

Relationship Advice: Stay “Kaptured” In Your Partners Arms With Kapture Audio



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By Myesha Cobb

With the holiday season in full swing, it's easy to have a family meltdown or a fight with your significant other. According to Mathew Dooley, co-founder of [Kapture](#), an audio-recording wristband that allows you to save and share moments in your life, the root cause of these fights is that people aren't listening. The technology of Kapture Audio allows you to “capture” the last 60 seconds of audio around you from the sleek wrist band design and allows you to save and send it to

your smartphone. Once you hear something worth remembering – a great joke, a brilliant quote, or even a verbal contract – you can tap the watch in order to “capture” and it saves the audio from the last 60 seconds and stores it to your smartphone. You can also share, edit and publish the clips with the Kapture App. This technology can even save your relationship and love. Its inherent [relationship advice](#) is to become a better listener and a better partner this holiday season.

Relationship Advice On Kapturing The Moments That Count

With Kapture, you and your partner will enjoy how easy it is to make memories that will last a lifetime! The wrist band has an all day battery life for those of you who are always on the go. It is iOS and Android compatible, has Bluetooth connectivity, an omni-directional mic, vibration and LED notifications and more. The wrist band also has a variety of color options to choose from. You can choose a color for the wrist band as well as a separate color for the grill. Our date idea is to wear the Kapture wrist band on your next night out. It's definitely a must-have for those couples on the go.

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Creators Mike and Matt believe that this will enhance moments and the relationships and love that matter in our lives. Our relationship advice is to use this technology to bond with your partner. Kapture says “I’m listening.” Whether you’re both in a coffee shop, walking down the street together, on vacation, or even hear a song that you both take interest to. This wrist band is more than just technology. It is something that you and your partner can create memories with as well as a hot playlist!

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Since the holidays are here, our love advice is to give this gift to your partner. This is something else to add to the list of things to do to keep your relationship interesting. It is going to add to the memories and fun outings between you and your honey!

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Move Over, Broadway! Paper Mill Playhouse Introduces 'The Bandstand'



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By Katelyn Di Salvo

Looks like Broadway has some competition on it's hands with Paper Mill Playhouse's latest never-before-seen musical show, *The Bandstand*. This play makes for a perfect [weekend date idea](#) with your loved one.

Paper Mill Playhouse is a not-for-profit organization that has been entertaining audiences with their live theatre performances since 1938! Now, the regional theater group is launching it's exciting 2015-2016 season with, *The Bandstand*. A sizzling new big-band swing musical that features live band music, explosive choreography and a beautifully crafted narrative.

Weekend Date Idea: Check Out the Musical Show That's Giving Broadway a Run For It's Money

The Bandstand tells the story of a mismatched band of military veterans, joined together by the driven and inspired character of Donny Novitski, played by the very talented actor and singer Corey Cott. The band competes in a national radio contest in New York City, where the winners will receive instant stardom! While on their journey to fame, the group struggles with complicated relationships, the demands of the competition and the challenging after-effects of the war. This makes winning the contest seem like nothing more than a fantasy. The plot thickens as a love story develops between Donny and Julia (played by Tony Award nominee Laura Osnes).

Cott and Osnes have been friends for a few years and have incredible chemistry on stage. Cott describes working with Osnes as "a dream come true."

What makes this play so incredibly unique compared to other Broadway shows is that a portion of the music is integrated into the story and played live on stage. There are 12 pieces in the orchestra pit and six pieces on stage. This can be extremely difficult to manage, but works so well in *The Bandstand*.



The cast of 'The Bandstand.'

The play is directed and choreographed by Tony Award winner, Andy Blankenbuehler, who describes the live music on stage as, "a very big sound, a sound that will get people out of their seats and dancing." The play also features a book and lyrics by Richard Oberacker and Robert Taylor and stars Tony Award winner Beth Leavel. The musical numbers are charged with emotion and leave you hanging onto every note. Cott and Osnes pour their souls into every number and really dedicate themselves to their character.

Aside from *The Bandstand*, Paper Mill Playhouse has a line up of great shows including, *A Christmas Story*, *The Bronx Tale*, *Pump Boys and Dinettes* and *Westside Story*! Located in Millburn, New Jersey it's like having Broadway in your backyard!

So will the band make it to stardom? Or will the tension within the group destroy their chances? Find out for yourself by taking a quick trip to Millburn, N.J., and visiting the Paper Mill Playhouse on October 8th through November 8th. *The Bandstand* will be performed eight times a week, Wednesday through Sunday. Tickets are on sale now, so buy two tickets one for you and one for your significant other and have a romantic 'dinner and a show' [date night](#)! Visit www.papermill.org to get yours today!

Disclaimer: The Bandstand contains strong language and adult themes. Recommended for ages 13 and up.

GIVEAWAY ALERT: One lucky reader will get the chance to win two tickets to see *The Bandstand* at the Paper Mill Playhouse located in Millburn, N.J. To enter our giveaway, email cupid@cupidspulse.com with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number. The contest ends next Friday, October 9th at noon EST. Good luck!

Date Idea: Star Light, Star Bright





By [Rebecca White](#)

Whether you celebrate around a tree or a menorah, the holiday spirit is in full swing – and so is the stress that comes along with it. Your [relationship and love](#) life may feel strained from all of the pressure. If you're in need of a romantic evening with your partner, dive into the cultural craze and Hanukkah spirit with a personal take on "The Festival of Lights." This weekend date idea is the perfect opportunity to stargaze together and enjoy nature's own decorative lights.

Stargaze to Improve Your Relationship and Love

To get started with this date idea, you'll need to grab some winter wear and hot cocoa (don't forget the peppermint schnapps!) so you stay warm while you look at the stars. Next, you've got to find the best spot in your neighborhood. If you live in the city, don't worry! All those bright lights may make it difficult, but it's not impossible. The Amateur

Astronomer's Association of New York leads stargazing ventures every week.

