti amo."

Perhaps you can stir up a little healthy academic competition to amp-up the mood. Take a quiz together and whoever receives the lesser score makes dinner for the both of you for your date night tonight. After all, learning does work up an appetite!

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This date can also be a time for you show off a little. Play an instructional version of "Show and Tell" to showcase your special talents. One of the best ways to learn about your partner is to learn from them. Take turns teaching each other your secret skills, such as being able to touch your tongue to your nose or wiggling your ears. Maybe even teach him how you do your date night makeup!

Whether it's something as basic as a handstand or as interesting as unicycling, it can be a real bonding experience for the two of you. He'll enjoy showing you the ropes as much as you'll love teaching him. For example, let him guide you through the motions of how to juggle. Not only will you get a feel for what you're supposed to do, but you'll get to feel him close to you.

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To make the date even more fun, you can video each other's talents as well as your attempts to imitate them. The footage and bloopers will provide a good laugh over dinner afterward!

We want to know: What you have learned from your honey? Share with us below!

Date Idea: Plan a Walk Around Town





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Already walked down every nature trail in the area with your sweetie? It's time for a new outdoor adventure! Take an urban stroll this weekend and enjoy the fantastic weather while finding all the coolest little hotspots around town. You might just uncover your new favorite place to hang out!

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Venture out on a walk through your town for your next <u>date idea!</u>

Before you set out on your date, you need to first decide a route. Will this be a short and brisk stroll through a familiar neighborhood, or are you up for a long trek through uncharted territory? Whatever kind of walk you pick, be sure to have your phone with you so that you don't get lost. Also, as you discover nifty places on your walk, jot them down in your notes so it is easier for you and your partner to visit them again.

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If you are wandering around a well-known area, like a part of town you drive through to get to work, take the time to slow down and appreciate all of the little details you miss during the morning rush. As you walk hand and hand, snap some pictures of the area. Take turns posing in front of your favorite coffee shop and stores. Discover a new little café that you've never noticed before and grab some lattés for your stroll around town. Play eye-spy with your darling and have fun looking at your community with a new perspective.

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If you live in NYC, why don't you and your honey walk the perimeter of Manhattan? If you did the route it would be a 32-mile walk and we know that's a bit challenging. So try just a quarter of it instead! It's tough but very fun and rewarding too. Dress for a hike or sport your favorite <u>fashion trends</u> as long as its comfy and easy to walk in! Bring water and food, and embark on a date that promises to please. See wigwams, old architecture, green gardens, the Hudson and more on this romantic adventure!

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Located in LA? Drive out to Venice Beach, located about a half an hour away from the coast. Take in the iconic boardwalk with it's unique and colorful buildings, ferris wheel and trendy shops while enjoying the brisk fall air as it rolls off the ocean. You can even take a self-guided tour of Venice's Murals for free. Then head over to a quaint little eatery like Il Moro Restaurant and Gastrobar and watch the sunset. It's the perfect ending to a perfect date night.

Have you planned an outdoor date in your hometown? Tell us about it in the comments below!

Fashion Trend: Spring Fashion 2018





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Spring: a time of new beginnings and fresh fashion looks. As beautiful flowers bloom and grow, so can your wardrobe with the latest spring 2018 <u>fashion trends</u>! Dressing yourself is a fun exercise of self-expression. It is so exciting to let your true colors shine through by wearing outfits that make you feel happy and unique.

Check out the latest spring fashion trends, and choose to adopt the looks that fit your style!

1. Sheer: Sheer is a perfect fabric to layer with other clothing items for an appealing look. Any type of see-through material is in style right now, as long as there is a solid clothing piece underneath. Just layer a cute sheer top over another top that isn't sheer for a spunky spring look. You can even layer a sheer top over a trendy dress. Or purchase a sheer skirt and sport that over your favorite pair of shorts.

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2. **Denim on denim:** Pair different denim styles together — dark indigo, stonewash, light wash, etc. The classic denim jacket has always been a popular spring style, but now it's acceptable to pair that denim jacket with jeans plus even another denim accessory like a hat or bag!

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- 3. Metric shapes: This season, geometry is back in session! Spice up your wardrobe by adding in a top with triangles, squares, and circles on it. Modern polka dot styles are really in. Don't limit your metric shapes interest to just clothing pieces- you can't go wrong with a statement bag that has bright colored shapes on it. Not sure what to wear on your next date night? Seek out a dress with metric shapes on it!
- 4. Trench coats: For those slightly chilly spring days, throw on a fashionable trench coat. These coats are able to be paired nicely with relatively almost any outfit. There are many different colors and styles of fashionable trench coats as well. With the unpredictable spring weather, sometimes it is difficult to decide what jacket is suitable for the day. Trench coats offer the perfect amount of warmth for a typical spring day.

