

75 Fun Dates

For Couples Who Want to Stay in Love

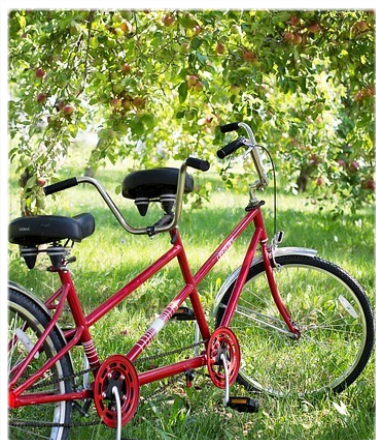


Start by printing this list!

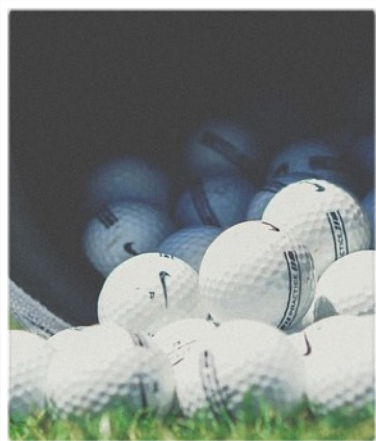
Begin by making 2 printouts of this list—one for each of you. Next, both you and your spouse will highlight the 5 dates that sound like the most fun and rank them in order from 1-5. When you finish, you'll have a list of ten dates to start with.

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I originally created this list so that my husband and I could eliminate some of the stagnation we felt in our relationship after our kids all left home. We are finding that empty-nester dating is even more fun than dating as singles was. We look forward to planning something new every week!



1. Go for a tandem bike ride (check for local rentals at bike rental shops).
2. Go to a college athletic event and regardless of who is playing, wear the colors of your own alma mater.
3. Try moonlight snowshoeing.
4. Google “chocolate tasting” or “cheese tasting” and sign up for the next event near you.
5. Enjoy a cooking class together and brush up on everything from your knife skills to making sushi.



6. Check out [airbnb experiences](#). These include everything from hatmaking workshops to intimate concerts.
7. Go to the local golf course and hit a bucket of balls on the driving range.
8. Find a free community concert.
9. Visit a Family History Center and find names and photos of your great-grandparents (or see if you are related to one another).
10. Buy 2 canvases and some inexpensive oil paints and paint one another’s portraits.



11. Buy inexpensive flowers from a floral wholesaler or even a grocery store and watch a YouTube video about floral arranging, then each of you design a floral arrangement for one another.
12. Take a couples yoga class.
13. Buy something for each other from an antique store or flea market.
14. Make a salad exclusively with things you purchase at the Farmer’s Market.
15. Take a stained glass-making class.

16. Try frisbee golf (disc golf) - bring along another couple to make a team.

17. Visit a flea market or discount store to look for inexpensive themed dishes such as colorful Mexican plates or blue Japanese dishes. On the way home, order takeout from a restaurant that serves cuisine related to the dishes you just bought. Wash your new dishes, light some candles, and enjoy your own themed dinner complete with appropriate music you find on Pandora or Spotify.

18. Go night skiing.

19. Find a snow tubing hill and go tubing or sledding together.

20. Go on a carriage ride together and enjoy cheesecake at a favorite restaurant afterwards.

21. Find a hotel with a great breakfast buffet (spring for a night together at the hotel too if budget allows).

22. Find a bookstore with a cafe and each of you choose 3 books you would really love to read. Read 3-4 pages of each book to your spouse over hot chocolate or another treat you buy at the cafe. At the end of the evening, each of you choose one book to buy for your spouse and consider reading it together at bedtime.

23. Make homemade caramels and deliver a few to friends.

24. Take a bubble bath with candles and romantic music (dial up your favorite Pandora or Spotify station).

25. If you are musical yourself, visit a care center or assisted living center and invite residents to join you for a sing-along.

26. Alternatively, ask a care center if you can record one of their residents telling their life story. Make a copy of the recording to return to your guest as a gift.

27. Take a beginning guitar lesson together via YouTube.

28. Find a local dance studio that teaches swing dancing, salsa, ballroom etc. Take at least 3 classes together.

29. Go to a local arcade and play a game of air hockey, ping pong, or billiards together.





30. Borrow or [rent a good DSLR camera](#) if you don't own your own, and visit a unique landscape or cityscape and try your hand at some amateur photography, including photos or selfies of one another with a dramatic background.

31. Visit your local mall and hunt for the most expensive clothing item you can find for your spouse to try on. The winner gets to choose and purchase a favorite piece of lingerie or sleepwear before you head home for the night.

32. Build a snowman together - better yet, build a "romantic" snow person couple.

33. Make marshmallow snowmen cookies together and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate as you watch a romantic comedy together. <https://www.thedailymeal.com/recipes/marshmallow-snowmen-cookies-recipe>



34. Find a local bike path and go for a ride or jog together. If you have scooters, inline skates, or skateboards and those are allowed on your path, try that form of transportation instead.

35. Go stargazing and make sure you bring warm blankets and a telescope if you have access to one. Many [planetariums host evening programs that are great for dates](#).

36. Make breakfast for dinner.

37. Visit the grocery store and each of you choose 5 favorite toppings for the most amazing ice cream sundae ever created. Instagram photos of the finished product.

