

INTERESTING DATE IDEAS

Break out of the rut with some good date ideas that go beyond nights of just dinner and a movie. Here are date ideas for the two of you try.

Live theatre, live concerts—live anything. There's something about a live performance that's a bit more exhilarating than a recorded version. Seek out a great play, a concert, or a coffee house with live entertainment to spice up your weekend.

Go ethnic. Go off your regular culinary path by trying out a new type of cuisine. Most cities now offer a wealth of eateries representing every corner of the map. You might just find new flavors you love!

Get artsy. It's one thing to stroll through a museum together, hand in hand. (And not a bad date idea in and of itself.) It's another thing to roll up your sleeves and create something yourself. Lots of museums and studios offer couple's classes in sketching, painting, pottery.

Move together. We know you've watched *Dancing with the Stars* and thought: *that looks fun*. Whether you've tried ballroom or any other type of dancing before, there are classes for couples of all skill levels.

Go all smarty-pants. If you live near a college or university, you're within reach of a wealth of opportunities to hear fascinating lectures on topics of current interest and readings from amazing authors. Even if you don't have a college nearby, check with your local library for special events and visiting authors.

Be curious. Sometimes we try something just to be able to say we did. I was reminded of this in a yoga class recently when a classmate brought her husband to try it out. He could hardly keep from laughing out loud at our teacher's suggestions to "breathe deeply" and "focus on the light within."

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EVERY
MARRIAGE
MATTERS

RESOURCES FOR COUPLES

Marriage is one life's most rewarding relationships.

It is a challenge to build a strong, God-honoring relationship. Whether you are 18 or 80, dating, engaged, or married, there is a class or seminar for the two of you.



How long has it been since your last date?

A month, last summer, two weeks? No matter. Take the **Date Night Challenge** to date 4 times in the next 4 weeks, 4 fun, to enjoy each other, and to grow more deeply in love!

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3 Ways to Serve Marriages in Your Church

webinar by Prepare/Enrich
August 9 at 11:00 AM PDT

Register at

www.InvestInMarriages.com/webinar

(link available August 2)

Marriage Encounter A weekend that can help married couples turn a good (or even ho-hum or boring) marriage into a GREAT marriage! Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! August 17-19 in Beaverton, OR. For details contact John & LaVonne Doherty (503) 853-2758

Michael Jr, The More Than Funny Tour, live

Hailed as one of today's most gifted comedians, Michael Jr. got his start when George Wallace took him to the legendary Comedy & Magic Club in Hermosa Beach, CA. His television appearances include The Tonight Show, The Late, Late Show, Oprah, Jimmy Kimmel Live Comedy Central, and The Tom Joyner Show. September 15 at East Hill Church, Gresham. Tickets at KPDQ.com

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