

10 Bright Date Ideas for this Festive Season – Dec.2025

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Greetings to you all. I came across the following and thought it worth sending out 'Free of Charge' to give you some ideas to lighten the load, or the mood, as we move towards the midst of this festive season. This time of the year can certainly get a bit chaotic, what with planning Christmas day or travel, contemplating family visits, staying on top of where the kids are, along with work and church festivities, let alone managing all the gift lists and shopping. In the midst of it all before you know it things are starting to unravel and get more than a little frazzled between the two of you. While it might seem like you have many other time-sensitive priorities on your plate, why not try injecting some fun time for each other into the mix, just to break up any tension or pressure, or for no other reason than to just have some fun together. Here are 10 festive date ideas to boost your connection in the midst of the hustle and bustle.

1. See the lights:

Take a drive around town, or walk through your neighbourhood. Fill the thermos with hot chocolate to sip on as you take in the twinkles.

2. Exchange white elephant gifts:

Set a budget and head to your local thrift store or retailer of your choice. Split up to find each other the perfect silly gift, then reconvene at your favourite cafe to open them together over a bite or a drink.

3. Go ice skating:

Head to the ice rink in Opawa for some leisurely laps. If you don't know how to skate – or it's been awhile – take a lesson together.

4. Settle in for a holiday movie night:

Choose a classic you both love or make it a double-feature if you have differing opinions. Cosy up together and don't forget your favourite movie snacks!

5. Make holiday treats:

Whether it's a twist on your favourite sugar cookies or your grandfather's secret fudge recipe, whip up a batch and enjoy the fruits of your labour together. Not in the mood to indulge in sweets? Hand deliver them to your friends or neighbours or even surprise the kids.

6. Check off some gifts and grab dinner.

You've still got a few gifts to purchase, but you'd like some quality time, too. Why can't you do both? Team up to cross off those last names on your list, then celebrate with a meal or supper at your favourite spot.

7. Decorate gingerbread houses.

It's not just for the kids! Have fun picking out all your decorating supplies, then head home for a friendly competition where you flex your candy-fueled creativity.

8. Check out the Festive shop windows in the CBD:

Soak up the spirited atmosphere in the CBD. Stroll the streets, nooks and crannies in the central city and enjoy some people watching during these seasonal celebrations.

9. Why not try Inviting some other frazzled friends to an informal festive supper:

“Why not?” Make it informal, but try injecting some fun. Make up some questions and get everyone to answer them: eg. Your Favourite Childhood Memory; What is the Strangest thing you ever Eat; Who Would you Most Like to Meet; One thing you would Never do again.

10. Take a ride on the Tram or the Gondola at the Bike Adventure Park:

Get adventurous and have a classically romantic evening.

Date nights don't have to fall by the wayside just because the holidays are hectic. Instead, lean on these date ideas to add some festive sparkle to the challenge of the season, make the most of what the season has to offer, and have some Quality Time together.

Blessings, and festive greetings from your Marriage Ministries team, Stan & Ronnie, John & Karen

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