

Dating Advice: How To Be Sexy On Date Night



On this week's episode of [Single in Stilettos](#), founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Abiola Abrams to offer her [dating advice](#) 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 [E!'s Famously Single Dating Coach, Laurel House](#)

In this week's [relationship advice](#) 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.

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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!

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





On this week's episode of [Single in Stilettos](#), founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Wendy Newman to offer her [dating advice](#) 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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Relationship Advice: Ways to Turn a Summer Fling Into a Relationship After Labor Day





By [Josh Ringler](#)

As the summer season winds to an end, you may begin to worry about your summer fling, and whether or not it will last. There can be many obstacles that lead to relationship problems, but if you think positively along with your partner, there is a lot the two of you can do to keep the love alive, and make the relationship work. [Celebrity couples](#) have made it through plenty of summers, and you can, too! Whether it is the long distance or the school year starting that you are afraid of, cool the fears with these pieces of [relationship advice](#), and keep your summer flame alive through the fall!

These pieces of relationship advice will help you make your love go past Labor Day!

1. Stay in touch: A crucial piece of relationship advice is to be sure you're good at communicating with your partner. If you want to continue the relationship, then texting, FaceTiming,

and other communication channels will be on the ultimate ways to talk to each other. While the communication doesn't need to be constant, the amount of communication the two of you have will really determine the success of the relationship after the summer ends.

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2. Talk about it: Along with communication, feelings are critical to the success of your love life. If you think things can work out, then talk about how you want them to work out and advance past Labor Day. If you let the elephant in the room grow larger, there will be less of an opportunity for things to actually work out. Considering that as the summer ends, the amount of time you and your partner have together may be reduced, you need to talk about the future sooner rather than later.

3. Plan dates: A great way to keep the two of you together is by planning dates. Whether it is a concert, a sporting event, or even a weekend reunited together, planning days to see each other is a great way to keep you in their mind and to keep the relationship at the forefront of their scheduling. Life can get crazy sometimes, but if the two of you have days set aside for together, the chances of making it work are much better!

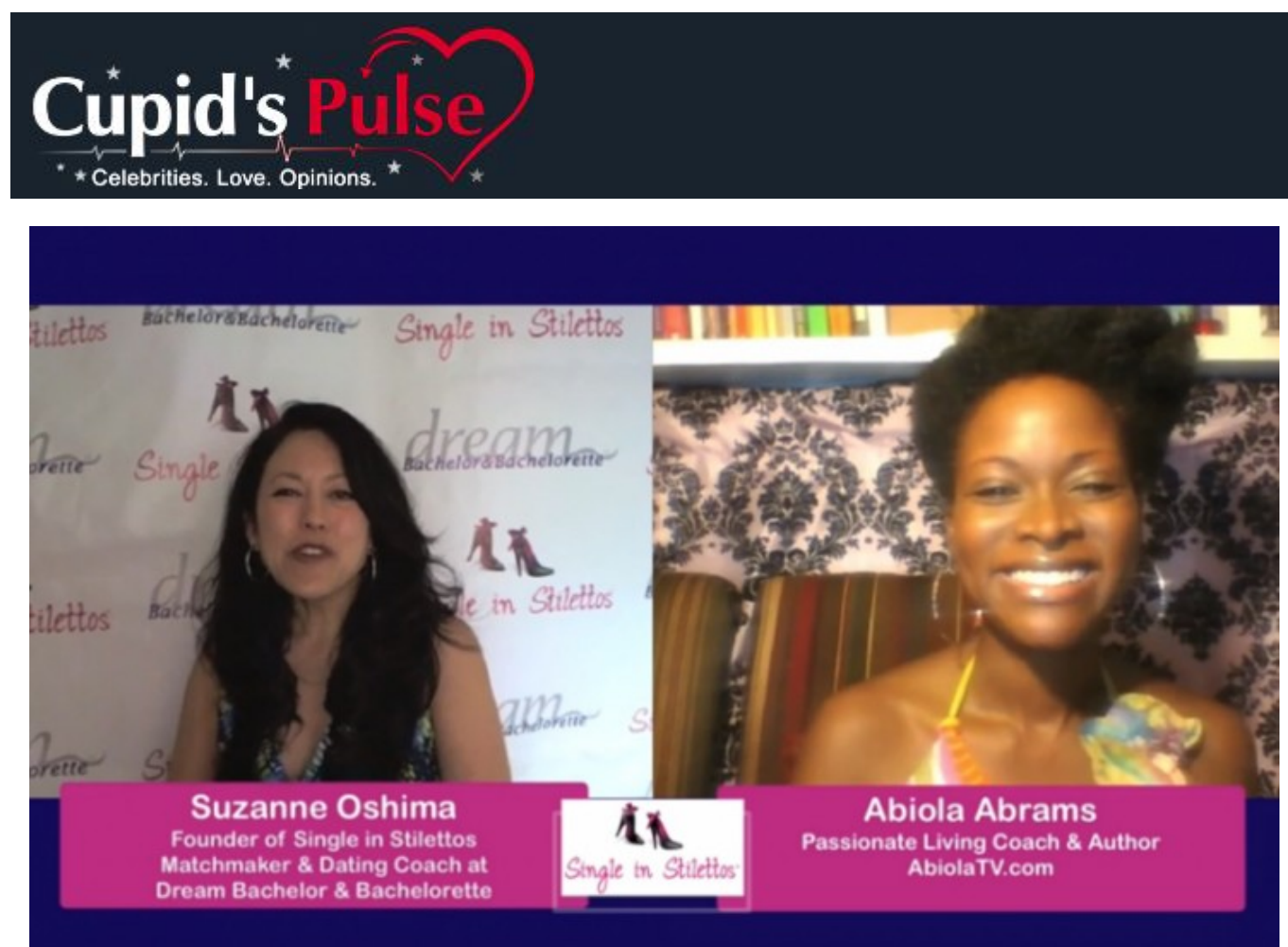
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4. Say it, if you mean it: If you didn't say "I love you" yet, now is really the time, as long as you truly feel it. If you are unsure of what is going to come now that Labor Day has passed, solidifying your feelings by saying you love your partner will really show the seriousness of the relationship. With that being said, make sure you mean it and want to put the effort into long distance, or a more difficult relationship. While things may have been perfect over the summer, a lot of the things you did together, like seeing each

other a lot, or working together, may not happen anymore and you should take that into consideration.

