

STARS ALIGN

Immersive Vendor Experiences + Mini-Date Idea Book

The goal: experiences that make people **do something together** — talk, laugh, learn, create or play — instead of simply walking past a vendor table.

IMMERSIVE VENDOR EXPERIENCES

Photographer – Picture-Perfect Date

Teach guests how to pose naturally together, what to do with their hands, flattering angles, body language and better dating-profile/selfie tricks. Guests can practise with their own phones — this is an experience, not free professional headshots.

Psychic/Tarot – Is It in the Cards?

Each pair pulls a card together for a lighthearted prompt, question or mini reading. Keep it playful rather than treating it as a serious compatibility prediction.

Artist – Draw Your Date

Give two people three minutes to sketch each other. The worse the portraits are, the funnier the experience becomes.

Chef or Baker – Taste Test for Two

Run a blind taste challenge, flavour guessing game, or let two people decorate one cookie together.

Dance Instructor – 60-Second Chemistry

Teach three very easy dance moves that strangers can learn together in about a minute.

Dating/Relationship Coach – Would You Rather?

Use fun conversation cards that get people past boring small talk and give them something interesting to discover about each other.

Florist – Say It With Flowers

Teach the meaning of a few flowers and let guests build a tiny bouquet or choose a flower for someone else.

Stylist or Boutique – First-Date Rescue

Use outfit or accessory cards and show simple ways to feel polished and comfortable on a first date.

Beauty Professional – Date Night in 3 Minutes

Teach one quick date-night trick — brows, lips, fragrance, grooming or another tiny confidence boost — rather than doing full services.

Jeweller – Pick My Style

Two people choose a piece or style for each other based only on their first impression, then explain why.

Coffee or Tea Company – What's Your Cup?

Offer tiny samples and let pairs choose favourites, compare tastes or build a pretend perfect coffee date.

Chocolatier – Sweet Compatibility Test

Blind taste two or three chocolates, secretly choose favourites and reveal whether the pair matched.

Board-Game Café – Beat Your Date

Bring a two-minute tabletop challenge that two strangers can play immediately.

Escape Room – Can You Work Together?

Create one small puzzle or lock challenge that has to be solved by two people working together.

Travel Company – Dream Date Destination

Each person secretly chooses a dream getaway or local adventure, then reveal and compare.

Tattoo Artist – Design Your Terrible Couple Tattoo

Let guests sketch the funniest matching tattoo they would never actually get, or use tasteful temporary tattoos.

Bookstore or Library – Judge a Date by Their Book

Guests choose a book that says something about themselves, or pick a book for someone based on first impressions.

Fitness/Yoga – Couples Challenge

A simple balance, coordination or stretching challenge for two — quick, accessible and not sweaty.

Interior Designer/Home Business – Build Your Dream Date Night

Guests choose cards for food, setting, music, activity and atmosphere to create their ideal night together.

Local Experience Business – Pick Our Next Date

Use a wheel or card draw of local date ideas. Guests discover an experience they may never have thought to try.

Mixologist / Mocktail Maker – Mix Your Match

Let pairs choose flavours or ingredients and create a tiny signature mocktail combination together.

Music/DJ – Name That Love Song

Play a few seconds of songs for a quick guessing challenge, or let pairs pick the soundtrack to their imaginary first date.

Fragrance/Scent Business – Pick Their Scent

Guests smell a few options and choose the scent they think suits the other person, then compare impressions.

Candy/Dessert Vendor – Build a Sweet Date

Pairs choose a few treats for each other or build a tiny shared dessert cup.

Photo Booth – Pose Challenge

Instead of ordinary props, use pose or emotion cards: awkward first date, movie-star couple, just met, make each other laugh, or 20-years-married.

MINI-DATE IDEAS

A mix of the London-specific ideas we already created and additional low-pressure dates that fit the Stars Align spirit.

1. Tour the Old Jail

Explore London's old jail together — unusual, local and full of things to talk about.

2. Snowy Thames Walk

Walk along the Thames in the snow, with a playful snowball fight or snowman challenge.

