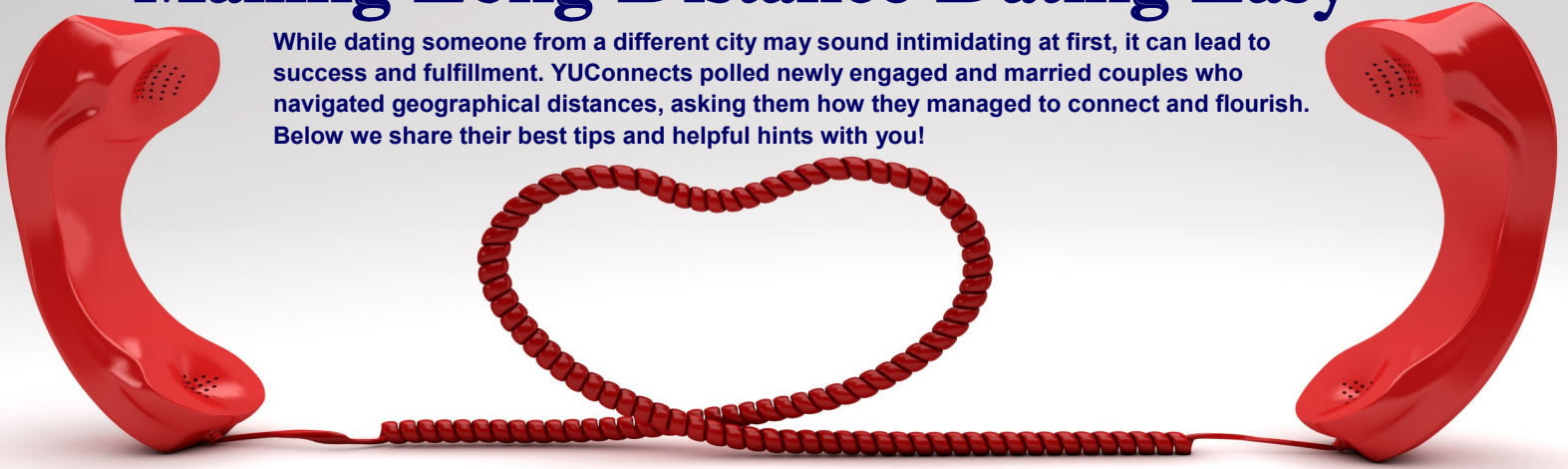


Making Long Distance Dating Easy

While dating someone from a different city may sound intimidating at first, it can lead to success and fulfillment. YUConnects polled newly engaged and married couples who navigated geographical distances, asking them how they managed to connect and flourish. Below we share their best tips and helpful hints with you!



Benefits of dating someone from a different city

- ◆ Meeting new people and experiencing **new cultures** is always a plus! With a positive outlook and a curious mind, you learn more about a community and make connections.
- ◆ **Broaden your activities and hobbies**— different places will enrich and ignite varying interests and talents. C'mon, learn to love ice hockey!
- ◆ Consider traveling to meet one another a **"mini-vacation"** and see new sites.
- ◆ Couples who "travel to date" cherish their in-person time together and find that the dates are **most meaningful** and precious.
- ◆ If you move to a smaller community, there are many **additional advantages**: economic benefits, strengthened religious unity and social interactions, to name a few.

Making long distance relationships flourish

- ◆ Choose a **mentor** who can help guide the relationship given the distance. Ask friends and family for recommendations if they had similar dating experiences.
- ◆ **Schedule phone calls or Zoom times** and stick to them. By setting times to speak, and not being late, you are showing the other person that you value their time, and your relationship. **Zoom dates are shorter than in-person dates. Plan for 45 minutes to an hour.**
- ◆ **Embrace technology** at its fullest: Zoom, Skype, IM, sharing photos and texting are available today for your advantage. Remember, to treat "video dates" as true in-person dates. Focus on each other, look your best and keep distractions to a minimum. After all, you wouldn't check your texts if you were in front of one another!
- ◆ Shipping small gifts or **homemade favorite treats** are great ideas. Let's face it; they are cheaper than airfares and make a big impact. Joining Amazon Prime may be worth the price!

Be aware of these added tips

- ◆ Be sure you have your own **life and hobbies** to keep yourself busy when you are not together.
- ◆ Have **clear expectations** of when you will be seeing each other next.
- ◆ Moving the **relationship forward** as time goes on is important and more essential in this situation.
- ◆ Long distance dating can be expensive. Budget flight/car costs into your monthly budget to ensure that you will see each other frequently. Sometimes men and women **share costs** and travel to not overly burden one party.

Additional Resources

[Aish— 7 Keys to Long Distance Dating](#)
[Prepping for Long Distance Dating](#)
[Zoomed Relationships](#)



Some favorite quotes from "real life" couples

- ◆ *"You can go to the grocery store after a workout and not worry about running into him!"* (R. from **Baltimore**)
- ◆ *"Even though we don't see each other as often as we might if we lived closer, we get many more hours together per "date" when we're visiting over the weekend."* (L. from **Israel**)
- ◆ *"You're not doing this to have a Zoom friend -- travel there and see if this is someone to pursue."* (T. from **Memphis**)
- ◆ *"Ultimately, I think if you want something to work, you can find a way to make it work."* (E. from **New York**)