

Date Idea: See Sparks Fly



By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and [Mara Miller](#)

“See sparks fly” isn’t just an old idiom or part of a Taylor Swift song – we’re talking about the Fourth of July! What else turns up the heat more than celebrating our country’s independence? If you think you see fireworks every time you kiss your loved one or look into their eyes, then how about turning that dreamlike state into reality and finding the best fireworks in town for tomorrow’s special holiday? Watching fireworks bursting is invigorating, so use this weekend [date idea](#) to share it with the person who makes you feel most alive!

Indulge in this Fourth of July date idea!

The Travel Channel determined the best fireworks displays in the country, so if your city landed a spot on this list, grab a blanket and head out to see the show. Many flock to the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., to celebrate our country's big day, and if you wanted to get especially festive on this date idea, you could book a Potomac River cruise. Even if your city isn't on this list, we all love to cuddle up with our boo, so wherever you go, you're bound to feel the magic. If your heart so desires a road trip to make the day even more monumental, just be sure to plan everything in advance.

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You'll want to arrive at the fireworks location ahead of time to claim a good spot. After all, there aren't many people who stay home on this glorious day! That being said, choose a quiet area where there will be less hustle and bustle – it's not like you won't be able to see the fireworks! Just make sure a monument or skyscraper isn't blocking your view, and you'll be good to go. Because you're arriving early, remember this dating advice and pack properly as well. Bring insect repellent, water, snacks, and games to keep you entertained.

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If you're the after-party type, there's sure to be plenty to do when the fireworks are over. If you want to get really festive, dress up in your best red, white, and blue outfits and find a bar that really speaks to your wilder side. Rooftop spots are especially popular since everyone's eyes are looking toward the sky already. This is a day for everyone to celebrate, so let loose with the one who makes every day as romantic as it can be!

What is your favorite thing to do with your partner on the Fourth of July? Share your best dating advice in the comments below!

Travel Tips: How To Make Your Own 4th of July Adventure



By [Haley Lerner](#)

Barbeques, red, white and blue, and fireworks on a beautiful beach. We know, you've been dreaming about the perfect Fourth of July getaway. For your patriotic trip, it's definitely best to stay in the United States so you can witness celebrations

of the holiday. So, don't worry, we have the perfect getaway ideas that will make you feel like you're on a [celebrity vacation](#) this Independence Day.

Check out these [travel destinations](#) that will make your 4th of July spectacular!

1. New York City, NY: While a trip to the Big Apple might not be like the typical dream beach vacation, it sure is a great place to be on America's birthday. Go to Manhattan to catch the extravagant Macy's 4th of July Firework show over the East River. Try booking a cruise to watch the fireworks explode in front of the Statue of Liberty and the city skyline.

2. Key West, FL: Now here's that dream beach getaway you were hoping for! Key West is a beautiful place with fabulous resorts and water activities like snorkeling, fishing, and kayaking. Plus, July 1-4 is the annual Key Lime Festival with activities such as pie eating contests, rum sampling and fireworks.

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3. New Orleans, LA: Go to the Big Easy for an awesome Independence Day trip. Catch a view of the city's Go 4th on the River fireworks show that features dueling barges on the Mississippi River. Take a cruise on the Creole Queen, Steamboat Natchez or another riverboat for an awesome view of the fireworks. Spend the rest of the weekend eating and dancing away!

4. Washington, D.C.: Where else is better to celebrate the birth of the United States than the country's capital? Spend your trip visiting monuments and scoping out the White House. Set up a picnic at National Mall and enjoy fireworks at night

with your family.

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5. Boston, MA: Boston is a city full of Revolutionary War history and heritage. Check out Boston Harborfest in Faneuil Hall Marketplace, and take advantage of war reenactments, cruises, speeches, music and walking tours. You can visit Paul Revere's house and other historical war sites. The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular is an amazing show which includes real cannon fire!

Know any other great 4th of July destinations? Comment below!

Relationship Advice: Make Your Love Life Sparkle Post-4th of July





By [Josh Ringler](#)

Now that the 4th of July has passed, it's officially the beginning of summer, and there is no better time than summer to have a lover in your life. Whether it is beach dates, hiking trips, or days at the lake, the summer will always be better when you are with your love. [Celebrity couples](#) love to spend the 4th of July together, but they usually go far away. Luckily for you, you don't have to go far to find love! Follow these pieces of [relationship advice](#) to make your love life full of sparks and fireworks!

These pieces of relationship advice will help you find love this 4th of July!

- 1. Go to the beach:** The beginning of July is a perfect time for a day trip to the beach! Here's a great piece of [dating advice](#): Leave early to avoid traffic! Going to the beach together will create great memories and leave the two of you

happy. Swimming together, playing frisbee, and flying a kite on the beach can really get the sparks flying between the two of you!