How have you kept summer flings alive in the past? Any ways we missed? Let us know in the comments below!

Relationship Advice: What NOT to Do In Your Marriage, Thanks to Celebs



By Malini Bhatia

Don't you wish there was a marriage handbook they gave out at

the altar? Things that, if you followed, would guarantee a long and happy marriage? The thing is – each person and each couple is different. So, what may work for one relationship may not work in another.

That said, there are some basic pieces of [relationship advice](#) we all should follow—things like be positive, say nice things, do things for the other person, etc. Plus, we can learn from others, especially celebrities, how to avoid mistakes in marriage.

Here are some things NOT to do:

Do NOT Allow Other Things Ahead of the Marriage

We may never know the real reason former [celebrity couple Jennifer Garner](#) and [Ben Affleck](#) split up, but some reports say there wasn't enough togetherness—specifically Ben's busy movie-making schedule. Sometimes, other things get in the way of marriage, especially our work. It's a hard balance for anyone, especially celebrities, who can be gone for months at a time on a movie set. How exactly do you make that work when you are married and have kids?

Hard times and busy schedules are inevitable in marriage. The difference in whether you make a mistake or not is in how you handle it. Both of you must make an effort in making sure the relationship comes first. If being apart has to happen, then think of ways you can still feel like you are together. Visit often, have regular Skype dates, text, send pictures, think of

each other at a certain time every day, etc. Be creative!

Do NOT Let the Temptation to Cheat Happen

Amid reports of cheating being the reason Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale went through a [celebrity divorce](#), it's a good reminder to always keep things in check. Both were on the road a lot, and being away from your spouse can definitely increase the chances that you'll be tempted to stray.

So, keep those temptations to a minimum. Take your spouse with you when you can, bunk with a trusted co-worker, or make other arrangements. We are all human, so don't think the temptation could never arise.

Do NOT Take Each Other for Granted

Hugh Jackman and wife Deborra-Lee Furness have been going strong for 20 years, and every time Hugh is asked about her, he raves that things just get better and better. It makes your heart melt, doesn't it? He expresses the fact that they do everything together, and that they have a profound amount of respect for each other.

In essence, they are grateful for each other. That is huge. In marriage, you should see your spouse for who they really are, and vice versa. Don't try to change them. Be thankful every single day for the unique person they are and how they bless your life. If you do that, you can't go wrong.

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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!

Relationship Advice: How to Know When to Say 'I Love You'





By [Josh Ringler](#)

Falling in love is the point of every relationship, the goal of every date, and the dream of many. Love is a great thing and will definitely make for a stronger relationship. If you think you are ready to say the most important three words in a relationship, you should consider a few things. Whether it is one of your friends or one of the many [celebrity couples](#), saying it too soon or too late can affect the future of your relationship. Use the [relationship advice](#) tips below to determine when it is the right time to say “I love you” and take your relationship to the next level.

These pieces of relationship advice will help you figure out if it is time to say ‘I love you’!

1. Do you feel it?: The first thing you should consider before you say “I love you” is that there should be a legitimate feeling there. A crucial piece of love advice is to really

feel sparks when you are with your partner. Sparks are a great sign of things to come. Celebrity couples have been built upon first sparks, and your relationship can be, too. It is hard to describe sparks or the feeling of love, but you'll know when you feel it. It could be after a few dates, or if you are lucky, maybe instantly. As with anything, a great piece of relationship advice is to give things time, especially when it comes to love and other relationship-advancing steps.

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2. Are you ready?: If you feel it, that is great. The next question is if you are really prepared for what comes after you say "I love you" and after the relationship advances to the next level. An important piece of relationship advice is to make sure you have no lingering feelings from past relationships or doubts in your current one. Look to one of the best celebrity couples today, [Blake Shelton](#) and [Gwen Stefani](#). Blake did not rush into things, and he only moved swiftly when he was ready. Being ready for the next step is really important for the future success of the relationship. If you feel ready, by all means, go for it!

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3. Do you think your partner is ready?: It is really great if you feel in love or you think you are ready, but being in love is a two way street, and your partner is obviously essential to these feelings. If you think they are ready, you should experience signs. There will be more sparks, things will feel more romantic, more loving, and more passionate. Whether it is a kiss, holding hands, or just a romantic date, you should be able to feel the love. Yes, celebrity couples always talk about it, singers sing about it, and Hollywood makes it seem perfect for the silver screen, but love is real and you can find it!

These pieces of relationship advice will help you determine if you are ready to say 'I love you'? Did it work for you? Comment 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. [Celebrity couples](#) 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 [relationship advice](#) 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 [dating advice](#) 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 [date ideas](#). 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.

