

# Five Celebrity Divorces We Really Weren't Expecting



By Francesca B.

The world of celebrity is fraught with ups and downs. Scandals of drug abuse, cheating husbands and lying wives make for gripping and sensational stories when they come to public attention. We have come to expect a bit of drama from Hollywood romances, but even so, there have been some celebrity divorces that we really didn't see coming. Here are a few:

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**Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman**

The original Hollywood sweethearts, Tom and Nicole met on the set of the hit movie, *Days of Thunder*, in which they played a young and romantically entwined couple very believably indeed.

It was therefore no great surprise when their on-screen romance started to become apparent off screen as well, and they were eventually wed on Christmas Eve, 1990. A popular and adorable couple, they stuck it out for over a decade before “irreconcilable differences” saw them seeking the advice of divorce solicitors and putting an end to the fairy tale romance the whole world had enjoyed. Still, both parties have now happily remarried and have children with their new partners.

### **Kate Winslet and Sam Mendes**

The beautiful actress of *Titanic* fame, who we all thought would marry the gorgeous Leonardo DiCaprio, instead fell for dashing director, Sam Mendes. Despite being 10 years her senior, he definitely wasn't her sugar daddy, with Winslet being worth about double the Mendes fortune. They painted a picture of domestic bliss, but following the making of *Revolutionary Road*, a film starring Winslet and directed by Mendes and ironically about a couple stuck in a failing marriage, their relationship hit the rocks. To the surprise of the couple's friends and fans, they split in March 2010, leaving Winslet with two children from two marriages at just 34.

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### **Courtney Cox and David Arquette**

One of the world's best-known faces of the '90s for her role in *Friends*, Courtney Cox surprised everyone when she hooked up with David Arquette after starring in the *Scream* movies with him. However, even more shocking was the news that after 11 years of marriage and a child together, the couple had decided to split. Despite speculation about the real reasons,

Cox stated that she “was tired of being (David’s) mother.”

### **Madonna and Guy Ritchie**

We all love Madge, and when she decided to marry a quirky British director and settle down in the English countryside, the place we held in our hearts for her grew a little bit bigger. The announcement that the couple were splitting up in 2011 came as a complete shock to most, with Madonna claiming that Ritchie ‘drinks too much’ as the reason for the split.

That’s OK, Madge, we still love you.

### **Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt**

Another celebrity of *Friends* fame and so popular she had an entire generation of young ladies going into hairdressers and asking for ‘a Rachel,’ Jennifer Aniston tied the knot with the most eligible bachelor in the world, Mr. Brad Pitt. Without a doubt the hottest couple in Hollywood, it seemed nothing could come between them. But that was until naughty Brad went off to film Mr. and Mrs. Smith and reportedly fell in love with Miss Luscious Lips herself, Angelina Jolie. Brad and Jen split a few months later, back in 2005, but even today Hollywood still rumbles with the scandal from time to time.

Whether expected or unexpected, Hollywood splits never cease to rock the Tinseltown boat with rumors and gossip. If only everyone could just be happy all the time!

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# Top Five Ski Destinations for Celebrity Couples



By Abbi Comphe1 and [Whitney Johnson](#)

As evidenced by the popularity of ski resorts like Park City, Utah and Telluride, Colorado, [celebrity couples](#) love sneaking away for a snowy romantic vacation – and what's not to love? Afternoons spent on the slopes of a majestic mountain and evenings spent snuggling up by a fire or exploring the local nightlife make for a perfect wintery holiday.

**When temperatures drop and snow**

# **begins to fall, there is sure to be an influx of Hollywood couples at the following ski destinations:**

**1. Aspen, Colorado:** The slopes of Ajax Mountain or Snowmass are often teeming with celebrity duos – although it may be hard to spot these famous faces when they're covered in scarves and snow goggles. Celebrity couple Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell keep a house here, often inviting children Oliver and [Kate Hudson](#) and their families to join them.

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**2. Park City, Utah:** Although this winter wonderland is a popular destination for tourists and celebrities alike, the rich and famous come out in droves during the Sundance Film Festival. Married celebrity couple Justin Timberlake and [Jessica Biel](#) have been long-time snowboarders and enjoyed a snowy getaway here early on in their relationship. Although these two are now celebrity exes, Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale, who played a concert during the Deer Valley Celebrity Skifest in 2011, took their oldest son Kingston to Deer Valley in Park City for a day of family fun on the slopes.

**3. Whistler, British Columbia, Canada:** Whistler, known as the host of some of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, is as popular for its nightlife as for its 7,000 acres of ski-worthy terrain. Seal proposed to Heidi Klum here in 2004, while Paris Hilton and boy-toy of the past Doug Reinhardt took advantage of the skiing, snowboarding and sledding during a snow-filled vacation in 2009.

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**4. Telluride, Colorado:** This snowy spot is a favorite



playground of the rich and famous, perhaps because of its particularly remote location. Oprah Winfrey recently sold her “log cabin” here, and before their [celebrity divorce](#), Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes would steal away for a romantic getaway to their home away from home in Mountain Village, a sister town connected to Telluride by a free gondola.

