The Gentleman's Guide to Proposing
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Introduction

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So you’re thinking of proposing to the love of your life? Congratulations! I hope you enjoy the journey as much as she will enjoy the proposal. Having proposed just a few months ago myself, I can relate to what you are going through. I ran into a few challenges along the way but at the end of my proposal my fiancée, Roshni, and I walked away with a memory we will cherish forever. I wanted the moment to be so special that it would be a story she and I would share with our friends and family for years to come.

I spent months planning an extravagant proposal and even a full night out in New York City. The plan involved an Improv comedy show where I would suddenly pop the question on stage during a role play game in front of the audience. After the show I was planning to take her to a surprise celebration dinner with our close friends and family. Unfortunately, something came up and so the weekend I wanted to propose was no longer doable. I had to scrap everything and pick the coming weekend or I would have to wait 3 months until the next possible weekend. The worst of all was that the comedy show was already booked out for the coming weekend, so all my planning had been thrown away. I didn’t want to wait 3 months and so I was now looking to rush and redo the months of planning in just two days!

Don’t over complicate the proposal. Keep it simple and enjoyable so that you don’t get too stressed and can deal with any hiccups if something doesn’t go as planned. Things may go wrong, but that’s okay. It’s all part of the experience! The moment you pull out the ring and speak those magic words, nothing else will matter. The best thing is that she won’t know if things didn’t go exactly as planned, all she’s going see is the man of her life on one knee asking her the most important question of her life.

The fact that you propose won’t be the surprise. The real surprise of the proposal will be about the timing, location, and buildup you have with the proposal. Find a way to propose that’s deeply special for both you and her. Plan a proposal that comes from the heart! You don’t need a symphony orchestra or an extravagant fireworks display to show your love. The proposal should come from the heart and be something that will show her how much you care about her. All the other bells and whistles could be more of a distraction.

So here’s how my proposal actually ended up going down. Roshni is a huge fan of Red Sox nation, so I bought last minute tickets to the one game a year where fans could go on to the field before the game and take pictures with the players! After some amazing pictures were taken and an awesome nine innings, we took a stroll through Back Bay, where she and I had met many years back. As we walked around holding hands, my heart started beating faster as I was getting more nervous about making it the perfect moment that I had planned. When we approached the spot where I first asked her out, with the sun shining and the water fountains in the background, I got down on one knee and asked a very important question.

**YOU GUESSED IT, SHE SAID YES!**

From this experience I will encourage you that as you read through this book, find a place or setting to propose that represents something important to you and her. The setting should be a place where you are both comfortable and can be yourselves. You’ll come across a number of ideas that sound amazing, but if they just don’t feel right then keep reading until you find an idea that clicks!

Congratulations once again. I wish you and your significant other a happy start to a beautiful life!

**THROUGH THE PROCESS OF PLANNING AND PULLING OFF THE PROPOSAL, I LEARNED A FEW THINGS:**
Julianna Pardue
Julianna’s ideal proposal would marry quirkiness with old-fashioned charm, incorporating her interests in art and pop culture while still being utterly romantic.

Melia Dicker
Melia’s husband Darren proposed at their favorite Italian restaurant on their second dating anniversary, pairing the famous tiramisu with a ring.

Gillian Burgess
Gillian’s husband Brian proposed in the middle of a starry field in Virginia, spelling out “WILL YOU MARRY ME” in candle-lit lanterns.

Sarah Tahami
Sarah’s dream proposal would take place somewhere intimate, making the moment special, such as on a beach at sunset after a romantic walk.

Bianca Beudeker
Since Bianca is happiest when traveling her husband-to-be would incorporate a new and exciting culture when popping the question!

Kristen Clark
Since Christmas has always been Kirsten’s favorite time of year, the perfect proposal might take place at night when they are bundled up under all the lights.

About Jonathan Krywicki
Jonathan Krywicki is the go-to man before you pop that multi-million dollar question: “Will you marry me?”
The Melbourne local, who is often referred to as the “I Do Guy”, specializes in helping the high-income but time-poor man achieve success with the project of a lifetime - their marriage proposal.

Inspired by the continuing buzz generated by his marriage proposal to now wife Karyn, Jonathan launched Pitch & Woo in 2013, a boutique business dedicated to helping male clients create pitch-perfect fairytale proposals that literally leave their loved one speechless.

Pitch & Woo’s vision is to transform the market by helping men create a unique, unforgettable and mind-blowing marriage proposal.

Helping people, solving problems and creating joy through the ‘gift of surprise’ have been common themes in Jonathan’s life. As a child, he loved performing magic by using the art of illusion. He also has a naturally vivid imagination and penchant for visualizing the elaborate stories which has continued into later life - also spilling over into his professional career.

For the past 10 years, he has worked at a technology solutions company creating a variety of large-scale, customized technology experiences for clients building their multi-million dollar dream homes.

Drawing from his expertise in high-end tech experiences as well as in magic and the art of illusion, Jonathan is well-equipped to create awe-inspiring proposals.

A hopeless romantic, Jonathan has a bachelor’s degree in IT and a master’s in Entrepreneurship of Innovation. He has worked in a number of exciting technology start-ups, generally taking on the role of strategy and the big-picture thinker ideas man.

He is also the author of ‘The 7 Biggest Mistakes Men make when Proposing’ and regularly writes blogs on how to plan the perfect proposal.

After recently completing the ‘Key Person of Influence’ business incubator program (where entrepreneurs are mentored by top Australian thought leaders), Jonathan has grand plans to take Pitch & Woo to the international market.
WHAT IS A TRIO SET?

A TRIO WEDDING RING SET CONTAINS THE THREE MATCHING RINGS YOU NEED FOR WEDDING

WHY COUPLES LOVE TRIOS

AFFORDABLE Buying rings together saves you more than buying individually!

MATCHING Because a wedding band shows you’re married, but a matching wedding band shows who you’re married to.

COUPLES They say the customer is always right; see what our couples have to say matching wedding band shows who you’re married to.

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BASICS OF PROPOSING
Many guys have trouble deciding when it is the right time to propose to their girlfriends. Guys get a lot of ribbing because of this, but healthy fear of commitment is not a bad thing. You want to be certain that you are getting married for the right reasons. You want to be sure that you are choosing the right person to spend your life with. Here are some signs that it might be time for you to stop seriously browsing diamond ring sets and coming up with creative proposal ideas to make a commitment to spending a lifetime with your girlfriend.

1. You Think About Her All The Time
   If you would rather spend all of your free time with the guys, then this might be a sign that you are not passionate about spending time with your girlfriend. If you have been dating for quite some time, however, and you are still excited about hanging out with your her, then that is a good sign that your relationship has lasting passion, and you might be ready to propose.

2. You Like To Talk To Your Girlfriend
   If you are equally excited about going to the big game with your girlfriend as you are accompanying her to a chick flick, then you have a healthy balance in your relationship. If you are just as happy hanging out, making dinner at home, and talking with your girlfriend rather than going on an exciting date, then you are more prepared for the realities of married life, and you might be ready to propose.

3. You Can’t Imagine Life Without Her
   If the vision of your future includes your girlfriend, and you can’t imagine a world without her, then it might be time to take concrete steps towards creating that future together. If you know that she feels the same way, you may wish to start looking for the right diamond ring to make your love official in front of your family and friends.

4. You Share Values And Future Goals
   Married couples don’t always see eye-to-eye on everything. However, if you and your girlfriend share similar values and goals, then you have a much more solid foundation for a strong partnership in the future. This is especially true for more potentially controversial issues such as money, religion, and raising children. If you are on the same page for important issues, then you might be ready to propose.

5. You Have Helped Each Other Through Stressful Situations
   When you get married, you vow to be there for each other for better or for worse. If you have successfully helped each other navigate major life changes and other stressful situations, then you are more prepared to be supportive partners to each other when unexpected stress arises in your lives and in your marriage. Even doing something like taking care of a pet together or taking a trip together can help to show you whether you are compatible and supportive in stressful situations. If you are, then it could be time to propose.
The Internet has been abuzz in recent weeks about proposals — and specifically about whether to propose in public. There have been many recent proposal videos and photos that have gone viral online, and some spectators are uncertain about the whole show.

If you are ready to propose, then you are likely to be well-aware of how well your offer would be received if you decide to propose in public. But just in case you’re on the fence, here are some things for you to consider before you make arrangements with the announcer at the ball game:

**To Propose In Public Or Not**

**TO PROPOSE IN PUBLIC**

- One or both of you is shy or very private and would prefer to share a more intimate proposal with just the two of you present.
- Your spouse-to-be is likely to want to be able to look in a mirror or change their outfit before getting national media attention.
- You are not 100% sure what your significant other’s response might be to your proposal, and you don’t want an audience if the answer is maybe.

**Reasons Not To Propose In Public**

1. You are certain that your spouse-to-be would love a very memorable and very public marriage proposal, especially something that will celebrate something you have in common, such as a love of a certain sports team or band.
2. You first met in a public location, and you would like to revisit that spot to propose for sentimental reasons.
3. You are both very people-oriented, and the moment you present a diamond cluster engagement ring doesn’t need to be private. In fact, it might be even more exciting to have other people around.

**Reasons To Propose In Public**

**DIAMOND FACTS**
When buying a diamond, it’s important to know the 4 C’s of diamond classification. The 4 C’s are: cut, color, clarity, and carat weight. Together, the 4 C’s determine a diamond’s value. It is essential to learn about each of the 4 C’s before purchasing a diamond because each C speaks differently to every individual. For some, the carat weight is the most important while for others it may be the cut.

**CUT**

To many, cut is the most important of the 4 C’s. Each diamond is cut using an exact mathematical formula to unleash its maximum brilliance and ‘fire’. The cut can also refer to the number of facets, or flat faces that the diamond has. The most common cut is the round brilliant. The round brilliant has 58 flat, polished facets that reflect the maximum amount of light. The mathematical formula also takes into account the depth of the cut. If a diamond is cut too shallow or too deep it will lose some of its fire. A well-cut diamond will reflect the light and refract it back to your eye. Cut is not to be confused with shape.

**COLOR**

While diamonds come in every color of the spectrum, the most valuable diamond color is colorless. Truly colorless diamonds are extremely rare and as a result are expensive. They are graded on a color scale established by the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). Diamonds range from D (colorless) to Z. The further down in the alphabet the diamond is, the more yellow it appears. Color can best be determined by looking at a loose diamond on a pure white surface, and by noting its contrast.

**CLARITY**

Internal imperfections and external irregularities affect the clarity of the diamond by interfering with the passage of light throughout the stone. Imperfections such as spots, lines, or bubbles are known as inclusions. The diamond is more valuable when it has fewer inclusions. According to the GIA’s quality analysis system, clarity is graded on a scale ranging from flawless (FL or IF) to imperfect (I). The system is based on the visibility of inclusions at a magnification of 10x.

**CARAT**

Some people believe that carat refers to the size of a diamond while in actuality, carat is the term used to measure a diamond’s physical weight. A carat is equal to 200 milligrams, and there are 142 carats to an ounce. One carat is made up of 100 points. The larger the diamond, the greater its rarity. Because larger diamonds are more rare, they generally have a greater value per carat.

While these are the 4 most recognized C’s, a fifth and less recognized, yet equally important C is not covered here.

The fifth C is **Confidence**. Confidence in your jeweler is extremely important when buying this piece of jewelry that will last forever, and be passed down among generations. It is important to shop at a professional jeweler, one that is a member of a professional trade association such as Jewelers of America (JA). JA requires high ethical standards of its members and provides them with ongoing education.

**LEARN MORE**
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**Classic and Traditional**

These are the diamond engagement rings you’ll often see described as “timeless” – and for good reason. The ultimate traditional ring is a slender band with a single round solitaire diamond. This type of ring will never go out of style. But just because these rings are considered classic doesn’t mean they can’t have a little flair! If you want to mix things up, try a Princess cut diamond or even a three-stone ring. Both of these styles give you a little more oomph but still maintain that classic elegance.

**Diamond Cut Shapes**

Diamons are cut and polished into many different shapes and sizes. As you consider which ring to purchase, have a look at the diamond shapes it includes as well — each one has its own unique look. Many women focus on choosing a diamond ring that flatters the shape and length of their fingers.

**Round Brilliant Cut Diamonds**

The Round Brilliant is the most popular diamond shape. It is mathematically designed to provide maximum scintillation, beauty and ‘fire’ in the diamond. It has 58 facets, and follows the natural shape of rough diamond crystals. The Round Brilliant shape is a timeless classic that will never go out of style.

**Princess Cut Diamonds**

A Princess cut diamond is shaped like an upside-down pyramid, with a square base. The shape creates a bigger top facet and accentuates the natural ‘fire’ of a diamond. It has recently grown in popularity as an alternative to the traditional Round Brilliant cut. We use finely crafted Princess cut diamonds in the center of many of our engagement rings to create a big and continuous sparkling center-piece.

**Baguette Cut Diamonds**

The Baguette shape, named after the French bread, has a long rectangular shape. The Baguette shape accentuates the diamond’s natural luster and is well-suited to accompany other differently shaped diamonds. It is rarely made in larger sizes, but works well to complement other bigger diamonds used in a design.

**What’s Her Bridal Ring Set Style?**

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If simple is just not your style, you might try looking for a bridal ring set with more bling and sparkle. After all, you only (hopefully!) get to choose these rings once. Why not go all out? Glamorous rings are those that are going to stop passers-by dead in their tracks from the glare off all your diamonds. The best thing about these captivating rings is that they aren’t confined to any one type of ring. Look at this princess solitaire ring. It resembles a classic style, but the 1 1/5 CT. diamond along with the accent beads and diamonds put it over the top!

Don’t want anything too flashy? Do you not care very much about the look or size of your ring? If this is the case, you might lean towards an understated ring style. It’s possible you may even think of the ring simply as a symbol of your commitment to each other and believe it doesn’t need to be over the top to be an expression of your love. Instead of a traditional engagement ring, you could just opt to wear a simple wedding band. Or, if you wanted just the tiniest bit of sparkle, you might look at something like this simple but beautiful 1/10 CT. diamond engagement ring.

Maybe you’ve always been obsessed with trends and styles from the past. Vintage rings are a trend right now, but like traditional rings, they never seem to go out of style. These rings tend to have beautifully crafted, intricate details that distinguish them from other bridal ring sets. One popular trend for this season, halo diamond engagement rings, is actually a vintage styling since it’s reminiscent of rings from the past.
**Tips from PITCH & WOO**

**TIP:**

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Imagine proposing on the top of the world...that's what it would feel like if you decide to propose to your loved one on top of a glacier. You and your sweetheart can take a plane up to the glacier. Make sure you talk to the pilot and tell him/her your plans so he/she is prepared to snap a picture!

One of the best ways to see what Alaska has to offer is through the first-class Alaska Railroad. You and the love of your life will be treated to magnificent views of mountains, waterfalls, rivers, forests, and more. It’ll be near impossible for your partner to turn down a proposal against these spectacular views, especially if you have a sparkling diamond cluster ring on hand.

This area, which is 22 miles east of Ketchikan, has been described as “The Grand Canyon of the North.” It is a protected area of untouched sea cliffs, ocean inlets, rain-forests, wildlife and more! This awe-inspiring stretch of land and sea is one of the best places to propose. You can take a float plane to see the area, or if you’re a more adventurous couple, you could explore the area via kayak.

If you want to see Alaska by sea, you should definitely consider taking an Alaskan cruise. A cruise also offers a variety of options when it comes to proposing. You can get suggestions from your cruise director. Or you could propose one night on the boat under the stars with a bottle of wine. Sounds romantic, doesn’t it?

There’s no denying it: Alaska is breathtakingly beautiful. There’s no shortage of scenic views, no matter if you’re there to see mountains, glaciers or the ocean. A big vacation is the perfect way to hide an upcoming proposal, so grab your loved one and head for the biggest state in America — but only after I tell you the best places to propose there.
Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor is a great city brimming with eclectic, artistic culture. It’s home to numerous museums — from art and archaeology to science and natural history, as well as many performance arts groups and theatres. When you’re around town, you may even spot an adorable art installation — there are seven tiny fairy doors hidden downtown.

Michigan Theatre

Some people have proposed via the Michigan Theatre’s marquee letters. While that sort of attention may not be right for every proposal, the Michigan Theatre truly is full of charm and beauty. It has the flavor of a classic theater, with live organ music that plays before the film rolls. It also hosts live entertainment and shows for the whole family. For a little Hollywood glamour in your proposal, there’s no place classier than the Michigan Theatre.

MATTHEI BOTANICAL GARDENS & NICHOLS ARBORETUM

What better time to pop the question than when surrounded by a glorious arrangement of natural beauty? This 300-acre public garden is full of displays, natural trails and breathtaking sights that make for the perfect romantic backdrop. You can find a secluded spot surrounded by a sea of flowers or by the water’s edge.

ON THE RIO GRANDE

Though the Rio Grande also offers the wild ride of river rafting, a leisurely and serene paddle down the stunning Rio Grande River on a kayak or canoe may be more your speed on the day you plan to pop the question. Quel Waters Paddling Adventures was voted Sunset Magazine’s #1 Outdoor Day Trip in the Albuquerque area, so it’s sure to be an amazing ride. Gear up and get ready for the first day of the rest of your life!

