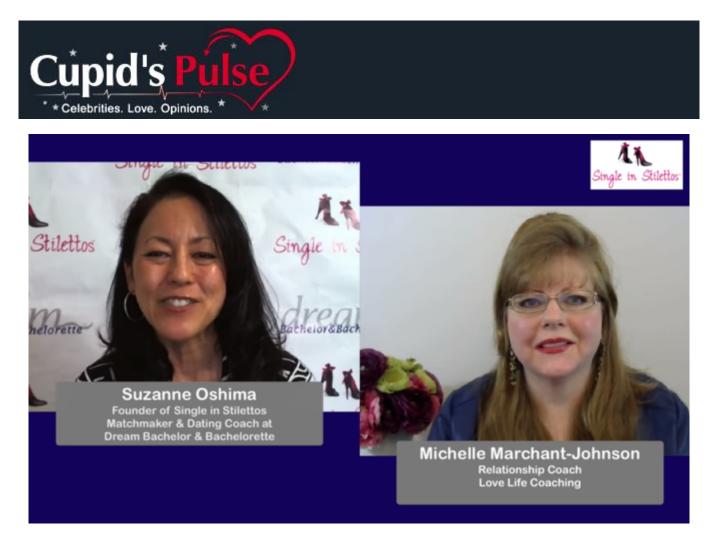
# Dating Advice: How to Create an Irresistible Online Dating Profile



On this week's episode of <u>Single in Stilettos</u>, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Michelle Marchant Johnson to offer their <u>dating advice</u> for those who wish to revamp their online dating profiles. Follow these dating tips if you're interested in finding the love of your life through the world wide web.

## Dating Advice On How You Should Set

## **Up Your Online Profile**

1. Write for your audience. In the written sections of your relationship profile, remember who you're writing it for. You want to represent yourself the best way you can, but you also want to present yourself in a way that is attractive to others.

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2. Mind your presentation. The same way you want to look your best at an interview, you should also want to with online dating. Especially if you're trying to find a lasting relationship. Therefore your online profile should have a clear head shot and appropriate title/screen name.

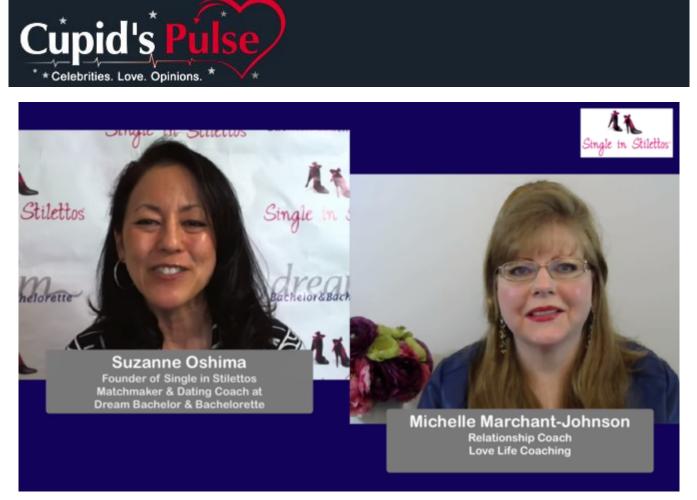
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**3. Don't be too serious.** Online dating should be fun. This dating advice says not to take it too seriously. Profiles that present themselves as too picky or intolerable have less success. No one wants to go out with someone who might be troublesome on a night out.

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# Relationship Advice Q&A: Is Liking Other People's Photos Suspicious Behavior?



Question from Valerie M.: I have been with my guy for a few years. I love him and he loves me, but we view social media differently and it causes us to bump heads. He "likes" photos of other girls constantly, especially if they're half naked. I've told him repeatedly why it bothers me when he does this and ask how he would feel if I did the same thing, but he continues to do so. Am I being too sensitive? I know you can find others attractive while in a relationship, but letting the world know you like all these suggestive photos seems a little unnecessary and juvenile.

Dating during these technologically savvy times is a bit more

complicated than it used to be. Social media has completely changed how people view relationships, love and faithfulness. Gone are the days when men used to open up a magazine and silently admire the opposite sex. However, do not fret, leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer <u>relationship</u> <u>advice</u> and dating tips that may provide comfort about your partner's social media activity.

## Relationship Advice On Social Media Etiquette

<u>Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker</u>: Your boyfriend "liking" other women's provocative photos is not only a bit inappropriate, but it's also completely disrespectful to you. Especially after you explained to him how it makes you feel. He's being insensitive to you and your feelings. Sometimes the only way to make him see your point is to give him a taste of his own medicine by doing the same thing with other men's photos. If that doesn't work, then I suggest you have another heart to heart talk with him and if he still doesn't get the point, then I would re-evaluate whether you want to be with a man who doesn't respect you or your feelings.

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Robert Manni, Guy's Guy: Although I am not a big fan of poking around my partner's online content, you've already opened Pandora's Box. And now you have to do something about what you've discovered. Men are visual creatures, but when a guy is in a committed relationship, "liking" scores of scantily clad women online is not a great idea. Since you've been together for a few years, you can most likely chalk this behavior up to "checking out the menu without ordering." But can you be sure? You've asked him to stop, yet he continues "liking" these women. My relationship advice is to ask him to curtail his behavior one more time. If he is deliberating doing something that bothers you, his priorities are out of order. At this point, if he won't stop... maybe he has to go. Your call!

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If you have any questions you would like answered by our relationship experts, please e-mail them to cupid@cupidspulse.com.

How do you and your significant other go about liking other people's photos? Share you experience or suggestions below.

# Dating Advice: 3 Types of Women Men Avoid





On this week's episode of <u>Single in Stilettos</u>, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Nick Karson to offer their <u>dating advice</u> for those who aren't having the best luck in the dating world. Learn whether or not you fall into one of the three types of women that men tend to avoid. Follow these dating tips to get your love life back on track.

## Dating Advice On Who Men Try To Avoid

1. Being bossy. Very few men find bossy or rude traits attractive. Men do like strong women, but not if she is selfcentered and generally mean. There can't be a relationship if you're entitled and trying to rule everything. Mutual respect is always best.

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**2. Being needy.** Insecurity and constant calling is usually a red flag. If you can't allow a man to have space, then he will

most likely avoid a real relationship with you, especially if you're suspicious without reason. Being overly needing is overbearing. Take time to relax.

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**3. Being flirty.** Men don't like women who are always seeking compliments from others. Men are territorial, so be careful how you receive and react to attention. The experts dating advice: It's disrespectful to be flirty or be perceived as flirty with other people in front of your man. Don't do what you wouldn't like done to you if the roles were reversed!

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# Relationship Advice: Keeping The Fireworks In Your Relationship





By Amy Osmond Cook for Divorce Support Center

"I wanna know what love is. I want you to show me." The rock band Foreigner made that desperate request thirty-two years ago, and we are still wondering about the answer today. With summer romance in full swing, many are looking for relationship advice on how they can keep the fireworks flying in a relationship that is worth protecting. A common truth behind some of today's most enduring relationships is that it takes work to keep that spark alive, and these four dating tips will help ensure your love is a total blast.