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There's nothing more romantic than lying with your significant other under a big, fluffy, cashmere blanket while stargazing in the great outdoors. Let the holiday spirit bring your relationship and love to the next level. Think about it: The scenery is beautiful; there's no one else around; and you're lying next to each other in the darkness, looking up at the sky. Mix in cuddling under a blanket and sipping on a warm drink, and this might be your favorite date night yet!

Since it's best to start stargazing about an hour after sunset, you can have an early dinner and then head to your own festival of lights. For some added romance, bring along a picnic basket filled with some sweet treats. As the sun goes down, the stars will become more visible, and you'll want to have binoculars to get a closer look. You may want to invest in a constellation map so the two of you can tell the difference between Aquarius and Lyra. You could even make a game out of figuring out the different patterns.

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It's also important to remember what culture you're celebrating on this take of "The Festival of Lights." To learn more about Chanukah, check out websites and read a brief history. In the midst of enjoying the starry night together, take our love advice and exchange gifts under the open sky. Look out for shooting stars, and don't forget to make a wish for the holidays!

Have you stargazed together as a date? Share your stories below!

Weekend Date Idea: Give the Gift of Babysitting



By [Rebecca White](#)

Don't fret about what to get your friends this holiday season! This weekend, offer to babysit and give them a kid-free date night. Holiday seasons can be tough on families because there are so many preparations to be made. The gift of alone time is just what your friends need. Plus, you'll get to see what your partner will be like as a parent! This date idea is sure improve your [relationship and love](#) life as you play house for a few hours.

Give the Gift of Babysitting to Improve Your Relationship and Love

For this weekend date idea, call up one of your married friends and tell them to take some time off and plan a night out with their spouse. Next, it's time for you to decide how to entertain their kids! Depending on the ages, you can play games, watch a movie, or plan a bigger activity like making crafts, writing a story, acting out a musical, or putting on a fashion show. For more ideas, check out PBSKids.org for advice and ideas on how to babysit for any age.

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This date idea will give you some insight into what your significant other will be like as a mom or dad. Is he the disciplinarian? Is she nurturing and maternal? These are things you'll want to know to determine if you're truly a match made in heaven. Make sure you know who is in charge of enforcing punishments, who is in charge of making dinner, and who is in charge of cleaning up the house so your friends don't come home to a disaster. By delegating responsibilities, you'll find out if you make a good team and if you can handle the surprises that kids have in store for you.

Babysitting will also help you learn if your partner is even comfortable around kids. They should be able to channel their inner dork and play silly games, but that may be a challenge for them. Maybe they're easily grossed out or get frustrated at the smallest thing. If so, that may be a bad sign. After all, kids are messy and require a lot of patience. This gift to your friends is a gift to yourself too. Who knows what you'll discover about your sweetheart!

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[You as Marriage Material](#)

If you're nervous about babysitting with your honey, then set aside some time to chat about it. This could even be another date night before your babysitting adventure! Communication is key to succeeding as babysitters and parents (someday). After babysitting together, your relationship and love life will be thriving. Don't miss this opportunity to grow even closer together!

Have you babysat with your beau before? Share your stories below!

Dating Advice: Film a Documentary During Black Friday





By Emma L. Wells

Black Friday shopping isn't for everyone. However, while stores can be hectic and crazy, if you've got a lot of holiday gifts to buy, it *is* nice to get it all done at once, especially while so many items are discounted. This year, brave the crowds with your beau! It may not be a romantic [date idea](#), but it can certainly be a fun one.

Have Fun While Being Productive on This Weekend Date Idea

It's important to stick together on this holiday weekend date idea. Combine your shoppings lists and hit the stores at midnight. Instead of just running errands, make this date idea more entertaining by bringing along a camera. You can shoot all the action around you as you go from store to store. Make sure you record the craziest things you see on your Black Friday adventure.

Related Link: [Date Idea: Take a Holiday from the Holidays](#)

Take turns manning the camera as you search for gifts for everyone on your list. Try to stay out of other people's way as you frame your shot – you don't want to bother the other shoppers! Maybe you'll even find some good deals on new camera equipment that you can use for your next documentary!

Later, you can edit the film as a team and show your friends this mini-documentary. Have a "premiere party" for your video after you open holiday presents; that way, your loved ones can see how much fun you had – and how much trouble you went through! – picking out their gifts. The morning and evening news almost always showcases footage from Black Friday too. Send your local station some of the most outrageous things you saw. You never know: Maybe you two lovebirds will wind up as local celebrities!

Related Link: [Date Idea: Escape Black Friday](#)

Discover a New Passion with This Dating Advice

This experience will make for a great story to tell in the future. Consider this dating advice and think of the date idea as an opportunity to record a special moment in your relationship and love. Perhaps you'll even discover a new mutual hobby! You budding filmmakers may want to enroll in a documentary making class after the holidays are over.

Cupid wants to know: Will you go Black Friday shopping with your honey this year?

Weekend Date Idea: Celebrate a Week of Thanks



By Emma L. Wells

Get into the Thanksgiving spirit early this year! On this [weekend date idea](#), come up with a list of all the things and, more importantly, the people you're thankful for in life. If you're in the early stages of your relationship and love, this conversation can be a great way to get to know each other better.

Give Thanks on This Weekend Date

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It's a wonderful Thanksgiving tradition to give thanks for everything in your life. Why not take it a step further this year and not just say thanks but show your appreciation too? After you and your beau have made your lists, start thinking of ways that you can give back to the people in your life.