ON TOP OF A MOUNTAIN

Enjoy the ride up on the Sandia Peak Tramway to reach the 10,378 foot Sandia Peak that overlooks beautiful New Mexico and the Rio grande River. Once there, soak in a dramatic and awe-inspiring desert sunset and an amazing panoramic view of 11,000-square miles. You can even share a two-mile high meal together at High Finance restaurant to admire the view with food and wine. You and your love will truly feel on top of the world once you are newly engaged!

In A HOT AIR BALLOON

Get your head in the clouds in the Hot Air Ballooning Capital of the World! Rainbow Ryders offers sunset rides complete with champagne, and you can get engaged miles above the ground. It doesn’t get more memorable than that!

At A WINERY

The Casa Rodena Winery is a beautiful retreat in Albuquerque that offers everyone from wine novices to wine connoisseurs a taste of the good life. Romance abounds as you sip wine with your love on the pond of the winery. Celebrate your engagement with an award-winning wine tasting experience that is sure to be unforgettable.

Which ring will you choose?

Albuquerque

At the center of New Mexico, or “the Land of Enchantment,” Albuquerque is truly on another level as the highest metropolitan city in the United States. With a rich and colorful history and many unique attractions, Albuquerque has something wonderful to offer for everyone. Here’s a snapshot of some perfect places to ask the most important question of your life: “Will you marry me?”

ON THE RIO GRANDE

Though the Rio Grande also offers the wild ride of river rafting, a leisurely and serene paddle down the stunning Rio Grande River on a kayak or canoe may be more your speed on the day you plan to pop the question. Quel Waters Paddling Adventures was voted Sunset Magazine’s #1 Outdoor Day Trip in the Albuquerque area, so it’s sure to be an amazing ride. Gear up and get ready for the first day of the rest of your life!

ON TOP OF A MOUNTAIN

Enjoy the ride up on the Sandia Peak Tramway to reach the 10,378 foot Sandia Peak that overlooks beautiful New Mexico and the Rio grande River. Once there, soak in a dramatic and awe-inspiring desert sunset and an amazing panoramic view of 11,000-square miles. You can even share a two-mile high meal together at High Finance restaurant to admire the view with food and wine. You and your love will truly feel on top of the world once you are newly engaged!

In A HOT AIR BALLOON

Get your head in the clouds in the Hot Air Ballooning Capital of the World! Rainbow Ryders offers sunset rides complete with champagne, and you can get engaged miles above the ground. It doesn’t get more memorable than that!

At A WINERY

The Casa Rodena Winery is a beautiful retreat in Albuquerque that offers everyone from wine novices to wine connoisseurs a taste of the good life. Romance abounds as you sip wine with your love on the pond of the winery. Celebrate your engagement with an award-winning wine tasting experience that is sure to be unforgettable.

Which ring will you choose?
Asheville, North Carolina

Known for its mountainous beauty, great food, and thriving art scene, Asheville is a perfect location for a proposal. You’ll be able to enjoy nature by taking a relaxing hike or admiring the lovely spring blossoms, then having dinner and drinks at a cosmopolitan restaurant. Asheville has a young vibe like Portland or Austin that makes for great nightlife. Here are a few of the best places to propose:

In the Great Outdoors Chimney Rock
One of the best known destinations in Asheville is Chimney Rock, located in Chimney Rock State Park. The monolith is 535 million years old, and you can stand atop it and enjoy views that span 75 miles. At sunset, you’ll be able to see Hickory Nut Gorge glow, and this is the perfect place for you to pop the question. There are plenty of hikes in the park that are suitable for different skill levels. The Hickory Nut Falls trail leads to a 404-foot waterfall, which appears in The Last of the Mohicans, and it might be the perfect place for you to pop the question to your sweetheart. Here are a few of the great places to propose in Asheville, Texas:

Lake Arlington
Nicknamed the “Miracle Lake” after its completion in 1957, Lake Arlington is a man-made lake found in the Arlington Heights Park District. With numerous outdoor activities such as fishing, boating and picnicking, Lake Arlington acts as a beautiful backdrop for romance on the water. Why not rent a sailboat and take your partner out to ask the question of a lifetime?

River Legacy Park
With woodlands and prairies spanning 1,300 acres against the backdrop of the beautiful Trinity River, River Legacy Park is a retreat from the hustle and bustle of urban life. Offering hiking and biking trails, picnic areas, river overlooks and plenty of wildlife, you are bound to find a dreamy spot to spend an afternoon with your sweetheart. After a romantic picnic with stunning views, your special someone is sure to say “yes!” when you get on one knee.

Six Flags Over Texas
Looking for a thrill? The first Six Flags in the U.S. Six Flags over Texas delivers fun and adventure to all who visit. The 212-acre theme park contains many scream-inducing roller coasters with fabulous views from the top. Your Six Flags visit does not have to involve an adrenaline rush, though. Choose the proposal spot that best suits you as a couple—whether with 45 unique rides, live entertainment, dining and shopping, you’ll be sure to make memories that will be cherished for a lifetime.

Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts
It is hard to beat the combination of live music and star gazing, and that is exactly what you’ll find at Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts. Levitt Pavilion is an outdoor amphitheater in Downtown Arlington that hosts 50 free concerts a year, ranging from little-known groups to Grammy award-winning artists. With such variety, you are sure to catch a group that sings your tune. Surprise your sweetheart with a romantic concert under the stars and a beautiful, affordable diamond engagement ring!

If you are looking for Texas charm, romance and even a little adventure, look no farther than Arlington, Texas. Located between the larger cities of Houston and Dallas, Arlington offers many fantastic activities with no shortage of Texas charisma, and it might be the perfect place for you to pop the question to your sweetheart. Here are a few of the best places to propose:
Atlanta, Georgia, blends big-city culture with relaxed Southern charm. Here are three types of Atlanta proposal ideas for you to consider:

**An Elegant Restaurant**
During dinner, excuse yourself and secretly slip the diamond cluster ring to your waiter, with a request to bring it out with dessert or champagne. If there’s a live band, approach during a break and request that the band play a song that means something to you and your sweetie. Here are a couple of the most romantic restaurants in Atlanta:

**Bacchanalia** is consistently rated as one of the Top 10 restaurants in Atlanta and has been number one in the Zagat guide since 1996. It’s also often mentioned as one of the best places to propose. Relax into the cushy banquettes and enjoy the classy ambience, the friendly waitstaff, and the creative menu (with the chef sending out several small bites called “gifts” throughout the meal).

**Set atop the Westin Peachtree Plaza,** the **Sun Dial Restaurant and Bar** rises 73 stories above the city and rotates, offering breathtaking 360-degree views. The top floor revolves completely every half hour, the bottom floor every hour.

**A Center of Culture**
If your bride-to-be loves to see a show, romance her at the theatre or the symphony. Propose at dinner before the show, or during an evening walk afterward, while you’re both enraptured by the magic of the stage.

BilMoorE eStAte
If your lady is a romantic at heart, the Biltmore Estate is one of the best places to propose. It is America’s largest home and looks like a fairytale castle. Pack a picnic and either drive or bike past the house and gardens, towards the winery. You’ll find a spot secluded enough to share your life-changing moment together. Between late March and late May, the Festival of Flowers takes place in Biltmore’s gardens. The tulips, parncies, azaleas, and other flowers will take your breath away.

**AN ELEGANT RESTAURANT**
Horizons
Eating at Horizons at Grove Park Inn is a splurge, but one that you’ll find well worthwhile. The piano music, extensive wine list, and gorgeous view of Appalachia sets the scene for romance, especially if you dine at sunset. Attire is formal, and a jacket is required. Enjoy classic dishes such as lobster bisque – which is famously delicious at Horizons – as well as tawny port ossobuco, and other foods. This will be a meal that neither of you will ever forget.

**Zamba Wine Tapas and Cuisine**
What could be more romantic than tapas and wine? Zamba Wine Tapas and Cuisine is full of ambience with its soft lighting and Spanish decor. Zamba offers both traditional Spanish tapas, such as patatas bravas, and a modern twist on tapas, such as pomegranate braised pork spring rolls. Some say that this restaurant serves the best food in town. Enjoy jazz later in the evening, and celebrate the next chapter of your relationship with a toast.

**A Peaceful Park**
Take a walk hand-in-hand through the 33-acre Atlanta Botanical Garden and admire the beauty of the rare plants and flowers. You’ll take your lady’s breath away when you present a glittering diamond ring against such a gorgeous, natural backdrop. The 10,000-square-foot Fassb Orched Center is especially romantic. Plan a picnic at Centennial Olympic Park and surprise her with strawberries, champagne, and a sweet proposal. Or, if she’s the adventurous type, playfully grab her hand and run through the Fountain of Rings. It’s the largest interactive fountain in the world and is tiled in the shape of Olympic rings. Once you two are lightly soaked and laughing, get down on one knee in the middle of one of the rings and ask for her hand.

Which ring will you choose?
Believe it or not, some women actually fantasize over their ultimate marriage proposal. They’ve mentally mapped out how it will take place, where it will take place and exactly how the moment will feel. On the other hand, some women don’t want you to make such an event or spectacle of it, rather they hope you would be a little more ‘random’ and simply propose in the moment.

At the end of the day, there is no right or wrong way to propose. Your all-important mission is to get a complete picture of what your partner’s perfect proposal would be and conjure something up that perfectly meets or completely exceeds her expectations. The key here is to research and really understand your partner. In this video we go behind the scenes and look how to better understand our partners expectations.

Some of the areas to consider when thinking through your partners expectations are:

- To propose as part of a romantic weekend away or holiday?
- Do you propose on a date of significance? i.e. an anniversary or other special date?
- Is she a public or private person? This can really set the tone for how you plan your proposal!
- Would she want an extravagant series of events or something more low key?
Austin, Texas, is proud of its mantra, “Keep Austin Weird.” The city, which is full of hipsters, bicyclists, music, and good food, is bubbling with friendly Southern charm but is otherwise more like Portland, Oregon, than the rest of the state. You’ll also find plenty of romantic places in Austin to set the stage for your proposal! Austin offers so many different types of experiences that you’re sure to find one that suits your lady’s personality.

If you want to plan a romantic proposal in a beautiful, beachy location but don’t have the budget or time to jet off to Hawaii or St. Thomas, then Baja, California is a close and affordable option. The Baja California Peninsula extends from Mexicali in the north to Cabo San Lucas in the south and offers a diverse landscape of rustic fishing villages, colonial towns, vineyards, touristy resorts and nightclubs and gorgeous beaches for surfing and swimming. You can hop a direct flight from many US cities and arrive in the Cabo San Lucas Airport within a few hours. Wondering where to propose? Skip the party town of Cabo San Lucas and head for its more mellow, artsy twin, San José del Cabo. You can even go an hour north to stay at a peaceful hacienda in Todos Santos, a mellow, artsy twin, San José del Cabo. You can even go an hour north to stay at a peaceful hacienda in Todos Santos.

**PROPOSE IN AN UPScale AUStIN RESTAURANT**

Chez Nous
What could be more romantic than a leisurely dinner of delicious French food? Chez Nous will set the scene for your proposal with its shabby chic decor and high quality fare. Consider the Menu du Jour, which provides a wonderful overview of the restaurant’s offerings for under $30 per person. Be sure to order dessert, because sweets like mousse, profiteroles, and crepes are decadently delicious. Chez Nous will set the scene for your proposal! Austin offers so many different types of experiences that you’re sure to find one that suits your lady’s personality.

**PROPOSE OUTDOORS IN AUStIN**

Mayfield Park
If your sweetie is a nature lover, a stroll in Mayfield Park is sure to charm her. Peacocks roam the well-maintained gardens, and several short hiking trails lead to the waterfront of Lake Austin. Admire the wildflowers and small ponds full of water lilies that create an idyllic setting. Bring a picnic and open some champagne right before you pop the question!

Mount Bonnell
Mount Bonnell is considered the highest point in the city, peaking at around 775 feet. If you can make it to the top, admire the magnificent views of Lake Austin. You might even glimpse the downtown area if you hike on a clear day. Watch the sunset with your lady from the pavilion at the top. It’s the perfect place to pop the question and gather how much she means to you!

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is one of the most romantic places in Austin. It was founded by Lady Bird Johnson, former First Lady, and actress Helen Hayes to preserve America’s natural landscapes and native plants. With colorful butterflies and flowers all around you, it feels magical. Meander through the walking trails and sit on a bench admiring the scenery. Some visitors object to the $9 per person entrance fee, but this is a small price to pay for a proposal neither of you will forget!

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**SURF’S UP**

Rent a private room at Pescadero Surf Camp in Todos Santos, and spend your days falling asleep to the sound of crashing waves. Get private surf lessons and relax by the pool during your downtime. The beach is good for any level — beginner, intermediate and advanced — and you can rent all the equipment you need to get started. Plan your proposal for a time of day when the beach is tranquil and you are relaxed after a day of sunning and surfing — first thing in the morning or right as the sun is setting.

**COOKING UP A STORM**

Nothing spells romance like a home-cooked meal. Sign up for a private cooking class at Huerta Los Tamarindos and have a picnic at San José Del Cabo, and you will visit the Los Tamarindos organic farm to gather ingredients, learn about each recipe, then prepare a multi-course lunch with the chef. Pair it with delicious food you have selected and cooked, then make dessert at course extra special by proposing with a diamond ring.

**PROPOSE IN THE LOwIsTAtIONs**

Austin, Texas
Chez Nous has a reputation for its romantic ambience and spectacular food. The owners are a married couple from Austin and Germany, and they serve up classic European dishes with a modern touch. Local, seasonal, and organic ingredients are a priority, and the food is delightful fresh. Choose from an extensive wine list and raise your glass to your bride-to-be.

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Baltimore is a gorgeous city that is only a short distance from Washington, D.C., and it offers many unique places to propose. If you are ready to propose, then here are a few ideas to get your wheels turning.

ON THE WATER
One of the things that makes Baltimore stand out is its abundance of waterfront properties. If you are ready to propose in a romantic location, then finding a likely place by the water is a good start. Baltimore’s Inner Harbor offers a wide variety of shops and restaurants, outdoor entertainment, places to walk around, and even an old-fashioned carousel. Another option is proposing on a boat in the harbor, such as a harbor cruise and even an old-fashioned carousel. For more privacy, consider renting a paddleboat and proposing out on the open water in a boat made for two.

AT THE PARK
Baltimore’s oldest park is Patterson Park, a large nineteenth century park. Patterson Park, and it does involve a rather steep hike to the top of the hill, but the views of the harbor and the city are hard to beat.

OVER DINNER
Like many big cities, Baltimore offers a wide variety of dining options, from its Little Italy to an abundance of fresh seafood restaurants. One romantic dining destination is Tapas Adela, located in the Fell’s Point neighborhood along the water. Tapas Adela offers elegant indoor seating as well as outdoor tables perfect for people-watching and breathing in the harbor breezes. A meal of fresh and innovative Spanish tapas dishes offers ample opportunity for talking, sipping wine, and lingering — a recipe for a perfect, romantic proposal.

LSU TIGER STADIUM
If you’re a sports fan in Baton Rouge, the LSU Tiger Stadium is likely near and dear to your heart. A public proposal where exuberant fans gather to cheer on their favorite SEC team in a stadium that inspires awe as one of the top ten in the world is just the ticket for sports fans. If baseball is more your taste, Baton Rouge is home to the impressive Alex Box Stadium. Both make for great places to propose for any sports enthusiast.

AFTON VILLA GARDENS
Looking to propose with that beautiful engagement ring while surrounded by nature? Afton Villa Gardens offers stunning, hauntingly beautiful scenery to complement any intimate moment. The villa itself was destroyed in 1963 by fire, leaving only the gardens behind to tell over 100 years of history. The gardens offer a contemporary art gallery, traveling exhibits, a park and even a sushi restaurant on the roof.

TSUNAMI
The sushi restaurant on top of the Shaw Center for the Arts deserves a mention of its own. Tsunami offers a stunningly romantic view of the Mississippi River at sunset, and it won the top spot for Baton Rouge’s Best Place for a Hot Date. The clean, modern styling of Tsunami combined with a great view and tasty sushi makes for a perfect place to pop the question.

Which ring will you choose?

LSU MUSEUM OF ART

When it comes to Louisiana, New Orleans tends to get the spotlight. One of the state’s great gems — and its capital — is often overlooked. Baton Rouge, Louisiana is the second-largest city, sits on the bank of the Mississippi River. This college city is rich in cultural heritage from French and Creole roots to sizable modern Hispanic and Vietnamese populations.

If you’re looking for a place to propose downtown (or just really want to catch a great game celebration), Baton Rouge is hard to beat.
Idaho is buzzing with natural beauty, from the sandy beaches of the sunny Boise River, the rugged Boise National Forest, and many other places to escape the city. With five city parks, Boise is beautiful for all tastes. Each season of the year offers a different experience: springtime with blossoms and perennials, sculptures and fountains...this garden has something for everyone. In the spring, see the new blossoms, in the summer, enjoy an outdoor concert at the bandshell, and in the fall, marvel at the changing colors, and around the holidays, you must see the Winter Garden aGlow! The gardens are decorated with 270,000 lights that sparkle throughout December.

