

Date Idea: Seasonal Ale-House Excursion



By Steven Zangrillo

The first weekend in October whips in on the back of those brisk Fall gusts, blowing leaves past you and your partner as you stroll down a block of your favorite city. Where are you two lovebirds headed? The nearest Ale House, of course. October is the time of year when the best micro-breweries from around the country release their Autumn-themed lagers and ales. It's about time you two pulled up a stool and enjoyed a frosty brew together.

The last decade has yielded a bountiful assortment of new specialty breweries, taking American beer and morphing it from

a pale swill into a flavor culture with an intricate identity. Try a multitude of options and compare them with your significant other. You can even consult your server about the best beer and food pairings. There's nothing wrong with learning something new together, right? You can choose from pumpkin spice, fresh hop, or the various Oktoberfest varieties.

The best part of all, of course, is the opportunity for you two to relax together on your date. Some of the best conversations start with a smile, a laugh, and a clink of the glass.

You might call it just "going for a beer," but relationships are rooted in friendship. This kind of excursion can strengthen your foundation and leave you with great conversation that will create memories for years to come.

What is your favorite type of Ale? Send us your thoughts in the comment section below.

Date Idea: Giddy Up at the Rodeo





By Ché Blackwood

Put on a pair of Daisy Dukes, tie a cute flannel shirt above your belly-button and giddy-on up to a rodeo this weekend with your love. Whether you're looking forward to the clowns, the bulls or just an excuse to be outside, you won't ever forget a fresh outdoorsy day with cowboys (and your sweetie.)

Start the day off with a delicious BBQ. Make pulled pork sandwiches and ribs with your honey, both ensuring you'll stay full while sticking within a western theme. Or, buy lunch at the rodeo, taking the opportunity to strike up conversation with the workers and other visitors. You may be surprised to hear the traveling life of the food vendor, or intrigued by the mother of one of the riders.

After the show, make sure to take a chance to pet the horses or see the bulls close up. You and your beau will have the chance to learn more about these animals we so rarely get to see, while also making one unforgettable memory together. Whether you love it or decide to never visit again, a rodeo date is not only a guaranteed fun time, but it will leave you

with something to talk about for years to come.

What's the most unique date you've ever been on? Confess to us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Have a Dinner Date at Three Different Venues



By Ché Blackwood

Spoil you and your partner this weekend by indulging in an untraditional three course meal, at three different restaurants. After a long workweek and a definite lack of quality time together, bond with your lover while experiencing

the cuisine and atmosphere of the best restaurants your town has to offer. Plus, with a constant change in scenery, you're more likely to stumble across a few memory-worthy moments.

If you're a reserved couple, scope out your local eatery scene and plan out the night in advance. For instance, try that new tapas bar for a drink and an appetizer, head to a swanky steakhouse for dinner and then jet by a quaint coffee house for desert. By planning your night ahead, you won't waste time deciding on venues before you go. Plus, you'll have the luxury of making reservations, ensuring your night goes according to plan.

For more carefree lovers, make a goal to stop in the first restaurant you see. You may end up having ice cream to start, sandwiches for dinner and a glass of wine for desert. Wherever you end up, be sure to learn about the restaurant by savoring the house specialties and home crafted drafts.

If running from spot to spot sounds too hectic, or if you're craving a night at home, simply order in from three different places. Lay out an ever changing spread on your coffee table, grab Casablanca and cuddle with your sweetie. There's no wrong way to indulge!

Do you and your sweetie dinner-hop? Tell us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Volunteer Your Time Together



By Ché Blackwood

It's good to get creative and thoughtful with the way you and your loved one spend time together. After all, there's more to a relationship than dinner and a movie. So, forget arguing over whether you should see the newest romance flick, or the latest blockbuster action movie. Instead, share your love with others by involving yourself in volunteer work.

A great way to spend your time together is by cuddling up with those who are less fortunate, and the animal shelter is the perfect way to start. Innocent pets that have been abandoned and abused need loving too. Maybe you and your significant other will both fall in love with these furry friends, and decide to adopt one of them. Regardless, you can spend time with one another by helping out some lonely animals in need. The shelter is always open to visitors.

