

Celebrities, the wealthy and their money

It is well-known that celebrities and those who are incredibly wealthy have an over-inflated opinion of themselves, but apparently this has now been confirmed scientifically; so I guess we can all relax and just accept that this is the way they are. It doesn't help of course that so many of us feign over them or that they earn such crazy amounts of money. But whatever they may get from their films, music and business activities, you can pretty much guarantee that they will spend it in some very odd ways and often quite unwisely. Some may choose to be the first ego in space, whilst others would rather spend it in rehab. But isn't that what being a celebrity and filthy rich is all about? I wouldn't know of course because I am neither a celebrity, or indeed wealthy. As you would suspect, many of the entries here involve very large sums of money, very often driven by the one-upmanship you would expect from the celebrities as they compete against each other for the biggest house and the longest yacht. Finally, I have to make an apology here, as there seems to be rather too many appearances by the Beckham's. Maybe it's because they love to splash the cash more than the average celeb. They are the king and queen of conspicuous consumption – perhaps there should be a special category just for them...?.

£100m

The value of a yacht that Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt are rumoured to be buying. The mega-yacht comes with its own submarine, space to carry eight small boats, a helicopter and two seaplanes

£25m

The value of Tiger Woods' Florida mansion, which he bulldozed in order to make way for a smaller home

£1,500

What Britney Spears has spent on an internet shopping spree while in a rehabilitation clinic

£13m

What billionaire space tourist Charles Simonyi spent on his two-week trip to the international space station

£200,000

What Charlotte Meares, girlfriend of Tottenham footballer Jermain Defoe, has spent on a state-of-the-art kitchen with two dishwashers, six ovens and two 42-inch plasma screen TVs

£55,000

What Sir Phillip Green bid to win a cameo role in the next Superman film

£15,000

How much Madonna has spent on toys for her new baby, David

£2,800

The value of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' crib for their new baby, Suri

£8m

The value of the Bulgari necklace that David Beckham bought his wife Victoria, for her birthday

£108,000

How much Paris Hilton spent securing a place on Virgin Galactic's commercial space flight scheduled for 2009. William Shatner, Kate Moss and Sigourney Weaver are among the other 161 people who have paid deposits

£550,000

How much American magazine Life and Style say that Lindsey Lohan spent on clothes in 2005

£800,000

What Nicole Kidman's wedding to Keith Urban cost



£55,000

How much the wives and girlfriends of England's footballers spent in one hour in Baden Baden during the 2006 world cup – equivalent to £1,100 a minute

\$1,000

How much OC star Mischa Barton spent on getting her hair dyed brunette

£60,000

What Philip Green paid at auction for a kiss from Kate Moss, before letting runner-up bidder Jemima Khan receive the kiss

£30,000

What the Queen spent on a party to celebrate her 80th birthday

£20,000

How much Victoria Beckham spent on a private jet to get her to England's opening match against Paraguay in the 2006 world cup – her original flight was cancelled

£2,500

What Lulu has paid for a pacemaker for her dog, Bonnie

£26m

How much Britney Spear's husband is said to have spent in the first 18 months of their marriage

£5,500

What Camilla Parker Bowles spends a month on her hair. A hairdresser visits her most days

£5,000

The cost of Victoria Beckham's ski outfit, which included Chanel ski poles

£200,000

What rapper Sean Combs – also known as Puff Daddy – has spent on customizing a £14,000 van. It has six TVs, a mini bar, a hand-made leather sofa and a monogrammed wooden floor

£195,000

What soul singer Joss Stone paid for a three bedroom house in Culmstock, Devon, despite her reported fortune of around \$4.5 million

\$20m

What American scientist-turned-businessman, Gregory Olsen, paid to blast off on an 11-day trip into space aboard a Russian rocket

£12,000

What singer Craig David spent on a six-seater hot tub at his £2.5 million penthouse flat in Hampstead. It has 100 high-pressure jets, underwater lights and a champagne ice bucket

£10,000

What Chris Evans spent on bottles of vintage Bollinger for himself and the other European stars the night before a celebrity golf tournament. His team won

£1m

The estimated cost of creating Tom Cruise and Kate Holmes' Arabian Nights-style wedding ceremony on the Maroma resort in Mexico

£15,000

Natasha Kaplinsky's wedding budget. The BBC presenter earns around £250,000 a year and married a wealthy investment banker, but wanted to keep the wedding costs below the national average of £25,500

£233,000

What actor Orlando Bloom is rumoured to have spent on a diamond ring for his girlfriend, Kate Bosworth, star of Superman Returns

£2,500

How much Britney Spears spent in a half an hour shopping spree in Los Angeles

£250,000

What Liz Hurley paid for her lavish 40th birthday party, to which 150 guests were invited for a Raj-themed night of dinner and dancing

£120,000

What the Beckham's paid for two bomb-proof cars in which to drive their sons to school. The steel-clad BMW X5s have bullet-proof tyres and their own air supply in case of chemical attack

\$20,000

What actress Doris Day, 81, spent on chartering a plane to fly 100 stray cats and dogs out of New Orleans

£187m

The amount squandered by Mike Tyson, who eventually filed for bankruptcy

£250,000

The cost of the party that Victoria Beckham threw in Madrid to celebrate her husband's 30th birthday