2. Get romantic: If the beach isn't your ideal destination, there are plenty of other options. Go to the city for a romantic date, or fly away if you can afford it! Finding a romantic restaurant or place to go can be easy, but it does not just have to be the destination that is romantic. Buy sparklers and firewood and make a mini-4th of July in your backyard! The two of you can get creative and that will always make things fun.

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3. Shake things up: If you are in a long term relationship, or one that has already had a 4th of July together, try to change things up. An important piece of relationship advice is to keep things fresh, new, and exciting, and any holiday is a perfect time to really take advantage of this. If you went to the beach last year, go hiking this year. If you took a vacation for the holiday, find a new place to go. Keeping things new and shaking them up will keep the relationship full of sparks, and the two of you will be happier for it!

4. Don't be afraid of PDA: Whether you are at the beach, a fireworks show, or maybe a concert, don't be afraid to show a little affection in public! Show your love for your partner, and make everyone around you jealous! You should be proud to be in a happy relationship, and there is nothing wrong with a little kiss, holding hands, or more. Wrapping yourself around each other in the water or cuddling on a blanket at fireworks or the shore won't hurt anyone, and will only help to expand your love for each other.

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5. Find a spot for just the two of you: Fireworks, especially

around the 4th, can be a really romantic time. Find a secluded spot on the beach, or a lonely hiking path to heat up the woods. For the fireworks show you go to, find a spot that is dark and away from everyone else so you can cuddle and have some romantic moments. The holidays are about love and you should have your partner right next to you to show you how much you love them!

How did you spend the 4th? Let us know how you keep the sparks in your relationship in the comments below!

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





By [Josh Ringle](#)

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 [date ideas](#), go right to the piers! This date night is a little different than most July 4th dates! While [celebrity couples](#) always take advantage of yachts, most of us can't afford them. But this Independence Day [date night](#) 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 BBQ-esque 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 [dating advice](#) 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!

Enjoy Fireworks And Fun on a Romantic Getaway at The Hotel on Rivington



By [Josh Ringle](#)

With the 4th of July coming up, many people's eyes around America will rest on New York City, specifically the East River, as Macy's explodes its 40th edition of Fourth of July fireworks. With [celebrity couples](#) and many more flocking to the streets of the city to experience this amazing spectacle, you and your partner should consider a [romantic getaway](#) into the city to see what all the 'oo's and 'ah's are all about!

The Hotel on Rivington offers amazing views of the East River, and the romantic rooftop is the perfect place for you and your love to enjoy the fireworks together!

The Hotel on Rivington is a truly unique hotel in the Lower East Side, with plenty of potential [date ideas](#) all around you. With floor to ceiling glass windows and breath-taking views of the city, this hotel will not disappoint. To make things even better, the hotel is offering a 4th of July package that includes champagne and popcorn!

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As nice as popcorn and champagne are, the hotel's best feature, by far, is the panoramic views of the city. While each room boasts a really great view, the scenery gets even better on the roof, which can also host weddings! The rooftop, called The Penthouse, is a three-story, modern masterpiece. With an open-air area on top, the venue offers a 360 degree view of the city and will offer a prime seat for the fireworks display.

Many will flock to the city, but you will be high above them, enjoying what will seem like a private fireworks show for you, your loved one, and the others that attend this ultra-amazing venue. A great piece of [dating advice](#) is to make your love happy with things that are out of the ordinary and surprise her/him with things that seem too good to be true.

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There will be a DJ, a buffet, and a bar for all you may need on this Independence Day. The Hotel on Rivington, and especially The Penthouse, truly offers all you can ask for in terms of a romantic getaway for July 4th. In the heart of a concrete jungle, this hotel adds sleek modernity to the basic feeling of any other hotel. With great food, drinks, and an unparalleled view, the Hotel on Rivington is a must for you and your partner this 4th of July!

How do you plan on spending the 4th with your lover? Going to the Hotel on Rivington? Let us know in the comments below!

5 Creative Fourth of July Proposals





By [Whitney Johnson](#)

According to WeddingWire, about one third of engagements in the United States happen between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. So guys, if you're ready to pop the question, why not surprise her with an engagement ring on the Fourth of July instead? Make your own fireworks on this red, white, and blue holiday with one of these five creative Independence Day proposal ideas:

1. Throw a party: If you want to include your friends and family in your engagement, throw a party to cover up your true intentions. As the sun sets, head to a spot nearby – private enough so that the two of you can have a special moment but public enough so that everyone can still see you. Wow your partner with a sweet speech, get down on one knee, and ask her to be with you forever. After she says yes, you'll love being able to celebrate your big day with all of your loved ones!

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2. Take your love on parade: Invite her to your city's Fourth of July parade, but make plans for you to be in the parade instead merely a spectator. Jump on a float with a banner that asks that all-important question, and as you drive by your lucky lady, walk over to her with the ring in hand. Then, you can spend the rest of the day celebrating more than America's birthday.

