

# DATE #2: DREAM HOUSE

Are you living in your dream home? Even if you like your house, the answer is probably no. Imagining a possible (or even impossible) future can be fun, as long as you don't get too caught up in the desire for bigger, better, and newer.

This date is intended to be a fun way for you imagine yourselves in your perfect house. More important, it's an opportunity to learn a little more about how your spouse would define "dream home."

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## GET READY

Most people get almost as much enjoyment out of anticipating a date night as they do the actual date, so start your preparations in the morning. Make the most of having something to look forward to.

### Clean Up

Shower, shave, brush your hair and teeth, put on a pair of pants that aren't held up by an elastic waistband—you know, do the kind of stuff you used to do when you were trying to impress your spouse.

### Pick a Time

Determine the best time for your date. When can you create 10 minutes of uninterrupted alone time with each other? If you have older children, you might give them access to a screen or game console to buy yourself some time. If your children are younger, you may have to wait until their asleep. Here's the thing: you know the rhythms of your family. Pick a time that prioritizes *you and your spouse* and reduces the risk of distractions.

### Get Your Supplies

For this date, all you'll need is some kind of Internet-connected screen—a laptop or tablet is preferred but a phone will also work.

### Do a Little Homework

Since you'll be talking about your dream home, each of you should spend a few minutes looking through the following virtual home. Decide which is your favorite and save the link so you can get to it quickly on your date.

- <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=djByi4oAGts&>
- <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=mjKdKQQkZMf&>
- <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=BdGCLtDJm97&>
- <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=eigS4DWdWbm&>
- <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=S9sdSwmn1EU&>
- <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=F47oQdFeNtj&>

## GO TO

It's time to do some house hunting. Meet up at the place you've designated for your date. And don't forget to clear your mind of other distractions. The next 10 minutes are about you and your spouse. Be present with each other.

## DO IT

During your date, each of you spend five minutes walking your spouse through the dream house you selected. Use these questions to have a fun conversation:

1. Why did you pick the house you picked?
2. When you imagine your dream house, what features are essential, and why?
3. What kind of place do you imagine us living in during our golden years?
4. What stuff did we agree on as a couple?

## DARE ME

Feeling bold? If so, ask your spouse this question:

*What is one small thing I can do around the house to make it just a little bit more like your dream home?*



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## KEEP IT GOING

Your date may end after 10 minutes, but that doesn't mean the fun (and connection) has to. Post a picture of you and your spouse with #10minutedate. Then share this date night with your married friends.