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IDEAS

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Thanks for downloading “124 Killer Date Night Ideas” from Scottkedersha.com. This 2017 edition is designed primarily for couples who live in the Dallas-Ft Worth (DFW) metroplex.

Let’s have a little social media fun with this date night guide. Whenever you use one of the date ideas in this guide, post a photo to social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and tag your picture “#124dateideas.” I’d love to see what you’re doing on your dates!

Thanks to the leaders of the [Merge premarital ministry](#) at Watermark Community Church for most of the great ideas in this date night guide. Thanks to our Merge leaders for all the work you do to prepare couples for marriage. Grateful to be a part of the Lord’s work in DFW and beyond with you!



- Live music with dinner (Sambuca, The Rustic)
- Splitting a meal at Village Burger Bar followed by a concert on the lawn at Water’s Creek
- Specialty dessert date night (Emporium Pies) then walk around downtown McKinney or Bishop Arts
- Food/beverage events at Central Market
- Brewery tour (Lakewood Brewing, Deep Ellum Brewing, FireWheel Brewing)
- Progressive dinner: appetizer, main, dessert – each at a different restaurant (Roy’s: appetizers, Saltgrass: Main course, Whiskey Cake Kitchen: dessert)
- Visit Reunion Tower and enjoy an appetizer or dessert
- Pie Squared (Bishop Art District: Eno’s Pizza followed by Emporium Pies)
- Eat on the roof top deck of Stackhouse burger
- Grab Cane Rosso pizza and eat it at the White Rock Lake Dam
- Visit Chocolate Secrets (great chocolate shop on Oak Lawn with live music)
- Pick up dinner from Central Market or Whole Foods and have a picnic at Turtle Creek Park
- Truck Yard on Greenville
- Richardson Food Truck Park



MOVIES

- Brunch and a movie. It is fun doing breakfast and the movies are half price because they are matinées. You also have the freedom to spend the afternoon doing something else!
- Drive-in Movie theater in Ennis, TX or Fort Worth, TX
- Dinner and a movie at the same time (Studio Movie Grill, Alamo Draft House)
- Dollar movie theater (Cinemark Hollywood USA Movies 15, Cinemark Movies 10)
- Pocket Sandwich Theatre on Mockingbird
- IMAX movie at the Children's Museum in Fair Park
- Shops at Park Lane host "Movies Under the Moon" every Friday in June. This is perfect for dating couples or married with or without kids. Bring your own food, beverages, blankets and lounge chairs. Get comfy & enjoy the movie!
- Addison Circle hosts "Summer Series" throughout the summer with a different movie every Saturday night
- Rent your favorite movie, fire up the DVD player, and go park your car in a quiet spot. Watch a movie in the back seat of your car. Bonus points if you have a mini-van and you lay down the seats and watch in the back of your swagger wagon.



ACTIVITIES

- Throwback arcades (Nickelrama in Garland, Freeplay in Richardson)
- Dave & Buster's
- Bowling (Bowl & Barrel, Bowlmor, Pinstack)
- Gun range (Target Master, DFW Gun Range)
- Chuck E Cheese's – eat pizza, play games, and act like you're kids again!
- Go to Ft Worth for a day, evening, or night! (Fort Worth stockyards and dinner in Sun Dance Square)
- Late Night at the Dallas Museum of Art

