

10 Fun, Romantic Dating Ideas



When you're planning a date, whether it's a first date or a wedding anniversary, you want to make it special. Dating after 65 can be just as exciting as when you were younger. You can make your dating world more interesting by exploring new places and trying new things, or you could engage in your favorite activities but include another person. Here are some date night ideas you and your partner will love.

1. Do a class together

This is a great idea when looking for something original. Taking a class together enables you to connect in a relaxed environment and learn a new skill. Some of our suggestions would be taking a cooking, art or dance class. These are great ways for the two of you to get a bit more intimate without making you uncomfortable. Try a salsa class or spice things up with an Indian cooking class and enjoy!

2. Go to a new art gallery

Art galleries are a classic date idea. Do some research and find an interesting one neither of you have been to before. Have a look at what new exhibitions are on and suggest it as a date. It exudes understated romance and enables you to learn a bit more about each other's preferences. This is also a great date for any time of day – spend an afternoon perusing some modern art and discuss it over a coffee or a glass of wine afterwards.

3. Go to see a controversial play at the theater

Senior daters don't need to be quite as conventional as first time daters. Classic dinner and a movie is all well and good but you can mix things up a bit now that you're older and wiser. Why don't you find a controversial theater piece and go together? That way you'll have lots to talk about afterwards and it will be nice for you to do something a bit different.

4. Go to a wine tasting together

Wine tasting is the epitome of classic romance, so what better way to get acquainted than go to a tasting at a vineyard together? Wine always helps the conversation flow more easily and having a beautiful backdrop just further enhances the experience. Activities are particularly good date ideas because they provide you with a focus which takes some of the pressure off the 'date' side of things. So do some research and find a nice vineyard slightly further afield and enjoy an afternoon in each other's company.

5. Pack a picnic on a sunny afternoon

You're never too old for picnics and this is one of our favorite over 50s date ideas. Pick a beautiful park near you and both bring a selection of your favorite foods. It's a great opportunity for the two of you to get to know each other and learn about what you're into and it doesn't break the bank! Couple this with a sunset stroll around the park (maybe you can even find some botanical gardens!) and you're sure to get closer.

6. Double up with some friends

Later in life it can be nice to double date with some friends. Hosting a dinner party as a pair for another couple is a good way for the two of you to see how you work together. While an intimate date idea, especially as you'll be in one of your houses and having to work together to produce a nice meal, inviting some friends will take some of the pressure off and make it a nice experience all round. This gives you a real insight as to how you work as a couple.

7. Visit a Local Market or Fair

Who doesn't love a fair or farmer's market? You may not have considered attending such an event for a first date, but it can be a lot of fun. You can spend



time riding the ferris wheel together, trying your luck at some midway games or enjoying a cotton candy and pretending you're a kid again.

8. Meet at a Bookstore

Local bookstores are great for senior dating because they are very informal. They will also give you an opportunity to find out more about each other. Ask questions or quiz each other about your favorite books, authors, genres, etc. If you both feel a connection, you can continue the date at a local coffee or dessert shop

9. Attend a Charity Auction

For people seeking new relationships after 50, attending a local charity auction is a great first date idea. Make sure to choose a charity that you both feel passionate

about. This way you can enjoy an exciting evening or afternoon together while also helping out a good cause

10. Sign Up For Sports or Dancing Lessons

If you're an active individual, you may want to consider signing up for some salsa lessons or a tennis class at your local recreation center. This makes a great first date option for active people who want to stay fit. If you hit it off, you will also have a sports or dance partner for your new found hobby