**5. Chamonix, France:** Located in the French Alps, Chamonix, known as the birth place of skiing, is one of the most popular ski resorts in Europe. In addition to the unbeatable snow and challenging trails of Mont Blanc, the city is known for its apres-ski offerings as well: great French food and a cozy village atmosphere. David and Victoria Beckham often choose this spot for a family vacation.

**What is your favorite snowy spot for a romantic getaway? Share your thoughts below.**

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## Celebrity Couples Who Look Hot At a Pool Party





By Diamon Hall

Celebrities might have busy schedules, but as soon as they get a break, they take full advantage of it with fun-filled vacations. Snapshots of poolside parties and romantic strolls on the beach hit the tabloids each day, documenting their experiences. Take a look at our list of five hot famous couples at some of the top vacation spots:

**1. Ryan Seacrest and Julianne Hough:** *American Idol* personality, Ryan Seacrest, and his young hottie, *Rock of Ages* star Julianne Hough, took some time off from the big screen to enjoy a vacation together. Hough, 22 and her man, Seacrest, 36, were spotted jet skiing together in Miami. “The couple said they had spent so many days apart, they really wanted to chill,” a source told *People*. Well, they certainly couldn’t stay apart on this fun-filled escape.

**2. Ciara and Amar’e Stoudemire:** R&B singer Ciara showed off her “goodies” on Miami Beach with her new honey, New York Knicks star Amar’e Stoudemire. Ciara certainly wasn’t the only one showing off her body though. Stoudemire trotted through the sand shirtless, but with New York Knicks shorts on

and flaunting his many tattoos. Nothing shows off a new couple better than a beachside vacay.

**3. Ashley Tisdale and Zac Efron:** Ashley Tisdale enjoyed her 26th birthday beachside with *High School Musical* costar Zac Efron, according to *People*. The 23-year-old hottie, Efron, was spotted giving Tisdale a piggyback ride as the two marked the VnC Cocktails and Heineken Light-sponsored milestone in Malibu, Calif. "So happy zacary made it to my party," Tisdale tweeted.

**4. Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise:** These two hot stars took a splash in the water on a beach side getaway. Holmes, 31, showed off her bikini body while lounging by the pool in Miami Beach, Fla. Holmes certainly didn't let her sexiness go to waste and gave hubby Tom Cruise, 48, a passionate kiss.

**5. Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan:** This Hollywood couple was spotted along the shore during their stay at Viceroy Anguilla in the Caribbean. Both are usually seen on the big screen, but decided to get away and take a dip in the tropical islands.

Who doesn't love to kick back and relax on enjoyable vacations? These popular couples took their escapes to a much higher level. Working in Hollywood can be very hectic, so we definitely don't blame them!

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**Katie Holmes Throws Tom  
Cruise Surprise Birthday Bash**





Katie Holmes knew just how to make her hubby, Tom Cruise's 49th birthday special by throwing him a surprise birthday bash at Miami Beach's SoHo Beach House, according to [People](#). Holmes planned the whole thing herself, including the RSVPs. Cruise and Holmes' daughter Suri, and Cruise's children from his marriage to Nicole Kidman, Connor and Isabella, attended as well as 40 close friends. Everyone enjoyed pasta, shrimp and other delicious dishes, as well as sweet chocolate birthday cake on the roof and inside the private venue.

**What are some ways to make your partner's birthday bash unique?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

What better way to show your love for your significant other than to make his or her birthday bash totally unique? Cupid has a few tips on how to make the special day just right:

**1. Surprise:** Take a tip from Katie Holmes and throw your beau a surprise birthday bash. He'll be caught off guard and it'll make his birthday one he'll never forget.

**2. Pick a fun theme:** Every party needs a good theme, so why not make your boo's bash centered around something he loves, like sports, adventure or music. Pick a venue that caters to his interests, like box seats at a baseball game (for the sports lover), a concert hall (for the music fanatic), or a rock climbing facility (for the adventurous).

**3. Add something extra:** Add a little something special to the bash, whether it be requesting your love's favorite song at a club, or ordering his or her favorite dish at a restaurant. It's the little touches that make his or her birthday extra special.

**What are some ways you've made your partner's birthday bash unique? Share your stories below!**

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## **Celebrity Couples Make a Blessing Out of Interfaith Relationships**





By Erika Hymowitz Vujnovich

Chelsea Clinton/Marc Mezvinsky, Naomi Watts/Liev Schreiber, Tom Cruise/Katie Holmes and even Brad Pitt/Angelina Jolie are among the numerous celebrity couples attempting to make an interfaith relationship work. While it's nice to believe the old saying "love conquers all," there are often many challenges an interfaith couple faces. Speaking from experience, I entered into an interfaith marriage five years ago. It has taken a tremendous amount of respect and understanding between me and my husband to make our relationship work and to be able to provide a stable foundation for our children.

