



Galentine's Day was invented by the writers of TV's "Parks and Recreation," but finding a reason to celebrate with your favorite girlfriends is a long-standing tradition. You can stick to the script and celebrate on Feb. 13, or make your own rules about when you want to enjoy time together. These ideas make sure it's a memory worthy of your best friends.

#### DIY A FANCY DINNER

Schedule a February <u>Cooking Class</u> from Cozy Meal at one of their locations near Houston or Austin. Classes run for about three hours, and in addition to a great meal, you can learn new skills to upgrade your meals at home.

### **VOLUNTEER FROM YOUR HEART**

<u>Volunteer Houston</u> is a program of <u>Interfaith Ministries</u> <u>for Greater Houston</u>. connects individuals, groups, and companies with nonprofit agencies to transform the Greater Houston community for good through volunteerism. There are <u>tons of opportunities to volunteer</u> during this love month.

### PLAN YOUR OWN PARTY

What better way to show off your home than a <u>Galentine's</u> <u>Day party</u>? Fine-tune the details of hosting your own sipand-paint night, creating a movie night with props and quizzes, or even set up a themed potluck.

#### **BFF BOWLING**

Scout out local lanes in <u>Austin</u> and <u>Houston</u> that have a full-service bar, a menu beyond fries and pizza, and music to rock the night.

### CREATE GIFT BOXES OR BASKETS

Personalize a <u>Galentine's Day</u> gift box or basket by filling it with items unique to your best friends. Consider slippers in their favorite colors, candy, a journal, or even a gift card to enjoy a spa day together.

#### TAKE KARAOKE NIGHT OUT

Is your crowd more adventurous? Grab the mic at a local Karaoke Bar in <u>Austin</u> or <u>Houston</u>. Plan ahead and check out your favorite bar's schedule for specialty drink nights or see if they require reservations.

# ENJOY A PLANTING PARTY WITH YOUR GALS

Grab your gal pals and join Succulent Native for a <u>Galentine's Planting Party!</u> Each ticket includes one spot at the workshop where you'll walk you through creating a dried floral bouquet (a cute bud vase is included!) and making our signature lavender-vanilla sugar scrub! There are two different workshops with limited spots available: Saturday, February 8th at 6:30pm and Sunday, February 16th at 3pm. Choose the date when you buy your ticket.

#### TREAT YOURSELF TO-GO

A fancy dinner without the stress of reservations or crowds! Aba is offering a special Mediterranean-inspired dinners togo! You can choose from their "Valentine's Day For Two" or "Galentine's Day Dinner." Available for pick-up February 13 - February 15. Order by Wednesday, February 12 at 2PM.

### DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Make your Galentine's outings a monthly event. For example, Sable Gate Winery in Houston holds a Bachata Social every Tuesday, or search your area for other opportunities that your friends would enjoy.

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Don't let the word "Bromance" throw you off. Like "Galentine's Day," a <u>Bromance</u> is a strictly platonic relationship with a pal who is always there for you (and you for him). These friendships are important, so don't let too much time pass without saying, "thank you for being a friend."

### HOST A BARBECUE

Beer + BBQ is the Bromance of the culinary world, and thankfully, Texas has the best of both. If you're originally from out of town, now's the time to learn about <u>Texas' unique style</u> of grilled and smoked meats.

### HAVE A LAUGH

If you and your friends are into comedy, you're in luck. <u>The Riot Comedy Club</u> is celebrating Valentine's Day with local Houston comedians for a night full of love, heartbreak and laughter in a special showcase you won't want to miss!

#### TAKE A FISHING TRIP

Enjoy the Texas coast or one of our beautiful lakes fishing together. Use <u>Patten Title's Hunting & Fishing guide</u> to know your catch limits and when the fish are biting.

#### PLAN A NIGHT OF WHISKEY AND CIGARS

Enjoy a glass or two at a whiskey bar in <u>Austin</u> or <u>Houston</u> to find your new favorite ryes, bourbons, and scotches. If you want to make it a more layered evening, finish the night off at a cigar bar. <u>Cigar World</u> names <u>The Cigar Vault</u> a must-see in Austin.

## TAKE A CLASS

Take a class in axe throwing, improve your grilling skills, or learn martial arts. Spots like <u>The Brewtorium</u> in Austin or <u>these</u> <u>axe throwing locations</u> Houston offer group rates and leagues.

#### RACE YOUR CREW

At the Circuit of the Americas, <u>karting</u> is a year-round event. Your crew can also enjoy NASCAR, Formula 1 and Indycar events or schedule an on-track driving experience.

### **ENJOY LIVE MUSIC**

The live music scene in Texas is second to none. Austin brands itself as the <u>Live Music Capital of the World</u>, and <u>Houston music venues</u> have launched many well-known careers. The possibilities are endless.

#### SPEND A WEEKEND IN THE WOODS

<u>Texas State Parks</u> are some of the best in the nation, and no matter which city you call home, there's one for you to explore.

### **EXPLORE LOCAL BREWERIES**

You can find old favorites or new brews at a local brewery. Plan a trip to hit all of the <u>best breweries in Central Texas</u>, or check out the <u>best Brew Bashes</u> in the state.

#### HOST GAME NIGHT

Whether you and your crew play video games, love poker, or enjoy the latest board games, host a night to come together.







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