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## THREE GUIDELINES ON DATING EASTERN EUROPEAN WOMEN ONLINE

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There are two ways to meet and date Eastern European women online – through online dating sites or the more specialized dating agencies based in Russia and other Eastern European countries. While there are some distinctions, as well as specific advantages and disadvantages between the two methods, there are general quidelines that will apply to both which you can use to successfully meet and date Eastern European women.

### Make a list of what you want and don't want.

It is recommended that before you even sign up for either dating agency or site, you should make a list of the qualities you prefer in a woman. As a start, you should have already made up your mind with regard to the age range, hair or eye color, education, hobbies, line of work, and other personal traits. Your list should also include the types of women or the traits that you don't want to be bothered with. You should also know by now whether you are okay with meeting women who have been previously married and/or have children living with them.

Remember that there are hundreds or even thousands of Eastern European women that you can possibly meet. If you haven't made a list of what your preferences are, you will most probably go with the ones that are most attractive to you without considering much their personality and background. Initial attraction is almost always skin deep, and this does not sustain relationships enough to make them deeper. If your objective for joining these sites to meet women for eventual marriage, then a woman's background is as important as her physical traits.

# Know your geography.

Majority of men who meet and marry Eastern European women eventually send for them to settle in their home countries. Now, you might not think of this at first, but it will matter somehow where you are based and where your wife was from. Even before you start a serious correspondence with someone that could lead to marriage, check women's profiles to see where they come from and where they are based. Are they from a rural area or is she a big city kind of girl? The same goes for you, are you based in a small town or a highly urbanized area in your country?

If you're based in a farming town in the United States and your bride is from an urban city like Kiev or St. Petersburg, she would most likely struggle in getting settled down. First, she would be dealing with homesickness, and on top of that, she will have to adapt to living in a rural area as a former city girl. An issue like this can cause strain on a marriage so you have to keep this in mind as well.

## Prepare to deal with the language barrier.

When you meet Eastern European women online, you will most likely get a mix of women with varying degrees of fluency in the English language. Consider yourself lucky if you meet someone you can easily converse with in English. However, don't let the language barrier be a deterrent especially if you feel a connection with somebody who is not that fluent. There are several options to hurdle the language barrier such as translation services, translation programs, or you can provide her with online English lessons.

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