[ABC News](#) says that one in three U.S. couples is in a religiously mixed marriage. However, back in June, the [Chicago Family Law Blog](#) highlighted the issue and cited data taken from a 2001 American Religious Identification Survey, which show couples in mixed-religion families were *three times* more likely to be divorced than those who were of the same faith. The [New York Times](#) also wrote on the issue this past summer, following the high-profile marriage of Chelsea Clinton

and Marc Mezvinsky. Clinton, a Methodist and Mezvinsky, who is Jewish, pushed the issue of mixed marriage into the spotlight again.

**Whether mixed-religion marriages are becoming the new norm or not, if you are in such a relationship and are questioning whether or not it can work, here are a few things to consider:**

**1. Don't ignore the differences:** Religion often contributes to who we are. As such, it's crucial not to disregard religious beliefs. One of the top mistakes that couples make is that they believe their love for one another will conquer all interfaith marital problems. This is not always true. Take the time to discuss your beliefs. You may find that your partner feels the same way, or you may realize you come from completely different backgrounds.

**2. Look for clergy counseling:** If you're looking for that mixed marriage blessing, you'll want to consider speaking with clergy from your place of worship. When my husband and I first considered getting married, we immediately went to meet with my Rabbi. He was very open to the idea of us getting married, with the understanding that we will raise our children in the Jewish faith. A member of the clergy will help outline the challenges you may face as a couple as well as give advice on how to best approach your respective families, who may not be as accepting.

**3. Think of the children:** The last thing you'll want to do is make a child decide which religion they want to follow. Before you even have children, you and your spouse should decide how you want to raise them. Lay the foundation from the beginning, and be honest with each other about your wishes. You don't want to confuse your child, but rather give them a solid sense of faith and culture. There is nothing wrong with celebrating all holidays, but make sure that as your children get older, they have a belief system.



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# Katie Holmes On Having More Kids: “Maybe In A Couple Of Years...”



Are Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise making plans to add to their brood? “Maybe in a couple of years, but right now I want to make sure I’m really there for Suri,” says Holmes recently, according to [Us Magazine](#). While there are no immediate plans for expansion, Holmes is still young at 31, and plans to keep her baby options open for the future.

**How can parents prevent an only child from being spoiled on the road?**



## Cupid's Advice:

When a couple only has one child, all of their attention naturally focuses on him or her. When you add traveling for work into the picture, it becomes easy to spoil the child.

Cupid has some ways to help keep that from happening:

- 1. Have a consistent schedule:** No matter where you lay your head at night, keeping a regular schedule for your little one will help to give him or her a sense of normalcy.
  - 2. Plan activities to share:** You can treat your children and your spouse while traveling to experiences by taking in the sights in your free time. This will cement the family bond and perhaps ignite a spark between parents.
  - 3. Don't give them everything they want:** The most important way to keep from spoiling your only child is to refrain from giving them everything they want. Explain to them why they can't have what they are asking for, and don't cave when they ask again.
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# Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes Keep Romance Alive





Ever since Tom Cruise jumped on a couch on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, people have doubted whether his relationship with Katie Holmes is real. But as Cupid recently reported, the couple are still very much in love five years later, and do everything they can to keep the spark alive in their marriage.

In fact, Holmes recently told [People](#), "My husband has red roses for me everywhere I go and whenever we travel." Both Cruise and Holmes are true romantics and are very affectionate toward one another and their 4-year-old daughter, Suri. Holmes said, "Being a mother is so dreamy." **How can you tell if your partner is a true romantic?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

**1. He doesn't expect credit:** If your partner waits to give you a dozen roses until you're in front of your friends, he might be looking for positive recognition from someone besides you.

When he does sweet things without asking for credit or thanks, he's a true romantic (and is so into you)!

**2. He knows you:** If he uses inside info to do lovey-dovey things that he knows you and only you would appreciate, then

he is truly devoted. For example, buying you a box of chocolates on Valentine's Day is sweet, but serenading you with your favorite Backstreet Boys song? Dorky, but totally romantic.

**3. He's all about consistency:** It's easy for him to do sweet and thoughtful things at the beginning of the relationship when everything is new, exciting and he's still trying to impress you. But if he still pulls out your chair for you after 25 years of marriage, he's a true romantic.

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## Katie Holmes & Tom Cruise Still in Love





No one can forget the time Tom Cruise jumped up onto Oprah's couch professing his love for then-girlfriend Katie Holmes. Now the two are married, with 4-year-old daughter, Suri, and are still head over heels in love. As reported this week in [People](#), Holmes still sees her husband as the leading man he is on the silver screen. **Years down the road, how do you keep the fire burning in your marriage?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone has come into contact with that inspiring older couple that still looks at each other the same way they did when they fell in love. Cupid has some suggestions on how to reach this relationship ideal:

- 1. Pick the right one:** People who marry just for looks or money always tend to end up unhappy. Don't choose a partner for merely superficial reasons. Spend your life with someone you can't live without.
- 2. Never stop dating:** Even though you now have kids and a mortgage doesn't mean you don't have time for dinner and a

movie once in while. Making time for dates can make a big difference.

**3. Be spontaneous:** Planning dates and vacations in advance is great. However, the element of spontaneity can keep you feeling like a honeymooner for years to come.