If you enjoy spending time in the kitchen, why not share your

cooking skills with the less fortunate at a food bank or homeless shelter. It will make you and your sweetheart think twice about the food we take for granted. Serving people who are less fortunate will help to put a smile on their face.

Life, as in dating, should be about the simple things. If you don't have time to volunteer right now, grab your calendar and do some planning. All you need to do is find a little time to help those around you.

Have some good volunteer experiences? Let us know in the comments below.

Date Idea: Publish a Love Sonnet





By Ché Blackwood

Your love may be hard to put into words, but it's worth a try. Sit down this weekend with your special someone and memorialize your relationship by writing a love sonnet. You don't have to be Shakespeare to put pen to paper. The attempt of putting your feelings into words will be romantic enough.

First, both of you should sit down separately, away from one another, and begin to write. You can recount your first meeting, when you knew that he was the one or simply state how much your partner means to you. Read your lists off to one another. Hearing why your cutie feels the way they do will make you fall in love all over again while also revealing what it is that they most adore about you.

Combine your lists and write a sonnet or poem together. Work as a team to make it rhyme while capturing your true emotions. Enjoy the collaboration, taking time to reminisce over old memories and forgotten experiences. Once it's finished, find a Website or print publication that accepts submissions. Your love will forever be chronicled in time, placing a mark on the

world and your heart. Even if your sonnet doesn't get published, frame it and hang it in your house as a reminder of why the two of you are together.

Does your honey write poems for you? Tell us about it in the comments below!

Date Idea: Get Fishy



By Ché Blackwood

Take advantage of the weather this weekend by getting slippery with your cutie and go fishing. Regardless of how you feel about spending the day with a few worms, strap on some sneakers and a bikini top and take on Mother Nature with your

beau. By sitting on a dock, buying some bait and maybe even grabbing a beer or two, you and your sweetie can make memories while being adventurous!

If possible, rent a boat and go out to sea. Other than the fish, you may be lucky enough to see even rarer marine life. Plus, with the sun beating down on you and the blue water reflecting back up, you'll be sure to catch a golden tan. Make a game out of it by seeing who can catch the biggest fish of all. If it's legal, take some home and make a delicious dinner for your love with what you two caught. Not only is it healthy, but you'll bond over the satisfaction that comes from catching and cooking your own meal.

Get extra outdoorsy by going camping or renting a cabin with your honey. Disconnect from the world and take a few days to relax beside a lake, or in the mountains, with the one person that matters most. Even if camping or fishing isn't your thing, the quality time will be more than worth it. Plus, an outdoor vacation means you'll have the rare opportunity to sit under the stars together, a great romantic ending to a fun and fish-filled day.

Do you and your honey go fishing? What's your favorite way to spend the day outside? Tell us in the comments below.

Date Idea: Let Your Love Fly





By Amanda Martin

Relax this weekend by flying a kite in the beautiful outdoors with your honey. It's an inexpensive way to do something laid back while still being romantic.

Kites should be flown in an open, breezy area, making the beach the perfect location. Find out if there are any kite clubs nearby. Flying with other people will allow you as a couple to admire these embellishments that are said to have originated in China. Don't worry about your beginner abilities or keeping up with the more serious people around you; just have a good time.

You can buy a single-line kite for less than \$10, or if you're looking for a challenge, you can get a dual-line stunt kite for \$20. It'll be fun to help one another make the tricky figure 8 shapes.

Once you've become tired of flying, set up an intimate picnic lunch in a shady area. Quench your thirst with freshly squeezed lemonade and indulge in homemade sandwiches.

Afterwards, take a walk together and admire the beautiful scenery.

This fun and relaxing day with your other half will help you remind each other of how special your time is together. Maybe you can even talk about your future.

How do you relax with your honey? Let us know in the comments below.

Date Idea: Try an Unusual Sport



By Amanda Martin

Get out of your comfort zone this weekend by trying a unique sport with your other half. Summer is the perfect time to be adventurous. It's warm outside and there are a variety of activities that can keep you and your partner learning something new.

For example, you can act like cupid and shoot arrows during an archery lesson. Or, spend time in the country and fire up some heat at a shooting range. You can make a game out of either of these activities and whoever wins gets to pick a romantic location for lunch. Don't forget to bring your camera to capture these very special moments.

