

Memorial Day Getaways for Lovers



By Deana Meccariello

Kick off a new summer with your beau the right way by getting away! Memorial Day is a time for fun, sun and relaxing with that special someone. Here is a list of places you and your loved one can take off to celebrate the arrival of summer as well as your feelings for each other:

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1. Montauk: Long Island, New York is home to Montauk, which not only offers a romantic and picturesque setting for couples to enjoy, but an array of fun filled activities for you to enjoy over the course of your weekend. Intimate outdoor

restaurants and bars and beautiful beaches where you can take in a breathtaking sunsets are just some of the activities you and your partner can enjoy.

2. The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel: One of the benefits of vacationing in Florida is that it offers beautiful beach getaways. While visiting this romantic wonderland, you and your lover must be sure to visit what the state deems to be its “most romantic park,” Lovers Key, which overlooks the Gulf of Mexico. Here you can partake in beautiful walks along the beach or thrilling water sports with your beau like parasailing or jet-skiing.

3. The Delaware Water Gap: Enjoy a day floating along the Delaware River or rent a raft and float along with your lover. If you’re looking to get more than just your feet wet, go for a swim or unleash your inner dare-devil and partake in cliff diving, which is available in certain areas along the way. Surely, after enjoying all morning tubing down the river, a meal will be long overdue, so enjoy a romantic lunch while taking in the sun and each other’s company.

4. Wine Country: For the romantic, low-key couple, San Francisco’s Wine Country offers a gorgeous place to indulge in wonderful wine and great food. This place offers many secluded cottages for you and your love to find solitude together. Napa Valley and Sonoma County are also infamous for the wine and their activities. Depending on which destination you choose, you and your partner can enjoy live music, BBQ oyster among other foods at Sonoma’s “Oysterpalooza” or sip organic tea and honor the memory of a loved one at the “Tea & Memories in Rose Garden.” If you and your mate have your heart set on Napa Valley, “Sterling Vineyard’s Greek Festival” and “Tres Sabores Movie Night” are just some of the activities you and your lover can enjoy

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5. Lake Tahoe: California's Lake Tahoe is a wonderful place to spend Memorial Day with the one you love if you're the outdoorsy type of couple. It offers an escape from the heat and fog present in other parts of California and leaves you with beautiful landscapes and fun activities such as mountain biking and hiking. It truly is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise.

What do you and your partner have planned for Memorial Day weekend? Share your comments below.

Beat That Beat This Memorial Day Weekend





Memorial Day weekend is only a few days away. This year, instead of staying home and firing up the same old rusty grill, why not kick this summer off by spending your weekend dancing the night away in some of the hottest cities around the country. DJ Pauly D may be shooting season 4 of MTV's *The Real World* in Italy right now, but there are tons of other tunes you can 'beat that beat' to! Here are some events taking place in some of America's biggest party locations:

1. Las Vegas, Nev.: Sin City drags in a New Years-size crowd to their many resorts and casinos during this three-day break. After taking in the Nevada sun poolside, head out to the hottest nightclubs on the strip – VIPnVegas lists performances from Deadmau5, Sean Paul and Drake at some of the city's top venues. Stay until the wee hours of the morning (or just don't go to bed) – maybe you'll rub shoulders with David Guetta or Tiesto at the roulette table. Now that's something you *won't* want to hide from everyone at home!

2. Miami, Fla.: Drink all day. Play all night. Let's get it poppin'. A spring break in Miami may be cliché, but during Memorial Day Weekend, it's where everyone will be. After all,

who can resist beautiful beaches, tropical drinks on the sand and tons of physically fit eye-candy at your disposal to gawk at? Check out the “Fly-AMI” 2011 Memorial Day Weekend package, where Chris Brown, Lloyd, Keri Hilson and DJ Khaled are all slated to perform.

3. Los Angeles, Calif.: Bikinis, zucchinis, martinis; Snoop Dogg and Katy Perry explain why California is unforgettable. Why not take a trip yourself and see how the other half lives? Enjoy Summer Solstice at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, featuring fairs, theme parties and special guests. Watch out for appearances from actor and model Christian Keyes, R&B artist N'Dambi and artist Brotha Bill.

3. Myrtle Beach, N.C.: Head to Myrtle Beach MayFest’s Memorial Day celebration if you have kids to entertain. Their event line-up includes performances and meet-and-greets with David Archuleta and some of Nickelodeon and Disney channel’s finest stars.

5. New York, N.Y.: The city has a world of options – how can you pick just one? After you’ve spent a day at Coney Island or on Rockaway Beach, head to the Memorial Day rooftop BBQ at Sunset Jazz on The Empire Hotel Rooftop. The festivities begin at 5 p.m., just remember to RSVP – it’s free! Complimentary domestic beers will be served during first hour.

Singles Event: Club Getaway Weekend



Want to pack all the activities of a week-long trip into an entire weekend? If so, check out WeekendDating.com, which is hosting a trip to Club Getaway in Kent, CT, just two hours away from New York City. This Memorial Day weekend you can be adventurous and go ziplining or just relax with a sophisticated wine tasting. No matter what your interest is, a weekend at Club Getaway will ensure you have an awesome time while also meeting singles...or at the very least, a nice view of the lake.

Who: WeekendDating.com

What: A Club Getaway Weekend

Where: Club Getaway
59 South Kent Rd.
Kent, CT 06757

When: Friday, May 27 to Monday, May 30

Cost: \$449

5 Tips for Making Your Memorial Day Memorable



By Andrew Pryor

Though Valentine's Day gets credit for being the biggest day of love, Memorial Day should be known as the day of fresh beginnings. Although it's not officially summer, its presence symbolizes the new season and puts immediate energy back into dating, relationships and celebrations. It's the kickoff to so many great memories of the past and more to make in the

future – backyard barbecues, laying out at the beach and summer travel.

Whether you're settled down with someone or fired up and looking for love, here are a few ways to make sure you have a Memorial Day (or weekend) to remember:

1. Head to the beach: There's no better way to enjoy a long weekend than by spending time soaking in the warm weather, especially if you live near an ocean or lake. If you're landlocked, don't despair – just get creative. Create a beach theme in your backyard, or find a local swimming pool where you can soak and sun yourself simultaneously. If you're single, strike up a conversation with the hottie two chairs over. After all, you'll need someone to rub suntan lotion on your back.

2. Take a road trip: If you don't want to spend Memorial Day with sand stuck between your toes, fill the car with gas and spend a day on the road. Try traveling through a state you've never had the chance to explore. Search special attractions, or just see where the highway takes you. If you're coupled up, make this an experience you'll remember for a long time to come.

3. Pack a picnic: Summertime is the perfect for packing a picnic and heading to the park. Grab a comfy blanket and bring the cheese, crackers, fried chicken, or homemade sandwiches with a nice bottle of Riesling to relax the day away. If you're watching your weight before summer is officially here, don't worry today. After all, you can always take a bike ride or jog around the park before you head home. This is a perfect low-budget way to spend valuable time with a loved one.

4. Watch a parade: Parades are *the* thing to be a part of on Memorial Day, so don't mess with tradition – embrace it! If you're dating, take your significant other to experience the

colorful and patriotic event filled with blaring fire trucks, marching veterans, wonderful songs, kids throwing candy, flag bearers and scout troops – all kinds of excitement. Spend time celebrating America, not only because of what it represents but because the person you love lives here, too.

5. Get out there: Yes, red, white, and blue are important colors on Memorial Day, but another important one to recognize is the color green. Green means “go,” so get out there and do something fun! Seriously, what are you still doing online?