## How Celebrity Couples Celebrate Labor Day Weekend





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Labor Day weekend is often filled with beach and barbeque, giving people an opportunity for an extra day off before the summer ends. Some celebrity couples like to keep things simple as they spend time together with the sand and the sun, while others add a little glitz and glam to the usual date plans.

In anticipation of the upcoming holiday weekend, let's look back at how the hottest duos in Hollywood celebrated Labor Day last year:

1. Partying in Las Vegas: Stars seem to flock to Sin City for a final summer blowout. Before she was on baby bump watch, Nicole 'Snooki' Polizzi hosted a bash at PURE Nightclub inside Caesar's Palace with then-boyfriend Jionni LaValle. That same night, Carmen Electra and her former fiancé Rob Patterson

hosted a party at Nikki Beach in the Tropicana Hotel.

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- 2. Lying Poolside: Other celebrity couples prefer to focus on relaxing and soaking up the last bit of summer sun. Gabrielle Union and Dwayne Wade spent the afternoon at a Miami Pool with Wade's two sons, while Dave and Odette Annable enjoyed some newly-wedded bliss before celebrating their one-year anniversary in October.
- 3. Saying "I Do": Many celebrity couples choose to tie the knot over this three-day weekend. Last year, Lauren Bush wed David Lauren, son of fashion icon Ralph Lauren, on his private ranch in Telluride, Colorado. Additionally, Mark Ronson, a well-known DJ and the brother of designer Charlotte Ronson and DJ Samantha Ronson, and actress Josephine de la Baume celebrated their wedding with a two-day celebration in Aix de Provence, France. It sounds like the perfect way to mark the end of the summer.

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- 4. Hanging Out with Their Kids: Some Hollywood pairs opt for a more traditional route and enjoy low-key plans with their family. The Malibu Fair and Chili Cookoff was a popular spot last year: Tori Spelling and Dean McDermott took their kids, while Pink and her husband Carey Hart were there with their daughter. Also in Malibu, Nicole Richie and husband Joel Madden spent Labor Day on the beach with their two children.
- **5. Working**: Even celebrities have to show up to work on a holiday once in a while. With the 13<sup>th</sup> season of *Dancing with the Stars* underway, many of the dancing duos, including Cheryl Burke and Rob Kardashian as well as Lacey Schwimmer and Chaz Bono, were spotted practicing for the next show. Similarly, Selena Gomez was in Colorado for her 'We Own the Night' tour,

keeping her away from boyfriend Justin Bieber.

What are your plans for Labor Day weekend? Tell us below.

## Mark Ronson and Wife Honor Amy Winehouse at Wedding





Mark Ronson, the late Amy Winehouse's producer and friend, honored the singer at his wedding in Aix de Provence, France. Ronson married French model Josephine De La Baume. The producer, 35 and Baume, 26 tied the knot after planning their two-day wedding affair in just six months. Shortly after Amy Winehouse, 27 was found dead in her London home on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Ronson took to Twitter to express his grief, "This is one of the saddest days of my life." A source told <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, "Amy was a great friend of both Mark and Josephine and they would have been

thrilled to have her with them at their big day, but sadly it wasn't to be." The bride and groom found a way to turn their feelings of grief into feelings of gratitude toward Winehouse on the happiest day of their lives with a memorable toast.

What are some ways to remember deceased loved ones at your wedding?

## Cupid's Advice:

If you have a family member or friend who has passed away that you want to honor at your wedding (without tissue boxes and running mascara), find a way to incorporate the individual into the nuptials without ruining the joyous mood:

- 1. Favorite song: If your loved one had a song he or she enjoyed, have the DJ dedicate the tune to that person, and get the crowd up and moving. Think "YMCA" or "The Electric Slide."
- 2. Memorabilia: Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. Carry an item that belonged to the person who's no longer with you in your bouquet (a picture or jewelry, for example).
- 3. Wedding program: When you watch a movie or read a book, there's often closing credits that read, "In Loving Memory." Well, "In Loving Memory" can be the first words in your ceremony program dedicated to your loved one. Just remember to keep it simple and meaningful.

Have you ever been a guest at a wedding that turned sour because of a memorial to a deceased loved one? Share your experience below.