Another unforgettable sport for the two of you to try is trapeze. Take your love off the ground and experience what it's like to perform in the circus. Trapeze schools are common in major cities, and there are lessons for beginners of all ages. You will be able to try moves that are as basic as the knee hang to a more complex mid-air catch. Although this is a gutsy sport, the support of your loved one should help you get up that ladder and flying in no time.

What's the most unusual date you've ever been on? Let us know in the comments below.

Date Idea: Beach it with Your Babe





By Amanda Martin

Enjoy the sun this weekend by hitting the beach with your babe. The clear blue sky is the perfect backdrop for you and your honey as you listen to the sound of the waves crashing and feel the soft sand beneath your feet.

This is supposed to be a relaxing day, so don't put too much pressure on planning it perfectly. Simply pack a picnic lunch to bring along, and make sure it includes a lot of water so you don't get dehydrated. Put together a fresh fruit salad with cantaloupe, honeydew and the sweetest assortment of berries for you and your significant other.

One thing you don't want to forget is sunscreen. You can apply it onto one another to get close while taking the rays, and you won't have to worry about getting burnt.

Channel your inner child and build a sandcastle or bury your partner under the sand. If you want to be active, bring along a Frisbee or volleyball and find other people to play with – and of course being on the same side as your other half will

ensure the chance for hugs and kisses when you score.

What's your perfect beach date? Let us know in the comments below.

Date Idea: Explore the Wilderness



By Amanda Martin

Make this weekend all about you and your honey by spending time together in the great outdoors. Take Friday to travel to a romantic location that's off the beaten path – and yes, that may mean no cell phone service, which will really make it all

about the two of you. Use the commute as a way to discuss the activities you want to do once you're there, and don't forget to compromise if necessary.

On the night you arrive, set up the tent and use your natural resources, such as wood and branches, to start a campfire. Cuddle under a blanket while roasting marshmallows and telling spooky stories.

Start the next day with adventure once you've gotten a good night's sleep. Go for an early morning hike, and don't forget to stop and take in the picturesque surroundings while enjoying each other's company.

Spend the rest of the afternoon at the lake. You can do activities that require a couple's effort, like rowing a canoe or pedaling a boat. Another activity you can try your hand at is fishing; if one of you has a catch, make your hubby cook it for dinner. Take the night to reminisce about the good times you had that day.

Be spontaneous on Sunday before it's time to go home. If you wake up and feel like being lazy, lie out and take in the sun. Find out if there are nearby activities like rock climbing or zip lining. Whatever it is you decide to do, be sure it's what the both of you want.

The tranquil, secluded setting you choose will provide the perfect getaway for romance and communication.

How do you get off the grid with your significant other? Let us know in the comments below!

Date Idea: Turn up the Heat in the Kitchen



By Amanda Martin

Stay in this weekend and test your skills in the kitchen with your significant other. Prepare the whole meal from scratch and don't forget to set a romantic mood with candles.

Start with something simple for an appetizer. Put together a mixed green salad with fresh vegetables such as grilled eggplant, tomatoes, cucumbers and a balsamic vinaigrette dressing. You'll be eating healthy as a couple, so neither of you will feel too guilty about dessert.

For the main course, make spaghetti with homemade tomato sauce. It's easy enough for beginners and it's the team

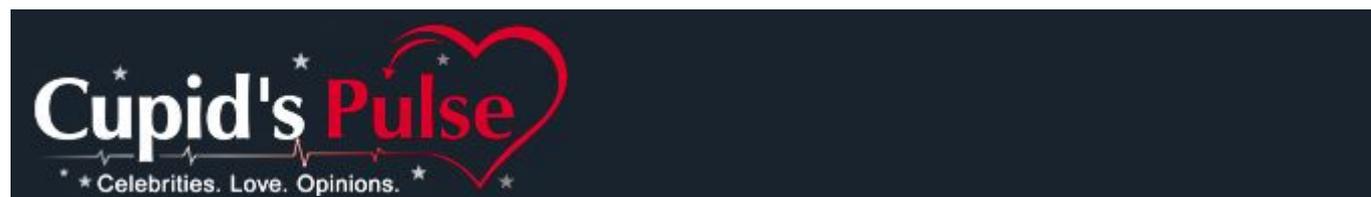
effort that counts when making the sauce. Be sure that the two of you eat opposite ends of a single strand of spaghetti until meeting in the middle – Lady and the Tramp style.