## Relationship Advice On How To Keep The Spark Alive

1. Keep dating. Typically, a secure, committed relationship means we don't have to pay close attention to it, right? Wrong! Relationship experts stress that just the opposite is true. Marriage counselor Michele Weiner-Davis says that many times her clients can't recall the last time they spent any time alone together. "They are just not recognizing that romantic time with one another is what a relationship should be about-it should not just be the icing on the cake," she says.

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2. Stay connected. A healthy relationship needs to be nurtured. That means your significant other needs to be reminded regularly that you are his or her number one fan. By using today's technology, you can drop a message to your main squeeze in any form. Be careful who is on the receiving end, however. <u>UsMagazine.com</u> reported on Kelly Ripa's experience sending a photo of her toned behind to her husband, Mark Consuelos. Unfortunately, the photo made its way to her inlaws' iPad instead. "My mother and father-in-law respond from their email and they're like, 'Dear Kelly, we are so proud of all your hard work,' she said. 'Your exercise classes are really paying off.'"

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3. Stay interested. When the relationship began, we wanted to know everything about our new love interest. As your relationship continues to progress and evolve, staying curious about what makes your partner tick keeps you both engaged in the relationship. "Romantic profundity embodies frequent acute occurrences of intense love over long periods of time, along with romantic experiences that meaningfully resonate in all dimensions, helping the individuals flourish and thrive in all dimensions of love," wrote relationship expert Aaron Ben-Zeev, Ph.D. In other words, the best relationship advice to follow is recognizing and celebrating the new, positive discoveries with your partner which will keep things hot in the relationship.

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4. Do whatever it takes. When you have made up your mind that you are committed to this relationship, you will find the little things that often chip away at a marriage won't be a factor in yours. For example, actor Hugh Jackman and his wife, Deborra-Lee Furness, have made a promise to each other not to be apart for more than two weeks at a time. They have been together since 1996. The decision to stay committed early on will be the foundation when difficult times challenge the relationship. Since actor Dax Shepard opened up publicly about his personal struggles with addiction as a result of childhood abuse, his wife, Kristen Bell, has remained supportive of her husband and offers public support to others who live with mental illness and addiction. "Seeing the world through his eyes has really opened mine to knowing that it is a disease, and nobody is choosing to drink more than others. They are doing it because of a variety of reasons, and they deserve the attention of a mental health professional, and not the county jail or however else we're choosing to pretend we're fixing the problem," says Bell.

The secret dating advice behind a healthy relationship is that there is no secret. But it does require an understanding of what you want in a loving partner and an awareness of what you are willing to share. Then, by investing time in keeping private time a priority, being generous with loving gestures, staying curious about your partner, and being fully committed to the success of the relationship, you are destined for a lasting love that lights up the room.

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# Dating Advice: How To Be Sexy On Date Night





On this week's episode of <u>Single in Stilettos</u>, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Abiola Abrams to offer her <u>dating advice</u> on how to be sexy on your next date night.

## Dating Advice On How To Be Sexy During Date Night

In order to be sexy on your next date, follow the experts dating advice and always bring a positive attitude. Instead of focusing on everything you don't want in a partner, focus on the positive things that have happened in your life. It's also important to smile, wear a form-fitting dress (but not too tight!), and walk with confidence. If you're confident in who you are and what you have to offer, then your date will find you sexy.

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# Relationship Expert Talks Taylor Swift, Tom Hiddleston Falling in Love Too Fast





By <u>E!'s Famously Single Dating Coach, Laurel House</u> In this week's <u>relationship advice</u> video, relationship expert

and E!'s Famously Single dating coach, Laurel House gives relationship advice for how to fall in love. Check out the video above for more details!

## Relationship Expert from E!'s *Famously Single* On Why People Fall In Love Fast

Have you ever had a time when you felt that you had fallen in love too fast? Did you find yourself having a Taylor Swift and Tom Hiddleston moment? Don't worry, most people have had a moment like this and relationship expert Laurel House discusses why people fall in love quickly. Falling in love requires chemistry and has no time limit. The dating expert featured on *E*!'s Famously Single reveals the three core needs for falling in love. Related Link: Don't Just Drop Hints When You Want Commitment

Safe. Sexy. Seen. These are the key ingredients for falling in love. Healthy adult relationships make you feel secure and attractive. If your new partner provides these needs, and both your hearts are open, the speed of the relationship doesn't matter. House's relationship advice for heading into the right direction, is knowing what you need in a relationship. Knowing what to look for makes your dating journey so much simpler, and can consequently make the relationship progress quicker. Watch the video above to find out how to fall in love fast and correctly!

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Do you think it's possible to fall in love too fast? Tell us in the comments below!

# Celebrity Couple News: Get Details on Taylor Swift & Tom Hiddleston's Intimate Dinner Date





#### By <u>Stephanie Sacco</u>

It looks like <u>Taylor Swift</u> and Tom Hiddleston are getting pretty cozy. According to <u>EOnline.com</u>, the <u>celebrity couple</u> went on a dinner date to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse in downtown Nashville. A source told <u>E</u>! that the they "were by themselves on the date, but surrounded by security." It seems that she's over Calvin Harris and ready to start fresh! In <u>celebrity news</u> and gossip, at the end of the date, the pair was seen holding hands and Hiddleston opened Swift's door like a true gentleman. Let's hope this celebrity duo lasts; she deserves a keeper.

This new celebrity couple is definitely making the rounds! What are some ways to get to know each other quickly at the beginning of a

## relationship?

#### Cupid's Advice:

New relationships can be exciting, but also a little scary. Jumping into a partnership takes a little bit of courage. Cupid is here to help with some <u>dating advice</u>:

1. Ask questions: Since you know little to nothing about the person at the start of a relationship (unless they're your friend first), ask lots of questions on the first date. It's important to know things about your partner, but also to see that you are compatible. If he's going on and on about topics that don't interest you, it's best to be aware from the start.

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2. Go on dates: Try out different hot spots and restaurants at the start of your relationship. See which activities excite your partner and which you wouldn't try again. It's a great way to see if he's spontaneous or if he's more routine oriented.

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**3. Tell it like it is:** Be outright when it comes to what you like, too. Don't just nod and agree with everything he says, but put in your two cents. If he won't let you share your opinions, it's not going to be a fun run.

How do you get to know someone at the start of a relationship? Comment below!

# Dating Advice for Women Over 40: Why He Didn't Call?





On this week's episode of <u>Single in Stilettos</u>, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Wendy Newman to offer her <u>dating advice</u> for those who may be upset that their date hasn't called. Follow these dating tips to get over rejection fast and focus your energy on finding the one who is right for you.

## Dating Advice On How To Handle Men Who Don't Call Back

1. Don't overthink it. Chances that you'll figure out why he didn't call is very slim. There could be a number of different

reasons why he didn't call, but don't over-analyze and be critical of yourself to find out why it didn't work out.

