

# George Clooney and Stacy Keibler Explore Lake Como, Italy



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Clooney and Stacy Keibler are finding *amore* in Italy. The couple was spotted at Clooney's villa on Lake Como this week, enjoying the sun in a boat ride with friends, according to [People](#). Clooney, 51, and Keibler, 32, have been dating since last summer. This isn't the couple's first romantic getaway: they recently visited Mexico as well.

**Where are the most romantic travel destinations for new couples?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

For a new couple, a passionate escape can really seal the deal on a relationship. Here are some of the most romantic travel

destinations for new couples:

**1. New Zealand:** New Zealand is a wonderful place to explore with your love. Be adventurous and do things you've never done before. After all, bungee jumping was invented in New Zealand. If you don't feel so daring, you can relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery—and each other.

**2. Ibiza:** This Spanish island is the perfect place to party. Grab your honey and head to any of Ibiza's famous clubs to dance the night away.

**3. Costa Rica:** Relax on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts in Costa Rica. You can experience romance on the beach while you surround yourself with the culture.

**What are your most romantic travel destinations? Let us know below.**

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## Is That You, Mr. Right?





By Melissa Caballero

Is there such a thing as 'Mr. Right?' Hollywood and the movie producers have made us to believe so! It is very difficult to sift through reality and sweep our fantasies under the rug when it comes to our own personal love lives. We watch our favorite female celebrities being lifted off their feet (many times) on the big screen while riding off into the night hand-in-hand with a George Clooney or Zac Efron while we are left drooling and fantasizing about our own love story. We leave the movie theater captivated by this notion of 'Mr. Right,' and we're deceived by love more than ever. Let's take a look at a few important factors to keep in mind when aiming to find your 'Mr. Right':

**1. Reality vs. the big screen.** It's important to take the concept of 'Mr. Right' off of a pedestal. While finding love is a wonderful thing and we are creatures who were made to share this emotion, the reality of how love can exist escapes us. We take mental notes while watching movies and make bullet points of all the things we think are important to find in a man, ultimately fabricating in our minds this person we call 'Mr. Right.' We all need to accept that love comes in many different shapes and sizes and usually in the most unexpected places. These places are often times not found in the

movies. Keep an open mind, and you may find yourself pleasantly surprised by what comes your way.

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**2. The man resume.** When you're dating or analyzing the relationship you are already in, we all have a set of standards and guidelines. However, if you only like his qualities because they look good on paper, you may get caught up in thinking he is "the one." We get so wrapped up in the fantasies we have created for ourselves that we forget to see him for who he really is instead of someone you may or may not be able to grow with in the future.

**3. Love yourself.** You are the most important person, so be right for yourself first. Finding the right man will not make you happy in the long run, despite what you may think. A man will not fill the voids in your life, so that's why it's essential to love who you are inside and out, alone or in a relationship. Whether your physical appearance has you troubled or you find yourself wishing you went back to school for another degree; go out and do something about it! Once you embrace yourself for everything you are, you will shine, and that is sexy to any guy.

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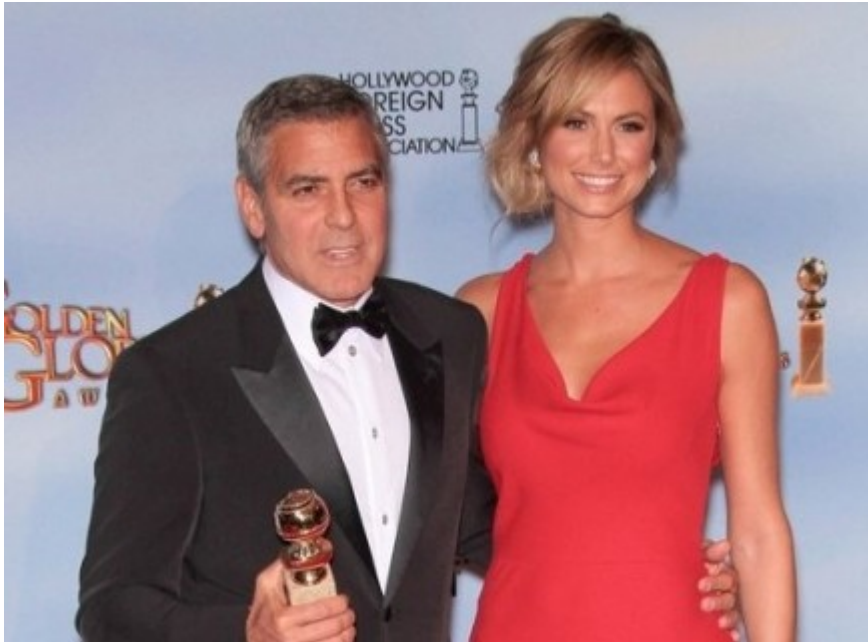
**4. Never settle.** You should never feel that you have to modify yourself in order to fit the needs of any man. If you are not being yourself in an effort not to lose him, it will start to catch up to you and cause an eruption of frustration and unhappiness. While a man may not be able to fill our internal voids, he should be encouraging you to be yourself, and no conflicts should arise because of it. In the beginning of a relationship, those couples that are right for each other will come across far less problems and issues. And, even when you do face troubles, getting out of it will be much faster. When you find the right person to share your life with, they will

only enhance your true self.

What do you look for when searching for 'Mr. Right?' Share your comments below.