AT A ROMANTIC BOISE HIDEAWAY

Anniversary Inn

The Anniversary Inn caters to couples who are looking for a quiet and intimate retreat. Each room is decorated in an elegant, modern theme. The outdoor area features a hot tub, a gazebo, and a fire pit perfect for stargazing. Breakfast is included in the price, and the inn offers a romantic dinner package for those looking to celebrate.

Boise River Greenbelt

Boise’s 10-mile riverfront trail winds right through the city—some residents even use it for their commute by bike or on foot! Both sides of the river are accessible, so take a long walk together or enjoy a leisurely bike ride on the Boise River Greenbelt. This 25-mile path runs right through the city—some residents even use it for their commute by bike or on foot! Both sides of the river are accessible, so take a long walk together or enjoy a leisurely bike ride on the Boise River Greenbelt.

Boise Hillside Suites

Boise Hillside Suites combine comfort, beautiful scenery, and convenience, and you’ll love having one of these charming old-world apartments as your home away from home. Each suite comes with its own balcony and fireplace, and some have balconies with fantastic views of the city. The spacious one-bedroom suites are perfect for a romantic getaway, offering a private bathtub, a wood-burning fireplace, and, of course, a diamond cluster ring!

Treasure Island Suite

Located on the deck of a ship! Treasure Island Suite, where your bed is on the deck of a ship! The Presidential Suite has a four-poster bed, marble columns, and a fireplace for those cold winter nights. The Hollywood Suite features a movie-themed décor with dishes that are as gorgeous as they are delicious. You may even help you come up with a few romantic restaurant ideas for your sweetie, give her the only thing that can compete with the view: a sparkling diamond ring!

The Presidential Suite

The Presidential Suite is perfect for a staycation in style. This 25-suite boutique hotel sits right between the city and all it has to offer. The Skywalk Observatory offers breathtaking views of Boston. You get a 360-degree bird’s eye view of major landmarks that include Fenway Park, Harvard University, and Boston Harbor. Take the audio tour to learn about the history of the 19th-century Wharf and all it has to offer. Before you reach the Wharf, you look out on Boston skylines with views that include the warm bread served at the table to start your meal to remember at this charming old-world restaurant. Enjoy a traditional Italian dinner of pasta or rabbit with a bottle of Chianti. Once your bride-to-be is contentedly full, make her night even better by presenting her with a diamond cluster ring!
Fall is a beautiful time of year in New England. The vibrant colors of the changing leaves draw visitors from around the country, the air is crisp as the summer heat fades, and football fans in the area begin flocking to Gillette Stadium to cheer on their beloved Patriots. If you’re ready to propose to your sweetheart, give her a moment to remember by popping the question at the home of your favorite team!

Here’s how to propose at Gillette Stadium:

1. Visit the Patriots Name in Lights website to get the basic information on a video board proposal. Your proposal message will appear on the HD video boards in each end zone during the first timeout of the third quarter, which is typically the first ten minutes after halftime.

2. Submit your message through the Name in Lights website, up to 52 characters and spaces. Put some time into writing a romantic message that will grab the attention of the bride-to-be! When your message appears on the video board, the official Patriots photographer will snap a picture of it, and you’ll receive a copy as a souvenir.

3. Fill in your personal details (address, etc.) and submit your credit card payment through the website. Your $200 payment is a tax-deductible donation to the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation. The Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in New England and supports thousands of nonprofit organizations in the area, so you can feel good knowing that your proposal will help your community!

If you would like to propose at Fenway Park, it is a pretty easy process. You don’t even need to have the mangement ring in hand! According to the Sox website, “Scoreboard message orders should be placed at least 1 day prior to the game date requested. Due to high demand and limited space, however, many games fill up well before this deadline. Accordingly, fans are encouraged to place their order well in advance of the game date on which they would like their message to appear.” Basically, the more advanced notice you can give, the more likely that the proposal message can be inserted into the lineup on the date of your choice.

For a more basic proposal package, there is a minimum donation of $250 if you choose to propose at Fenway Park on the big screen. This donation goes to the Red Sox Charitable Foundation that benefits children in need. You can also choose a $350 proposal package that includes the scoreboard message, a video board message, and a visit from the team mascot. If funds are tight, nobody is going to stop you from getting down on one knee somewhere in the stadium. If you want a memorable proposal for your sports fan, then propose at Fenway Park. When you get home from the game, make sure to pick out matching engagement and wedding trio ring sets together like thousands of other couples!

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TIP: Create a unique moment that will leave her speechless

Coming up with the brilliant idea is the step most men get stuck at. Often the first thing they do is go online and search for the top 10 ways to propose, best places to propose and most romantic proposals. Researching ideas is fine, but it’s crucial to do something personal, unique and unforgettable to leave your partner speechless. For inspiration, recall the special moments you’ve shared during your relationship. In order to do this there are a few easy steps you should follow: Our top tips here are to come up with a personalized theme and commit to creating something remarkable.
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**Brooklyn & The Bronx, New York**

Whether you are on the West Coast, the East Coast, or somewhere in the middle, the best places to propose are not necessarily the places that are the most expensive or picturesque. The My Trio Rings Best Places to Propose series continues this week with a peek into Brooklyn and the Bronx, with a little bit of a walk on the wild side.

If you live in or around New York City, you have a wealth of fine dining and amazing culture right at your fingertips. But not everyone needs to get engaged during high tea at the Plaza Hotel. If you’re hoping to propose on a budget in boroughs such as Brooklyn or the Bronx, you may wish to consider a few less traditionally romantic places for a unique and memorable proposal.

**The New York Botanical Garden**

For the last 120 years, the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx has been one of New York’s most beautiful places. Plan a walking tour through different gardens and exhibitions using the NYBG app, then propose in the fragrant Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden or one of the four colorful “rooms” of the Perennial Garden.

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Cape Cod, a beautiful coastal area in eastern Massachusetts known for its lovely coastline, charming towns and idyllic accommodations, is a perfect place to begin a proposal in the spring and summer months. Reserve a room at a romantic B&B, such as the Cranberry Inn in Chatham, put some bubbly on ice and find the right moment to pop the question.

**hit the trail**

If you’re not sure where to propose in Cape Cod, look no farther than the great outdoors. Cape Cod has miles of trails designed just for cycling. Rent bikes from a local shop, pick your favorite trail and hit the road, biking leisurely along the coastline, through lush wooded areas or through picturesque towns. Stop for a break at a scenic lookout point and ask her to be your wife.

**sweet music**

Start your evening at Pisces, an intimate and romantic restaurant, for an early dinner of fresh local seafood or rib-eye steak (save room for the dessert wine and the Pisces toasted almond joy sundae). After dinner, head out to one unforgettable a capella concert from the group Hyannis Sound (formed each summer by a group of some of the most talented college a capella singers in the country). Once you get back to your room after a wonderful evening and it’s just the two of you again, propose with a gorgeous diamond engagement ring and pop the champagne.

**Dancing in the Moonlight**

Stop back in time by spending a beautiful summer evening listening to the Chatham Band and play a free Friday night concert in Kate Gould Park. The concerts have been a Cape Cod tradition since the late 1940s, and they are scheduled every Friday at 8 p.m. from June 28 to August 30. Pack a gourmet picnic dinner, bring a blanket and dance under the stars. During a slow song, draw her close and propose with a stunning diamond engagement ring.

**Cape Cod, Massachusetts**

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Views that will take your breath away, pristine beaches, and world-class accommodations. For these reasons, the Central Coast of California is a top destination for those who are ready to propose. From Monterey Bay to Point Conception, you’ll find a number of little beach towns well known for their beauty and charm. Make sure to bring your camera as you drive along Highway 1 and capture the rugged natural beauty! Here are a few of the best places to propose on the Central Coast of California.

**SANTA BARBARA**

If you’re taking a romantic getaway with your lady, there’s no better place to stay than the Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara. The mild climate and breathtaking views of Santa Barbara have earned it the nickname “the American Riviera.” The Spanish style resort will encourage you to relax and enjoy ocean views and watch the sea lions playing under the pier. Surprise her with a diamond cluster ring and watch it sparkle in the California sun!

**Big Sur**

Big Sur is truly one of the most beautiful places on earth. Its rugged cliffs lead straight down to turquoise waves and sun-baked beaches. You’ll find plenty of places between Carmel and San Simeon to pull off the road and admire the view, or take a walk on Pfeiffer Beach and get down on one knee in the sand as you present your sweetheart with a diamond cluster ring. Afterward, splurge on a celebratory dinner at the Sierra Mar restaurant at the Post Ranch Inn.

**SANTA CRUZ**

The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is a great spot for a memorable date, an amusement park with an actual wooden roller coaster that opened in 1924), eating funnel cakes and hot dogs, and playing in the arcade. Then walk along the boardwalk to the Santa Cruz Wharf to enjoy ocean views and watch the sea lions playing under the pier. Surprise her with a diamond cluster ring and watch it sparkle in the California sun!

**MonTEReY**

The 17-Mile drive runs along the Monterey Peninsula and provides stunning views of the sea and sky. Three hours to take a leisurely drive past mansions and manicured golf courses, stopping along the way to take it all in. At Pebble Beach Market, you can pick up a picnic basket filled with deli items such as meats and cheeses. Between Point Joe and Seal Rock, you’ll find the best places to eat, and you can set up your meal on a picnic table. Time your visit right, and you’ll have the sunset as your backdrop as you pop the question!
In a Quiet Outdoor Garden

White Point Gardens (or Battery Park)

One of the most picturesque destinations in Charleston is White Point Garden. Enjoy 360-degree views of the two rivers (the Ashley and Cooper Rivers) and their bridges, as well as the beautiful old buildings in town. The wooden swings at Charleston Waterfront Park are the perfect spot to take your lady’s hand as the sun sets, share a heartfelt proposal, and slide a diamond cluster ring onto her finger!

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The gardens include the Canal Garden or the Orchid Conservatory. Particularly romantic gardens include the Garden of Magnolias, the Garden of Camellias, and many more wills flowers. Delight year-round, and springtime is when the gardens reach their peak.

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IN A BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR SETTING
One of the most popular spots in the city is Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park. The fountain is up at night, so breathtaking. Lincoln Park has many lovely spots for those who are ready to propose. Lincoln Park Zoo is free of charge and open 365 days per year. It features a full calendar of special events, including tours of the beautiful gardens. Take a walk to the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool or pack a picnic to enjoy at sunset by Lincoln Park Lagoon and get down on one knee in the grass. Remember to bring champagne!

OVER A ROMANTIC DINNER OR DRINKS
North Pond is a favorite for many locals and visitors in Chicago. Nestled within Lincoln Park and set beside a pond, the restaurant has a romantic view of the city skyline. The menu at North Pond sources fresh ingredients from local farmers. Sip on the seasonal tasting menu for your special occasion. There are few meals more romantic than fondue, and Gejas Cafe doesn't disappoint. Choose from the extensive wine list and enjoy dinner with live flamenco music in the background. Take her breath away with a view of the Chicago skyline at night from the Signature Lounge on the 96th floor of the John Hancock Center. You'll love the premium martinis and gourmet menu, which will complement her diamond cluster ring perfectly.

ON A LIGHT-HEARTED ADVENTURE
A boat tour of lake Michigan is a beautiful excursion by day or night. There are so many companies and routes to choose from that you're sure to find a trip that she'll love. Catch an evening comedy show at the renowned Second City, which has graduated performers including Stephen Colbert and Tina Fey. The actors are so accustomed to improvisation that they may enjoy incorporating your proposal into a skit. If you know that your lady will be thrilled by receiving a diamond cluster ring onstage before an audience, then this is the opportunity of a lifetime! If you think you might be ready to propose, take a look at our selection of diamond trio rings and see which set speaks to you!

Baseball season is your favorite time of year. And why wouldn’t it be? There’s nothing like the smell of a hot dog from a baseball stadium or thinking for even one second that you might catch a foul ball. You and your sweetheart aren’t just baseball fans, you’re also die-hard White Sox fans. So why not propose at their home field?

Which ring will you choose?

DINNER AND A GAME
U.S. Cellular Field offers a variety of dinner and a game options. The “Dinner and a Game” promotion gives you 4 VIP tickets, and you and your sweetheart (and another couple...maybe the love of your life's parents to make it even more special?) can enjoy the game from one of the field’s premier restaurants. If you want a more intimate setting, you can even choose to have dinner on the actual field (on a non-game day).
Planning

TIP: Plan carefully
Congratulations! You’ve made the decision to commit, you understand your partner’s expectations and you’ve developed your central theme and idea. Now the hard work starts. Planning is one of the most critical and time consuming parts of the proposal process. The good news is – it’s also the most fun as you can pull all the pieces together and mastermind the blueprint for your special day.

Our top tips when planning your proposal are to:
• Create and build suspense
• Create maximum impact
• Prepare for the unexpected and cover all your bases
• Really focus on the detail
• Try and focus on incorporating all the senses to help create an immersive experience
Cleveland, Ohio

This post is part of the My Trio Rings Precious Places series, which introduces you to the best places to propose marriage around the country.

When you think “Cleveland, Ohio,” what probably comes to mind first is American manufacturing, or perhaps the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. But there’s also a romantic side to Cleveland, full of restaurants and natural spaces — including a few prime spots to propose marriage.

Here are a few.

**AT A CLASSY BAR**
Stepping into The Velvet Tango Room is like traveling back through time. The sconces on the wall softly illuminate the ornate woodwork, while live jazz and black and white movies play in the background. Make sure you’re dressed to the nines, like your fellow ladies and gents will be. Order a martini or a lime fizz, which chef Michael Symon raved about on Food Network as the best thing he ever drank. As you toast to your love, your lady will be dazzled in a diamond cluster ring. The entire evening is sure to make it sparkle.

**ON GAME DAY**
Columbus is home to both the Columbus Clippers, for baseball fanatics, and the Ohio State Buckeyes, for diehard college football fans. Reserve a couple of great seats for just you and your sweetheart — or include a group of your close friends and family. If she would love a grand gesture, call the stadium to ask about displaying your proposal message on the big screen and celebrate with thousands of your closest sports fans friends. If she would prefer something more private, have a small tailgate party with her favorite people and get down on one knee with a stunning diamond engagement ring.

**AFTERNOON STROLL**
Plan an evening in Ohio City, Cleveland’s walkable artistic neighborhood, which is dedicated to creating a thriving community of local merchants. The Market Avenue Wine Bar has a funky charm, with exposed brick walls, soft lighting, and a blend of antique and modern decor. In the spring, request a seat on the patio and enjoy people-watching as you relax with a glass of wine. The servers are knowledgeable about the wine selection and can recommend food pairings (try a fruit and cheese plate or the baked brie with warm bread).

**AT AN UPLSCALE RESTAURANT**
Lola, a classy bistro owned by celebrity chef Michael Symon, has been rated by Zagat as the most popular restaurant in Cleveland. Select a bottle of wine from the extensive list (which your server will present to you on an iPad) and browse a menu full of fresh, local ingredients. If you’re ready to propose, consider spending an evening romancing your lady in Little Italy. Osteria Il Baleno & Al is full of charm, with happy guests drinking wine and dancing to Frank Sinatra tunes played by a live band.

**ON A PICNIC FOR TWO**
Pack a picnic basket of sandwiches, salads, fresh fruit and something to toast with. Location? The Edward Thomas Nature Preserve, an especially beautiful place to propose in spring when everything is in bloom. Hide the engagement ring in a box inside the picnic basket so that she will stumble upon it as you are enjoying your romantic lunch.

**AGAINT NATURAL LANDSCAPE**
There’s nothing like being surrounded by flowers and greenery to put you in a romantic mood. The Cleveland Greenhouse, which was built at the turn of the 20th century, is the perfect setting for a relaxing day with your fiancee. Explore 270 acres of outdoor gardens, spending time in the lovely Brides Garden. What better place to propose? Take your bride-to-be for a walk through the blooming perennials especially beautiful place to propose in spring when everything is in bloom. Hide the engagement ring in a box inside the picnic basket so that she will stumble upon it as you are enjoying your romantic lunch.

**ON AN AFTERNOON STROLL**
Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is an idyllic location full of natural beauty, art and local culture. It features unique nature-based exhibitions throughout the year, including the Olentangy River, the Olentangy Bike Trail stretches for 13.75 miles along the Olentangy River, winding through several city parks, neighborhoods and the middle of the Ohio State University campus, and it’s one of the loveliest places to propose in Columbus. Take a leisurely bike ride along the trail, and ask her to marry you when you stop to admire the gorgeous view.

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Columbus, Ohio's capital and biggest city, is a friendly Midwestern metropolis with an ideal environment for nature lovers and sports fans alike. Whether you are looking for place to propose in a serene setting or in a stadium packed with enthusiastic fans, you can find it in Columbus.
In A Garden

If you are looking for the best places to propose in Denver, you may not have to look any further than the Denver Botanic Gardens. With three different locations, the gardens feature a wide variety of landscapes, trails, and plants. Whether you wish to propose on an alpine trail or in a romantic fragrance garden, the Botanic Gardens are an excellent place to set the mood.