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6. Really bright colors: I mean really really bright colorsyellow, orange, pink. What better way to embrace the bright spring colors that nature has to offer than wearing these colors as well! This bright color fashion trend is also collaborating with the gingham print fashion trend. Gingham print is typically worn as just black and white but now designers are adding bright colors into the print.

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Which of these trends do you want to try out this Spring? Comment below!

Movie Review: Love, Simon





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Love, Simon is a charmingly modern coming-of-age movie that tells a story about a teen struggling with his sexuality. Simon Spier (played by Nick Robinson) claims to live a "normal" life, and has a strong relationship with his family, great friends, and thriving academic life. But, the big secret he has yet to tell anyone is that he's gay. Simon so

desperately desires to experience romantic love, but finds that his inability to come out of the closet is holding him back. Once he begins to correspond with an anonymous peer who is presumably gay through email, Simon begins to find full, true happiness: maybe even love! Will Simon embrace his identity? Is he actually finding comfort in a catfish, or is this person the real deal?

This movie is a very heartwarming, and puts a modern twist on classic coming-of-age films. It also teaches us about relationships. Check out our movie review:

Should you see it:

Absolutely! You don't want to wait 'til this movie hits your local Redbox kiosk. This movie will open your eyes and will cause you think differently about how you interact with the world that surrounds you.

Who to take:

With a PG-13 rating, this is the perfect movie for teens, couples in need of a <u>date night</u>, and single adults. See it with anyone, or by yourself. All that matters is that you see it!!

Cupid's Advice:

Love, Simon is a comedy, romance, and drama that has themes related to love, acceptance, and self-discovery. It also touches on modern romances and finding love through the digital realm. If you've been wanting to dive back into the dating world and have been considering using an online dating

service or mobile application, here is some <u>relationship</u> <u>advice</u> from Cupid:

1. Know what you're looking for: The online dating realm may sometimes seem like an endless cycle of tacky pick-up lines, boring conversations, and constant ghosting. It can be very tiring and cause you to feel hopeless. Don't give up: know what you want and engage in conversation! Take the chance and send the first message if you're usually the type to wait around.

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2. Be authentic: Yes, it's cheesy. Be yourself. We've heard that saying a million times, but it is an important one to stand by when you're seriously entering the online dating world. While it may seem tempting to tell little white lies from the onset, it's better to remain authentic and gradually reveal more details when you become more comfortable. By doing so, you'll attract authentic people, too.

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3. Pictures, please!: Perhaps the most important component to your online profiles are the photos. Since you are eliminating the in-person element, pictures are key! Refrain from posting too many group photos, and be sure to choose the ones that show your personality. Selfies are okay, just make sure you show other dimensions of who you are! (Stay away from Snapchat filters!)

Will you be seeing *Love*, *Simon?* We want to know! Have any advice for online daters? Let's talk about it in the comments!

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





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In <u>celebrity news</u>, there is a new <u>celebrity couple</u> in town! Shailene Woodley is in a relationship with Ben Volavola. The celebrity couple made it official on Instagram, according to

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<u>People.com</u>. Woodley and her Rugby playing beau indulged in some PDA in her Instagram story, Wednesday. The new couple was kissing and flaunting their <u>date night</u> in photos on social media. The love birds were in France, attending the Valentino Haute Couture Spring Summer 2018 show for Paris Fashion Week.

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

Cupid's Advice:

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

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

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2. A photo of your other half taken by you: You can also post a random photo you've taken of your lover for a shocking affect, have your followers like "What?!" Imagine, a random photo of someone else popping up on your news feed, to then realize who it was posted by — Cute. Celebrity couple Zachary Quinto and Miles McMillan took a similar approach when Quinto posted a photo of McMillan staring right at the camera along with a caption on missing him. Adorbs!

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

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

Food Trend: Meal Ideas On the Go





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You slowly arise from your slumber as you hear your alarm going off at 6:45 A.M... only 15 minutes until you have to be out the door! Luckily, you have already prepared your to-go meals for the day the night before so that you don't have to take time preparing anything AND you don't have to waste money by buying food from somewhere else. Also, you made sure that what you prepared is healthy and yummy. What a perfect start to your morning- getting to sleep in a little later while still being prepared for your day. Living the life. Oh wait, did that actually happen to you this morning? If it didn't, don't worry- it can!

Below are some great meal ideas on the go!

Cupid is here to help with multiple healthy yet delicious <u>food</u> <u>trend</u> meal ideas to prepare for busy on the go people like you. If you save time by prepping your meals to go, you can

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have more time for a <u>date night</u> or a <u>romantic getaway!</u>

1. Hand pies: Hand pies are really just amazing. You can pack these babies in a container and have some for lunch or dinner on the go! There are also endless possibilities of how you can prepare them- buffalo chicken hand pies, paleo chili, mushroom gorgonzola and caramelized onion... is your mouth watering too? All you have to do is cook and prepare whatever you would like to fill the hand pie with, roll out some dough and separate it into however many hand pies you would like to make, drop some filling into the dough pieces, fold them over, egg wash, and bake until they are golden brown.