If you're in the mood for fun romance, individual pizzas are a delicious meal to cook together. Create heart shapes with the dough and make a game out of spinning it in the air like a professional chef. Once the main course is in the oven, start on the sweets. Mix your own cake batter and frosting exactly how you both like it. Use colored icing to write messages to one another on the cupcakes. It can be something important you've been waiting to say, or it can just be a reminder of your love.

Cozy up on the couch with a bottle of wine after dinner. Shut the ringer on your phones and keep the TV turned off. Instead, use this time to really bond.

What's your favorite meal to cook together? Let us know in the comments below.

Michelle Williams and Jason Segel Take a Romantic Stroll in NYC





Michelle Williams seems to be no joke to the ever-so-comical Jason Segel. The two were seen strolling on quite the lovely day in downtown New York City last weekend. Williams was rocking a lightweight, white top and cut off jean shorts while Segel sported a button-down with pants. But this isn't the first time the two have been spotted spending quality time together. The stars were also caught getting cozy back in March. The news of their day out in NYC came just in time after a source told [People](#) just days before that Williams "hasn't been this happy in forever" and Segel is "totally smitten" with the 31-year old actress. With that said, feelings seem to be running mutual with this unexpected couple.

What are some very basic yet extremely romantic date ideas?

Cupid's Advice:

Romantic dates often keep the firing burning in both new and old relationships, but it is possible to keep them simple. Here are some great ways to have a relaxing, fun date still filled with romance:

1. Picnic in the park: Picnics in the park are always a fun, romantic idea. You don't need a ton of candles or a tux and evening dress to create romance. The thoughtfulness behind the picnic speaks for itself.

2. Carnival trip: Going out to a great local carnival with your sweetie is perfect for a romantic night. Share a funnel cake and take a lovely ride on a ferris wheel with the lights shining all around you.

3. Drive-in movie: Take your honey to see a classic love story at the drive-in. The drive-in keeps the date personal and romantic.

What are some basic yet extremely romantic dates you've been on? Share your stories with us.

**Date Idea: Travel Abroad
without Leaving the Country**





By Amanda Martin

If you live in the U.S., you and your honey can get a taste of foreign culture without traveling overseas this weekend. Traveling abroad is expensive and impractical for a short trip, but there are many places in the states dedicated to celebrating an array of various cultures.

Take a trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan for the Bavarian Festival, voted one of the top 5 festivals in the area. Running through the summer months, you'll have a blast while immersing yourself in German heritage. Enjoy games and rides with your other half, dance to live Bavarian music, indulge in ethnic food and try ice-cold, imported German beers. The two of you will be getting a taste of Germany without having to spring for a pair of expensive tickets across the Atlantic.

If you live in San Francisco, take a trip to the Chinatown area, which is the first of its kind in North America and home to the largest Chinese community outside of Asia. The entrance gate, which is on Grant Street, is the most photographed structure there. Take a few moments to admire

the Dragon Gate, as it's called, before entering the area. Then, embark upon an unguided walking tour and get lost in the culture. Explore some of the oldest Buddhist temples and try authentic dim sum. Many other cities, such as New York and Chicago, have Chinatown neighborhoods as well. No matter what state you live in, visiting these cultural destinations will make you feel as though you've traveled half way around the world.

Experiencing life abroad without leaving the states is an inexpensive way to be romantic with your partner. You may have such a positive experience that you'll take your relationship to the next level and start preparing for an extended trip together.

What do you and your honey do to explore other cultures? Let us know in the comments below.

Date Idea: Dare to Romance





By Amanda Martin

Let go of your inhibitions this weekend and do something daring with your other half. Why not face your fears together? Experiencing a riveting, heart-thumping activity with your partner is a perfect way to bond, especially when you're holding onto each other for dear life.

For truly brave couples, get off the ground and go sky diving. Many companies will videotape the whole experience, and although it's an added fee, it's worth the memory. While the actual jump may seem like too short of a date, you'll be taking your romance to new altitudes.