With Chocolate

Denver offers a wide variety of amazing restaurants. But for something a little different, skip the dinner date and bring an inexpensive engagement ring to Crave Dessert Bar, where you can share decadent gourmet treats such as chocolate-filled strawberries, rich red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting, or cheesecake dipped in melted chocolate. You can also enjoy a wide selection of appetizers, coffees, and adult beverages to accompany your dessert.

On The Street

Old South Pearl Street is an eclectic shopping district full of distinctive local flavor. Hold hands as you browse vintage bikes, mystery books, boutique wines, and more. Get a massage or sit down and relax at one of Pearl Street’s many delicious eateries, from Sexy Pizza to Budapest Bistro. This charming district reflects the diversity and history of Denver and offers something for everyone. If you choose Pearl Street as one of the best places to propose in Denver for you, just bring the ring along with you and pop the question when the mood strikes, whether it be over a cup of coffee or people watching on a bench.

Which ring will you choose?
El Paso, Texas

SURROUNDED BY ROSES
It’s hard to find flowers in the middle of the desert, but if you’re looking for a beautiful place to pop the question, look no further than the El Paso Municipal Rose Garden. It’s best to visit in spring, when the roses are in bloom and releasing their enchanting scent throughout the garden. Some even choose to get married here—and we can see why! Being surrounded by roses is a sure way to make your proposal wonderfully romantic.

THE DOME BAR
The Dome Bar is part of El Paso’s historic Camino Real Hotel, which was built in 1912. It’s an El Paso landmark in the middle of downtown, offering quick access to attractions in the area. The Dome Bar itself has a stunning blue, 17-piece Tiffany Dome that casts an atmosphere of timeless class. There are also live music performances on Thursdays and Fridays. Pop the question to your special someone in this elegant, historic bar.

OVER WINE AND SUSHI
El Paso’s Dragonfly Wine & Sushi Bistro deserves all of its glowing reviews. Patrons rave about the impeccable atmosphere, creative food with friendly, knowledgeable service. Propose over a dinner of delicious sushi, sashimi and great fusion Japanese cuisine.

AT AN INTIMATE WINERY
El Paso has no shortage of wineries. Here you can find Star Canyon Winery, which boasts itself as the “first and finest” of El Paso’s wine boutiques. It has a tasting room where you and your partner can sample over 26 varieties of wine, including premium and sparkling wines. Star Canyon also offers custom drawing on any wine you purchase—an ideal way to commemorate your proposal! Another winery option is Zin Valle Winery, whose patio overlooks the Franklin Mountains. Zin Valle also features the Barrel Room, an intimate space ideal for a special event.

El Paso lies far in West Texas, sitting on the Rio Grande and a stone’s throw away from Mexico. This city is one of the most popular places in the U.S. to propose—Part of the Cincinnati metropolitan area in southwestern Ohio, the historically industrial Hamilton is known as “The City of Sculpture” because it is attempting to revitalize itself through the arts.

HANOVER WINERY
An unexpected find in Hamilton is Hanover Winery, which produces more than 20 wines on site and holds wine tastings and community events on its beautiful grounds. Choose an event—such as an outdoor concert—from the schedule on the winery’s website. Bring a blanket and picnic, and pick up a bottle of wine in the tasting room. As the sun sets, present your lady with a diamond cluster ring that will sparkle with the fading rays of light.

HOLIDAY AUTO THEATRE
What could be more romantic than watching a drive-in movie with your sweetheart? Plan the perfect romantic night to come by nowadays, which will make the experience at the Holiday Auto Theatre all the more exciting. Choose a romantic film or a lighthearted comedy, something that you know she’ll enjoy. Pay a $5.00 fee to bring in your own food, or stop by the Refreshment Center and buy some popcorn and her favorite kind of candy. Cuddle up during the movie, and as the credits roll, surprise her by popping the question. When you tell the story of your engagement later, you’ll receive a lot of compliments for your creative proposal idea!

PYRAMID HILL SCULPTURE PARK & MUSEUM
This park is one of the most beautiful highlights Hamilton has to offer. When the weather is nice, take your loved one on a walk (you have 265 acres to choose from) and admire the many different sculptures that grace the landscape. A particularly unique feature of the park is the 10,000 square foot Ancient Sculpture Museum that displays Greek, Roman, Egyptian, and Etruscan sculpture. Pyramid Hill’s ultimate goal is to be the only art park in the world to represent the complete history of sculpture of mankind and it’s well on its way. Scout out the grounds in advance to find a sculpture that represents your relationship with your bride-to-be. When you come back with her by your side, present her with a diamond cluster ring and share why you chose this sculpture as your romantic backdrop.

FLUB’S DARI-ETTE
If you loved one is a kid at heart, consider this creative proposal idea: asking her hand in marriage at this old-style ice cream shop. Flub’s Dari-ette has been serving up frozen treats for more than 40 years, including soft-serve cones, sundaes, and cyclones (with delicious names like “Mike’s Chocolaty Marshmallow”). Imagine her surprise when she reaches for her order and turns around to find you on one knee!

HAMILTON OKTOBERFEST
The Oktoberfest celebration in Hamilton is more than 45 years old. It’s held by the Liberty Home Association, a German club that brings authenticity to the annual event. Enjoy the freshly made bratwurst, sauerkraut, and other German foods (make sure to bring some breath mints) and sample the liberally flowing beer. Once you surprise your lady with a diamond cluster ring, you can celebrate by sharing your news with the multi-generational paraders and dancing to live music. Prost!
WHERE TO PROPOSE IN DOWNTOWN HONOLULU

If you can, plan your proposal around First Friday Honolulu Gallery Walk in Chinatown. It’s a free, lively outdoor event on the main drag of downtown Honolulu between 5 and 9 pm on the first Friday of every month, with late night parties happening at the bars in the area. Stop by the galleries and shops and then head to dinner at one of the amazing restaurants downtown.

Many say that their dinner at Chef Mavro was the best they’ve ever had. Once you’re ready to propose, make a reservation here for an Asian Fusion/French multi-course meal your sweetheart will never forget. The attentive staff and the impeccable ambiance will complement the diamond cluster ring that will take her breath away.

After dinner, head to Indigo for drinks. The bar is known for its delicious, affordable cocktails, like lychee marinis and lemon martinis for around $4 each. Catching a show at the Comedy Club at Indigo will cap off a night that neither of you will forget.

When you’re ready to propose, pick out the perfect engagement ring at My Trio Rings! Check out the new videos that showcase our wide selection.

WHERE TO PROPOSE IN WAIKIKI

Wai‘ikī is the famous resort area located on the south shore of Honolulu. The main street, Kalakaua Avenue, is the hub of shops and restaurants. The brilliant blue waters of the Pacific and waving palm trees are as romantic a setting as you could imagine.

If your girlfriend is the outdoorsy type, she will love a proposal in Waikiki. Think about planning a hike to the top of Diamond Head crater, a well-known landmark of the island of Oahu. The hike isn’t easy, but the ocean view is completely worthwhile and provides a perfect backdrop for a proposal.

After you’ve placed the gorgeous diamond cluster ring on her finger and you’ve hiked back from Diamond Head, you’ll have worked up a strong appetite. Take her to the brunch buffet at Duke’s Waikiki to celebrate. Located right on the beach, it’s a beautiful place to toast to your future with champagne.

For dinner, an excellent choice is Roy’s, the first of Roy Yamaguchi’s famous restaurants. The steak and seafood house with Asian influences serves up signature dishes like “Roy’s Original Blackened Ahi with Spicy Hot Soy Mustard Butter Sauce.” If your mouth isn’t watering yet, just think about the chocolate molten lava cake, which you absolutely cannot miss.

Honolulu Hawaii

If you and your sweetheart are planning a trip to the Hawaiian island of Oahu and you’re ready to propose, take advantage of the opportunity to pop the question in paradise! Hawaii is known for its natural beauty and welcoming spirit of aloha. Honolulu area has plenty of fine dining options and adventurous activities, so it will be easy to romance your bride-to-be.

No matter where you propose in Honolulu, order a flower lei in advance that you can gift to your lady after you present her with the diamond cluster ring of her dreams. A local florist can recommend the best kind of flower for the occasion.

Which ring will you choose?
If you’re a bloke, chances are you like getting things done on your own. It explains why you’d rather pore over a map than ask someone for directions. It also explains why you hate going to the doctor. When it comes to planning marriage proposals, it’s the same story. Most men would never dream of getting help for one of the most important events of their life. They generally like to go it alone. This Lone Ranger mentality boils down to a couple of things. For example, you might find it unmanly or unromantic to get help orchestrating and executing the magic moment (even though your close friends, family or the good friends of your loved one would probably love to be part of it all). Or you might not have the time or ability to come up with the grand ideas.
AT AN UPSCALE RESTAURANT
Esquire has called the cozy Mockingbird Bistro “one of the best new restaurants in America.” The head chef describes the seasonally updated menu full of colorful, fresh ingredients as “country-French-meets-American.” Try the steak or scallops and order a glass of bubbly to top off the meal.

If you’re looking for magnificent views of Houston’s skyline, make a dinner reservation at The Spindletop, the only revolving rooftop restaurant in the downtown area. Enjoy complementary valet parking and ride up in the glass elevator. Take in the view as the restaurant slowly spins, watching the compass points on the windows to keep your bearings, and try the champagne pairings with the dessert menu for a decadent experience. Consider this creative proposal: ask your server to place the ring in the bottom of your champagne glass, so when you make a toast, the glint of a diamond will catch her eye.

On its website, the Lexington Grille says that it’s “the best restaurant you have NEVER heard about…and that’s just how we like it.” Expect a quiet, romantic ambience with white table linens, candlelight, and elevated American cuisine.

AT A WORLD-CLASS HOTEL
The concept suites at the elegant Hotel ZaZa set the mood for a romantic getaway: themes include “West Indies” and “Moulin Rouge.” Request that chocolate-dipped strawberries and champagne await you when you arrive. After you settle in for the night, share a meaningful toast that you’ve prepared and present her with the diamond cluster ring of her dreams.

Although the Houstonian Hotel, Club, & Spa is located within two miles from the best attractions of Houston, staying there feels like you’re tucked away in the country. Ranked by Travel & Leisure magazine as one of the world’s best hotels, the Houstonian Hotel holds 112 wooded acres visible through the floor-to-ceiling windows of the rooms. The Houstonian’s fitness club and spa are first-class and offer a wide variety of classes and treatments. If you’re up for a splurge, indulge in the Tranquility for Two spa package that includes stone therapy massages and lunch or dinner.

IN A NATURAL SETTING
The Houston Arboretum is full of opportunities to romance your sweetheart. Read through the trail descriptions and plan a day outdoors together. Consider visiting the Carol Tilton Sensory Garden, in which you can touch and smell the fragrant garden around you. On the eastern edge of the Arboretum, spend time in the meadow where you can listen for bullfrogs and songbirds and watch wildlife in its natural habitat. While you can’t picnic in the Arboretum, you can do so next door at Memorial Park. When the moment is right, kneel down on the grass and present your lady with the perfect diamond cluster ring.

Another possibility is proposing in one of the many beautiful areas of Hermann Park, on the spot that overlooks McGovern Lake, or next to the large reflection pool surrounded by oak trees. The peaceful stone paths and bridges of the Japanese Garden are romantic, as well.

Discovery Green is one of the most popular community gathering spaces in Houston. In the heart of the park, walk along the promenade and see 360-degree views of the city skyline. During the summer, you can catch live concerts on the lawn at luncheon time and after hours, or see outdoor movies on a big screen. For a creative proposal, pack a picnic and choose a film that you know she likes. Bring a bag of popcorn with the ring box nestled in the middle. Imagine her surprise when she digs in for a handful of popcorn and discovers a diamond cluster ring?

Which ring will you choose?

Houston, Texas, may not be the first place that comes to mind when you think “romantic.” Nonetheless, the city may be just the place for a creative proposal. Houston holds many natural and cultural gems, some of them just off the beaten path.
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

A ROMANTIC PROPOSAL IN THE COWBOY STATE

The charming town of Jackson Hole has a little something for everyone. It is surrounded by mountains on all sides and is located near the Snake River, so outdoor activities abound in cold and warm weather, and it offers a good variety of restaurants, inns, lodges and B&Bs.

ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Spring Creek Ranch is located a few miles outside the town of Jackson Hole and showcases spectacular views of the Grand Tetons. Reserve a cozy inn room with its own wood-burning fireplace and balcony or a more luxurious studio, suite or condominium that will make you feel right at home. If you go in winter, hit the slopes for a great day of skiing, then unwind with a long massage at the spa. Curl up in front of a roaring fire with mugs of hot cocoa, then propose with the perfect diamond engagement ring. If you go in spring or summer, schedule a private dusk wildlife safari or Grand Teton photo safari and propose with an unforgettable backdrop.

GET A TASTE OF THE ALPS

Book a stay in the Alpenhof Lodge outside Jackson Hole, and you will think you've been transported to a cozy hotel in the Alps. It is conveniently located next to the tram and ski lifts and includes a complimentary breakfast, free Wi-Fi and parking. On a chilly day, spend the afternoon relaxing in the outdoor heated pool, jacuzzi and sauna, then eat a delicious Alpine-Swiss dinner in the Alpenrose restaurant. Close the day with your romantic proposal; arrange for the staff to serve a sparkling diamond engagement ring along with the dark chocolate fondue at the end of the meal.

FLY HIGH

During the spring and summer months, from May 25 to September 29, the Jackson Hole aerial tram offers a 360-degree view of the Grand Tetons from 4,139 feet in the air. Book tickets for the tram and enjoy the breathtaking scenery as you ascend to Rendezvous Mountain in less than 15 minutes. Pop the question when you reach the peak of the mountain, looking down on Jackson Hole, the Snake River valley and grand Teton National Park.
Nestled in the northeast corner of Florida close to the Georgia state line, Jacksonville offers a little bit of everything: arts and culture, fine dining, and outdoor excursions. Jacksonville Landing is full of options for shopping, dining, and having drinks, and Jacksonville Beach is a 20-30 minute drive outside downtown. Here are a few creative proposal ideas in Jacksonville to give your bride-to-be an experience she'll never forget.

AT A ROMANTIC RESTAURANT

The Patio at Pastiche is a favorite of many Jacksonville locals. The small, intimate restaurant serves comforting American and Southern cuisine and has a remarkably friendly staff. If the weather is nice, ask to dine in the garden, which is lit with strings of pretty lights. Make sure to order dessert, and after you are both happily stuffed, surprise her with a diamond cluster ring. It will be the best meal of her life.

Everything about Orsay says class: the decor, the service, and the food. The cuisine is traditional French with occasional influences from the American South. "Out of this world" is how many diners describe the dishes they've eaten here, from the French onion soup to the mussels in white wine, garlic, butter, and thyme. Your mouth will water just looking over the menu. Order a decadent dessert, like vanilla bean creme brulee or a chocolate espresso torte, and sip a glass of wine before you ask for her hand in marriage.

In the Beautiful Outdoors

Mississippi is known for its natural beauty, with its majestic oaks and expansive spaces for camping, hiking, and kayaking. The Natchez Trace is a scenic road that runs from Natchez, MS, to Nashville, TN, with plenty of sights along the way. Take a drive or a bike ride with your sweetheart and stop at the historic attractions along the way. The Ross Barnett Reservoir is a lovely spot for a hike or a picnic. Stop at the overlook (milepost 105.6) at sunset, take a knee, and surprise her with a diamond cluster ring!

In An upscale Restaurant

Parlor Market is, hands down, one of the best restaurants in the South. The menu, which changes regularly, features locally grown produce, sustainably raised meats, and plenty of seafood and wild game. Treat yourself to dishes like fried oyster salad with comeback sauce and homemade ricotta. Then order a rich dessert like the Walk Down Memory Lane, an assortment of fancied-up childhood treats. Make sure to browse the list of creative cocktails, which feature uncommon ingredients such as hibiscus syrup, honeysuckle vodka, and cilantro. The atmosphere and service are impeccable, and you will walk away with a full belly and a smile on your face.

AT A CHARMING INN

One of the best places to propose in Jackson, MS, is the historic Fairview Inn, the only hotel in Jackson rated four diamonds by AAA. You'll feel as if you've stepped back in time as you enter the historic Colonial Revival mansion. Schedule a couples massage in the spa and relax together. Eat a leisurely meal at the elegant Sophia's restaurant, have a cocktail in The Library (the old library has been renovated into a bar), and retire to a room with its own name and unique decor.

The Old Capitol Inn is a designer boutique hotel with old-world charm. Sip a moreau suite with a view of the city, and eat a complementary Southern-style breakfast in the morning. Explore downtown Jackson during the day, but come back for the complimentary wine and cheese served every evening. You and your sweetheart will enjoy some much-deserved pampering together.

In Jackson, Mississippi

Thanks to a vibrant arts and culture scene and an active community of young people, Mississippi’s capital city is up and coming. On weekday evenings, you can find a local band playing on the porch of a coffee shop in historic Fondren, on the weekends, there’s likely to be a family-friendly outdoor festival downtown. Although you may have never had the opportunity to visit Jackson before, you’ll enjoy exploring all that the city has to offer. Here are a few of the best places to propose.

