

5 Celebrity Chef Brunch Recipes to Try This Weekend



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

Brunch is the perfect way to recover from a late night or the best way to start a late morning. Often starring traditional breakfast proteins such as eggs, bacon, or ham, brunch is a more filling option than breakfast and more savory than a light lunch. Try these recipes this weekend to help you, and anyone else, have a speedy recovery from weekend festivities or as the start (or end) of a weekend [date idea](#).

Try these five celebrity chef

recipes for your Sunday brunch this weekend!

1. [Sarabeth Levine's Goat Cheese & Arugula Frittata:](#) There's something about the word "frittata" that scares people, but you shouldn't worry. Frittatas are one of the easiest, low maintenance egg-based meals you can make. Scramble the eggs in a bowl, pour into an already warm pan, toss in goat cheese crumbles, arugula, and seasoning, and bake on low for thirty minutes. It's easy but delicious.

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2. [Suzanne Goin's Breakfast Sandwich:](#) This open faced sandwich features brioche, prosciutto, gruyere, and a fried egg. All that means is fancy bread, pork, and cheese served with a fried egg on top. Sound fancy with this fast, high quality breakfast sandwich. Add arugula for a sprig of green and a slice of tomato for an extra juicy, savory bite.

3. [Sam Crannell's Poached Egg Over Roasted Asparagus and Ham:](#) This brunch is worthy of a white tablecloth and a mimosa. Slow cook the ham to help it soak up all of its own fat for a tender texture and rich flavor. Blanch (a fancy term for partially cooking in a boiling pot of water) the asparagus and then sauté to help them remain crisp even as they brown. Top with a poached egg. Once you crack open that extra runny yolk, you'll have a plate worth licking.

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4. [Classic Israeli Shakshuka:](#) This Israeli classic is as easy to make as the frittata. The traditional recipe is eggs poached in a tomato sauce, served family-style in the cast iron pan. Make it more brunch-like with shreds of ham, sliced

arugula, and goat cheese crumbles. Any variation you make will be delicious!

5. [Alton Brown's Eggs Benedict](#): If you haven't heard of Alton Brown the food genius, you're missing out. Aside from his food science shows, Brown is known for his shows *Cutthroat Kitchen* and *Iron Chef*. His resume is intimidating, so we trust him with this classic. The trick for Eggs Benedict is perfecting the Hollandaise sauce, so be prepared to have a carton of eggs (or two) as you learn. But once it's perfected, this is the celebrity status brunch everyone will love.

What are your all-star brunch dishes? Share your recipes below for more mouth-watering ideas to try!

Date Idea: Listen to the Music





By [Sarah Ribeiro](#) & [Melissa Lee](#)

It's almost June, which means it's time to start doing summer activities. This weekend, start the new season off right by spending some time at outdoor performances with your love.

If you and your sweetheart are huge music fans, this weekend date idea might be perfect for you two!

Some of the most popular summer activities are outdoor fairs, concerts and music festivals. Not only are they fun, but they can be incredibly romantic too. Look up your local symphony orchestra; most of them hold open practices in the early summer, where you and your sweetheart can wrap yourselves in a blanket at the park and listen to classical music under the stars. For a more private experience, you and your love can stay in the parking lot, canoodling in the back seat of the car, high-school style, while you listen through the open windows.

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Check your newspaper and community bulletin board to find more local outdoor concerts or music festivals where you can cuddle with your sweetheart. You can try something new, like a bluegrass festival: Bluegrasser has a database of national bluegrass events where you and your beau can get country. Most bluegrass festivals even feature farmer's markets, where you can buy local produce and other goods like handwoven blankets and handmade jewelry. Or check out a jazz festival, where you and your love can spend the day dancing in each other's arms, filling up on goodies from food vendors and exposing yourselves to rising musicians.