£158m

The debts that Michael Jackson's accountant said the singer owed in February 2003, when he had just £20,000 in the bank

£518,000

The cost of the Beckham's one-night shopping trip to Paris for Victoria's 31st birthday. The couple were reported to have enjoyed meals costing £1,700, as well as spending a night in the Coco Chanel suite at the Ritz for £3,800



£1,863,000

The reported annual amount paid by David Beckham to insure his fleet of 15 top-of-the-range cars, which include a Bugatti Veyron, Ferrari 550 Marranello and an Aston Martin DB7

£3,000

What Jemima Goldsmith paid a US graffiti artist to spray-paint her children's bedrooms with Lord of the Rings murals

£1,000

What Kate Moss spends each week on being beautiful. As well as using £200-a-pot Crème de la Mer as her body cream, she makes regular visits to Elysee Medecine Esthetique in Paris

£250,000

What the Beckham's are said to have spent on a new bedroom and nursery at their Hertfordshire mansion

£60,000

What pop star Christina Aguilera's engagement ring cost

£30,000

The size of rapper Snoop Dogg's bar bill at the Landmark Hotel in London after he threw an impromptu party to celebrate a sell-out concert. He also ordered in 200 curries from Bournemouth

£2,000

What Kanye West is paying to have curry delivered to New York from Wales. The rapper orders the Indian feast from the British Raj restaurant in Newport

£3.3m

What footballer Alan Shearer spent on an Edwardian mansion in Newcastle before demolishing it to build a new £4 million home with high-tech gym and a swimming pool

£22,000

What the Beckham's spent on a mini Humvee off-roader for their son Brooklyn. It is petrol fuelled and can reach 30 mph

£2.5m

The amount of her £5.5 million fortune that Charlotte Church spent in nine months

£1m

What Tiger Woods spent on his wedding to Norwegian model Elin Nordegren. Woods booked the entire Sandy Lane golf resort in Barbados for a week for their 100 guests

£400,000

What Chelsea football club owner Roman Abramovich spent on an indoor ice hockey rink, complete with tannoy system and score board at his 440-acre country estate in Fyning Hill, West Sussex

£500,000

What Gordon Ramsey spent on his new kitchen. It includes a £67,000 Rorgue cooker that had to be hoisted into the house by a crane

£4m

What Oprah Winfrey spent giving away a new car to each of her 276 audience members

£3m

What Brad Pitt paid for the 98-year-old, 165ft Kalizma yacht, once owned by Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor. He bought it for his wife Jennifer Aniston (now divorced, of course)

£120,000

What the Beckham's spent on a two-storey kids-castle for their sons Romeo and Brooklyn. The playpad cost the same as a three bed semi near David's old club in Manchester

£13,000

The price tag on the flip-flops actor Marc Anthony bought his wife Jennifer Lopez. The sandals were decorated with shavings of 18-carat gold shaped like feathers

£600,000

What pop star Beyoncé and rapper boyfriend Jay-Z spent on a party in Knightsbridge restaurant, The Collection. The venue only cost £50,000 to hire, but they also spent £125,000 on Beyoncé's outfit for the night and £180,000 on Cristal champagne

£4,000

What Charles Saatchi paid for a 70ft length of rope, shown in his exhibition, New Blood. Artist Matt Calberwood bound twisted strips from 54 toilet rolls together to create the cord

£2,500

The cost of each of the double magnums of 1961 Chateau Yquem Sauterne bought by Gordon Ramsey for his children. He plans to keep them until their 18th birthday, by which time he believes they will be worth £50,000 a bottle

£2.5m

The estimated total worth of the gems worn by the Beckhams when they went to Buckingham Palace to receive the footballer's OBE. The Queen wore a pair of pearl earrings worth about £9,000, according to Tiffany jewellers

£9m

What pop music guru Simon Fuller has spent on his own private air fleet

£15,000

What Donatella Versace paid at an auction for a tennis lesson with Serena Williams

£70m

What Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen splashed out on one of the world's largest privately owned yachts (the third in his collection of super-yachts). The German built boat, called Octopus, is 413ft long and is rumoured to have its own cinema and recording studio

£3.6m

What Michael Jackson spent in a single day's shopping spree in Las Vegas, including £17,000 on a replica of Tutankhamen's sarcophagus

£140m

What Roman Abramovich paid for Chelsea football club in 2003



£90,000

What Michael Winner spent on a four-week holiday in Barbados, including £14,000 on Concorde tickets and £2,100 a night stay in the Sandy Lane hotel

£240,000

What Demi Moore paid for a 'head-to-toe' makeover. It included time with a personal trainer, nutritionist, yoga instructor and kickboxing coach, as well as breast reduction, liposuction on her stomach, buttocks and thighs and porcelain caps on her teeth

£400,000

What JCB boss Sir Anthony Bamford spent on his son George's 21st birthday party. The James Bond fancy dress party was held at his neo-classical mansion in Gloucestershire and featured original film-props and Bond-style cocktail waitresses. Only George was allowed to go as 007

£500,000

What the Beckham's spent on the christening of their children Brooklyn and Romeo, with Tom Cruise jetting in as guest of honour

£400

The amount rugby star Gavin Henson spent on a drink for girlfriend Charlotte Church. The cocktail contained vintage champagne, served in hand-made flutes, along with oysters and caviar