## Date Idea: List Your Love





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We all express love in different ways. Sometimes, just being in the same room doing different things is all your partner needs to feel connected. There are times, though, that we may want to do a little extra in order to express our love. Writing out a list of all the things you love about your partner is a romantic <u>date idea!</u>

## Reconnect with your partner with this romantic date idea!

1. Find a cozy environment: Cuddle up next to one another to set the mood. Plan a picnic outside if the weather is nice or stay in during the winter, bundled under a blanket. Make sure to set the mood with candles, music, and a bottle of wine.

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- 2. List the physical: Are there things you physically love about each other? Does your heart flutter whenever your partner opens his eyes in the morning? Are you obsessed with his beard or the way her hair curls at the nape of her neck? By jotting down these things you notice about each other, you'll give one another a boost of confidence and strengthen the physical bond you share.
- 3. List the abstract: What quirks does your sweetheart have that make your day? Is their passion for work inspiring to you? Do they have an annoying habit that actually makes you smile, like talking to themself or singing in the shower? Pick the small, obscure attributes that you've never talked about before and let them know that you accept them unconditionally.

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- 4. List your relationship: Write down the things about your relationship that make you the happiest. Recite your favorite traditions: weekly date nights, pre-sleep cuddles or post-work wind-down sessions. Choose your commonalities and why they make you such a strong couple. Do you share a favorite movie? Explain why quoting it on a daily basis makes your relationship better. Do you both have type-A personalities? Tell your S.O. how you think your similarities and differences make you stronger together. Write down how you've grown from each other.
- **5. Share your list:** Whether you go out for dinner for a romantic <u>date night</u>, stay in and watch a movie, or plan a <u>romantic getaway</u>, sharing these lists with each other will boost confidence, strengthen bonds, and reignite passion.

How do you tell your partner that you love him or her? Share your story below!

# Love & Libations: Sparkling Wine for Holiday Date Nights





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December, a month packed with festive holiday gatherings, is the perfect time for sparkling wine. It's also a great way to pop into 2018. Bubbly is known for special occasions, so whichever holidays you celebrate, there's a bottle that will pair perfectly for your situation. Honestly, it's always a good time for sparkling wine. Even if you are having a quiet date night at home, you can break out the bubbles!

## Enjoy Celebrity Sparkling Wine on Your Next Date Night

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If you are looking for a sparkling wine to keep on hand, Giuliana Prosecco is the way to go. Most people know Giuliana Rancic from her days on *E! News*. Besides being a host, she also owns a few restaurants with her handsome husband, Bill Rancic. This year, Giuliana launched her Prosecco at their Chicago-based restaurants as an affordable and quality wine. Now, you can enjoy it with your friends and family for some added holiday cheer. It's like inviting this celebrity couple over for a good time!

When you want an elegant sparkling wine, pick up a bottle of Christie Brinkley's Bellissima DOC Brut. Brinkley is all about clean living, so it's no surprise that her wine is made with organic grapes. Produced in the beautiful region of Treviso, let your palate travel to Italy as you enjoy the aromas of green apples and baked bread. If you and your boo are having a quiet night in for New Year's Eve, let this choice be your goto.

Former NBA player, Yao Ming, got into the wine game in 2011. The Napa-based winery is known for producing stellar wines. If you are planning a grown and sexy night with your partner, the Yao Ming Napa Valley Brut will add a special touch to your evening. Made with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes, this crisp sparkler is flirty on the palate. It will add a touch of seduction to your evening. Yao brings in the meow.

If you want a sparkling wine that comes with a sassy attitude, you can always go with Myx Classico Sangria by Nicki Minaj. There's something about bubbly sangria that screams "good time." The best part about this wine is that it's ready to go.

No need to mix up anything — just open the bottle and sip! This Spanish wine-based sangria is a good one to drink while binging on romantic Christmas movies with your girl squad or with your partner (who may act like he doesn't want to watch, but secretly, you know he does).

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When Steve Amell isn't charming viewers as *The Arrow*, you can probably find him at his winery, Nocking Point, in Washington. Their limited edition Pacific Coast Pink sparkling rosé is a must-have for the holidays. It pairs perfectly with just about every holiday treat or meal. The sparkler is produced in New Mexico, which is such a fabulous area for sparkling wines that you may get hooked. This wine is perfect for that holiday party you're hosting later this month.

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

## Parenting Advice: What to Do If Your Teen Wants to Celebrate Valentine's Day





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With Valentine's Day upon us, we can't help but worry about how our kids are feeling at school. Cyber bullying, daily stress, and the pressure of Valentine's love can be too much for teens to handle. While it may be easier to encourage them to stay home and avoid V-Day celebrations, you can't always tell your teen "no". Cupid has <u>parenting advice</u> to help you and your teen survive another stressful holiday.

## Help your teen rock Valentine's Day with these parenting tips!

1. Enlist your teen's help: Valentine's Day is about love, but this is a great opportunity to teach your teen not all love is romantic. Giving to others, especially the down-trodden, can warm the heart on an otherwise cold day if you're alone. Teach your teen to give to others and make a date of it. You'll be giving your kid valuable <a href="love advice">love advice</a>, helping them avoid loneliness, and you'll be brightening someone else's day.

Related Link: <u>Parenting Tips: How to Connect with Your</u> Teenager 2. Give passionate affirmation: Teens are prone to thinking about nothing but romantic love. The idea of romance places value on who they are, which is an unhealthy perspective of self. Not all love need be romantic, especially when selfworth is involved. Teach you teen about positive self-images with passionate affirmations. Even if they're alone this V-Day, they will have a lot more fun with friends if they feel love elsewhere.

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**3. Pampering:** Guys or gals, your teen needs some pampering. Take them to a sports game or to get their nails done, but find a way to express your love for them in their language. As annoying as parents can be to teens, they still need our love to ground them on an otherwise stressful day. Have a date night with your teen or have fun getting them ready for their own!

What parenting advice do you have to make it through Valentine's Day? Share your tips below!

# Product Review: Beauty Products to Help You Glam Out all Winter Long





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With impending holidays, winter harshness, and New Year's resolutions looming ahead, we're feeling the pressure to look our best. Whether you're aiming for the casual elegance of a model on her day off or the dressed up glam of a runway show, these beauty products are must-haves for your routine. We've got something for your hair, your skin, and your makeup needs, topped with the lasting impression of your scent as you walk away.

# These beauty products have all of your beauty needs covered so you can step out in celebrity style!

<u>Dickinson's Toner:</u>



Dickinson's Toner. Photo: Courtesy of Lippe Taylor.

With the first ingredient listed being 100% natural witch hazel, you know what you're putting on your face is great for your skin. Witch hazel is a natural remedy that removes oil and impurities without drying your skin out. Dickinson's toner is a gentle way to remove makeup, free of soaps, dyes, parabens, or sulfates. Fighting winter skin blues starts with your skincare routine, so find products that are healthy for your face.

## <u>Lavanila Healthy Deodorant Girl Mini Duo Set:</u>



Lavanila Healthy Deodorant. Photo: Courtesy of Tractenberg & Co.