Which ring will you choose?
Plan a romantic evening with reservations on a dinner cruise on the St. John’s River. Your choices include the Jacksonville Princess II, a luxury yacht that is usually available for charter by groups but is open to the public at certain times of the year. The Lady St. Johns is a great choice for those who like the nightlife, as it has two dance floors, two full bars, and a capacity for 250 passengers. The Annabelle Lee is a smaller, classic steam wheel ship like the nightlife, as it has two dance floors, two full bars, and a capacity for 250 passengers. The Annabelle Lee has two dance floors, two full bars, and a capacity for 250 passengers. The Annabelle Lee is a smaller, classic steam wheel ship like the nightlife, as it has two dance floors, two full bars, and a capacity for 250 passengers. The Annabelle Lee is said to have a charmingly decorated salon. The Lady St. Johns is a great choice for those who like the nightlife, as it has two dance floors, two full bars, and a capacity for 250 passengers.

In The Open Air

At the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, admire the private art collection of Arthur and Ninah Cummer in the cozy museum (which is free on Tuesday evenings), then spend time walking around the beautifully manicured gardens and past the giant oak trees. Pass serene reflection pools and fountains on your way to admire the view of the river. There, you can present her with a sparkling diamond cluster ring that will be even more breathtaking than the view.

Out at a Show

If your lady loves arts and entertainment, think about creative proposal ideas that involve taking in a show. If she’s the theatrical type, she won’t mind drawing a crowd when you drop to one knee in the lobby during intermission and declare your love for her.

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TIP: So you think she wants a diamond ring?

Most women love jewelry. While some women prefer plain rings, others want the famous ‘Tiffany blue box’. There’s nothing wrong with being bold and surprising her with a ring, but know what she is expecting. One of the worst-case scenarios is that she has her heart set on a particular ring and you get something different – an awkward and potentially expensive mistake.

Our top tips when selecting the ring/diamond are:

- Do you know her taste in rings?
- Do you know her ring size?
- Do you know what shape diamond she’d want?
- What about the color and setting?
Kansas City, Missouri

Kansas City, a metropolitan area on the borders of Kansas and Missouri, is known for its barbecue and jazz. It's a vibrant destination for budget travel. USA Today named Kansas City as one of America's "Affordable Cities," and Budget Travel included it as one of its Top 10 Budget Travel Destinations for 2012. And while it's not as expensive to explore Kansas City as it offers plenty when it comes to romance. Here are a few of the best places to propose in Kansas City.

AT A BEAUTIFUL FOUNTAIN
Kansas City is called "The City of Fountains" because the number of fountains within its limits is second only to Rome. Here's a creative proposal idea: Make a wish with your sweetheart, then to get down on one knee and tell her that you wished to spend the rest of your life with her. Take a look at Kansas City's fountains and choose one that your lady would love. The JC Nichols Memorial Fountain features high arches of water and sculptures of swimming horses, and it's breathtaking when it lights up at night. Behind it sits the Giradie Bell Tower, a replica of a cathedral of Seville in Spain. The Diana Fountain depicts the Roman goddess of the hunt and the moon surrounded by cherubs. It sits in front of one of the largest manmade waterfalls and is encircled by flowers in the spring.

IN AN ELEGANT RESTAURANT
When one Yelp reviewer posted a question asking her peers for a romantic restaurant recommendation in Kansas City, nearly every reply that she received said, "Le Fou Frog." It's authentically French in the food and the experience, where dinner can stretch out leisurely over a period of hours. The charming waiters will periodically stroll through the restaurant and enthusiastically serenade diners with Broadway show tunes. If asked in advance, they may even sing your sweetheart's favorite song to her and choose one that your lady would love. The JC Nichols Memorial Fountain features high arches of water and sculptures of swimming horses, and it's breathtaking when it lights up at night. Behind it sits the Giradie Bell Tower, a replica of a cathedral of Seville in Spain. The Diana Fountain depicts the Roman goddess of the hunt and the moon surrounded by cherubs. It sits in front of one of the largest manmade waterfalls and is encircled by flowers in the spring.

IN A LOVELY GARDEN
If your bride-to-be loves the outdoors, take her to one of Kansas City's gardens. Powell Gardens is just outside of Kansas City, in Kingsville, MO, and it will not disappoint. It's open year-round and features a meadow full of wildflowers, rose gardens, and a fountain, and a lake full of lily pads. Check the calendar before you plan your visit for events like the summer butterfly festival and cooking demonstrations by local chefs. Cafe Thyme is a perfect place to eat fresh salads and sandwiches made from produce grown onsite. Loose Park Rose Garden is stunning when its flowers are blooming. Take your lady for a walk under the trellis-covered walkways and stop in front of the lovely fountain - you'll feel like you're royalty taking a stroll around your chateau. The garden is so picturesque that you'll likely see other couples taking engagement photos or saying their vows. Stop under a tree or sit together on a bench, then pop the big question.

LAKE LIZZIE NATURE PRESERVE
Looking for a quiet, intimate place to propose? Lake Lizzie Nature Preserve offers plenty of opportunities for great places to propose. Votive Vinos boats over 50 different wines and 35 craft beers in a cozy, intimate atmosphere away from the bustle of the busy downtown streets. And Kissimmee Lakefront Park is ideal for a proposal at the edge of Lake Tohopekaliga.

ON A HOT AIR BALLOON
How about an aerial proposal? Take a trip up in the air over Kissimmee to get a bird's eye view of everything stunning about Central Florida — from the glittering lights of Disney World and Universal Studios to miles of orange groves and untouched swamp land. Some hot air balloon rides appropriately end with a celebratory glass of champagne, making it an even more perfect place to propose.

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Ready to propose? Los Angeles offers a great many romantic settings, and you’re sure to find one that suits the personality of your bride-to-be. Whether she’s a nature lover, a true romantic, or a gal who loves a good show, you’ll find a spot that she’ll remember for the rest of her life.

IN A PICTURESQUE GARDEN
With 134,000 square feet to choose from at the Central Garden at the Getty Center, you’re sure to find a spot for your proposal. The description from the garden website says it all:

The walkway traverses a stream that winds through a variety of plants and gradually descends to a plaza where bougainvillea arbors provide scale and a sense of intimacy. Continuing through the plaza, the stream cascades over a stone waterfall or “chadar,” into a pool with a floating maze of azaleas. Specialty gardens encircle the pool. All of the foliage and materials of the garden have been selected to accentuate the interplay of light, color, and reflection.

AT A ROMANTIC RESTAURANT
Il Cielo Restaurant in Beverly Hills is known as one of the most romantic restaurants in L.A. and often makes “Best Places to Propose” lists. Sit on the garden patio, which glows with tiny white lights. Enjoy decadent Italian food before presenting your sweetheart with a diamond cluster ring after the meal.

Geoffrey’s Malibu is a favorite for couples who love an ocean view. Request a table by the rail and breathe in the sea breeze as you dine on fresh seafood and New American cuisine. After dessert and wine, take a walk on the beach below and take a knee on the sand as you pop the question.

AT A SHOW OR THEME PARK
Hollywood is, of course, world famous for its entertainment industry, and nearby Anaheim is well known for its theme parks. When you’re ready to propose to a woman who loves arts and entertainment, you have your pick of venues.

If your lady loves theme parks, think about proposing at Disneyland, “The Happiest Place on Earth.” The Sleeping Beauty Castle makes for a beautiful backdrop, and the fireworks show will make her diamond cluster ring sparkle.

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Las Vegas, Nevada

Las Vegas is kind of like Disney World for grown-ups. It is a fantasy world where people can be who they want to be and do what they want to do. It is an enchanted world where you can stroll from Paris to Venice to a tropical paradise all in the course of a single afternoon. What better place to propose than such a fantasy world?

OVER WATER
For a city in the middle of the desert, Las Vegas is a watery oasis. Water-oriented proposal options abound, but one of the best places to propose in terms of romance is in a gondola, either in the Grand Canal inside The Venetian, or on a dinner cruise on Lake Las Vegas, which is slightly further afield.

OVER DINNER
Amazing culinary opportunities abound in Las Vegas. From bountiful gourmet buffets to four-star sit down restaurants, there is no shortage of opportunity to share a romantic meal. For something truly decadent, wander past the Eiffel Tower to Mon Ami Gabi, one of the best places to propose in Las Vegas. It is the home of stunning French food that may make her season almost as much as an inexpensive diamond solitaire ring.

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Louisville was named one of the Top 5 “Foodiest” small cities in America by Bon Appétit Magazine and that title is much deserved. You’ll find great food in Louisville, so if you and your sweetheart consider yourself foodies, pop the question at one of their best restaurants.

One of their premier restaurants, Rivue Restaurant, has a gorgeous rotating view of the city...how romantic!

None of these sound like your cup of tea? You can always opt for a more personal spot like Cherokee Park or the Louisville Waterfront Park.

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The Kentucky Derby only happens once a year, so this one would take some extra planning. This is a nationally recognized event, and Churchill Downs in Louisville has been the home of the Kentucky Derby since 1875. Why not take advantage of the excitement and present the love of your life with a diamond cluster ring?

Which ring will you choose?

You and your sweetheart are huge Dodgers fans. You rarely (if ever) miss a game, and the Dodgers jersey you wear is so worn that it’s the most comfortable shirt you own. Since the Dodgers are such an integral part of your life as a couple, why not do a ballpark proposal at Dodger Stadium?
Maine’s Islands

When you’re planning a proposal, Maine’s Islands provide you with a number of romantic opportunities. You can see the islands on a Maine Islands boat tour or take a ferry and explore on your own. Some of the islands allow you to camp. Peaks Island is popular for weddings because it offers natural beauty, charming architecture, and organized activities, like bike rentals and kayaking.

Deer Isle is an artists’ colony, with plenty of galleries full of paintings and photography to explore. Pilgrim’s Inn provides a comfortable retreat, offering extra amenities like in-room massage, fresh flowers, and locally made chocolates. You and your partner can borrow books from the inn library and read in Adirondack chairs by the pond. Bliss!

Outdoor Proposals

Maine is famous for the beauty of its state and national parks. Plan a hike in Acadia National Park, which is home to a variety of plants and animals. If your lady likes a challenge, the two of you can scale Cadillac Mountain, the tallest mountain on the U.S. Atlantic coast at 1532 feet. Even if you don’t make it all the way to the top on foot, you can enjoy the stunning views of the ocean, forests, and mountains by driving the 20-mile Park Loop Road.

Another romantic idea is to propose at one of Maine’s 65 historical lighthouses. Lighthouses provide breathtaking backdrops by day or by night (when its beam sweeps over the water). If you want to climb the lighthouse tower, you can time your visit to happen on Open Lighthouse Day in September, or visit the Permaquid Point lighthouse year-round. Browse a few photos to choose a destination. Portland Head is the most visited and painted lighthouse in New England.

Romantic Maine Bed and Breakfasts

Hidden Pond is a small resort in Kennebunkport that will make you and your loved one feel completely pampered. Rent a bungalow with views of the forest and the nearby beach, and sign up for massages at the spa. Take the shuttle to the beach or the trolley into town. You won’t need to worry about a thing, except finding the right moment to present her diamond cluster ring!

In Portland, Maine, relax together at The Chadwick Bed and Breakfast. Cozy, memory foam beds, an attentive staff, and a garden with a hammock for two await you. There’s plenty to do in Portland, from touring breweries to eating fresh lobster, so you can choose whether to hole up in your room or venture out and about.

Visiting Maine should be on your bucket list, plain and simple. Why? Its gorgeous natural landscapes, coastal bed and breakfasts, and fresh seafood are not be missed. If you’re planning a proposal, consider popping the question in a romantic setting in Maine. Here are a few ideas for an unforgettable proposal.

Scenario 1

Make a beeline for the Empire State Building, one of the best places to propose in New York City, at sunset after purchasing advance tickets to ride to the top of this iconic landmark from such romantic classics as “An Affair to Remember” and “Sleepless in Seattle.” If it is a movie romance experience you are looking for, celebrate your engagement afterwards at such Manhattan film classics as Gray’s Papaya (“Fools Rush In”), Café Lalo (“You’ve got Mail”), or Serendipity (“Serendipity”).

Scenario 2

Visit the tiny French bistro La Bonne Soupe. Order the fixed price meal for two, and enjoy decadent French food in an intimate atmosphere, topped with French wine and rich chocolate mousse. During your meal, reminisce about special times you have shared. Then once you are done eating, hold hands on the short stroll to Central Park, one of the best places to propose in Manhattan, as well as one of the most popular. Take a horse and carriage ride around the park. As the driver guides the horses along the meandering paths, pull out your diamond cluster ring and ask you’re her to share her life with you.
TIP: Cool, calm and collected

All the planning has been done and the risks mitigated. The special day has finally arrived and all that is left is to pop the question. Nerves will kick in, your heart will race, but remember that you’ve fully prepared for this moment. Let things unfold and get ready for one amazing journey.

Our top tips here are to:

- Pace the moment and don’t rush your proposal - really enjoy every moment
- Really think through how you’re actually going to ask her to marry you - the finale
- Try and capture your proposal on video or film, it will be a great memory

CONSERVATORY GARDEN

New York may be known as the ultimate concrete jungle, but it is in fact home to many breathtakingly beautiful parks. Take your sweetheart for a walk through Central Park, make your way to the beautiful Conservatory Garden, get down on one knee in front of the fountain and utter those four magic words. The striking six-acre garden sits where the Vanderbilt Estate once stood, and it is truly a mesmerizing place to request for your beloved’s hand in marriage. Ask that life-changing question while surrounded by the brilliant, colorful flowers and you will surely both remember the intimate moment for the rest of your life.

ROOFTOP

If you’d like to make your woman feel like she’s on top of the world while keeping your proposal intimate and extremely memorable, try taking her to the rooftop of one of New York City’s many skyscrapers. You can rent a spot and have champagne, flowers and candles awaiting the two of you at the top. Bask in the glory of the concrete world around you, champagne flute in hand, and salute to the first day of the rest of your life together!

Which ring will you choose?
An Upscale Restaurant

Flight Restaurant and Wine Bar
If your bride likes sampling different foods, she will love Flight Restaurant and Wine Bar. You may have ordered wine flights before—several small portions of different wines—but it’s rare to have this option with food! Choose three of each item: appetizers, entrees, and desserts. You’ll find yourself enchanted by the ambience, the friendly staff, and the beautifully presented food.

Chez Philippe at the Peabody
The Peabody Memphis is a hotel famous for the resident ducks, who live on the hotel rooftop and march down to the marble fountain in the lobby twice a day. Its restaurant, Chez Philippe, is also known as one of the finest restaurants in the South. Try the 7-course menu and pair it with wines. Your lady will adore the elegant dining room and decadent food.

An Elegant Hotel

The Inn at Hunt Phelan
There’s good reason why weddings and receptions are popular at this antebellum mansion: it’s absolutely beautiful. If you’re looking for a getaway with old Southern charm, you’ll admire the stately white columns on the hotel porch and the lovely patio. The comfortable rooms have four-poster beds that will make you feel as if you’ve stepped back in time.

Westin Memphis Beale Street
You can’t beat the location and elegance of the Westin Memphis Beale Street. Beale Street is the hub of downtown Memphis, the most popular destination for live music and nightlife. Venture out for the night, relax with a drink at the hotel bar (there’s often live piano music), and surprise your lady with strawberries and champagne in your room before you ask for her hand!

In the Open Air

The Memphis Botanic Garden
Take a break from seeing the sights in the city and find a moment of serenity in the Memphis Botanic Garden. The 96-acre property is full of flowers, plants, and trees that provide a picturesque background for your proposal. The Sensory Garden, which engages all five senses, is full of sculpture, fountains, and touchable plants. Consider presenting your diamond cluster ring on the red drum bridge of the Japanese Garden of Tranquility, with koi and ducks swimming peacefully in the pond below.

Carriage Tour of Memphis
Nothing says romance like an evening carriage ride! You’ll see a variety of sights as the horses clip-clop through the town, charming architecture, lively nightlife, and quiet green spaces. Pop the question as you and your sweetheart savor breathtaking views of the Mississippi River!
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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If your lady loves the water, take her on an adventure on the deep blue sea. Plan a sunset cruise with a company like Play Time Water Sports, where you can reserve a cozy spot on a catamaran and enjoy an open bar and snacks. You can choose where you'll propose.

In A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is the perfect place for a nature-loving. Wind through a two-acre rainforest lush with orchids, palm trees, and waterfalls. Visit the Fairchild Arboretum, which is filled with more than 700 species of tropical flowering trees, as well as gorgeously colorful tropical flowering vines. For a creative proposal, take a walk through the butterfly garden and get down on one knee as butterflies flutter around you and your bride-to-be.

Catamaran Sailing Miami even has bed and breakfast cruises for 2-4 people on a catamaran. Contact owners Mike and Sandy in advance to arrange an extra special proposal. And get your trios ring set ready before you set sail!

FROM LITTLE HAVANA TO SOUTH BEACH

Miami Beach is known for its full of life and culture. No matter what type of romantic experience your sweetheart would enjoy, you'll find it here. Pick out a trio ring set and choose where you’ll propose.

