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Engagement Season Date Night Guide



Congratulations on your engagement!

This is such an exciting season of life filled with love, celebration, and anticipation for your big day. While wedding planning can be thrilling, it's also important to slow down, soak in this special time, and nurture the connection that brought you here in the first place.

That's why I've created this Date Night Guide—a collection of fun, creative, and budget-friendly ideas to help you make memories together during your engagement season. These date nights are designed to be more than just a break from planning—they're an opportunity to strengthen your relationship, celebrate your love story, and enjoy the little moments along the way.

Use this guide as a way to pause, connect, and remind yourselves of the joy and love that your wedding day will celebrate.

Here's to love, laughter, and unforgettable memories as you journey toward your happily ever after!



At-Home Adventures

DIY Art Night: Gather inexpensive supplies and paint portraits of each other—bonus points for making them funny!

Movie Night: Grab your favorite snacks and watch an old rom-com together!
Suggestions: The Wedding Planner, My Big Fat Greek Wedding, Father Of The Bride

Dessert-Only Date: Bake something sweet together or grab inexpensive treats from a local bakery.

Game Night: Play board games, card games, or even video games together.



Connection-Focused

Progressive Dinner Date: Visit different restaurants for each course—appetizers at one spot, mains at another, and dessert elsewhere.

At The Movies: Take a night off and head to the movies!

Write Letters to Each Other: Reflect on your relationship and share what you're most excited about in marriage.

Write a Bucket List for Marriage: Spend the evening brainstorming all the things you want to do together in your lifetime.



Wedding Prep

Wedding Playlist Party: Spend an evening curating your wedding playlist together. Dance around your living room as you pick your first dance song and other must-haves for the big day.

Seating Chart & Pizza Party: Turn the sometimes stressful task of creating a seating chart into a fun date by pairing it with a pizza night. Reward yourselves for tackling the logistics with your favorite takeout.

DIY Décor Night: If you're including personal touches in your wedding décor, turn it into a date night. Craft table signs, wedding favors, or other details while enjoying snacks and your favorite music.

Cake Tasting at Home: Pick up a variety of small cakes, cupcakes, or pastries from a local bakery and do your own cake tasting to decide on flavors for your wedding cake.



Adventures & Activities

Pre-Wedding Escape Room: Work as a team to solve an escape room challenge. It's a great way to bond, laugh, and strengthen communication before the big day.

Hike & Planning Talk: Go on a hike to a scenic spot and spend some time brainstorming wedding ideas or reflecting on what you're most excited about.

Pre-Wedding Fitness Challenge: If you're into fitness, try a new activity together like rock climbing, paddleboarding, zumba class, or gym class. You'll stay active while having fun.

Attend a Local Workshop: Take a pottery or painting class and create something together.



As your engagement season unfolds, take time to savor every moment—the big milestones, the quiet evenings, and the exciting adventures in between. This is a chapter of your love story that you'll look back on fondly for years to come, and these date nights are meant to help you create meaningful, joyful memories along the way.

Wedding planning can feel overwhelming at times, but never forget the reason behind it all—your love for each other and the beautiful life you're building together. Whether you're dancing in your living room, hiking to a breathtaking view, or sharing laughs over a new adventure, these moments of connection will only strengthen your relationship as you approach your big day.

Here's to a season filled with love, laughter, and unforgettable memories!