

Prince William Says He's 'Not a Good Loser'



As part of their visit to California, Prince William and Kate paid a visit to the Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club in Carpinteria this Saturday and played in a polo match. Before he played, William gave a brief speech in which he jokingly admitted he's "not a good loser," according to [People](#). The Duchess smiled and clapped as her Duke went on to score four points for his team, which won four to five.

How do you handle your beau's competitive side?

Cupid's Advice:

Having a competitive partner can be tough, especially if you're not into the whole "winning" shebang. If you've ever been in this situation, you probably know how hard it is to tolerate your boyfriend or girlfriend's competitive spirit.

Cupid has some advice for easing off the stress:

1. Be supportive: Take a hint from Duchess Kate and cheer your partner on as he or she engages in competition. You may be tempted to avoid that tennis match your sweetie takes way too seriously, but don't. Show you're there for him or her and take an active interest.

2. Celebrate together: There's no better way to let your partner know that you really want to be a part of his or her life than by celebrating his or her successes. Celebrate victories as a couple.

3. Relax them: Not every day is a winning day. Remind your partner that winning isn't everything. Yes, it's important to be supportive and take his or her interests seriously, but at the same time you don't want it to get out of hand. Give him or her a calming massage.

How have you dealt with a competitive beau? Share below.

Prince William and Kate Squeeze In Alone Time In Canada





[Prince William](#) and [Kate Middleton](#) might be busy while sightseeing abroad, but that doesn't mean they weren't able to spend some time alone together. [People](#) reported that the royal couple had three hours of solitude while visiting Canada's Northwest Territories known as "Honeymoon Island" on Tuesday. The area is known to have the slowest sunset on the planet, which the royal couple was able to enjoy. This is said to be the second time the couple were able to spend the day together alone. On Canada Day, Prince William and his wife paddled a canoe and had a picnic in a log cabin.

What are some creative ways to enjoy quality time together alone?

Cupid's Advice:

It's nice to spend time with a group of people, but sometimes enjoying quality time alone with your love is important. Here are a few ways to do just that:

- 1. Road trip:** Take a few days off and hit the road with your partner. You'll both discover new places and interests when you don't have an exact destination to visit.
- 2. Picnic:** Pack your love's favorite food and take him or her on a picnic. Plan on setting the picnic area on top of a hill

or at a park that lacks visitors.

3. Dinner at your place: Invite your significant other to a meal at your house. Your partner will feel special when you take the time to cook for him or her versus going out to a restaurant.

Do you have other ways to enjoy quality time with your love? Share with our readers by commenting below.

5 Royal Summer Wedding Trends



By Brea Gunn

If you're like the rest of the world, you've heard about the royal wedding. And if you're like most brides, you were there in front of your television taking copious notes. It's a good thing you did, too, because this summer, it's all about royal inspiration.

You need not copy Kate and William exactly, as there's plenty of room for interpretation. Because Kate's taste is so classic, many of your guests may think that you came up with these ideas all by yourself!

1. The Ring

The talk of the year leading up to the wedding was Kate's ring. The beautiful sapphire has rekindled the wedding world's romance with gemstones. Sure, there are diamonds, and they'll always be a girl's best friend, but how about thinking outside of the box for your rings? There are a number of beautiful choices, from sapphires to rubies, to opals and beyond.

2. Fascinators

If you loved all of the fascinators, raise your hand! And for the record, they do not have to be large, ugly hats. They can be simple, eye catching and brilliant. Large or small, fascinators can compliment the bride's ensemble or dress up the wedding party. If you want to pull in a full royal wedding feel, ask your guests to wear their own hats and fascinators.

3. Blushers

Blushers, though once reserved for solemn church weddings, are definitely making a comeback this summer. Whether you choose a short birdcage-style blusher, or decide to go the full yard with an elbow dusting blusher, you really can't go wrong. The accessories are beautiful, and they create a soft frame around the face, which is truly elegant.

4. Lace

Kate brought lace back in a big way. Once considered too traditional, Kate's use of delicate lace was brilliant. You can add lace touches to your wedding gown, your bridesmaid

and even your decor. Lace is a great way to soften the focus and add a touch of old-world elegance.

5. Monochromatic Color

Monochromatic colors for the bride and bridesmaids have also increased in popularity, thanks to Pippa's stunning gown.

More and more brides are favoring a simple elegance for their palate, and an all-white wedding is a fantastic way to accomplish this. The sheer elegance will stun your guests, and the white backdrop just screams for brilliantly colored flowers, accessories and decor.