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- 2. Fresh salads: A salad may sound a little boring for a fun meal on the go idea, but if you know the right way to spice it up with some fun ingredients, a salad in a tuber-ware is a perfect thing to munch on to keep you energetic throughout the day. Here are some cool things that you can add to your salad of arugula, spinach, romaine, or whatever other base you choose. Feel free to mix and match these fun salad add in's: lean turkey, grilled chicken, tuna, hard boiled eggs, bell peppers, avocado, smoked cheese, farro, toasted almonds, watermelon, pomegranate seeds, grape tomatoes, cucumbers, sunflower seeds, olives, quinoa, edamame, kidney beans, any type of berry, or anything else you can think of that might go nicely together in a salad! There are so many options.
- 3. Overnight oats: You didn't think we forgot about breakfast, did you? Overnight oats is a really cool to-go breakfast idea. If you have a jar of something that only has a few scoops left in it, like peanut butter, almond butter, jam, etc.- simply fill it with oats, some yogurt, milk, chia seeds, frozen berries, and then in the morning as you rush out the door, you can grab the jar and you will have a yummy healthy mixture to munch on.

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- **4. Muffins:** Bake some delectable muffins the night before for an easy and yummy breakfast or for a snack to have around lunch time! If you are looking for something healthy to munch on, try baking some paleo morning glory muffins! If not, it is always a good idea to whip up some traditional chocolate chip or blueberry muffins. Yum!
- 5. Sophisticated Sandwiches: Sandwiches are always a go-to idea for packing meals on the go. You can prepare your traditional ham and cheese sandwich on whole wheat bread if you would like- or you can make a more interesting sandwich that will serve more as a meal. Some ideas are: Spicy orange and sesame chicken sandwich, smoked gouda and apple butter, egg salad with avocado, roast pork and pickled cucumber, smoked salmon, and more!

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6. Kabobs: Kabobs are such a good portable meal because you eat it off of a stick! How convenient. Expand your horizonscook up some kabobs with steak and potatoes, honey-lime lamb and melon, Caribbean shrimp, mustardy grilled corn and sausage, ginger tuna, five-spice beef, etc. You can prep these kabobs on the grill the night before, and refrigerate them so that you can take them on your journey in the morning. It would be very convenient if you had access to a microwave to heat up the kabob's wherever you are- but if not, they will still be yummy chilled.

What meal ideas on the go do you have? Comment below!

Beauty Tips: How to Combat Frizz During Spring Showers





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April showers bring May flowers, but what do they also bring? FRIZZ. We all know that most people don't enjoy it when their hair starts to get frizzy in the humid spring air. In addition to humidity, frizz can also be caused by lack of hydration in the hair. Luckily, there are multiple beauty tips and tricks that can be used to minimize frizziness. Whether you have planned a date night, romantic getaway or are just running errands around your town, your frizzy hair can be combated after experimenting which routines work best for your hair type.

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Check out some of Cupid's special beauty tips on how to combat frizz during this time of year!

- 1. Use a hydrating mask: Dehydration is a main cause of frizzy hair- especially for people with curly hair. If you use a hydrating mask on your hair once a week, or once every two weeks, it will minimize the dryness that can occur in your hair. Maybe have a get together with your friends and each of you can try a different hydrating face mask and see which one works best! Do keep in mind that hydrating masks effect different hair types in a variety of ways. Once you figure out which works best for you and your unique hair type, you will be set.
- 2. Condition, condition, condition: Conditioner also helps to hydrate your hair. It is even better if you find a conditioner with specific hydrating products in it like glycerin, coconut oil, and shea butter. This will make your hair nice and silky!

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- 3. Minimize blow-drying: The direct hot air from a blow dryer has the ability to dehydrate your hair even more. Try to minimize your usage of a hair dryer as much as you can. Although, it is okay if you use one towards the end of the air drying process just to help style your hair. Make sure you use some type of heat protector on your hair before exposing it to the blow dryer so that you prevent further damage to your hair- which also can cause frizz.
- 4. Brush your hair more: We are born with exactly everything that our bodies need to thrive. Our hair is already abundant with natural oils that can be easily dispersed by brushing your hair more often, or washing your hair less often. No need

to break the bank on expensive products for your hair when you are already blessed with natural products!

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- **5. Get sulfate-free shampoo:** In addition to purchasing a sulfate-free shampoo which will help to decrease frizziness, also look for one with glycerin in it as well, as mentioned earlier that this helps to hydrate your hair. Special tip: the higher listed the product is on the 'Ingredients List' on a shampoo or conditioner bottle, the more abundant that ingredient is in the bottle.
- **6. Try natural remedies:** If you want to try something different, certain natural remedies have been proven to help tame frizzy hair. To name one, the acidity in apple cider vinegar can minimize frizz if you run some of that through your hair diluted with water after you do your routine shampooing. Rinse it off with cold water after about 30 seconds, then continue with your conditioning routine. Have fun experimenting with other natural remedies as well like an avocado and olive oil mask, raw egg and olive oil treatment, carbonated water rinse, etc.