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# Angelina Jolie, Stacy Keibler and Their Beaus Have Awkward Run-In



Is there some tension brewing between Angelina Jolie and Stacy Keibler? According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the two ladies awkwardly ran into each other while accompanying their nominated men recently. Jolie's longtime lover Brad Pitt and Keibler's boyfriend of six months, George Clooney saw each other at the Screen Actors Guild Awards last weekend. Keibler was

reportedly fixated on Pitt when the two couples caught up with each other and even posed for what seemed to be an awkward group shot while walking the red carpet. This isn't the first time Jolie and Keibler have had a weird moment when bumping into each other. A few weeks ago, the skies weren't so friendly when Jolie and Keibler both hopped on the same private plane with their men while heading to the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

**What do you do if you don't get along with your beau's best friend's girlfriend?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Sure, you won't get along with everyone you meet, but when it comes to your boyfriend and his close friends, getting along with them can be a big deal. Here are a few tips to help get you through any awkward moments while dealing with your potential "frenemy":

- 1. Girl talk:** Next time your sweetie's best friend and his girlfriend visit, invite her to go with you to the store or mall so you can talk to her about the issue and hopefully straighten everything out.
- 2. Be the bigger person:** Even if she's being rude when you are around each other, smile and be kind anyway. Treating her in a polite way may cause her to treat you the same ... eventually.
- 3. Avoid the situation:** If you've exhausted all of your options while trying to make peace with your beau's best friend's girlfriend and you two still can't patch it up, then it's probably best to leave her alone and only speak if necessary.

**How did you handle not getting along with your partner's best friend? Share your experiences below.**

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# Stacy Keibler Says George Clooney Keeps Her 'Locked Up'



George Clooney knows a good girl when he's got one. The actor jokingly told reporters that he doesn't let girlfriend Stacy Keibler go out.

According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the former WWE star played along with the reporters saying, "George keeps me locked up." They have much more in common than not wanting to go out on the town, however. The duo also have similar taste in fashion, according to Keibler. "Whatever I end up liking, he likes it, too. So it works out good because if he didn't, then I don't know what I would do!"

**What do you do if your partner begins to hold you back?**

**Cupid's Advice:**



Not all relationships are like Clooney and Keibler's. Sometimes a partner can stop you from doing things you want to do. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Support:** Ask for support. Sit down with your partner and let them know that you need them to be a friend to you first and foremost. Friendship means supporting you in whatever you choose to be passionate about.

**2. Trust:** Some partners keep their loved ones from going out due to a lack of trust. Not believing in your partner can be a huge mistake. If your partner doesn't trust you, or vice versa, think about what is causing this mistrust and fix it if possible.

**3. Moving on:** Ultimately, if your guy or girl refuses to be there for you, it may be time to find someone who isn't going to hold you back, but rather, will push you forward.

**What are some other ways a partner can hold you back? Share your comments below.**

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## Find Out How George Clooney and Stacy Keibler Spent New Year's Eve







Stacy Keibler didn't have to worry about where her New Year's kiss was going to come from because she and boyfriend George Clooney celebrated the arrival of 2012 together with family and friends at their home in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. [People](#) reported that, although the former *Dancing With The Stars* contestant and hunky actor kept things low key this holiday, they still participated in usual NYE festivities. "There will *definitely* be some dancing and drinking going on," Keibler explained beforehand.

## **What are the advantages of celebrating holidays at home?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Spending New Year's Eve in crowded bars can be fun, but it can also be a hassle. Cupid has some advantages to ringing in the New Year at home:

- 1. VIP list:** If you throw a holiday party at your home, you can invite all of your closest friends and family. There's no chance you'll be sitting next to strangers.
- 2. Save money:** Buying drinks or dinner out can be expensive. Make dinner at home, and accompany your meal with your favorite drinks made at a fraction of the price.

**3. Intimate:** Spending the holiday with friends and family can be a blast, but it might be a nice change of pace to spend a romantic night alone alongside your partner.

**How did you ring in the New Year? Share your comments below.**

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## Last Minute Holiday Shopping Guide for Your Partner



By Thomas Doane

With the holidays just around the corner, some people are starting to panic as they worry about what to buy for everyone. Of particular concern for many is what to buy for their significant others. Whether you are newly attached or longtime lovers, everyone wants to find a gift under the tree.

Believe it or not, even celebrities have these worries. After all, behind the fame and glamour, they are flesh and blood humans. Just like us, they have similar worries and doubts.

In that spirit, here's a guide to holiday shopping for your significant others, whether you're famous or not:

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**If you've just started dating, think small.**

Not only will your new love not expect a large gift, but it may freak them out a little, which is definitely not what you want or need at this time of year. Try to find something small and meaningful for under \$50. This could be something simple like an item of clothing, or you could be a little more personal and plan a candlelit dinner at home. Whatever you choose, be sure to look for deals, and don't feel pressured to overspend.

George Clooney and Stacy Keibler should take this advice! The pair has only been together for a couple of months and shouldn't worry about lavishing each other with expensive gifts. In fact, due to George's infamously skittish nature, Stacy may want to go the dinner-at-home route, in order to appear appropriately aloof.

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**If you have crossed the one-year threshold, then you can splurge...a little.**

Still keep spending to a reasonable amount, but try to find a gift that reflects your feelings for one another. Once you have reached the one-year mark, it is likely that you are in love, so go for something romantic, if all else fails, like a weekend getaway for two, or a small piece of jewelry.

This would be a good guide for Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, who recently celebrated their first year together. While this

pair is awfully young to be worrying about jewelry, they obviously like vacationing together, and should feel comfortable expressing their feelings for one another. In doing so, they can be assured of one another's affections, and their budding love will continue to bloom.

