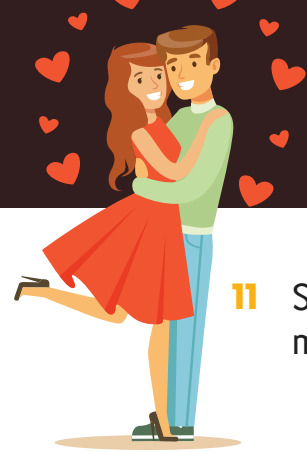


# 51 ideas FOR OUT OF HOME DATE NIGHTS





- 01 Grab your camera, go to town, act like tourists and get as many people as you can to take your picture kissing.
- 02 Make a collage of the kisses on the next date.
- 03 Borrow or buy cheap kiddie pool, fill it with bubble bath, light candles, put on some romantic music and have a spa night in the backyard.
- 04 Stroll down memory lane. Talk about the moment you knew, silly date bloopers, the best date, look at old pictures and get the butterflies.
- 05 Make up your bedroom to look like a hotel. Put mints on pillows and stack fresh fluffy towels. Get some dollar stationary and pen and write each other love notes. Get an ice bucket with sparkling cider and hang a "Do not disturb" sign on the door.
- 06 Make hot chocolate, snuggle up and read to each other.
- 07 Go to Walmart and fill your cart with something beginning with every letter of the alphabet. Then put it all away.
- 08 Bake and decorate a cake together.
- 09 Have a 15 minute phone date from separate locations to build the anticipation of seeing one another.
- 10 Pack up your finest tableware and go on picnic.



- 11 Sit in the park, airport, bench in the mall or some other public place and make up stories about the people coming and going. Think... James Bond.
- 12 Spend the week writing down nice things you do for one another and then read them out loud over a quiet dinner.
- 13 Find a list of dream homes for sale and attend open houses for them.
- 14 Go to a museum (many have one free night week) and find your favourite piece and tell why it moves you.
- 15 Volunteer together at soup kitchen or shelter.
- 16 Window shop to furnish you dream hone.
- 17 Swap hobbies. One date do something she loves doing.
- 18 Next date do something he loves doing.
- 19 Play a board game in bed.
- 20 Write a song together.
- 21 Go to a playground and swing.
- 22 Gather things from childhood (bubbles, hula-hoops, frisbees, nerf guns, water pistols, etc.) and go to the park.



- 23** Make a fancy dinner and sit on the floor and feed each other with your hands.
- 24** Find a free outdoor concert or play.
- 25** Set up a tent in the backyard and camp out.
- 26** Get dressed up and dance to your favorite music in the bedroom.
- 27** Go to a flea market and choose the most meaningful, but least expensive gift you can find for each other.
- 28** Go sledding.
- 29** Play "Chopped" in the kitchen. Give each other 30 minutes and four strange ingredients and make dinner for each other.
- 30** Go to the local library, sit in some plush chairs and read a children's book to each other.
- 31** Can't afford a night at the theater? See if local one offers tickets for dress rehearsal. They are a fraction of the cost.
- 32** Audit a class together.
- 33** Test drive a dream car.
- 34** Dress up as gypsy and read his fortune, telling him in great details what the rest of his night will be like.



**35** Lie on a blanket and watch a meteor shower.

**36** Paint each other's portraits.

**37** Go to a high school football game.

**38** Take a hike.

**39** Check out a cheap romance novel from the library and read it, substituting your own names for the couples.

**40** Rent a tandem bike and go for a ride.

**41** Visit a farmer's market.

**42** Make a time capsule and bury it in the backyard.

**43** Play frisbee golf.

**44** Tie-dye matching T-shirts.

**45** Do a service project for an elderly neighbor.

**46** Go to a dollar store and buy the most meaningful and romantic gift you can find for each other.



- 47 Write uplifting words on sticky notes and go to a mall and put them in random places. Then watch as people find and read them.
- 48 Ride a city bus for the entire route, talking about the things and read them.
- 49 Go on a penny walk. Each time you come to a corner, flip a penny to see which way you go.
- 50 Take a roll of quarters and go use them on things that use quarters like a jukebox, car vacuum, gumball machine, claw stuffed animal machine or fortune teller.
- 51 Popcorn and a movie.