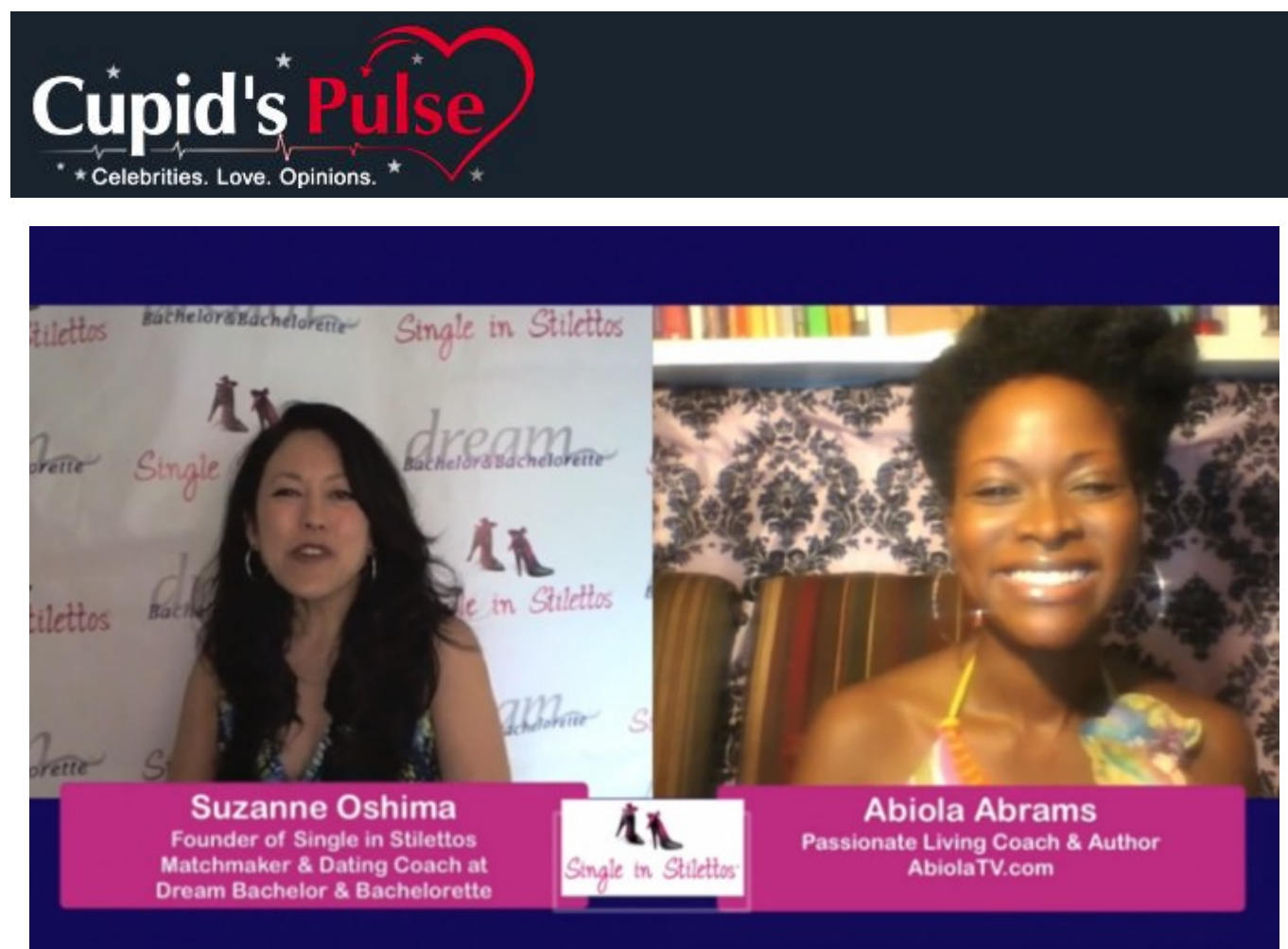
6. Who you are: Every relationship should teach you something about yourself. Whether it is solidifying feelings or realizing an unknown skill or trait, relationships are a great way to learn more about who you are and what you can be. Maybe you're a great relationship partner, or maybe you need some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

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. [Celebrity couples](#) 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 [dating advice](#) 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 [relationship advice](#) 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!

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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 [Cortney Moore](#).

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 face-to-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 [celebrity interview](#).

***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 [relationship advice](#) 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.”

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 [Single in Stilettos](#), founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Nicole Moore to offer her [dating advice](#) 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 [dating advice](#) 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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Relationship Advice: 10 Surefire Ways to Escape the Friend Zone





By [Josh Ringler](#)

The “friend zone” is one of the most common places to find yourself before a relationship comes to fruition. Trying to get out of that zone can be tough, but with a few pieces of [relationship advice](#), it can be done. This will put you on the track to a great future relationship! Friends can turn into the best of partners, so don’t be afraid to give it a try. Think of all the [celebrity couples](#) that have done it successfully!

These pieces of relationship advice will help you escape the dreaded friend zone!

1. More talking: Communication is key to a good relationship. If you are already friends with a possible significant other, talking more is a great way to begin to develop more feelings for each other, and it is a great way to make your friendship stronger before taking the next step!

2. Hanging out alone: Flirting is also a great way to get their attention. Whether it is a joke about something more intimate or just low key flirting, an important piece of [dating advice](#) is to test where the joking limit is and work on eliminating it to make an easier transition to a relationship.

3. Be a flirt: Flirting is also a great way to get their attention that maybe there is something more. Whether it is a joke about something more intimate or just “low key” flirting, an important piece of relationship advice is to test where the joking limit is and work on eliminating it to make an easier transition to a relationship.

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4. Get closer (emotionally): Emotions are the key to a relationship. Bonding more and taking your friendship to the next level can really help them develop stronger feelings for you. A great piece of love advice is to strengthen your friendship before attempting a relationship.

5. Get closer (physically): Sitting next to your crush in a group hangout, lightly touching them on the shoulder, or hugs can be a great step in furthering your friendship. Affection shows that you care, and showing that you care is crucial.

6. Friendly competitions: Small friendly competitions can be a nice improvement to your relationship. Whether it is in a sports competition, a board game, or a game on your phone, being in a little competition can really add a fun edge to your friendship.

7. A date for them: When you begin to bond and see what your crush likes, you will learn their interests. Again, showing you care is really important, so planning a date for them is a fantastic way to incorporate many of these steps into one night!

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8. Be the “other couple” on a double date: A sneaky way to see your potential as a couple is to go on a double date with some friends, even if it just as friends. This is something celebrity couples do all the time! The night may go so well that by the end of the night you're be a real couple!

9. Give a hint: Hints are an obvious but important way to show that you may have stronger feelings than just friends. Whether it is holding hands or really obvious flirting, giving a hint will paint a picture that is clear to see. A good piece of love advice is to not be afraid to try something new.

10. Be honest: An essential piece of relationship advice is to be honest. If none of these other steps work, the only option you may have is to be completely honest and open about your feelings, and that is sometimes the best way to go. It will not hurt your friendship, and they could have the same feelings, too. Don't be afraid to give it a try!

Did these pieces of relationship advice get you out of the friend zone? Let us know in the comments below!

Dating Advice: How to Make A Man Initiate The First Move?





By [Joshua Pompey](#)

There he is, standing at the other end of the bar. He's tall. He's handsome. He's the first man in a month that has made you remember you actually have an interest in the male dating pool. He's looked over at you twice since you first arrived. The question is, how are you going to get him to make the first move? As a relationship expert, I have some [dating advice](#). Let's take a look at a few ways to make this happen with the use of the following dating tips.