This deodorant is specifically engineered for tween and teen girls. It's an all-natural, powerful, gentle, and non-irritating deodorant that is also non-whitening. Super soft under the arms, this solid twist-up beauty product is vitamin-rich without the inclusion of aluminum or other harsh chemicals. Using health-promoting beta-glucan technology with antioxidants, active botanicals, and essential oils, it will fight underarm odors by preventing the growth of bacteria. Available in Beach Vanilla or Sporty Vanilla, help your teen feel flawless with this healthy deodorant!

#### HairRX:



HairRX products. Photo courtesy of HairRx.com

Joe Segel, CEO of ProfilePro LLC and QVC, has launched a new hair-care product line specifically for women thirty and over. Available for customization, users can answer questions based on their hair's needs, hair goals, and lather and scent preferences to pair them with the best shampoo and conditioner

for their needs. Scents to choose from include citrus, coconut, lavender, vanilla, or jasmine. A number of styling products are available for separate purchase. If you don't know where to start on your hair journey, eight different salon-style sets come with shampoo, conditioner, and styling products based on specific hair-care needs. No matter the phase of life you're in, these beauty products will make you feel gorgeous.

## The Hard Candy Eau De Parfum:



Hard Candy Perfumes. Photo: Courtesy of dna

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Exclusively available at Walmart, Hard Candy perfumes are the perfect budget-friendly beauty product to make you feel confident going out on the town. Available in Pink and Black scents featuring a blend of fresh fruits and elegant musks, these perfumes were inspired by the confident, edgy, and flirtatious Hard Candy girl herself. With top notes of fruit, middle floral notes, and lower, sweeter flavors, these

perfumes will keep people intrigued.

#### Models Own:



Summer Favorites

Lix Matte Liquid Lipstick, Sculpt & Glow Highlighter Palette, Colour Chrome

Eyeshadow Kit, and I-Definer Eyeliners



Models Own beauty products. Photo: Courtesy of dna Public Relations.

Models Own beauty products have everything you need to look your best for the perfect <u>date night</u>. With lipstick, highlighter palettes, eyeliner, and eyeshadow kits, this product line meets every need. Their Lix Matte Liquid Lipstick is available in "Strawberry Mojito" and "Eucalyptus Pink" and have a fresh minty scent to make your lips irresistible. The Sculpt and Glow Highlighter Palette comes in "Gold Spotlight," including three shimmers that define and illuminate for just under \$20. Their Colour Chrome Eyeshadow Kit comes in both "Copper Lustre" and "Golden Lights" to match all skin tones for a metallic finish to your look. Combined with primer, this eyeshadow will last longer than you will. To finish your look, I-Definer Black Eyeliners comes in "Liquid," "Kohl," or "Duo" to add a subtle or sassy look. Models Own is exclusively available at Ulta.

Rely on these amazing beauty products to beat the winter blues and perfect your look for the most amazing date night!

## Fitness Secrets: Slim Down in Time for Valentine's Day Date Night





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Valentine's Day is almost here, and we know you want to look your hottest for the perfect <u>date night</u>! Your New Year's resolutions may have included a workout plan (and you may have even stuck with it), but all those holiday treats are still sticking to your hips. Here are Cupid's <u>fitness tips</u> to get you in sexy shape for your dream Valentine's Day date night:

# Cupid's fitness tips will help make your Valentine's Day date night the sexiest!

1. Juice detox: If you're trying to make a change really quick, a detox is the way to start. You can lose weight on a detox, but you want to use this as a starting point and not the only technique for losing weight. You need to clean your body of all that junk leftover from the holidays in order to feel better, eat healthier, and kick-start a work-out routine.

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- 2. Stay hydrated: And we mean all the time. Drinking enough water will give you more energy, replace water you lost during a work-out, keep you feeling full so you don't overindulge at meal time, and it keeps your skin taut and glowing. So really, there's no reason to not drink water.
- 3. Cut unnecessary calories: Drinking, white bread, and junk food are some of the biggest culprits of wasted food. Our bodies need calories to function, and especially while working out, but make sure you're ingesting the right kind of calories. Fruits are high in the good kind of carbs to give you a burst of energy. Proteins like chicken or fish are light and easy to digest while still giving you the heavy feeling of having eaten. If sticking to a diet for too long seems daunting, just remind yourself you're doing this for Valentine's Day. A month is easy, right? Well according to Idealfit you can get lean in as short as 15 days.

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4. Don't starve yourself: You think weight loss and you think

cutting back on eating, but that's retroactive to your goals. Starving yourself triggers your body into survival mode, which means it will actually run slower and store even *more* calories. When you don't enough, you're telling your body food isn't common. Eat regularly, have healthy snacks often, and you'll actually lose more weight from eating more often.

**5. HIIT workout:** This is one of the latest fitness trends. HIIT stands for high-intensity interval training. Basically, you give everything you can for a short amount of time, rest, and come back. You're pushing your body to the max. It's a lot like heavy-lifting training; you're doing high intensity for shorter reps to gain muscle and burn more fat. This is definitely a hard workout, but it's a quick ticket to that sexy bod.

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6. Find fun workouts: Ok, so working out usually sucks. Weight training and timed miles remind us of gym class in high school, and no one wants to go back there. Take cues from Kate Hudson and other celebrity workout plans and find something fun. Whether you follow Kate Hudson's passions for pole dance or you've fallen in love with Zumba, anything that gets you to jump off the couch and burn those calories is a win.

How do you plan to get in shape for Valentine's Day? Share your own fitness tips below!

# Dessert Recipes for the Perfect Valentine's Date Night





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Dinner and a movie is a classic <u>date night</u>, but Cupid wants to help you spice things up. Whether you go out on the town and want to end things at the house or you're spending a casual night in, couples' desserts are the perfect <u>date idea</u>. Celebrity chefs talk about aphrodisiacs, but whether or not you believe in the romantic powers of lobster or pomegranates, these celebrity chef recipes will up the romance between you and your S.O.

# These celebrity chef recipes will make your Valentine's date night that much sweeter!

What date night is complete without a little something sweet? These dessert recipes are easy for couples to make together, although we did include one decadent challenge. Keep the romance going with these unique desserts:

1. Boozy Clementines with Pound Cake: What's better than a little booze to keep the fun going? Don't worry, with desserts you can choose to bake out the alcohol for a buzz-free night still packed with flavor. If you choose to keep the booze at an appropriately adult level, These sticky sweet clementine slices pair well with the light flavors of a lemon pound cake.

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- 2. Carrot Cake for Two: Carrot cake is the perfect light-weight dessert for couple's trying to mind their New Year's resolutions. The cake itself is fluffy, the cream cheese frosting delicate on the tongue, and you can justify this treat by telling you and your partner it's made from a vegetable. If you and your S.O. are worried about the extra calories, check out our couple's <u>fitness tips</u>.
- 3. Chocolate Mousse: What dessert is complete without a little (or a lot) of chocolate? There's something incredibly irresistible about licking chocolate off of a spoon, so we've found the perfect dessert for just that. Surprisingly easy to make, this chocolate mousse recipe is rich in flavor without being too sticky or thick for your palette.