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7. If all else fails, a bun is the way to go: By throwing your hair into a bun, it can ease frizz in itself. Or if you're going for the messy bun look, the frizz that is already there can add to your look! Yes, many people want their hair to look chic and frizz-free, but we should also embrace the beauty of our naturally occurring hair.

Battling frizz is a true struggle for certain hair types. These tips are sure to do the trick, but always remember that however your hair decides to fall today, it is naturally and beautifully you!

Have a secret frizz-free trick you want to share? Comment below!

Date Idea: Best Shows to Binge-Watch With Your Partner





y <u>Karley Kemble</u>

If you and your partner enjoy staying in, kicking back and watching shows together, then you've probably binge-watched a show (or five) together. Are you on the hunt for another one? Look no further. Check out these four <u>date ideas</u> that will have you hooked!

You'll love these show recommendations for your next <u>date</u> <u>night!</u>

1. Friday Night Lights: Regardless if you are a football fan or not, this show is a must-see. The five seasons follow a close-knit Texas football team and their community at-large, and also talks about topics surrounding contemporary American culture.

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2. The Office: There's a reason "The Office" was a household name for nine seasons! Each episode perfectly captures the hilariousness of a normal 9-5 workday, and the characters are so unique and compelling. You and your partner are sure to laugh until your stomachs hurt.

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- 3. This is Us: If you've been wanting to tune into "This is Us" but don't want to feel lost during the current season, dive in on Hulu! This show takes you on an emotional journey within each 45 minute episode, following the lives of the Pearson family throughout the course of their lives.
- **4. Scrubs:** "Scrubs" is another oldie but goodie, because it brings humor to a rather mundane place the hospital. Nine seasons will definitely keep you and your partner busy for awhile, too.

What shows do you and your partner watch together? Share in the comment section!

Celebrity Style: Distressed Denim Looks





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Denim is the best because it is *never* off-trend. Seriously. Whether you dress them up or dress them down, they are effortlessly versatile! With so many different colors, washes, and styles, there are endless ways to rock your jeans, denim jackets, or chic chambrays. One denim style that is always in style is distressed denim, probably because it manages to look both edgy and laid-back. Perfect for a casual <u>date night</u> or to pack in your bag for a <u>romantic getaway</u>, you can never go wrong with a pair of distressed denim jeans.

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If you're looking for new ways to wear your distressed denim, you need these <u>celebrity style</u> tips! Cupid promises you'll turn heads.

1. Long cardigan: When paired with a long cardigan, distressed jeans look super casual, but amazingly cute and put-together! Throw on a tucked in tee shirt and slip on a pair of ankle booties. Sofia Vergara has been seen sporting this combo, and it's honestly the perfect daytime outfit for Sunday brunch with the girls, or doing some retail therapy!

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2. Off-the-shoulder top: A super girly look to wear with distressed denim is with a sexy off-the-shoulder top. Style your hair in a sleek top knot and dainty necklace for some sophisticated glam. A pair of strappy sandals works well with this look. If you need some style inspo, look to Hilary Duff or Kelly Rowland — they've both mastered this warm and beachy look!

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3. Sporty zip-up: Zendaya is always style goals, so it's no surprise she manages to wear her distressed denim well! She's been seen wearing her jeans with track style zip-up and tennis shoes, which is casual, sporty, and stylish! Best of all, this outfit is super comfortable, so you can wear it all day without wishing you had a backup outfit to change into!

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4. Crop top: Show some more skin and pair those ripped jeans

with a cute crop top! Crop tops work well with distressed jeans because they are versatile too! You can wear your crop top alone or wear it with something over — like a flannel, anorak jacket, or sweater. No matter how you dress it up (or dress it down), you'll have a unique look each time! If you need ideas, peep Gigi Hadid knows exactly how to rock her crop tops with denim!

5. Moto jacket: Leather/moto jackets are a staple for anybody's wardrobe. When worn with distressed denim, you're sure to look like a baddie. Olivia Palermo knows what we're talking about — this style is a favorite of hers. Pair your jacket with some edgy hoops and a ponytail to look even more edgy!

What's your favorite way to wear distressed denim? Share with us in the comments below!

New Celebrity Couple: Danica Patrick Confirms She's Dating Aaron Rogers





y <u>Carly Horowitz</u>

There is a new <u>celebrity couple</u> in the world today! After gossip that Danica Patrick and Aaron Rogers had a <u>date night</u> on Saturday, January 13, Patrick confirmed their relationship two days later: "Yes, Aaron and I are dating", she told The Associated Press, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The <u>latest celebrity news</u> reveals that NASCAR driver Patrick has always rooted for Rogers, as he is the quarterback for the Greenbay Packers NFL team, even though she has been a Chicago Bears fan for years. One could say she has had a long time celebrity crush on him! Sometimes dreams do come true.

