



La La Lakeland...Five Lovely Nights in the City of Swans

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Though not L.A., Lakeland has quite a few spots for magic this Valentine's Day. And don't worry, you have YLakeland as your wingman. We bring you:

FIVE PERFECT DATE NIGHT PLANS FOR ALL FRIENDS OR LAKELAND LOVERS.

Regardless of your romantic preferences, these five date nights are sure to grab your attention and help you plan that perfect night for you and your bae. YLakeland isn't a love doctor, but we can prescribe some local hot spots to spice up your date night this February! "City of Swans, are you shining just for me?"

Lake walking

Kick off your special date night in Lakeland with a reservation at [Ric's Wine Market](#) for some tasting of the finer wines in life. This local market prides itself on a wide selection of local artisan wines and ability to help share their knowledge with you through tasteful sit-down classes or more casual open-house wine tasting events. This is the perfect beginning to a beautiful night with your significant other, sharing an experience that probably isn't in your conventional date night repertoire. Once you finish your tasting at Ric's, stride the lovely well-lit walk around Lakeland's famous [Lake Mirror](#). After your fair share of wine, cheese, and bread, you'll want to take the night to enjoy some one-on-one time around the lake, pointing out swans and geese. More on the romantic, intimate side, this date is an excellent choice if you and your partner are wanting to become more serious and take your friendship or relationship to the next level.

Lakeland

Magic

If you and your boo thang enjoy sporting events, then you'll love a night at the [RP Funding Center](#) cheering on our local [Lakeland Magic](#) basketball team. This G-League organization currently leads the Southeast Division over teams like Erie Bayhawks and Delaware 87ers, so we'd say this date is a complete slam dunk. With courtside seats that include food, beverage, and parking pass, your sports fanatic is sure to love this night and may be talking about it for days to come.

Geocaching //

Cob & Pen

For the more adventurous, a date in [downtown Lakeland](#) wouldn't be complete without searching for all the Geocaching locations available. Geocaching is an outdoor activity in which participants can use their mobile device or GPS to seek out small vessels called "caches" at a specifically marked location around the world. Luckily, downtown Lakeland is home to almost 50 different caches and will have you and your date working together to find these unique objects, building up your communication and teamwork together. Once you have completed your voyage Geocaching, cool off with a cold drink at [Cob & Pen](#) with their abundant happy hour specials. Make a toast to finding caches and finding love!

Swan City Improv

If you and your love are more artsy than outdoorsy, then [Art Centric Studios](#) is the place for you and your partner to create masterpieces together. Whether you want to take an evening class or a private couples session, Art Centric has everything you need to help you and your boo find your inner creative and bond over beautiful creations or laugh over messy conceptions. Since you're in the art feels and have your paintings done, you can head over to [Swan City Improv](#), a new entertaining group in Lakeland that you will not want to miss and has proven to be the picture-perfect date for those appreciating quality comedy. The troupe takes pride in their skill of quick wits and dramatic storytelling at [LKLD Live](#). This can be a great date for you and your partner to break the ice and give you some comical inside jokes, an amusing memory of the two of you to look back on.

Patio 850 //

801 E. Main // Live Music & Karaoke

This last date night is centered around a fun, energetic Saturday night starting off with dinner at [Patio 850](#), famous for their bacon popcorn appetizer and gourmet pizzas. Patio 850 offers outside seating, which makes for the perfect date night dining with string lights, soft music, and great service. It really sets the mood for you and your partner to get to know one another on a deep (dish?) level and share an experience that you will never forget. After an eloquent meal, [801 E. Main](#) is your next go-to destination for a lively and enjoyable night of karaoke. You and your love can sit and laugh along with the crowd watching others sing along to your favorite tunes, or grab the mic and sing your partner a sweet song to sweep them off their feet. This unique karaoke is only offered Saturday night 9pm to 11:30pm, so plan accordingly. [Check our calendar](#) to see their list of live music events as well.

Whether you decide to go on a romantic date night or spend the evening rooting for our very own Lakeland Magic...

these date nights will inspire you to create your own perfect date night for that perfect person.

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