If jumping out of a plane at 13,000 feet in the air, plummeting to the ground at Mach speeds isn't for you, try something closer to the ground. Indoor rock climbing is a fun, gutsy activity that requires a couples effort. For anyone who's new to the sport, most venues that provide rock climbing offer lessons for beginners. When you're ready to climb up the wall, have your partner remain on the ground and hold your rope. This will be the ultimate trust building

experience since they're responsible to catch you if you fall. Whatever it is that you choose to do, get out of your comfort zone and be there for each other in the process.

What's your idea of an adventurous weekend activity for two? Let us know in the comments below.

Date Idea: Cuddle while Counting the Stars



By Amanda Martin

There's nothing more romantic than lying with your significant

other under a big, fluffy, cashmere blanket while stargazing in the great outdoors.

Since the best stargazing begins about an hour after sunset, you can have an early dinner and then head to your area's best location for admiring the bright lights. If you live in a populated area, try to get to the outskirts of town so you and your honey can admire the brilliantly-lit night sky. If getting out of the city is impossible, you can try moon gazing instead. For some added romance, bring along a bottle of chilled chardonnay, music and light fare to nibble on.

As the sun sets, the stars will become more visible and you'll want to have binoculars in order to get a closer look. Another good idea is to invest in a constellation map so the two of you can tell the difference between Zenith and Polaris. You could even make a game out of figuring out the different patterns.

In the midst of enjoying the starry night together, be sure to communicate openly. Look out for shooting stars, and don't forget to make a wish.

What's your idea of a perfect starry night? Share with us by commenting below.

Date Idea: Say Cheese at a Photo Shoot





By Amanda Martin

Spend this weekend enjoying the beautiful outdoors with your honey while making photo memories that last a lifetime.

Visit a park or local garden and soak up the surroundings while enjoying the company of your significant other. Smell and identify the flowers, pack a picnic lunch and spend time throwing around a Frisbee. This is no time to be camera-shy. Be sure to capture these photogenic moments by asking passers-by to take pictures. You can even turn this into a mini photo shoot. Style your boyfriend or girlfriend how you think they look sexiest and then have them pose.

When you're ready to go home, upload your pictures and start a scrapbook. It's easy to do using a website such as Snapfish. Don't limit yourself; you can also make calendars, mugs, posters and cards. These souvenirs are a fun way to catalog your [romance](#) and they help remind you of the great times you had together.

How do you make your memories last a lifetime? Let us know in

the comments below.

Date Idea: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Your Mate



By Amanda Martin

This weekend is Cinco de Mayo, a day commemorating the Mexican army's defeat of the French at the Battle of Puebla. The holiday is celebrated by people of many different backgrounds, so why not use this as an opportunity to have fun and spend some time with your significant other. Here are some ways to get close with your partner while celebrating Mexican culture

and history:

If you really want to spend the holiday authentically, traveling to the city of Puebla is the best way to do so. If you're looking for a trip that can be fun and romantic, this is the place to go. Puebla is easily accessible by car, and spending time together on the road will give you an opportunity to catch up. You can visit historic sites like Fuertes de Loreto, to get a better understanding about the holiday, or visit Boulevard Cinco de Mayo to check out the parade.

If you prefer to stay in the United States, look for local parades in your area or venture out and explore another state.

San Marco, Texas has a lot to offer at this time of year. There's a Miss Cinco de Mayo pageant, a hot sauce/salsa contest, a statewide menudo cook-off and plenty of music. You and your honey will be immersed in culture, live music while enjoying the outdoors.

For a more intimate experience, spend the night celebrating indoors by cooking a traditional Mexican meal. Cinco de Mayo only comes around once a year, so make the most of the custom while getting close with your partner.

What are your plans this year? Let us know in the comments below.

Date Idea: Cheer for Your Favorite Football Team



By Ché Blackwood

Super Bowl Sunday is in just a couple of days, so it's time to start prepping for the big day! This event is synonymous with snacks, tackles, and fun. Not to mention, it's a great way to get hyped with your honey or engage in a little friendly competition with your pals. Fuel your partner's appetite by whipping up their favorite dips and other game-day treats – it'll be love at first bite. Below, you'll find Cupid's [dating advice](#) on ways to make the most of the biggest sporting event of the season.