Brea Gunn writes about New York weddings and shares wedding business marketing tips for the bridal business.

Prince William Beats Kate In Canadian Dragonboat Race





When it comes to competition, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are the folks to focus on right now. Prince William and Kate Middleton went head to head in a dragon boat race across Dalvay Lake in Canada Monday, according to [People](#). The pair, who enjoy battling it out in tennis and other sports as well, showed off their competitive spirits at the Prince Edward Island boat race, in which they led teams of local athletes.

Is competition in a relationship healthy?

Cupid's Advice:

Playful competition is no problem, but if it gets too serious, put an end to it quickly. Here are some tips from Cupid:

1. Keep it simple: Not all competition is bad. You and your honey can play a few games of your choice and be able to spice it up by adding a little competition without getting too serious.

2. Be mindful: Check your surroundings at all times and keep in mind that people watch the way you and your significant other interact with each other. If you can't keep the competition friendly, people will automatically assume there's some tension or jealousy going on in your relationship.

3. Don't forget: A relationship takes give and take. It's not

all about you. Know what you have in your lover and cherish that. This should avoid any unnecessary competition.

How do you and your mate refrain from taking competition too far? Share in a comment below.

Prince William and Kate Middleton Take Cooking Class Overseas



A couple that cooks together, bonds together. While visiting Canada, Prince William and Kate Middleton enjoyed a cooking class together Saturday as part of their three-day tour, according to [E! Online](#). Dressed in personalized chef uniforms, the royal newlyweds learned about cooking techniques at the Institut de

tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Quebec in Montreal. Still ahead for the couple is a search and rescue demonstration at Summerside Harbour in Prince Edward Island and a tour of the University of Calgary.

What types of classes can you take together as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

When trying to find something to do as a couple, try to find seminars or classes that meet both of your interests. Cupid has three solid suggestions:

1. Cooking: Like Will and Kate, perhaps some cooking classes would be a great way to spice things up. Plus, if both of you know how to cook, it'll be easier to surprise each other with a nice, romantic, home-cooked dinner.

2. Dancing: Whether it's salsa, hip-hop or ballroom, dancing is a great way to get some exercise with your partner in, at times, an intimate way.

3. Martial arts: Relationships can be very frustrating and taking a karate class, for example, can teach you not only how to control your emotions, but will help to release some stress. Also, you get to learn how to throw your lover over your back!

What are some other great ideas for classes to take as a couple? Talk to Cupid about it below.

Prince William and Princess Kate to Face Off In Dragonboat Race



It looks like a little friendly competition doesn't get in the way of Prince William and Kate Middleton's love for one another! North America is in great anticipation of the royal couple's tour, and a private secretary for the couple announced that the couple will be facing off in a Canadian dragonboat race on July 4th. The couple will have a race to Canada's Prince Edward Island where they will participate in some competitive sports with young fans and try out different delicacies, according to [People](#). After the couple's visit to Canada, they are reportedly heading to California for further engagements.

What are the benefits of healthy competition in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

There's nothing wrong with a little healthy competition in your relationship. Here's why:

1. Fun: Having a little competition in a relationship, whether it's with sports or even a board game, brings you both back to a time when things weren't so seriously in your life. And guys, don't let the girls win on purpose! It's so much more fun to truly compete.

2. Keeps you on your toes: Competition can spice things up a bit. It adds some excitement to the boring routine of going on romantic dates and allows the two of you to interact in a new way.

3. Shows a different side: When people are participating in a game, sport or contest, they tend to act differently than when they are in a relaxed environment on a date. It's nice to see a different side of the person you're involved with, whether it's true passion or simply getting into the spirit of competition.

What benefits do you believe there are to having a little healthy competition in a relationship? Share your thoughts below!

Prince William and Kate Aspire For The Simple Life





The Duchess of Cambridge has decided not to employ a housekeeper-dresser in order to live a simple royal and married life. According to [People](#), Kate's chief aide said that she initially planned to hire a joint housekeeper and dresser for her apartment with Prince William in London's Kensington Palace but now feels she doesn't need one. Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton, the royal couple's private secretary, told reporters the household will be reassessing what they need. However, the couple will use the staff at the residences of where they'll visit on their North American tour. Additionally, Kate is taking hairdresser James Pryce to California during her visit.

What are ways to have a simple life with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Living a lavish life is fabulous, but a having simple life can be just as fabulous. Here are some ways to live a simpler life with your partner:

- 1. Do your own chores:** Instead of relying on a maid, make a list of chores you and your partner should complete each week. This way, you and your partner will both contribute to your household, and in turn, your marriage.
- 2. Keep a budget:** Manage your finances and avoid purchasing

items you both don't need. After all, that's what a wedding registry is for!