If you're ready to propose to someone who loves Italian food, make a reservation at The Pasta Tree. The Best Italian Food and Most Romantic Restaurant in Milwaukee. The homemade pasta melts in your mouth, and the secret garden patio will make you feel as if you're actually in Bella Italia.

DURING A ROMANTIC DINNER

Lake Park Bistro is well known as one of the most romantic restaurants in Milwaukee. Reserve a lake view table at sunset and choose from the extensive wine list. Whatever you order from the menu of French cuisine is sure to be delicious, whether it's filet mignon or fresh fish. The terrace is a beautiful place to present a diamond cluster engagement ring.

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If you're ready to propose in the spring or summer, Bradford Beach is a perfect choice. Enjoy the sunshine together, sip a tropical drink at the tiki bar, and splash around in Lake Michigan. Take a stroll on the soft sand and find the right moment to ask her to marry you.

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Consider bringing an evening picnic to the soft sand and find the right moment to ask her to marry you.

ON THE TOWN

Tonight's the night you ask her to marry you, so give her an evening she'll never forget. At Catharsis in Little Havana, enjoy Latin and Italian dishes and a romantic ambience, with sconces glowing on whitewashed walls. On Saturdays, enjoy live music. If your lady is the adventurous type, keep your eyes open for one of the “Dining in the Dark” events and make a reservation for a dinner that you eat while blindfolded.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

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**A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN**

Lyndale Park Rose Garden
This is a must-see for nature lovers. Lyndale Park Rose Garden is the second oldest public rose garden in the country, and it features 3,000 different plants in 100 varieties. Mid-June through early October is the time when the roses are in full bloom. Walk through the garden hand-in-hand with your sweetheart and take a moment to breathe in the lovely fragrance. The serene Japanese Zen garden is a perfect place to present her with a diamond cluster ring.

Minneapolis Sculpture Garden
You’ve never seen anything like the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. Sculptures both beautiful and quirky dot the 11-acre landscape. Make sure to see the famous Spoonbridge and Cherry, a whimsically oversized red cherry cradled by a silver spoon. Other destinations include a vine-covered arbor and flower garden, and the Standing Glass Fish sculpture by famed architect Frank Gehry. If you’re wondering where to propose to a lady who loves art, this is the place to take her.

**THE OPEN AIR**

Minnehaha Falls at Minnehaha Park
This 193-acre park is one of the most beautiful places in Minneapolis. Minnehaha Park is home to a variety of gorgeous trees and wildflowers. With your sweetie, admire the 53-foot waterfall — the tallest along the Mississippi River chain — and limestone bluffs. Visitors note how amazing it is to see a waterfall in the middle of a city, free of charge. Rent bikes or a pedal car and cruise around the park before you pop the question.

Stone Arch Bridge
Visitors agree that the Stone Arch Bridge is a gem of Minneapolis. Converted from two tracks of the Great Northern Railway, the bridge still connects one side of the river to the other, and it’s now a popular spot for people to jog and walk their dogs. The continuous roar of the nearby St. Anthony Falls will put you in a tranquil mood and set the scene for your big moment.

**A CLASSY RESTAURANT**

DaVinci
There’s something inherently romantic about French food. At DaVinci, delicacies like pan-seared scallops and coq au vin, paired with a glass of wine, will set the scene for your proposal. A decadent choice for dessert is the Louis XV, a hazelnut chocolate cake served with a pear poached in wine. The three-course prix fixe dinner menu is an affordable indulgence and will be a pleasure from start to finish.

Restaurant Alma
At Restaurant Alma, cooking locally and seasonally is an art. The menu changes every six to eight weeks, so you’ll be able to try something new each time you dine there. Try simple, delicate fare like the Chard Soufflé and the Beet & Farro Risotto. To try a little of this and a bit of that, splurge on the three-course tasting menu or vegetarian four-course menu. The softly lit space is classy and modern. Your dinner here will be memorable not only for the food, but for the surprise that’s coming along with it!
Calling all music lovers! It’s time to head to the music capital of the South – Nashville, Tennessee. For more than 130 years, Nashville has been called the world’s Music City… and for good reason, too. It’s home to the Grand Ole Opry, United Record Pressing (the largest volume producing vinyl record plant), the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, and much more! Artists ranging from Bon Jovi to Michael Buble venture to Nashville to record and write, as well as to find inspiration.

This city is a living and breathing ode to the love of music, and it’s this love that connects the city to its people. So if music means a lot to your sweetheart or you as a couple, Nashville might be the perfect city to get down on one knee with an engagement ring. Let’s look at some of Nashville’s best places to propose!

**Shelby Street Pedestrian Bridge**

Want to gaze at the city in all its glory? Take a trip to the Shelby Street Pedestrian Bridge, one of the most romantic places to propose in Nashville. There, you’ll find a gorgeous view of the Nashville skyline. This would be another perfect spot for a sunset proposal. Or, if you want it to be a little more intimate, try persuading your sweetheart to go on an early morning stroll with you. Then, use the skyline at sunrise to as a backdrop when you propose with the perfect diamond engagement ring.

** Opryland Hotel**

This expansive resort is right on the banks of the Cumberland River. The Opryland Hotel and Resort has climate-controlled glass atriums and more than nine acres of indoor gardens. In those gardens, you’ll find several intimate waterfalls… and I’m not sure it gets much more romantic than waterfalls. If you want to make a big event out of the proposal, you could surprise your partner with a trip to this resort that includes a spa package and a romantic dinner. After she’s been pampered and well-fed, lead her into the gardens and pop the question!

**Arrington Vineyards**

The Arrington Vineyards aren’t technically in Nashville, but they’re only 25 miles away and too beautiful not make this list! If you’re looking for a picturesque spot for a picnic, this is ideal. They also host free wine tastings everyday and have live music on the weekends. Just imagine sitting under the sunset while listening to music and sipping a crisp glass of wine. Doesn’t that sound like the perfect opportunity to present her with a sparkling diamond engagement ring?

This item on our best places to propose list is for all the country music lovers. This national historic landmark used to be home to the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 to 1974. Even before that, the Ryman Auditorium was used as a cultural epicenter. You can take a guided group tour or a self-guided tour. If you want to propose here, I recommend calling ahead to see if they can assist in some way (for example, clearing a spot for you or doing a guided tour with just the two of you).

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Newark, New Jersey

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Norfolk has plenty of beaches, but it is also just a short drive away from Virginia Beach. Here, you can find more lovely beaches at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, as well as beaches at the oceanfront. This is Virginia's largest city, so it's packed with other fun things to do like The Adventure Park at the Virginia Aquarium, where you'll be able to see nature in all its glory.

**Norfolk Naval Shipyard**

Where's another fun fact about Norfolk: it's home to the largest Navy base in the world. If you or your sweetheart has served in the Navy, the shipyard might be a good place to pop that all-important question. It's still a place full of history that longs to be explored. In fact, it's the U.S. Navy's oldest and largest industrial facility.

**Botanical Garden**

Are you from Norfolk? If so, maybe you've thought about getting married at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. Wouldn't it be romantic to get married and engaged in the same location? (Better start looking at wedding rings for her!) The gardens themselves are beautiful, but if you keep track of the coming exhibits, you might be able to choose one that will help you create a truly magical moment. For example, the gardens are currently hosting a butterfly exhibit. You can even take a boat or have a meal at the Garden Cafe.

**Romantic Restaurant**

There's nothing wrong with sticking to an old classic: getting down on one knee with one of our customizable engagement rings at a restaurant. If you or your partner is familiar with Norfolk, you may have an idea of a favorite spot to go. If not, check out La Bella in Ghent, which is a romantic wine bar and Italian restaurant. If you're a lover of Mexican food, check out Luna Maya, which seamlessly combines yummy, creative food with a cozy atmosphere.

Picture this: you and your sweetheart are curled up in the sand, watching the sun as it begins to dip just below the waves, and you slip one of our customizable engagement rings on her finger. Sounds pretty perfect, right? Welcome to Norfolk, Virginia, which offers magnificent views of the Chesapeake Bay to the north and the Elizabeth River on the west. If you've always wanted to propose on a beach or near a body of water, this might just be the location for you. However, Norfolk has even more to offer you, which is why we've compiled a list of its best places to propose.

**Movie Trailer Proposal**

CLICK PLAY TO WATCH
North Coast of California

If you are searching for the perfect backdrop for your romantic proposal, look no further than the stunning landscape of the North Coast of California. Explore the natural beauty of ancient redwood forests, rugged cliffs and ocean-side hiking trails, and enjoy the pleasures of fine wine, gourmet food and luxurious spas.

Venture north of San Francisco and take a road trip along the breathtaking coastline where you will find some of the best places to propose in California.

REDWOOD EMPIRE
Just five hours north of San Francisco, you will find the famous scenic drive, the Avenue of the Giants. This 31-mile stretch of old Highway 101 winds through Humboldt Redwoods State Park and gives a memorable tour of majestic redwood trees that are hundreds of years old. Rent a car, reserve a room at the historic Hidden Oak Inn, located one block from the Sonoma Plaza, and pop the question on a quiet park bench near the duck pond.

VENTURE NORTH
The small wine country town of Sonoma is only an hour from San Francisco but a world away from the hustle and bustle of the big city (and the perfect spot for a romantic proposal). Book a cozy room at the historic Hidden Oak Inn, located one block from the Sonoma Plaza. Sample zesty zinfandel wine at nearby Ravenswood Winery, taste locally made cheese at Sonoma Cheese Factory and Veila Cheese Company, followed by fresh breads and pastries from the Basque Boulangerie Cafe. Once you’ve regained your appetite, splurge on a decadent meal at The Girl and the Fig. Afterwards, check into one of the B&Bs in nearby Ferndale or Garberville and pack a picnic basket full of local meat, cheese, bread, fruit and wine for lunch. Walk a trail in the Rockefeller Forest, featuring some of the largest redwoods in the world, and when you find the right spot, get down on one knee to propose with a diamond cluster engagement ring.

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MUDWATERS
In the heart of the Napa Valley and just an hour and a half from San Francisco, the town of Calistoga offers rest, relaxation and lots and lots of mud. Native American tribes in Calistoga historically used natural mud baths for therapeutic purposes, and commercial spas have been around since the California Gold Rush. Sign up for a couple’s mud bath treatment at Golden Haven Spa and get pampered with a mineral springs shower. Arrange with a spa to bring in champagne (with the champagne for a bubbly brunch at The Park House, which has a patio overlooking the gardens. Fizzy drinks, gourmet food and gorgeous gardens — what’s not to love about that?

A GARDEN
The Myriad Botanical Gardens is so much more than just a garden. Delicious restaurants, entertaining and educational events throughout the year and even a dog park for your precious pooch are only a few of the Gardens offerings. After a garden proposal, break out the champagne for a bubbly brunch at The Park House, which has a patio overlooking the gardens. Fizzy drinks, gourmet food and gorgeous gardens — what’s not to love about that?

IN THE THEATER
Widey known for staging Broadway-caliber productions, the Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma was named one of the “10 Great Places to See the Lights Off Broadway” by USA Today. Whether you are looking for a more intimate setting to engage your fiancée, make sure to visit the Myriad Botanical Gardens once you’ve said your vows to propose to your special someone. Here are just a few of the fantastic options you’ll find in the city known as ‘The Big Friendly Neighborhood.’

ON THE RIVER
Hop aboard an Oklahoma River cruiser to catch a perfect view of the setting sun on the water. With music, drinks, and food, the Oklahoma River Sunset Cruise is both romantic and relaxing, and it is a delightful way to view Oklahoma City sights from a different perspective. You can even charter a boat for two if you are looking for a more intimate setting to cozy up and propose to your significant other.

Which ring will you choose?
Orlando, Florida

Orlando is a city where magic happens. From castles and carriages to coasters and crocodiles, you can live your dream at any age. Orlando is a particularly excellent proposal spot because it is a place where only your imagination is the limit.

EPCOT

If international travel is more your speed, Epcot may be one of the best places to propose in Orlando. Craft a proposal that includes a decadent meal such as feeding each other Mexican treats at La Cave del Tequila, indulging in Moroccan pastries at Restaurant Marrakesh, or staring into each other’s eyes over spaghetti and meatballs at Tutto Italia or Via Napoli.

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

Create a truly magical proposal at The Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Universal Orlando. You choose the best places to propose: surprise her with a trio wedding ring set over a butterbeer in the Three Broomsticks pub, in a bag of treats from Honeydukes sweet shop, or while flying over the grounds of Hogwarts Castle on the Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey ride.

HEARTLAND OF AMERICA PARK

This isn’t your average zoo. The Henry Doorly Zoo is considered one of the best in the world and ideal for a romantic date for any animal-loving couple. This zoo is full of world-class exhibits and entertainment, including beautiful garden spaces, overhead shark tank tunnels and the world’s largest indoor rainforest, which can be seen from the Durham TreeTopS Restaurant. Take your sweetheart for a fun afternoon at the zoo and transition into a romantic evening in one of Henry Doorly Zoo’s many enchanting locations.

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Which ring will you choose?

Omaha, Nebraska

The Gateway to the West has long been a prosperous place, hosting Fortune 500 companies, entrepreneurs and a deep, rich history. Do you like Butler Brickle ice cream and Reuben sandwiches? You have Omaha to thank. Once a lawless frontier city, Omaha has grown into a hub of economic progress and culture. If you’re looking for a place to propose in Omaha, you won’t be short on choices.

OVER AN EXCELLENT MEAL

Omaha’s foodie scene definitely has a growing presence. With a long list of great restaurants, it might be hard to choose where to take your honey. Some options include locally owned V.Mertz, serving a diverse and impeccable contemporary American menu in a dimly lit, intimate space complete with rustic brick walls and J. Coco, where they serve traditional dishes with a modern twist, all with distinct ambience and stunning presentation.

Then there’s The Boiler Room Restaurant, a fine dining experience that contrasts fresh fine dining and excellent service to the “romantic state of decay” of the building and The Grey Plume, a restaurant with a decadent menu with reasonable fine-dining prices and a charming ambience.

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**AMONG THE FLOWERS**
Is she more of an outdoor woman? Head to one of Philadelphia’s most beautiful spots, the Chanticleer pleasure garden. From the meandering waterfalls of Bell’s Run Creek to the stately Ruin and Gravel Garden to the lush bower of the Cut Flower and Vegetable Garden, this historic garden estate certainly features some of the best places to propose in the greater Philadelphia area.

**OVER CHOCOLATE**
Are you unsure about how to best surprise your bride-to-be with a diamond cluster engagement ring? Appeal to both her sweet tooth and her romantic side with a guided Philadelphia chocolate tour. Wander the historic streets of Philadelphia and duck into hidden cafes and chocolate shops. Decide for yourself where the best places to propose are along the way. Just don’t forget to give her the diamond course in between chocolate tastings!

**AT A MUSEUM**
Do you want to propose in Europe without paying for plane fares? On the second floor of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, go to the European art gallery. In the middle of that gallery, you will find a dimly lit room. The room features a rebuilt cloister that has elements from the medieval French building the Abbey of Saint-Genis-des-Fontaines. The cloister offers a quiet, romantic setting for an unforgettable, European-style proposal in any weather.

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The Grand Canyon is one of the most amazing geological landmarks in the world. The Colorado River and its tributaries have carved through layer upon layer of rock - and now approximately two billion years of the Earth's natural history is on display. If you're looking for a truly magical place to ask that all-important question, it might not get any better than this. The views alone will take her breath away before you even have a chance to propose.

If you've been saving up for this day and want to do something truly special, consider taking your sweetheart on a plane or helicopter ride across the canyon. Do it at sunrise or sunset to get the full effect. As you're soaring and arcing from the air, ask her to marry you over the headset (make sure she won't break up so she can hear you). Just think about the moment after she says “yes,” as you're spending your first moments as an engaged couple crusing through the air above one of the most beautiful landmarks in the world. For that reason alone, this is one of our best places to propose.

EL TOVAR
If you're looking for a nice restaurant view of the Grand Canyon, then you should check out El Tovar. The dining room has a perfect perch on the side of the Canyon, so some of the seats have a fantastic view. Make sure to call ahead of time and reserve a table that will let you take in the full extent of the Canyon as you eat dinner. For an even more magical moment, plan your dinner around when the sun will set. When the sky is full of color, pop the question! You can bet that the impromptu photographer will snap a few photos of you presenting a diamond cluster ring to your bride-to-be!

IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS
Multnomah Falls is not to be missed when you visit Portland. With 511 feet of cascading water, a stone bridge, pretty little streams, and surrounding valleys and forests, it's said to be one of the most beautiful places in the world. While you drop down on one knee and ask her to marry you, consider taking your sweetheart on a hike in a group, or a kind-looking stranger) to take your photo as a couple. Just before the picture is taken, say, “Wait!” and get down on one knee to pop the question. You can bet that the impromptu photographer will snap a few photos of you presenting a diamond cluster ring to your bride-to-be!

IN FLIGHT
If you're flying into Portland, Oregon, you'll find equally breath-taking views of the city from the air. From the Portland International Airport, you'll literally be flying from the air, asking her to marry you over the headset (make sure you speak up so she can hear you). Just think about the moment after the she says “yes,” as you're spending your first moments as an engaged couple on a flight through the air above one of the most beautiful landmarks in the world. For that reason alone, this is one of our best places to propose.