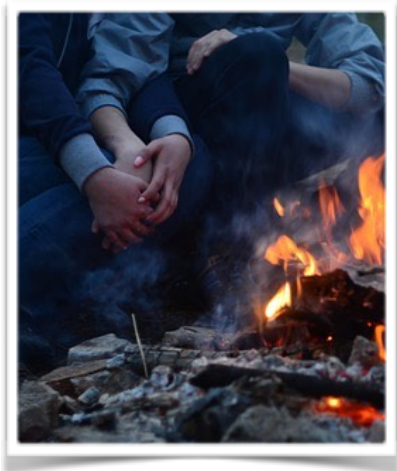
38. Visit tripadvisor.com and find out what the number one-rated attraction is in your area for tourists, then make reservations for the two of you.

39. Tube a local river.

40. Set up a tent with an air mattress in the backyard and order takeout for some backyard glamping. Make s'mores in your BBQ grill.

41. Pretend you are training for a 5K and see how far the two of you can run/walk together in an hour.

42. Go horseback riding.



43. Find a local “pick-your-own” fruit farm and pick some strawberries or raspberries to freeze. Sit on the porch at sundown and enjoy a fresh bowl together.

44. Make a chocolate and fruit fondue.

45. Choose a [TED talk](#) that interests both of you and have an intellectual conversation together afterward while giving each other a foot rub.

46. Make a model together. Purchase a kit online or from a hobby store. Try making a model with one of you blindfolded and the other one giving instructions.

47. Build a “real” gingerbread house that you can put on display in your home during the holidays, or opt for smaller versions made with a purchased kit or graham crackers.

48. Walk through a giant home decor store and plan what you would do if you had unlimited funds for remodeling one room of your home -- or even just your bedroom closet.

49. Sit down and draw out the “ultimate” backyard landscape plan for what you would put in your backyard if money and space were no consideration.

50. [Test drive a Tesla](#) (you will need to make an appointment in advance).

51. Buy two inexpensive dollar-store ceramic plates and some ceramic paints and design a plate for your spouse to eat from on special occasions such as birthdays or anniversaries.

52. Visit the library travel section and each of you browse through books to decide separate exotic locations you would like to visit. Flip a coin to see which of you “wins” and then sit down together to plan your exotic vacation together as if you really plan to take it someday (maybe you will).

53. Visit [Groupon.com](#) and click the “things to do” link to see if there’s a fun attraction, theater event, or amusement park you can visit at a discount.

54. Visit a zoo or aquarium and take turns taking video of yourselves interacting with the animals then go home and use free video editing software to make your own 1-minute commercial about the place you visited.



55. Host a themed dinner party with a group of your friends. Ask everyone to bring a potluck item. If things go well, start your own [Supper Club](#).

56. Rent a video game you have never played before.

57. Rent an ATV, jetski, or some other type of sporting “toy” just for the two of you and spend the day exploring together.

58. Find a woodworking class you can take together. Craft your own turned wood pen or build a project at your local hardware store such as [Home Depot](#).

59. Plan a dinner party at a local restaurant for your siblings and their spouses.

60. Plan a weekend at the [nearest National Park](#) and go on a hike together.

61. Take a grandchild on a date to a pet store to look at all of the fish and hamsters together.

62. Take a gun safety class together and learn how to safely shoot a pistol.

63. Scan old photos of your parents, label them, and save them to the cloud. Write down at least one memory you have of one of your parents.

64. Carve pumpkins or even a watermelon.

65. If you are musical, learn a duet you can play or sing together.



Robyn H of Durham, NC loves to compete in “dating triathlons” of activities she and her companion both enjoy. The first time they tried this, they competed in “foosball, Pac-man, and pizza-eating. We were laughing the whole time, and now, part of the fun of 'triathloning' is coming up with three 'events' we can compete in. We've done ice skating, Connect Four, and M&M-eating, and another time we did swimming, diving, and onion ring eating.”

- Quoted in Redbook



66. Try an old-fashioned Drive-in movie. Visit www.Driveinmovie.com to find out if there's a location near you where the art of smooching in the back seat lives on. If not, rig up a TV-DVD player on the hood of your car and plug in a Redbox DVD.

67. Visit a gourmet grocery store and choose 2 or 3 items you've never tried, then take them out to a nearby park for a picnic complete with a blanket in the shade.

68. Start your own herb garden. Visit your local nursery to choose some favorite herbs and plant them in colorful pots (paint these as part of your date) to keep on the patio. If herbs aren't your thing, you can make a container garden with annual flowers you buy at the nursery.

69. Go on a mini road trip with an out-and-back itinerary that fits your schedule. The time in the car is a great opportunity for a long chat. Look for a fun place to stop and have a roadside adventure—try traveling to the smallest town you can get to in an hour and look for something adventurous to do—like buying cheese curds from the local gas station.

70. Go to the afternoon matinee of a favorite movie, play, or performance. Tickets are usually cheaper and the crowds are thinner.

71. Learn how the other half lives. Check local classified ads to find an estate sale where you can wander and check out the treasures left behind by a conspicuous consumer. Consider buying yourself a silver tea set just so you can leave one behind someday as well. Or, attend a home show or open house to get a look at interior decorating for the rich and famous.

72. Download the “[Detour](#)” app to see if there's a [unique guided walking tour](#) available in your area. You pay a nominal fee to download the tour so you can listen from your phone.

73. If you live near a college town, check out the University events page for everything from college athletics to International Cinema. A walk hand-in-hand around campus will be enough to bring back great memories if you married or met while in college.

74. Attend a murder mystery dinner theater. [The Dinner Detective](#) gets good reviews.

75. Make a list of all of the museums within an hour of home and create a “bucket list” of museums to check out.

