



26 FUN DATES TO GIVE LIFE TO YOUR MARRIAGE

1. Cook a multi-course meal together. Eat each course as you finish it. Make it formal or informal.
2. Look through travel magazines at a bookstore. Talk about destinations you would and would not want to visit.
3. Drive around town playing your own version of Carpool Karaoke.
4. As closely as possible, re-enact your first date.
5. Play cards or board game at a coffee shop.
6. Visit open houses and talk about ideas you could implement into your home.
7. Go on a bike ride around your city. Bonus points if it's a tandem bike.
8. Serve others together: shop for a needy family in need; serve at homeless shelter or food pantry; clean up a neighborhood.
9. Lay on the grass and point out cloud animals or on your roof and look at the stars.
10. Go to a thrift shop with a pre-determined spending limit and each buy an outfit. Then wear it for the remainder of your date.
11. Choose one of your favorite activities from your junior/senior high days and do it together.
12. Go to an arcade and play some 2-player games together. End your time with a best of 5 Skee-ball challenge.
13. Build a fort in the living room, in the snow, in a tree or anywhere else you can think of.
14. Do something you have never done together before - ice skating, shooting at a gun range, dance lessons, art class, etc. Be adventurous.
15. Pack a picnic basket, grab a blanket and Bluetooth speaker and head to a park or lake.
16. Workout together and then go get dessert. You earned it!
17. Go on a picture date. Find random spots around town for a photo shoot. Take individual and couples pics. Dress up or down. Theme or no theme. Create a shared digital album.
18. Walk around the zoo holding hands. At each exhibit, share what you think each animal is thinking or would say to you at that moment.
19. Create scavenger hunts around your city for one another. Fill them with clues about your history together or about new adventures you want to check out as a couple.
20. Make a DIY waterpark in your backyard. Turn on the sprinklers, blow up an inflatable pool and/or set up a slip and slide. Who says that stuff is only for kids?
21. At least once a year, plan a weekend getaway - 48+ hours away together does wonders for your relationship.
22. Take a class together: dance, art, DJ, pottery, cooking, etc.
23. Go to a Drive-In movie theater.
24. Play nostalgic childhood games by the fire. Games like Candyland or Chutes and Ladders are simple and allow for conversation. Twister is also a fun option.
25. Take a walk in the rain. Stop along the way and kiss like they do in the movies.
26. Give each person \$10-\$20 at the beginning of the date. Each of you then has 90 minutes to take the other person wherever they want and only spend that amount. Play Rock Paper Scissors to determine who goes first.

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