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2. Accept it. The fact that he hasn't called you back should serve as a sign that he isn't right for you. Don't try to force anything. If he was meant to be the right man for you, he would have called. Know your worth and accept that you have to move on.

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3. Be the best you. Once again, don't try to do detective work to find out why he didn't call you back. Looking for answers is a way of looking for how you can change yourself. Don't try to change. Expert dating advice says that being yourself on dates is the best way to find someone you're most compatible with.

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# Dating Advice: 5 Unique Ways to Find Summer Love





#### By Josh Ringler

Remember Sandy and Danny from *Grease*? They had such a unique love experience and were lucky to find each other. That would have never happened had it not have been for the summer. The hot months of July and August offer plenty of time and opportunities to find love in a unique way on a series of <u>date</u> <u>nights</u>. From <u>celebrity couple</u> who find love on the set of a movie to the couples who fall in love under the blue sky at the beach, the summer offers plenty of unique ways to find your next perfect match! Take this pieces of <u>dating advice</u> to find your next summer love.

## These pieces of dating advice will help you find your next love this

#### summer!

1. Vacations: If you and your friends or your family are going on a vacation, you may also be taking a trip to Love City! Your future partner could be waiting for you in paradise, and that could make the vacation even better! You can definitely find someone looking for love just like you. A great piece of dating advice is to not be afraid to go for the long distance relationship if you really feel the love there; it could be worth it!

2. By the water: Water parks and beaches offer great places to hang out with friends or by yourself, and they also offer a great place to strike up a conversation with a future love interest. You can find someone who likes to take long walks on the beach, or join in on a game of ultimate frisbee! Find a future lover, and join him or her on the slides, or sit and chat on the lazy river together. Being by the water offers so many options for love!

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**3. Online dating:** A lot of people are looking for love, and online dating is one of the best avenues to explore. With many online dating sites, try one that singles out something important to you, like your religion. There is no reason you can't put a profile out there, showing your best qualities and interests. The right partner for you is probably looking for someone just like you, and the match the two of you make with surely add some heat to the summer!

4. Work: Who says work has to be all fun and no play? If you have a summer job in between school years, or have had a crush at someone at work for awhile, the summer is the perfect time to act upon these crushes. Offer a date night suggestion or ask to hang out after work one day. Maybe a lunch date could

turn your friendship into something more romantic! There's nothing in your way. Don't be afraid to go for it, especially if you're in a temporary summer job; you'll have nothing to lose, and only love to gain.

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5. Friend of a friend: Many friends of your friends will be taking vacation time over the summer to visit, and that offers a perfect opportunity to find new love! With your friend as a mutual connection, the two of you will have plenty to talk about. There could be really great potential for a great love story, and you'll already have your friend built into your wedding plans! Just make sure they aren't into each other before you go for it.

Have you found love this summer in a unique way? Let us know how in the comments below!

# Dating Advice: 5 Reasons to Be 'Independent' This Summer





#### By Josh Ringler

The summer is a great time to find summer love, but that isn't for everyone. Love can be in the air, but there is no reason that you have to look for it. Let it come to you, or take the summer to focus on yourself! If you are just overcoming a break up after relationship problems, or you are reading about celebrity couples on the verge of collapse and need some advice, look no further! Cupid has your back with these pieces of <u>dating advice</u> that will keep you thinking positively about being independent this Independence Day!

# These pieces of dating advice will highlight the reasons to be on your own this summer!

1. Take a break: The summer is the perfect time to detox and move on from someone in your past. Whether it was a hard break up over the winter or a painfully recent spring split, the summer is a great time to let that all go. Put on sunscreen, a pair of shades, grab a beach towel and head to the beach to cool off your mind and heat up your skin. While going to the beach can be fun as a date, being by yourself or with your friends can be just as relaxing and happy!

2. Family time: Having a partner means you have to make compromises with your time, whether it be less time with family and friends, or a combination of both. Now that you are on your own, spend time with your younger siblings, visit your cousin or aunt in a different state, or spend time with your grandparents. They will be really happy to spend time with you, and who knows! They may even have some good dating advice for you.

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**3. You can explore:** Have you been dying to go to the Grand Canyon, L.A., or Orlando? Now is your time. Go with a group of friends, or by yourself, it won't matter. You can have a great time and maybe even find a new love interest! Take the drive to think things through, and the change in scenery to enjoy the next chapter of your life. Don't be afraid to try something new or take that far drive. It will be worth it!

4. Focus on your career: Without a relationship, you can work extra hours, or spend extra time studying. If you are in school, find an internship or a job in a city across the country, or if you are already employed, work extra hours, or ask for larger assignments. Now is a perfect time to propel your career to the next level and make advances in your life. That will definitely help your future chances in love!

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**5. Focus on yourself:** After a break up, especially a rough one, you may want to blame yourself for everything that happened. Instead of thinking negative, you should keep your

head up and focus on yourself and your future relationships. A great piece of dating advice is to stay positive and to look on the bright side of life. You can't find your next love if you are looking down at the floor!

Do you think being independent in the summer can be a good thing by following these pieces of dating advice? Let us know in the comments below!

# Have a Front Row Date Night to the Fireworks on a Circle-Line Cruise





#### By Josh Ringler

The 4th of July is a perfect time for you and your loved one to do something exciting and new! Take your partner to the city, but instead of walking the streets, dining out, or taking advantage of the city's many <u>date ideas</u>, go right to the piers! This date night is a little different than most July 4th dates! While <u>celebrity couples</u> always take advantage of yachts, most of us can't afford them. But this Independence Day <u>date night</u> will make you cruise in celebrity-like style!

## Circle-Line Cruises offers a great date night Independence Day voyage, and you would be crazy to miss it!

One of the best views you can get for the Macy's fireworks show is on the water. Thankfully, companies like Circle-Line offer cruises that sail to the East River so you can watch the show unfold in front of your eyes.

No buildings, crowds of people, or any of that craziness will

be in your way on this ship! There are two options for these cruises, VIP or regular, but regardless of which you choose, you will be in love with this trip. The only difference is an on-board DJ and a slightly better food menu. Sailing out of Pier 83 in the city, your love boat will sail past many of NYC's famous landmarks.

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One of the coolest pre-fireworks parts of this trip is the stop at the Statue of Liberty. What is more American than the Statue of Liberty and then going to see fireworks? Maybe BBQesque food... But wait! That's what is on the menu!

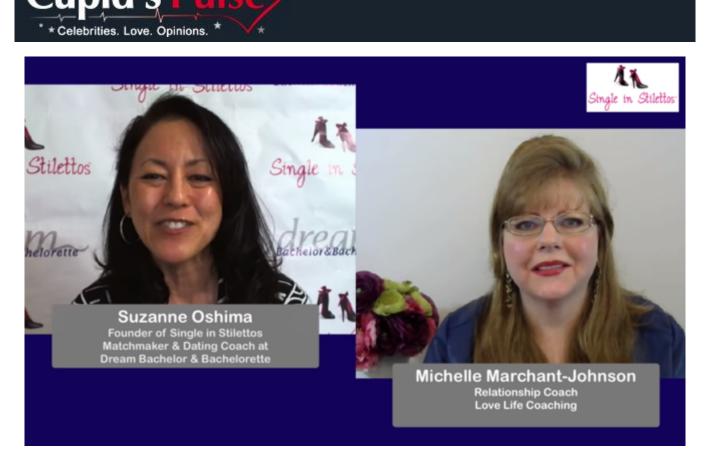
The best part of this cruise is the view for the fireworks. Snuggle with your love on the waters of the East River, right in front of the beautiful display of colors in the sky! Nothing could be better! These cruises are perfect for romantic nights, and an important piece of <u>dating advice</u> is to have as many date nights as possible to keep the relationship fresh, hot, and feeling new.