- Spa day for two (check Groupon or LivingSocial for discounts)
- Foot/leg massage before dinner (Sole Therapy, Happy Foot)
- Top Golf
- Serve together (volunteermatch.org or 2ndsaturday.org)
- Check out all the DARTable spots (dartable.dart.org) and get off at various stops for a progressive date
- Progressive date (Kimball Museum in the morning, Klyde Warren Park in the afternoon, dinner at Joe T Garcia's)
- Dallas Zoo or Aquarium
- Grab a deck of cards or your favorite board game and go play some games, enjoy dessert and drink coffee at your favorite coffee or dessert place
- Butterfly House and Garden at Fair Park
- See a play (local community theatres, community colleges and high schools typically have some performances for cheap)
- Priceline a hotel, find someone to watch your kids, and go enjoy a night together in a hotel (married couples only, please!)
- Chinese Lantern Festival (check Groupon or LivingSocial for discounted tickets)
- Horseback riding in Grapevine (no thanks, says this author!)
- Pole Position in Frisco (indoor racing)
- Buy something like [Conversation Starters for Husbands and Wives](#) and ask each other some fun, intentional questions
- iFLY indoor skydiving
- Sightseeing flight over DFW in a small plane or helicopter (cha-ching!)
- Roller skating or ice skating (Galleria)
- Scardello – fun cheese place on Oak Lawn. Each week they have tasting nights or chocolate and wine pairings as well
- Go to a coffee shop, park or a favorite place and read a book together on marriage. Maybe something like [Fun Loving You](#) by Ted Cunningham.
- The Nasher Museum on a concert night
- Perot Museum of Nature and Science
- \$50/\$100 shopping spree at the Galleria followed by lunch and ice skating

- Visit the dinosaur tracks in the riverbed at Dinosaur Valley State Park in Glen Rose, TX
- Group Dynamix in Carrollton does private group events, but on Sundays they open it up and you can go play all the games (archery tag, zip lining, ropes course)
- Gondola Adventures in Las Colinas (lots of options for romantic gondola rides, brunch, dinner)
- Stampede 66 (followed by Dallas Museum of Art and Klyde Warren Park)
- Escape Room



OUTDOOR DATES

- Set up hammocks in Addison Circle
- Playing Disc Golf at Audubon Park in Garland
- Rent a boat at Lake Lewisville
- Pick strawberries or blueberries
- Picnic at Dallas Arboretum Summer Concert nights
- A day at the Dallas Arboretum with brunch at their café
- Breakfast on a patio when the weather is nice
- Klyde Warren Park (you can play/rent games there) + FOOD TRUCKS!
- Go for a hike and pack a picnic
- Go on a walk/bike/run around White Rock Lake
- Walk/jog the Katy Trail and have refreshments at the Katy Trail Ice House afterwards
- Bike rentals (single or tandem – Richardson Bike Mart, Oak Cliff Bicycle, Dallas City Tour) and ride around the lake with a picnic
- Go for a hike at Cedar Ridge Preserve
- Arrange for a picnic in your backyard
- Rock climbing (indoor or outdoor)
- Visit a dog park
- Rent a kayak or paddle board at White Rock Lake or Lake Grapevine

- Play tennis
- Visit all the Dallas BIG locations and take pictures with them (google “Dallas BIG sign locations”)
- Clay pigeon shooting at Elm Fork Shooting Sports
- Frisco Rough Riders game in Frisco
- Texas Rangers game in Arlington
- Dallas Cowboys game in Arlington
- Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington
- 5K Mud Run
- 5K Color Run
- Volleyball tournament (outdoor beach volleyball)
- Dinner cruise on Lake Lewisville or sunset sailboat ride on Lake Grapevine
- Seasonal: During Christmas, go get some hot cocoa and drive around and look at lights. Talk about your favorite Christmas memories both growing up and as a couple.



CLASSES/LESSONS

- Check Groupon or LivingSocial for discounts on many options: dance, fencing, archery
- Cooking class at Sur La Table
- Cooking/grilling class at Central Market
- Calligraphy class at Art House Dallas
- Wine Tasting class
- Yoga class (dating couples use discretion)
- BYOB Painting with a Twist



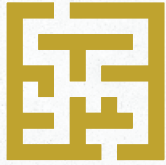
HOME DATES

- Make a fort in the living room, pop popcorn and watch a movie in the fort on a laptop
- Game night
- Coffee Shop date night at home – create your own coffee shop atmosphere to enjoy a warm delicious cup of Joe and conversation
- Make your home into a fancy restaurant and cook a romantic meal at home
- Grill Cowboy Steaks from Central Market at your home
- Cook brunch together on a Saturday