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If you're feeling creative, you can make some fall-themed gift baskets. You can bake some lovely Thanksgiving treats or, if you're not that confident in the kitchen, buy some high quality ingredients and make a DIY basket. Many speciality cooking stores also sell pre-packaged cookie, pie, or cake mixes that you can include. Add some Thanksgiving decorations, like a few gourds or pumpkins from a farmers market, a serving tray, or utensils to help make their dinner extra special!

Put Some Love Into This Date Idea

Don't forget to personalize your baskets by including a handwritten and heartfelt note telling them what they mean to you. Your loved ones will be touched that you put so much thought and care into this gift! Pass out your baskets to your family and friends throughout the week leading up to Thanksgiving.

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After this weekend date idea is over, consider this relationship advice and make an additional basket to give to your sweetheart! Instead of a Thanksgiving theme, make this basket more personal. Fill it with fun activities you two will enjoy doing together this winter, or find items that remind you of great memories from your relationship and love so far.

How will you and your honey give thanks this year? Tell us below!

Date Idea: Run in the Name of Love



By Emma L. Wells

This [weekend date idea](#) will have you and your beau gettin' physical! Instead of your usual dinner and a movie, get off the couch and go for a run or walk together. There's no better way to get your relationship and love out of a rut than with a little activity, so for this date idea, challenge your

sweetheart to run or walk a 5K with you.

Challenge Each Other With This Date Idea

Map out a good 5K route in your town or, if possible, sign up for an official 5K charity run. So many non-profits have them that you're bound to find a cause that you'll both appreciate. That way you'll not only be doing something great for your bodies *and* your relationship and love but also for society!

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Run as a team to help keep each other's strength up. Or you can make it a race between the two of you to add some playful competition to this date idea. A little competitiveness between you and your partner can actually be really healthy for your partnership. A small rivalry can spice things up as long as it's all in good fun!

Love Advice: The Couple That Runs Together, Stays Together

Exercising together has a lot of benefits. First, it'll give you the opportunity to wow him with what great shape you're in. You'll also run faster and work harder than you normally would so that you can impress him. Take this love advice and consider investing in some new workout gear that really shows off the results of your hard work. Additionally, it'll be nice to have someone so close to give you positive encouragement. Plus, a good workout releases chemicals in your brain that will leave you two feeling giddy and romantic all day long.

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If you're planning your own 5K, make sure to run past some nice scenery. For instance, if you live on the coast, why not

map out a path along the water? You can plot your run to be a circle so you end up back at home or extend your day by ending at a park where you can enjoy a pleasant rest. Once you've recovered, head to your favorite brunch spot. After all, you've earned it after your workout!

Have you and your partner done a 5K together? Tell us about it below!

Date Idea: Around the World in 80 Minutes



By Emma L. Wells

This weekend date idea will have you and your sweetheart traveling the world without ever leaving your couch. It's perfect for a night when you might be a little tired but still want to spend some quality, fun time together. All you need is a good appetite and some takeout menus!

Travel the World Without Leaving Your Couch on This Date Idea

Find some tasty, authentic cuisine in your neighborhood that you and your honey can order in. If you don't know your area that well, check out Yelp for some suggestions and reviews. You'll be able to get a taste of China, Italy, Mexico, and more – all in the same night. Order a small dish or two from every restaurant and set up a buffet at home so you both get to try a bit of everything.

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At the end of the night, vote on your favorites. Follow this dating and [relationship advice](#) to find out how well your tastes match. You might even come up with a new favorite restaurant for your next date night. If he mentions a particular dish that he likes, make a mental note to make a home-cooked version in the future; you should be able to find the recipe you need on Pinterest.

Make this a date idea a themed night by renting movies to enjoy with dinner. You can pick out some travel-themed rom-coms like *The Holiday*, *Under the Tuscan Sun*, *Eat Pray Love*, *French Kiss*, or *Roman Holiday*. Or watch food-themed movies like *Ratatouille*, *Chocolat*, *Chef*, *The Hundred Foot Journey*, or *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

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After having a blast on this weekend date idea, you and your

partner might consider doing the night all over again for a party with your friends. They'll be bound to notice how close and cute you two look while playing host together. Plus, takeout is really easy for a party set-up and clean-up! Or if one of you is a particular good cook, try recreating some of these yummy dishes for your pals. Spending time together in the kitchen can certainly add some spice to your relationship and love.

Have you ever had a cultural food extravaganza with your significant other? Tell us about it below!

Celebrity Couple Sofia Vergara & Joe Manganiello Spend Golden Globes Evening Eating Dessert!





By [Rebecca White](#)

Opting out of the red carpet and designer gowns at the Golden Globes, celebrity couple Sofia Vergara and Joe Manganiello decided to hang out with their friends at Bruxie's, which is a gourmet waffle sandwich shop. According to [UsMagazine.com](#), the latest celebrity couple who is newly engaged, "arrived at the joint around 8 p.m. and joined friends who had a bevy of goodies waiting for them, including s'mores and custards." Maybe we can steal their weekend date idea and head to a dessert shop on our next date!

If a celebrity couple can indulge in a dessert date, so can you! What are some creative ways to incorporate treats into your date?

Cupid's Advice:

You can learn from this celebrity couple by incorporating

something fun into your next date idea! So get creative with your sweet treat to make the date even more special:

1. Cook the dessert together: After a nice night out, (or maybe even before), hit the grocery store to purchase your favorite dessert ingredients. Spend time making the treat with your partner. It doesn't matter if it is a full blown Molton Lava cake or just an ice cream sundae, it will be a fun activity that you both can share in the comfort of your home.

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2. Go to a dessert shop: Just like this celebrity couple, try going somewhere that specializes in dessert. You can go to a cupcake store, a chocolate store, or even just a regular candy store. Maybe even go dessert hopping and try your hand at all three for the perfect dessert date.