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If you're more of an active couple, you can check out a bigger-scale music festival. Larger festivals are typically three days long, with tens to hundreds of mainstream acts playing on multiple stages. Some festivals that are traditionally held in late May and early June are Electric Daisy Carnival in New York, Sasquatch! Festival in George, Washington, and Bonnaroo in Manchester, Tennessee. In past years, these three festivals have featured acts such as Fatboy Slim, Avicii, Jack White, Bon Iver, Radiohead and Red Hot Chili Peppers. Find a festival that best suits you and your sweetheart's music tastes and plan a road trip with them. Spend the entire weekend listening to your favorite musicians, dancing and falling even more in love.

What are some of your favorite musical dates? Share with us below.

Date Idea: Make Sushi Together



By Daniela Agurcia & Melissa Lee

Every girl loves to be wined and dined by her significant other. While restaurants are great, sometimes, you want a cozy night indoors when your partner surprises you with his best rib dish, a bottle of wine and a bouquet of red roses.

In reality, we're not all top chefs and often end up making a mess in the kitchen when we even attempt to

make something as simple as macaroni. In this situation, a sushi kit can save date night.

You can find a sushi kit at a nearby grocery store for a reasonable cost. They're not as complicated as they sound and will walk you through the entire process, helping your date night to go as planned. Dress up and invite your beau over for a home-cooked meal. Greet him with a glass of Pinot Grigio, and surprise him in the kitchen with the sushi materials all set-up for you to make your favorite rolls together. Sushi kits come with a cookbook, rice, nori for wrapping the sushi, ginger, spicy wasabi and soy sauce. A couple of simple rolls you can make include California Rolls, Tuna Rolls and Salmon Rolls. Put on your favorite playlist, and for the next 30 minutes, flip through the cookbook and create a 10-15 piece sushi set. Lay it all out on a big plate and fill a little bowl with soy sauce. You're ready to feast!

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After you put your kit to good use, spend the rest of your time together enjoying your sushi and that bottle of wine. Catch up on what you've both done throughout the week, and sit back and enjoy each other's company. The best part about a sushi dinner is that you don't get that extremely full feeling you'd have if you ate something heavy like pasta or a burger. Sushi is the perfect meal to leave you feeling satisfied with some extra room for something sweet.

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Go the extra mile and surprise your date with a fortune cookie for dessert...but customize it. Slip in a little note that reads "I love you" or "I'm happy I met you." It's an unexpected gesture that will make your date feel especially loved. Plus,

it'll make this date night all the more memorable.

What ideas do you have for dining in with your loved one?
Share your ideas below.

Date Idea: Workout Together



By [Daniela Agurcia](#) & Melissa Lee

April is here, with Summer just around the corner. Now is the time where everyone throws on their swimsuits and heads to tropical destinations like Cancun, Miami, and Hawaii to lay out in the white sand and soak up the beaming sun. It's the last chance for you to sculpt those legs and define those abs

– and what better way to do it than with the one you love.

After a great workout for this date idea, you'll feel stress-free and energized. Plus, it provokes happiness, which will benefit your relationship.

Use this month to develop an exercise schedule together. Take advantage of all of your options, whether it's at your local gym or a nearby park. Sign up for a spinning class, something you can do at your own pace since your strength level will be different than your partner's. It doesn't even have to be a workout – dancing provides great exercise as well. Hit up the nearest salsa class for a curve-building calorie killer. Whether it's dancing or weight training, be there for each other and remember that it's about support – not competition!

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Don't want to waste a beautiful day indoors? Kill two birds with one stone by heading to the park. Run side-by-side for 30 minutes, and then help each other with a core workout on the grass. You can even go hiking or canoeing to put those legs and arms to work, all while engaging in conversation and enjoying each other's company.

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Many people don't have time to fit in exercise between their jobs and their social lives. But you don't have to choose one over the other. Dating shouldn't derail your plans to get fit this summer. You both want to look good for each other, so what better way than getting fit with someone you love? With

your new fitness regimen, you can accomplish this. Sounds too good to pass up. Give it a try!

What fun workout plans do you and your man do together? Share your ideas with us below.

Date Idea: Have a Colorful Day



By Ché Blackwood & [Melissa Lee](#)

Remember the fun of youth by creating a daytime date centered on coloring. With this [relationship advice](#), you'll be taking a

trip down memory lane with the one you love. It'll you feeling rejuvenated and creative!

