## 'Bachelor in Paradise' Couple Marcus Grodd and Lacey Faddoul Tie the Knot





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Marcus Grodd and Lacy Faddoul showed fans of *The Bachelor* that you can live happily ever after, as they walked down the aisle on a beach in Mexico, just a year after they met on *Bachelor in Paradise*. According to *People.com*, *Bachelor* host Chris Harrison officiated the celebrity wedding as the ceremony was taped for the new season's premiere. After the newlyweds exchanged self-written vows, they celebrated with family at a nearby hotel. They finished off their fairytale celebrity wedding by honeymooning in Punta Mita, Mexico, where they swam with dolphins and tried out zip lining.

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# Bachelor in Paradise debuted its first married celebrity couple. What are some unique ways to tie the knot?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Saying "I do" is one of the biggest milestones in your life, so you want to make the experience as memorable as possible. Cupid has some unique wedding ideas to turn your special day from average to extraordinary:

1. Exotic location: Are you a history buff? Get married in a museum or library! Love the outdoors? Walk down the aisle in a national or public park! Have a love for the sea? Then try tying the knot on a boat! The list of possible venues is endless so don't settle when it comes to your dream wedding.

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2. Unexpected wedding music: Instead of walking down the aisle to the same expected song, how about using you and your loved one's favorite love song? You can also put a twist on the typical wedding reception by hiring an a capella group, mariachi band or DJ to surprise your guests.

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3. Pre-party and after-party: Host a fun bonding event before the wedding to allow bridesmaids, groomsmen and family to become acquainted with one another allowing the actual ceremony to be more relaxed. Host an after-party for your wilder guests filled with drinking games, live music and dancing to keep the celebration going all night long.

What unique ideas did you and your spouse incorporate into your wedding? Comment below.

## 'Bachelor in Paradise' Couple Marcus Grodd and Lacy Faddoul Spend Their First Thanksgiving Together!





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The holidays are meant to be shared with the people you love,

and for Marcus Grodd and Lacy Faddoul, they did just that! According to <a href="Wetpaint.com">Wetpaint.com</a>, the <a href="Bachelor in Paradise">Bachelor in Paradise</a> couple spent their first Thanksgiving together in Faddoul's home state of California. Both reality stars posted sweet pictures together on their Instagram accounts. Faddoul captioned one photo, "Happy Thanksgiving! We are so thankful for those that love and support our little family. #family #friends #bachelornation." Grodd then wrote, "Happy Thanksgiving Day from our family to yours! Hold your loved ones close #blessed #love #gobble." From the background of the photos, we are guessing they were snapped in The Golden State, which also happens to be where the couple has been spending most of their time these days. This adorable pair seems to be powering through the holiday season joyfully!

How do you know when you're ready to bring your partner home for the holidays?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Although many people usually complain about being single during the holidays, it's not so easy for couples either! The big question is for many pairs is whether or not you should bring your lover home for the holidays. Cupid knows it can be stressful, so here are three ways to tell if you're ready for your new partner to spend this special time with your family:

1. They have met your loved ones before: If your significant other has never met your parents, the holidays may be an awkward time to introduce them. It'll be intimidating to expect your beau to get to know your entire family (including your crazy aunt) during this stressful time of cooking, gift giving, and party-hopping.

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2: They seem pro-holiday: If your sweetheart is asking you about your family's Christmas traditions and your favorite memories, that's a good sign! They're already invested in sharing the holidays together and want to become more connected as a couple. If they seem to be in good spirits about the holidays, it's worth broaching the subject of bringing them home with you.

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3. You actually want them there: It's really important to not feel pressured to bring a new boyfriend or girlfriend home for the holidays. Make sure that you really want them there and that you aren't only trying to please someone else (like your mother). If you don't feel ready, don't extend the invite!

How did you know you were ready to bring your partner home for the holidays? Share with us below!

## 'Bachelor in Paradise' Couple Marcus Grodd and Lacy Faddoul Still Together





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Do we still hear wedding bells for Marcus Grodd and Lacy Faddoul? Although the *Bachelor in Paradise* couple is pretty low-key, from the looks of their social media accounts, the hot duo is still very much in love. Even though neither of them has made the big move across the country yet (to either Los Angeles or Dallas), it's obvious they have been traveling back and forth to be with each other. According to Inquisitr.com, Faddoul was in Texas about a week ago with Grodd when she tweeted that the two of them were at the state fair. The couple has previously said they are planning to wed next year, but it looks like fans will just have to stay tuned for more details.

## What are three ways to make a long-distance relationship work? Cupid's Advice:

It's hard when the person you love is living in what seems a world away. Long-distance relationships can be tough, and Cupid wants to help! Here are three ways to stay connected to your love despite the miles separating you:

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1. Say what you're thinking: It is very important to say what's on your mind. Since the two of you aren't together all of the time, your partner won't be able to see that something's wrong. This will cause confusion in the relationship and maybe even unnecessary fighting if you don't share your feelings.

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2. Build trust: A relationship is nothing without trust. If you cannot learn to fully trust your partner, try and find the root of this problem. Trust leads to a smooth and healthy relationship.

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**3. Do something together:** Technology is so advanced these days that you and your partner can be together even when you're apart! Whether it's watching a show or movie together, playing a game, or video chatting, actually seeing each other can really help you bond.

Know any other ways to make a long-distance relationship work? Share below!