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- 4. Cherry Trifle: The Valentine's day classic, cherries are an aphrodisiac, and for good reason. Deep scarlet cherries are even more luscious when paired with the bitterness of dark chocolate. This recipe calls for soaking the cherries in brandy for an explosive experience in your mouth. Served with whipped cream cheese and almonds over lady fingers, this recipe has every aspect of a dessert you could possibly want.
- 5. <u>Tiramisu</u>: There's nothing easy about this classic. Layered, boozy or not, this is a dessert that takes some time to make, but it's oh so worth it. While you're waiting for the lady fingers to finish baking, work up an appetite with your partner while you dance it out together. When you finally do slice into this Italian classic, you'll be proud of what you and your partner made together, the perfect symbol of your relationship and the best way to celebrate Valentine's day, a day meant for celebrating everything you and your love have accomplished together.

What special desserts make your Valentine's Day memorable? Share your tips below!

## Movie Review: 'Phantom Thread'





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Phantom Thread takes place in 1950's post-war London, and follows the lives of Reynolds Woodcock (played by Daniel Day-Lewis) and his sister Cyril (played by Lesley Manville). The dynamic duo own London's hottest dress shop, House of Woodcock, and dress esteemed royalty, celebrities, and socialites. Known for his playboy-esque ways, Woodcock's is challenged when he meets Alma (played by Vicky Krieps), a confident and assertive woman. After he falls in love, Woodcock faces many changes in his life and demeanor — and things just get more complicated from there!

# This movie is packed with drama and can teach us a lot about relationships. Check out our movie review below!

## Should you see it:

If you're a fan of time period dramas, elaborate costumes, or complicated romances, this movie is certainly up your alley!

Also: this is rumored to be Daniel Day-Lewis's final film, so if you're a fan of his, then you should definitely check it out. This film opens in theaters everywhere on Christmas Day 2017.

#### Who to take:

Though there's an element of romance to this movie, it's no chick flick. This film is the perfect <u>date night</u> outing for you and your partner! If you have kids, call a sitter; this film is rated "R" due to language and adult themes.

#### Cupid's Advice:

Phantom Thread's protagonist, Reynolds Woodcock is a chronic bachelor and has problems with commitment. What are some tips or precautions to take when entering into a relationship with a long-term bachelor? Can these relationships work? Cupid has some <u>relationship advice</u> that should help ease some of your anxieties:

1. They might push you away: It's natural for somebody with commitment issues to try and push people away. It's a toxic defense mechanism and horrible habit. If your partner is aware of their issues and willing to try and fix them, you should feel comfortable holding them accountable for their actions. If they isolate themselves from you, be sure you kindly point it out, so they can become aware of how to improve.

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2. They're fiercely independent: People who have spent a large chunk of their lives without a partner tend to be very independent. They're used to doing things on their own and don't like to ask for help. Don't take it personally if they forget to include you into their life right away — they're just rusty! It can be a bit of a struggle to adjust to being responsible for more than one person.

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3. They might not change: Yes, it's possible that a chronic bachelor will never fully change their ways. While it may be a challenging reality to accept, it's important to focus on the positives. Do not try and force them to change — that will only create rifts in your relationship. Instead, you should accept your partner for who they are, and be realistic about your situation. You'll find better success and will be a much happier couple.

Is Phantom Thread on your must-see list? Let us know below!

## Celebrity Chef Recipes: Meal-Planning Made Delicious





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Meal-planning is all the rage, but where do you even start? Eating the same ingredients all week sounds pretty boring, but these <u>celebrity chef recipes</u> can help you plan your weeks in delicious style. Not only does it save time and energy, meal-planning is a great way to help you achieve your healthy-eating goals. These recipes are so good that even though it's meal planning, the food is good enough to serve on a <u>date night</u>!

# Try these celebrity chef recipes for easy and delicious meal-planning ideas!

Meal-planning doesn't have to be boring. Yes, you're trying to use the same ingredients all week to save on both time and money, but there's a lot of ways to use the same ingredients in delicious ways! These recipes will add some new cooking techniques to your repertoire and make you look like a celebrity chef in no time! Check out these meal planning ideas inspired by Jennifer Lopez's diet and the creative substitutes

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#### Kim Kardashian makes.

1. It starts with the protein: Have you ever noticed that the bigger the cut of protein is the cheaper it is? This is because it requires you to do a little fabrication: basically, the art of butchery. If you don't feel comfortable about breaking down a whole chicken, look for large portions, such as loins and roasts. You can cut these into stew meat, pork chops, or leave it as a roast. Buying these large portion saves you money, requires only a little prep ahead of time, and you can freeze any leftover cuts until you're ready to use.

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- 2. Seasonal vegetables: Meal-prepping made easy and cheap means using readily available resources. While most grocery stores have a variety of vegetables year-round, the ones in season tend to be cheaper and, tastier, and much more delicious. Summer squashes can be used in pasta, stews, or sides for traditional entrées. Get creative and challenge yourself to use vegetables in every dish in a variety of ways.
- 3. Leftovers anyone: What's easier than an already prepped meal? Not everyone loves leftovers, but some dishes taste better as they age. Stews and soups continue to develop flavor as they sit in the fridge ready to be eaten. Yes, some people don't like leftovers, so consider smaller batches, but it's already a meal prepared that just needs to be reheated.

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4. The back-of-the-pantry meal: Have you ever seen Chopped? They require contestants to use unusual ingredients to prepare normal meals. When you're running short on time and can't go to the store, digging around in your pantry can actually produce some unique dishes. It can be fun to challenge

yourself.

5. To freeze or not to freeze: The ultimate in meal-prepping, preparing a dish ahead of time and saving it for later is incredible for a lot of people. If you have an afternoon free on a weekend, preparing a lasagna or casserole and freezing it makes an evening later in the week that much easier. Not everyone has time to cook an entire meal beforehand, thus the previous suggestions, but take that free time and get in the kitchen. You'll thank yourself later!

How do you meal prep for your busy schedule? Share your tips below!

## Marriage Advice: How to Keep the Spark Alive After Having Kids





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There's no denying that having a child changes the dynamic of your relationship. Even celebrities face this challenge after the birth of a <u>celebrity baby</u>. Bringing a new child into the world doesn't mean your relationship has to suffer! Sure, things might be different between you and your partner, but you just have to adjust to a new lifestyle. There are plenty of ways to bring the magic back into your relationship; sometimes you just have to get a little creative.

If you and your partner are having a difficult time with keeping the spark alive in your marriage, Cupid has some marriage advice that'll help you and your partner get out of your funk!

## Cupid's Advice:

1. Flirt like nobody's watching: Post baby, it may feel weird

to openly flirt in front of your kid. Don't worry; you're not alone. If you no longer feel comfortable with PDA, then leave your partner hidden love notes, or send them a cute text while they're out. Flirting should always be fun and harmless — so don't feel like you can't anymore now that you have a child.