For this [date idea](#), invest in a box of crayons, grab a few coloring books, stock up on old sweet films and give yourself the play date of your childhood dreams!

There are a variety of coloring books, allowing you to choose the best ones for your personality. If your honey likes baseball, pick up a workbook focused on the popular pastime. If you've still got a thing for princesses, purchase a Cinderella coloring book. If kid's books aren't your thing, head over to an adult store. Many of them carry adult themed coloring books, which will prevent your afternoon from staying G-rated.

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Challenge your beau's artistic talents by judging each other's coloring. If you're really creative, grab a few colored pages from each book and make up a story together. Sketch to your hearts' content, but be sure to stop as soon as soon as it loses its appeal. Some things are better in moderation.

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Once the crayons have started to crumble, watch a favorite animation together. Whether a classic like *Beauty and the Beast* or a more grown up choice, like *Futurama*, savor the experience of watching cartoons together with popcorn and a cozy cuddle on the couch. The rare opportunity to forget your adult responsibilities will leave you feeling joyful and young at heart.

How do you like to stay young with your partner? Tell us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Spend a Day at the Zoo



By Ché Blackwood and [Marissa Donovan](#)

Get close with your sweetheart by visiting a zoo! Watch the penguins swim and the tigers wrestle while spending an afternoon outside in the fresh air. See the variety of other creatures sharing our planet.

Get wild with this [date idea](#) by going to the zoo with your loved one!

If you want to get really close to Mother Nature, visit a petting zoo. While you may not spot any lions, you'll have the chance to touch gentle animals like sheep, pigs and goats.

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If sea creatures are more up your alley, visit an aquarium. Watching sharks glide through the water and jelly fish pulsate will leave you relaxed and in awe. Try quizzing each other with animal trivial while entering a new exhibit!

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Make sure to leave a donation before heading home to ensure zoos and other animal friendly organizations can continue their work. You can also go home and donate money to a organization that is currently helping your favorite species. Sometime an organization will give you a birth certificate for donating, which would be a great gift for your partner!

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What animal do you love to visit at your local zoo? Tell us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Create Magic in Your Relationship



By Ché Blackwood & Melissa Lee

Show your partner what you have up your sleeve by adding a little mysticism to your daily routine. Skip your usual weekend haunts and attend a local magic show with your honey.

Whether you're seeing a famous act or something more low key, it'll only take one wave of the wand to

spice up your date night.

Find a venue by checking the local listings in your area.

Seeing a magic show can make for some great conversation as you and your sweetheart try to unravel the secrets of the performance once its over. If there aren't any acts nearby, scout one out in the city nearest you. It may be worth taking a road trip together.

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Another idea is to bring the mystery home by purchasing a magic kit online or from your local toy store. Dress up as an assistant and let your significant other perform all types of tricks on you. Or make a game of it by each learning a separate trick to impress one another with. Whatever you choose, you'll be casting an enchanting spell over the evening.

What's your favorite magic trick? Tell us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Couple Up with Game Night





By Ché Blackwood & Melissa Lee

It may still be too chilly to throw a BBQ or spend an evening drinking with your lover on the patio, but that shouldn't stop you from double dating. This weekend, take the fun inside by hosting a couple's game night.

Whether you're playing with your partner or against, healthy competition mixed with good company will guarantee an uproarious date night.

Group games, like charades and Pictionary, involve everyone and foster a loud, exciting atmosphere. Keep score throughout the night to see which couple racks up the most points. To make a tradition out of it, create a small trophy for the winners to take home. Every month, plan a new game night and rotate the trophy accordingly.

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Technology can help keep your game night interactive. Fire up your PS3 or Xbox and have a tournament. Let the console keep track of each team's points while playing games like Call of Duty or Wii Sports. There's nothing wrong with a little new age entertainment! If you have single friends, invite them over with a platonic teammate. Everyone can join in on game night.