Dating Advice: Get Him To Make The First Move

1. Smile as much as possible. Most men want do want to walk over and say hello. But just about every man alive has had that brutal experience of being instantly dismissed the second he walks over to introduce himself. This is a fear that we all face. So make it clear that you are a friendly face and that he has nothing to worry about. My dating advice is that smiling will go a long way towards making him comfortable.

2. Go out in groups of three. When you are with just one other person, a respectful man may feel awkward attempting to interrupt the pair, or will feel too much pressure knowing he has to entertain the both of you. On the other hand, more than three people can be very intimidating. Groups of three are a perfect balance. It's not too intimidating, and when a man hits on you, your other two friends are still there to entertain each other without anybody having to feel left out.

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3. Hold that gaze. "I think she was looking at me, should I go for it?" I've heard this phrase uttered hundreds of times in my life among male friends. Don't just look at a guy you are interested in and quickly turn away. He may not be sure, or may think the only reason you looked over is because he looked first. Hold the gaze for a solid second or two, look into his eyes, and smile. Then look away. This will make it clear that you want him to come over.

4. Wear something that is easy to comment on. It could be a necklace, a sports jersey on football night, or a funny t-shirt. Whatever the case may be, the easier you make it for a man to think of something to say without having to think of a lame pick up line, the more likely he will actually say something.

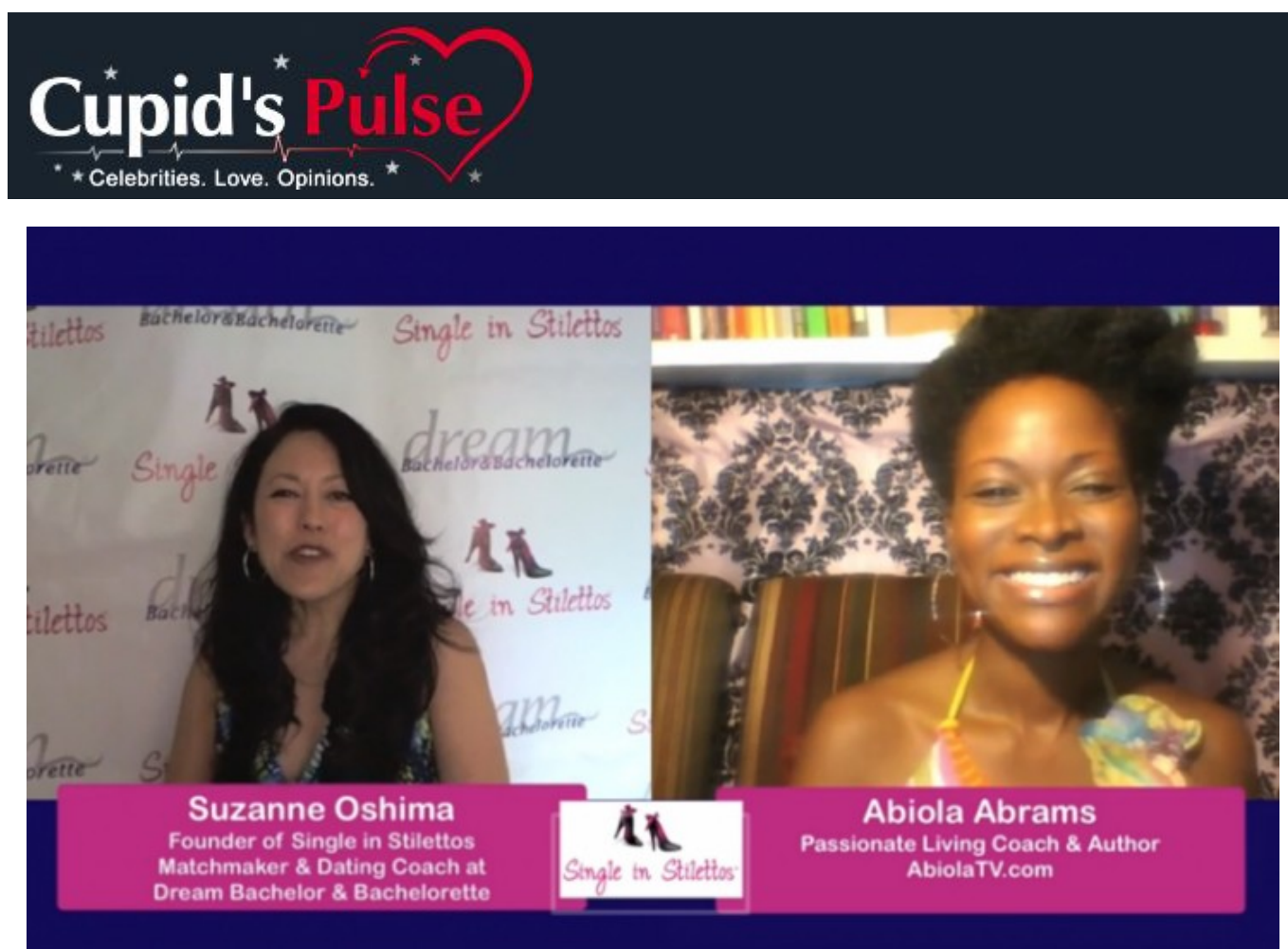
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5. Don't half ass it. Happy hour is one of the best times of the week to meet someone who is successful and interesting. Happy hour running straight from work looking like a hot mess is not. You never know when you will have the opportunity to meet the man of your dreams. It could be at happy hour, a social group, or just walking the streets. If you want a man to make the first move, always look your best self and your chances will improve dramatically.

Want more information from Joshua Pompey? Joshua Pompey is an

online dating and relationship expert. For some free online dating advice, visit this [page](#) and learn how to write a world class profile. Check back for more dating 101 tips from the relationship expert!

Get Your Love Sky High With An 'IntimacyMoons' Romantic Getaway



By [Josh Ringler](#)

Whether you are a couple looking to reignite your love or a single person looking to find the love of your life,

IntimacyMoons can be your dream romantic getaway. Before you book your flight to Barbados in the fall, let us give you an overview of this amazing opportunity for your love life to grow.

An IntimacyMoons romantic getaway may be just the piece of [relationship advice](#) you need to rid your love life of all your relationship problems!