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- 2. Schedule those date nights: We know. Seeing "schedule" and "date night" in the same sentence feels so…old school. The reality of parenthood is that it can be hectic, but you and your partner still need a break every once and a while! Look at your calendar, find an evening that works, and call your mother-in-law or a good friend to see if they'll babysit. Date nights are essential to keeping you sane and giving you two an intimate time to touch base with each other.
- 3. Try going tech-free: If you and/or your partner find yourselves glued to your phones while the baby is sleeping, challenge each other to put the devices away. Instead of checking your social media accounts, use the rare moments of down-time at home to talk with each other or play a board game! You'll find the little moments of quality time will help your relationship grow, especially without the distractions of the glowing screens.

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- 4. Get touchy: Physical contact is so important in any relationship! As humans, we are designed to desire contact with other people. Post-baby, it's normal for PDA to decrease. (Perhaps you haven't even realized that you and your partner don't get intimate as much that's also common!) Make it a point to touch your partner whenever the opportunity arises. Hold hands whenever you can just do whatever it takes to keep each other satisfied.
- 5. Use your manners: After having a baby, it's easy for you or

your partner to feel forgotten. A little kindness goes a long way. If your partner did something as small as starting the full dishwasher, or as big as surprising you with breakfast in bed, thank them! Never underestimate the power of "thank you" — your partner will feel so appreciated.

How have you kept the romance alive post-baby? Share below!

## Movie Review: 'Call Me By Your Name'





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Call Me By Your Name is a coming-of-age story set in 1983 in Italy. It follows the budding romance of Elio (Timothée

Chalamet) and Oliver (Armie Hammer). The twists: Oliver is Elio's research assistant, Judaism, and homosexuality. Armie Hammer has been in notable films, such as Nocturnal Animals, The Birth of a Nation, and Entourage. Timothée Chalamet has been in both TV (Law and Order) and movies (Interstellar). The film is packed with tension, drama, and faith.

## This movie is filled with budding relationship advice!

#### Should you see it:

If you loved the anticipation of an impactful ending like *Interstellar*, *Call Me By Your Name* will take you down a winding storyline. The challenges of forbidden romance create anticipation and hope.

Who to take: This is a romance story at its core, so find someone who loves matters of the heart. No matter their sexual orientation, the story of two people fighting for love against all odds will appeal to any friend. If your significant other is down for a love story, then it will be well worth the watch for a date night.

## Cupid's Advice:

Coming out to friends and family is one of the most terrifying things anyone could do. Admitting this to yourself is even more challenging. Whether it's you or someone you care about, Cupid has <u>relationship advice</u> for this new territory:

1. Don't de-individualize: A lot of people are far more accepting of homosexuality than ever before, but that doesn't mean it's any easier to admit a new aspect of someone's identity. But be careful, if someone you care about tells you they're homosexual, don't say, "I love all gay people!" As supportive as that may sound, no group of people is ever

exactly the same, and by clumping your friend into a group shows you lack knowledge about their new identity.

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<u>Relationship Advice & Says, "Don't Be Reckless with Other</u>

<u>People's Hearts"</u>

2. Go shopping: One of the best parts of changing your identity is creating a new wardrobe! Embrace your friend's identity by taking them out for a shopping trip. It will help them feel more confident and show your support.

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**3. Take them out on the town:** Your friend hasn't changed; they still love going out with you. Show more support for them by taking them out to a club that caters to their needs and play their wingman (or woman). Plus, you'll both just have a great time dancing and looking good!

Are you adding this emotionallyOchallenging movie to your must-watch list? What does this make you think about people who may be coming out in your own life? Share any advice you have below!

# Celebrity Chef Recipes For a Vegetarian Thanksgiving





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Whether it's a dietary choice or a doctor's demand, we're bound to know someone who needs a meatless option for Thanksgiving. Even if you want to do your traditional meals, try one of these <u>celebrity chef</u> recipes to add a savory vegetable dish to your dinner spread. These recipes will give you a head start on shedding those winter pounds without sacrificing flavor. If you don't try one of these recipes for Thanksgiving, they serve as a great winter <u>date night</u> idea.

# These vegetarian celebrity chef recipes are about to start new Thanksgiving traditions!

Take a vegetarian to a restaurant and nine times out of ten the only option on the menu is a salad sans meat. A lack of options to satisfy your herbivore can certainly ruin a romantic evening together. Providing nutrients for a vegetarian without being monotonous or just dumping a bunch of vegetables on a plate can be challenging, but we're here to help. A variety of produce and grains adds flavor. Relying on mushrooms, grains, and legumes add protein. Besides stews and salads, roasting, sautéing, braises, and cream-based entrees can help provide your family with a dish to make them smile. When you have your Thanksgiving meal, you want to be the best host and cater to everyone's needs. Check out our favorite vegetarian recipes for this Thanksgiving!

1. Butternut squash vegducken: Have you heard of turducken? It's all the rage for the adventurous Thanksgiving chefs. Here's the veg-head friendly version. Layered with winter and summer squashes, it's a balance between hardy winter flavors and the light summer palettes. Stuffed with mushrooms and cranberries, it's protein-packed while still familiar to the traditional Thanksgiving flavors. It's the perfect replacement for your turkey.

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- 2. Winter squash soup & apple soup: Winter squashes like acorn and pumpkin are naturally sweet. Pair it with delicate fruits like apples or cranberries, toss with a cream or soft cheese and you have a light but flavorful fall-inspired soup. Top with walnuts or pecans. It's a great starter for everyone around the table.
- 3. Autumn vegetable patties: With family visiting, Thanksgiving tends to be a dressed-up formal occasion for the family. Despite this, dinner rolls and breaking the wish-bone make some food finger food, and we can't leave the herbivores out. Made with sweet potatoes and cannelloni beans, this is a nutrient heavy dish. Serve as an appetizer for everyone or the main course for your vegetarian friend.

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**4.** Roasted Squash with Shallots, Grapes, & Sage: Are you seeing a trend here? Winter squashes and fruit pairings are the ultimate autumn and winter flavor palettes. If you've

never worked with sage, it's a savory, light fall herb, a lot like thyme. Serve the squash halved and stuffed for a forkable dish full of fall.

5. Harvest Tart with Pumpkin & Peppers: What Thanksgiving meal is complete without pumpkin? We're taking things for a spin and going savory instead of sweat for this vegetarian entrée. Serve as large pie or in individual bowls. This is a fun dinner alternative to the Thanksgiving pie.

What family-famous recipes have you developed to survive a vegetarian meal? Share your recipes below!

## Vacation Destinations: Top 5 Getaway Spots on the East Coast





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## Karley Kemble

Everyone deserves a getaway once in a while! Sure, stay-cations are a great way to unwind, but sometimes it's best to leave your little comfort bubble and explore! The East Coast is the ultimate vacation destination, well known for amazing beaches and five-star views. You really can't go wrong with a visit to any of the East Coast states.