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At the end of the evening, you can wind down with pizza and a movie. Even if your other couple friends can't show, a night of first person shooters and Monopoly with your [sweetheart](#) will keep the memories coming as the hours fly by.

What's your favorite game to play with your beau? Let us know in the comments below.

Date Idea: Pucker Up While Putt-Putt Golfing





By [Melissa Lee](#)

Are you tired of having to sit quietly during your regular movie dates? If so, your next date with your significant other should be an awesome game of putt-putt golf! This will give you guys a chance to [try something new](#), all while enjoying the warm summer weather and each others' company.

You don't have to be a pro to enjoy the game with your mate; this date idea is all in the name of fun and love!

Miniature golf will give you two a chance to be competitive, which will create fun conversations – something that every relationship needs! Come on guys, don't we all love being able to help out our partners when they are struggling to hit the ball? This is also the perfect time to be cute and cuddly. Go ahead and give your love a special kiss when

he/she does a good job! You know what else wouldn't hurt? A comforting hug when your sweetheart misses the ball – your cool point meter will increase big time!

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Another way to make your date priceless is by dressing alike! By throwing on some matching polo's and some nice cargo shorts, you'll be picture perfect together. Now after your fun but tiresome date, dine at the restaurant of your choice and talk about all the funny things that happened while golfing. Sounds like the perfect date!

Take a look at some of America's best and most bizarre courses:

1. Lake George, N.Y.'s Around the World in 18 Holes
2. Mayday Golf in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
3. Putz n Glo Miniature Golf in Rapid City, S.D.

Know any other ways of enjoying a good game of mini golf? Comment below!

Date Idea: Take Him Out To The Ball Game





By [Melissa Lee](#)

It's summertime, which means it's the perfect time to bond with your beau over something he loves ... baseball! Not only will this show him that you listen to what he likes, but also that you're willing to take an interest and bond with him over it.

Why not surprise your honey with tickets to see his favorite baseball team for [date night](#)?

If you don't want to head to a Major League game, why not remind him of his childhood and check out a little league game? This way you have the rush of real competition, but without the stress of all the rules of major league baseball.

Plus, watching Little League is usually free, where as Major League can be pretty pricey.

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If you don't want to head to a game, why don't you make your own? Get some friends and family together and set up a game in your own backyard or nearby park. Grab a bat and a ball and play for yourself. It definitely beats sitting on the couch watching the game.

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Or even better, set up a couples baseball game, and make it a weekly event! If you don't feel like putting a whole game together, simply play a game of catch with your beau. What better way to enjoy a beautiful summer day?

Have any baseball-related ideas for your next date? Share your ideas below.

Date Idea: Take In Some Cartoons





By [Melissa Lee](#)

Remember *Sesame Street*, *Winnie the Pooh* and *Bugs Bunny*? They were probably your favorite cartoons when you were younger, and still are today. But now that you're older and too busy, you might not have the time to watch them.

Well, why not use this [date idea](#) and spend this weekend catching up on your favorite cartoons with your mate? After all, you're never too old for *Loony Tunes*.

Snuggle up on the couch with your man and watch some Saturday morning cartoons. Make a breakfast complete with Lucky Charms, and turn back the clock to a time when everything was easy.

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Spend the following day with an animated flick at a theater.

Not interested in anything that's currently being played? Rent your favorite Disney classic films and cuddle up with with a bowl of popcorn and soda at home with your significant other.

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What are some of your favorite cartoons? Share below.

Date Idea: Give Thanks to One Another



By [Melissa Lee](#)

It's that time of year again. It's time for family, friends, and slaving over a hot stove.

Are you a newlywed worried about preparing your first Thanksgiving dinner? Don't worry, you're not the only one! Cupid's got you covered, and you may be able to make this into a date idea.

First you have to determine how many people you'll be entertaining. Try checking out some recipes for large groups of people. These recipes will make it very easy to cook for a crowd. For a small, intimate crowd, try some unique appetizers that will fit perfectly on a small side table, like cheese fondue.

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Too lazy to cook? Don't worry. Many food stores sell ready-to-go Thanksgiving dishes. If you live in the Manhattan area, be sure to consider these marketplaces.