3. Walk instead of drive: Instead of buying two cars for yourself and your significant other, try to live close to your work place and/or stores you frequently visit. This way, you can take public transportation to get to your destination or take a nice walk – together.

Have any suggestions on how to live a simple life after marriage? Share your comment below.

Prince William and Kate Middleton's Honeymoon Is Super-Exclusive



Money can't buy

happiness, but it can buy a royal and elaborate honeymoon. It 's been reported that Prince William and new wife Kate Middleton spent \$72,000 a night on their special getaway. The two flew last Tuesday to the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean, according to [RadarOnline](#). They rented their own private resort on a privately-owned island. "We rented the island to the British royal family," owner and German businessman Farhad Vladi explained. "Prince William and Kate are spending their honeymoon there."

What are some ways to lower the cost of your honeymoon without taking away the romance?

Cupids Advice:

Honeymoons do not need to be expensive at all. Here are some cheap ways to still have a romantic getaway:

- 1. Road trip:** Pick a close resort, hop in the car and go. This will save hundreds or thousands in airfare or cruising.
- 2. Be creative:** Come up with fun activities, like beach volleyball or card games, that do not cost any money but will still make fond memories for you and your new spouse.
- 3. Shop-free:** You don't need a keychain from the tropical island you just visited. Take lots of pictures instead, or collect shells, brochures, etc. and make a memory box of your trip.

How did you save money on your honeymoon? Share your comments below.

Every Royal Divorce Begins with a Royal Kiss



By Dr. Kenneth Ryan

It's a fact. I'm not throwing cold water on the big wedding. It was beautiful, and I wish Kate and William all the best.

I'm just saying you can't judge a relationship by the beauty of the couple or the smiles at the wedding. Kate caught the Prince's attention with her invisible dress, and now it looks like they are living the dream. But they have a tough road ahead. Diana and Fergie's marriages began the same way – just like dozens of U.S. celebrities. As outsiders, there's no way to know if the royal relationship is built on a solid foundation or if it's as flimsy as her see-through wardrobe.

Kate and William are really no different than any other couple getting married, as they have great optimism and excitement about their future together. They've already beat the odds by converting eight years of living together into a marriage, because a University of Denver study found that only one in ten couples who live together are still together five

years later.

Celebrities have it tough when it comes to relationships. They're no wiser than you or me, but their every move is monitored and discussed. In fact, they're probably even more confused about relationships than you, because their world is so artificial. Every person a celebrity meets is suspect because so many people are awed by them, in love with them (fantasy) or just to want to exploit them. It's a tangled web of mixed motives when judging any potential suitor, but celebrities have it the worst. Therefore, it makes no sense to look upon the beautiful people with envy or to necessarily emulate their courtship strategies. You might end up emulating a "Bad Romance."

Top 5 Mistakes Women Make in Searching for Their Prince

Don't give up – Some women feel helpless and hopeless because few men have shown interest in them, and there are so many pathetic adolescent men. That said, there are many ways a woman can improve her connections with guys and make herself more appealing. They just need to learn effective communication techniques.

Don't chase guys – Women who come on too strong look desperate and easy. Predatory males look for desperate women, because these women will do almost anything to get them. The good guys out there find desperate women to be less appealing. Learn how to engage men without coming on too strong.

Don't be naive about men – Too many dangerous men are lurking out there. If a woman does not understand the risks and the huge difference between men and women when it comes to sex and relationships, she will get burned eventually. If most of her guidance for relationships comes from popular media and peers, she is working from a position of ignorance. Movie makers couldn't care less how your life turns out. They just want your \$13 movie ticket.

Don't panic – Some women become so fearful that they will never find a guy who loves them that they abandon their convictions and make irrational, dangerous decisions. Some painful effects are immediate, while some might not surface for years.

Don't sleep with the boyfriend – Every woman must make her own decision when it comes to sex, and it's a huge decision. Sex is the most common and most harmful mistake women make in relationships. It may seem romantic or exhilarating, but there are hidden fangs that can cut deep. It causes an avalanche of problems, many that the woman doesn't anticipate.

Does he love you or does he love having sex with you? That's the million dollar question that women routinely get wrong – resulting in shredded female hearts. You can't put a condom on your heart.

It's not easy to navigate the shark-infested waters of the dating world, but if you can follow these basic tips, you shouldn't have to worry about being someone else's prey.

