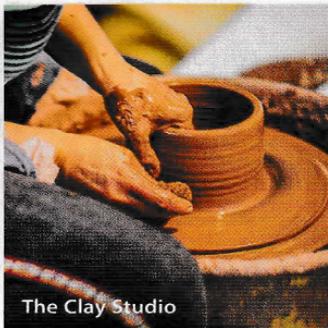
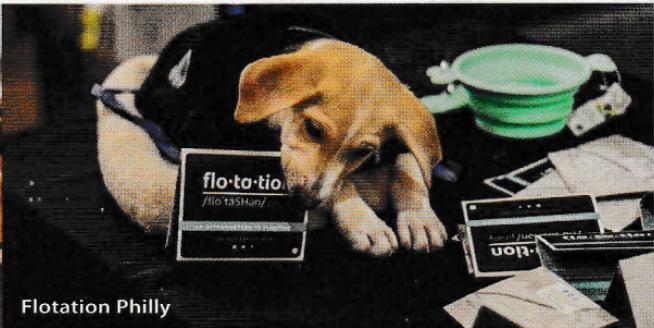


5 Great Dates

Redefine romance in Philadelphia. Dinner at an acclaimed restaurant or an evening at the theater are sure bets for bonding with your sweetheart, but why not consider something a little different? —A.G.



The Clay Studio



Flotation Philly

DATE 1: GET CREATIVE

Channel your inner Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore at **The Clay Studio**, a ceramics center in Old City that hosts frequent Date Nights. You'll throw clay on the potter's wheel, get a little dirty and let your creativity run wild. Instructors are on hand or attendees are free to follow their own inspiration. The studio even glazes, fires and ships your work to your home, so there's no need to leave room in your luggage. Over Valentine's weekend, The Clay Studio offers romance-enhanced Date Nights, with light snacks, chocolate, champagne, wine and mood music. 139 N. 2nd St., 215.925.3453

DATE 2: APPRECIATE ART

Philadelphia's many art museums showcase important masterpieces by Monet, Picasso and Rembrandt. But for a bit of outdoor art appreciation, couples can take an alfresco tour via **Museum Without Walls: AUDIO**, a self-guided walk past 65 statues, sculptures and monuments around Fairmount Park and Center City. People with personal connections to the works narrate three-minute audio segments about each. Highlights include the Swann Memorial Fountain in Logan Square, "Lion Crushing a

Serpent" in Rittenhouse Square and the famous Rocky statue at the base of the steps leading up to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. www.museum-withoutwallsaudio.org

DATE 3: DROP SOME WEIGHT

For a truly unusual date, head to **Flotation Philly** in Fishtown for a tandem sensory deprivation experience. Two float pods, each filled with 10 inches of water and a whopping 1,000 pounds of Epsom salt, offer wellness benefits like stress relief. The high concentration of salt creates a buoyancy effect that enables clients to float weightless inside the pitch-black pod for 90-minute sessions devoid of any sensory stimulation. Clients usually leave hungry, creating the perfect opportunity to grab a bite on Girard Avenue. Try Kraftwork, a popular gastropub right across the street. 534 E. Girard Ave., 609.923.1913

DATE 4: STAY IN & RELAX

Thanks to three recently-launched, Philadelphia-based services, there's no need to leave the hotel room to ensure a magical evening. **Soothe**, an on-demand, in-home massage service and app sends therapists right to the hotel with as little as an hour's notice. **Caviar** deliv-

ers food from the city's top independent restaurants, tantalizing taste buds with hot fried chicken from "Top Chef"-winner Kevin Sbraga's Fat Ham or Spanish bites from Iron Chef Jose Garces' tapas restaurant Amada. Top off the date with libations brought by **goBeer**, an offshoot of goPuff, the convenience delivery service started by Drexel University students. Through goBeer, customers can order Dos Equis, Guinness, Blue Moon and other favorites. www.soothe.com, www.try-caviar.com, www.gopuff.com

DATE 5: JUMP FOR MY LOVE

For couples staying outside downtown Philadelphia, a fun date night can be had at **Get Air King of Prussia**, a 35,000-square-foot indoor trampoline park in Montgomery County. The massive play center (yes, for adults!) contains side-by-side trampolines, and starry-eyed duos can sign up for a scheduled fitness class or participate in pay-by-the-hour freestyle jumping. While there, guests can dive into the foam pits, dunk on the basketball courts, challenge each other in dodge ball, and show off skills on a Ninja Warrior-style obstacle course. 555 S. Henderson Road, King of Prussia, 267.419.9219