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Millionaire Matchmaker Patti Stanger on How to Have a Really Great Valentine's Day

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Valentine's Day falls on a Saturday this year, and that's something of a game changer. The expectations will be high, and there's officially no excuse not to go all out. No pressure or anything. I asked Patti Stanger (of Bravo's *Millionaire Matchmaker*) how to make V Day 2015 live up to—dare I say exceed?—the hype.

If you're single: "Get out of the house. Since it's a Saturday, hit a happy hour or do a pub crawl with a group of friends. Pick a street and bring your phone—you want to get home safely. Every single pub is going to have a Valentine's Day

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theme. Everyone's going to want to meet people, it's the icebreaker."

If you're on a budget: "Make your home into a spa. If you're on a fixed income or just trying to save money, get some sushi at the grocery store, draw a bubble bath, and give each other massages. Keep it simple and romantic."

Or throw a really great Valentine's Day party. "Merge the couples with the singles. Why not have the couples bring in someone to set the singles up with? Couples don't want to sit at the prix-fixe meal and wait forever at a restaurant. They want to help people find love because they've found love. So they can make it their project. Everybody brings somebody—just make sure there's an even number of people. Don't do a sit-down dinner; just do some great finger-food appetizers and wine. You don't have to fuss and make sangria, and you don't have to be a millionaire to drink quality wine. [Stanger just launched her own line of wine, PS Match, this month.] Make a great playlist on Spotify, then have some games: Trivial Pursuit, even Spin the Bottle. When you get interactive, that's when the fun stuff happens."

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