Dr. Kenneth Ryan is the author of Finding Your Prince in a Sea of Toads: How to Find a Quality Guy Without Getting Your Heart Shredded. Dr. Ryan offers straight talk about relationships garnered from years of not only counseling engaged couples about sex, but from his own marriage and living with three teenage daughters. He understands the yearning of most young women to be loved and cherished by a great guy.

Prince William and Kate

Middleton Are On Their Honeymoon



After a week of working and shopping post-wedding, the new royal newlyweds finally left on their honeymoon, reports [People](#). Prince William, now the Duke of Cambridge, reportedly has a two week vacation from his duties with the RAF Search and Rescue Squadron, an organization with which the prince has rescued several people in the mountains of Wales. Kate Middleton, the new Duchess of Cambridge, was surprised with the honeymoon destination, though British tabloids are speculating that the couple will visit Seychelles, a collection of small islands near Madagascar.

What are some reasons to keep the honeymoon destination a secret?

Cupids Advice:

While most brides want to plan every aspect of their weddings,

the honeymoon is often beyond their control. Here are a few reasons why the bride should not know of her destination:

1. Put the groom to work: While this isn't true of all couples, the bride usually takes a larger part in the wedding planning process. By assigning your fiancé one task (the honeymoon), you ensure that each of you contributes to the occasion.

2. Surprise: While the lack of information can be maddening, when you finally arrive at your destination, you'll be glad you were kept in the dark. Surprises are always fun, especially when you face them with your new husband.

3. Your stress: Getting married is stressful. By putting the honeymoon out of your mind, you can lessen the weight on your shoulders. Instead of worrying over details like transportation and lodging, you can instead look forward to the experience you will have with your new husband.

Do you have any honeymoon stories to share? Leave a comment below.

4 Celebrity Couples That Sailed Past Stormy Weather





By Tanni Deb and

Molly Jacob

Did you ever hear the phrase, “April showers bring May flowers”? Believe it or not, it means something deeper than just storms and blossoming blooms. In life, dark clouds always eventually pass, allowing the sun to shine through. Focusing on the bright side when you’re down can be difficult, but these five famous couples have gone through rough times (in the public eye, no less!) and these celebs are currently doing exceptionally well.

Cupid takes a look to see what celebrity couples made it through stormy times:

1. Prince William and Kate Middleton: The royal newlyweds dated for eight years, but they had an off-and-on relationship. ‘Inside Edition’ reported that the pair broke up in 2007 after five years of dating, stating William’s “immaturity” was a major factor for their break. However, this famous couple soon got back together and had the wedding of the decade in April 2011, which more than two billion people watched worldwide.

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2. Cash Warren and Jessica Alba: The duo began dating in 2005, but called it quits two years later because Alba was ready for marriage and Warren wouldn't commit. The celebs reconciled in 2008, announcing that they were expecting their first child, and married in May 2008.

3. Carey Hart and Pink: This celebrity couple has had a tumultuous relationship. They met in 2001 and briefly split in 2003. The pair then got married in January 2006 but separated two years later. They began seeing each other again in 2009 and went through marital counseling since their divorce was never finalized. Carey even got an image of Pink's face tattooed on his leg.

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4. Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake: This famous couple finally seems to have found peace with their relationship. Their relationship was on again, off again for years until they finally got married in 2012. While they've been at the center of celebrity gossip for rumors of cheating and divorce, they seem happily married now and their first child was born this past April.

It might have taken these celebrity couples some years and plenty of time to reconcile their relationship, but if they were able to sail past their own storms, so can you. Look at the positive side of your relationship with your significant other, and soon you will also be happier than ever.

What other celebs do you know of that have gotten through tough times? Let us know in the comments section below!

Prince Harry and Chelsy Davy Party All Night Post-Wedding



We learned after Friday's royal wedding celebrations that sparks are still flying between Prince Harry and Chelsy Davy. The on-and-off couple since 2004 took part in post-wedding festivities back at the Goring Hotel with Prince William and Kate Middleton. Sources saw them leaving together at 6 a.m. "You could tell they were an item," one told UsMagazine.com. "They were acting like a couple and kissed in front of everyone." Prince Harry took part in all of the day's wedding festivities before the rendezvous, making the day as special for his brother as possible. One partygoer described Harry as "determined to put on an amazing party for his brother," saying he spent months "organizing the whole thing and thinking up jokey things that he can do for his brother. He [wanted] to give his brother and

his new bride the party of the century!”

How do you know when you're ready to commit?