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At an elegant Italian restaurant

Urban Fondue is both delicious and romantic. Nestle into a booth at Urban Fondue and choose your favorite dipping items and cheeses. Whether you’re in the mood for seafood, red meat, or vegetarian fare, you’ll find a rich, gourmet option. The Ruby Port Fondue, for example, is a blend of white cheddar, Swiss, and Gruyere with caramelized onions and port wine. Finish the meal with chocolate fondue...and your proposal, of course!

A Romantic Spa

Spa Willamina tends to receive rave reviews on Yelp and TripAdvisor for providing a cozy, relaxing experience. Book an outdoor couples’ massage and get ready to relax. You can even have a glass of wine when you arrive! Take a virtual tour through the website to get a feel for the ambiance. Every Wednesday evening is available, in case you want to enjoy the spa prior to heading to dinner feeling like a new person.

In an elegant Italian restaurant

Just looking at the menu at a Cena Ristorante will make your mouth water. Corn & mascarpone raviolini with butter-poached Maine lobster. Wild boar bolognese with cocoa tagliatelle and pecorino. For dessert, butterscotch pudding, caramel sauce, whipped cream, and pizzelle. Hungry yet? Add in romantic ambiance, attentive service, and a wonderful wine list, and Cena Ristorante should be at the top of your list for places to propose in Portland!
Is there anything more romantic than proposing on an island? You and the love of your life can take a ferry over to this beautiful island and spend the whole day exploring. Rent a bike and visit all that Block Island has to offer—a farmer’s market, lighthouses, sprawling hills, and pristine beaches. At the end of your day, get down on one knee and ask that all-important question.

If you are looking for a more intimate indoor venue, you can always propose at a great restaurant in Rhode Island. You know your partner best, so pick a spot that will make your proposal special and unforgettable.

THE CLIFF WALK
Located along the eastern shore of Newport, The Cliff Walk is truly one of the most breathtaking spots in all of Rhode Island. If you’re looking for a romantic and exhilarating spot to pop the question, look no further. The Cliff Walk extends for approximately 3.5 miles along the cliffs of the Atlantic Ocean. The Cliff Walk is open from sunrise to sunset, 365 days per year, and there’s no charge! Pick the perfect spot along your walk to present the love of your life with a sparkling diamond cluster ring.

ROGER WILLIAMS PARK
If you’re looking for a setting with rose gardens, water activities, or even a zoo, consider popping the question in Roger Williams Park in Providence. This park is an impressive 427 acres, which contains attractions like a carousel, a gazebo on the water, and scenic bridges. Did I mention that this park also has one of the oldest zoos in the country? If you’re looking for a proposal setting with a lot to offer, this is the spot for you.

Are you planning on proposing in “The Ocean State” sometime soon? Just because Rhode Island is the smallest state in the United States (District of Columbia doesn’t count!), doesn’t mean it should be overlooked. Rhode Island is one of the most scenic states in all of the U.S. because of its large bays and ocean views. If you plan on getting down on one knee in Rhode Island, here are the best places to propose:

Rhode Island

BLOCK ISLAND

Which ring will you choose?

Puppies Deliver Best Marriage Proposal

CLICK PLAY TO WATCH
GLIDING OVER THE CITY
Create a romantic proposal she will never forget: at 3,000 feet above the Sacramento Valley! (You may want to wait until you’re back on the ground to present her with a diamond engagement ring.) If you two are the adventurous types, sign up for a two-passenger glider ride and drink in the beautiful local scenery from a unique vantage point. Tell her how much you love her and ask if she’ll continue on life adventures with you as your wife.

COOKING UP ROMANCE
Sacramento is located in the agricultural heart of California, and its farm-to-fork initiative takes advantage of year-round fresh food and inventive culinary ideas. If you and your sweetheart are foodies, sign up for a cooking class together. Make a meal with seasonal fresh produce at Good Eats Cooking Classes or learn to whip up an authentic Tuscan dinner at the Sacramento Food Co-op. Ask the teacher to bring out a special secret bottle of sparkling wine with the dessert course, and propose over a beautiful homemade meal.

AMONG THE ROSES
Find a tranquil spot in the World Peace Rose Garden in Capitol Park, one of the most romantic places to propose in Sacramento. The rose is a symbol of unity, and the garden was created as a “sanctuary of peace, love and inspiration” for all people and is dedicated to women, children and families. Present your beloved with her own perfect rose (from a florist, not picked from the garden!) with an engagement ring attached to it with ribbon. Get down on one knee and tell her why you want to unite your lives in marriage.

AT A GREAT RESTAURANT
Sacramento conjures up glamorous images — from the sun, surf and stars of Hollywood to the hills, mansions and views of San Francisco. It’s an unmistakable place with iconic cities, and you should take the time to get to know lesser-known Sacramento, California’s capital city. Sacramento and its excellent food, wine and culture offer many options for a memorable and romantic proposal.

TEMPLE SQUARE
Temple Square is Utah’s most popular tourist destination, which makes it a great spot for a public proposal. This 35-acre site has a lot to offer: restaurants, tours, and a beautiful garden. This site also offers approximately 2,000 free events each year, so if you plan in advance, you can pick one to propose with a diamond cluster ring.

Skiing
Do you and your sweetheart love to ski? Why not take advantage of the many ski resort opportunities in Salt Lake City and propose to the love of your life during a favorite activity? Maybe you could pop the question on the ski lift or right before you take off down the hill, leaving her to chase after you.

Liberty Park and Tracy Aviary
If you both love the outdoors, Liberty Park or Tracy Aviary might be the perfect spot to pop the question. Liberty Park offers trails, playgrounds, boat rentals, a duck pond, and much more. The Tracy Aviary is located in Liberty Park and is one of only two free-standing aviaries in the U.S. This would be the place to propose for all those bird-lovers out there.

Hogle Zoo
If your sweetheart is a big animal lover, the Hogle Zoo might provide the perfect opportunity for you to propose. This zoo, which is home to over 800 animals, has been around since the 1930s and is the top-paid-for tourist attraction in Salt Lake City. You can even sign up to have a more hands-on experience with some of the animals.

Salt Lake City, Utah
Salt Lake City is the most populous city in Utah and doesn’t lack in entertainment. It has activities like skiing, mountain biking, and hiking trails for those who love the outdoors, but it also offers attractions like Temple Square for those who are more interested in exploring the city itself. If you find yourself thinking about popping the question in this fantastic city, here are five of the best places to propose.
In A Garden

San Diego, California

San Diego is a friendly, laid-back city. It has something for everyone, from sunny beaches to hip shops, from diverse cuisines to popular museums. Its relaxed atmosphere and ease of getting around set it apart from many other big cities. Wherever you decide are the best places to propose in San Diego, its summer vacation vibe is certain to create a memorable proposal.

If you’re looking to propose in a town with a lot of history, Southern charm, and Texan pride, look no further than San Antonio! Here are three of the best places to propose in San Antonio.

Over Pasta

The Gaslamp Quarter offers a wide variety of lovely and romantic restaurants, from authentic Mexican to Afghan cuisine. Take an evening stroll past the shops and restaurants together. On 5th Avenue, you will find Acqua Al 2, an Italian restaurant with roots in Florence, Italy. Sit outside and watch the people walk by in the cool evening air. Or choose an intimate table indoors. The menu offers many amazing dishes that aren’t found at most stateside Italian restaurants. The farfalline alla zucca, a pasta with zucchini, garlic, and parmesan, is outstanding, although you can’t go wrong with any of the menu choices. Your most important decision will be whether to pull out the affordable wedding ring set before or after the torta di cioccolatta.

On The Beach

And if neither of these is quite right for your vision of the best places to propose, don’t worry. You can always choose the beautiful California beaches at sunset.

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Marriage Island

This is a popular proposal spot in San Antonio, which you might have guessed by the name. It’s a tiny island off the San Antonio River with a couple benches and a large tree – the perfect place to be alone. Bring your sweetheart here, and tell her the island’s name before you get down on one knee. Proposing on Marriage Island will make a fabulous story, and if you and your future wife become enchanted by this little spot, you can even have your wedding there!

The River Walk

The River Walk is one of the most romantic places you’ll find in San Antonio. The river itself extends for about two miles, and it’s lined with a wide variety of shops, hotels, and restaurants. At the River Walk, there are truly countless ways you could pop the question. You could do it on a River Walk cruise. Or just at a restaurant overlooking the hustle and bustle. Or you could wait until dark, when the trees light up, and simply present her with one of our sparkling solitaire diamond rings right there by the river.

The Alamo

If your partner loves history, the Alamo might be the best place for you to pop that all-important question. Even better, bring your sweetheart here at night to see it lit up. Bonus: admission is free to this historic landmark. Stand there while she tells you all about the history, and when she’s in the middle of a historical anecdote, get down on one knee and wait for her to notice. Then recount the history of your own relationship before you ask her to marry you.

Texas Hill Country

Not far from San Antonio is the Texas Hill Country. Here, you’ll find vineyards, wineries, ranches, and other places to explore. If your partner loves wine, take her to a vineyard or winery. If she loves the outdoors, take her to the Enchanted Rock State Natural Area. You can’t really go wrong in this beautiful part of the state. It provides countless proposal opportunities, which is why it’s one of San Antonio’s best places to propose. Just make sure you have looked at all the souffle diamond rings and have selected the perfect fit... the Texas Hill Country will do the rest!
SAN FRANCISCO LANDMARKS

You’ll find a variety of romantic spots in Golden Gate Park, including the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden and the Japanese Tea Garden. Walk with your lady hand-in-hand through the Conservatory of Flowers, a greenhouse and botanical garden that features a beautiful collection of plants. As she stops to admire a flower that catches her eye, get down on one knee and present her with a striking diamond cluster ring.

The Palace of Fine Arts is lovely by day and gorgeous by night, when its rotunda lights up the pond by which it sits. It’s the perfect place for a romantic stroll that culminates in a proposal. If your bride-to-be is adventurous, a San Francisco cable car is the perfect place for a creative proposal. Look at the route in advance and select an area of the city that suits her (Nob Hill and Ghirardelli Square are two possibilities). She’ll already be giddy from cruising up and down the hills, and shall be ecstatic when you pop the question. Ask your cable car driver to ring the bell in celebration of your engagement, and don’t be surprised if your fellow passengers applaud!

ALONG THE WATER

The famous “Bay to Breakers” race in San Francisco is so named because it begins on the eastern side of the city along the San Francisco Bay and ends on the western side, at the Pacific Ocean. This means that you have plenty of coastline to choose from when planning where you’ll propose.

Along the Pacific, take a walk along Ocean Beach. The cold and fog are staples along the coast, so bundle up and prepare to get cozy in order to keep warm. Ask her to close her eyes for a moment and write, “Will you marry me?” in the sand. Another option is to treat her to a romantic meal at the Cliff House. While she admires the ocean views, catch her gaze and ask for her hand.

On the San Francisco Bay, choose from a number of lovely spots. Watch the adorable sea lions at Pier 39, ride the carousel, or visit the aquarium. Each one makes provides a picturesque backdrop for her diamond cluster ring.

FROM UP ON HIGH

The world-famous Top of the Mark sky lounge crowns the InterContinental Mark Hopkins Hotel. From the 19th floor, you can enjoy live music and take in views of some gorgeous San Francisco landmarks, including the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. The Top of the Mark offers a special package for your creative proposal, including a bottle of bubbly and a Top of the Mark chocolate ring box.

Twin Peaks is known for having some of the most magnificent views in all of San Francisco. Take a drive at night and park the car so you can admire the lights of the city.

Coit Tower sits atop Telegraph Hill and is a well-known landmark in San Francisco. Consider climbing the steep steps from the bottom of the hill. Upon arriving at the top, out breath and marveling at the view, drop to one knee and propose. This creative proposal is for active types only!
San José, California

If you're looking to do a public proposal, this open plaza is the perfect spot. It hosts a number of different festivals and fairs throughout the year and even houses the official city Christmas tree during the holidays. Just imagine presenting your partner with a diamond engagement ring under that tree. If you don't want to propose at an already scheduled public event, try doing something creative of your own!

Japanese Friendship Garden

Here's another beautiful outdoor spot to consider. With over five acres of gardens, it's one of the most picturesque places to propose in San José. You'll also find a koi pond, fountains, and numerous streams. In fact, this is a popular wedding venue! Imagine having your proposal and ceremony in the same place. That's the epitome of romance. In fact, you could present her with a sparkling diamond engagement ring and tell her that you want to marry her in this very spot. (Browse our bridal ring sets before you propose, and remember that you can save 10% on your future wedding band purchases with our She Said Yes program.)

Redwood Canopy Tours

Want to do something fun and outdoorsy? Take your partner on a redwood canopy tour! The two of you can get the adrenaline pumping as you zip-line through the coast of the redwood forest. The tours are around two hours, so take that into consideration when planning your proposal. Do you want to do it before, during, or after? Whatever you choose, take advantage of the fact that you'll be 150 feet above ground. I bet not many people can say they were proposed to from that high up!

So you're ready to propose! If you and your sweetheart are fans of the San Francisco Giants, you know that she would love a proposal at the ballpark, and you're confident that she'll say yes, why not propose at AT&T Park?

Propose on the scoreboard. This is the most popular way to propose at AT&T Park. Make sure to reserve early, as space is limited. Proposal messages display during inning breaks, and the cost is $135 for weekday games and $160 for weekend (Friday-Sunday) and premium games. You'll have four lines of text available, with 20 characters maximum including spaces and punctuation. You can include a custom photo for an additional $75. A few days after the game, you'll be able to order a picture of your scoreboard message or print it on a mug, t-shirt, etc.

Propose on the "Seal-ebrities of the Day" ride with Lou Seal. You and your partner will be the "Seal-ebrities of the Day" and ride around with Lou Seal on his cart between innings. This typically happens after the 5th inning and lasts around a minute and a half. Your name and image will appear on the video board as you wave to the cheering crowd. The announcer will say over the loudspeaker that you have a question for your loved one, which is your cue to propose. Once you get your answer, Lou Seal will hold up a sign that said, "She said yes!"

Request special proposal arrangements. If you have an affiliation with the Giants or a compelling personal story that will tug at fans' heartstrings, you can request arrangements that take extra coordination. Examples include a proposal on the kiss cam, or a game that your girlfriend plays on camera that leads to your proposal.

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DURING AN ACTIVITY

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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

If you’re looking for a peaceful spot to get on one knee, consider Tuolumne Meadows. The Tuolumne River runs through this meadow, which makes this location even more tranquil and dreamy. Imagine having a picnic with the love of your life in this meadow and suddenly turning to him or her with a diamond cluster ring in hand. Sounds pretty fantastic, right?

Yosemite Falls

There are very few things more romantic than a waterfall. Yosemite is home to countless waterfalls, but Yosemite Falls is the tallest waterfall in North America, which makes it one of the more popular and magnificent falls in the park. The best time to visit this waterfall in during May, and if the view of the fall isn’t enough at the base, you can hike to the top! You can check out the fall from this live webcam feed.

SENTINEL DOME

If you want a spectacular view of Yosemite as the backdrop of your proposal, look no further than Sentinel Dome. This is located on the south wall of Yosemite Valley, and it will probably take you an hour or two to hike there, but it’s worth the effort. It’s not just the breathtaking scenery that makes this one of Yosemite’s best places to propose—it’s also home to one of the world’s most famous dead trees, Jeffrey pine (which was made famous by this photograph).

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Savannah, Georgia

The historic downtown area of Savannah is dotted with 22 gorgeous public squares that date back to the 18th and 19th century. Spend an afternoon walking through a few of these squares, strolling under huge live oak canopies and pausing to sit and people watch by one of the many fountains or statues. Grab some gourmet (and healthy) sandwiches at Brighter Day Natural Foods on the edge of Forsyth Park, and find a secluded spot for a picnic in the beautiful grounds of the park. Under the cover of Spanish moss, get down on one knee and propose with a stunning diamond engagement ring.

Make a reservation with Historic Savannah Carriage Tours for a horse-drawn carriage to pick you up at your hotel. The romantic “proposal tour” will arrange everything for a picture-perfect night for two. Your driver will escort you to a gazebo in Whitefield Square, telling you the local legend of how sharing a kiss in the gazebo promises a lifetime of true love. Then you can share a kiss in the gazebo and pop the question with the perfect ring. When you get back into the carriage, you can toast to your future with a bottle of champagne.

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St Louis, Missouri

In A Jewel Box

Park the car and wander through the grass and gardens together. Nestled in St. Louis’s Forest Park is an impressive glass conservatory known as the Jewel Box. Despite its tall stature, inside, it is full of vibrant plant life, sparkling sunshine, and intimate corners perfect for a proposal. It is a popular location for weddings and other events, so if you want to be sure that it is open to the public at the moment of your choosing, then you may wish to call the Parks Division to check. Admission to the Jewel Box is $1, but entry is free on Monday and Tuesday mornings, if you’re looking for an even less expensive proposal option.

AT A MUSEUM

The City Museum is a museum unlike many others and is hands down one of the best places to propose in St. Louis. From enchanted caves to a rooftop carousel, the City Museum offers a wide variety of magical worlds for exciting proposal options. If your heart is set on the museum rooftop or the aquarium for proposing, just be certain to budget in a little extra for the additional admission fee required for those areas.