Dating Advice to Plan the Perfect Super Bowl Sunday

You and your other half have been waiting all season to see which team is going to take it all home. Will it be the Denver Broncos, led by quarterback Peyton Manning and the best

defense in the NFL, or the Carolina Panthers, led by quarterback Cam Newton? Take a cue from one of our favorite celebrity couples [Carrie Underwood](#) and Mike Fisher as well as their celebrity baby Isaiah Michael and host a homey get-together for the occasion. Plan ahead of time to save you trouble in the long-run.

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A viewing party is the best way for you lovebirds to enjoy the spirit of the game with your closest friends, and the right decorations, food, and activities will make your party unforgettable. Make sure you have your team's jersey ironed and ready to be worn for good luck. If you really want to go all out, then decorate your living room and/or backyard with your team's paraphernalia. It can be as easy as picking up some streamers and balloons in orange and blue or blue and black. If you have pets, don't forget to get them something to show their team spirit as well!

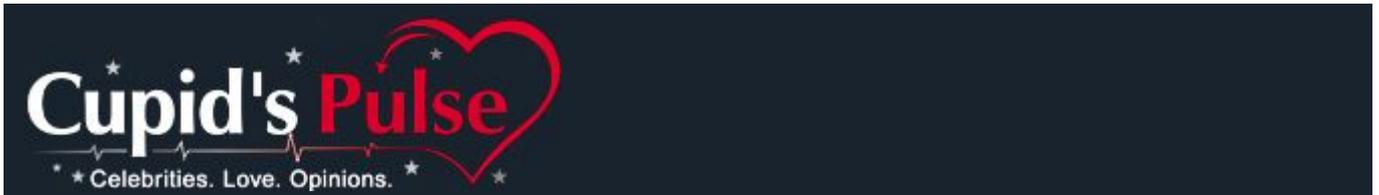
Since everyone is feeling competitive, you can organize a contest for "best dish" or "best game-day attire." Then, you can hand-make voting cards, and on the day of the game, everyone can decide whose food and whose outfit they like best.

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If you are lucky enough to live near the stadium, plan a tailgate in the parking lot for this date idea. You don't need a view of the field to have a good time, and sites like Tailgating.com can give you tips on making the most out of your parking lot party. If you and your date are cheering for opposite teams, make a friendly wager on the game.

What do you and your dearest have planned for Super Bowl Sunday? Dish your dating advice in the comments below!

Date Idea: Enroll in a New Class



By Ché Blackwood

This weekend, step out of your comfort zone and learn something new by enrolling in a class with your partner. With a little research, you can easily find sites that connect you to local shops where you will learn to paint, make the perfect bottle of Merlot, or write a romantic poem. Whether you want to create a mouth-watering sushi roll or bowl the perfect game, there are plenty of classes available for couples to experience together.

Dating Advice to Incorporate Your Love's Interests Into Your Relationship

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Here's some [dating advice](#) from Cupid: For a special gift, enroll your significant other (and yourself) in a class that aligns with their interests. If they've been hinting at learning how to do the Downward Dog, search for a yoga studio in your area. If your partner's favorite movie moment is Demi Moore's pottery scene in *Ghost*, spend a few hours learning how to sculpt together and reenact the film. The two of you can create fun moments while aligning your interests.

If you're a busier couple, review your planners and look for upcoming special events that could spark the desire for learning something new. For example, if your best friend's wedding is approaching, take ballroom dance lessons. If a company dinner is on your agenda, then an etiquette or networking course could be fun to take. By combining your future obligations with an educational class, you'll be ensuring that your hectic schedule is helping, not hindering, your time together.

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For the romantics among us, schedule a cooking class. Choose your favorite type of cuisine and spend a few hours sipping on a glass (or two) of wine as you whip up a special meal. Or, if you're the adventurous type, sign up to go skydiving with your sweetheart. You're bound to feel like you're on a date meant for your favorite reality TV show!

What kind of classes would you want to take on this date idea? Tell us your best dating advice in the comments below!

