

Teeny bikini?
Check. Hot
travel buddy?
Packed him too.

Sexy Plans to Make With Him

Start mapping out these **ridiculously fun** summer adventures with your guy. We tell you everything you need to do to pull them off.

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An Outdoor Bash

Time frame: An afternoon

Heat things up with your guy by cohosting a party, and have fun getting into the details together. All you need is access to a grill, whether it's in a park or on your apartment building's roof. Ask your pals to bring booze—the eats are up to you. Serve preassembled kebabs you can buy at the store (chicken, shrimp, and bell pepper/onion/pineapple). Then let your friends grill them up.

Tip: Dip hand towels in lemon water, freeze them, and set them out (rolled up) after the meal, says celeb party planner David Tutera. Keep the party going by handing out sparklers at sundown.

A Beach Escape

Time frame: A long weekend

Click on travel.discovery.com for a list of the best beaches in America in 2005, then use a travel agent or log on to Craigslist.com to find a summer rental.

Surprise your guy by signing up for a sailing excursion or bike tour. Then go to about .com and type in "clambake" to get recipes for a true beachside feast. ■

Take a Break!
Cumulatively, American
workers fail to use 420
million vacation days
each year. This summer,
don't be one of them.

SOURCE: EXPEDIA.COM "VACATION DEPRIVATION" SURVEY

A Camping Weekend

Time frame: Two to three days

Head to camping.com, and make reservations at a campground in your state. Pack a pup tent, sleeping bags, and warm layers for chilly nights. But don't even think about roughing it. Throw down pillows in the car, tote travel-size soaps and shampoos, and bring citronella candles (you can buy them for under \$10 at homedepot.com). They'll keep mosquitoes away.

Leave the 30-packs and canned beans at home, and bring a couple of bottles of red wine, juicy steaks, and a bag of gourmet cookies instead. To transport the beef from your fridge to the fire, pack it in a cooler with dry ice packs (it'll last for 24 hours this way), says Elias Iglesias, executive chef of Morton's, The Steakhouse, in New York City. When the sun goes down, forget ghost stories. Read erotica to each other by flashlight. One torrid page-turner is *Tease*, by Suzanne Forster, which comes out this month.

Alfresco Dates

Time frame: One night a week

When the weather gets warm, agree to eat only at places that offer outdoor seating. Scout out open-air joints in your nabe, or if you're in a major city, search "outdoor seating" on citysearch.com. Garden and sidewalk tables fill up fast, so make a reservation. Hint: Try date nights on Wednesdays to break up the Monday to Friday grind.

A Rockin' Road Trip

Time frame: Four days to a week

Choose two fairly close areas that you and your guy have always wanted to check out, like Philadelphia and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and plan on hitting them both. For easy-to-follow maps, check out roadtripusa.com.

Need to rent a car? Look into zipcar.com—rentals include gas. Before you go, pick up *Would You Rather*, a book by Justin Heimberg and David Gomborg that asks fun-to-answer questions. We promise, it'll make the time fly.