**If you are in it for the long haul, then go all out.**

Whether you are married or in a long-term relationship, the holidays are the perfect time to show your devotion and hope for a bright future together. Accordingly, buy your loved one something that shows how much they mean to you, and emphasizes your familiarity with their likes and dislikes.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are preparing for yet another Christmas together, and despite repeated rumors of their demise, it looks like they are still going strong. Now would be a great time for them to travel to another country, away from their passel of children, and reaffirm their love to one another so that next year will be even better than the last.

Regardless of where you stand in your relationship, the thing to remember is that the holidays are *not* about who gives the best gift or how many you receive. The true reason for the season is spending time with your loved ones and preparing for a great new year. So, just relax and spend the day with your sweetie. Happy holidays!

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# George Clooney and Jennifer Aniston Dominate 'Dream Smooch' Survey



With New Year's Eve around the corner, people are beginning to dream about who they'd love to lock lips with at midnight. According to a recent survey of over 1,000 readers from [omg!](#), the two who dominate this list are Jennifer Aniston and George Clooney. For the celebrity men, the survey reported that 28 percent of women wish for a smooch from Clooney on Dec. 31 with Johnny Depp coming in at a close second with 27 percent. Surprising to most, star of *Crazy, Stupid, Love* and *The Notebook* Ryan Gosling only stole 7 percent of women's dream kisses. On the female celebrity side of things, Aniston, the star of *Friends* and *Horrible Bosses*, captured 22 percent of men, while Halle Berry came in second with 18 percent.

**If you could share a kiss with a celebrity at midnight, who**

would it be? Share your choices below.

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# Stacy Keibler Drops the L Bomb About George Clooney



George Clooney is infamous for being very private when it comes to the media. His girlfriend, Stacy Keibler, however, loves to tweet about their relationship. In response to his new mate's public ways, he had this to tell *Rolling Stone* magazine: "She can do whatever she wants, I rarely tell anybody what they should be doing with their life." It looks like things are getting serious, too. According to [UsMagazine](#), in Kiebler's latest tweet, she dropped the "L" word, stating, "You know it's love when your boyfriend has elbow surgery 2 days ago and takes you to a Ravens game. Especially when he's a Bengals fan." Maybe

Clooney won't tweet his feelings for all to see, but often when your partner does trumps when they say.

**What are some ways to tell you're in love?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

During the holiday season, feelings of love often become more pronounced. They can be disguised as many other things, lust and infatuation being the most common forms. Here's how you know it's real:

**1. You show it:** Like Clooney and Kiebler, sometimes words are better left unsaid. Showing someone you truly care can really make a person feel special. Being willing to take them to see their favorite sporting event (even if you loathe them), make them dinner, or even take them on a trip are good ways to tell it's true love.

**2. You sing their praises:** Another way to tell you're in love is wanting to have the whole world know it. You seem to gush about your partner to anyone willing to listen.

**3. They make your troubles disappear:** You are having the day from hell, but just hearing from them makes it all the better. You know you are smitten when you hear that voice on the other end of the line and all of the issues you were dealing with suddenly seem minor and disappear.

**How did you know when you were in love? Share your comments below.**

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# Rebound: Elisabetta Canalis Is Dating Mehcad Brooks



Elisabetta Canalis is already moving on. The former Italian TV personality, who dated George Clooney for two years until their split last June, is now in a new relationship with *True Blood* star Mehcad Brooks, reports [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). "They started seeing each other after she left *Dancing with the Stars*," said a source. "She already refers to him as her boyfriend. They're really cute."

**How do you know if your new relationship is a rebound?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

It's easy to enter a new relationship before you have recovered from a past breakup. Here are a few ways to tell if you're in a rebound relationship:

**1. You think about your ex:** If you find yourself frequently thinking about your ex instead of your new partner, you probably still have feelings for your former partner.

**2. You compare your relationships:** If you find yourself comparing your current partner to your ex, you need to rethink the relationship. Let your partner be their own person, and don't compare them to your ex.

**3. You don't see a future:** If you're in a serious relationship, try visualizing a future with your partner. Until you can picture a future with your partner, you will never be completely over your ex.

**Have you ever been in a rebound relationship? Feel free to leave a comment below.**

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## **Elisabetta Canalis Describes “Father-Daughter” Relationship with George Clooney**





*Dancing with the*

*Stars* alum Elisabetta Canalis, who dated George Clooney for two years until their split in June, recently revealed some reasons behind her split with the actor, reports *People*. Canalis has been quoted in a *Questo Amore (This Love)*, a new book by Italian journalist Bruno Vespa, where she says she had a “father-daughter relationship” with Clooney. “[Clooney] has been special for me, and very important, just as a father would be,” said Canalis in the book. “Between us there was more of a father-daughter relationship.”

**How do you know when your relationship lacks a spark?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

It’s very common for your head to make decisions about relationships instead of your heart. Here are a few ways to know that your relationship lacks a spark:

- 1. You’re not excited:** After a few weeks of dating, some couples experience a slump in their relationship. However, for couples lacking a spark, this may never wear off.
- 2. You prefer groups:** If you have more fun on group outings, like double dates or parties, than you do on one-on-one dates with your partner, then you should reevaluate your

relationship.

**3. You rationalize:** If you find yourself supplying reasons why you should date your partner, then it's clear that your head – not your heart – is making decisions for you. Just because a partner seems like an ideal candidate on paper does not mean they're ideal in real life.

