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Date experience



Around the World in 8 Dates



MarriedLife wants you to renew your Passport to Romance!



This *Great Date Experience* contains eight mini-dates that you can do over lunch or dinner by yourselves or with another couple. Sharing experiences is a great way to build memories for yourselves and community with others. Feel free to use these dates in any order, but please use them all. We want you to grab your passport and your spouse and pretend like you're headed to the airport for an exotic meal in one of our eight date locations. As you travel to the restaurants that reflect the countries you've chosen, answer the following questions:

What intrigues you most about this country and why would you like to visit it one day?

What three things would you need to take on vacation in your country of choice?

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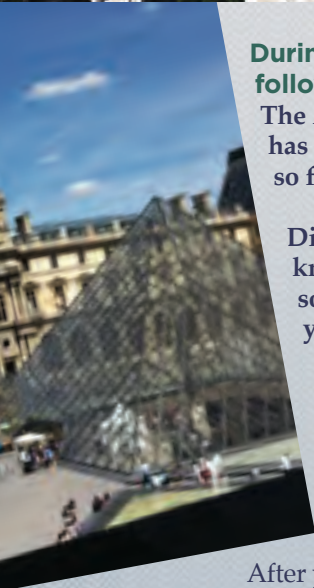
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France



Home to the Tour de France, the City of Lights, fabulous chateaux, and artisan cheeses. Before you head out to the nearest outdoor café or upscale French bistro, take a cheesy photo on your phone of just the two of you with the biggest, goofiest grins you can manage!



During your meal, answer the following questions:

The Arc de Triomphe is in Paris, France. What has been the biggest triumph in your marriage so far?

Displayed in the Louvre, the Mona Lisa is known for her mysterious smile. What are some things about your spouse that make you smile?

The Tour de France follows a marked path through France. What path is your marriage on? Are there any course corrections you need to make now so you will cross the finish line together?

After your meal, pretend you're in the Tour de France and go biking with your spouse! If you don't have a bike, race each other to the car and find an art museum to stroll through. Make sure you tell your wife that she's more beautiful than any painting you've seen. After you're done, go home and practice their national pastime—the French kiss . . . OH YEAH!

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Switzerland

Home of the Alps, luxury watches, and both winter and summer sports. Find a fun fondue restaurant and spend a date dipping all your favorites foods into hot oil, cheese, and chocolate. In the parking lot, yodel a sweet shout-out to your spouse!

During your meal, answer the following questions:

World champion tennis player Roger Federer is Swiss. In tennis, love = 0. What's one thing you and your spouse could do this year to make your love a perfect 10?

Would you rather be on time for the rest of your life, have more time to get things done, or not have to worry about time at all?

The Swiss Alps rise to over 15,000 feet in some places. Name the top three high points so far in your marriage.

After the meal, go for a walk on a favorite trail or hike a local mountain. Take a picture of yourselves from the highest point you can find to remember the high points of your life together.



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Italy

Home of pizza, pasta, and the Roman Empire. Caio! During this date, call your spouse one of the following Italian terms of endearment: Bella (lovely), Amore (love), Tesoro (darling), Cuore Mio (my heart). Take your spouse to a favorite Italian pizzeria or trattoria. Along the way, pick a verse from your favorite love song and serenade your true love like a Venetian gondolier.

During your meal, answer the following questions:

The first two centuries of the Roman Empire were characterized by peace and prosperity. How do you want your marriage to be characterized? What are your best practices for making that happen?

Would you rather live “la dolce vita” (the sweet life), “la dolce niente” (the sweetness of doing nothing), or “la vita alta” (the high life)?

Legend has it that if you throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain, you ensure a return trip to Rome. If you could return to an earlier time or place in your marriage, what would it be and why?



After dinner, find the nearest fountain, throw in a coin, and make a wish for the upcoming year. After that, take your spouse to play the Italian sport of bocce ball, or its American equivalent, bowling. Whoever wins gets treated to gelato!

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South Africa

A diverse country of beautiful coastlines, dramatic plains, and a lush Garden Route. Many meals are cooked on the braai, so find a great place to get a meal that's been grilled or barbequed.

During your meal, answer the following questions:

People from all over the world visit Cape Town, South Africa, to swim with the great whites in Shark Alley. Who in your marriage is a risk-taker? Describe a time when you took a risk together and it paid off.