Whether you're due for a quick weekend trip, a longer excursion, or a romantic getaway, consider some of these luxurious East Coast locations:

## 1. Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts

Probably the most timeless East Coast destination, Martha's Vineyard is a very popular summer getaway for celebrities and regular folks alike. There are lots of things to do here: you can kick back on the beach, stroll around the beautiful Mytoi Japanese Garden, or even ride the Flying Horses — the world's

oldest carousel. Did we forget to mention that the summer weather is basically perfect? You'll rarely ever see temperatures that top 90 degrees!

#### 2. The Hamptons, New York

Live the Kardashian life you've always dreamed about, and take a trip to The Hamptons! No matter where you stay, you will be absolutely delighted by your surroundings. Stay at a beachfront hotel or the famous Greek Revival Inn and take in the breathtaking views. Check out Jackson Pollock's home studio, eat some lobster rolls, and snap some pics of the Montauk Point Lighthouse you've seen all over Instagram. What are you waiting for? Start planning now!

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## 3. Cape May, New Jersey

Did you know Cape May is one of the oldest vacation destinations in the U.S.? If that's not enough proof of its excellence, perhaps some of the following details will pique your interest. You will be wowed by the lavish Victorian houses and extensive year-round activities. Do a little wine tasting, treat yourself to a spa day at the many resorts, or even take a cute trolley tour around town (all super fun date night ideas!). No matter what time of year that you plan your getaway, you'll surely find something to do.

## 4. Newport, Rhode Island

Not to be confused with its namesake in California, Newport in Rhode Island is a perfect location for an East Coast getaway. Another year-round getaway, Newport is home to the Breakers, one of the most well-known cottages (read: mansions) in the East U.S.. The best part? It's open for tours, so you can plan all of your future house goals! You'll also want to check out the Ocean Drive boat tours for one-of-a-kind views of the

Atlantic coast. Give it a go!

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## 5. Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Chapel Hill has definitely mastered the small-town charm. The ever-famous Franklin Street is well-known for its stores, restaurants, and quaint coffee shops. It"ll also be in your best interest to take a trip over to the Coker Arboretum and soak up all of the beautifully maintained gardens. If you're into sports, Chapel Hill is the mecca of all things basketball — they even have a whole museum dedicated to Carolina's team!

Where are your go-to places on the East Coast? Share your favorites below!

## Product Review: Share a Scare with Care Bear Onesies!





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Every time of year is a great time of year to have themed outfits for the whole family! Whether you're looking for a last minute costume for a party or a goofy date night in, Care Bear Onesies are the perfect outfit to have in your closet. No amount of parenting advice helps you get the kids to sleep? These fluffy, easy to clean pajamas are an inspiration to sleepy children everywhere. Celebrating 35 years, Care Bear has created an easy way for the whole family to let loose and have a good time!

## Rock the Care Bear onesie for a date night or a parenting win!

Get casual with your love for a goofy date night in with this onesie. They come in male and female sizes and various themes. Men can sport the blue Grumpy Bear. Ladies, look as hot as Tori Spelling when she wore the flashy pink and rainbow-patterned Cheer Bear. Even better, every onesie has pockets for your convenience.

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Keep the fun going past Halloween for your kiddos in these plush and easy to wash styles for youngsters. Your son or daughter can match Dad in their own child-sized Grumpy Bear onesie. Your child can brighten everyone's day in their own Love-a-lot Bear onesie. The best parenting advice Cupid can give: don't forget to have fun with your kids. These Care Bear onesies make it easy!

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For their 35th anniversary, Care Bear onesies are easy to find and even easier on the pocket. Check out Target and American Greetings to buy your own set for the family. Priced as low as \$14.99 and ranging to \$27.99, they're the perfect winter pajama set for everyone.

Learn more about these fun family outfits at <u>Target.com!</u>

# Celebrity Wedding: Justin Timberlake Pens Wife Jessica Biel a Love Letter for 5th Anniversary





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#### Rachel Sparks

Amidst all of the chaos in our lives, what's more inspiring than the love letter between <u>celebrity couple Justin Timberlake</u> and <u>Jessica Biel</u>? Marking five romantic years together on Thursday, October 19, Justin sang Leon Russell's "A Song For You," the song the couple danced to as newlyweds. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, both Justin and Jessica claim to be incredibly lucky for marrying their best friend. Thanks guys, for showing us true love. You've raised the standard.

# This power duo is celebrating their 5th celebrity wedding anniversary. What are some ways to make your anniversary special?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It's important to celebrate milestones, especially when it's shared with someone who means so much to you. You don't want to make your anniversary feel like any other <u>date night</u>, so how can you feel like a celebrity couple the way you and your

- S.O. deserve? Cupid has some tips:
- 1. Destination vacation: This doesn't have to be far away or overly glamorous. In fact, the closer to town and the more you feel like a local, the more unique the experience. Plus, it's kind on the wallet. Book Airbnb in the next town over. Try the local food, experience the history, and see if the sunset (or sunrise) looks different than from your own town.

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2. Engage the senses: Choose a small gift for each of the five senses, either something your partner has been asking for or something you can do together. Get creative and spread the gifts throughout your celebrations to keep the anticipation and excitement building.

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**3. Find an heirloom:** What is something you and your partner are both passionate about? Do you love to compete with each other at chess? Splurge on a fancy chess set. Find the passion you share and indulge in the best so that you can celebrate each time you spend time together. Start creating your legacy as a partnership.

What are some unique ways you've celebrated your anniversary? Share in the comments below!

#### Celebrity Chef Recipes to Try

#### this Holiday Season





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#### Rachel Sparks

As if you aren't busy enough decorating the house, caring for visiting family, and trying to find the perfect gift, holiday dinner parties are the last thing you have the energy to prepare for. Celebrity chefs at popular restaurants have upped the ante with their gorgeous and unique plates, but some have been generous enough to share their secrets for easy prep-to-plate recipes to help you find the time to join the holiday fun.

Try these easy celebrity chef recipes for this holiday season to make meals at home taste like

### something from a celebrity restaurant.

Try this menu top to bottom to find that much needed time for you and your family during the holidays, or as a menu for a nice winter <u>date night</u>.

1. Chef Daniel Boulud's Braised Carrots with Thyme: Wait. Carrots as an appetizer? Yes. You haven't tried these. Thyme and carrots have a natural affinity for one another that makes these flavors best friends. Trust us. Braise, sauté, or our personal favorite: oven roasted. For a real treat, add brown sugar or maple syrup to the carrots in the oven for an extra burst of savory caramelization.

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Thanksgiving Dinner and Date Night

2. Chef Joël Robuchon's Two-Mushroom Velouté with Crème Fraîche: The hardest thing about this dish is the French pronunciation. Once you get that down you can impress your friends with this super easy soup. Velouté is the French term for brown gravy. Add crème fraîche (the whipped cream of cheeses) and voilà: an earthy, savory variation of the standard cream of mushroom soup.

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**3.** <u>3-Ingredient Turkey with Sage and Orange:</u> As part of a three-ingredient series, this dish from *Epicurious.com* is an easy way to mix up a Thanksgiving tradition. Sage, a classic cold-weather herb, is brightened by the juxtaposition of the sweet and tangy orange.