3. Plan a Fourth of July picnic: This laidback holiday is the perfect time to sneak away for a private lunchtime picnic. Fill your basket with red, white, and blue-themed foods. For an appetizer, grab a bowl of red pepper hummus, a thick slice of Dubliner, a bunch of red grapes, and some crackers. For lunch, make each other's favorite sandwiches (keeping the color-theme in mind if possible). For dessert, pack some strawberries, blueberries, and whip cream. As you finish up your romantic meal, pop the question and watch the sparks fly!

4. Go on a scavenger hunt: To make your proposal even more personal, plan a scavenger hunt that takes her through your love story. Hide the first clue at the café where you met each other, the second clue at the spot where you had your first kiss, the third clue at your favorite date night restaurant, and so on. When she gets to the last clue, be waiting for her on bended knee.

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5. Wait for the grand finale of the firework show: She'll feel brighter than the sky when you whisper "Will you marry me?" in her ear at the end of the fireworks. You can even use the gorgeous light display as inspiration for your proposal. Tell her that she lights up your life and you can't imagine being without her.

What's your favorite Fourth of July proposal idea? Tell us in the comments below!

How to Celebrate the Fourth of July With Your Guy



By [David Wygant](#)

The Fourth of July is upon us – can you believe it? Before you know it, Labor Day will be over, and just as you start to catch your breath from that, it's Christmas time. An important part of any happy relationship is celebrating the holidays and enjoying your special traditions. So how do you start a new Fourth of July tradition that your man will remember for years to come?

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First off, it seems like everybody looks for a neighborhood barbeque or hot party for this summer celebration. For me, that's a bit of a cliché. You need to do something fun and different with your guy, something a little more private but still patriotic.

Maybe start the holiday off with breakfast in bed. Then go for a swim or a hike, an activity to get your heart pumping. Men love to show off their athletic skills, so take advantage of an extra day off from work and explore nature together.

At night, find a place that you can watch fireworks and bring a blanket and picnic basket filled with his favorite food. As the saying goes, "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach." Don't forget to pack a bottle of wine or champagne too!

Once you head back home, light some candles to set a romantic mood. Give each other massages as you talk about your favorite part of the busy day. Now, it's time for the real fireworks. I truly believe that, in a loving and passionate relationship, the fireworks should be in the bedroom and not in the sky. How about getting things started by being that sexy little Miss America he always wanted?

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By sharing such a special date together, you really connect emotionally. Think how fondly people remember certain Christmas or Thanksgiving traditions. These things are emotionally engraved in our hearts, and you want to make sure you're engraved in your man's heart.

I promise you – plan this date, and he'll do pretty much anything you want until Labor Day!

For more information about David Wygant, click [here](#).

How to Celebrate a Fourth of July Themed Wedding in Style



By April Littleton

The Fourth of July is a very special day for most Americans. This holiday gives people the chance to express their patriotic side in fun, creative ways. Many [couples](#) see Independence day as the perfect opportunity to exchange “I dos” and share their [love](#) for each other and their country. Couples who dream of nothing more than to live the “American Dream” love the idea of knowing that while their celebrating their love, the whole country is celebrating right along with them on this day. Here’s Cupid’s guide to having a spectacular

Fourth of July themed [wedding](#):

Location: The first thing you should think about is where you want your wedding to take place. More than likely, it will take place outside. Maybe even think about holding the [ceremony](#) at a carnival (funnel cakes, anyone?) Whatever location you decide on, make sure it has plenty of open space – that way all of your guests will be able to see and hear fireworks going off.

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The attire: You can't have a Fourth of July themed [wedding](#) without the proper color scheme. Consider having your bridesmaids and groomsmen wear red or blue – you can even let them dabble with both colors. Maybe the ladies can wear red dresses with white flowers, or blue dresses with red accessories to match – like headbands accompanied with studded stars, while the fellas wear navy blue suits with red bow ties.

Centerpieces and decorations: Keep the American flag in mind as you think of decorations for your wedding. Use the pattern for your linens and chair covers. For your centerpieces, you can fill picnic baskets with flowers or you can choose to fill glass bowls with an assortment of red, white and blue candies. The creative possibilities are endless as long as you stay true to the theme of the American holiday.

The food: What better way to celebrate the Fourth of July on your wedding day than with food that fits the theme? Think about serving barbecue during your special day. Include foods such as hamburgers, ribs and corn on the cob. Get creative with your refreshments. Serve coca cola in vintage glass bottles or set up a lemonade stand. Red, white and blue decorated cookies or a popcorn bar would also give your wedding more American flair.