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After the meal, when all waistbands at the table are comfortably tight, be sure to have a dessert prepared. If you want to stay traditional, be sure to have the all-American pumpkin pie waiting in the oven. For those who don't have a taste for pumpkin pie, try having an assortment of cookies, brownies, and ice cream on standby.

Have any romantic Thanksgiving recipes to share? Comment below and share with our other readers.

Date Idea: Pretend You're a King and Queen



By [Melissa Lee](#)

With another potential royal wedding coming down the line, there's no better time to go on a date that makes your partner feel like a king or a queen.

Enjoy living like a king or a queen

for the weekend with these date ideas.

One of the most classically royal things to do is to attend a ball. It doesn't have to be Cinderella-level on decadence, but with the holidays approaching there are plenty of charity balls and events from which to choose. Some are invite-only, but others only require a donation for a seat. It's the perfect excuse to get all gussied up, and it's for a good cause, too! Cities like Chicago and Boston have a bunch this holiday season!

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While you likely won't be able to get to the ball in a horse drawn carriage, you can take a ride in one afterward. Central Park in NYC is famous for its horse-drawn carriage rides, but many other city parks offer them as well.

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For a more cost-effective royal feeling, take a tour of the nearest high end jewelry store near you. Tiffany's or Cartier will work, but remember you're just there to browse – unless you actually are a royal, in which case, buy away!

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If you're really in the monarchy spirit and feel like helping a good cause, check out a showing of the [Great Orchestra Christmas Charity](#).

Have a date that made you feel like king or queen of the world? Comment below and share with our other readers.

Date Idea: Early Morning Ideas



By [Melissa Lee](#)

Ever hear the expression, "The early bird gets the worm?"
Well, it's true in love as well!

This weekend Cupid has some date ideas for the early morning riser

who wants to get a head start on love.

There's no date more romantic than a hot air balloon ride.

With daylight savings now in place, we all get an extra hour of sun in the morning, and you can soak it up with your favorite loved one. This date is best at sunrise, but can also be taken at sundown, too. Any time of day, the views of all landscapes will be great as fall colors will be ablaze beneath you.

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For a more cost effective date, there's always breakfast. But don't go out to any old pancake house. Stay in and make breakfast together! Watch an early morning classic like "The Breakfast Club," or skip the news in favor of a more comedic take with *Anchorman*. Nothing starts the day better than mixing things up a little bit.

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Either one of these can be followed by an early morning walk; just the two of you, before the rest of the world is awake.

Have a favorite morning date tradition of your own? Comment below and share with our other readers.

Date Idea: Be Daring on Your

Date



By [Melissa Lee](#)

Need ideas for a date this weekend? It's time to take some risks and go on an adventure with your special someone.

Not every date needs to be the classic standby of dinner and a movie anymore, and there are fun and original date ideas even for the more faint of heart.

Like the idea of still getting a meal out of your evening?

There are plenty of cooking classes thrown by institutes and even some more exclusive restaurants.

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Want to put some funk in the evening? Channel your inner Pauly D or Samantha Ronson and take a DJ-ing class together! You could even learn to mix your very own “song” for the two of you...or just a fun dance mix. Check out places like [Dubspot](#) for more information.

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If you’re feeling more adventurous, you could check out everything from indoor skydiving in a wind tunnel to taking lessons that could land you under the big top! “[Simply Circus](#)” offers classes in a variety of circus-inspired activities for anyone who dares.

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Lastly, “[zorbing](#)” is a new and fun activity that could lead to a date never to be forgotten. Check it out to see what we mean!

Have a favorite couple’s adventure of your own? Comment below and share with our other readers.

Date Idea: Star in Your Own Romantic Comedy



By [Noelle Downey](#)

Looking for fun [date night](#) ideas for the weekend? Even if your love life might not be quite as glamorous as a Hollywood romantic comedy, that doesn't mean you can't live out your favorite movie-style date!

Take a cue from some of your, or your partner's, favorite rom coms and reenact a date idea from the movie.

