

10 Cheap Romantic Date Ideas that won't bore you to Death

You don't have to be the most romantic guy in the world to figure out ways to impress that special someone when you have lots of disposable income to play with, but you will need to be creative if you plan on impressing the ladies and are short on cash.

Here are a 10 cheap romantic date ideas that will certainly earn you more points than the "Netflix and chill" dates you normally propose:

1. Go to a dance class

Here's an easy way to impress your date. Just stay away from the raunchier dance classes and find something that's a lot less likely to scare your date away. You want something safe that doesn't make her feel uncomfortable, yet still gives you many opportunities to get up close and personal; in a classy way of course.

Most dance instructors offer free introductory lessons, and the few that don't typically sell guest passes that let you try out a few sessions for less than \$30.

2. Go grab some ice cream, coffee, or one of those frappe latte thingys

How many times have you heard someone offer to take a love interest to an ice cream parlor or café when watching a movie? If it worked for Thurgood Jenkins in "Half Baked," some freshly made ice cream might be just what you need to win your date over. The best part about centering a date around a trip to the ice cream shop; it shouldn't cost you more than 20 bucks.

3. Take her on a ferry ride

Taking your date on a ferry ride is a good way to showcase your deeper side that appreciates subtle things like amazing scenery. Ferry rides are typically free, and, in most cities, the views you will see are breathtaking. Depending on your location, you might even spot some sea life like dolphins or something. Girls like cute animals guy...

4. Attend an improv session

Few women can resist a man who knows how to make them laugh and smile. If making people laugh isn't one of your strengths, the next best thing is taking her to a fun place. Comedy shows can be expensive, especially when a famous comedian is performing, but you can typically find free improv shows in most large cities. Some of these venues also have "B" and "C" level comedians perform there occasionally. Tickets can be as low as \$20 for couples.

5. Go to a carnival

A carnival is an excellent place to take a date if you are on a tight budget. There are lots of fun rides and games to keep you both entertained until your feet ache, plus food and beverages are typically reasonably priced at carnivals and fairs. 30 bucks should be more than enough to get the job done.

6. Visit your local zoo

Who doesn't like going to the zoo? You and your date will get to see and interact with lots of adorable animals. Even the not-so-adorable animals can be cute from afar. Just make sure you resist the urge to go hug that cuddly looking grizzly bear. Many zoos offer free admission on certain days. If you end up having to pay to get in, it shouldn't cost you more than \$20 bucks.

7. Go for a scenic hike

If your date loves spending time outdoors, going on a hike is a super cheap – yet romantic – way to spend some quality time together. The two of you will have lots of time to have intimate conversations while enjoying the local landscape. Don't forget to take some bear-spray with you in case you get attacked by one of those lady cougars!

8. Make your date a full-course meal at home

Cooking for your date doesn't just save you money; it separates you from the average guy. While it is a lot more common for men to know how to cook nowadays, there are still many out there who can't even boil an egg if their life depended on it.

Cooking for your date shows her how well-rounded you are, and it sounds a lot better than asking her to come "watch Netflix and chill." If you're a really good cook, your date might decide to "chill" without the Netflix part afterwards.

9. Visit a botanical garden

Here's another good idea for a cheap, romantic date. Botanical gardens typically offer free admission, but you might be required to pay to take advantage of some of the services offered like tours. While you're there, you and your date will get to enjoy nature in a safe, controlled environment that is quiet enough for you to connect with each other. Botanical gardens are often run by volunteers, so if you really like it there, you can both volunteer to help out a bit.

10. Go to a museum

Museums are so underrated when it comes to how romantic they can be. It typically doesn't cost an arm and a leg to visit one, and museums in large cities will have many exhibits to keep you entertained for hours. It's also a good way to show off how sophisticated you are. Intelligence can be an aphrodisiac, you know. Just don't overdo it.

So there you have it, 10 romantic date ideas that won't leave you broke for weeks. Now, all you have to do is find yourself a date!