

Vanessa Minnillo Is Cool With Nick Lachey Hosting Vegas Swimsuit Party



Letting your partner go to Sin City without you is one thing, but letting him go with a bunch of supermodels seems a bit risky. Apparently Vanessa Minnillo doesn't think so! Minnillo recently let future hubby Nick Lachey go to Las Vegas alone Thursday to host a Sports Illustrated swim party while she stayed behind for auditions. Talk about a cool fiancée. Even though Vanessa wasn't on Vanity nightclub's list that night, she was on Lachey's mind. "She looks as good if not better than any of the models you see behind me in a swimsuit," he told [E! Online](#). And as far as the wedding plans go, Lachey assures us that they're "getting there slowly but

surely...we're inching our way along."

Is it OK for your partner to go on a wild trip without you?

Cupid's Advice:

Knowing whether or not you should trust your partner to go on a trip without you is a big decision. If you're not sure, Cupid has some things to consider:

1. How long: There's a big difference between going away for a weekend and going away for weeks. A lot can happen if you're away from your special someone for an extended period of time.

If your partner plans on packing all the clothes in his or her closet, maybe you should tag along on the trip.

2. Who is going: It's not always about how much you trust your partner as much as it's about how much you trust their friends. If your beau still hangs out with his crazy single friends, make sure to remind him that he's not a bachelor anymore before he leaves.

3. Reason to worry: Ask yourself why you're worried in the first place. It's normal to be a little uneasy, but don't let the jitters get the best of you. If your partner has broken your trust and given you a reason to worry before, there's nothing wrong with insisting to go with them.

**Vanessa Minnillo and Nick
Lachey Are Savoring**

Engagement



After getting engaged, most couples practically race down the aisle like there's a finish line at the end. That's not the case for soon-to-be married couple Vanessa Minnillo and Nick Lachey. Minnillo, 30, and Lachey, 36, are savoring their engagement. According to [People](#), the two were engaged in November and have been enjoying it ever since. "We're enjoying being engaged," Minnillo says. "Everyone rushes to the next step and I like this step. I'm in love and we're happy, so when it comes and it happens organically I will welcome it with open arms."

How long should you be engaged before marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Although most couples believe that sooner is better, Vanessa Minnillo and Nick Lachey are proof that taking the engagement process slow is very rewarding. Cupid has a few good things that can come out of waiting:

1. Growing comfortable: Being engaged really puts a relationship into perspective, and it's a great way to tell whether or not you're truly ready to commit to this person forever. Waiting will not only help you both become more comfortable and sure of your decision, but it can give you some time to ease into the transition from engagement to marriage.

2. Making decisions: Taking your time with wedding arrangements will give you and your fiancé not only more time to make your own decisions, but also to come together and find a common ground on your perfect wedding. The longer you wait, the less stressful the planning becomes!

3. Right time: Many couples make the mistake of getting married right away without thinking about the rest of their priorities. Give yourselves sometime to finish school, or wait until your jobs are less hectic before you request time off.

Wedding stress becomes a lot less scary when it's the only thing you have to worry about.

Wedding Bells for Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo





It's about time! [People](#) reports that Nick Lachey has finally popped the question to longtime girlfriend Vanessa Minnillo last week near a beach in California. Nick Lachey took to Twitter to confirm the happy news. He tweeted, "Hey all. If anyone's heard the rumors of my engagement, they are absolutely true! Vanessa and I couldn't be happier. Thanks for all the love." Nick Lachey, 36, and Vanessa Minnillo, 29, have been dating since 2006 and the bride-to-be has been recently needling her beau about marriage. Last year Vanessa Minnillo said, "Once again it looks as if I'm always the bridesmaid but never the bride." Sounds like Nick Lachey got the hint when he sealed the deal with an Asscher-cut diamond flanked with trapezoids from Bader & Garrin, according to a source. This is Lachey's second marriage, after divorcing from first wife Jessica Simpson in 2005.

How long should you date before getting married?

Cupid's Advice:

It's important not to rush marriage, but you also don't want to wait too long, as Vanessa Minnillo will attest! Cupid has

some suggestions on what is the right amount of time to date before tying the knot:

1. Four seasons: While each couple is different, in general it's good to know someone for about a year, or all four seasons, before you make a commitment. It will give you a chance to get to know each other past the honeymoon period of the relationship.

2. Life experiences: Perhaps more important than the amount of time you've known each other are the experiences you have been through as a couple. If you've met each other's families, seen each other at your best and worst, and survived at least one major crisis together, you're probably ready.

3. Love at first sight: Some may wonder, when you meet someone and immediately know that they're "the one," why wait to get married? While the idea is romantic, your chances of longevity decrease the quicker you jump into marriage. If you're so sure you want to spend the rest of your life together, what difference will a few more months make?

Jessica Simpson Runs Into Ex Nick Lachey





What happens when you run into your ex with his new girlfriend while you're on a date with your new boyfriend? Well, Jessica Simpson and beau Eric Johnson found out over the weekend when they ran into Simpson's ex, Nick Lachey. When asked about the incident by [USA Today](#), the singer said, "He was at the same restaurant. I didn't speak to him." But apparently she was much more willing to talk when asked about her current relationship with Johnson, according to [Us Weekly](#). "He definitely makes me very happy," she said. "He brings out a lot of light in me and makes me very comfortable being who I am. It's nice to be with somebody who praises you for the right reasons." Is that a Nick Lachey burn? We'll never know for sure. **How should you handle your first sighting of an ex post-breakup?**

Cupid's Advice:

It's always awkward when you run into your ex for the first time after you've broken off your relationship, but there are right and wrong ways to deal with it. Cupid has some suggestions:

1. Act casual: There's no need to bring drama into the picture. Even though you may be feeling turmoil on the inside, keep it bottled up for the time being. Although they say keeping your feelings inside can sometimes be a bad thing, it's okay if you let it out in a different venue later on – away from your ex.

2. Be civil: Again, there's no reason to carry the reasons you broke up into your first meeting after your split. Your relationship is over, and it's time to move on. Why re-hash old arguments when you can just keep it civil, and shrug it all off?

3. Keep it short: Don't prolong your first meeting post-breakup. If you happen to end up at the same location as your ex and there's no way to avoid each other's presence, deal with it briefly. The longer you confront your ex-partner, the more awkward you will feel and the more likely you may say something you'll regret later.