In A PIZZA

Maybe for some of you, there is nothing about a pizza place that says romance. But imagine a shadowy Italian restaurant with flickering candlelight at a secluded table, a glass of chianti, and the most amazing pizza you’ve ever eaten. If this sounds promising, then consider Katie’s Pizzeria Cafe as one of the best places to propose in St. Louis. Leek, fontina, and pine nut pizza? Yes, please! Or if you’re looking for a more upscale Italian meal, then you might like gnocchi alla bolognese at Dominic’s, lasagna napoletana at Trattoria Marcella, or risotto Milanese at Tony’s. Don’t forget to share a dessert after you propose with a beautiful trio wedding ring set!

Seattle, Washington

1. Check on the forecast, grab your diamond cluster engagement ring, and head to Pike Place Market. Hold hands as you wander the shops and stalls in search of the freshest fruit, baked goods, cheese, and wine for an alfresco lunch along the Puget Sound that includes a surprise course – diamonds!

2. For a more weather-proof dining destination, consider getting reservations at the popular restaurant Maximilien, near Pike Place Market. If the weather is nice, you can sit on the patio and enjoy the waterfront. If the weather turns, you can still enjoy a romantic meal indoors, with regional specialties prepared with a French twist.

3. If sitting down for a meal together at a nice restaurant doesn’t land on your list of best places to propose, then you may wish to consider walking around the shops and galleries of historic Pioneer Square or the bookstores and antique shops of the Queen Anne neighborhood, then finding an appropriate bench. Or you may prefer the idea of bringing your diamond cluster engagement ring along on a horse-drawn carriage ride along the stunning Seattle waterfront.

4. Does your girlfriend make you feel like you are on top of the world? Your ideal proposal spot may be at the top of the Seattle Space Needle, 600 feet above the city. Call ahead to find out the least busy times to visit this popular tourist destination, and make a plan to pop the question surrounded by gorgeous views of the Seattle city scape.

If you live in Seattle and love the romance of a grey day, or galoshes in the rain, then you safely propose at any time of year. But if you would like to propose in the sunshine, then summer is the time to do it, when you can count on many warm and sunny Seattle days.

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IN THE DESERT
If you're looking for romance, look no further than Tucson's Lodge on the Desert, a beautiful hotel and restaurant nestled in the desert and landscaped with native plants. An outdoor dining area under the stars features a four-sided fireplace for year-round dining and proposal comfort. So bring an affordable solitaire engagement ring, enjoy some steamed yam masa tamales or one of the other delicious contemporary fusion cuisine dishes, and pop the question over dessert.

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ON A LIGHTED ADVENTURE
If your lady is a kid at heart, she will love the Airheads Trampoline Arena. Laugh yourselves silly as you literally bounce off the walls, because they're made of giant trampolines. On certain days, you can even play dodgeball. Surprise her by popping the question as you step out of the arena with your adrenaline pumping and your faces flushed.

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Vermont, New England

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Gifford Woods State Park is known for its fall foliage, and it offers lodging options that include cabins, lean-tos, and sites for trailers or tents. Pop the question on a mountaintop, or while sitting by the fire at your campsite. Lake Champlain has plenty to offer when you’re planning to propose. Rent a boat from Westport Marina, Waterfront Boat Rentals, or another local company and cruise around the lovely lake with your sweetheart. Albury Dunes State Park has a remote white sand beach with crystal clear water, with picnic tables and grills available. When she’s not looking, write, “Will you marry me?” in the sand.

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First Landing State Park is located on the famous sight of the 1607 landing of English settlers in America. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Virginia Beach is home to the world’s longest pleasure beach. However, if you’re partial to a seaside setting that’s a little more private and intimate, there are plenty of fabulous places to propose in Virginia Beach.

Virginia Beach’s fascinating history spans all the way back to the first English settlement in the United States in 1607. Since then, Virginia Beach has developed into the most populous city in Virginia and is continuously growing. Named as a “Millennial Boomtown” by Forbes in 2014, Virginia Beach is a certainly a locale on the rise. As you can imagine, there are plenty of fabulous places to propose in Virginia Beach.

ON A SECLUDED BEACH

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First Landing State Park is located on the famous sight of the 1607 landing of English settlers in America. With 2,700-acres of hiking trails, an abundance of wildlife, and 1.5 miles of beach on beautiful Chesapeake Bay, First Landing State Park is both a history buff and nature lover’s dream. Propose to your sweetheart there and be a part of this element of Terrapin certainly accentuates the dining experience. A restaurant that is not lacking in accolades, Terrapin is a fine dining establishment on Virginia Beach that offers patrons a delicious array of modern American cuisine. Chef Rodney describes Terrapin’s farm-to-table style as “common sense cooking,” and this element of Terrapin certainly enhances the dining experience. A restaurant that is not lacking in accolades, Terrapin is a fine dining establishment on Virginia Beach that offers patrons a delicious array of modern American cuisine. Chef Rodney describes Terrapin’s farm-to-table style as “common sense cooking,” and this element of Terrapin certainly enhances the dining experience. A restaurant that is not lacking in accolades, Terrapin is a fine dining establishment on Virginia Beach that offers patrons a delicious array of modern American cuisine. Chef Rodney describes Terrapin’s farm-to-table style as “common sense cooking,” and this element of Terrapin certainly enhances the dining experience.
IN A QUIET OUTDOOR GARDEN

Washington DC

Lately, the internet has been abuzz with the best places to propose. If you are looking for creative proposal ideas, be certain to keep up with the My Trio Rings Precious Places series. This week, our destination is Washington, D.C. So if you are ready to pop the big question, then pick out an affordable wedding ring set and ponder the following proposal venues.

Wichita

Kansas

If rolling plains and The Wizard of Oz are the only ideas you have of Kansas, you’re overlooking a true gem in the wheat capital of the world. The largest city in the state of Kansas, Wichita is brimming with history, life and culture. Fully embracing its past, you will find a fascinating blend of Native American culture, aviation history (it’s also the Air Capital of the World!) and plenty of eats and art to go around. Here’s a highlight of some ideal places to propose in Wichita, KS.

DELICIOUS ETHNIC CUISINES

In A GORGEOUS GARDEN

We’ve all seen the movies with the candlelit Italian restaurant and glasses of wine. While there is nothing wrong with the tried-and-true romantic classics, you may also wish to consider more creative proposal ideas, such as a different kind of culinary venue. Washington, D.C. is uniquely suited for food adventures with its wide variety of different ethnic restaurants. For something different, start the adventure of a lifetime at an Ethiopian restaurant such as Meskerem, where you will sit on intricately patterned cushions and eat with your hands. Talk about your future hopes and dreams while you feast together. Then slip the engagement ring from your affordable wedding ring set onto her finger while you wipe each other’s hands with a warm, wet cloth after your meal. For a more romantic experience, consider requesting a private room at the restaurant of your choice or getting reservations for a time when you may have the restaurant mostly to yourselves.

IN A GORGEOUS GARDEN

One look around the natural beauty of Botanica: The Wichita Gardens is all it takes for the romance to begin. With 28 individually themed gardens to choose from, it’s certainly not hard to find that perfect spot to pop the question! Whether it’s the Butterfly garden, where you’ll find a lovely landscape that attracts many beautiful species of butterflies, the gorgeous peony collection or the Project Beauty Shakespearean Garden, the options are all uniquely stunning. Picture this: butterflies fluttering, flowers blooming and a diamond ring. What could be more perfect?

AT A FINE RESTAURANT

Specializing in the fusion of French and Mediterranean cuisine, Café Bel Ami is a cozy and inviting restaurant that is centrally located in downtown Wichita. If you are looking for a hint of the exotic combined with the comforts of home, it might just be the perfect dining option for you and your sweetheart. Begin with delicious herb-crusted salmon or lamb shank, and end with a diamond ring and celebratory champagne!
3 Creative Ways to Propose THIS SPRING

1. PICNIC

Is there anything that screams spring more than a picnic? As soon as the weather warms up, go in search for the best spot you can find. Check the parks, school campuses, and gardens. You want to find the most picturesque spot possible to get on one knee. For an extra dose of ambiance, choose to have your picnic at a time of day when the birds will be chirping. Cook your sweetheart’s favorite foods beforehand and then surprise her with the picnic idea one weekend. After you two eat, present her with a princess cut engagement ring and ask her to be your wife.

2. MARATHON

If you and your love are active runners, consider running in a marathon this spring. Or, if you’re not runners, suggest trying to start a daily running and walking routine with your partner so you can both work up to a 5K. You can either sign up for a local marathon or use the marathon as an excuse to go somewhere you’ve both always wanted to visit. If you’re doing a local race, you can have your families at the finish line waiting for you and the proposal. Once you and your partner reach the end, smile and ask her to spend the rest of your life with you!

3. EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter is coming up soon, and Easter egg hunts present a perfect opportunity for a creative and fun proposal. You’ll have to do some coordinating on your end to pull this off. One idea is to coordinate a family-wide Easter egg hunt and let your family in on the secret. If the eggs you are hiding are fake, put the engagement ring in the fake egg. Instead of actually hiding the egg somewhere, put the ring in your pocket. (After all, we don’t want someone else to find that sparkling princess cut engagement ring!) Then, get far enough away from her to drop it, tell her you found one, and give it to her to open. If you use real eggs, just securely tie the ring to the egg and use the same plan.
Top 10 Reasons to Propose during Fall with
A TRIO WEDDING RING SET

The sun is shining through the colorful leaves. Delicious fall breezes are blowing. Change is in the air. Is it time for you to make a change in your life? Perhaps you are considering a proposal this fall, but you are still on the fence. Is now the right time for you to propose?

1. **You Know That He Is the One**
   Maybe you have had many boyfriends, or maybe it has always been him. Regardless, you know in your heart that he is the person that you want to spend the rest of your life with, the person you want to share for better or for worse with.

2. **You See Eye-To-Eye on Important Issues Like Money, Religion, and Children**
   You have a solid foundation for starting a life together with compatible values, attitudes, goals, and dreams. You’ve discussed the future and have a shared vision for what it might look like as a couple.

3. **You Are Ready to Start Your Life Together**
   It is fun to go on dates and spend time together, but you are ready to start creating an entire life together.

4. **You Know That He Is Ready, Too**
   Sometimes women are more ready for commitment than men, but you feel secure in your relationship and confident that you are both ready for taking the next step forward together.

5. **You Are a Confident Woman**
   You are a confident go-getter. You are sure of yourself and don’t feel the need to wait for him to plan a proposal.

6. **You Can Afford a Trio Wedding Ring Set**
   You are ready to purchase a trio wedding ring set for the two of you, or maybe you have a couple of possibilities bookmarked to show him after you pop the question.

7. **You Can Afford a Budget Wedding**
   You are in a good financial situation as a couple to be able to afford to plan and execute a budget wedding in the near future.

8. **You Have an Exciting Proposal Plan**
   Maybe you want to propose to him at a baseball game before the end of the regular season, or you have another proposal idea in mind that you are ready to act on.

9. **You Might Want to Plan a Budget Wedding for the Fall or Winter**
   If you want to get married soon, then you will want to get married even sooner

10. **There Is No Time Like the Present**
    Are you ready to propose? Get started with a trio wedding ring set today!
5 Ways to Pop The Question

IN FALL

Are you ready to propose? Indiana National Guardsman Jesse Fordyce was very ready recently. The Iraq war veteran held up a giant hand-painted sign at the airport with the help of family and friends to propose to his girlfriend Kelly, who also serves in the military. As Kelly descended the escalator to baggage claim, she was surprised to see the giant sign and her boyfriend on one knee with an engagement ring nestled in a grey box.

1. GET YOUR FALL ON AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH

Jump on the hayride, sip some cider, and pick the perfect pumpkins with your future bride. Make plans to carve the pumpkins on a later date, and hide the affordable engagement ring still inside of a scooped-out pumpkin.

2. TAKE A HIKE TOGETHER TO ENJOY THE FALL COLORS

When the moment is right, simply get down on one knee in the middle of the path with the ring box in your hand, and think of a creative way to tell your bride-to-be that you have fallen for her and are ready to propose.

3. GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE AT THANKSGIVING

Nestle an engagement ring in the middle of the apple pie (plan well, so no one swallows it!), or slip a ring onto her finger during the Thanksgiving grace when everyone is holding hands around the table.

4. DRESS UP AS A VAMPIRE FOR HALLOWEEN

Instead of using your best fake Transylvanian accent to say, ’I want to suck your blood,’ find the perfect moment to cry out, ’I want to marry you!’

5. INVITE YOUR FUTURE WIFE OVER FOR AN OLD-FASHIONED LEAF-RAKING PARTY

Challenge her to see who can rake the biggest pile of fallen leaves, and then reclaim your youth by jumping into the piles. When you are both lying in leaves and laughing, pull the affordable engagement ring set out of your pocket.
10 Romantic Ways to Propose during Christmas

You hate to spend time away from her. Your friends like her. Your mom loves her. You know that she is the one and can’t wait to start your life together. You have even saved up the money to purchase a beautiful diamond cluster ring. Now it is time to secretly find out her ring size, purchase an affordable trio ring set, and come up with a romantic way to propose this Christmas. Here are some Christmas proposal ideas to get you started:

1. **Hide a Diamond Cluster Ring in the Toe of Her Christmas Stocking**
2. **Bury the Ring Box Under a Pile of Packing Peanuts in a Giant Wrapped Gift Box**
3. **Create a Personalized Proposal Christmas Ornament at a Make-Your-Own Pottery Studio, Such as Color Me Mine**
4. **Tie a Trio Ring Set with a Ribbon and Hand It to Her Like a Christmas Ornament to Hang on the Christmas Tree**
5. **Wrap Up a Travel Scrabble Set with the Words “Will You Marry Me?” Spelled Out on the Game Board**
6. **Arrange for the Santa Claus at the Mall to Give Your Girlfriend a Ring Box When She Tells Him What She Wants for Christmas**
7. **Hide an Engagement Ring in the Bottom of Her Glass of Champagne (Or Tie It To the Stem If You’re Safety-Minded!)**
8. **Slip a Diamond Cluster Ring Onto Her Finger as You Say Grace Before Christmas Dinner**
9. **Create a Christmas Scavenger Hunt That Ends With a Proposal Spelled Out in Christmas Lights**
10. **Have a Bakery Make a Special Christmas Cookie Decorated With the Words “Will You Marry Me?”**
4 Romantic Ways To Propose

You have discovered your girlfriend’s ring size. You have shopped around for affordable engagement ring sets. You have picked out the perfect diamond cluster engagement ring. Now it is time to plan the perfect proposal. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

1. **Give Her the Best Gift of Her Life**
   Collect square boxes of all sizes, from very large to very small. Put the diamond cluster engagement ring into the smallest box and wrap it. Tape a note on the outside that says one of your favorite things about your girlfriend. Put the wrapped box inside of the next largest box and wrap it. Write another note. Continue to nest the box into larger boxes and wrap with pretty wrapping paper topped with a sweet note. Once you have wrapped the largest box, tie it with a big bow and give it to her for her birthday. Or slip the engagement ring into the toe of her Christmas stocking and cover it with other gifts before hanging it back on the mantle.

2. **Plan a Picnic**
   Ask your girlfriend to meet you for a picnic at your favorite park. Pack a picnic basket with your girlfriend’s favorite foods. Fill a cooler with ice and a bottle of champagne or sparkling cider. Bring a big picnic blanket to sit on. Don’t forget to bring her diamond cluster engagement ring in your pocket. Make a toast to your future together and pull out the ring to propose before you eat. Or have a local bakery create a cake or cookie with your proposal written in icing, and present it at the end of your meal.

3. **Make Memories at the Movies**
   Plan a dinner-and-a-movie date. Take your girlfriend to her favorite restaurant and go all out. Order an appetizer, wine, and dessert in addition to the meal itself. Next, take her to see a romantic movie at the theater. Be sure to sit on her left. Hold her hand during the movie, and at one of the most romantic moments of the movie, use your other hand to slip her diamond cluster engagement ring out of your pocket and onto her finger.

4. **Put It in Writing**
   Based on your girlfriend’s interests, think of a creative way to put your proposal in writing. If she loves the ocean, plan a day at the beach when you will write the proposal in the sand. Does she spend a lot of time at the computer? Write one word on each post-it note to spell out “Will you marry me?” Stick the notes along the top of her computer monitor. Is your girlfriend a word lover? Create your own crossword puzzle with a proposal hidden in the clues to slip inside the morning newspaper. Or write a proposal with a magnetic poetry set on the refrigerator.
My Trio Rings was started by Vipul Lakhi who joined the industry with the backing of four generations of expertise in the diamond and jewelry industry! He noticed how much big store retailers were overcharging their customers, and started MyTrioRings.com to reduce costs and make diamond matching jewelry affordable for the everyday hardworking American.

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Nothing’s worse than having unmatched wedding rings. Each of our styles are offered as Trio Sets, Bridal Sets or Wedding Band Sets.

**DIRECT TO CONSUMER**
We cut out the middlemen and sell direct to customers – lower costs mean customers can save!

**SKIP THE LINE**
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