

Six Sensational Ideas to Add a Spark to Date Night

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Movie and Dinner Deals Stretch to Two Nights Out

My husband and I found a pasta restaurant near us that did a deal with the local movie theatre for dinner and a movie deal for a set price which was cheaper than doing both separately. We would do the dinner 1 week and then when we found a movie we wanted to see would do that later. The movie tickets usually had a use by date of 12 months so plenty of time to use them. Also, if money was tight and we had the movie tickets unused and needed a gift we would use the movie tickets for that instead. - Contributed by *Chris Lawson*

Date Night Vouchers

Costs nothing other than some cheap massage cream; gives pleasure and adds 'brownie points' to relationships. Each person makes up a booklet offering services for the other person for example: a back rub; brushing your hair (100 strokes); having a foot massage; a head to toe featherlight massage; a 'no-sex' massage - just kisses and cuddles - limit 12 kisses and ??? cuddles; stroking with a feather. All this can be enhanced just by putting on some appropriate music and even if it is just for 15 minutes can bring joy and happiness to you and your partner. - Contributed by *Trish Levido*

Date Nights are not just for Parents

My partner and I have date nights at home. Even though we don't have any children sometimes its nice to just stay in and save some dollars. We have board game night, that's fun!! Monopoly, Jenga, card games, or we take it in turns to cook a nice meal for the other and have a candle light dinner, or we pick a movie and make up a big bed in the lounge room to snuggle in. All these options can be done under \$20 if you budget. In the summer months we have a mini night time picnic outside with some drinks and snacks. - Contributed by *Michelle King*

Create a Cinema Experience at Home

I've done this many a time and it always is a hoot and for a minimal cost. Hire 1 or 2 latest releases from your local video shop - most have 2 for one nights or even 2 for half price. Buy a packet of popping corn to cook up yourself (from memory under \$4.00). You can add your own topping when still hot - we like maple syrup - yum. Something to prepare in advance is your own choc-tops - 1 cone, scoop or

(from memory under \$4.00). You can add your own topping when still hot - we like maple syrup - yum. Something to prepare in advance is your own choc-tops - 1 cone, scoop or two of ice-cream, dip in melted dark chocolate sit and press 1 milk bottle lolly. Place individually in freezer bags and store for your special night in!!! Your initial set up for the ice cream is around \$10 (including ice-cream) but you can get at least 10 ice creams out of one container - that's \$1 per choc top! Enjoy! PS keep an eye on the freezer as the choc tops can go missing!!!! Plus make sure you get yourself all set up turn out the lights and snuggle up - get in the zone as if you're at the movie theatre. - Contributed by *Jessica Huggins, Newport*

Hotel D'Amour

Turn your home into a hotel and create all the things you would do at a hotel - add a few props/extras to assist the ambiance and have a spa in your bathroom. Have a candle lit dinner on the deck/balcony/lawn, snuggle up and watch movies in bed ... the possibilities are only limited by your imagination and sense of fun. You can even try theme nights and dress up. - Contributed by *Emma Thompson*



A Romantic Picnic in Your Own Backyard

Try having a romantic picnic in your own backyard. You can have the same meal you would normally have had, a bottle of wine and a blanket. Write down 10 questions to ask each other, such as "What was your best childhood holiday", "What would be your dream holiday now", and spend the night getting to re-know each other! Simple, cheap and very personal. - Contributed by *Kylie Gorzalka*

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