Date Idea: Create a List of New Year's Resolutions with Your Partner



A new year is here, and you know what that means: Time to make a few resolutions! This year, try something different and make a list with your partner. Setting resolutions together is not only a fun weekend date idea but a great way to strengthen your relationship. Figure out what you both need to do as a couple to keep things moving forward. Then, write down your suggestions for each other and for yourself. Take Cupid's [relationship advice](#) and make sure to commit to more quality time together.

Cupid's got relationship advice just in time for the New Year! What resolutions will you and your sweetie work on together?

It's hard to find time when you're busy with work, but with a little creativity, you'd be surprised at how easy it can be. For instance, instead of sitting in front of the computer alone or running errands by yourself, invite your other half to work on projects or tasks with you. That's a great way to sneak in some time together.

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Don't forget to include communication on your list of resolutions. If you were to ask any relationship expert, they'd probably tell you that for a relationship and love to be successful and healthy, you *must* listen to one other. So why not make a date out of it? Express your needs to your partner and listen to theirs in return.

You can even turn to your favorite celebrity couple for inspiration. For instance, if you've always admired how easily [Jennifer Aniston](#) and Justin Theroux show their love for each other, talk to your significant other about it and let them know that you'd like to be more open about your feelings in front of your friends. Or, if you're struggling to fit romance into your busy lives, read some recent interviews with celebrity mom [Carrie Underwood](#) to see if she has any helpful love advice.

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If you run out of unique ideas for your list, you can always

fall back on the tried and true resolutions, which include eating healthy, exercising, and getting rid of bad habits like smoking. Think about your use of technology too: Try putting down the phone and texting less while you're together. You can also schedule one date night per month that *doesn't* involve staring at a screen: Instead of watching television or going to the movie theater, head to a nearby museum or just take a stroll in the snow.

Do you have any more relationship advice for couples writing New Year's resolutions together? Let us know in the comments below!

Date Idea: Volunteer Together this Holiday Season





The holiday season is filled with celebration, family time and giving. And, there's no better way to give than by volunteering to help the less fortunate. Find a cause that both you and your significant other think is important, and enrich the lives of others.

Rather than going out for a meal, serve meals together instead. Volunteering at a soup kitchen is a selfless act that you'll later appreciate and if you do it with your partner, it'll definitely bring you closer together. Check out volunteer opportunities at soup kitchens near you.

Another way to volunteer is by visiting residents in retirement or old age homes. Family time is practically synonymous with holiday cheer and often families can't make it to see their loved ones. Take time to bring joy to others by playing cards, baking, reading or simply telling them stories.

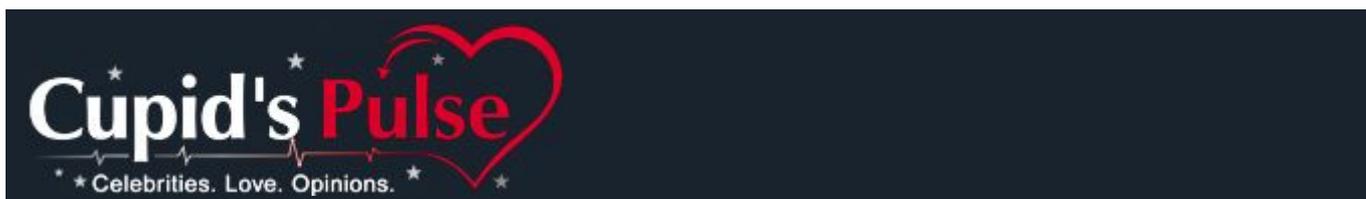
If none of the above ideas work for you this holiday, try giving back to your community by making gift baskets with your mate. Gather non-perishable food items and donate them to the underprivileged. The two of you can also bond over cooking

meals and delivering them to homeless shelters.

Acting selfless as a couple during a season of indulgences will help you work on your own relationship and appreciate the fact that you have one another at this time.

Let us know how you are giving back as a couple this holiday season and what your favorite volunteering activity is.

Date Idea: Enjoy a Date by the Fireplace



Follow Cupid's [relationship advice](#) and spend this weekend indoors with your sweetheart. Cuddle up next to the fireplace

and have a night filled with love.