Founder Marissa Nelson has been featured on countless websites and is a prominent source for [relationship advice](#) and sexual wellness. Nelson is on location to help with all of your relationship problems and to offer the best relationship advice for both your relationship and your sex life. She will be there to help you with everything you might need!

The Crane Resort in Barbados will play host to your romantic getaway, and you should consider yourself lucky to be surrounded in such beauty. The luxurious resort will make you and your love feel like one of the richest [celebrity couples](#) out there. The package will include all the relationship and sexual counseling you need, while also offering a beautiful backdrop full of fun activities. Some of those include snorkeling, cocktail parties, and fun private pools!

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As a couple, you and your partner will learn about letting go of the past, how each of you feel love, how to deal with relationship problems via communication, and sexual intimacy. If your relationship is serious, there is also a talk about marriage and expectations. While some may not need a luxurious

vacation to have these discussions, opening yourself up to these discussions with the help of experts could be really eye-opening to your potential problems, barriers, or imperfections. These are things you would probably like to get sorted out before marriage or large advances in your relationship, and IntimacyMoons offers a great chance for that to happen.

Don't be afraid to back away from this trip just because you are single. IntimacyMoons is all-inclusive and is not just for couple. This is a retreat to find love, or to find a deeper meaning in what you already have with your partner! The packages offer different love lessons depending on your relationship status.

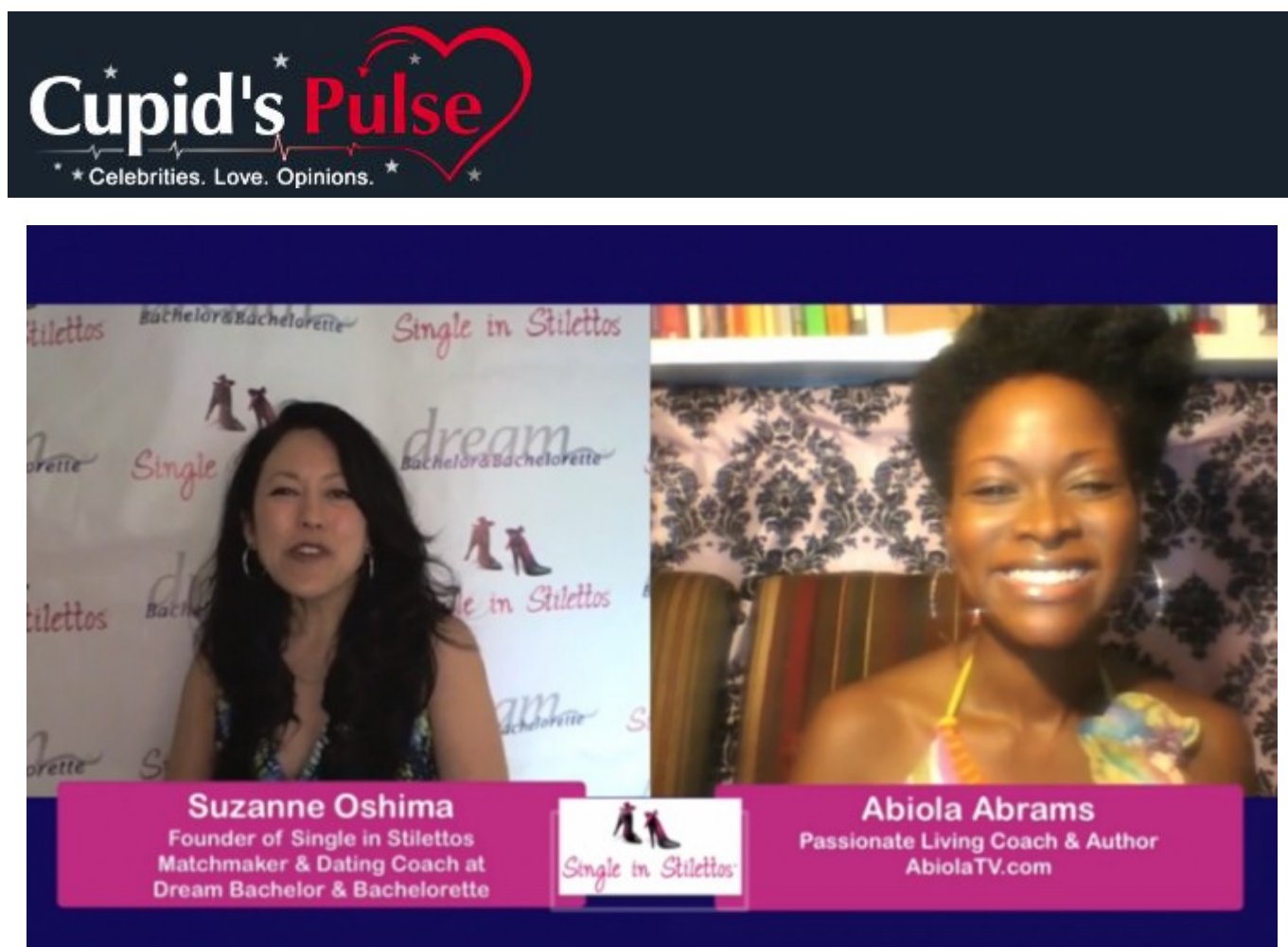
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The all-inclusive packages offer many perks for you, including food, the room, a massage, a luxury post-retreat package, seaside yoga, and so much more. These "enhancement" workshops as they are referred to on IntimacyMoon's website will definitely help your love life, offer great experiences, and allow you and your love to have some time away together, in an effort to build a stronger relationship!

[IntimacyMoons for Couples](#) heads off to the Barbados from August 25th to the 29th, with everything-included rooms ranging from \$5,339 to \$5,499. [IntimacyMoons for Singles](#) goes soon after, September 1st to the 5th, with their all-inclusive packages ranging from \$3,470 to \$3,810. Both of the higher end rooms offer a better room, with the couples package including a private pool, while the singles package has an ocean view!

Have you experienced an IntimacyMoons romantic getaway or a similar one? Let us know how it went in the comments below!

Date Ideas: Make a Spooktacular Spectacle as a Couple



By Emma L. Wells. Updated by [Josh Ringle](#)

Make this Halloween extra special for you, your partner, and all of your neighbors by going all out with your decorations this year. For this [date idea](#), one of the many you'll find from Cupid, you and your partner can get busy hanging fake spider webs and spooky ghosts around the house in preparation for the trick-or-treaters.