IDEAS TO ADD TO YOUR DATE NIGHT

- Create funny slow-motion videos on your iPhone
- Play Madlibs
- Play hangman at a restaurant with a pen and paper while waiting for food
- Try to get pictures with random strangers (you could have a list you try to accomplish: someone at a gas station, grocery store checker, a cop)
- If you have kids, do a babysitting/date night swap with some friends (babysit for them one night, they do the same for you on your date night – you save at least \$25 that you can spend on your date night)
- Go on a double date with some friends – call that couple in your neighborhood you've been wanting to spend more time with. Each couple can plan part of the date.



CREATIVE DATE CHALLENGES

- Come up with a word/phrase and run with it (you can choose the first letter of your kid's names and come up with a date that incorporates those three letters)
- Go to a Wine Bar and interview each other. Come up with a list of questions (silly, funny, serious) and take turns asking questions and responding to each other's thoughts
- Work through the alphabet, A-Z. Take turns planning each date incorporating the letter of the alphabet you are on (i.e., A is for American Airlines Center, K is for Kobe Steak House and S is for Skating)
- Thrifting Day date – set a budget and head out on a Saturday morning for estate sale shopping and thrifting (competitive edge: challenge each other to find the best item under \$10)
- Adventure night – go to a part of town you've never been, eat some food you've never eaten, and do something together as a couple you've never done before.
- Totally free date: do activities completely built around free stuff (samples at a big Whole Foods, try perfumes/colognes at the mall, check out a DVD at a public library, try on clothes at a resale shop)
- One lunch a month during the work week
- Work through D Magazine's Top 100 restaurant list (forces you to try new things, feel free to skip some if they are too expensive, or use that location as part of a progressive dinner)
- Work through D Magazine's Top Burgers List (yes, please!)
- Cheap date: collect all the coupons and gift cards you can scrounge together and spend as little money as possible
- Take advantage of 'National (fill in the blank) Days.' (National Pie Day = free slices of pie)
- Gather up a bunch of books from your house and see how much money you can make to use on your date by selling them to Half Price Books
- Surprise your spouse by kidnapping them in the middle of the day, hire a babysitter, grab a coffee and walk around SMU's campus prior to visiting the GWB Presidential Library
- Dice and Index Cards: write out on separate index cards locations for eating and entertainment rolling the dice to decide where to go. The number on the dice that corresponds with that card is the activity or eatery that will be chosen. If the lady declines, she has to pay a penalty in kisses and that option on the card is dead.

- Plan out three options, encoding each option before sending it to your spouse early in the week. They pick an option without knowing what they've signed up for
- 'Last Minute' dinner or lunch dates always add a little bit of spark to a date because it is unexpected
- Colored theme date: plan all events around the color (blue themed date: test drive a blue car, walk around the blue water at White Rock Lake, eat at Blue Goose Cantina)
- Come up with a creative phrase and they have to come up with a date night out of your phrase;
For Example:
 - Undead Fish: zombie play at pocket sandwich theater and sushi afterwards
 - Shake Your Veggie Tale: dinner at a vegan restaurant, Shakespeare in the Park
 - Mission Impossible: water gun fight, java juice secret menu, 007 or other shoot-em-up guy movie

BONUS RESTAURANT LIST

LESS EXPENSIVE

- Eno's
- Tony's
- Jimmy's Food Store
- Royal Thai
- Mr. Mesero
- The Porch
- Meso Maya
- Spiral Diner
- Carbones
- Lockhart BBQ
- Hopdoddy
- Celebration

- Breadwinner's (Sunday night—free dessert with each entree)
- Whistle Britches
- Ida Claire

MORE EXPENSIVE

- Hibiscus
- Smoke
- Meddlesome Moth
- Truluck's
- Neighborhood Services
- Whiskey Cake Kitchen
- Del Frisco's Grille