

# Steve Carell

actor

In *Date Night* (coming to theaters on April 9), Carell stars as a man desperate for a romantic evening out with his wife, played by Tina Fey. The couple steals a reservation at a popular Manhattan bistro, which kicks off more thrills than the duo bargained for. But had his character taken advice from the real-life Carell, he'd know that sometimes all you need for true romance is beer and pretzels.

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While occasionally adventurous with food (Play-Doh, anyone?), the actor prefers to keep things simple.

**What was your most memorable date night?**

The first date I had with my wife. We went to Green Mill, a well-known bar in Chicago. I believe we ordered beer and pretzels.

**Have you ever cooked a romantic dinner for your wife?**

I love my wife dearly, and, therefore, I've never cooked a meal, romantic or otherwise, for her. Keep in mind that we've only been married for 14 years—there's no need to rush these things.

**What do you consider an aphrodisiac or romantic food?**

I find pork chops with those little white underpants around the bottom to be very romantic.

**What's your favorite dish to make at home?**

I don't cook, but I do grill. My favorite recipe is for marinated flank steak. I've convinced myself that I'm actually pretty good at it, but most likely, I'm not.

**Name three things that you always have in your refrigerator.**

Soy milk, because my daughter has a severe milk allergy; Diet Coke; and strawberries.

**Is there something you like to eat, even though you know you shouldn't?**

I love In-N-Out Burger.

**Do you have any comfort foods?**  
My mom's lasagna.

**What's the perfect snack?**  
Potato chips and dip. Then it's time for my morning coffee.

**What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten?**  
My son's Play-Doh. It was disgusting. I think they make it disgusting for a reason.

**Of all the places you've traveled, where's the best food?**  
The best food is in Chicago. There are great restaurants everywhere, from fancy places to burger joints.

**What's your drink of choice when you go out?**  
Amstel Light or red wine.

**What would you never, ever eat again?**  
Smelt. My dad used to eat smelt and mayo sandwiches. Yikes.

**Tell us about your most unforgettable meal.**  
It was a Thanksgiving when my parents came from Boston to visit me in Chicago. They actually brought the entire meal on the plane with them, including a fully cooked turkey.

**What would people be surprised to find in your kitchen?**  
I think people would be surprised to find a unicorn in my kitchen. So would I. ■