'Bachelor In Paradise' Star Michelle Money Says, "I am the Luckiest Girl in the

#### Whole World!"





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The Bachelor in Paradise finale did not disappoint. Host Chris Harrison promised us drama, and as always, he delivered. In the end, it came down to three couples: adorable Sarah Herron and Robert Graham, solid Lacy Faddoul and Marcus Grodd, and wild cards Michelle Money and Cody Sattler. Then, Harrison rolled in with overnight date cards for the love birds, giving them time to work it out (and work it out) before the final day in paradise.

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After the dates, Herron and Graham broke up and headed home. Of course, Faddoul and Grodd emerged from their room as

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engrossed as ever. And by a *huge* surprise, Money, who entered the date as unsure as one can be, and Sattler, both glowing, sauntered into the hut "satisfied" and "sore." Money even gushed, "I have a boyfriend!"



Cody Sattler and Michelle Money share a moment on set after the final rose ceremony. Photo courtesy of Michelle Money's Instagram

After Money and Sattler exchanged roses, a very nervous Grodd took his girl down to the beach and proposed! Faddoul said yes, and they formally accepted each other's last roses. With intrigue and endings that happy, it's no wonder *BIP* has already been green-lighted for a sophomore season.

Intertwined in all the twists and turns of the episode was the internal struggle within Money to accept the love that Sattler was offering not only her but her young daughter too. The personal trainer was so sweet and patient with her as she hesitated throughout most of their time together. The Utah hairstylist said in interviews that he wasn't the type of guy she usually pursued. She also expressed feelings of being overwhelmed by how quickly his feelings progressed and how

strongly he came on. It really wasn't until her last moments on camera that she decided to go all in.

Now that the season is over, everyone can see that she is elated with her man. Money's Twitter and Instagram accounts are flooded with pictures of the two of them along with her daughter. She captioned one sweet photo with, "Soooooo in love with @cody\_sattler and so happy I can finally talk about it!! This man has changed my life!! I am a better woman because of him!!! I am the luckiest girl in the whole world!!" As she told <code>UsMagazine.com</code>, "I've never met anyone as amazing as Cody. I never thought someone like him existed. It's been such a beautiful surprise."



Michelle Money and Cody Sattler pose with Money's daughter, Brielle. Photo courtesy of Michelle Money's Instagram.

This got us thinking. In real life, we often end up with a partner who we never saw in our lives. We all have our types — the fellows we're drawn to and keep falling in and out of relationships with until one day, we meet someone different. It's always the "this one is so different" that ends up turning into "he's The One." So how do you know when to ditch

your type and just go for it with the divergent dude? Here are three things to consider:

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- 1. You're so over it: When the guy that is so up your alley lets you down just like all the others that came before him, it's time to mix it up. There is no need to keep torturing yourself with men just because they match your typical criteria. There are so many guys out there waiting for you!
- 2. You're in a slump: If you haven't been seeing anyone special for a while, it might be because you've boxed yourself in. When you look outside those boundaries, things will start to change, for better or worse. The point is: They're changing. You're getting out there and learning things about yourself that you may have forgotten because you unknowingly cut yourself off from all of those other fish in the sea.
- 3. He's right there: Just like Money realized, someone could be right in front of your face, begging you to see them. Maybe you friend-zoned him ages ago; maybe he even gets under your skin a little bit; or maybe you met him yesterday and automatically wrote him off. Whatever the excuse, tell that voice in your head to pipe down and leap into his arms. Most likely, he will catch you and never put you down.

Follow Michelle Money on Twitter @MoneyMichelle. The second season of Bachelor In Paradise will premiere during summer 2015 on ABC.

### 'Bachelorette' Star Marcus Grodd Is Engaged to 'Bachelor in Paradise' Costar





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Love is in the air for two *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* alums! Marcus Grodd and Lacy Faddoul will be tying the knot soon, according to *UsMagazine.com*. The former Bachelorette contestant got another shot at love after being left brokenhearted by Andi Dorfman on the show's tenth season. The 25-year-old sports manager picked up the pieces and has since been able to glue them back together with Faddoul, who appeared on the season 18 premiere with Juan Pablo Galavis, on a spinoff show, *Bachelor in Paradise*. A source reveals the pair got engaged during the show's taping, which filmed in

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June and is set to air Monday, August 4th.

What are some ways to meet your partner on vacation?

#### Cupid's Advice:

For some, they experience hot, steamy summer flings every year. For others, they get the once in a lifetime opportunity of meeting someone while on vacation and it actually turning into a real romance. What are the chances, huh? This does indeed happen and Cupid has a few ways to show you how to meet your [future] partner while on vaca:

1. Explore: First and foremost, go out. A vacation may be about relaxing and time away, but that does not include being cooped up in your hotel room. The possibility of you meeting someone while doing this is slim to none. Devote a few hours to sight seeing . . . you may just meet him/her in the midst of doing so.

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2. Socialize: Speak to a few strangers along the way. Make small talk and see what you may have in common with the other vacationers or residents. Just sit back and see where the conversation leads (maybe to your future).

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3. Do not expect long-term: Think of having fun and thoroughly enjoying yourself. After all, that is somewhat the point of the trip. Avoid any expectations, such as, finding your soul mate or someone to build a family with. Once you get rid of any related notions, you will be on the right path of believing "if it happens, it happens."

How do you meet a future partner while on vacation? Tell us

what you think below!