3. Cooking Date & Flour Fight

Cook or bake something together, with permission for a little flour-throwing silliness.

4. Tiny Tattoos at Tex's Tattoo

Choose tiny tattoos together — bold, memorable and definitely for consenting adults who genuinely want one.

5. Idlewyld Holiday Date

Explore the holiday decorations at Idlewyld and stay for afternoon tea.

6. Paint Your Date

Sit across from one another and paint each other's portrait. Artistic ability absolutely not required.

7. Antiquing Challenge

Explore an antique market and each choose the funniest, strangest or most nostalgic item for the other.

8. Library Date

Browse books together, choose a book for each other, or find the weirdest title in the building.

9. Coffee-Shop Date

Keep it classic: coffee, conversation and a small prompt or challenge to make it more memorable.

10. Bookstore Challenge

Pick a book that describes your date, your dream trip or the life you would live if money did not matter.

11. Thrift-Store Outfit Challenge

Give each person a tiny budget or a theme and have them choose an outfit or accessory for the other.

12. Dollar-Store Date Challenge

Each person gets a few dollars to create a tiny surprise, game or ridiculous gift for the other.

13. Dessert Crawl

Split two or three desserts at different local spots instead of committing to a full dinner.

14. Blind Taste Test

Try chocolates, coffee, pastries or other treats and see whether your favourites match.

15. Board-Game Café

Choose a fast two-player game and find out whether your date is competitive, strategic or hilariously terrible.

16. Escape-Room Challenge

Solve puzzles together and see how you communicate under a little playful pressure.

17. Pottery or Clay Date

Make something small for each other — beautiful or completely awful both count.

18. Cooking Class

Learn one dish together so the activity naturally fills any awkward silences.

19. Dance Lesson

Take a beginner lesson where neither person is expected to know what they are doing.

20. Mini-Golf Date

Easy conversation, playful competition and lots of opportunities for candid photos.

21. Bowling Date

A relaxed activity where talking and laughing matter more than being good at it.

22. Museum or Gallery Scavenger Hunt

Give the pair a list: find the strangest object, favourite artwork, something that reminds you of childhood, and something you would put in your home.

23. Photo Scavenger Hunt

Give the couple a list of funny things to photograph around London using their phones.

24. Choose Each Other's Drink

At a café or mocktail spot, each person chooses what they think the other would enjoy.

25. Farmers'/Local Market Date

Wander, sample things and give each person a small budget to choose a treat for the other.

26. Record-Store Date

Choose a song or album for each other and explain the choice.

27. Trivia Date

Play a short trivia round as a team rather than against one another.

28. Arcade Date

Give each person a few tokens and let them choose the games. Bonus points for ridiculous prizes.

29. Build-a-Picnic Date

Each person chooses one component of a simple picnic, then take it to a park or scenic spot.

30. Dog-Walking Date

For dog lovers, take a relaxed walk with a dog and let the conversation happen naturally.

31. Volunteer Together

Do a short, appropriate community activity together — a date built around kindness instead of spending money.

32. Plant or Succulent Date

Pot a tiny plant or choose one for each other to take home.

33. Craft Date

Make friendship bracelets, decorate mugs, paint ornaments or do another simple hands-on craft.

34. Ice-Skating Date

A classic winter date with built-in laughs, hand-holding opportunities and hot chocolate afterward.

35. Holiday-Lights Walk

Walk through a decorated neighbourhood or local holiday display and choose your favourite house or display.

36. Hot-Chocolate Challenge

Try two versions, rate them and crown London's best — or invent your own toppings.

37. Mystery Destination Date

Each person chooses between sealed activity cards without knowing exactly what the other picked.

38. Three Questions & a Walk

Take a scenic walk with three thoughtful but fun questions designed to skip the usual interview-style first-date talk.

39. Teach Me Something

Each person gets ten minutes to teach the other a tiny skill they know — photography, a card trick, a dance move, a phrase in another language, anything.

40. \$10 Surprise Date

Give each person a small budget and a short time to find something that will make the other person smile.

Stars Align principle: A great first date does not have to be expensive or elaborate. Give two people something to experience together and the conversation has somewhere to go.