

Kellie Pickler and Husband Spent Honeymoon in Iraq



Newlyweds Kellie Pickler and husband Kyle Jacobs may have spent a couple romantic days in the Caribbean during their wedding, but their honeymoon destination was a little less glamorous. The two jumped on a plane and flew to Iraq where the country singer performed for troops as a part of the USO, and she said Jacobs loved it. "That was part of my honeymoon," Pickler said according to [People](#). "It was so romantic! No, it was just that I had already committed to going over there and I wasn't going to cancel because that wouldn't have been right." As a long time supporter of the troops, the singer said it was a great experience for her to share with her new hubby.

What do you do if you don't have time for a traditional honeymoon?

Cupid's Advice:

People live busy and hectic lives, and taking time off from work may seem impossible. If you don't have time for a traditional honeymoon, Cupid has some tips to make sure you spend time together as newlyweds:

1. Make time: Everyone is entitled to some rest and relaxation, so plan to take time off from work together, and plan a trip. It might not be right after your wedding, but that doesn't mean that you can't call it a honeymoon.

2. Quick trip: You may not have a week to jet off to somewhere tropical, but you can go on a weekend trip to a destination where you know you'll both have fun. Regardless of where you end up, you'll be able to enjoy spending that time with each other, flaunting your wedding bands.

3. Take time: It's important for newlyweds to enjoy alone time together, especially during the honeymoon stage so don't take it for granted. Set aside one or two nights a week where you turn off your cell phones, put your work away and focus on doing something together whether it's a dinner out or staying in and watching a movie.

Do you have any ideas for newlyweds that can't fit in the traditional honeymoon? Share your comments below.

Kellie Pickler Gives Up Her Cat for Love of Her Husband



Country star Kellie Pickler gave up her beloved cat, Pickles, for her husband, Kyle Jacobs, who is horribly allergic to her feline friend. Pickler adopted Pickles from a Tennessee animal shelter in 2006 after wrapping *American Idol*, and they'd been best friends every since. After dating Jacobs for four years, she had to make the devastating decision to find Pickles a new home in North Carolina. According to *People*, Pickler now lives vicariously through friends with felines and acts as an animal advocate. In spite of her difficult loss, she did gain unconditional love with her husband. "Every time I look at my hand, I go, 'Good God.' What's behind this ring is such unconditional love, trust and respect. I see my husband every time I look at my ring. I'm a blessed woman – I have a good man," said the singer.

What are some sacrifices you have to make when you get married?

Cupid's Advice:

We you get married, you may have to sacrifice a few things.

But, if you pick the right person, what you're gaining is nothing compared to what you're giving up:

- 1. Family traditions:** Family traditions may seem like a lot to give up, but when you're gaining new traditions from your partner and they are gaining some of yours, it will only make you closer.
- 2. Pets:** If one of you is allergic, you may find yourself in the same boat as Kellie Pickler. Just make sure you find your pet a loving new home.
- 3. Your house:** If you're not already living together, getting married means make the big move. People tend to get very attached to their homes, but keep in mind that you're gaining a new life with the one you love.

Is there anything you wouldn't give up for your partner? Share your comments below.

Kellie Pickler Says She's In No Rush To Have Children





Kelly Pickler, who has been married to Kyle Jacobs since New Year's, isn't in any hurry to have children. "I don't know what's gotten into these kids where they feel like they have got to have a baby because their friend has one or whatever," said Pickler, according to [People](#). The 25-year-old star realizes that she and her partner are in a stable relationship and that being a parent is a big responsibility. At the moment, the couple simply aren't ready to take that next step.

How do you handle the pressure of having children right after you get married?

Cupid's Advice:

Being a parent is probably one of the most demanding jobs out there and can be especially tough if you're a newlywed. Cupid has some tips of how to lessen the pressure:

- 1. Be patient:** Yes, parenting can be very stressful, but refrain from that urge to take your anger out on your partner. Remind yourself that you can complete that seemingly never-ending list of tasks, as long as you take everything step-by-step.
- 2. Keep up the romance:** Having a baby means being more

responsible, but it surely doesn't mean you have to be serious all the time. Keep those rosy-colored glasses out and sustain your romantic life by continuing to go on dates with your partner and having fun as a couple.

3. Relax: Don't be afraid to indulge in some alone time and do whatever makes you feel good, whether that's reading your favorite magazine, taking a bubble bath or taking a yoga class. It's important that you take the time to regain your energy if you want to be at the top of your game.

What are some things you can do as a newlywed parent to ward off the pressure? Share your comments below.

Kellie Pickler & Fiancé Are Planning a Unique Wedding





Kellie Pickler got engaged to her songwriter beau Kyle Jacobs in June, and they're slowly but surely making wedding plans, even if that means being a bit non-traditional. Pickler told [People](#) magazine that Jacobs is a "snapper" – he stands and snaps his fingers on the dance floor – so there won't be a first dance at their wedding. And with their love of all kinds of animals, the couple is thinking about having their pet python be the ring bearer!

How do you plan a unique wedding that represents you as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

A wedding is a special occasion, a milestone in life, and should represent the couple being united together. But if the couple doesn't care much for tradition, it may rock a few boats. Here are Cupid's tips on planning the wedding of your dreams while still pleasing your guests.

1. Compromise: Maybe you both don't want to do the traditional first dance, but your grandparents' eyes tear up when they hear you won't be hitting the dance floor as a couple, and will instead boogie right into the YMCA. Instead, keep another traditional part of the ceremony or reception in tact,

like the bouquet toss, to make family members happy.

2. Don't go too over the top: You and your fiancé are different, so your wedding should be unique. But keep it in check, or it could get tacky, or just plain weird. Ask friends or family members for their opinions before making final decisions.

3. Don't get in over your head: Releasing doves the moment you kiss and swans walking around the cocktail hour area might sound perfect, but doves are hard to orchestrate and swans can get mean and nasty. You want the picture-perfect wedding, but not everything is realistic. Do yourself a favor by hiring a wedding planner to help figure out what you can afford, what works for your budget, and what will still look fabulous and keep guests talking long after the wedding.