The 7 Most Hyped Celebrity Weddings of the Last Decade





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There's nothing as joyful as when our favorite <u>celebrity</u> <u>couples</u> say, "I do." <u>Celebrity relationships</u> are usually more extravagant when it comes to taking vacations, going on dates and giving gifts. When they decide to have a celebrity wedding, it typically becomes an over-the-top, decadent and luxurious affair. When it comes to love and weddings, nobody does it better than the stars. Over this past decade we have seen our favorite celebs tie the knot with all of the pomp and circumstance imaginable.

Cupid has compiled the 7 most hyped celebrity weddings of the last decade:

- 1. Kim Kardashian & Kanye West: Keeping up with Kim is what many people are sure to do when it comes to planning a lavish wedding. Kim Kardashian and husband Kanye West tied the knot with all the pomp and circumstance you could imagine! They married at Forte di Belvedere in Florence, Italy on May 24, 2014. Her gown was Givenchy Haute Couture for the ceremony and a Balmain dress for the reception. Their friend John Legend performed and at the rehearsal dinner, Lana Del Rey serenaded the pair to her hit song "Young & Beautiful." Kim has a huge engagement and celebrity wedding ring from Lorraine Schwartz, an over the top wedding in Europe, and they live in a \$11 million dollar mansion in Bel Air, California. They even had a pre-wedding party at Versailles, a bachelorette party in Paris, France and a lavish honeymoon in Cork, Ireland.
- 2. Prince William & Kate Middleton: The wedding of the Royals was a real life fairy tale! Millions of people watched this wedding around the world and celebrated. Prince William and Kate Middleton said their vows on April 29, 2011 and wed at Westminster Abbey, which is where most Royals have their ceremonies The ceremony had 72 million streaming on YouTube, and 36.7 million watching the coverage on television in the United Kingdom. It can best be summed up by the Taylor Swift lyric, "It's a love story, baby just say yes." The beautiful bride wore an elegant gown by Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen. Thousands of people cheered on the streets as the regal couple stepped out onto the balcony to greet the public. The best part is, they donated a lot of their wedding gifts to their favorite charities!
- 3. Donald Trump and Melania Knauss: Business mogul, Republican party's current candidate for Presidency, and host of his own

show The Apprentice, Trump had one of the fanciest weddings of the century when he wed Melania Knauss. The pair married in January 2005 in Palm Beach, Florida in a lavish \$1 million Melania Knauss wore a Christian Dior gown made from 300 feet of satin embedded with 1,500 crystals. She had a 13foot train that weighed approximately 50 pounds, and reportedly took over 1,000 hours to make. There was a 36-piece orchestra playing music. The couple also spared no expense when it came to details, as they hired Preston Bailey, a floral designer whose fees begin at around \$100,000 to plan their wedding flowers. It was a star studded affair, some of the invited guests included Oprah Winfrey, Elton John and Usher. Their closest family and friends threw rose petals on them when they said "I do," there were more than 6,000 appetizers of lobster and caviar and truffles, before they had down dinner with lobster rolls, caviar and beef tenderloin, steamed shrimp salad and more. The wedding cake was 200 pounds, five-foot-tall, seven tiers and had 3,000 iced roses on it.

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- 4. Justin Timberlake & Jessica Biel: Lights, camera, action wedding! These two actors tied the knot on October 19, 2012. Singer Justin Timberlake, and actress Jessica Biel opted for an elegant and private affair. She wore a custom petal pink Giambattista Valli strapless gown with a veil that was embedded with pearls from her Grandmother's tiara from her wedding day. He opted for a sleek and chic Tom Ford suit. The event took place in Puglia, Italy and had guests including Jimmy Fallon, Timbaland and Andy Samberg. Timberlake serenaded Biel as she walked down the aisle. The wedding events cost a reported \$6.5 million dollars.
- **5.** Blake Lively & Ryan Reynolds: Spotted: Blake Lively, of Gossip Girl fame, marrying fellow actor Ryan Reynolds in September of 2012 in an elegant and private ceremony. The super private event was held in South Carolina. The starlet

and the Hollywood heartthrob tied the knot in an exclusive ceremony that featured the best of everything. Lively wore a Marchesa couture bridal gown that featured hand-draped silk tulle bodice that was detailed with custom crystal and rose gold embroidery. It was about celebrating the love between the pretty pair though, not materialistic things, Lively even told Vogue that she actually burned part of her dress with a sparkler during the party while she was watching Florence Welch sing at her reception. However; the celebration was about creating memories that will last for the rest of their lives! She said that the burn is now her favorite part of the dress and she will cherish the memories that are preserved.

6. Kendra Wilkinson & Hank Baskett: June 27, 2009 is the day that *The Girls Next Door* star Kendra Wilkinson and athlete Hank Baskett tied the knot at the Playboy Mansion. This wedding affair was \$1 million dollars, featured a buffet of sushi, mini cheeseburgers, lobster and a strawberry and chocolate wedding cake by Fantasy Frostings. There were lavish flowers everywhere: over 5,000 roses, 2,000 hydrangeas, and 1,200 lavender and white orchids. What happens at the Playboy Mansion, does not always stay there — sometimes it's meant to be enjoyed by many!

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7. Kim Zolciak & Kroy Biermann: On November 11, 2011, reality starlet Kim Zolciak wed NFL star Kroy Biermann. The two star in their own reality show spinoffs on Bravo TV. She had three wedding dress changes, that equaled \$92,000, and their wedding cake was 11 layers and cost \$14,000. Kim had shared that they didn't spare any expenses, because you only do it one time and they wanted it to be special. Their lavish wedding totaled \$1 million dollars. Guests definitely didn't want to be tardy for this party!

What have been your favorite celebrity weddings? Comment below!