Get ready for a great Halloween with this date idea.

Whether you're going full-out scary or want a playful Halloween look, you'll need to stock up on supplies. Grab your honey and set off for the local superstore. You'll want to fill your cart up with creepy ghouls, fake gravestones, and maybe a skeleton or two. One of the many fun pieces of [dating advice](#) for this idea is to have a competition for who can make the scariest component in your yard! If you want to freak out your trick-or-treaters, think about getting things that glow in the dark or are motion-sensored. Or, you can go the opposite route and create a more lighthearted, kid-friendly setting by making your own jack-o-lantern pumpkin patch. Just like a relationship, make sure to compromise! That is always a great piece of dating advice. You can buy fake ones at the store that will last for years, or you can carve your own to add a personal touch to the scene.

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After your trip to the Halloween store, you and your partner can get into the spooky spirit. It'll be fun to work together on this weekend date idea! You'll see how well your creative sides mesh as you plan your decorations. Bonus: You'll find out just how handy he can be while hanging skeletons and setting up lights. He might be more skilled with a toolkit than you thought! Learning new things about your significant other can be very beneficial for your relationship, especially if it's a new one.

Don't forget the candy, too! After putting in so much effort to make your house perfect for Halloween, you'll want to make sure you're prepared for all the trick-or-treaters who will be ringing your doorbell. You can either buy an assortment of treats at the store, or you and your partner can have some fun

in the kitchen making your own cookies, candied apples, and popcorn balls.

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This date idea doesn't end with the decorations. Once you've made over your house, it's time to take a look in the mirror. You lovebirds will need great costumes to wear while passing out treats on Halloween. If you want more Halloween date ideas, costume shopping together always works! You might consider going as your favorite celebrity couple like [Kanye West](#) and [Kim Kardashian](#) or a well-known duo like ketchup and mustard. Whatever you choose, this weekend date idea is one the whole neighborhood will enjoy!

How are you and your sweetheart preparing for Halloween together? Can you think of any celebrity couples that go all out for Halloween? Tell us below!

Relationship Advice: The Pros & Cons of Breaking Up in a Social Media World





By [Josh Ringler](#)

Social media has become an essential component to life and love in modern society. However, breaking up can be devastating to your life ... and your social media profile. While there are rarely positives in breaking up, looking at [celebrity couples](#) for insight, and our friends' relationships, we can see that there are some pros and cons of breaking up in a social media world. Below are some pieces of [relationship advice](#) about breaking up in this highly-connected world.

These pieces of relationship advice highlight the pros and cons of ending things in a social media society.

Pro: Friend support: A great aspect of social media is the ability to stay connected. Maybe your best friend lives far away, or a close cousin doesn't always talk to you. Well, social media connects you all. A key piece of relationship

advice is to have a support network to fall back on should things go bad or problems arise in the relationship. Whether you are part of one of those celebrity couples that get thousands of fan support after a celebrity break-up or just a person who gets a few direct messages from your friends, nearly-instant friend support is a really amazing part of today's social media world.

Con: Wiping the plate clean: Getting rid of all the photos, wall posts, and other social media interactions can really be a drag, and can be really sad. You're forced to see the loving moments and the cute things the two of you may have said to each other. While it takes a lot of time, it is definitely the emotional toll that makes this part of ending it in a social media world one of the hardest aspects. Do this soon after your relationship ends, when the feelings are still close to your heart. Don't wait weeks; that is just you asking for more emotional torture, which probably won't help your feelings. A good piece of love advice would be to have a best friend sit with you and do this for you.

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Pro: Unlimited options: While it may be a bummer to remove all of those interactions with your partner from your multiple profiles and pages, social media does offer plenty of options for you to forget about her/him and to move on. Finding a new profile picture is easy, while there are also ways you can limit your interactions with your new ex. There are plenty of ways to forget about your heart breaker. Try changing your profile picture, your bios, or whatever it takes to make sure you stay happy!

Con: Partner's presence: The best thing about social media is constant interaction. However, after a break up, you probably don't want to be reminded of your former partner every second you log into Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or others. Blocking

is always an option, but you should try to be better than that, if you can. I don't recommend posting things just to make your former partner jealous, but you can really use social media to prove to them how much they lost when they broke your heart! Their presence may always be on social media, but you can use that to your advantage. Don't be afraid to see what is going on in their life, just be ready for whatever you may see.

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Pro: FYI everyone: Yes, you should be waiting a decent amount of time after a break up before you consider another relationship, but maybe Mr. or Mrs. Right is hiding on your friends or followers list! Deleting all the photos and especially profile pictures is a sign to others that you are available. There is a strong possibility that someone else could be crushing on you, and that they have just been waiting for the right time to talk to you. Well, now is the right time! Who knows, your future marriage partner could be waiting for you right there on your Facebook wall!

Are you experiencing a break up in a social media world? What pros/cons have you experienced? Comment below!

Dating Advice: Do I Need to Be Happy Before I Can Be With a Man?



On this week's episode of [Single in Stilettos](#), founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Tinzley Bradford to offer her [dating advice](#) for those questioning whether they should be happy with themselves before meeting a man. Follow these dating tips to help find a happiness that isn't dependent on a man.

Dating Advice On Being Happy Before Settling Down

1. Take time for yourself. You need to find someone that complements you rather than completes you. Focusing on what makes you happy will make you feel fulfilled and help attract someone who admires your happiness.

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2. No settling. Don't settle for less than you deserve. If you're complacent with a mate that isn't right for you, there is no way you can be happy later on. Also, if you aren't happy with yourself, you will end up resenting the man you're with because you aren't satisfied with where you're at in life.

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3. Find balance. You must be present in your relationship. Men seek out attention the same way women do. So if you're pursuing your dreams or career, make sure to follow this dating advice and take time away from work to be with your significant other.

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Dating Advice: 7 Reasons to Get in Good with Your Partner's Family





By [Josh Ringler](#)

Parents should be important to everyone. Yes, Hollywood may show that [celebrity couples](#) have their in-law problems, on-screen and off, but your future in-laws or just your partner's parents are a huge factor in determining the overall success of your relationship. If you think that their opinion doesn't matter, keep reading for [dating advice](#) reasons as to why their opinion is beyond critical to your love life's success. Think of all the [celebrity exes](#) that became single because of parents' disapproval!