Cupid's Advice:

Are you ready to have a relationship, or should you continue flying free? Cupid has some tips to figuring out your current love situation:

1. Take a moment to imagine: If you can't imagine having a boyfriend or girlfriend, then you need more time to prepare. Picture yourself in a relationship, and go with your gut feeling.

2. Go for it if you're interested: You may be pondering the relationship idea because there's someone you're currently interested in. If your feelings are strong enough, dive in! You never know when you'll get another opportunity.

3. You're over your past loves: Make sure you're over your past relationships before you jump into something new. In order to move on, you have to feel resolved about your exes.

Are you team Prince Harry and Chelsy? Let us know!

Prince William and Kate Middleton's Wedding Reception Was 'Cozy'



The royal wedding was the hot ticket everyone was after, and according to [People](#), it didn't disappoint. The reception was an 'exclusive' and 'cozy' event that every guest enjoyed. Prince William and Kate Middleton invited all of their close family and friends, which consisted of 650 people total. According to Alex van Straubenzee, father of the late Henry van Straubenzee, "It was very cozy. There was a wonderful relaxed atmosphere. There were lots of people there – even in a place as big as Buckingham Palace. I won't say it was informal, but everyone was having a wonderful time." The guests were served two wedding cakes, a traditional fruit cake and a chocolate biscuit cake which was Prince William's pick because it's from an old family recipe.

What are some unique wedding reception themes?

Cupid's Advice:

Not everyone can have a wedding reception fit for a royal, but Cupid has suggestions for some unique wedding reception ideas:

1. Keep it cozy: You can always have a reception a little bit like Prince William and Kate Middleton's by inviting your closest friends and family to the reception. Your special day will mean a lot to them just as it means a lot to you.

2. Make it relaxed and fun: A great way to celebrate tying the knot is by having a fun "cocktail" hour type of reception. A lot of people think that the best part of a wedding is the reception, so why not dance the night away by making your reception a little bit like a night club? Keep it fun, simple and relaxed so you and your guests have a great time.

3. Make it intimate and romantic: Set up some candles, have romantic music playing and make your wedding reception just as memorable as the wedding ceremony itself. Keep the feeling of love in the air and show your guests just how much you and your significant other love each other.

Have any great reception theme ideas to share? Comment below.

Prince William and Kate Middleton's Wedding to Cost \$34 Million





The royal wedding isn't only the most anticipated wedding ceremony in years, but it's also one of the most expensive! According to [RadarOnline](#), Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding is expected to cost \$34 million altogether. Included in this expense is security (\$32 million), a wedding band (\$11,000) in addition to the ring passed down from Princess Diana that is now valued at \$1 million, a reception for \$600,000 and much much more.

What are ways to cut your wedding cost?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings may seem like they aren't going to cost a lot, but once you add up all of the little things, it may shock you how expensive it will be. Cupid has some advice on how to cut costs:

- 1. Shop around:** Each component of a wedding has a cost. The best way to find the lowest prices is to comparison shop. Don't go with the first thing you stumble upon.
- 2. Do-it-yourself:** Little things such as a centerpiece or a favor can cost big bucks. To keep expenses down, consider putting these types of things together yourself.
- 3. Cut your guest list:** Most reception halls charge by the

plate. Try to keep your guest list as short as possible by only inviting your close friends and family.

What are some ways you cut costs are your wedding? Share your comment below.

Prince William and Kate Middleton Practice Balcony Kiss



With less than two weeks left until the big royal day, everyone at the Westminster Abbey is buzzing with excitement. UsMagazine.com reports that Prince William and Kate Middleton have rehearsed the entire ceremony, including the 1:25 p.m. balcony kiss. "It's not the actual kiss that needs rehearsing..." an aide told

the magazine. “However, the angle that they come in at needs to be correct, otherwise they could block the shot and the world will miss out on that momentous moment.”

What kind of kiss should you use at your wedding?

Cupid’s Advice:

So your wedding day is almost here, and you’re still undecided about which wedding kiss to have. No problem! Cupid offers suggestions on how to decide:

1. Mutual decision: Speak with your significant other about what kind of wedding kiss you both want. If one of you wants a long intense kiss, but the other wants a short and sweet peck, perhaps you can compromise with something in between.

2. Practice: Once you figure out what kiss you both want, practice it. As they say, practice makes perfect.

3. Keep it short: We all understand that it’s your wedding day, but try not to make out in front of a crowd. Keep your kiss short, sweet and sincere.

What kind of kiss did you share on your wedding day? Comment below.