**Have you ever lost the spark in your relationship? Feel free to leave a comment below.**

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## Stacy Keibler Gushes About George Clooney at 'Ides of March' Premiere



Stacy Keibler told

[People](#) just what she thinks of her new beau George Clooney on Friday at the premiere of his new film, *The Ides of March* ... “Everything!” she said. That said, the fresh duo is taking baby steps into the public eye together. For example, rather than walking the red carpet arm-in-arm, Keibler and Clooney attended an after party with friends at the Deq Lounge at the Ritz-Carlton where they were seen chatting and laughing. One party goer said, “They have good chemistry, and she can hold her own with the boys. They both can equally be the life of the party.”

**How do you know when to take your romance public?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

When things are new in a relationship, it can be a hard decision to take it into the public eye for fear of ruining something. Cupid has some tell-tale signs it's time to head out:

- 1. You're comfortable:** First make sure that this is a relationship you definitely want to be in. You need to be comfortable before you declare your love to the world; otherwise, the relationship won't stand a chance.
- 2. Be aware:** Make sure there aren't external factors that will hurt your relationship. For example, a jealous ex or an overbearing parent can put a halt to any relationship.
- 3. Be understanding:** There are inevitably people out there who will not be happy for you and your new relationship. Don't let this cause a rift between you and your partner. Don't buy in to rumors that are spread. Trust your gut.

**How did you take your romance public? Share your thoughts in a comment below.**

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# Check Out Upcoming Hot Fall Movies



With the end of summer comes a new batch of films. Entertainment reporter Sara Edwards tells us her picks to look for at theatres:

## 9/2: **The Debt**

The espionage thriller boasts a stellar cast. The story centers around retired Mossad secret agents Rachel and Stephan played by Helen Mirren and Tom Wilkenson. They discover they need to settle unfinished business started 30 years earlier while on a secret mission for Israel. They were sent to track down a Nazi war criminal, using Rachel as “the lure” to draw him into a trap. Jessica Chastain plays the young Mirren who struggles with her duty when romantic feelings surface. The

film bounces back and forth between two time periods with John Madden, who directed "Shakespeare in Love", at the helm, this promises to be a winner.

#### **9/9: Contagion**

Another terrific cast is assembled, this time for a thriller about a highly communicable virus that wipes out millions of people worldwide in just weeks. Amidst the international chaos, Matt Damon plays a Midwesterner whose wife, played by Gwyneth Paltrow, is one of the first to get the disease. Kate Winslet is a doctor for the Center for Disease Control and Marion Cotillard plays a World Health Official. Add Jude Law to the mix as a crusading blogger and Steven Soderbergh as director and you have a recipe for a heart pounding journey.

#### **9/16: I Don't Know How She Does It!**

Carrie fans will be thrilled that Sarah Jessica-Parker is back on the big screen in the romantic comedy about a working Mom who's high wire act is dangerously starting to come crashing down. The premise isn't original, but it will be fun to watch her navigate that slippery slope that all too many women cope with every day.

#### **9/23: Moneyball**

Based on a true story, Brad Pitt plays Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane as he struggles to reinvent his cash poor and undervalued team in the early 2000s. But don't call this just a baseball movie. Life lessons abound as Pitt and Jonah Hill, a clever young A's exec, toss out the rule book and realize that thinking outside the box gives everyone a chance to start again. Word is that Pitt hits this dramedy out of the park!

#### **9/30: 50/50**

I've loved Joseph Gordon-Levitt ever since he played the sweet



and vulnerable guy in 500 Days of Summer. In 50/50 he plays a young man diagnosed with spinal cancer who bonds with his best pal played by Seth Rogen who helps him through the chemo and the tough diagnosis with heart and humor. In real life, Rogen's best friend went through this harrowing scenario and he asked his pal, now in remission, to write the screenplay. Poignant and funny.

#### **10/7: The Ides of March**

George Clooney stars in this. Need I say more? Ides is a political thriller that takes us inside the intense climate of a presidential campaign. Clooney plays Gov. Mike Morris, an inspiring Democratic candidate, who discovers that his young media strategist has a secret that could destroy his campaign. He's forced to choose between morality and winning. Clooney co-wrote the script. I'd like to see the Sexiest Man Alive run for office one day!

#### **10/7: Footloose**

Come on! Consider this a guilty pleasure, especially if you grew up with Kevin Bacon's 1985 version. The new "Ren" is played by 27 year old newcomer Kenny Workman of MTV's Danceland. And former Dancing with the Stars favorite Julianne Hough is the preacher's daughter who loves to shake things up on the dance floor.

#### **10/28: Like Crazy**

This love story won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance film festival this year. It's the tale of a long-distance relationship about college lovers who try to sustain that passion on opposite ends of the world. Felicity Jones and Anton Yelchin are the appealing couple who are determined to be together despite work, immigration laws, and their own insecurities.

#### **11/04: Tower Heist**

The comic dream team of Eddie Murphy and Ben Stiller stars in this caper. A group of employees at a luxury apartment complex decide to steal 20 million from one of the residents, a Bernie Madoff type who lost their pension funds in a Ponzi scheme. Given the recession, this stealing from the rich premise becomes even more satisfying, as well as hilarious.

#### **11/18: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part One**

We finally see Bella and Edward's long-awaited wedding and passionate honeymoon consummation. And then, a half-vampire baby? That's the big news in the beginning of the end of the insanely popular series. If you have followed it this far, you will see it through until the bitter end.