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4. Bratäpfel mit Walnusseis: Say what? Translation: walnut

stuffed baked apple in a white wine bath. We're leaving France and heading east to Germany for this boozy dessert. No holiday is complete without apple somewhere and this three-ingredient dessert is an easy toss-in-the-oven type that lets you schmooze after a scrumptious dinner.

5. Cran Royale: What better way to end the night than with a much-deserved cocktail? This menu hasn't used the holiday staple of cranberries yet, but for good reason. Fifteen minutes gives you a homemade cranberry syrup to personalize this classically-flavored cocktail for the holidays.

What are your secret survival recipes for the holidays? Share them below.

# Love & Libations: Autumn Date Night Ideas Inspired by Celebrity Red Wines





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#### Yolanda Shoshana

Pumpkin spice isn't the only thing that arrives during Autumn. The season brings in the cold weather, making it the perfect time to snuggle up to your boo and enjoy some red wine to keep you warm. It's been said that red wine is an aphrodisiac for love. According to Euripides, the Greek tragedian who was a wine connoisseur, "where is no wine there is no love."

# Here are some celebrity reds and date night ideas to enjoy during the crisp and cold months:

#### LVE Cabernet Sauvignon, Raymond Vineyards

Soul singer John Legend has a collection of wines called LVE produced in Napa Valley. His Cabernet Sauvignon has notes of blackberries, dark chocolate, and black tea. Can't you imagine Chrissy Teigen making a dish from her cookbook for Legend and pairing it with some of his wine? File that under relationship goals! Put on some of Legend's slow jams, sip some LVE, and make it a very romantic night.

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#### **Together**

#### Marilyn Merlot, Marilyn Wines

You know you are an icon when you've passed away and you end up with your own wine. Marilyn Merlot is inspired by none other than Marilyn Monroe. If Monroe's sassy attitude could be put in a bottle, this wine would be the answer. It's easy to assume this wine is mainly for fun, but it's actually a high-quality wine produced in Napa Valley that's been going strong since 1981. Vanilla and tart cherries will flirt with your palate. When you are feeling extra frisky, maybe even a bit adventurous with your partner, this wine is the one.

#### Pinot by Tituss, PBTB Wines

If you have ever watched the Netflix hit, *The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, you are probably familiar with the character Titus Andromedon, played by Tituss Burgess. In season one, his character sang a song called "Peeno Noir." The song became a viral hit, which lead to Burgess creating a Pinot Noir wine. The actor has said that the wine is meant to be enjoyed by all the fabulous "Kings and Kweens." This fun and fruity wine is great for a Netflix and chill night or some hold me, let's Hulu.

#### The Director's Merlot, Frances Ford Coppola Winery

Coppola has been in the wine game for a while. His wines tend to be inspired by the art of storytelling and filmmaking, so they have unique names to reflect that. The Director's Merlot is a juicy and succulent red that is a good example of a wine from Sonoma. Coppola has probably won more awards for his wine than his films. This Merlot is perfect to enjoy while relaxing by the fire and having a nice conversation with your love.

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Drew's Red Blend Pinot Noir, Barrymore Wine

Drew Barrymore is the perfect celebrity to have a wine. She knows how to have fun and live it up. She created her line of wines with the help of the California-based Carmel Road Winery. Her red blend is meant for every day sipping. Since it has notes of tobacco, spice, and fruit, it would be good paired with meat or something from a slow cooker. Long story short, when you are home for a nice, quiet meal with your partner, this is the perfect wine to choose.

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

## Beauty Trend: The Ultimate Guide to Eyelash Extensions





#### Marissa Donovan

Upgrading your lashes for extra volume sounds very simple for those thinking about eyelash extensions. Before jumping into the beauty trend bandwagon, here are some things you need to know prior getting eyelash extensions.

## Check out these <u>beauty tips</u> about eyelash extensions!

1. Temporary strip falsies are different than eyelash extensions: There are many ways to fake dramatic eyelashes, but there are differences between strip falsies you can buy at a beauty store and eyelash extensions from a technician. Placement is one of the key differences, because falsies can be glued to the line, while extensions are glue to the actual lashes. Falsies will also last you a day compared to extensions, which can last up to several weeks.

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2. Extensions have multiple styles to choose from: Like the many choices you would have picking hair extensions, eyelashes have options too based on length, material, and curl. When it comes to length, the longer they are, the more you will need to have on your extensions to look natural. Materials for the lashes can range from synthetic material to mink hair. The curl is based upon the slope of the eyelashes. Large lashes will most likely have a greater slope for the curl. Make sure to ask a technician what they would recommended based on your eyelid and your ideal beauty look for your next date night.

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3. Make sure your technician is extremely sanitary: Do not wing it when it comes to choosing a technician! It's very important to get extensions from a technician who washes their

hands religiously, because it's nearly impossible to wears gloves while placing the small and sticky extension on the lashes. The horror stories of bad technicians include bacterial infections and cornea damage. It is also important for the technician to clean their tweezers and have disposable eyelash brushes when working with clients. Do your research, and read many reviews before choosing a technician for your beauty experience!

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4. Maintenance is required for your extensions: Once you have your extensions, you need to be extra protective. In a period of 12 hours, you need to avoid water from touching them so the glue on your extensions can dry. If you do come in contact with water, it will dissolve the glue and can sometimes cause redness due to the glue entering your eye. After the protection period is over, you need to gently brush your lashes before and after sleeping with a mascara wand to remove eye build up. You also need to brush them after you shower as well. Make sure that that you have mascara wands that you can throw away after brushing your extensions.

Check your local areas to see if you have a skilled and clean beauty technician in your area. Let us know your experience with eyelash extensions in the comments!

#### Celebrity News: Aaron Carter Asks Chloë Grace Moretz On A

#### Date Via Twitter





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#### Marissa Donovan

Aaron Carter is proclaiming his love again for a blonde, but this time it's not <u>Hilary Duff</u>! According to <u>EOnline.com</u>, Chloë Grace Moretz said in an interview that her childhood crush was Aaron Carter, and the pop singer had to respond. The pop singer replied back to the actor via Twitter and said the crush was mutual. Carter also asked Moretz out for dinner. No comment has yet been made from Moretz, but maybe the *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising* star may take Carter up on his offer!

This <u>celebrity news</u> leaves us wondering if these two may become a

# future <u>celebrity couple</u> if they do go out to dinner together! What are some creative ways you could ask out someone your interested in?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Aaron Carter chose to be bold by asking out Chloë Grace Moretz on social media. This has us wondering how we can ask someone out for a <u>date night</u>. Check out these dating tips for how to approach someone for a date:

1. Break the ice: Whether it's a person you met last weekend or a long time friend, find a starting topic that can lead you into asking them out on a date. Some suggestions for breaking the ice might be recalling the last time you spent time together or talking about an event that's coming up.

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2. Ask common interests: Talk about what each of you like for food and activities if you are unsure. Simply implying that you are interested in getting to know someone is one thing, but you need to have some idea about what you can do together if you do not know. Asking what they would like to do can make a date less stressful.