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3. Share your desserts: If you do opt to go to a restaurant and order desserts, try sharing it so that you can create a special moment between you and your loved one. Thank you Sofia Vergara and Joe Manganiello for this amazing weekend date idea!

How do you incorporate dessert into your date? Comment below!

Date Idea: Shut Down





By Shannon Seibert

Technology is useful but also very hindering. Sure, you like to know what the Twitterworld is up to on a daily basis, and you might miss out on what Karen had for lunch on Thursday, but sometimes, you really do need to step away from all things social media. Here's a little piece of dating advice for this weekend: Turn off your distractions and spend time with your love away from all things digital.

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Technology-Free Date Idea

Remember when the iPhone wasn't around? Yeah, we try not to either, but back in the day, people had plenty of ways to keep themselves entertained: It was called company. Bundle up in your Sorel boots and North Face jacket, grab your partner by the hand, and head outdoors to get some exercise in the winter chill. This [date idea](#) will help you and your sweetheart to focus on your relationship and love by getting fit and healthy together.

Days were simpler when you could just go outside and “play” as a kid, but there shouldn’t be anything stopping you this weekend. Challenge your love to a game of one-on-one basketball at the local park for a refreshing outdoor date idea. Your man’s competitive side will shine through, and you’ll be left with no choice but to show him up. Play dirty with your flirty smile and long lashes. When you come up with the win, treat your irresistible loser to a cup of Hershey’s hot chocolate by the fireplace.

If the weather is poor or you just aren’t feeling the outdoors, inside can be just as fun. Set up a game of Checkers. Yes, we said Checkers! It may sound cheesy or like something you’d do with your grandmother, but you’d be surprised at how fun board games can be with the love of your life. For an out of the box twist on this weekend date idea, use cookies as game pieces. Every time you “jump” your partner’s piece, you get to eat the cookie. This not only speeds up the game, but it makes it more tasty.

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If board games aren’t doing it for you either, head to the kitchen. With the holiday season quickly approaching, you have the perfect excuse to whip up all of your favorite treats. Have a gingerbread house building competition with your honey, and see who was meant to be the architect of the couple. This house building date idea should inspire you to bust out your inner Betty Crocker. The best part is, at the end of the festivities, you and your love get to eat your creations.

What would you do during the day without technology? Share with us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Winter Beaching



By Shannon Seibert

There is very little that is more enjoyable than a beach trip in the winter. The cool air, the calming sound of the waves, and the rubbing of sand between your toes can create the perfect date idea for you and your man. This weekend, huddle together under a blanket and watch the waves dance while making plans for this coming summer; which is closer than you think!

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Date Idea: Warm Up Your Winter

Dates With A Trip to the Beach!

Winter doesn't mean that you have to say "farewell" to the beach. Think outside the box with this weekend date idea: Create your own slice of paradise by packing a romantic picnic for your beach getaway. To follow this relationship advice, snag some Bubba Keg thermoses from your local grocery store to trap in the heat. Take along winter favorites, like some delicious hot cocoa or a piping hot batch of chicken noodle soup. The insulated container should keep it warm all day. But don't neglect your favorite frozen foods as well! Bring along a container of raspberry sorbet or a couple of peppermint popsicles to get into the holiday spirit.

While loading up the car, be sure to throw in a couple of blankets. The breeze may surprise you along the coast, and you want to be prepared. Tune your radio to some Bob Marley or even the Beach Boys to get you into the tropical-paradise mood. On the car ride there, ask your man about his favorite beach memories from his childhood. The more you find out, the stronger your [relationship and love](#) will be. Also, take some time to plan a future date idea or two for the upcoming summer months.

Brainstorm summer vacations with your love while playing a quick game of volleyball in the sand. You could stay local and dip into the Atlantic on the beaches of Daytona or go for a more exotic adventure to the island of Bermuda. Both destinations have unique tropical sites that attract a bunch of tourists, so beat the crowds and book your romantic getaway in advance.

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As you both get excited about your impending trip, boost the creativity of your games. Play against each other in a flirty game of Frisbee. Make it a contest to see who can catch it in the coolest way, like between your legs or over your shoulder.

If you plan on staying until the end of the day, set up a cool bonfire as the sun goes down. The warm flames will comfort you in contrast to the chilly winter breeze. Be careful though, as each state has regulations whether or not you are permitted to start a fire on the beach. If not, bringing along a couple of lanterns can still keep you cozy. Snuggle together around your fire – or make-believe fire – as you watch the sun dip behind the sea. This is sure to be a weekend date idea you will both remember!

Have any fun winter-beach stories? Share with us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Go Back to College!





By Shannon Seibert

You may have graduated years ago, but college life is still just as fun! As a fun weekend date idea, head back to your alma mater with your sweetheart to check out a football game, watch a performing arts group, and visit your favorite university bar or restaurant.

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Take a Trip Down Memory Lane With This Weekend Date Idea

You invested four years of your life into a place that you never thought would mean so much to you. Whether or not college is where you and your honey met, college towns are still a haven for memories, both old and new. For this nostalgic [date idea](#), take your love to all of your favorite buildings. Most universities allow public access to their libraries, informational buildings, and eateries. This way, you can even give your guy a personal tour of where you used

to prep for exams and sneak in a quick study break for good measure.

Show him the sites that made you fall in love with campus, like the enormous oak trees, the daisy garden, or the baseball field. For University of Florida alumni, Ben Hill Griffin Stadium has never been a disappointment! As the two of you explore, you can chat about your favorite college memories and give each other insight on how you became who you are today. Considering this little piece of dating advice will definitely strengthen your relationship and love!