These pieces of dating advice will explain why parental approval is a must in a relationship.

1. Parental pressure: If your partner's parents don't like you, they can begin to plant seeds of doubt into your partner's head. "So, is he really good to you? Are you *really* *actually* happy with him?" can be questions you hear constantly

and that will create problems quickly.

2. Questioning: Questioning is one of those many problems. If you start to think about your parents' criticisms of your relationship, you can run into trouble. You want your partner to really feel happy about you in all aspects, and parental approval is a must.

3. Adds to your relationship: Over time, your relationship will become layered with inside jokes, memorable places, unforgettable memories, and more. Having their parents like you will only add another positive layer to the relationship and will increase the likelihood of better things to come in the future. A good piece of [relationship advice](#) is to keep the relationship fresh and new, and adding new layers is a great way to do that.

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4. Discomfort: Often times, family time is a time that can include significant others. A trip down the shore or to a restaurant can now become a really awkward adventure. Celebrity couples turned celebrity exes became that way because of the discomfort, and you don't want that! An important piece of dating advice is to always make your partner feel comfortable and not out of place.

5. Take time away from the relationship: If discomfort is a common trait when there is family time, you could also lose some time together. If your partner's parents don't like you, you may not be invited places or to dinners, or you might find excuses yourself to not be together because of her/his parents. This will lead to cracks in the foundation of your relationship, and that is never good!

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6. Happiness: Happiness is the most important part of any relationship. It's important to always make your partner happy as much as you can, if not always. If your partner loves her parents, their disapproval may be a heartbreaking thing for them. If you're respectful, responsible, and kind, their approval (and your partner's happiness) will follow.

7. Deal-breaker: Do you want to marry into a family that doesn't like you? It is true that it has happened before, but that doesn't mean it is a good idea. Parental disapproval can be the straw that breaks the camel's back and ruins the relationship. Regardless of which of the reasons ends it, the lack of their parent's thumbs up can really be a disappointing sign that things aren't as good as you thought.

Did these pieces of dating advice put you on your partner's parents' good side? Comment below!

Dating Advice Q&A: How Can You Know If Someone is Being Honest Online?





Question from Chelsea R.: I met a guy online who seems really great, but because I've been burned in the past (one too many times!), I'm hesitant to totally trust him. How can I know if he's being honest online? I don't want to move our relationship to the real world until I'm sure that he's trustworthy.

Online dating isn't always easy, especially with "catfishing" becoming extremely common. Leave it up to the relationship experts who have [dating advice](#) that may provide some comfort while you date online.

Dating Advice: How To Tell If They're Being Honest Online?

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): I completely understand your concerns about trusting a man you met online. As women, we always need to be somewhat on guard with new men, so we don't get taken advantage of physically or emotionally. However, that being said, you can also put up too many walls, where it blocks any man (including a good man), from getting to know

you! My dating advice is to have a few email exchanges, then move it to the phone. If he seems genuine on the phone, then move it to meeting him in person in a public place. If he seems great and you would like to see him again, then just take it slow in getting to know him. If he's genuine, then his words will match his actions. And if his actions don't match his words, then move on.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Although trust is a critical aspect of romantic success, it's not easy to prove that someone is completely trustworthy online. You can Google a new guy and check his LinkedIn profile to compare what he's told you to what turns up, and if he passes muster on those sites, it's a good sign. But even that is no guarantee of his trustworthiness. Whenever we decide to get to know someone new, there is always risk involved. My dating tip? After checking Google, LinkedIn and any other site, if you still have doubts, trust your instincts before deciding to meet him in person. After all, the most important person to trust is yourself. Good luck.

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What's your best piece of dating advice when it comes to online dating? Share in the comments below!

Relationship Advice: Prepare for Unexpected Love Like Blake Shelton & Gwen Stefani



By Dr. Jane Greer

Country star [Blake Shelton](#) revealed that his current love, [Gwen Stefani](#), was “the last person” who he expected to have his back after his [celebrity divorce](#) from Miranda Lambert. They’ve only been a [celebrity couple](#) for six months, but already he’s crazy about her. This is a great example of a couple finding love when they least expect it. Sometimes when you aren’t actively looking for it to happen is exactly when love may find you.

These pieces of [relationship advice](#) will dive into the unexpected love found between celebrity couple Blake Shelton and Gwen Stefani.

When you are getting over a betrayal or heartbreak, as both Blake and Gwen were after their respective marriages ended, it is hard to imagine yourself in another relationship. At that point, the last thing you want to do is take a chance and risk being wounded again by someone else. But if you can trust yourself in turning to someone who is supportive and there for you, not only can you start anew, but it's even possible that a new romance could blossom.

It can be difficult to talk about what you've been through and share your pain with a friend. A lot of times people want to shut down, and are not always comfortable reaching out and asking for support. They might feel embarrassed, humiliated, or unsure about trusting that the friend won't gossip about their story and private thoughts with someone else. However, you may find that in expressing your situation to a friend, and giving them the chance to offer empathy, you might begin to feel understood in a way that makes all the difference in the world.

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The tendency is to shut down when you've been hurt, but letting yourself remain open can become the first step in the process of healing. They're able to see the best in you, and help bring out that side of you, so that you can move forward feeling stronger and better about yourself. This is a key piece of [relationship advice](#) of falling in love, which is being made to feel valued, terrific about yourself, desired,

and, especially on the heels of losing all that when you are dealing with a break up, it can be an elixir of the heart. In fact, Blake was quoted as saying Gwen saved his life. There is no underestimating companionship – it can feel lifesaving.

While you may have only seen this person in one light – strictly platonic – that can shift as your circumstances and interactions with each other change. If that does happen, it can be a bonding experience and bring you together in a way that feels like a gain, where before you felt only lost and alone. With this in mind it can be positive to share your emotional pain with someone, rather than remaining closed off and keeping the heartache to yourself. It's natural to feel vulnerable if you suddenly find yourself being drawn to this person after everything you've been through, but it is worth it to let the relationship go forward. A good piece of relationship advice is to not be afraid to let these feelings naturally progress.