This new celebrity couple news is spreading fast to the ears of many. What are some ways to announce your relationship to friends and family?

Cupid's Advice

Breaking the news to your friends and family about new relationships can sometimes be nerve racking! Cupid is here to help make this reveal as easy as possible:

1. Prioritize who you want to reveal the news to "officially": Don't stress out about telling every single person in your life that you're in a new relationship. If you want to flaunt it, great! Go for it. But, think about the most important people in your life- your family and your close friends, and make sure you get a chance to officially tell them about your new relationship so that they feel happy to be informed.

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Boyfriend Forces Her Car Into Wreck

2. Evaluate the mood: You want to make sure that when you go out of your way to tell the closest people in your life that you're in a new relationship, that they are in the right place to soak in this information. Make sure they are not busy with something else or worse, in a bad mood.

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3. Be ready for questions: Of course your friends and family are going to want to know as much as they can about your new significant other before they even meet them. Be prepared to answer their questions as you feel comfortable. Maybe even have a picture of them ready to show so that they can match the information about them to their face.

Share some of your best and worst relationship reveal stories. Comment below!

Travel Destinations: Top 5 U.S. Spots for Spring Flowers





y <u>Rachel Sparks</u>

Spring is an exciting time of revival and rebirth. Our New Year's resolutions are underway and our workout routines are finally showing results. We can shed those chunky knit sweaters and go on road trips with the windows down. It's a time to discover our own personal beauty, but it's also a time when nature's beauty rivals anything we can create ourselves. These travel destinations make for a perfect romantic getaway or a date night!

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These top 5 places in the U.S. should be at the top of your travel destinations list to see colorful buds this spring!

1. Washington, DC.: Have you ever heard of DC.'s Cherry Blossom Festival? If you haven't, this needs to be added to your US travel bucket list. The U.S.'s version of the traditional Japanese cherry blossom festival is a valiant rival. Starting as early as March 15, though traditionally early April, the district transforms into a pastel pink wonderland. The best places to see the blossoms: the shoreline of the East Potomac Park near the Tidal Basin. Beware, millions of tourists come to see this amazing sight.

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- 2. Mount Rainier National Park, WA: With it's plunging valleys and stark white-topped mountains, any bloom looks mystical against this dramatic backdrop. The entire national park ranges thousands of acres, but the two best places to see blooms are Sunrise and Paradise visitor centers for majestic meadows of dancing blooms. The park has trails specific to wildflower hunts. Can't wait to get started? The national park has a Flickr group dedicated to their wildflowers.
- 3. Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, Brooklyn, NY: Spanning 52-acres both indoor and outdoor, this massive botanic garden is rated one of the top five botanic gardens in the U.S. Seasonal exhibitions feature global wildlife, such as their Out of Africa special this year. What makes them special: their cherry blossoms are part of a traditionally staged Japanese garden. Walk over bridges and past soaring pagodas to feel like you've stepped into another world. In addition to cherry

blossoms, magnolia's creamy petals and lilac's varying soft shades show a wide variety of the beauty of nature. At \$15 a ticket, it's a cheap weekend <u>date idea!</u>

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- **4. Dallas, TX:** Get to Texas before the heat hits. Dallas hosts a six week long flower festival featuring tulips, daffodils, Dutch Irish, and hyacinth. Globally themed in 2018, the Dallas Arboretum will focus on a different country each week and include festivities specific to each culture along with its normal floral-themed festivities.
- 5. The Biltmore, Asheville, NC: Never heard of this gem? You're not alone. The Biltmore is the largest manor in the United States, owned and operated by the Vanderbilt family. In its prime, it took over 600 people to keep the manor fully operational. Even during winter when the gardens are nothing but dried twigs, the estate is worth visiting. If you come in spring, the gardens in full colorful bloom. With a fully functional farm, an inn, multiple five-start restaurants, it's well worth a weekend trip.

Where do you dream of visiting in the U.S. for spring flowers? Share you travel dreams below!

Date Idea: Batter Up





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This weekend, celebrate America's favorite pastime with your love! Go to a baseball game, watch one on television, or even play together at a nearby park. No matter what, you'll both appreciate taking an interest in something new for this weekend date idea!

Spend this weekend enjoying a classic sport with your love!

Want to surprise your partner? Buy two tickets to the next local baseball game and head to the ballpark to cheer for your hometown team. For lunch, enjoy a stadium hot dog or some cheesy nachos and a cold beer. Your significant other will think it's romantic that you're spending the day doing something new and team-driven.