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Circle-Line's Independence Day trips will surely excite you and your lover and make the 4th of July full of happiness for the two of you. While not everyone can enjoy a world-class fireworks display over the water with a magnificent skyline in the background, you can if you take advantage of a Circle-Line cruise on the Fourth of July!

Have you ever been on a Circle-Line cruise or enjoyed fireworks over the water with your love? Let us know in the comments below!

# Relationship Advice: 7 Things We All Learn from Our First Love



#### By Josh Ringler

Do you remember your first relationship? You probably do because there are things that everyone learns from their first love, relationship, and crush. While some things are obvious, there are other things we learn that are not always that clear-to-see. <u>Celebrity couples</u> always talk about their first love, first relationship, and those feelings they got from the time together. If you are heading into your first serious relationship, one where you think you've found love, be ready to learn! If you are sadly overcoming a recent heart break, use these seven pieces of <u>relationship advice</u> as a means to see that there will be hope in the future!

## These pieces of relationship advice teach you to value the lessons learned from your first love.

1. What love feels like: Everyone talks about love and what it feels like to them, but love is different for everyone. Of course, each relationship is different, and that is a great thing. A great piece of relationship advice is that the more unique your love is, the better chance it has at lasting longer! Your first true love will give you an idea of what love feels like and you'll see how that will make you feel.

2. How a relationship works: While not every relationship can be a good example of how a relationship works, usually your first love is one that you hold dear to your heart, and one that allows you to learn about the ins and outs of being part of a couple. A great piece of <u>dating advice</u> is to incorporate the positives you have learned in this first serious relationship and use them to make the next one even better.

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3. What you like: There are some things in a relationship you will really like and be happy about. Some things are specific to who you are dating, but more often than not, some things in a relationship are just typical. If you like weekday date nights, then maybe that is something that continues. If you love going on spontaneous romantic getaways for a night, continue that as well. It is important that you are happy, as well as your partner!

4. What you don't like: Not everything in your first (or probably any) relationship will be perfect. There will be things you will realize don't fit your expectations for a relationship, or some parts of it that just rub you the wrong way. This lesson could actually be the reason for your relationship's downfall. Communicate about the things you don't like, and it will all be okay in the future!

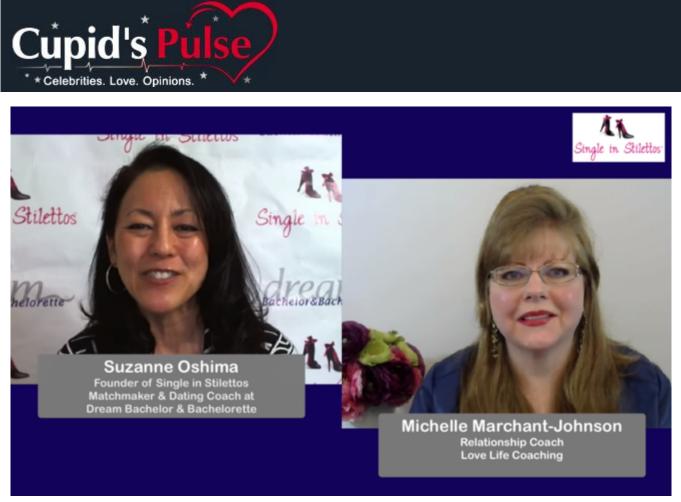
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5. Good date ideas: One of the best parts of a first love is trying to think of cute, romantic, and loving <u>date ideas</u>. Now, you almost certainly had ideas that didn't work, but the good news is you won't have to repeat those! There are of course some dates that will just fall flat, and who you bring with on the date definitely has a determination in that outcome. Learning what dates can be really fun and romantic is a great way to improve your relationship skills in the future.

6. Who you are: Every relationship should teach you something about yourself. Whether it is solidifying feelings or realizing an unknown skill or trait, relationships are a great way to learn more about who you are and what you can be. Maybe you're a great relationship partner, or maybe you need some work — either way you learned this in your relationship!

7. How to make someone fall for you: Falling in love may have been easier for you than for your partner, and you may have realized you were putting in a lot of effort to make them fall for you. Then, it paid off and the two of you fell deeper in love with each other, and the relationship soared to new heights. Certainly, your first love will be your first experience with something like this, and it will be extremely helpful for your future. Learning about falling in love and making someone realize their love for you will help you with every relationship down the road! Did you learn these concepts with your first love? Or did we miss something we should have included? Let us know in the comments!

# Relationship Advice: The Pressure To Choose Friends Over Your Significant Other



By Lori Zaslow and Jennifer Zucher for <u>Project Soulmate</u> with contributing writer Christina Madera

You just won two tickets to see the Broadway play, Hamilton.

You know your best friend has been dying to go but your boyfriend is an American history junkie who would really appreciate the production. Who do you choose? You love your best friend and you love your boyfriend, and they both love being around you. So really, why would you even want to choose? We determined the three main reasons women think they have to choose between their BFF and their boy-toy. Follow our relationship advice and dating advice to avoid any relationship problems.

## Relationship Advice On How To Balance Time Between Your Best Friend And Boyfriend

1. Are you the absent-minded friend? Being in love is not just beautiful, it's exhilarating. You want to dedicate every second of your time with your lover because they make you feel content. But don't sacrifice your friendships for your significant other. Remember that your friends came before your boyfriend or girlfriend, and will probably be there after. You can't just run to them when your relationship has fallen into the abyss if you ignored them during the honeymoon period. Denying yourself of "me time" or girls night outs may lead to loss of lifelong friends, which may make your romantic relationship turn sour. Make a day in the week that's dedicated to your friends and only your friends. Get mani/pedis with your girls and talk about something other than your relationship. Let your friends know that there is still a 'you' even though you're apart of a 'we'. Enjoying time with your friends will help you avoid date night guilt that comes when spending a lot of time with your sweetheart.

**Related Link:** <u>Relationship Advice: How To Handle Single-</u> <u>Shaming</u> 2. Are you the mediator friend? If your friends don't like your significant other, there has to be a reason. And if your significant other doesn't fancy your friends, there's reasoning behind this as well. Sometimes we're blinded by love or friendship, that we cannot see when we're in a poisonous relationship. If this is the case, seek out other perspectives on the situation and improve your relationships with their relationship advice. In other cases, the feelings of distaste between friend and significant other surfaced after one has been dishonest. You've forgiven your friend or lover for something that the other won't overlook. If trust was broken, their relationship may need a healing period. But if time has passed and the relationship between your friends and significant other is still weak, try strengthening their relationship by reliving great memories you've all shared. Make time for your best friend and your boyfriend together! It doesn't have to be just the three of you from the start. Invite them to a barbecue or a game night so that they can interact with each other naturally without feeling pressured into it. If this is the person you'll potentially marry then your best friend will eventually warm up to him and vice versa.