College isn't just about the campus either. It's about being independent for the first time and being on your own in a new town. Encompass that feeling all over again and head out on the town with your man. For a sweet and delicious date idea, visit the ice cream shop where you spent every Sunday afternoon. A double fudge sundae is always the best item on the college diet menu anyways!

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Talk with your honey about your awkward first college date at that hole-in-the wall restaurant – or even stop in for a burger. Restaurants and nightlife are a huge part of the college experience, so try and see if you still have that college spirit in you. Bar hop from Fat Tuesday's to the dive bar next door. The bartenders are also a great source of information, so order a couple of peach-mango margaritas and learn about the changes the town has undergone since your last visit. This way, your sweetheart can take part in the town's history with you.

What are some of your favorite college memories? Tell us below!

Date Idea: Escape Black Friday



By Shannon Seibert

Sure, Black Friday sales are tempting, but they can also be super crazy. Going shopping in that chaos can flare some tensions between you and your sweetheart. The overwhelmingly massive crowds and lines might test the limits of your relationship and love. So consider this piece of dating advice: Spend this weekend inside with your love, tracking the deals online and planning shopping trips for calmer days. Embrace your inner child and prepare your lists for Santa Claus too.

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Avoid Black Friday With Your Honey, Thanks to This Dating Advice

Black Friday is the Superbowl of shopping. Everyone is aggressively pursuing the items on their wish list while ambushing sales clerks and demanding their assistance. But in this day and age, Cyber Monday has become our saving grace. For a comfortable and stress-free date idea, shop with your honey from the comfort of your couch! This way, you can shield yourself from the frosty weather and enjoy online buying by a crackling fire. Grab a plate of Thanksgiving leftovers while you browse the sites for deals.

Start a pot of caramel espresso coffee and prepare yourself for the shopping Olympics. Stores such as Target, Macy's, and Best Buy usually do a sale preview before the event, giving you and your love a chance to adequately prepare your holiday list. Cyber Monday is unique in that some shops have online sales that *aren't* featured in stores. Do a little research before you start so you'll be sure to cover all of the bases, making your friends envious of your superior shopping expertise.

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Together, make your Black Friday lists, organizing them from most important items to least. For instance, if your sweetheart is looking for a Lifeproof iPhone case, Amazon.com is your best bet for deals. What's even better is that if the price lowers within a month of your purchase, you can shoot an email to Amazon, and they will refund you the difference. Consider this organizational piece dating advice so that you and your partner can spend less time being frustrated and more time finding the perfect gift for each other.

You can't forget about the big man in the North Pole! Mr. Claus has been a part of Christmas traditions since the beginning of time, so why stop now that you're an adult? With your holiday hunk, write your lists for Santa. Make sure to include all of your Christmas wishes! While you do so, munch on adorable gingerbread cookies and sip some cinnamon-infused hot cocoa. With this out of the box weekend date idea, the holiday mood will begin to set in, only adding to you and your love's anticipation for the upcoming festivities.

What's on your list for Black Friday this year? Share with us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Give Thanks for Your Health





By Shannon Seibert

While you may be tempted to feast this holiday season, you and your love can both benefit by choosing healthier options. As a pre-Thanksgiving weekend date idea, spend the weekend prepping for the holiday with healthy versions of your favorite meals and planning a winter workout regimen.

Related Link: [Date Idea: Friendsgiving](#)

Relationship Advice for You and Your Love to Get Healthy This Thanksgiving

People mistake healthy eating for bland food, which is definitely not the case. Get cooking in the kitchen with this delicious [date idea](#). Put together some indulgent dishes with your honey that will fool your tastebuds about calorie content. The Food Network has a plethora of gluten-free, trans fat-free, vegan, vegetarian, and other healthy alternative recipes that are easy to make and heavy on the flavor.

Playing chef with your sweetheart can also inspire a heart-to-heart talk about your health. Being healthy and in good shape with your partner is a piece of relationship advice we easily take for granted. So pour a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon (good for your heart!) and tell each other what you're thankful for. Simple life pleasures – such as being able to run or having an above-average immune system – are something to appreciate.

As you progress in your healthy lifestyle with your honey, consider this piece of love advice: Tell your significant other that you're thankful to have such a wonderful, motivating partner that inspires you to be a better person. Having a positive attitude and sharing words of encouragement will help you and your partner to improve your health.

Proper exercise goes hand in hand with healthy eating, so this winter, keep warm with your love by getting active. Together, make a chart displaying a weekly workout regimen. Ask your honey what muscles he wants to focus on and channel that inspiration into a tag-team exercise plan. Google some winter-inspired workout ideas that will help you and your beau survive the cold weather.

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To really turn up the heat this winter, why not try out hot yoga for a active date idea? Most classes are 100 minutes long in a 100-degree room and incorporate multiple styles of yoga. Watching each other stretch in all directions as you drip in sweat from the intense heat can actually be sexy. Who knows, you may take away a few new moves to try out later at home.

Cool off afterwards by stepping outside into the crisp, cool air or just nibble on some Edy's Chocolate Trinity ice cream (hey, you earned it!). Enjoy the feeling of doing something great for your body with someone who holds such a special place in your heart.

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving? Tell us in the

comments below!

Weekend Date Idea: World Series Weekend



By Shannon Seibert

If your honey loves baseball, celebrate the final weekend of the sport by gearing up for the game. To get in the mood and get ready for your favorite team to win, watch movies like *A League of Their Own* or *The Bad News Bears* or watch reruns of legendary games. Bonding with your partner over America's favorite pastime is a great weekend date idea that he will

appreciate. Plus, it'll strengthen your [relationship and love](#).