Go to the game a little early and watch the team warm up by the dugout. If you're lucky, you may even get to meet some of the players or score some autographs. Buy a jersey, hat, and

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foam finger to really get in the spirit. Be sure to bring your camera too — your new gear makes for a perfect photo opportunity to commemorate this <u>date night</u>. The baseball park may even offer professional shots.

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Want to do something romantic for your partner? Pucker up for the kiss cam. Being on the screen will make you feel like a <u>celebrity couple</u>! Make the game more interesting by placing bets on which team you think is going to win. Rooting against each other will make the game even more fun. Loser has to buy the next round of beers or cook dinner that night.

After the game ends, toss around a baseball together before calling it a night. Teach each other your personal techniques — maybe your love has a special curveball that helped their high school team win the state championship, or maybe you're the sporty one and can create some friendly competition.

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If the weather (or your wallet) is not on your side, catch the big game on television. Head to a nearby sports bar and watch the game with other excited fans. For a more low-key night, get out the fuzzy blanket and cozy up with your love. Mute the TV during commercial breaks and let your love tell you more about the teams, players and sport in general. Cupid's relationship advice: make your partner feel important and show you care by listening to them rave about their favorite pastime!

How do you like to watch baseball with your love? Share in the comments below.

Date Idea: Play All Day





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While summer daylight is still stretching into the late hours of evening, make sure your grasping onto every last minute of it. Enjoy the warm sunshine and cool afternoon breezes while you still can! Head outdoors to a nearby playground with your love interest; swing, slide, and play the day away. Don't forget to stop by the ice cream truck to refuel! Who said you were too old for a day at the park?

This weekend <u>date idea</u> reignites the fun of childhood summer days!

When you were young, going to the playground was the highlight

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of your day — and now, you get to relive the fun and share it with someone special. Take a trip down memory lane with your partner and show them where you used to play all of those silly games with your childhood friends. While you're there, race down the slide or swing on the swings together.

Get out your old baseball mitt and play some ball together. Have fun working up a sweat! Perfect your pitching and batting techniques while also getting close and cuddly. For a more free-spirited time, bring a Frisbee and fling it around with your love. Whatever you do, your love will appreciate the friendly competition and will impressed by your athletic talents while you both are getting in some fun fitness trends!

If your park is close to a lake, bring some bread and feed the ducks. After visiting the ducks, grab your bikes and ride along a trail. No need to go too fast; let your partner lead the way and just enjoy the beautiful scenery. After your busy day outdoors, unwind a bit before heading home. Find a cozy bench and wrap your arms around each other. Enjoy a light conversation and the calming breeze as you watch the sunset for a romantic end to your date night.

How do you and your partner feel like kids again? Share in the comments below.

Date Idea: Picnic with Pals





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This Labor Day weekend, enjoy the last bit of hot weather by having an outdoor picnic with your loved ones. Create some summertime memories that will last you through the chilly winter. Spend the entire day outside with good friends and fun activities to celebrate the end of the season. This weekend date idea will get you and your friends feeling the summer vibes way past the end of summer.

This weekend date idea will be the summer picnic that you won't forget!

Make it a party and ask for a double or even triple date! Pack tons of great snack foods like grapes, cheese and crackers, and a vegetable tray. Don't forget some wine, chilled, of course. It's perfect for sipping on a hot afternoon. Grab a disposable camera and have fun taking pictures as a group for an end-of-summer photo album!

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Pack a deck of cards and play poker or spades, betting on your favorite candy. If you're feeling more active, partner up with your love and play some volleyball. Toss around a Frisbee for less competitive fun. If you're really into sports, bring a baseball and some mitts and batter up together. If there's a lake nearby, bring some fishing poles and catch your dinner. Step out of your comfort zone and try something new — your partner will appreciate your willingness to get a little dirty.

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When the sun goes down, keep the fun going for your date night. Find a park in your area that has grills and turn your group picnic into a barbecue. Everybody will enjoy cooking their favorite foods and unwinding with their closest pals. Break out the hamburgers and hot dogs and pair them with potato salad, fruit salad, and homemade chocolate chip cookies. You can even treat yourself to some unique picnic cocktails, like mimosas in mason jars, white wine spritzers, fruit-filled sangria or even a vodka-filled watermelon. Be sure to bring extra ice to keep your drinks cold.

Maybe you invited a few single friends too. If so, now is the perfect time to introduce them! Give them cooking duties together or force them to be on the same volleyball team. Share love advice with them to help them get back into dating. They will get a chance to know one another in a no-pressure environment. Be sure to bring an extra blanket in case they want to cuddle up under the stars.

How will you celebrate Labor Day? Tell us in the comments below!

Date Idea: All's Fair in Love





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Keep yourself from getting the end-of-the-summer blues by adding a little love to your life. Bring your partner to a local fair and spend the day walking around together and checking out the nifty booths. Or try some new drinks together at a wine-testing festival. After all, nothing says romance better than a glass of wine a cool summer evening. Cupid's date ideas will keep you and your love busy all summer.

