



Surprise, Surprise!

A special day is right around the corner; a day solely designated to show our loved one how much s/he means to us. To express our appreciation for their love, we often want to walk the extra mile to make this day memorable. And what's sweeter than a sweet surprise date? Given the pandemic, it can be tough to plan something both safe and special. Which is why we're here to suggest a few intimate date-ideas that'll make it anything but ordinary! This Valentine's Day, surprise your love with an unforgettable affair, while maintaining social distancing codes.

Candle-lit at-home dinner

Stay in for the day and still make it special. With a little effort and affection, you can turn the evening blissful, even at the comfort of your own home. Create a restaurant-like ambience; a full course meal with entrée, main course, and desserts, prepared with love is sure to be precious to your beloved. Light up a few scented candles to set the mood; get creative with the décor or simply garnish with flowers. This dinner-date will keep you safe at home while sharing an intimate time together.

A 'home theatre'

Another at-home date-idea is to surprise your love with a movie night! Turn out the lights, have some of his/her favourite

snacks ready and watch a movie together. It's quite a lowkey way to celebrate this day, yet makes it just as romantic. Relish each other's company as you cosy-up to cuddle. To make the night magical, surround yourselves with twinkling (fairy) lights and live in the moment.

Go for a picnic

Picnics are forever romantic; a lovely afternoon with your beau at a nice, quiet place can sum up to a beautiful date. Disconnect from the world for a while as you surprise him with a picnic. Find a peaceful spot at a park or by a lake. Take a bed-sheet and a basket with food and drinks you both like. Spread the sheet, lay back. It's a terrific way to unwind and spend quality time with each other. Listen to music together; read a book to him/her. Appreciate the serenity by each other's side.

Have a spa-day

Book yourselves a day at the spa for a calming getaway. A spa is a great place to get pampered and you both deserve it! Surprise him with this date filled with massages, relaxation and of course, your company. Doing anything together strengthens the bond, getting to share this relaxing experience is no different. Pick a spa destination of choice and head over; anyone would be happy to have this unconventional surprise-date!

A romantic cruise

River-cruises can be an exhilarating date plan. It's a way to take a break from the chaotic city with the love of your life. Enjoy the calming waves as you two experience this romantic escapade. Book a small ship/boat ahead of time to stay socially distanced

and safe. Have a lovely lunch/dinner by the water and cherish every second with each other. It's definitely a dreamy date to remember!

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ARIES (MAR. 21-APR. 20)

Understand their point of view. Get involved in projects. Romance will develop through work related activities. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

A lot is about to change. Finish up pending work at home. Proceed with caution this week. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN. 21)

Deception from family is likely. Your work will be perfect. Problems with your partner are likely. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



CANCER (JUN. 22-JUL. 22)

Don't let anyone guilt trip you. Travel for business or pleasure. Be prepared to tell the truth. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



LEO (JUL. 23-AUG. 22)

It's time to face the truth. Don't be too distracted. Time to make professional changes. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEP. 23)

Avoid trouble with your partner. Don't spoil anyone. Limitations at home will be frustrating. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



LIBRA (SEP. 24-OCT. 23)

New job opportunities will come knocking. Avoid overspending on luxury. Anger could lead to problems. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Be discreet about your whereabouts. Romantic opportunities will present itself this week. Meet your deadlines. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Real estate investments will be profitable. Travel will be exciting. Find time for yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

You need excitement in your life. You could be unstable emotionally. Clear up domestic chores. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Home improvement projects will help with bonding. Don't forget those who love you. Get involved in groups. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Group activities could bring about new friends. Make aesthetic enhancements at home. Don't let your anger consume you. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.