1. 500 Days of Summer: Do you have a more realistic take on love? Then *(500) Days of Summer* is for you. Head to IKEA or a similar home goods store and play house in the set-up

kitchens, living rooms and bedrooms. Be as silly as possible! It worked for Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zoe Deschanel in the movie, so why couldn't it set off sparks for you, too?

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2. How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days: Are you and your mate the competitive type? Start off like Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson in *How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days* and go out for lobster! It's an interactive food, but leaves room for talking, too. They play a game of questions in the movie, but feel free to take a different leaf from the movie's script and challenge each other with different bets. See who holds up their end and who cracks under the rom com pressure with this fun [weekend date idea](#).

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3. It Happened One Night: Or, if you're into the more classic love stories, there's nothing like a road trip to live out your *It Happened One Night* dreams. Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable bicker all down the road, but after one night at a roadside inn, the two can't help but fall in love. Hopefully your travels will be less bumpy than theirs, but either way, it's a great way to get some quality time and laughs in with your loved one.

Have a favorite rom-com date of your own? Comment below and share with our other readers!

Date Idea: Look Into Your Future



By [Noelle Downey](#)

Need an idea for a fun group [date night](#) out with friends or your new fall fling? October is the month of spooky ghouls and goblins, and with Halloween approaching, there's no better time to explore the more mystical side of life...and death!

Looking to cuddle up and share a scream-filled night of fun this fall for a hauntingly good [weekend](#)

date idea? Try these wonderful ways to get in touch with your spooky side!

1. Visit a psychic, and see what your future holds: This can be fun with friends or a date, and even if you don't believe in hocus pocus, you can still get a laugh. Try giving false signals or even just maintaining a serious face throughout the reading, as many fake psychics play off of your body language and reactions. See if you have the real deal in your presence.

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2. Get your tarot cards read: This is an ancient art, and can be done for couples as well as singles. See where your expectations lie, according to the cards. Maybe you'll find out a fling might be more than that very soon. Even palm readers can be a hoot! Again, if you believe in this sort of thing, then this date is obviously right up your alley, but it's still fun even if you're not a true believer.

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3. Watch a scary flick: Finish the night off by heading home to watch *Ghost*, a classic romantic movie filled with supernatural influences. More into the undead than ghostly figures? Try *Warm Bodies*, a film that combines a cute and quirky love story with plenty of gory and spooky zombie action.

Have a cool supernatural experience of your own? Comment below and share with our other readers.

Date Idea: Plan a Picnic with Your Love



By [Delaney Gilbride](#)

There aren't going to be many more days of nice weather for lovers this year. The days are growing shorter and colder, but it's not too late to take advantage of a fine fall day for one last date.

The perfect way to close out the season together before you start snuggling up fireside is to take a

picnic date. It's simple, quality fun with the person you love!

Picnics are a fairly easy date to plan and execute, so it's the little touches that make the difference. Don't bring your food in a tote bag: use a real basket, and bring a gingham blanket while you're at it. Go all out! And to further create the ambiance, make a playlist on your iPod with relaxing, but upbeat tunes. Think John Mayer, Goo Goo Dolls or Colbie Caillat.

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When it comes to food, the simpler the better. Wine or sparkling water are good bets for drinks, and finger foods are always a fun addition. Silverware can be cumbersome, so stick to fresh fruits, cheeses and the like. Hit up a local deli beforehand for good deals on side dishes and desserts! There are also easy recipes for everything from bruschetta to spinach artichoke dip. Anything that you can feed to each other makes the afternoon more fun and interactive.

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What's great about a picnic is that it can even be done in your own backyard! So long as you make some time away from everyday life to have quality time together as fall comes to a close, that's all that matters. In the Santa Monica area? Check out TravelFusion for picnic ideas at Santa Monica Beach or Santa Monica Park along Ocean Avenue for some scenic picnic spots.

Have a favorite picnic food? Comment below and share with our other readers.

Date Idea: Fall in Love in New York



By [Delaney Gilbride](#)

With New York Fashion Week drawing to a close, the throngs of people that flocked to the daily theatre of the Big Apple are now returning to their everyday lives across the globe. But no one can ever quite forget a New York experience, especially when it involves love.