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The celebrity couple recently sang a duet together on The Voice called, "Go Ahead and Break My Heart." Blake explained that they chose that title and the words to go with it because they are smart enough to know at this point that all relationships will have ups and downs. So why not just put it out there? They've been through it before, and they know there will be good and bad ahead, but right now they are so happy they found each other and they will deal with what's ahead. After a celebrity break-up or any kind of break-up, sometimes you just need someone there for you.

While Blake and Gwen are *singing* about it, it is equally beneficial to *talk* about it. Though it can feel scary, being involved in this relationship, facing your fears and acknowledging your insecurities can actually make you stronger. While you want to protect yourself and might

typically look to keeping these feelings private, if you can instead be honest and genuine with someone you feel has your back, who knows where it might lead you, maybe even to a new love.

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Weekend Date Idea: Karaoke Night





By Ryan Boyle. Updated by [Stephanie Sacco](#)

The lights are bright. Your partner and your friends are cheering you on, waiting for you to take the stage. The beat kicks in, and the lyrics start rolling by in a yellow tint. You step forth into the spotlight, beaming with courage, and start belting out your favorite song. But you're not performing at a concert hall or a sold out stadium – it's karaoke!

Check out this romantic and fun date idea involving singing your favorite tunes.

Your vocals may not be as strong as Christina Aguilera's, but you don't have to sing like a diva and sell thousands of tickets to enjoy this [date idea](#). Make a date of it, and hit up a bar or restaurant that offers karaoke or an open mic night. Let your hair down for a few hours and sing with your girlfriends or drag your partner. Go on a double date, and see

who can beat the other couple out.

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Another option is serenading your partner. Pick out a cheesy love song and sit him in the front row before you belt out the classics. Keep the mood light with laughter, but also with a hint of romance. Order an appetizer to split while you watch other couples sing to each other. Even if it takes a little liquid courage to get you up there, just remember everyone is rooting for you. You can do it!

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If the idea of getting up on stage freaks you out, pick up your very own karaoke machine at the store. You can host karaoke parties and dances at your house with your close friends. Make a night of it, and order take-out or serve drinks. You'll be in for a lot of laughs, and your partner can get to know your friends more intimately.

Whether you sing like Aretha Franklin or your voice sounds pitchy, karaoke is a great way to spend a night with your partner.

What's your favorite Karaoke song to sing? Comment below!

Date Idea: Binge Watch a New TV Show



By Emma L. Wells. Updated by [Mary DeMaio](#)

Who doesn't love a good day of binge watching TV, especially when there's someone to snuggle with? This weekend, you can stay in *and* try something new. Find a show that you and your partner haven't seen before (but that you both are interested in), and dive in. With so many series available on Netflix, Amazon Prime Instant Video, and Hulu or Hulu Plus, this shouldn't be a hard [date idea](#) to pull off. All of these options offer free trials, so you don't have to fret if you don't have a membership. A great piece of [dating advice](#) is to load up your couch with blankets and pillows (maybe you want to take it a step further and build a fort), pop some popcorn, and prepare to relax.

Follow this relationship advice for

a low-key date idea.

Think you've seen every series already? Even if you watch a lot of television, you probably haven't seen *everything*. Go back to the beginning of SNL on Netflix, or pick up something that aired before you were born. Perhaps you're more interested in a newly-released Netflix or Amazon Original Series, like *House of Cards* or *Transparent*. Following this [relationship advice](#) will not only amuse you, but it'll help you see if your entertainment preferences are compatible.

Don't forget about the snacks! You and your partner can put a buffet together by each bringing your favorite tasty treats to share on this weekend date idea. Some essentials include flavored popcorn, candies like peanut M&Ms, pretzels, or chips and dip. Make sure you have a few healthy options, too – maybe a fresh fruit salad or vegetable platter. If neither of you are prone to snacking, you can order take-out instead. Pizza and beer go great with a *Friends* marathon!

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If you need a break from staring at the small screen, head to the kitchen and see what you can cook with the ingredients you have. Make a meal together like breakfast for dinner: eggs, bacon, and toast; or go Italian with a pasta dish. These meals are all easy to whip up with items that are usually in your refrigerator or pantry. It's also a fun way to connect with your partner.

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To make this date idea even more exciting, play a game based on the show you chose. For instance, if you are watching something suspenseful like *CSI* or *Lost*, try to guess how each episode will end. Predict the outcome, or bet on who the killer is. You can even pick a prize: Winner gets the last

chocolate chip cookie!

Ever had a binge watching session with your significant other?
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Date Idea: Volunteer and Build a Foundation Together



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Shake up your usual list of [date ideas](#) and try something new! A great way to bond with your beau is by volunteering for a good cause. This weekend, work on strengthening your relationship by building a home for someone in need. Lots of

organizations, such as [Habitat for Humanity](#), need volunteers to help with their current community projects.

Build a house for someone in need with this date idea!

Giving back is a great way for you and your partner to do some real relationship-building. Working alongside your honey will enable you two to connect on a new level. Plus, completing a physical task together will bring you closer and clue you in to your ability to be a successful team in the future. Following this [relationship advice](#), you may even discover something new about your significant other. Perhaps he's handier than you thought with a toolbox. Next time your faucet is leaking, you'll know who to call!

Service projects aren't only about work. Building houses is a great outdoor activity for a sunny August afternoon (soak up that vitamin D!) and can also double as your daily workout. Swinging that hammer over and over again or lifting heavy pieces of wood will leave you sweaty and exhausted. You may even meet some other couples and expand your social circle.

Related Link: [Date Idea: Take a Charity Walk](#)

Most organizations allow you to sign up for just one day at time so you don't have to make a big commitment with this weekend date idea. Don't worry if you don't have any experience with construction, as there are jobs for all ability levels. They will also teach you new skills if you're interested in learning how to lay tile or want to improve your painting abilities.

Related Link: [Date Idea: Get Off the Beaten Path](#)

After you're done, head out for drinks or a sweet treat. You can even invite some of the new friends you made today. Talk

about what you learned from the day's activities and what you most enjoyed about pitching in. The next time you're looking for a weekend date idea that will help your relationship *and* your community, consider building a home for a good cause!

Tell us: Have you and your partner ever volunteered together as a date idea?