Survey Says Americans Would Spend Up to \$600 to Attend the Royal Wedding



With the highly anticipated royal wedding on the horizon, there's a lot of buzz surrounding this high profile event. Prince William and fiancée Kate Middleton's glamorous wedding plans fascinate Americans – so much so, that three in five people would pay on average about \$600 to get their hands on an invitation to the soiree.

With the media reporting every detail of the event, Americans are speculating about which luxury they would choose to include in their own big day. When polled, 29 percent of women stated that they would choose to distribute personalized gifts to each of their guests. However, 22 percent said they would like to ride in as a couple on a horse-drawn carriage, while 17 percent would wear a couture wedding gown on their special day.

Americans Say "I Do" to Cash: The royal couple is using the union of their love to do some good for mankind. The pair has asked well wishers to donate a gift to one (or all) of their five hand-picked charitable organizations, rather than giving money or gifts to congratulate them. However, when asked,

only two percent of Americans would do the same. More than 50 percent say they would like to receive cash as gifts, and 23 percent say they would prefer gifts purchased from a wedding registry.

While the general public will not be invited personally to take part in the couple's nuptials, Americans can tune into NBC on **April 29, 2011** at **5:30 AM EST** and **2:30 PM PST**.

*This survey was conducted by **American Express Spending & Saving Tracker** and was completed online among a random sample of 2,020 consumers over the age of 18. Interviewing was conducted by Echo Research between March 24 and March 28, 2011. For access to previous **American Express Spending & Saving Tracker** results, please visit www.americanexpress.com/aboutus.*

Prince William and Kate Middleton Invite Exes to Wedding





There will be six (yes, six!) former lovers in attendance for Prince William and Kate Middleton's royal wedding. According to an article on UsMagazine.com, a source leaked the guest list, and it was confirmed by three palace sources. Middleton invited Rupert Finch, her ex from St. Andrews University, and her high school crush Willem Marx. Prince William, on the other hand, invited Arabella Musgrave, from his university days, Rose Farquhar, his first girlfriend, Jecca Craig, who was rumored to be his first love, and Isabella Anstruther-Gough-Galton. What were they thinking?

Are there complications that arise when you invite your ex to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be difficult to decide whether to invite your former lovers to your wedding. After all, you may still be friends with some of them. Cupid's got some things to consider:

1. 'Graduation Goggles': There is a possibility that you will see your ex at your wedding and remember the "good ol' days" of when you were good as a couple. If there's any chance of that happening, don't invite him or her. You want to be focused on the person you're marrying on your wedding day.

2. **'I, Ross, take you, Rachael'**: Although it's unlikely that you'll say the wrong name during your vows like Ross did on *Friends*, your ex may see you and realize what he or she is missing. The last thing you need is drama at your wedding!

3. **'Battle of the Exes'**: Similar to the old *Cheers* episode, your future spouse may become jealous if you feel the pull to invite your ex to your wedding. Either convince him that there are no leftover feelings and you only harbor platonic feelings toward your ex, or don't invite him.

Would you invite your ex to your big day? Leave a comment below.

Top 10 Ways to Get Invited to the Royal Wedding





By Tanni Deb

Prince William and Kate Middleton invited an astronomical number of guests to their wedding: 1,900 people! Yet most of us are wondering how we can get invited without having to work the affair itself. Sure – you can watch the fanfare on NBC (at 4 a.m. EST no less!), but it's not the same as getting dressed, attending the event and bumping elbows with A-listers from around the world. If you feel left out and want to see the ceremony in person, here are strategies that worked for some of the hundreds of guests that will be at Westminster Abbey on April 29:

1. Embarrass yourself in public, Kanye West-style: West's infamous humiliation of Taylor Swift at 2009's MTV Video Music Awards didn't stop the royals from inviting him. While millions of us watch the wedding overseas, West has the honor of mingling with many notable international figures – and may even get to offend some of them as well.

2. Open a pub: Middleton's favorite pub owner, John Haley, is attending the nuptials. If you want an invite, follow suit! Open your own bar close to Buckingham Palace, pray that someone in the royal family is a regular visitor, and hope that you'll score an invite when Prince Harry gets engaged.

3. Stay close to the family: If Ellen DeGeneres, the queen of comedy, stayed in touch with her distant relative, she probably would've been dancing down the aisle at Westminster Abbey. Sadly, the 15th cousin of Kate Middleton won't get that opportunity. Check your genealogy – you just might be royalty.

4. Become a popular sports player: Think British football (or as Americans call it, soccer). It's no surprise that David and Victoria Beckham are on the guest list. If you want an invite, start working on your athletic skills now.