#### **11/23: The Descendants**

George Clooney au deux! It's a busy fall for George on the big screen. I have high hopes for this drama helmed by Sideways director Alexander Payne. Clooney is a Hawaiian land baron whose life is turned upside down after his beloved wife goes into a coma and he learns that she'd been having an affair. A complicated affair of the heart.

#### **12/16: The Iron Lady**

Meryl Streep who has recently brought us the likes of Julia Child and Vogue's dragon lady Anna Wintour to the big screen, this time morphs into former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during her peak of power in the 1980s. The film is about her extraordinary political career, along with the love she sacrificed on the way. Hey, Meryl reading the phone book would be interesting.

#### **12/21: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**

I loved the Swedish film based on Stieg Larsson's best seller, but I'm ready for the American version now. I just can't get enough of his trouble heroine Lisbeth Salander who

is now played by Rooney Mara. Daniel Craig takes on the role of the Swedish journalist Mikael Blomkist. As a fan of the book I'm looking forward to this, but the pressure is on for director David Fincher to come through!

### 12/23: **We Bought a Zoo**

Matt Damon plays Benjamin Mee, a real-life London newspaper columnist who moved his family to a decrepit rural zoo, and after the death of his wife from cancer, worked to reopen it. As the animals prosper, he finds his own healing gifts. This feel good tearjerker is perfect for the holidays.

### 12/28: **War Horse**

Steven Spielberg is back at the helm with a World War I story about a British farm boy who nurtures a pet horse until his father sells the horse to the British Army. He enlists as well and hopes one day to be reunited with his equine pal Joey. Bring hankies to this one too.

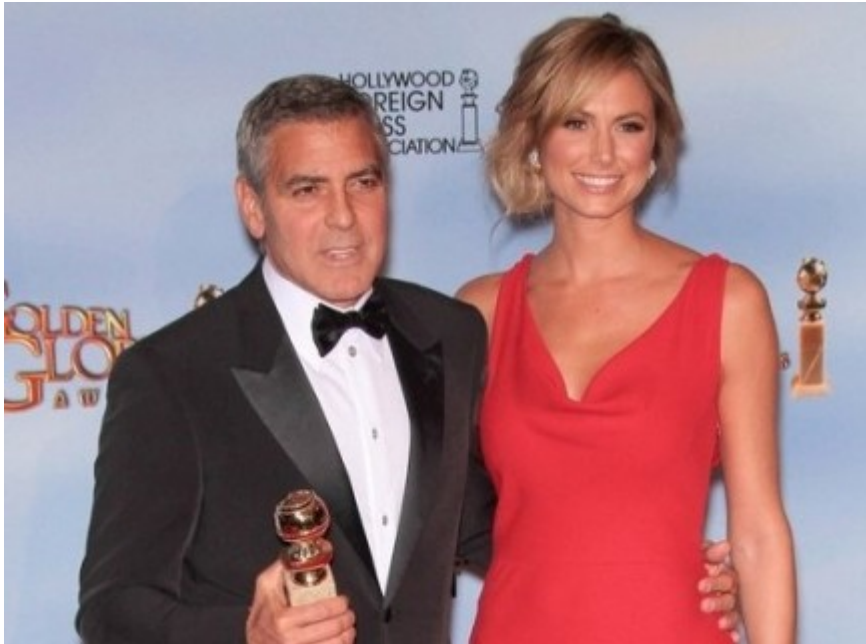
### 12/18: **Carnage**

Based on the hilarious and searing Broadway production God of Carnage, the top notch cast of Kate Winslet, John C. Reilly, and Oscar winners Christoph Waltz and Jodie Foster star in this film adaptation. Two couples meet to discuss the fight between their two sons. A civil discussion descends into an all out brawl between the parents that will have you laughing out loud. I just hope the movie is as good as the play!

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# Top 10 Qualities George

# Clooney Looks for In a Woman



By Greg Buckskin

Single ladies around the world can now rejoice! George Clooney has officially separated from his latest girlfriend, Elisabetta Canalis.

The couple has called off their relationship, leaving the dating pool wide open for Clooney, one of Hollywood's most attractive men. If you've got your eye on this "sexiest man alive," you're not alone. But do you have what it takes to attract this notorious bachelor? Here are the top 10 qualities he looks for in a woman. See if you measure up!

**1. Foreign beauty:** If you're from a country outside of the U.S., your odds of landing Clooney have significantly gone up. Celine Balitran (France), Mariella Frostup (Norway) and Canalis (Italy) are just a few of his "foreign affairs."

**2. Big name actress:** One of the most successful men in Hollywood would surely be attracted to an equally successful

actress. And rightfully so, since both understand the demands and stresses that come with the job. Clooney's past women have resumes almost as impressive as his; just take a look at Julia Roberts, Charlize Theron, Kelly Preston and Renee Zellwegger. But don't plan on starring in a movie alongside George to win his affection. It appears he doesn't date his co-stars – at least, not during filming.

**3. Piercing eyes:** Clooney prefers a few physical features on women, one of them being incredibly piercing eyes. Preston, Roberts, Theron, Lucy Liu and Canalis all share the striking eyes trait.

**4. Pouty lips:** Going along with physical features, Clooney's also attracted to a pouty lips. Exes Karen Duffy, Roberts, Theron, Zellwegger and Canalis have incredibly full lips that they use to their full advantage.