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3. Find availability: Ask when the person is free right after proposing or mutually coming up with date ideas. If the person comes across as busy, then try proposing a max of two different times when you are available. If they reject the times that you are free, then wait for another opportunity to

present itself.

How do you think Chloë Grace Moretz will respond to Aaron Carter? Let us know in the comments!

### 5 Must-Visit Locations for Book Loving Couples





By

#### <u>Marissa Donovan</u>

Reading can be an activity enjoyed by you and your partner. Although the hobby might not be every couple's cup of tea, it's something some bookworm partners truly bond over. There are many locations to visit for couples who love to read! From hotels to museums to bars, check out these hot spots across the United States!

### Travel away to these book lover locations with your partner!

1. Portsmouth Book & Bar in Portsmouth, New Hampshire: This New England nook gives a cozy feeling to book lovers who love to eat. Watch live performances or get beer on tap with a fresh sandwich. You can also buy books right off the shelves. You will feel at home at this New Hampshire hot spot.



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2. Chumley's in New York, New York: This historic New York location was the stomping grounds for authors such as Ernest Hemingway, F Scott Fitzgerald, and Zelda Fitzgerald. Many famous authors have photos hanging on the walls of this location. The delicious restaurant serves many <u>food</u> dishes worth ordering and might be a great spot for your next <u>date night</u>.



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3. The Beat Museum in San Francisco, California: Learn more about the minds behind the Beat Generation in this museum made for fans of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, and other authors. Book loving couple will enjoy the North Beach walking and museum tour the location has to offer their visitors.



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4. The Library Hotel in New York, New York: Bookworms can rest easy in this creative New York hotel. The hotel has many

shelves full of books to browse before walking the city streets. Book reservations for a honeymoon or anniversary date that you will not forget!



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5. Carousel Piano Bar & Lounge in New Orleans, Louisiana: This is one of the coolest bars you will ever visit in your life if you and your book loving partner stop at this famous Louisiana hot spot. Many famous authors such as Tennessee Williams and Truman Capote have had drinks at this location. Besides having famous guests, the bar is literally styled like a carousel that you can drink at!



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Will you be visiting one of these locations soon? Let us know in the comments!

## Popular Restaurants: The Best NYC Date Night Spots





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#### Melissa Lee

Perhaps one of the most romantic cities in the world, New York City is the place to be if you're treating your sweetheart to a <u>date night</u>. There are thousands of amazing restaurants tucked into the vast neighborhoods and areas of the city, each individual spot giving you a new experience all based on the environment and food. If you're on the hunt for a romantic restaurant to take your honey on your next date night, check

# Interested in heading to a popular restaurant for a romantic date night? Here are a few of these hottest spots in NYC!

- 1. The River Cafe, Brooklyn: Considered to be the best (and most expensive) restaurant in Brooklyn, The River Cafe is a romantic spot complete with views of downtown Manhattan and some of the best chefs in the world. The current chef offers an incredible dining experience by giving two menus: three entrees that you and your partner choose, or six entrees that he chooses.
- 2. La Grenouille, Manhattan: This French spot is one of the last in the city. Located on the East side, the restaurant has amazing food that has been raved about since 1962. The menu also has an extensive wine list, many of which are encouraged to be paired with certain entrees.

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- 3. Le Coucou, Little Italy: Located in, perhaps, one of the most cultural neighborhoods in the city, Le Coucou does not shy away from its Italian roots. The gorgeously decorated restaurant is quite intimate, making it a fantastic date night spot. If you stop by, make sure to try their notorious rabbit cooked three ways.
- 4. Marea, Manhattan: Another Italian hotspot on our list, Marea is located in Midtown West. Featuring a huge menu filled with expensive delicacies, only the freshest and best ingredients are being served to its customers. The experience is completely unique, especially since it's the only place in

town that serves Petrossian special reserve caviar at \$385 an ounce!

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**5. Augustine, Manhattan:** Yet another French restaurant that's based in the Beekman Hotel restaurant in the Financial District. Augustine is decorated with floral murals and beautiful chandeliers, giving it a rustic and classic vibe. Their food is incredible, and the spot serves some of the best steak tartare in the entire city.

What are your favorite date night spots? Share your thoughts below!

## 5 Movie Inspired Shoes for Your Next Date Night





#### Marissa Donovan

Do you plan on seeing a movie for your next night out with your partner? Whether you plan on going to a theater or a friend's house to watch a film, we have super cute movie-inspired shoes to impress your date and movie loving friends! This is one fashion trend that will never go out of style!

## Check out these five movie-inspired shoes for your next <u>date night</u>!

Burn Book Pink Vans from Mean Girls: You don't have to go to the movie theatre on a Wednesday to enjoy these fetching sneakers! These shoes will match perfectly with a pink handbag and a mini skirt. You are sure to have people quoting the movie with your cute new shoes.



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**Shark Sperry Flats from** *Jaws:* Make sure not to get any popcorn butter stains on these jaw dropping shoes! Wear these thrilling flats with a slim cut skinny jean and beach waves.



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Ruby High Heel Sippers from *The Wizard of Oz:* You don't need to click your heels together to have a great movie night! Wear these flashy red shoes with a red skirt or dress. These heels will give you an extra lift and naturally give you a red carpet walk on your way to your movie theater seat.



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**Sunday School Shoes from Moonrise Kingdom:** These cute shoes can be worn with a casual dress or skinny jeans and a simple shirt. Suzy Bishop may have worn this style with long socks, but you can just wear them with a short cut sock as well!



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Adidas Zissou Sneakers from The Life Aquatic with Steve Zisso: These sneakers are a creation from a Wes Anderson movie! The shoes are selling for a limited time, but you might be able to buy a pair with a little research online. These movie inspired shoes will go great will sweats or jeans.



Adidas Zissou Shoes from Adidas

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Do you know of other movie inspired shoes you could wear for a date night? Let our readers know in the comments!

## Get Patriotic with These Date Night Looks for 4th of July





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#### <u>Melissa Lee</u>

Independence Day is one of the *only* times where it's completely acceptable to deck yourself out in red, white, and blue, so why not take advantage of it? The fashion looks are half the fun of celebrating 4th of July — besides the

barbecues, that is. This year, show your patriotism by trying out some of these fun, flirty fashion trends.

# If you're interested in <u>date night</u> looks to try out for Independence Day, Cupid has some fashion trends for you!

- 1. Flag bathing suits: If you have plans to go to the beach or pool on 4th of July, this might be perfect for you! American flag patterned bathing suits have been all the rage lately, and you'll look cute and patriotic when you're lounging around and working on your tan.
- 2. Stripes: Looking to go the more subtle route? We got you! Stripes aren't as flashy as something flag-printed, but still show that you're ready for some 4th of July fun. Try blue and red stripes, or white and red. As long as you have some variation of red, white, and blue, you'll be good to go!

