

Around the World in 8 Dates

Italy

Home of pizza, pasta, and the Roman Empire. Ciao! During this date, call your spouse one of the following Italian terms of endearment: Bella (lovely), Amore (love), Tesoro (darling), Cuore Mio (my heart). Take your spouse to a favorite Italian pizzeria or trattoria. Along the way, pick a verse from your favorite love song and serenade your true love like a Venetian gondolier.

During your meal, answer the following questions:

The first two centuries of the Roman Empire were characterized by peace and prosperity. How do you want your marriage to be characterized? What are your best practices for making that happen?

Would you rather live “la dolce vita” (the sweet life), “la dolce niente” (the sweetness of doing nothing), or “la vita alta” (the high life)?

Legend has it that if you throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain, you ensure a return trip to Rome. If you could return to an earlier time or place in your marriage, what would it be and why?

After dinner, find the nearest fountain, throw in a coin, and make a wish for the upcoming year. After that, take your spouse to play the Italian sport of bocce ball, or its American equivalent, bowling. Whoever wins gets treated to gelato!



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Healthcare is provided to all citizens and residents of Italy by a mixed public-private system. Pick one thing that your spouse can do this year to provide extra care for you.

The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci is the most famous and reproduced religious painting of all time. What aspect of your marriage has been so successful that others would want to reproduce it in theirs?



Pick a date that the spouse that cooks the least can prepare a supper for the family. Hopefully, this will not be “The Last Supper” in your home!

Galileo was a physicist, mathematician and astronomer whose achievements include improvements to the telescope that allowed us to prove that the sun is the center of the universe not the earth. In what areas is the “Son” the center of your marriage? Are their areas where the world is the center of your marriage?

The basis of the Italian language was established by the poet Dante, whose greatest work was the *Divine Comedy*. What is the funniest thing your spouse has done since you have been married?

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