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All is fair in love, so enjoy this end-of-summer date idea!

Looking to end the warm season with a little more excitement? Go to an amusement park with your date and hop on a thrilling roller coaster ride. Get ready to scream together! Or find a water park in your area and take a ride down the lazy river—a great way to spend some peaceful alone time with your man. After venturing down a water slide, snuggle up for warmth with your love and utilize each other's body heat. Cupid's love advice: this is a great time to be silent and just enjoy being with your partner.

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If you want a more low-key activity, let your boyfriend win you a prize at a local carnival. You'll certainly feel special while carrying a gigantic teddy bear around for the rest of the day. As you walk past the rides and games, hold hands and enjoy the cool breeze with one another. Challenge your partner to your favorite carnival game; a little competition is good for your relationship, right? Let loose a little: share a plate of fried dough and get messy together. Be sure to take a picture with your faces covered in powdered sugar—a fun moment to remember your wonderful date night!

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What do you do with your love for a fun day together at the end of summer? Share your experiences below.

Date Idea: Beach and Beyond





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You've been to the beach with your love about a hundred times this summer. It's time to look for new ways to enjoy the sun and sand. The days are long and the possibilities are endless. This weekend's <u>date idea</u> is all about trying new things in the sun!

This weekend's date idea is about fun in the sun together!

Search for beautiful shells and sand dollars in the sand. You'll have a great time showing off your finds to each other, and it'll help you break away from your usual routine of

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sunbathing and swimming. If you're feeling adventurous, look for crabs darting across the beach. Make a game out of it: if your partner finds more crabs than you, you have to cook him dinner for a romantic end to your <u>date night</u>!

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If you really want to get serious about searching, bring a metal detector with you and see what random items are buried on the beach. You and your love will get excited whenever that buzzer goes off. The thrill of the treasure hunt will get you both excited.

Once you're done exploring, get messy in the sand together. Dig a hole and bury each other. You'll both feel like kids again, and you'll love creating new laughs together. Build sand castles. Have a contest to see whose creation comes out the best. Bury your legs and make a mermaid tail. End with a beach photoshoot Reese Witherspoon or Gwen Stefani-family style!

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If you like learning new things, look into your beach's history. Pick up a brochure or check out their website; maybe there's an area further down from your usual spot that you never knew existed. Sharing some knowledge will spark both your curiosities and will give you something new to discuss.

How do you mix things up at the beach with your man? Tell us in the comments below.

Date Idea: Build Your Love





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What better way to build your love than to actually build something together? Grab some blankets and pillows for a temporary fort or wood and nails for something more permanent and start planning your creation with your partner. You'll both challenge your creativity skills, grow your team working skills, and also learn something new — both about building and about each other with this amazing date idea!

This weekend's date idea is all about building something together!

Revert back to your childhood days and make a fort together

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for a fun <u>date night</u>!. Get some blankets and create a tent in the living room. Have a playful pillow fight, cuddle up, and share funny stories from when you were younger. If the weather is sunny and warm, go outside and build your fort on the lawn. Let the cool evening breeze and cozy tent ease both of your minds. Be sure to bring a childhood snack like popcorn, pudding, or a bag of Twizzlers. No matter what, you'll connect with your significant other in a fun and unique way.

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If you're looking for a bigger project to tackle, build a tree house together. A good amount of time will be needed to develop and execute your plan, and your teamwork skills will certainly be tested. Be prepared to get your hands a little dirty too! Once you're finished, you'll have a new space to enjoy with your love and build new memories in.

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Whether you're relaxing in your blanket fort or newly-built treehouse, what you do together after building is important. Our relationship advice means spending quality time together. Dig out your old board games and challenge your love to a competition. Break out a deck of cards and let your S.O. teach you how to put on a poker face. Bring a radio to your new hangout and play your favorite tunes. Watch fireflies, the clouds, or each other for the perfect ending to a busy day of building.

Have you ever built something with your love? Tell us in the comments below.

Date Idea: Bloom in the Sun





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You've spent the whole summer with your partner at the beach, playing in the sun, splashing around in the ocean, enjoying trail mix and sunflower seeds together. If you're running out of <u>date ideas</u>, Cupid's Pulse has them all. Have you ever given thought to where those sunflower seeds come from or how they grow? It's time to get back to the roots by creating your own love garden together. As the flowers grow, you'll be reminded of that <u>date night</u> when you first planted them. For fun, take bets on how long they will take to sprout.

Spend some quality time getting

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back to your roots with this summery date idea!

If neither of you have a green thumb, bring your man to a sunflower maze. To make things a bit more exciting, you can embrace your inner child and play hide-and-seek among the giant stems. Use both of these activities to bond with your man while fitting a little exercise into your afternoon. By the time you leave the maze, you'll be ready for a cold glass of wine and a delicious picnic dinner.