5. Mind your manners: Simon Cowell, former American Idol host, won't be in attendance. Last month, he told Jay Leno, "I may have said something to the Queen about her hat when I met her..." In that case, you can't *really* blame the royals for not inviting him. It pays to play well with others, Cowell.

6. Be a nanny: Rumor has it that former royal nanny, Tiggy Legge-Bourke, will be a guest. While it's too late to take care of these princes, positions are sure to open up once they have kids, so stay on guard.

7. Don't humiliate your fellow royals: Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, and his daughters, Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice, received an invitation. However, ex-wife and mother, Sarah Ferguson, was left out. Well, that's embarrassing – and bound to happen when you try to sell access to your ex-husband. Moral of the story: If you ever wish to attend a royal event, never mess with the royal family.

8. Become a charity volunteer...: Volunteer at a charity where Prince William is the president; you'll automatically be invited. Who says it doesn't pay to volunteer?

9. ...or join the military: In Britain, of course. It was reported that 30 members of the country's Defense Services will see the nuptials in person. Join the forces now; that number might increase when the next ceremony takes place.

10. Don't run for President of the United States: If the emperor of Japan, sultan of Brunei, and the kings of Malaysia, Tonga and Thailand are invited to this affair, you'd think the president of a leading first-world country would be as well. Unfortunately, President Obama didn't make the cut. Why, you ask? Blame it on the expensive costs for security to protect him and the First Lady. Looks like the Prince has also been affected by the recession.

Well, there you have it! If any of these strategies work for you, let us know. However, if you're unsuccessful, the 'Not Flippin' Invited' party at London's Mahiki nightclub would love to have you around. And if that's too far for you, consider throwing your own, "Where's My Royal Wedding Invitation" party.

Prince William Declines Wearing Wedding Ring





Prince William and

Kate Middleton are bucking tradition once again, this time with the Prince's refusal to wear a wedding band after he's married. According to [People](#), Middleton is going to stick to tradition and sport a ring made from a tiny bit of Welsh gold, which was presented as a gift to Prince William from Queen Elizabeth. A spokeswoman from the palace says, "There is only going to be one ring, in accordance with the couple's wishes."

Should you wear a wedding ring?

Cupid's Advice:

Traditions are nothing to scoff at, as some are there for a reason. Others, however, hold symbolism that isn't necessarily prevalent in this day and age. Cupid has some things to consider when deciding whether to wear a wedding band:

1. Sentimental value: If a wedding band holds a lot of meaning to you and you'd feel uncomfortable not wearing one, that's nothing of which to be ashamed. Do what makes you comfortable in your beliefs.

2. Trust: You shouldn't doubt your partner's trustworthiness if you plan on marrying him or her, but there's no doubt that wearing a wedding ring helps ward off others who are single

and looking.

3. Physical comfort: Sometimes it's simply uncomfortable to wear rings, especially for most men who aren't used to the feeling. If you're in a profession where a ring would get in the way or you just don't like the feel of a ring on your finger, consider abstaining from the tradition.

Prince Harry Throws Prince William Bachelor Party in U.K.



Prince Harry threw his brother Prince William his bachelor bash this past weekend, and according to [E! Online](#), it included water skiing, motor boat racing, and a floating pub crawl with 20 of

his best friends. A Clarence House spokesman didn't have too much to say about the event. "Prince William has enjoyed his stag and it was in the U.K," said the circumspect spokesman to London's Daily News.

What are some unique bachelor/bachelorette party ideas?

Cupid's Advice:

1. A fancy dinner at a hot spot: Go somewhere where everyone goes to see and be seen, like a celebrity hot spot. Drink some strong Cosmopolitans in true *Sex and The City* and eat some quality food.

2. What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas: Think about Sin City for a wild and crazy time. Based on the interests of your group, plan a trip full of gambling, shows and clubs. It's a party the groom or bride-to-be will never forget!

3. Have an outdoor adventure: Instead of the traditional club scene, plan a weekend filled with outdoor excursions, whether that means cattle wrangling or white water rafting.

**Prince William and Kate
Middleton: Australian
Honeymoon?**





Now that the world has most of the details on the royal wedding ceremony, the next question on everyone's mind seems to be where the Prince and his soon-to-be wife plan on spending their honeymoon. The fact that the pair can take their pick of pretty much anywhere in the world, makes the answer to this question that much more interesting. According to [People](#), Prince William has hinted toward an Australian honeymoon while visiting the areas of the continent that were damaged from last month's Cyclone Yasi, saying, "I love scuba diving. I have always wanted to dive the [Great] Barrier Reef, I will have to come back – maybe we'll have a honeymoon in Cairns [Australia]?"