**5. Exotic:** This actor gravitates toward exotic looking woman. We need to look no further than Huma Abedin, Liu and, of course, Canalis to determine that this is certainly a look that draws George.

**6. Astrological sign? Scorpio:** Yes, it must be in the "stars" for a relationship with Clooney to work. Three of his ex-girlfriends – Celine Balitran, Roberts and Mariella Frostrup – are Scorpions. He certainly likes a determined, passionate and exciting woman in his life – all famous Scorpio characteristics.

**7. Age:** No cougars need apply! Clooney tends to date women much younger than himself. Sarah Larson was 18 years his junior, while he had a good 17 years on his latest ex.

**8. Not the marrying kind:** If you're the kind of person who wants a commitment that ends with a diamond on your finger, go ahead and look elsewhere. This bachelor is notoriously famous for steering clear of husband-territory. In fact, out of all

of his exes, Clooney has only married one – Talia Balsam. After their relationship ended, he declared that he would never marry again. So far, no other woman has been able to convince him otherwise.

**9. Attention seeking:** When you're with Clooney, all attention is on him. If it's your time to shine, move on to the next man. He's dated some pretty famous names, but when it's time for the red carpet or movie premieres, all eyes, all attention and cameras immediately focus on him.

**10. Model-esque looks:** And lastly, if you don't have long lean legs, stunning facial features and gorgeous hair, don't waste your time. This man is definitely attracted to model-type women, including Vendella Kiresbom Thomessen, Traylor Howard and Lisa Snowdon.

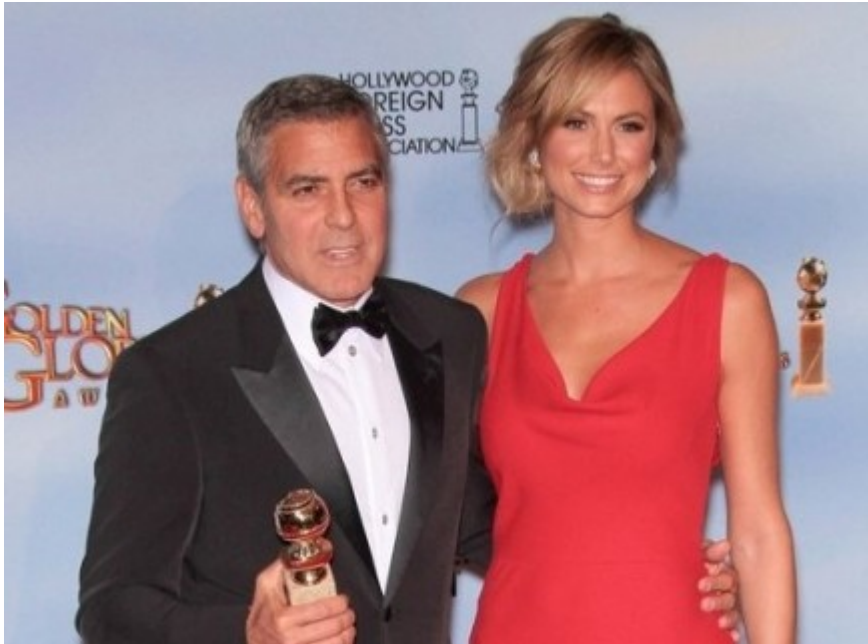
Do you measure up? If you can count yourself among at least a few of the top 10 qualities Clooney covets, then what are you waiting for? It's time to see if you can catch the most recent eligible man in Hollywood!

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## George Clooney Says 'No' to Another Wedding





Will reporters ever stop asking George Clooney if he's getting married? Probably not, and according to *People*, Piers Morgan had a shot at asking last week when Clooney appeared on his CNN show, *Piers Morgan Tonight*. "I hate to blow your whole news story, but I was married," Clooney told Morgan. Nick Clooney, George's father, appeared on the show with his son and used his own 51-year marriage to George's mom Nina as an example of why he should reconsider. However, George, who was wed to actress Talia Balsam from 1989 to 1993, believes once is enough. He added, "I've proven how good I was at it, and I just. ... I'm allowed one."

**After divorce, should you give marriage another shot?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

After a marriage dissolves, you may feel like you never want to get married again. Cupid has some ideas on whether to tie the knot a second time:

**1. Second time's a charm:** If you've found someone and *want* to get married again, why not walk down the aisle a second time? Just because it didn't work the first time doesn't mean it won't work the second time with the right person.



**2. Don't blame marriage:** So you never want to say "I do" again. But remember that the marriage ended because you were with the wrong person: you shouldn't blame the institution.

**3. Marriage isn't for everyone:** If you feel like you're just not the marrying type, let any future partners know that while you're interested in commitment, you're just not willing to tie the knot.

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## Watch the Live Broadcast of the 83rd Annual Academy Awards Nominations with Cupid's Pulse Tomorrow!



Well folks, it's

awards season, and you know what that means: gawking at the uber-hot celebrity couples on the red carpet! But before we get to that, a few (quite important) announcements still need to be made, like the nominations for the 83rd Academy Awards. Lucky for you, Cupid will be streaming the broadcast live on our homepage tomorrow, **Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 5:30am PT/8:30am ET**, with help from Livestream!

The webcast will begin with “Road to the Oscars,” featuring Chris Harrison, host of [ABC's The Bachelor](#) and TV Guide Network's Academy Awards red carpet show, and Dave Karger, senior writer at *Entertainment Weekly*. The two will celebrate the year in film and discuss the movie trends from 2010. Shortly after that, Academy President Tom Sherak and last year's Supporting Actress winner, Mo'Nique, will take the stage and reveal the nominees in the following 10 categories: Leading Actor, Leading Actress, Supporting Actor, Supporting Actress, Animated Feature Film, Directing, Foreign Language Film, Adapted Screenplay, Original Screenplay and Best Picture.

