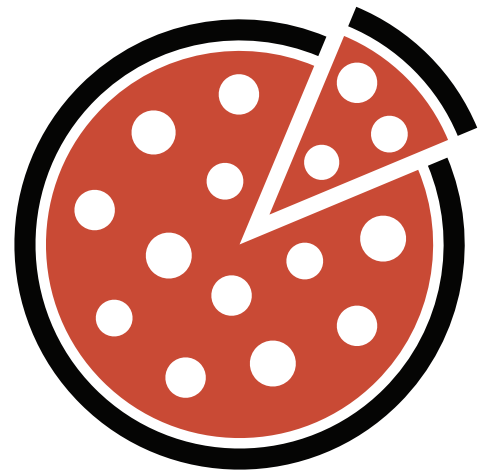


PIZZA

date



Pizza! The date is all about those round, delicious pies. Oh yeah, and having a fun time with your spouse. That too.

GROUND RULES

- ▶ **CONFLICT-FREE** Put a few topics of conversation on hold: money, in-laws, work, your last fight, etc.
- ▶ **KID-FREE** That might be tough, but it's also important. Get a sitter for the night—it's worth it.
- ▶ **TECH-FREE** Leave your phones in the car or her purse. Put those distractions away during the date.

STARTERS

Choose a restaurant. It doesn't have to be a pizza joint. It just has to be a place you both agree on. On your way, create or choose a playlist and discuss the following important questions:

- ▶ What's the best pizza you've ever had?
- ▶ What's the weirdest pizza topping you've ever seen?
- ▶ If you could only have one pizza for the rest of your life, what would it be?
- ▶ If you could eat at one restaurant every day, which would you choose?

MAIN COURSE

We like to think of pizza as a metaphor for marriage. Sound crazy? Stick with us.

CRUST

Every marriage needs a strong foundation. Which crust best describes what your marriage is built upon?

- ▶ **THIN:** We keep things light and fun
- ▶ **DEEP DISH:** We go deep and get emotional
- ▶ **STUFFED CRUST:** We're full of surprises
- ▶ **HAND-TOSSED:** We put the work in
- ▶ **CAULIFLOWER:** We're working on getting healthier

SAUCE

Every marriage needs something to keep it spicy and interesting. Which of these sauces most closely describes your marriage?

- ▶ **MARINARA:** Keep it classic
- ▶ **WHITE SAUCE:** We like trying new things
- ▶ **PESTO:** We love to be healthy
- ▶ **BBQ:** We are a bit tangy

MAIN COURSE (cont'd)

TOPPINGS

The best thing about a pizza is that you can customize it with almost any topping. To celebrate that, here are random questions to go with your favorite toppings.

- ▶ **PEPPERONI:** Were you popular in high school? Are you glad that you were or weren't?
- ▶ **MUSHROOMS:** If you had to change your name, what would you change it to?
- ▶ **GREEN PEPPERS:** Would you rather not be able to read or not be able to count?
- ▶ **OLIVES:** What has been your most embarrassing moment?
- ▶ **ANCHOVIES:** What are you most qualified to teach others how to do?
- ▶ **ONIONS:** How would you live differently if you became famous?
- ▶ **SAUSAGE:** If you could start a charity, what cause would it support?
- ▶ **BACON:** If you had a talk show, who would be your first three guests and why?
- ▶ **PINEAPPLE:** What would the title of your autobiography be?
- ▶ **EXTRA CHEESE:** Which sport would you most want to play professionally?
- ▶ **TOMATOES:** Who's the oldest person you've ever known?
- ▶ **SPINACH:** Which piece of technology do you wish didn't exist?
- ▶ **FRESH BASIL:** If we had to re-do our first date, where would we go?
- ▶ **HAM:** What's the most vivid dream you've ever had?
- ▶ **BBQ CHICKEN:** If you got a full-ride college scholarship right now, what would you study?

SIDES

Pizza for dinner isn't exactly the most daring choice. Spice things up by daring each other to do something nice for someone else. Pick one of these four options:

- ▶ Give this date menu to another couple (after you're done with it of course). If you want to get really crazy, give it to complete strangers.
- ▶ Order another couple a pizza and have it sent to their house. Be sure to tell the delivery guy they aren't expecting it.
- ▶ Buy another couple's dinner at the restaurant. You could even go over and introduce yourselves.
- ▶ Tell the owner of the restaurant to feel free to make copies of the date menu and pass it out to customers.

DESSERT

Make three coupons for your spouse, each with something nice you'll do for them—clean the bathroom, back massage, unload the dishwasher, etc. Give the coupons to your spouse to be redeemed at any time they see fit. Then, actually do the thing you said you would when they cash in the coupon.