

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

- 1. CONFLICT-FREE DATE.** That means you should probably put a few topics of conversation on hold. Such as: money, in-laws, work, your last fight, etc. Forget about them for just an evening.
- 2. GROWN UPS ONLY.** That means don't bring your kids with you on this date. That might be tough, but it's also important. Get a sitter for the night—it's worth it.
- 3. TECH-FREE ZONE.** That means leave the cell phones at home. Or at least in the car or her purse. Keep those distractions away from your night.

STARTERS *Get Ready*

Choose a restaurant. It doesn't have to be a pizza joint (although that would be a good idea). It just has to be a place that you can both agree on. On your way, listen to this Spotify playlist and discuss the following important questions:

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- What's the best pizza you 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 restaurant would you choose?

MAIN COURSE *Go Out*

We'd like to think of a pizza as a metaphor for marriage. Think we're crazy? Just go through the following steps together to see what we're talking about.

◇ CRUST ◇

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

- **THIN:** we keep things light and fun
- **DEEP DISH:** we go deep and get emotional
- **PAN:** we like to get into the thick of it
- **CHICAGO STYLE:** full of midwestern family values
- **STUFFED CRUST:** there's something hidden you didn't expect

◇ SAUCE ◇

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

- **MARINARA:** keep it classic; nothing fancy
- **WHITE SAUCE:** we love trying new things
- **PESTO:** we love to be healthy
- **BBQ:** we keep it tangy

◇ TOPPINGS ◇

The best thing about a pizza is that you can customize it with almost any topping. They can be random and delicious. To celebrate that, here are a listing of random questions to go with various popular pizza toppings.

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



menu continues



SIDES

Dare Me



Pizza for dinner isn't exactly the most daring choice. So let's 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 a couple of complete strangers.
- Buy another couple's dinner at the restaurant. You could even go over and introduce yourselves if you want to make some new friends.
- Order another couple a pizza and have it sent to their house. Be sure to tell the pizza delivery guy that it's a surprise and they aren't expecting it.
- Tell the owner of the restaurant to fill free to make copies of this date night and pass it out to customers.

DESSERT

Keep it Going

Make three coupons for your spouse to do something nice for them no questions asked—clean the bathroom, unload the dishwasher, mow the yard, etc. Give the coupons to your spouse to be used at any time they see fit. Then, actually do the thing you said you would once they cash in the favor.



TAKE A STEP **CLOSER**