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3. Are you the ultimatum friend? If you've ever had anyone in your life utter these words, do yourself a favor and remove this person from your circle. Forcing someone to pick a side is selfish and inconsiderate. What they're asking is not for you to choose between them and another important person in your life. They're actually asking for you to decide between happiness and heartbreak. This request is extremely possessive and if you were to grant it, there would be an opening for manipulation. If your significant other doesn't like you hanging around a hazardous friend it's fair for them to let you know how they're feeling, but how they express it is most important. The decision to continue a friendship or not should ultimately be yours.

Your relationship with your friends and your boyfriend need equal maintenance. You don't want to be labeled as the girl who forgets their friends while in a relationship, the same way you wouldn't want your significant other to complain that they are neglected. But you don't want to be controlled be either. You need to water both of your relationships in order for them to grow while also pulling out the weeds that attempt to overpower you.

Relationship experts Lori Zaslow and Jennifer Zucher are BRAVO TV's Love Brokers and founders of <u>Project Soulmate</u>, a high-end New York-based matchmaking company.

## Dating Advice: 5 Uncommon Romantic Gestures He'll Love





#### By Josh Ringler

Relationships can be compared to snowflakes. At the basis of every snowflake is snow, and the basis of a relationship is love. But, just like snowflakes, no two relationships are alike. What separates one relationship from another is the uncommon acts that make each relationship special. <u>Celebrity</u> <u>couples</u> love to do unusual things that look so loving! So, why don't you follow in your favorite couples' footsteps and use our list of <u>dating advice</u> to make him fall for you even more!

## These pieces of dating advice dive into the over-analyzed aspects of your relationship to prevent relationship problems!

1. Tickets: One of the best ways to make a guy happy is to get him tickets to an event. Whether it is a concert, sporting game, or a theatrical production, tickets are an expensively uncommon way to warm your man's heart. At least one of these types of events will make your man happy, and a different date together will definitely heat things up! A great piece of <u>relationship advice</u> is to keep your relationship happy. The happier, the better!

2. Picnic: Here at Cupid we have a lot of date ideas, and one of the most uncommon date ideas that every person will love is a picnic! Food and the outdoors are always a great combination, and having his crush next to him will only make him happier. Find a romantic spot that isn't too populated, grab a blanket, and pick out one of his favorite places to eat. Chipotle, Five Guys, whatever is fun to eat and won't be too messy to clean after!

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3. Loving mementos: A loving, yet rarely seen, gesture of love are little things that come from the heart. Whether it is a picture, drawing, or a nice customized product, in today's world they are very uncommon. While an Instagram photo together, or a Facebook post about your love for him is nice, having something he can look at, hold, or show off to his friends is way better. It shows you care and really took time out of your day to make something for him and it will really be appreciated!

4. Change up the typical: Take common things and make them uncommon. If you love to go hiking, find a new spot to go to. If you enjoy walking together, find a more romantic or beautiful place to walk. Finding ways to change up your daily routine is a great way to show you are thinking of ideas to keep the relationship fresh. That's a crucial piece of dating advice; if things get stale, it can get bad quick! Changing up your plans for a different setting, meal, or something like that is a great way to make him fall harder for you!

**Related Link:** <u>Relationship Advice: 5 Ways to Break Your</u> <u>Routine and Keep Things Fresh</u> 5. Shopping for him: Most men like to buy things and compliments. While you may not enjoy sitting with him while he is in the Nike store, or looking for a new sports shirt, he will appreciate it. Maybe go into a clothing store and have him try on things you think will look good on him and be sure to compliment him, while being honest with him. He will appreciate the compliments and honesty, and he will love the fact that you are spending time with him, helping him shop. It can be fun for the two of you, and if you go to a mall or shopping center, there will probably be a nice place to eat after!

Have you done anything uncommon for your man that missed the list? Let us know in the comments below!

# Celebrity Interview: Virtually In Love's Kansas Discusses Falling In Love Online





Interviewed and Written by <u>Cortney Moore</u>.

Kansas met Natiece on Instagram, which many wouldn't think of as a reliable platform for dating, but they made it work and began a relationship. This story isn't too unusual in this day and age. However, their story is just one of the many relationships followed on Oxygen's newest reality TV show, *Virtually in Love.* This show that has been a hit with audiences since its debut because it takes online dating faceto-face. Couples on the show encounter their own series of challenges, and Kansas and Natiece were no exception. With sneak peeks of their episode released by Oxygen, Kansas and Natiece have not been completely honest with each other. Will love prevail? Cupid had the pleasure of getting to know Kansas and heard her side of the story in our exclusive <u>celebrity</u> <u>interview</u>.

### *Virtually In Love*'s Kansas discusses online relationships &

# provides relationship advice in celebrity interview.

It would seem that specialized dating websites are no longer the only tool for making a connection online. In an unlikely series of events, the photo sharing app, Instagram, brought Kansas and Natiece together. "Well, when I saw her, she had posted something sad," Kansas said regarding their first online encounter. "When I see people post sad things I just let them know that if they need someone to talk to, they can talk to me. And she wanted to talk, so that's what happened." Their initial interactions were platonic. Kansas helped Natiece get through a break-up she was going through, and as time went on, the pair eventually found themselves in a relationship.

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Kansas, who also happens to be a Kansas state native, wasn't worried about meeting the North Carolina basketball star. She admits that she was more concerned about whether or not she could fulfill Natiece's expectations. In regard to her first reality TV appearance, Kansas said, "It was fun in a sense." However, at the same time, she was there to meet Natiece and get to know her better. "We had stuff that we wanted to talk about, and it kind of felt like we were talking to everybody." Despite the cameras following their journey, Kansas expresses gratitude at having an opportunity to share her story.

As seen in past episodes of *Virtually in Love*, the couples aren't only meeting each other for the first time, but they are also facing their issues head on. Online video teasers released by Oxygen show that Kansas and Natiece have been keeping secrets from each other. For instance, Natiece refrains from telling Kansas that she was engaged before and still holds on to her ring. Also, Kansas doesn't tell Natiece that she had been seeing someone else for a time, while also keeping her relationship with Natiece a secret from her mother. To shed some light on her actions, Kansas explained, saying, "I didn't know what to expect, that's why I wasn't really ready to say anything." Pertaining to the situation that involved her mother, who doesn't approve of same-sex relationships, Kansas said, "I thought it'd be better to have [Natiece] there." Kansas went on to say that having Natiece present when she talked to her mother would force her to tell the truth about her sexuality.