Will your favorite celebrities make the cut? Watch the live stream with us tomorrow morning and find out!

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## **Forbes: What Do Powerful Celebrity Women Really Want From a Relationship?**



By Krissy Dolor

*Forbes* may be a money magazine, but that doesn't mean that they don't love celebrities, too! Last week, the magazine reported on a recent study conducted by the University of Abertay Dundee in Scotland, which found that as women earn money and financial independence, their attraction to good-looking, older men increases. In addition, these women hold a man's looks to a higher standard. The university has dubbed this "The George Clooney effect."

Previous studies have found that women care more about whether or not a man can provide for them, while men were more attracted to lookers. This new study showed that when a woman's income increases, her taste in men change.

"We'd assumed that as women earn more, their partner preferences would actually become more like those of men, with a tendency towards preferring younger, more attractive partners rather than those who can provide and care for children," said lead researcher Dr. Fhionna Moore, a

psychology lecturer at the University of Abertay Dundee. “However, the preferred age difference did not change as we’d expected – more financially independent women actually preferred even older men. We think this suggests greater financial independence gives women more confidence in partner choices, and attracts them to powerful, attractive older men.”

*Forbes* analyzed 12 celebrity couples, posing this question: What is each woman in the celebrity couple attracted to? They say that Angelina Jolie, as one of the highest-earning women in Hollywood (\$20 million), wants a hot, older man. Hubby Brad Pitt is 12 years older than the starlet. Think Demi Moore’s marriage to Ashton Kutcher is part of the cougar effect? Think again. She told *Harper’s Bazaar* she does not like the term – and Kutcher’s Twitter presence seems to garner enough fame on its own. We can even look at Ellen DeGeneres, who earned \$55 million last year, and is married to Portia De Rossi – a woman 15 years her junior.

In addition to the UK study, lead researcher at dating site [eHarmony](#), Gian Gonzaga, said in the *Forbes* article that high-earning women are attracted to successful men who have established careers – and typically, these men are older. “In the data I’ve seen, women always want higher earning men,” said Gonzaga. He also said, “the Cougar thing is likely a myth.”

Well, there you have it: money only begets more money. If only there were a slew of George Clooney and Brad Pitt look-alikes up for grabs...

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# Is Brad Pitt Ruining Your Love Life?



We know how effective media is in shaping our perspective and even our values, including our self-image. We know that being bombarded with images of beautiful men and women molds our vision of attractiveness. As we mature, we know it's fantasy, and that even Hollywood beauties don't look that stunning without professional hair, make-up, wardrobe and lighting.

By now, you've probably seen the Dove video called "Evolution." It shows how an attractive woman morphs into a fabulous knockout through professional hair, make-up, lighting, and yes, even Photoshop.

**How do these unrealistic images affect your dating life?**

**1. They can influence your expectation of a man's looks.** Very few men, especially middle-aged men, look anything close to

George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Johnny Depp, Colin Firth or Pearce Bronson. While we realize these men personify an unattainable ideal, some small part of many women want – and perhaps expect – their guys to look as yummy.

**2. The Photoshopped images of pencil-thin people on magazine covers and in movies exacerbates women's feelings of inadequacy.** Actresses like Cher, Teri Hatcher, Vanessa Williams, Julia Roberts, Helen Mirren, Glenn Close and Ellen Barkin are sparkling in their perfection – with personal trainers, private chefs, and perhaps a bit of nip-tuck. How many real-life middle-aged women do you see looking like that?

Just as women have unrealistic expectations of a man's looks, so, too, men have an idealized expectation that women should look like these air-brushed fantasy females.

So it seems like a lose-lose for both genders.

We think (hope?) that as one matures, people realize that these movie star looks are really just fantasy. But unfortunately, I've found both men and women hold themselves and their potential dates to standards that nearly no one meets in real life.

**So what can you do?**

**1. Play up your own physical attributes:** Got beautiful eyes?

Don't hide them behind glasses. Get a makeover if you haven't had one in years, or make an appointment with a free personal shopper at a department store to help you dress to look your best.

**2. Realize that there are many good people underneath a few bags, sags and extra pounds:** While we know that goodness has nothing to do with outer appearances, we sometimes get caught up or put off by what we see. I've gone out with many wonderful men who aren't gorgeous. The thing is, they got more attractive as I got to know their kind hearts, senses of humor and caring natures.



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## 5 Signs That George Clooney May Actually Commit



By Kimberly Dawn

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Recently there have been all kinds of tabloid rumors working to put a chink in the bond between George and his stunning Italian amore-du-jour Elisabetta (sex and drug scandals anyone?). Though Elisabetta has chalked a lot of it up to envy (okay, we'll admit we're a little jealous but seriously...that wouldn't cause us to implicate her in a drug debacle), later



this summer there was also a flurry of speculation that E and G were about to become EG (in other words, they were possibly EnGaged).

While more recent reports have explained that the reported left-hand ring flash was actually a napkin ring with which she was playing at dinner (on her left hand while waving it to the paparazzi...ummm...okay, whatever), the reality is that there may actually be some validity to the idea that good ole' George is in a commitment frame of mind when it comes to his latest gal.