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When you get home, look up a recipe for sunflower ice cream and whip some up before you sit down to a nice healthy meal. The ice cream will be a unique summer treat and may even become a tradition for you to make as a couple. It'll take about four hours to freeze, so be patient. Prepare some easy-to-make grilled chicken on the barbecue and pull together a tasty summer salad complete with cranberries and apples. Food always brings people closer together and cooking together can remind you of how much you love one another.

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Sunflower season is one of the hidden treasures of summer. Make sure that you take advantage of this beautiful time of year!

Have you ever planted your own garden or visited a sunflower maze? Share your experiences in the comments below.

5 Best Accessories to Wear for Valentine's Day





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We all want to look our best for our Valentine's Day <u>date</u> <u>night</u>, but we don't want to risk our outfit looking similar to the girl sitting two tables over. To make yourself standout in incredible <u>celebrity style</u>, don't forget about accessories! Bring the V-Day glam to your outfit with small pops of red and edgy bags!

These five accessories will make

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you a standout for Valentine's Day!

1. Leather wrap bracelet: Wrap bracelets are trending, but they are an especially edgy way to dress up a classic red dress or something with softer edges. Wear it in bright red, soft pinks, or black for a classic Valentine's Day look with a rocker's attitude.

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- 2. Chains for everyone: Chains are everywhere. They have replaced the strap to your purse, have become bulkier necklaces, are added to your winter boots for some extra spunk. When choosing something sporting traditional Valentine's Day colors, add chains for a more modern look. Want some inspiration? We love Beyonce's use of chains everywhere!
- 3. Traditional sweetheart bags: Remember those chalky, heart-shaped candies in elementary school? Get inspiration from a sweet craving for your next clutch. Heart shaped, pastel colored clutches with cute sayings are the ultimate Valentine's Day-inspired accessory!

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- **4. Kissable lips:** Lips used to be the hottest thing back in the early 2000's. Nearly twenty years later, bringing the trend back is a vintage highlight of the Valentine's Day style! Whether it's a lip-patterned outfit or the bold lip purse that <u>Katy Perry</u> rocks, this trend will have your date thinking about your lips the whole night.
- **5. Don't forgot the heels:** No outfit is complete without the right set of heels. You can never go wrong with a classic black, but for this V-Day, don't hesitate to show some skin. Go for straps or open-toed for a cute peek-a-boo to tease your

date. If the shoes have bows or heart accents, even better! Small details are ultimately what make your outfit unforgettable.

What must-have accessories do you wear for Valentine's Day date night? Share your fashion tips below!

Vacation Destinations: Romantic Staycations for a Mid-Week Valentine's Day





Those of us who are currently in a relationship want to have the most romantic date night with our loved one for Valentine's Day. From year to year, V-Day is on the weekend 43% of the time, leaving a whopping 57% chance that the romantic date night you were planning falls on a weekday night, killing the mood. So you may not be able to go out or have a romantic getaway, but these mid-week staycation date ideas are sure to keep the romance alive for your Valentine's Day celebrations.

Try these vacation destinations in your hometown for a romantic Valentine's Day staycation!

1. Sunset cruise: Okay, this only works if you're near water. Even a river or lake will do! Most cities host sunset cruises with dinner included. It'll cost about as much as a romantic dinner out at the three-star restaurant you've been eyeing, with the added bonus of beautiful scenery.

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- 2. Hot air balloon: The good news is that anywhere with clear air is likely to have a hot air balloon ride available! If you and your partner are feeling daring, enjoying V-Day dinner in a basket for two, literally, is incredibly romantic. If either of you is scared of heights, get ready for full-blown snuggles. Our suggestion: bring a bottle of wine or two to calm the nerves (if you're 21 and up!). Even the bravest of people will have a hard time grasping the idea that only a balloon is keeping you separated from the ground.
- 3. Disposable camera: Smartphones have made us take photography for granted. It's a lot more fun to grab a Polaroid or disposable camera and have a goofy photo shoot around town. Because you won't be able to delete any pictures

taken, it'll be challenging to pose yourselves just right. Plus, the anticipation of seeing the photos developed will keep you excited and help you relive the fun of your date!

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- 4. DIY spa escape: Make it a true staycation, and turn your home into an all-inclusive spa resort. Small touches in your bathroom, like white lines and pops of wood, recreate that spa environment. Don't forget to include candles, scents, luscious pillows, and soft music. Take turns giving each other a full body massage, mani-pedis, and masks. Even if your S.O. seems a bit apprehensive about the spoilage, tell them how rewarding it feels to be pampered, and how much you want to express your love.
- **5. Thrift shop photo shoot:** For a goofy and light-hearted date night, go to your local thrift shop and pick out outfits for each other. Put on a photo shoot, and end the night with a picnic or a home-cooked meal.

How have you kept the romance of Valentine's Day alive when it falls mid-week, staycation style? Share your date ideas below!