Relationship Advice for a Cozy Night In

Take a cue from famous couple Chrissy Teigen and [John Legend](#), and turn your kitchen and dining area into a winter wonderland. Rather than worrying about being on a date in the cold weather, bring the romance into your own home. Set up a table and dine by a lit fireplace, or arrange a comfortable area on the floor and light your favorite winter-scented candles. Once you have your location, order in some comfort food to enjoy with one another.

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After holidays filled with smoked turkey, your grandmother's stuffing, and green bean casserole, it's time to indulge in that Chinese food craving. Order a few different entrees to split, like General Tso's chicken, beef and broccoli, and fried rice. Don't forget the egg rolls too.

It's not only about dinner! Dessert can make or break a good night. So instead of ruining the evening with a boring end to dinner, get cozy by roasting marshmallows and making s'mores. To complete this sweet treat, have hot chocolate with a twist. Not sure how? Add Peppermint Schnapps – and a mini candy cane for decoration! – and relax after a long week at work. This drink is called The Snuggler for good reason, so cuddle close with your partner while enjoying it!

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Most importantly, spend time working on your relationship and love during your time together. Make this night about the two of you and talk about your lives and maybe even the future. It's common for couples to start thinking about marriage and

babies after a family-filled holiday season, so use this opportunity to find out what's next for your partnership.

What's your favorite indoor date idea for the winter? Let us know by sharing your relationship advice below.

Date Idea: Road Trip Your Way to Romance



By [Sarah Batcheller](#)

If you and your significant other have taken in all that your town has to offer and you're ready for a change of scenery, it's the perfect time to embark on an unforgettable road trip!

With the warmer months approaching, the two of you can follow this weekend date idea to take a small adventure and prepare for spring. Road trips are a great way to spend quality time together, something we often forget to do as we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of a new year. Cupid's [dating advice](#) is sure to help you and your honey make the most of this weekend date idea!

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Dating Advice for Couples Looking for Adventure This Weekend

If you're ready to leave behind the colder weather once and for all, drive South to a warmer state for some fun in the sun. If you're the more adventurous type and want one last cold weather rendezvous before the snow melts away, embrace the chilly season and set your sights North for winter sports. Or you can travel to the nearest mountain and go for a romantic hike. Camping together is another idea that will be sure to keep you snuggling all night. It also adds to the minimalist attitude that road trips are all about! For those couples who want to hit as many destinations as possible, you can fuse romance and adventure and take a weekend cruise.

You and your sweetie can take this time to show love like your favorite Hollywood couples do since they're always on the road. No matter where you decide to go, if you plan on being in the car for a while, find ways to beat boredom by playing some fun games or using the time to catch up with one other after a long work week. Playing your favorite music or an audio book will give both of you something to enjoy while driving too.

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Just remember to turn off your phone and ignore your calls, e-

mails, and texts. Make this weekend *only* about you and your significant other. For those couples who haven't gone on a getaway, this date idea could be an important next step in your relationship and love.

Ever been on a road trip with your honey? Share your dating advice with us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Thanksgiving for Two



Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate with family, watch football and indulge in turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie. As

fun as the day may be, it can cause strain on your personal relationship if things aren't planned out properly. The day will be extra special if you set aside time to work together as a team.

For example, if you're preparing to host Thanksgiving with your partner, begin the process by sharing responsibilities and scheduling time together in advance. Pick a day where you will choose the turkey and get all of the accompaniments together. This will make things much easier and it will show your partner how committed you are to having a nice experience with them.

As for decorations, unleash your inner child and make them yourself. After all, who didn't enjoy creating outlined hand-print turkeys from construction paper as a child?

An early start and an organized plan are essential for Thanksgiving Day success. For the romantics at heart, leave time for a break with your sweetheart in between all the preparing. Or, spend a few moments making a list of all the reasons you're thankful for each other and then read it aloud. This will also remind you why your relationship is so special and once family and friends arrive, you'll be ready to serve up the meal and mingle.

For those looking to spend some time alone, one idea is to cook and eat dinner together and join your families for dessert. Just don't forget to clean up as a couple – it'll go twice as fast and will end the holiday on a positive note.

No matter what you decide to do together this holiday, remember to give thanks to your partner and tell them how much you appreciate them.

On Thanksgiving, what are some activities you and your honey work on together? Let us know in a comment below.