4 Types of One-Way Dates

Date #1: Create a romantic experience for your partner.

Date #2: Your partner creates a romantic experience for you.

Date #3: Create a romantic experience for yourself.

Date #4: Your partner creates a romantic experience for their self.

Suggestions

- 1: Co-create it. Discuss and commit on the plan together.
- 2. Schedule it. Schedule your dates months or even a year in advance and designate the type of date on your calendar.

- 3. Plan it. Plan the details of your dates ahead of time.
- **4. Own it.** Design the romantic experience of your dreams or of your partner's dreams without compromising and make each date unique.
- **5. Budget it.** Set agreements around the amount of time and money you are able to invest in your one-way dates.
- **6. Enjoy it.** Have a positive attitude for each date, otherwise you and your partner will not have the experience you deserve.
- **7. Scratch it.** Don't plan a date based on what your partner did last time, start each date with a blank slate.

RELATIONSHIP JOURNAL STEPS

Step #1: Purchase one or two blank books or spiral notebooks.

Step #2: Schedule at least 30 minutes for this process, preferably at least three times per week. Agree on a time and place.

Step #3: When the time comes, drop whatever else you are doing and create an intimate space.

Step #4: Make your entry in the Relationship Journal. Do not look at your partner's entry until you have finished yours.

Step #5: Read each other's entry and ask clarifying questions in a neutral, nonjudgmental, non-defensive manner.

Step #6: Start by acknowledging your partner's appreciations, then ensure each issue has a matching need identified; if not, assist your partner to identify what unmet need is underlying their issue.

Step #7: Discuss the needs one by one. Negotiate. Brainstorm. Be open and flexible with your outcomes and find the win-win solution.

Step #8: Record agreements/solutions in your Relationship Journal.

Step #9: Keep all agreements!

Step #10: Closing ritual.

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