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Hit a Home Run With a World Series Weekend Date Idea

Baseball is one of the most traditional American hobbies. Whether you're on the field or in the stands, there is something about a white sphere with red stitching that brings people together for the love of the game. With the World Series approaching, you and your man need to get into game day mode as well. Prep yourself for this weekend date idea with recaps of recent games and make predictions on upcoming outcomes. You can even bet on how many runs each team will win by – the loser has to do the dishes tonight.

During those nine innings, things can get pretty intense, especially if you and your partner are on opposing sides. There is nothing sexier to a man than a woman who likes sports and actually knows what she is talking about. Don't be the fool who gets excited and exclaims "the batter hit a touchdown!" Instead, if you're unfamiliar with the rules and terms used, read up on the lingo in advance of this weekend date idea.

Men also like when their significant others share common interests with them, so consider this dating advice to make you irresistible to your partner. Once he sees you immersed into the action, he won't be able to tear his eyes away from you long enough to even register whether that last pitch was a ball or a strike.

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Another fun addition to this sporty date idea is having baseball-inspired snacks to keep your stomach satisfied as you

eagerly watch the championships unfold. Pinterest has oodles of ideas that your man won't be able to resist. Also, you can go the more traditional route and snag a couple of bags of Cracker Jacks and boiled peanuts to quench your cravings. Once you and your love start munching, you'll feel like you're actually in the stands!

Even if it isn't the real thing, sports movies always teach us life lessons through the love of a sport. Classics such as *The Sandlot* and *Angels in the Outfield* show you that believing in something bigger than yourself is something worth believing in. The root of this belief is love, so remind your partner of how great you are together and cuddle close as you watch these movies again.

How do you and your man spend game days? Tell us in the comments below!

Weekend Date Idea: Go Shopping





By Shannon Seibert

Winter is coming, and with the exit of warm weather, it's time for an update to your wardrobe. So this weekend, head into town with your sweetheart for some snuggly sweaters and adorable boots, and plan your next date idea to showcase your new fashions.

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Shopping Date Idea for the Cold Weather

The fall chill is the perfect excuse to pick out some new clothes, so grab your man's attention with a sexy winter wardrobe. But remember: Shopping isn't only for ladies, gents! In fact, a shopping date idea is the perfect way to strengthen your relationship and love by indulging a bit in your lady's fashion interests.

For her, pick out items that match the season. Scarves, cute hats, sweaters, and cardigans are great staples for the

upcoming temperature drop. For a fall feel, play up the season with purples and golds. Before hitting the shops and participating in this weekend date idea, do some research. Search for “Fall Women’s Clothing” on Pinterest for a little shopping assistance.

For him, you can never go wrong with simplicity. To really incorporate the changing seasons, go for an arrangement of ties. Deep oranges, dark reds, and hunter greens are great colors. Find an array of examples at Brooks Brothers.

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But you don’t have to limit your shopping to high-end boutiques. Thrift stores are the perfect treasure chests for warm, woolen sweaters for the fall season. Goodwill is a popular place to start, but the best places are the hole-in-the-wall ones that may require some searching. Don’t fret! You and your man will pass the time easily with good conversation and the happiness your company brings.

Pick your pumpkin out a batch of sweaters and jackets and make your way to the dressing room. Consider this dating advice and incorporate some fun during your shopping trip. Have your man rate his favorite choices and do the same for him. Even make a game out of the day and see who can pick out the most unique item. Put on a winter fashion show for each other and strut your stuff for your sweetheart. The only thing better than the cozy feel of the sweater is the affordable price tag dangling off of the sleeve!

Bask in the glory of your shopping success and celebrate your findings with a tall glass of Chardonnay as you snuggle next to the fireplace. After all, you both deserve it, right?

What is your favorite fall accessory or clothing item? Share with us below!

Weekend Date Idea: City Living



By Shannon Seibert

Cities are a haven for magical sites that capture the essence of romance. The crowds of interesting people, the hustle and bustle of traffic, and even the historical landmarks around you add to your experience. This fall weekend, embark on an adventure with your love and take in all that your hometown (or the nearest big city) has to offer with this exciting [date idea](#)!

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Fun Weekend Date Idea in the City

Together, you and your man can browse the windows (Christmas isn't *that* far away, right?) and check out the unique boutiques. You never know what treasures you'll find! Whether it's a hand-crafted scarf for her or a festive tie for him, boutiques always have the best and most unique items for reasonable prices. Pick out something that incorporates the fall season. Stick to burnt oranges, exuberant reds, and shades of yellow and gold. Now, you have a new accessory for that fall wardrobe you've been dying to debut – perfect as you plan your next weekend date idea!

Parks are also a great place to find city-inspired entertainment. You may run into a sketch artist while you're wandering around. Have them draw up an animation of you and your honey. You can strike a silly pose, stick your tongue out, or even make the moment romantic with a kissing picture. This way, the two of you will have a fun way to commemorate your relationship and love and document the fun you had on your date.

You and your sweetheart can also enjoy the people of the city. Stop and watch the street performers and even volunteer to participate. New York City is known for their creative street dancers that incorporate their audience into their acts, so don't be shy! Doing things out of your comfort zone is a great piece of dating advice, and you might surprise yourself and your partner by unexpectedly jumping in the middle of the dance circle.

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Indulge in the flavors of the season with a Pumpkin Spice Latte and split a warmed cinnamon-chocolate croissant with your love as you tour the city. Order each other a cup of coffee or specialty drink from a street cafe and give each other funny names that include some of your inside jokes. When

the barista calls out “Mr. Snores A Lot,” you’re bound to get a crowd reaction. As you’re holding hands and walking along the sidewalks, take in the feeling that the fall season is all about.

New York City also boasts an impressive number of famous couples who call the city home. While walking around and enjoying each other’s company, you and your honey might run into some celebrities, including Taylor Swift, Sarah Jessica Parker, or even Jay-Z and Beyonce. If you don’t want to approach them, snap some celebrity photos as proof to show your friends after this weekend date idea.

