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#### **TOP RUSSIAN WOMEN STEREOTYPES: TRUE OR FALSE?**

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In the same way that you have to go through a lot of profiles or date several women before you finally meet "The One", it is not that surprising to encounter a lot of stereotypes about Russian women. In fact, it wouldn't be surprising if you have these same assumptions about Russian women before you started dating them. Here is a list of top Russian women stereotypes. As you get to know them better, you will know for yourself if there is some truth to the stereotype or if it is just a misunderstanding caused by cultural differences.

#### They're flashy dressers.

Fur coats, sky high stilettos or wedges, super short miniskirts in neon colors – if there's a way to glam up one's wardrobe, a Russian woman knows how to do it with extra points for being flashy. Of course men like it if the women they're dating make an effort to look appealing but with Russian women, it seems like they dress up not just for dates. Every day, even on ordinary days doing ordinary tasks, they seem to have stepped out from some fashion shoot.

## They stick to traditional gender roles.

In Russia, men do the manly things, and women are expected to do the traditional women roles – cooking, cleaning, taking care of the children, and still look good after a hard day managing the household. This could be one stereotype that drives Russian women to seek out Western men and for these men to entertain the idea of having a Russian wife. Russian men are reportedly too hooked on their vices that they don't take care of their women anymore.

## They have no sense of humor.

Considering that they come from the country that produced Tolstoy and Dostoevsky, it is no wonder that among the Russian women stereotypes being held is that they are too serious, blunt, or don't have a sense of humor. Perhaps they just have a different sense of humor, or that they are not fans of small talk. The level of seriousness may vary from person to person but this is the general idea that people have of both Russian men and women. However, don't think that being too serious doesn't mean that they are emotionless. Get into a fight with a Russian woman and you will definitely see a wide range of emotions.

#### They love their vodka.

Depending on your stand on drinking alcohol, this can be a turn on or a deal breaker. However, you cannot erase decades and decades of cultural and social influence on a person. The Russians indeed love their vodka and more often than not, they drink it on a regular basis. It has also been noted that they can drink a lot more without getting drunk compared to most American women.

# They're all beautiful.

Perhaps this is the most prevailing of all Russian women stereotypes – that they are all beautiful. In fact, this is one of the main reasons why a lot of men are looking for Russian girlfriends or brides. While beauty is certainly in the eyes of the beholder, Russian women do their part as they are known to be concerned about their appearance. Russian girls will not go outside the house without making sure that their hair is done, their outfit is well chosen, and that they are wearing make up.

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