Looking for a unique date night with your partner, or even a new activity for some quality "you time"? We have created some great experiences inspired by our award-winning programs from Casa Romantica to make new memories from the comfort of your own home!

**Tips:**

➔ Set a day, time, and maybe even a specific location in the house
➔ Take turns choosing and setting up date nights with your partner (or make your own order!)
➔ Choose something on the list that you wouldn't normally choose -- you may discover a hidden talent or undiscovered hobby!
➔ No need to leave your house; get creative with what you have!
➔ Make sure to put your phones and devices away! (Unless, of course, you are going to take a picture and tag us @casaromanticasc)
Retro Casa Cinema Night

Set up a cozy movie night, indoors or outdoors, and enjoy a classic film!

- Signature cocktail ideas: Citrus and Herb martinis (use a vodka or gin base for all pairings)
  - Grapefruit with fresh Rosemary
  - Orange with fresh Mint
  - Lemon with fresh Basil
- Set the scene with blankets, candles, and our Spotify Casa Cinema Playlist
- Choose from our awesome list of classic films
- Don’t forget the popcorn!

Classic Films

1. **Rear Window** (1954)- The iconic romantic suspense thriller set completely in the living room of the protagonist. Starring Grace Kelly and James Stewart.
2. **The Shop Around the Corner** (1940) - The classic, wildly successful romantic comedy about obstinate employees butting heads which went on to inspire the film, *Sleepless in Seattle*.
3. **Some Like it Hot** (1951)-A progressive film ahead of its time-after witnessing a Mafia murder, two men flee Chicago disguised as women and join an all-female Jazz band. Starring Marilyn Monroe.
4. **Bell, Book, and Candle** (1958) - Traditional 50's romance, featuring a witch (Kim Novak) and a charming publisher (James Stewart).
5. **It Happened One Night** (1934) - An underdog black and white romantic comedy by Frank Capra featuring a spunky heiress and a cynical newspaper reporter.
6. **City Lights** (1931) - Black and white romantic silent film classic about a tramp and a blind flower girl featuring Charlie Chaplin and Virginia Cherrill.
7. **An American in Paris** (1951) - Romantic musical comedy in color with a story as the title suggests!
8. **His Girl Friday** (1940) - Screwball romantic comedy with sharp tongues and fast-talking dames!
9. **Singing in the Rain** (1952)-Lively musical with Debbie Reynolds and Gene Kelly packed with catchy songs and lively dance numbers.
10. **Citizen Kane** (1941)- The groundbreaking film by Orson Welles inspiring contemporary film theory and reflection upon the quintessential American zeitgeist.
Open Casa Art Night
Choose one of our art activities below and find your inner artist!

- Signature cocktail: Easy Whiskey Sour
  - 2 ounces whiskey
  - 1 ounce freshly squeezed lemon juice
  - 1 ounce simple syrup (or honey, or agave)
  
  **Simple Syrup Recipe:**
  1 part Sugar
  1 part Water
  Combine in a saucepan over medium heat until fully dissolved together. Pour into a sealable glass container. Keeps approximately one month in the refrigerator.

- Set the scene at your dining table with art supplies, candles and a vase of fresh flowers
- Choose a Casa Romantica Spotify playlist to inspire creativity!
- Choose one of the following activities:
  - Sketch/Paint your partner- sit across from your partner and sketch them, if painting, pick colors that remind you of their personality, discuss what you like about each other and how that is influencing your work! If you prefer you can also pick an object to paint or sketch as a still life.
  - Photo session- Celebrate your partner or yourself with a fun photography session. Choose a location and theme for the shoot, costumes, lighting, and angles to capture images you can keep forever!
  - Sculpture- Use clay or make your own and have fun creating sculptures or sculpture portraits!

### Homemade Clay Recipes

**Soft Clay Recipe:**
2 parts Cornstarch
1 part Hair Conditioner
Food Coloring, if desired

**Instructions:**
- Mix cornstarch and conditioner together with hands in a bowl or on a washable surface until a ball forms.
- Add cornstarch as needed until the clay doesn’t stick to hands.
- Knead in a drop or two of food coloring until desired color or marbling is attained.

**Baking Clay Recipe:**
This hard clay recipe can be baked, painted, and sealed if desired.

4 cups flour
1 cup of salt
1 1/2 cups water

**Instructions:**
- Mix the ingredients together.
- Store clay in an airtight container until it is needed.
- Bake the finished pieces on a non-stick cookie sheet at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for approximately one hour or until the clay is slightly brown around the edges. Allow the clay items to cool on a wire rack before handling or painting them.