When asked whether or not a long distance relationship impacted her views positively or negatively, Kansas said that her experience has been both. "I've had, with dating online, good experiences and bad experiences. I think it could be very similar to dating someone in real life, except they're not there." Additionally, Kansas expresses her sadness at the tragedy that unfolded in Orlando this past week at the Pulse nightclub. "It didn't just affect the victims and their families; I feel that it affected the whole United States." Kansas also went on to express that she believes the world needs to stop hating and start loving. "We just got to figure out where to start."

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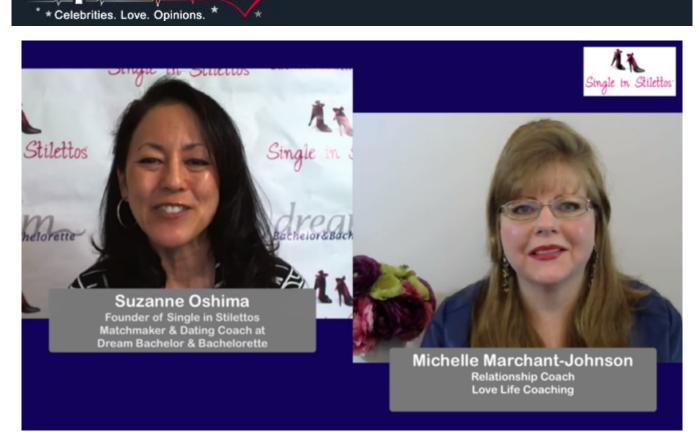
When it comes to <u>relationship advice</u> and online dating tips, Kansas believes it's important to do research and stay true to oneself. "If you're going to do it, go in a hundred percent because you don't know what the other person is feeling for you," Kansas said. "You don't want to be confused in an online relationship." After her experience on the show, Kansas stresses honesty as the best policy, but of course online daters need to do their research to avoid instances like catfishing. "Be yourself," she advised. "If you start off being yourself there won't be any surprises."

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Keep up with Kansas and Natiece's relationship on *Virtually in Love*, and find out if they stayed together or drifted apart.

Virtually in Love airs on Tuesdays at 9 p.m. ET/PT on Oxygen Media.

## Dating Advice: Are You Repelling the Right Man Away?



On this week's episode of <u>Single in Stilettos</u>, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Nicole Moore to offer her <u>dating advice</u> for those who might be

repelling the right man away. Follow these dating tips to attract a good man and keep him in your life.

### Dating Advice On How To Avoid Repelling Men

1. Get honest. If you're not meeting good men, the problem might just be you. Experts agree the best dating advice for a woman attracting problem men is for her to acknowledge that she is the common denominator and also has the power to fix it.

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2. Don't be afraid. Showing fear contributes to your poor luck in finding men. If you're approaching relationships afraid and guarded, you'll attract men who aren't good for you. Your fear is a magnet for men who are also afraid. Shift your thoughts to something positive.

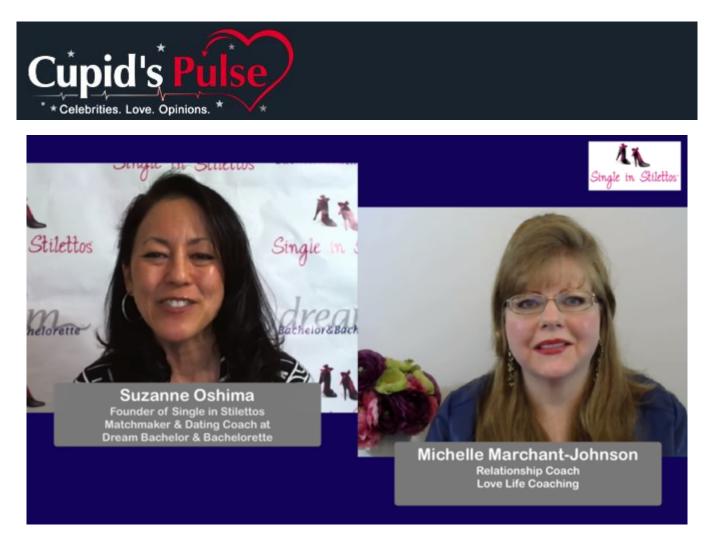
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3. Change your outlook. Find positive qualities in the men that you encounter, even in situations that appear negative. For example, a man who is upfront about his intentions should be appreciated as honest. Also, keep in mind that it's unrealistic to find a perfect man.

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## Dating Advice: How to Know When You've Found the One



#### By David Wygant

We are all about finding "the one." What do you think we are all dating for? We're dating to find the one of course! But the thing is, there's really no such thing as the one. Life is just a series of ones. Throughout our entire existence, dating and relationships, everybody you've ever fallen in love with, you've thought was the one. You thought the one from high school might have been the one, the one from college might have been the one, the one that you found in your 20s might have been the one. It doesn't really matter what age you're at. As a relationship expert, I can tell you with certainty that whoever you're looking at is the one for right now, and hopefully this is the one that will take you through the end of time. So with that in mind I want you to realize that every other person you thought was the one, was not. So now with the following <u>dating advice</u> let's do things differently.

### Relationship Expert Gives Dating Advice On Finding The One

Let's go through how to really find the one. The one is really important after all. What you need to do is take your time! First off, you need to know exactly who you are, what you want, and how you want to show up for love. That is probably the most important journey to knowing you've found the one. You see, we all fall under the spell of love, or under the influence of a new person. But in reality, what you need to do is you need to start looking carefully at who you're with. Every time we rush into a relationship it tends to never work. So you need to take a moment to reflect about who you are, what you desire in a relationship and how you're willing to make it work.

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The best dating advice I can offer is to ask yourself what you need from the other person. How you want to be held, how you want sex. When you start dating somebody, you need to start realizing how they feel. Are they considerate? Do they show up? Are they good at communicating? You get the idea. The one takes time. Real love takes time. Rushing into something never works. But how do you know if you've found the one? Well, here's what you need to do. You need to take it slow. You need to spend time with them. You need to spend at least a year with somebody to know whether or not they're the one. You need to see them in all aspects of their life in order to avoid relationship problems. How they handle conflict, how they act when they're around family. You want someone who is consistent. Someone who consistently loves you more every single day. You want to know what it's like when you have your first fight, your first conflict with them. You see, life is not about rushing into things. So my relationship advice to you is to take your time. Because when you take your time, you'll start to realize if somebody is the one or just another one that you need to push aside.

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For more expert relationship advice from David, click <u>here</u>.

# Weekend Date Idea: Dance the Night Away





By Ryan Boyle. Updated by <u>Stephanie Sacco</u>

One way to spice up your love life is by going dancing with your partner. The lights are dim, the music is loud, and you and your man are out for a night on the town. It's time to show off your moves, so put on your dancing shoes.

# Here are some date ideas that will have you dancing.

Live music is a great entertaining <u>date idea</u> that will have you on your feet. Lots of bars and restaurants offer live music on the weekends or karaoke and open mic nights during the week. Grab your partner and start jumping, because you won't want to miss out on all the fun. Order a drink, and get ready to whip your hair back and forth.