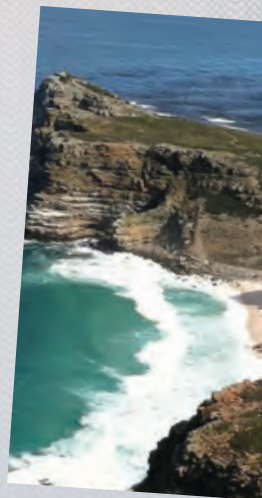
What qualities in your spouse still grab your attention?

Even though you may never go on an African safari, spend some time on a photo safari. Go to six different locations to find the following animals (real or not) and snap a pic with

at least one of you in the shot:
monkey, giraffe,
lion, elephant,
shark, and
baboon!



Happy hunting!



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Dubai



Home of a tolerant kingdom, gold souks, and islands made of sand in the shape of the world. Dubai is one of the most modern, colorful Middle Eastern emirates in the world. Treat your spouse to a meal where no utensils are necessary. It can be as messy or as neat as you like!

During your meal, answer the following questions:

Tourists leave modern skyscrapers to sand surf Land Cruisers in the desert. The tires are deflated to allow for better traction in the sand. Has there been a time when your marriage “lost traction” but you were able to gain control and your marriage was better for it?

Henna tattoos are popular in the Middle East, but you have to sit still and trust the creator. Are there any upcoming events or decisions that you need to sit still and trust God with?

We can’t all shop in the exotic gold souks of Dubai, so take your spouse to the local dollar store and find each other a gift to commemorate your date. Try not to spend more than \$3 each.



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China

Home of ancient wisdom, fireworks, and dynasties. Have dinner at your favorite Chinese or Asian-inspired restaurant. Make sure you save a pair of chopsticks and write your names and the date on them as a remembrance of your time together. Thumb wrestle to decide who gets to pick each course of your meal.

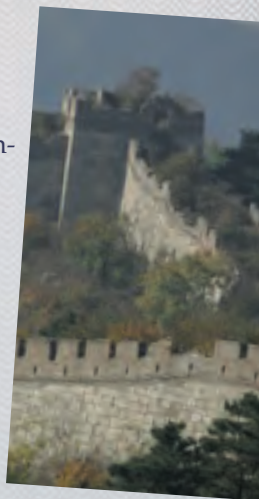
During your meal, answer the following questions:

Fireworks were invented in China. What qualities in your spouse still fire you up? Or create wonder for you? What hobbies or leisure activities can spark a new, shared interest for the two of you?

What is the best piece of wisdom you received after you got engaged?

What is one thing you have learned in marriage that you could pass on to another couple?

Spend some time at the end of your date talking about what the perfect fortune cookie would say for the two of you.



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Hawaii

Home of honeymooners, Diamond Head, and lush flower landscapes. On your way to find a Hawaiian pizza, search for some flowers and make your spouse a lei . . . or a bouquet.

During your meal, answer the following questions:

What is your favorite memory from your honeymoon?

When you look at your diamond, what memories do you have of the day you got engaged?



What does your diamond mean to you now?

How has your marriage changed you for the better?

Where do you want to be as a couple in 20 years?

Hawaiians are famous for the hula. What dance is your specialty as a couple? Finish your date at home, dancing in the living room or under the stars in your backyard.



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Brazil

Home of the Amazon rainforest, beautiful beaches, soccer, and Christ the Redeemer statue. Greet your spouse with three kisses on the cheek—the Brazilian way. Dating in Brazil is a big deal! Women are known to take hours getting ready for a date. So compliment your wife throughout the night by calling her “Muito Bonita.” Find a great Latin restaurant and order a meal featuring wonderful meat, white rice, and salad.

During your meal, answer the following questions:

Brazilians are known for being fashionably late to events. What are three events you try not to be late for so you won't disappoint your spouse?

Christ the Redeemer statue overlooks the city of Rio. Share with your spouse a time when you felt that God was protecting your relationship.

Brazil is known for its lush rainforest. When was the last time you slowed down enough to enjoy nature together? What is your favorite memory of exploring a different culture together?

After your meal, grab your spouse and head to a local park. If you have a ball, try playing a little soccer together and see if you can score! If sitting on a park bench is more your style, you would fit right in as a Brazilian. Their park benches are likely to be filled with couples in love. Remember, they are known for public affection . . . but don't push it too far!