What places in your hometown do you think are most beautiful in the fall? Share with us below!

Date Idea: Be a Sweetheart





By Shannon Seibert

The saying goes that the best way to a person's heart is through their stomach: Take this weekend to satisfy your sweet tooth with new recipes and make sweet treats with your honey. Together you can indulge in sweet treats and indulge in each other.

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Be sweet on each other. Get creative in the kitchen and bake each other some sweet treats. Surprise each other with samples of your favorite desserts. Remember all of those Pinterest recipes you've "Pinned for later" well, now is the time to bust out your best Betty Crocker moves to impress your man.

If you need a little baking inspiration, you can never go wrong with chocolate, in any form. Brownies, cookies, cakes or any other treat, chocolate is always the answer. You can bring a little extra something to your batch of brownies by putting crumbled Oreo pieces in the batter. Also, if you aren't a fan of chocolate there are always other routes to try. This Key

lime Pie Recipe from allrecipes.com is affordable and delectable. It will have your taste buds, as well as your man's, begging for another piece of the pie.

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Play with your food. You've always been told not to, but it's time to bend some rules. Make an assortment of yummy treats and blindfold your honey. Feed him one treat at a time and have him guess what it is, or what is in it. If he gets it right, then it's your turn to be blindfolded.

If you're feeling a little adventurous, start a classic food fight. Flick a little flour his way, and before you know it, the both of you will resemble the inside of a mixing bowl. If you don't mind the mess, it's a fun way to pass the time while waiting for your treats to bake.

You can even decorate your tasty treats, icing is just a step up from Crayons. Write your man a sweet message on a decorative cake to show him you care. Something as simple as "Glad You're Mine" or the traditional "I love you" can make him smile. Afterwards, pair a glass of Sherry with your favorite treat, and enjoy sweet conversation with each other.

Have any sweet secret recipes? Share with us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Go Strawberry Picking



By Brittany Stubbs

When is the last time you and your love got outside and did something fun? It's time to head to the closest strawberry farm and pick your favorite sweets together! After all, this warm weather won't last forever, so take advantage of it and embrace the sunshine.

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Switch up your regular weekend routine of dinner and a movie and go enjoy nature instead. Not only will this adventure allow you to taste fruit that's fresher and juicier than what you'll find in your grocery store's produce section, but picking berries is just one of the many activities that the two of you can enjoy. Many strawberry farms also have petting zoos, beautiful flowers, souvenir stands, and great photo opportunities. Be prepared to pay with cash or check because

most farms do not accept credit cards. Another tip: Wear tennis shoes and clothes you don't mind getting a little dirty.

After you've walked around the strawberry patch and filled your baskets, have a romantic picnic with your partner. Pack a blanket, some napkins, and a few food items that will pair nicely with the fruit you collected. For an easy and delicious treat, consider bringing angel food cake and whip cream and adding in your freshly-picked strawberries. But make sure you wash your hands and all that fruit before you get to munching!

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Assuming the two of you have some berries leftover after the picnic, plan a creative way to enjoy the rest of your goodies later that week. We know you've had your eye on all those recipes on Pinterest! Come up with a special dessert or even a meal that incorporates your fruit. Not only will this adventure give you and your love some sweet treats but some sweet memories too!

Have you ever gone to a strawberry farm with your partner? Share your stories below!

Date Idea: Show Off





By Brittany Stubbs

Have a hidden talent that you want your love to appreciate? Set up a night where you can reveal your true self and impress your sweetheart. Your partner probably knows all about what you do for a living and your favorite hobbies, but there's that other side of you that doesn't always see the light of day. There is nothing more intimate than allowing your man to discover something new about you.

Finding inspiration might mean going back in time. Maybe you were on the dance team in high school and want to show off some of your old moves. That doesn't mean you have to start stretching and attempting the splits in your living room. Start looking for those videos of performances you never thought you'd watch again, make some popcorn, and cuddle up on the couch. Your partner will love seeing you in your youth as much as you'll enjoy laughing at yourself.

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Or perhaps you aspired to be a stand-up comedian back in the

day. Come up with a routine to make your lover laugh. If your sweetie has a thick skin, get creative and incorporate them into some of your jokes. Whether the routine goes smoothly or you're stumbling along, by the time you're finished, you'll both be on the floor laughing.

After you've revealed your hidden talent, sit back and allow your partner to share something you never knew about them. You'll be surprised how much closer the two of you will feel after this experience! Whether you're showing off tricks you haven't pulled out in years or talents you're still secretly working on, you'll learn more about each other and create a great memory along the way.

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To get your friends in on the fun, host a talent show. Invite a few of your favorite couples over for drinks and appetizers, followed by every couple putting on a mini performance. Take it a step further and present an award for the most entertaining show. Whether your friends impress you or make you cry from laughter, you'll want to make this night your newest tradition.

Have you shared a hidden talent with your partner? Tell us about it the comments below!

Date Idea: Redecorate





By Brittany Stubbs

It may sound cliché, but decorating your home with your love is a great way to bond. Even if you don't live together yet, you can have fun fantasizing about what your place will be like when you do move in together.

Start with the room that the two of you spend the most time in. Maybe it's the living room where you have *Dexter* marathons together, the bedroom where you like to hide out on lazy Sundays, or the kitchen when you're sharing a bottle of wine and catching up on the day's events. Discuss what you both enjoy about the room in the current conditions and what you would both like to change. Feel free to turn to magazines and Pinterest to get some ideas flowing!

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Once you and your partner decide what changes you're looking to make – whether it's simple decorations to the walls or a new piece of furniture – get out there and start looking

around. While online shopping seems easy, you'll have a much better time actually getting to see the artwork or coffee tables in person.