Here are some signs that George (and any man for that matter) may be ready to commit that go beyond how ridiculously stunning Elisabetta looks like in a bikini:

**1. He makes room for his woman in his home and his life:** In George's case that means that Elisabetta has been spotted frequently at Clooney's Lake Como villa. Any man that welcomes a woman into his home with such open arms is exhibiting commitment-mindedness.

**2. He takes the relationship public:** In the non-celeb world, this usually means that a man is willing to tell all his friends, family, coworkers about the lady in his life. In George's case that also means telling the tabs, the Oscar voters and the red carpet mavens. So, it is wise for him to remain mum on a gal unless he's serious. George has shown no qualms about displaying his affection for Elisabetta on a very public stage.

**3. He has a sincere desire to please and make his woman happy:** Elisabetta was quoted recently in Italian Vanity Fair stating "I feel good, I feel light. Like when I was 18 years old." She goes on to add that George pampers her like she's never experienced before and that he is the person to whom she owes the color that is back in her life. He is clearly working to make this woman happy.

**4. He is supportive and complimentary:** In that same interview, Elisabetta said that Clooney is very supportive of her and always close. A man who is there for and builds up his partner is definitely more commitment-ready because he cares about his partner's sense of self and well-being, not just his own. "If you feel loved, you always feel beautiful," she says. Ah, well put. And if Elisabetta is feeling that kind of love from George then he's clearly invested in this relationship.

**5. He recognizes that he can be independent and in a relationship at the same time:** One reason George has previously said that he'll remain a confirmed bachelor is that he always felt the women he was with didn't understand the demands of his work and how it might take him away for long stretches. However, with Elisabetta, George seems to be comfortable since she's clearly independent and strong enough to stand on her own two feet if he has to go away. Though marriage may not be the end game here, George is exhibiting signs that this woman will be in his life for more than a blip. Sorry to all you Mrs. Clooney hopefuls out there, but the signs (for now) seem to be lining up in Elisabetta's favor.

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# George Clooney's Rep Shoots Down Engagement Rumors



George Clooney's on the defense again! The actor's rep has come to his rescue by shooting down a fresh batch of rumors that he has proposed to his Italian model girlfriend, Elisabetta Canalis. The engagement rumors took flight after Canalis was spotted with a ring on a very telling finger, according to [Starpulse](#).

Clooney's rep said, "There's nothing to comment on. She likes to wear rings. No more, no less." Although Cupid previously reported that the couple were getting serious, they are apparently still just enjoying each other's company – sans marriage. **Is there a tactful way to get people to stop pressuring you about marriage?**

## Cupid's Advice:

**1. Point out the divorce rate:** A great way to get your friends and family to lay off about the future of your relationship is

to give them some valuable information – the divorce rate.

With the statistic at a healthy 40 percent, point out that you'd rather be sure of what you want than end up in splitsville.

**2. Remind them it's your life:** The bottom line is that the people you are close to only want what's best for you.

Tactfully remind them that you're capable of making your own decisions ... and mistakes. Let them know that you're happy and that you'll do what you feel is right for you.

**3. Ask them if they trust you:** When friends and family are pressuring you into marriage, you may feel like they don't trust you to make the right choices for yourself. Let them know that their distrust is hurting you, and they may think again before forcing their views onto you.

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## It's Serious Between George Clooney & Elisabetta Canalis





Despite rumors from an Italian newspaper that the couple had separated, George Clooney and Elisabetta Canalis are still going strong. Canalis opened up to [Vanity Fair's](#) Italian edition, dismissing any rumors that they have split as jealousy, [People](#) reported this week. In fact, she told the magazine, "Those who criticize or invent stories about us are just jealous."

**What should you do when people try to meddle with your relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Finding love can be like winning the lotto! However, one's happiness and luck can often lead to jealousy from the outside world. Read on for Cupid's tips on how to deal with this situation:

- 1. Don't fuel the fire:** Jealousy can harm a relationship, even if it comes from the outside. The best thing anyone can do is to not repeat the rumors you hear. Most of the time, like in Clooney and Canalis' case, rumors are false.
- 2. Be happy:** Jealousy and rumors can only harm a relationship if those involved let it. As Canalis said, "the best revenge over these jealous people is to be happy."

**3. Time cures all wounds:** In the end, rumors don't last long. The more untrue they are, the less time it takes for them to fizzle away all together.

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## John Krasinski & Emily Blunt Wed



Just a week after his costar Jenna Fischer got married, *The Office* star John Krasinski wed actress Emily Blunt, [People](#) reported Saturday. [US Weekly](#) confirmed that couple married in Italy, after spending the week with George Clooney at his villa in Lake Como. The newlyweds have been dating since 2008, and got engaged last August.

**Can success at work lead to success in love?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Krasinski and Fischer married each other on their TV show, and celebrated real life marital bliss only one week apart. While their individual relationships are different, their work life seemed to predict their personal futures. You too can allow your professional success to influence your daily life by taking the right steps.

**1. Use work to network:** Colleagues who see you every day might have a friend who's perfect for you. Just be careful not to burn any bridges at work if any consequential relationships don't pan out.

**2. Mix business with pleasure:** In moderation, of course. While getting involved with someone at work might not be the best idea, hanging out with work friends outside the office can open you up to a new group of people.

**3. Find inspiration at home:** Should a relationship bloom due to a work connection, keep those two worlds intertwined. Your partner undoubtedly knows something about your office life; use it to your advantage. He or she can be someone who can help you brainstorm a new idea, and also give you a back rub after a long day.