

## EURO-RUSSIAN RELATIONSHIPS – MEETING THE FAMILY

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When it comes to **Euro-Russian relationships**, the stages of relationships do not differ. Every partnership starts with the "getting to know each other" phase where couples go on casual dates. Then, their dates and relationship become more romantic and intimate. After dating for a while most couples start thinking about moving in together and getting married, but in the European culture it is very important to get to know the family of the future bride first.

Most European families have very close ties and if you're in a serious relationship, you're going to have to meet the entire family sooner or later. This is especially true with Euro-Russian relationships, because meeting the family is a big deal to **Russian women**. Read these tips below to leave a good impression to your sweetheart's family.

### #1. Always Look Your Best

When you are dating Russian ladies, you have to know that you're dressing style should be smart and casual. Although your sweetheart's family won't notice when you match different patterns or colours, they will consider your style when deciding whether you're good enough for their daughter or not. Make sure that you look good, sophisticated, and decent in what you wear. Shave if necessary or get a hair cut.



### #2. Bring presents

It's a tradition in Russia to bring a present (or gifts) when meeting the parents for the first time. Among the best gifts for her mom is a fancy bouquet of flowers. You must know that every woman would acknowledge such kind of gesture. Another wonderful gift that you can bring is wine or liquor for her father. He will enjoy this manly gesture and he could even invite you to partake of it after dinner (don't fret, you're probably not going to finish it in one sitting).

### #3. Express your feelings

Any mom and dad would be flattered and happy if someone lets them know how great they raised their children. It's the same thing when meeting your bride's parents for the first time. Provide compliments, be expressive, and let them know and see how much you cherish their daughter. This just demonstrates how well you know their daughter and how sincere your intentions and interests truly are.

### #4. Be charming

Being charming doesn't necessarily mean you have to be good-looking. It's actually pretty simple. Just show interest in other people and look confident. Talk smartly and be active through the dinner. Don't just sit there and be quiet; offer your help, share stories, ask questions, and more. Everybody will love you for it!

### As a final point

Finally, the most important thing is to be yourself. Don't overdo it and don't try to fake your way into her family. If you are nice and your intents are clear, every parent will see that and will give you their love and full support.

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