Where are the best places to go for a honeymoon? Cupid's Advice:

Although most of us don't have the luxury of taking our pick of anywhere in the world for our honeymoon, there are a few classic choices:

1. Hawaii: If you're leaning more toward a tropical destination, Hawaii has been a classic honeymooner spot for years. Between the beach, the sun and the luaus, you and your new spouse will have no problem getting a romantic getaway.

2. Italy: Some couples choose to go the more cultural route. If this sounds like you and your beau, a honeymoon to Italy is

sure to bring great meals, fine art and traditional romance.

3. Florida: If your budget is a little tight after the wedding, Florida is a fantastic pick for newlyweds. With its festive atmosphere, beautiful beaches and famous amusement parks, Florida has something to offer all new couples.

Prince William and Kate Middleton Invite Matchmaker to Wedding



It looks like there's one more addition to the already over 1,900 people attending the royal wedding. According to [RadarOnline](#), that person is Sam Waley-Cohen, 28, an old friend of the royal couple who is credited with reuniting the pair after they

broke up in 2007. Although Cohen is modest in taking responsibility for reuniting the two, it was at a party thrown by Waley-Cohen at his family's Oxford, England country house where the two resolved their issues.

Should you hire a matchmaker?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes it can be tough to meet people, and if you aren't interested in turning to the internet, a matchmaker may be just what you need:

1. Fix something that's broken: Just like you would hire a professional to fix anything broken, why not hire one to fix one of the most important things in your life?

2. Increase your odds: We all know it's not easy out there finding love, so leave your stressful burden with someone else.

3. Busy life: The busier we get, the more our love lives get pushed on the back burner. While we're busy with our jobs and careers, there are people who make love their job and want to help you find love.

Prince William and Kate Middleton Visit Wedding Chapel Together



With the big day next month, England's Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton dropped by Westminister Abbey, the site of their wedding, along with father-of-the-groom Prince Charles. According to [People](#), the trio was there to sort out musical arrangements. "The orchestra also had a few pieces that they had wanted the bride and groom to hear," a royal source said. The source added that the couple seemed themselves while making sure all the details were perfect for the big day.

What are some ways to keep your spouse involved in wedding planning?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes only one half a couple takes the reigns on wedding planning and can end up feeling left out. Cupid thought of some ways to involve your spouse:

1. Give him or her an assigned task: As simple as it sounds, giving your partner one job at a time even if you're doing the majority of the planning is an easy way to keep them feeling

productive.

2. Ask for advice: Even if you have a decision made in your head, just ask your spouse for his or her opinion anyway. Show him that you value his thoughts.

3. Talk about it: Whether or not you give your future spouse a task is up to you, but no matter what you do, tell them all about the wedding plans. It wouldn't be good if your partner was unprepared for something and got upset on what's supposed to be the most memorable day of his or her life.

Who Will Plan Prince William's Bachelor Party?



Even a prince needs a bachelor party. But who will help plan the celebration for

Prince William's last night of freedom before he weds Kate Middleton on April 29? [People](#) reports that Guy Pelly, 29, a friend of Princes William and Harry for nearly two decades, will take on the daunting task. And Pelly, who recently opened the London nightclub Public, is the perfect man for the job, according to royal expert Katie Nicholl. "Guy is very much the life of the party, but he is also fiercely loyal and protective of the princes," Nicholl told the *New York Times*. "There is a lot of history there." For now, Pelly is keeping details about the party secret, although there are rumors that the bash could be in South Africa, where Pelly and the princes have raced motorcycles together.

What are some "out of the box" ideas for a bachelor or bachelorette party?

Cupid's Advice:

A bachelor or bachelorette party doesn't always have to consist of exotic dancers and lots of booze. Cupid has some unique ideas on how to celebrate the last night of being single:

- 1. On the road:** Pile the bride or groom and a couple of close friends into a car and go wherever the road takes you. Or, surprise them by driving back to their hometown and reminiscing.
- 2. Try an adventure:** Some might opt for something more physical, like adventure bachelor/bachelorette parties. After a whitewater rafting or mountain-climbing excursions, getting married will be a piece of cake.
- 3. For women only:** Chances are the bride-to-be is stressed out from planning the most important day of her life. So why not let her relax with a spa party for her and her bridesmaids? It'll help her look fresh for the wedding, too.