If you're just looking to add a few decorations, antique shops are great places to find unique items that will spice up your place. These purchases often make great conversation starters as well. You may even find something, like a coffee table or an outdated couch, that needs refurbishing – a project that you can tackle together!

Redecorating doesn't require spending a ton of money. Try something fun and different like going to a garage sale in your area. Look out for listings in your local paper on the weekends. It's amazing what treasures you may find when you step into someone else's past. Even if you walk away with a single picture frame, the two of you will have fun rifling through the sales. You may even find items that spark some great memories, so you can learn more about each other at the same time.

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If you don't live together yet, you can make your significant other feel special by letting them have some input on changing up your pad. Maybe you're in the market for some new living room furniture, and who better to shop with than the person that snuggles with you on the couch? Including your partner will tell them that their opinion is important and worthy of a long-term investment.

You may not agree on everything, but keep in mind that you're doing this as a team and there will have to be compromises. No matter what, don't forget to have fun!

Cupids wants to know: Have you ever redecorated your home with your beau? Tell us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Laugh It Up



By Brittany Stubbs

It's true what they say: Laughter is the best medicine. So why not indulge in some comedy with your love? After a long day at the office or a stressful week juggling your many responsibilities, you and your partner can sit back and relieve that tension with some good, old-fashioned laughs. You can even invite your best couple friends too!

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Comedy clubs always make for a fun night out. These clubs often allow you to get comfy and have a drink while listening

to some hilarious stand-up routines by local comedians. They occasionally get members from the audience involved, so don't be afraid to point at your partner if they ask for volunteers.

Research comedy clubs in your area and find a night that works for the two of you. In the mood for some classic improv? The Improvisation Comedy Clubs have remained the premiere stages for comedy for over half a century. Find out how to get tickets for a show in your area. You can make a night of it by setting up a dinner reservation at a place nearby. Good food accompanied by good fun – what's better than that?

A night of laughter doesn't mean you have to leave the house. If the two of you are craving a night in, collect your favorite comedy classics and have a movie marathon. Maybe you're in the mood to binge watch Adam Sandler movies, or perhaps you're more of an *Old School* fan. You'll spend the night laughing with your babe from the comfort of your own couch. And don't forget the snacks – every great movie night requires some junk food! Buy your favorite candy, make some popcorn, and open a bottle of wine. It will be just like going to the movies, except you can wear your pajamas.

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You never know what a little laughter will do for your relationship. So tonight, be open-minded, have fun, and don't be afraid to show off your goofy side!

Have you ever had a night of laughter with your love? Share your stories below.

Date Idea: Try Something New



By Maria Darbenzio

The summer weather won't last forever, so take advantage of it while it's still here! This weekend, learn a new skill with your honey with this fun date idea. Think of something you've always wanted to try and conquer it as a couple.

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If you live by the ocean or are willing to take the trip, you and your sweetie can get adventurous and go scuba diving. If submerging yourself among the brightly colored fish isn't your idea of a fun time, try your hand at deep-sea fishing instead. Both options are great ways to make lasting memories and to experience the ocean in its most beautiful moments. After your long day, sit back and relax on the beach as the sun sets over

the water.

If you're not near the ocean, you and your partner can learn how to skeet shoot or maybe even go rock climbing. There are a number of classes available for both activities, and they'll be even more fun to take with your partner.

If you have a larger backyard or can visit a nearby park, you and your significant other can play disk golf. Learning together will turn confusion into laughter, and in the end, if you still don't understand all the rules, at least you had fun trying.

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To finish off the romantic weekend, turn your attention indoors. Take a cooking class with your partner to broaden your skills in the kitchen. If you don't want to take a class, you and your love can just prepare a meal at home using a new technique, like making your own pasta or cooking with curry. You never know what you might learn, and you may even discover new dishes for future date nights.

What new skill would you like to learn with your partner? Tell us in the comments below!

Ten Steps for Acting Like a Married Couple on a Friday Night



By Taylor Jenkins Reid

Before I got married, I thought married couples spent their weekends doing things like double dates and cocktail parties. But being married has taught me that marriage is a little bit more low key. Here are 10 steps for acting like a married couple on a Friday night:

1. Get home from work and be ecstatic that you didn't make any plans. Change into your stained sweatpants.
2. Ask your spouse if they want to go out to dinner even though you know you're going to talk them into staying in. Realize there was never any chance they'd want to leave the house anyway. Remember this is why you fell in love with them.

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3. Open up the food delivery app and go back and forth about

whether to get Chinese food or Pizza. Opt for pizza because, hello, it's pizza.

4. Inhale the food on the couch. Even though you both have overeaten, look at each other and say, "Do you want ice cream?" Drive to the store.

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5. Hold hands in the freezer section. Each of you buy your own pint of Ben & Jerry's.

6. Come home and eat ice cream while turning on Netflix. Cycle through all 100 of the movies in your queue and then say, "There's nothing to watch." You must believe this wholeheartedly no matter how absurd you know it to be.

7. Look at each other with regret that you've finished your pints of Ben & Jerry's. Be disgusted with yourself for finishing yours while telling the other one not to be disgusted with themselves for finishing theirs.

8. Settle on watching a documentary about spelling bees or athletes. Get the blanket and pull it over you both. Place pillows under your heads. Press play. Fall asleep within the first twenty minutes.

9. Wake up when the movie is ending. Grab your spouse and lead them into the bathroom so you can brush your teeth together and then get in bed.

10. As you turn the light out, tell each other you had a great night. Because you did. After all, you just spent a solid five hours with the only person in the world that will watch you eat a pint of ice cream and still think the sun shines out of your butt. If that's not something to smile about, what is?

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