So this weekend, make your [date night](#) NYC-themed, and embrace all the amor even an American icon has to offer.

Central Park is a hot spot for new lovers to snuggle, picnic, play sports, and take their love public. If you don't live in New York, there may not be a big park in your neighborhood. So hitting a local or national park with "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" will bring you right back to your big city days.

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Another easy way to play the role of "New Yorker" is to eat like one! There are many classic NYC eats to try from their famous hot dogs to decadent NY cheesecake. Look up a restaurant in your area that specializes in one of these, and head there after a play! Not every town has Broadway, but a lot of plays are tested out in other metropolitan areas before they hit the Big Apple.

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In the Phoenix area? You can truly visit New York City without leaving your neighborhood by hitting up the local "Big Apple Restaurant" for a treat.

Have a favorite NYC tradition? Comment below and share with our other readers.

Date Idea: Take Love Lessons from School



By [Noelle Downey](#)

School's almost in session, folks – it's time to brush up on your romantic education, too! You can have some [date nights](#) that your favorite teacher from grade school would be proud of, and that you'll have a blast on as well. Cupid's got you covered from A to Z!

Take a tip from your school lessons with these fun weekend date ideas

that will make studying a distant memory and love the first item on the assignment sheet!

1. Go Apple Picking: Looking for an apple so you can butter up your teacher? Do some apple picking! It's a fun and inexpensive way to get outdoors and walk home with a sweet treat... and maybe even snag a kiss amongst the apple branches.

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2. Cheer at a High School Football Game: If sports are more your thing, head to a local high school football game. Get some buddies together and tailgate like it's the pros, and then head to the field to cheer on your true home team. After all, some high school games are an even bigger deal than the NFL, especially in small towns!

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3. Read Something New Together: The best way to brush up on your school skills is to simply pick up a book. Join a co-ed book group, or make a date to read together in the park. Pack a picnic lunch and read on the grass.

Have a school days date idea of your own? Comment below, and share with our other readers. Hit the books!

Date Idea: Get Fit Together



By [Noelle Downey](#)

August is one of the hottest months in the US. Don't let the heat keep you in a sluggish mood: get up and go out! One of the best ways to stay fit is with your partner sweating next to you. In addition to being important to your health, staying in shape is a great way to bond with your loved one.

Ready to get fit and flirty this summer? Check out three great [weekend date ideas](#) when it comes to getting toned and tanned with your significant other this season!

1. Turn gym day into a date night: One easy way to work out

together is to join a gym. Some places may offer discounted rates if you sign up together. Pick cardio machines next to each other. When you move on to strength training, take turns doing reps. Having someone there to spot you and watch your form can help you exercise more safely than doing it alone.

Related Link: [Date Idea: Embrace a Physical Activity](#)

2. Take a fitness class together: Another way to get active is to take a class, either at the gym, or at a local hot spot. While activities like salsa classes are perfect for couples, try something you'll both be interested in, like martial arts, indoor-rock climbing, adult swimming, or other sports.

Related Link: [Up and Coming Fitness Trend: Indoor Rowing](#)

3. Stroll your way to success: Want a free way to stay fit? Welcome the morning with a walk around the neighborhood, or go for jog. Bring your dog for extra fun! After all, exercising together is a great way to spend quality time. Catch up with your partner, especially if the two of you spend a lot of time apart during the week because of work, school, and other responsibilities. Who's a better supporter than your partner or spouse?

To get the ball rolling, visit LifeMojo for inspiration, motivational tips, and learn about the benefits of working out together.

Have a fitness routine of your own? Comment below, and share with our other readers. Stay cool, and enjoy your weekend!

Date Idea: Get Your Game On!



By [Noelle Downey](#)

Summer days are meant to be spent outside, but cooler [date nights](#) can be spent inside, or out on the patio. The games don't have to stop once the sun goes down. Get your friends together and enjoy a game night – after all, there's nothing like Twister to get to know someone new.

