



# BOWLING

Ceci wanted to get things rolling with a night out bowling, so we sent her to the rowdy Brooklyn Bowl to hopefully rack up a love strike.



**CECI, 25**

Actor living in Williamsburg

**Why she's single:** She's just really enjoying being single right now.

**Her dream date:** Bowling. It's a low-pressure activity that can still be competitive.



**NATE, 30**

Bartender living in Harlem

**Why he's single:** He goes backpacking four months a year, so he's always working to save up for another trip.

**His dream date:** Taking a bottle of wine to a park.

"He was a super-sweet, soft-spoken guy. I feel like I can talk to anyone, but right away the conversation was easy with him."

## FIRST IMPRESSION

"I thought she was cute, and she seemed a lot more comfortable than I was. She made me feel relaxed from the get-go."

"No romantic chemistry on my end, but it was super friendly. We talked about the service industry and annoying customers."

## CHEMISTRY

"I did feel like there was some romantic chemistry. I think we hit it off. We kind of connected over the awkwardness of it all."

"I did really well bowling. I turned around expecting a cheer, but he was looking down at his phone."

## AWKWARD MOMENT

"She said she was making a movie about mediocre first dates. I was like, *Oh, no. I really hope this isn't material for that.*"

"I had to head out to meet a friend, and he asked to exchange numbers. I think I'd see him again, but just on friendly terms."

## AFTERWARD

"After we finished bowling, I was like, 'Do you want to exchange Instagrams?' I didn't want to come off as too pushy."

♥♥♥♥♥ "It wasn't a love connection, but he was a really nice guy. It was pretty much in line with what I expected."

## THE VERDICT

♥♥♥♥♥ "I'd say it went much better than I was expecting. She seemed cool, and I'd like to hang out with her again."

"I really loved Brooklyn Bowl! Everyone there was really nice. The ahi tuna bowl was great, and I beat him at bowling. He was very courteous about it."

**THE DATE**  
Brooklyn Bowl (@brooklynbowl)  
→ Williamsburg (brooklynbowl.com)

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## NIGHTMARE DATE

"He kept eating food off my plate and ordered a ton of his favorite beer, which he repeatedly insisted was really going to his head. It was nonalcoholic."

—Aleeza, midtown

← "I work from home, so I end up going on a lot of boring coffee dates in the middle of the day. What's something more fun to do that doesn't involve day-drinking?"

—Hillary, Park Slope

**Kick Axe Throwing**, in nearby Gowanus, checks off three of your boxes: An urban adventure, it's bound to make you look like a badass, and it opens at 11:30am during the week. Before chucking those hatchets, peruse the Runner & Stone café a few blocks away for a caffeine or pastry fix.

→ Gowanus (kickaxe.com, runnerandstone.com)



→ "Sometimes I just want to share a really great cocktail with someone."

—Devin, Soho

Sounds like you need to pay a visit to **Pegu Club** on Houston Street. This urbane barroom begat many of today's standard-bearing tipples, along with Death & Company, PDT and Mayamezcal, but it still shakes up the Gin-Gin Mule and other fresh classics.

→ Soho (peguclub.com)



"I'm broke. I want a date that costs zero dollars and zero cents." —Tim, Greenpoint

No loot? No problem. Stroll somewhere so bucolic, you lovebirds will forget it's free of charge! Everyone appreciates a hidden urban oasis, and the **St. Luke in the Fields Gardens**—just off Hudson Street, between Barrow and Christopher Streets in the West Village—are up there with the best of them. Gorgeous and well maintained, these tucked-away green spaces will make you feel as if you're stepping into Narnia.

→ West Village (stlukeinthefields.org)

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