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- 3. White bottoms: Forget all the fashion rules you've been reading in magazines for years white bottoms are super trendy, plus they are becoming a summer staple. Pair a pair of white pants, shorts, or even a skirt with a blue or red top and you'll be ready for a night of fun! This look would be perfect for a date night barbecue, since it's both flirty and patriotic.
- **4. American flag shorts:** If you're looking to add to your flag printed wardrobe, shorts may be the way to go. Flag patterned shorts have been pretty popular over the past couple of years, plus they're easy to find nearly every store carries a pair nowadays! These shorts would be fun to wear after the beach. Pair them with a white t-shirt and it'll be an adorable yet

patriotic look!

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**5. Red, white, and blue nails:** Okay, so maybe you're not crazy into 4th of July and you're looking to keep your patriotism on the lowkey side. Having a red, white, and blue manicure is a cute way to celebrate Independence Day while also staying laid-back.

What are some of your favorite 4th of July fashion trends? Share your thoughts below.

#### Date Idea: Hunt & Thrift for Treasures





#### By

#### Marissa Donovan

Rummaging through your grandmother's attic, or sifting through a garage sale can be a thrill when you find old treasures. This weekend, make a <u>date night</u> out of it by visiting thrift stores and flea markets with your special someone.

## Find excitement by treasure hunting as a couple!

Try sorting through forgotten artwork, jewelry and furniture to find the perfect addition to your life. Vintage clothing can be resold online if your findings don't match your own particular needs. Always check the latest <u>fashion trends</u> to see if you can still pull off the vintage look!

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Driving through town and stopping at garage sales is another great way to hunt for used items! Garage sales have the added benefit of allowing you and your sweetheart to speak with an item's owner. This gives you the opportunity to discover the history of an object before purchasing it.

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Keep an eye out for neighbors replacing older furniture or preparing for a move! They are much more likely to bargain price since they need to get rid of their items quickly.

What's the best thing you found with your partner at a thrift store or flea market? Let us know in the comments!

### Celebrity Vacation Spot: Everything You Need to Know About Beaches Turks & Caicos





#### Noelle Downey

Whether you're looking for a family-friendly vacation or a romantic getaway with a string of incredible date nights, the Beaches resort at Turks & Caicos may be the perfect place for you to head this summer. This incredible resort, which is made up of four luxury villages, features just about everything your heart could desire when it comes to a popular travel destination, including a spa, adrenaline-inducing water sports, award-winning restaurants, photo-ops with your children's favorite Sesame Street characters, and, of course, beautiful sand and surf. We at CupidsPulse.com went behind-the-scenes to give our readers the inside scoop on what to expect when you head to this celebrity vacation hotspot.

### Book a Romantic Getaway at Beaches Turks & Caicos!

Beaches Turks & Caicos may be a classic and much-loved spot to run away to for a glorious vacation, but that doesn't mean that they're not always looking to grow and change. Recently, they took a "revolutionary step in resort entertainment" and partnered with Creativiva Caribbean Inc. to provide guests with four brand new live shows: Alice in Wonderland, Treasure Island, Jungle Book Live, and Dolce Vita, all performed weekly. "We are so excited to share this brand new experience with our guests," noted Adam Stewart, Deputy Chairman and CEO of Sandals Resorts International, "By partnering with the experts in live entertainment, we are excited to deliver theater on an entirely new level." According to the Beaches Turks & Caicos team, Creativiva entertainers will add new flair to the Beaches already incredible amenities and activities with a "carnival vibe, folklore dance, and cultural performances."

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When you're not taking in one of the new shows, you can enjoy one of four different luxury villages. These villages all operate under a different theme and give guests a distinctly diverse resort experience. "We offer the seaside garden paradise of the Caribbean Village, the sophisticated style of the French Village, the monumental surroundings of the Italian Village, and the Key West Village, which features three- and four-bedroom Villas," the team at Beaches Turks & Caicos explains. So even though you're only traveling as far as Turks & Caicos, you can still take in a posh European lifestyle at this resort.

If you're not sold on the Turks & Caicos location, however, never fear. The Beaches resort franchise has other opportunities for you to enjoy their incredible take on luxury travel. "By 2018, we'll have four properties that will have either just debuted or will be in the development phase, including Sandals LaSource St. Lucia later this year," Beaches staff shared. "We're also continuing our considerable investment in Barbados, including Sandals Royal Barbados, which will open December 2017, and, of course, there are our plans for Beaches Barbados. We're excited for what's to come."

# Enjoy Delicious Food on Your Celebrity Vacation at Beaches Turks & Caicos

If you're planning a trip to Beaches Turks & Caicos, then you'll have to prioritize a couple of food-centric date nights during your stay. The Beaches Turks & Caicos team opened up about the most popular restaurant spots and favorite menu items: "The top favorite restaurants are Neptune's and Schooners Seafood Grill. Our restaurants serve up everything from lemongrass-scented snapper, a 10-ounce rib eye,

and Alaskan king crab risotto to the famous Turks & Caicos mollusk, Conch." With seaside views and a perfectly luxurious fine dining setting, you could eat your fill at either of these establishments and still be begging for more.

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Looking for something to do before dinner? If you're not in the mood to stroll the beach, scuba dive, or relax at the spa, explore the local attractions. Relax on a Catamaran Cruise, Eco Kayak Tour, or Conch Farm Tour, and take in the beauty of the sights and sounds of Turks & Caicos. Or, if none of that tempts you, go celebrity-spotting with your sweetie, as this Beaches resort is a regular destination for stars on their celebrity vacations. Recent famous guests include Tammin Sursok, best known for playing Jenna Marshall on the hit Freeform series *Pretty Little Liars*; Gilles Marini, known for his role in the hit movie *Sex and the City*; and Amanda Stanton from *The Bachelor* and *Bachelor in Paradise*.

#### Beaches Turks & Caicos Team Talks Best Activities for a Family Vacation

If you're headed to Beaches Turks & Caicos with family instead of a new fling, you'll still find plenty of activities that will make your kids smile. Your little ones will love the photo ops and meet and greets with their favorite Sesame Street characters, which are sure to bring some extra magic to their resort experiences. And if you're a parent to older kids and teens, the possibilities are truly endless. Whether your teenagers are looking to benefit the world and give back with the Island Impact program, compete in the cutting-edge X-box Play Lounge, spin some tracks in the Scratch DJ Academy, dance and mingle in the under-21 Club Liquid, relax with the special teen treatments in the Red Lane Spa, or try their hand

at some old school arcade games in the Trench Town, they'll always remember this trip.

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And if you're bringing the whole family for a big event, like a wedding or a vow renewal ceremony, Beaches Turks & Caicos has just what you need. Forget about the stresses of bringing a large group of varying ages to this luxury vacation spot because Beaches resort has already solved your problems. As the crew at Beaches Turks & Caicos assures us, "For those who wish to celebrate their special day with everyone — from the eldest family member to the smallest tot, Beaches Resorts' FamilyMoons offer the ideal venue."

No matter what you're looking for on your summer vacation, Because Turks & Caicos is sure to have it.

Will you be visiting this beautiful luxury travel destination? Let us know in the comments.