Tag us at @casaromanticasc to share your creations!
**Live Theater Night**

Stream a live opera or theater production for an amazing theater experience from your home!

- Signature cocktail: A classy evening at the theater deserves a classy drink—put fresh berries or fruit in your sparkling wine, garnish with fresh mint or basil.
- Dress in your classiest going-to-the-theater ensemble
- Set the scene with candles and a box of candies
- Choose your production! (Membership or rental fees may apply):
  - Broadway HD [https://www.broadwayhd.com/](https://www.broadwayhd.com/)
  - [https://globeplayer.tv/](https://globeplayer.tv/)
  - [https://www.playbill.com/category/theatre-alternatives](https://www.playbill.com/category/theatre-alternatives)
- Printout of the opera/play overview and the cast of characters from playbill.com or if you are feeling creative, make your own program about the production.
- Tag us at @casaromanticasc to share your photos!
Poetry Night

Put your feelings into beautiful poetry as you both learn to write a Shakespearean sonnet!

- To drink: Choose one of Shakespeare's drinks of choice:
  - Craft Beer/Ale- if you have different kinds, create a tasting flight!
  - Wine- If you have different kinds create a tasting flight!
  - Mead (if you happen to have it!)
- Set the scene: choose a visually beautiful place and add some fresh flowers and candles.
- Listen to our Casa Classic Spotify list to inspire your words.
- Read the following sonnet and follow the instructions below:

Sonnet 18

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometimes too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And too often is his gold complexion dimm'd:
And every fair from fair sometimes declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
By thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou growest:
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this and this gives life to thee.

Sonnets are comprised of 14 lines that have 10 syllables in each line, following Iambic Pentameter. That means that the rhythm is baBOOM / baBOOM / baBOOM / baBOOM / baBOOM.

The ending words of the first 12 lines rhyme in alternate. For example, the ending word of line 1 rhymes with line 3, line 2 rhymes with line 4. The final word of the last two lines, 13 and 14, rhyme with each other. Give it a try!

Follow this template, if it helps! Each letter is to help you keep track of which lines need to rhyme with each other.
Dance the Night Away! Date Night

Get off the couch and get moving with your partner with some of our fun activities!

- Signature cocktail: Easy Paloma
  - 1 ounce blanco Tequila
  - 1 ounce grapefruit soda or grapefruit juice with sparkling water
  - Fresh lime juice

- Dress up!

- Set the scene: Make sure you have enough room to show off your moves

- Dance Ideas:
  - Choose a movie from our Top 10 Dance films list, every time someone begins dancing, get up and dance! Bonus points if you can copy the choreography!
  - Pretend you are at our Casa Cool summer concerts by listening to our Casa Artist Spotify playlist
  - Take free online classes with your partner (class fees for advanced instructional videos may apply) http://www.learntodance.com/online-ballroom-dance-lessons/tango-dance-lessons-online/

- Take a video and tag us @casaromanticasc
Morning Coffee Date with Bear Coast Coffee:

Have your own Cupping Concert with Bear Coast coffee at your home to start your day!

- Order all your needs at https://bearcoastcoffee.com/pages/pantry that you can pick up at their San Clemente location
- Set the scene: Make a tranquil place in your home or create a place outside that mimics the concerts at the Casa
- Listen to our Casa Artists Spotify Playlist that features artists from our cupping concerts and enjoy an amazing cup of coffee!
- Take a picture or video and tag us @casaromanticasc and @bearcoastcoffee
Garden Date Night

Take inspiration from our Enchanted Garden Toast to the Casa Gala and create your own enchanted garden evening!

- Build a backyard garden fort or canopy together. Light up the backyard and your fort or canopy with string lights. Gather any flower or greenery clippings to adorn your fort or canopy.
- Check out a short clip of the event for some inspiration! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35RFBAOoanw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35RFBAOoanw)
- Play the “Casa Lumina” playlist on Spotify to set an enchanted mood.
- Set out picnic hors d’oeuvres and cocktails.

Enchanted Botanical Cocktail:
- 2 oz Gin
- 2 oz Tonic or sparkling water
- 1.5 oz Herbal simple syrup (recipe below)
- 1 oz Elderflower Liqueur
- A generous squeeze of lemon or lime juice
- Forage in your backyard herbs and any edible plants or flowers to garnish!

Herbal Simple Syrup Recipe:
1 part Sugar
1 part Water
A few sprigs of an herb of your choice (Rosemary, Thyme, etc.)
Combine sugar and water in a saucepan over medium heat until fully dissolved together.
Add in herbs to simmer for a few minutes. Pour into a sealable glass container. Keeps approximately one month in the refrigerator.