The reception: Hold your reception at night and let the [sparks](#) and sparklers fly! No Fourth of July wedding celebration would be complete without a few fireworks. You could also switch things up by adding a few sparklers to your centerpieces when the party really gets started. Think about letting each of your guest set off a firework in honor of you and your new [spouse](#). They'll feel even more involved in the wedding and the night sky filled with colors will be a sight to see.

The party favors: Red, candied apples, sparklers and Fourth of July themed magnets would make great favors for your wedding. Give away miniature Liberty bells and American flags as a bonus. If you're more of a foodie, consider making fruit baskets with strawberries, blueberries and blackberries.

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The music: What good would a Fourth of July wedding be without a little All-American music? Although it would fit the theme, refrain from playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during your reception. Instead, play a little Elvis Presley or Bruce Springsteen. Songs like "Surfin' U.S.A." by The Beach Boys will surely be a hit with your guests.

Do you have any other ideas for a Fourth of July themed wedding? Share them below.

4 Ways to Celebrate Being Single on Independence Day



By Tanni Deb

The Fourth of July commemorates America's freedom from England, but why not celebrate it this year for a different reason? If you're single, raise a toast on July 4 for not just America's independence, but also your own! After all, when did you last appreciate your status as an independent woman? If it's been awhile since you've glorified your singleness, here are a few ways to commemorate your self-sufficiency this Independence Day:

1. Hang with friends: Being single doesn't necessary mean that you have to be lonely. Celebrate the Fourth of July with friends at the beach, or throw a barbecue together in someone's backyard. Being able to spend time with your crew without feeling like you have to drag your other half along will remind you of why singleness is awesome – and will also help you appreciate your friends for always being there.

2. Strengthen your familial bond: Another great way to celebrate this holiday is with the family. Cherish your moments together while on a picnic at a nearby park or while watching fireworks (whether it's in person or on TV) with your loved ones. Knowing that you can count on blood ties when you're enjoying the single life is always reassuring!

3. Go clubbing: Grab a friend or two and check out the best new bars and clubs in your area. Keep the group small – this will force you to go out of your comfort zone and talk to other clubgoers and bar hoppers. It's nice to expand your social circle with both new guy and girl friends. Dance the night away with your newfound pals – just be sure to stay safe!

4. Hit the road: If you're on your own, why not plan a trip to a place you've been longing to visit? Traveling solo will allow you to learn more about yourself and make new connections. Best of all, no one can stop you from going wherever you please.

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If you follow any of these four tips, let us know how your holiday went. If you know other ways for singles to have a great time on Independence Day, share with our readers in a comment below.

5 Ways to Flag Down Your Love Tonight



By Tanni Deb

With the arrival of June, days become longer, nights become shorter and summer flings are perhaps the most popular activity taking place. Though Flag Day (June 14) is a holiday that celebrates the adoption of the American flag, why not use it as an excuse to throw a party – or better yet, attend one. Whether you go all out or stay simple, take advantage and get noticed by that special person. Not sure how? Take a look at these five tips to flag down a hottie:

1. Eye contact: If you're anything like me, then you're not fond of people who stare. But in order to get noticed by your crush, making eye contact and throwing a few glimpses his way is a must – it's a simple wordless gesture that can be just as captivating as a moving speech. Don't forget to smile!

2. Wear red: As the color of fiery romance, a LRD (Little Red

Dress), pair of crimson lips or the backs of Christian Louboutins are sure to catch the gaze of any man. Red embodies passion, lust and of course, screams sex appeal – Psychology Today did a study and found that a woman wearing red was seen as sexier than when she was wearing a different color shirt. Red will not only attract your future squeeze, but you'll also keep in tune with the red, white and blue of the American flag. If you plan to spend Flag Day at the beach, wear some All-American swim wear. You're bound to turn heads!

3. Initiate contact: Nothing's worse than being a standing wallflower, staring at the cutie across the room. If you want him to be interested in you, just strike up a conversation. If you just be yourself, you'll realize whether or not this person is someone worth pursuing. Have nothing to say? Ask him if he likes your red outfit (we told you this was a good tip!).

4. Paint your face: If you can't find the perfect outfit to wear, try perfecting your makeup. Smokey eyes and bright eyeliners are in this summer, as well as red lipstick and body shimmer that will make your skin glow. *Allure* recommends these five summer makeup colors to help you stand out among the crowd.

5. Scent it up: If you've followed the above four tips and you're chatting up the guy of your dreams, don't bet on him to stick around for more than a few minutes if you don't smell good. That *doesn't* mean you should swim in a pool of your favorite perfume or body splash, but a hint of your signature scent (whether it's fruity, clean or woody) is bound to get you noticed. Try mixing a few complimentary scents to make your own unique blend!

Follow these tips and hopefully, the guy of your dreams (or the guy for right now) will notice you. Need somewhere to go? Downtown New York will hold a Flag Day parade on June

14. Don't miss this opportunity; you just might meet someone special. If you do, don't forget to thank us later. Happy Flag Day!