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Once the music starts, the dancing can begin. If you can't dance, it's okay. Start by improvising and moving with the music. Act silly as long as your partner is up for the fun. If

he's awkward and stand-offish, get him to loosen up. Grab his hand and pull him onto the dance floor. Show him that it's okay to look ridiculous.

If he's not the dancing type, just sway with your partner or jump up and down. Head bang to the hits of today, or make up your own moves.

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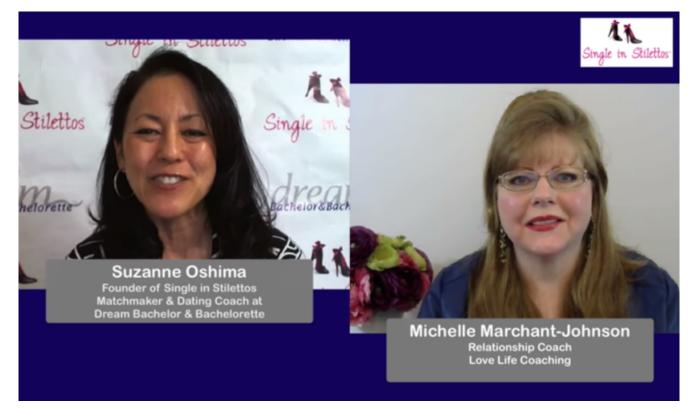
Go to a class together and express yourselves. Be passionate, or attend a concert that you both love. As long as you and your partner are close, that's all that matters. Take this weekend as an opportunity to get even closer.

You might even find "your song" while you're out with your partner. Whenever you hear it you'll be reminded of the fun times you both had together.

Do you have any fun dance-related date ideas? Comment below!

## Weekend Date Idea: Gift Him with a Guys Night Out





By Ché Blackwood. Updated by <u>Josh Ringler</u>

Whether he's grabbing a beer, playing video games or watching his favorite team, you know how your boyfriend wants to spend his spare time. Instead of dragging him to a restaurant that he doesn't care for, or making him go shopping at the mall, gift him with a night that will take your love to new height with a different kind of weekend date idea.

# Make your man feel extra special with this weekend date idea!

Head on over to ESPN and find out when his favorite sports team is playing next. Then, surprise him with a midweek trip to his favorite bar to watch the game together, one of the many <u>date ideas</u> that giving him a guys night out has to offer!

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

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If you really want to shock him purchase two unexpected tickets so he can watch his favorite team live. Don't tell him where you're headed and watch his eyes light up as you reach the stadium. A few hotdogs and a clear view to the field will make his day and spark the romance. A great piece of dating advice is to keep your man happy, and he will be sure to make you happy too!

Trips to the batting cages, put-put golf and trivia night are other great television-free options for your guy's night out.

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If your man isn't the sports type, take him on an impromptu trip to his favorite restaurant where he can order that dish he's been craving. After dinner, catch a movie he's been dying to see. Let him know that you're as laid back and fun to be around as his guy friends. This weekend date idea will clearly prove that to him! After all, karma dictates that you'll be rewarded for showing your man a great time.

Have a great idea for a perfect guy's night out together? Let us know what it is in the comments below!

## Date Ideas: Preparing in

### Advance for Game Day





By Deanna Atkins. Updated by <u>Josh Ringler</u>

This upcoming weekend holds an event that is probably very close to your lover's heart: the Super Bowl. It's easy to get caught up in the game day festivities, but taking care of preparations with your guy in advance can help you relax and enjoy the game together. The Super Bowl offers many <u>date</u> <u>ideas</u>, from an expensive trip to see it live to a party with friends to (hopefully) root on your favorite team! Use these pieces of <u>dating advice</u> to add a little love to your partner's Super Bowl Sunday!

### Get super with these date ideas for

### the Big Game!

Whether you have the privilege of seeing the Super Bowl live in Houston or you're planning to host a viewing party, you need to make sure everything is in order for your sweetheart – even if you're more excited for the half-time performance. The weekend leading up to the game can be full of fun date ideas and you'll want to do them together!

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If you're both rooting for the same team, hit up a sporting goods store for matching game day jerseys and foam fingers. While you're out, make a stop your local party place for any decoration needs: football-themed plates and napkins, colored streamers and noise makers. If you really want to impress your guests, get a football-shaped cake pan to make a special dessert decorated with colored icing and football player figurines. Your shopping won't be complete without going to Costco or BJ's for the most important items: food and beer. Let your babe take the reins on this one — what guy isn't going to get excited over wings, burgers and brew?

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As your guests arrive, your man can be in charge of the grill, cooking up an all-American feast of foot-long hot dogs and double-stacked hamburgers. If you live in a colder climate, get a 6-foot hero from your local deli that will feed about 25 to 30 people. The great news is that you can mix and match and make the hero any size. This will make sure everyone can enjoy it! Don't forget to add buffalo chicken wings to the order too. Then, for dessert, bring out your sweet treat, and if the frosting happens to to turn into face paint, then the fun can really begin. With the essentials out of the way, you and your beau are ready to entertain without the stress of running around at the very last minute. If you do need a few extra things on game day, ask your friends to pick it up on their way over. Now that you're prepared for Super Bowl madness, your weekend is sure to be a touchdown! For an extra fun game, see who can spot the most <u>celebrity couples</u> at the game!

What's your favorite way to enjoy Super Bowl Sunday? Share your experiences below.

## Date Ideas: New Year's Dating Resolutions





#### Updated by Josh Ringler

It's that time of year again, even for Cupid. It's time to say goodbye to the old year and hello to New Year's resolutions. Everyone, from <u>celebrity couples</u> to your mom makes resolutions and you should too! These <u>date ideas</u> and suggestions should inspire you to change up the way you see dating! Follow these pieces of <u>dating advice</u> to make your love life more interesting this year. Here are some new year's goals every dater should attempt to achieve:

### These suggestions for future date ideas will increase the happiness of your dating futures!

1. Resolve to split the check: Sure, it's not exactly old fashioned, but in these hard economic times, it's perfectly OK to both pitch in. Being a couple is about being together, so indulge in a nice romantic night out, a trip to the movies, or any other one of our date ideas, but use both of your

checkbooks.

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2. Ban the dinner date: Get lunch or breakfast instead, but for goodness sake, do something different than meeting someone for after-work dinner and drinks. It is time to break all the cliché about dating and find other times and ways to spend your dating time! Everyone is busy, but it's the year to break the monotony.

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**3. Try online dating:** It's been looked down upon by some and misunderstood by others, but online dating can be a fast and easy way to meet and greet some very high potential love interests. Don't be afraid or ashamed to try it. If you are serious about finding love, online dating is a great avenue to find that special one!

Have a dating resolution of your own? Comment below! And Happy New Year!

# Date Ideas: Say 'Ahhh' at the Spa





Updated by Josh Ringler

Are you sick of the typical movie and dinner dates on weekends? Cupid's got you covered! Nothing says romance like being pampered in a candlelit room while getting a couples massage with your date. These <u>date ideas</u> will freshen your body and mind, while also putting your relationship on cloud 9!

