



# Date Night

Set the mood with good food and entertainment

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First impressions can make or break a potential relationship — or at least establish the chance of a second date. Taking your date to a classy, upbeat and most importantly, flavorful restaurant could be the key icebreaker or new thrill for married couples. Try these fail-safe restaurants and activities:

## Central

Savor the Dover sole, the Kobe beef tenderloin or the lobster and veal Tivoli at the Canterbury Hotel's award-winning Danielli Restaurant and Art Gallery. For a more casual dining experience, try the goulash or tenderloin supreme topped with stew at John's Famous Stew.

If you're in more of an adventurous mood, try the elk tartar at L'Explorateur Restaurant in Broad Ripple. If the weather is right, follow up with a carriage ride or gondola ride on the canal.

## North Side

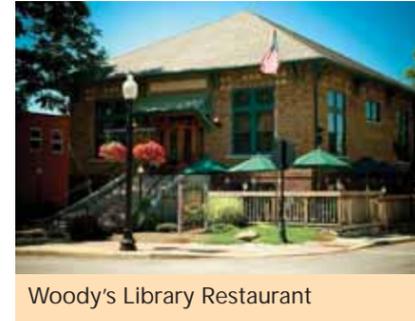
Located in Carmel's Arts and Design District, Woody's Library Restaurant resembles a charming antique library and is known for its spicy buffalo meatloaf and champagne-citrus chicken.

Enjoy the newly enhanced décor as you eat a steak, mashed potatoes and asparagus at Ruth's Chris Steak House.

## South Side

If it's traditional favorites like Wiener schnitzel, the noodle dish spaetzle or

German potato salad you seek, try Edelweiss Restaurant. Shallos Antique Restaurant, one of the south side's best-kept secrets, offers more than 300 different bottled beers and 40 international drafts. For a more casual, fun date, try the homemade potato chips with an entrée. Radio Radio features a retro-style cocktail lounge with live music ranging from salsa to jazz to rock 'n' roll.



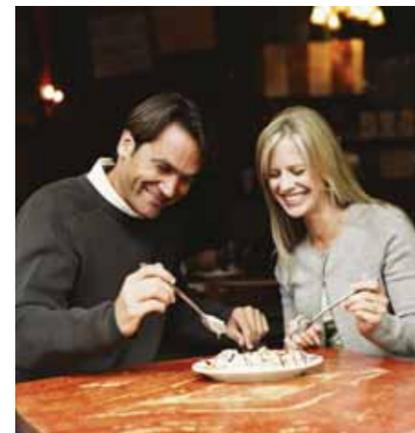
Woody's Library Restaurant

## West Side

Cut into the peppercorn crusted pork loin at Dawson's On Main in Speedway. Sit around the grill and watch the chef prepare your dinner at Koyo Japanese Steakhouse in Avon. If you're ready for something long term, you may be able to talk him into lessons and dancing with the Continental Dance Club at the Starlite Ballroom.

## East Side

Try the Sunday brunch at The Garrison Restaurant at Fort Benjamin Harrison, which is known to serve up special meals for special occasions, including Oysters Rockefeller, roast tenderloin of Wellington and poached filet of salmon. If it's Cajun gumbo or etouf-fee you're after, Papa Roux is the place for you. For fair-weather recreation, lob a couple of balls across the net at one of eight tennis courts in Ellenberger Park. [w](#)



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