Ready for a competitive date night with your favorite friends and cute crush this summer? Below are the

three steps you'll need to take your game night party from lame to fame!

1. Set the Mood: The key to a successful game night is to set the mood. It should be light and fun, so keep the party area colorful and well-lit. An easy indoor fix is to throw some confetti on the tables and add balloons. For outdoors, Christmas lights and tiki torches add to the atmosphere. Check out stores like Party City for deals.

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2. Serve Fantastic Food: For grub, think fun finger foods and fruity drinks. Walking tacos are easy to make for a group, and allow people to interact while they cook and eat. Plus, no one can resist a good taco! Ask single friends bring a platonic date; everyone can gather in the kitchen to heat things up before the games begin.

Related Link: [Date Ideas: Preparing in Advance for Game Day](#)

3. Pick Great Games: Pick games that require human contact to catch the eye – or elbow – of that special someone. Twister is an old favorite, but even games like musical chairs and Sardines allow everyone to snuggle up while still getting competitive. It's the ultimate get-to-know-you weekend date idea, all created by you.

Have a game night activity of your own? Comment below, and share with our other readers. Let the games begin!

Date Idea: Include the Pooch in Your Plans



By [Noelle Downey](#)

With August approaching, and the weather still heating up, we're all finding ourselves in the magical dog days of summer. Why not spend *your* dog days (and [date nights](#)!) with man's – and woman's – best friend? Cute puppies are the ultimate chick magnet for guys, and the perfect cuddle-buddy for girls. Find a friend with a pup, or head out with your own four-legged friend for a good time this summer.

Enjoy some fun in the sun with your favorite furry friend this summer and you'll have a great jumping off point for making conversation with other dog lovers and potential summer flings! Here are some great places to go for some pet-friendly fun this season!

1. Dog park: Embrace the outdoors and get some exercise by taking the pooch out to a dog park. Go on a walk with friends and see if you can pick up the hottie with the Labrador you passed on the trail.

Related Link: [Why Having a Pet Can Be Beneficial to Your Relationship](#)

2. Baseball diamond: For a more formal park experience, lots of major league baseball parks have "Dog Days," where owners can sit in special sections with their pooches. It's a fun way to meet other dog lovers, and a great place to watch the game, too.

Related Link: [Date Idea: Cuddle With a Furry Friend](#)

3. Wine tasting: Other places to find canine events are local park districts, public libraries, and even wineries. Mutt Lynch Winery in Healdsburg, California has a whole "Dog Days of Summer" event.

None of these ideas making your doggy friend's tail wag? To plan your own "Dog Day" event at work or at home, check out OneCoast for tips and tricks that even an old dog could learn.

Have a favorite doggie activity of your own? Comment below, and share with our other readers. Stay cool, and enjoy your weekend!

Date Idea: Cuddle Up in the Dark



By [Delaney Gilbride](#)

Need a fun [date idea](#) for this weekend? Cupid's got you covered! With the summer on the rise, evening dates are looking more and more tempting.

Get out into the cool and sultry night and check out what's sizzling in your area for the perfect summer [date night](#)!

Many popular museums have special events going on in the evenings. The American Museum of Natural History in New York City hosts Evening Bat Walks on select Friday and Saturday nights. You can also check out local aquariums and marine centers for your special night! Visit [List of Public Aquariums](#) from FishChannel.com to find one near you.

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Another great nighttime idea is stargazing. Live in the city? Not a problem. All those bright lights may make it difficult to see the night stars, but it's not impossible! The Amateur Astronomer's Association of New York leads stargazing ventures every week. Search 'amateur astronomers association' on Google to find one in your city and take a tour.

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If you live around Los Angeles and are into the pop culture scene, now is the perfect time to head to one of the city's famous venues! Live Nation holds tons of concerts in LA and the surrounding area, featuring artists like Justin Bieber, Rihanna, Keith Urban, and more. Don't live in Los Angeles? You can find a live concert or play near you with a little research at [ticketmaster.com](#).

Have a romantic night spot you want to recommend? Comment below and share it with our other readers.