# Spas are full of romantic and relaxing date ideas!

Spending time away from reality with your partner can make your relationship stronger. Take your significant other to a luscious spa. Getting a massage side-by-side is the best way to relax and enjoy some quality time. While there, visit the sauna together, relax by the pool or warm up in a Jacuzzi. Keeping the relationship fresh is always a great <u>dating advice</u> tip!

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Do you want to take your partner to a spa without breaking your bank? Consider having a spa date at home. Transform your bathroom into a candlelit room full of romance. Get slippers, robes, body scrubs, facial products, music and essential spa items. Turn off all your technology and make the night just about the two of you. By the end of you, you certainly won't complain! Plan a healthy meal to serve afterwards to feel even more refreshed!

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These date ideas are great ways to beautify and detoxify your relationship. Don't be afraid to try something new. <u>Celebrity</u> <u>couples</u> love to go to the spa together, and it could be your couple's new thing!

Have you experienced a spa with your loved one? How did it go? Tell us in the comments below!

## Date Ideas: Hot or Cold Nights





By Gabriela Robles. Updated by Josh Ringler

Cold winter dates can get hot, too! This weekend, base your date night on hot and cold elements. You'll be sure to warm up even the coldest night this winter with these <u>date ideas</u>! Whether you're stuck inside because of snow, or looking for an excuse for some time with your love, use these pieces of <u>dating advice</u> to heat up your winter!

## The cold of winter can create some 'hot' date ideas!

First, you have to set the mood — it will immediately relax the both you and your partner and make you feel like you're in a dream. Decorate the room with candles and twinkling lights, and play some soft music to get ready for your intimate evening. Find a good playlist full of your favorite musicians and put your phones down for the evening; focusing on each other will make the night that much better!

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Now, let's consider some hot and cold recipes that you can cook together. Make a warm, hearty dish like chicken pot pie or your mom's white chicken chili. For dessert, make some chocolate fondue and use pretzel rods, rice crispy treats and frozen bananas slices for dipping. End the evening by sipping on some hot chocolate. If you are itching to get out of the house, make an appointment for a warm couple's massage. The two of you will be in the same room keeping toasty and enjoying a warm-lotioned massage — these can be sexy date ideas and a nice relaxing experience with your partner!

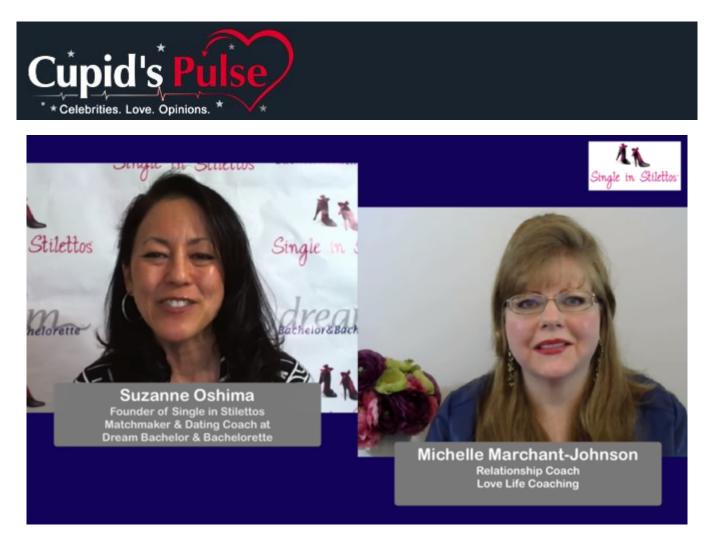
If hot dishes aren't your thing, stick with cold meals. Make some spicy gazpacho for a light meal. For dessert, sip on some frozen hot chocolate instead of the kind that can burn your tongue. You can even whip up some thick homemade cream to top it off. Pour the drink into a couple of matching mugs – and voila! You have a nice sweet treat to share. If you're in the mood to go out, how about ice skating? Head to your nearest rink and lace up those rental skates. Most spots will even have some hot chocolate available for when you're ready to warm up again.

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You could mix both elements in one night, too. This time, jump right to dessert: setup a sundae bar and get busy! Stick with the hot and cold elements: use hot fudge and warm pecans or sprinkles and frozen chocolate chips — whatever you desire. Grab a cozy blanket to share and settle in by the crackling fire with your sweetheart watching your favorite <u>celebrity couples</u> on Netflix. For a fun activity out of your home, check out your nearest indoor pool and sauna. This way, the two of you will be able to play cool while still keeping the date hot!

Have any fun date ideas that are hot or cold? Let us know in the comments below!

# Date Idea: Enjoy the Snow from Indoors



By Sarah Ribeiro. Updated by <u>Josh Ringler</u>

Embrace the winter weather this weekend with your honey while in the comfort and warmth of your home. Immerse yourselves in wintry-themed activities to get in the mood to cuddle, and keep out of the cold with these <u>date ideas</u>! While snow is fun, it is cold outside. So warm up the house and stay indoors!

### Winter is full of fun date ideas!

Start off the night with a candlelit meal including all of your favorite winter foods: a roast chicken, snow peas, warm soup and hot cider or egg nog (spiked or not). You can even find the recipes of your favorite <u>celebrity couples</u> or chefs and get inspired by their dishes to create a new favorite cuisine!

You can even try your hand at making homemade hot cocoa with a romantic twist: use a fondue pot to melt your favorite chocolate bar and then pour the cocoa into a mug of steamed milk or cream that the two of you can share. For an extra burst of flavor, add a peppermint stick or some cinnamon. Then, as you enjoy your drink, watch the falling snow outside and share your favorite childhood stories of snowball fights and ice skating. A great piece of <u>dating advice</u> is to share these fun stories with each other as it builds a more personal connection!

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After dinner, make some old fashioned popcorn and snuggle under a blanket on the couch for some great winter movies. Some favorites are 'Love Actually,' 'Serendipity,' 'Moulin Rouge,' and the classic 'Love Story.' If neither of you is a fan of "chick flicks," check out some winter comedies, like 'Blades of Glory,' 'Better Off Dead,' or 'Hot Tub Time Machine.'

If you're feeling crafty, embrace your inner child and create some homemade decorations or gifts. Make paper snowflakes and cotton snowmen or paint your own snowscapes while listening to quiet music like Yanni or Enya. If you're especially creative, knit together. Find a template for a scarf or gloves and knit each other a gift, grabbing yarn in your partner's favorite color or material to make it extra special for him. For an even more personalized touch, use his college colors or knit his name into the pattern. Check out some great patterns for beginners and experts alike at FaveCrafts.com.

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For more of an active night, break out the board games. Think of your favorite "snow day" activities — card games, charades, Monopoly — and get competitive. If you want something more cooperative to do with your sweetheart, try putting together a puzzle or finishing that impossible crossword from Sunday's paper. You could even turn on the Wii and play a skiing or snowboarding game.

To finish the night, get intimate and light a fire. Toast some marshmallows, drink your leftover New Year's champagne and plan your next few winter date ideas together, like skiing!

Do you have any great winter date ideas? Tell us in the comments below!