

A woman with dark hair and bangs is sitting on a red fabric. She is wearing a black halter-neck dress and red high-heeled sandals. The background is a solid red color. The text is positioned in the upper right area of the image.

Success Strategies for Finding Love on Russian Dating Websites

Once a gentleman has grown comfortable with the idea of courting Russian women online, he may begin seeking advice about what comes next.

What can he do to continue to have a successful Russian dating experience? How can he be sure if he spending his money wisely? What should he do differently if his current courting efforts have yet to succeed?

Many men become intimidated by the process of online dating and quit before they have given it a fair chance. Though this eBook, we hope to educate gentleman seeking love online about:

- Common Russian dating mistakes
- How to develop a promising relationship
- The cost of Russian dating
- Dealing with "Russian scammer" paranoia
- Questioning intentions and unintended side-effects



COMMON RUSSIAN DATING MISTAKES

Some men are able to join international dating websites and develop promising relationships very quickly. Others are not so lucky. While there is an element of luck involved, men who have found love online are often successful because they avoided making one or more of the following mistakes.

CONDUCTING A SEARCH THAT IS TOO BROAD

There are thousands of beautiful women on Russian dating sites and excited members understandably want to chat with as many ladies as possible. However, gentlemen who attempt to court dozens of ladies at a time are often unable to make meaningful connections because they don't have enough time to get to know anyone in particular. If a man wants to successfully meet and marry a woman from an international dating service, he should narrow his focus.

One simple way a hopeful suitor can narrow his focus is to make a list of qualities he'd like in a significant other and then limit his communication to ladies who meet his dating criteria. There are no right or wrong answers, a man should just picture his dream girl and jot down the characteristics that come to mind. Is she serious or light-hearted? How old is she? What hobbies does she enjoy? What does she look like? What kind of personality does she have? He doesn't have to compose an exhaustive list, just a handful of qualities that are important to him. This will give a gentleman a better idea of the type of lady he is looking for.

Once a member has a list of general qualities he desires in a mate, he should then focus on contacting and courting women who meet this criteria. That's not to say a man can't ever deviate from his preferred template, but he should make an effort to steer clear of incompatible women. Many suitors worry about hurting the ladies' feelings, but most women understand that a gentleman cannot respond to everyone and don't want to waste their time on someone who isn't interested.

CONDUCTING A SEARCH THAT IS TOO NARROW

While some gentlemen may need to focus their Russian bride



search, others should consider broadening theirs. Being too picky can prevent a man from finding a special lady just as easily as courting too many women can.

It's important for guys to remember that very few women in the world are going to have every quality they desire. Imagine a gentleman is searching for a lady in her mid-to-late 30s. One day, he comes across a charming 40-year-old woman who meets most, if not all of his desired criteria (with the exception of her age). Should he refuse to give her a chance? No! While a gentleman shouldn't have to settle, some flexibility is important. It would be a shame for a man to let the lady of his dreams get away because, according to his list, she is two years too old.

A man should also take care not to focus too much on a lady's appearance. Sure, every guy wants a hot, beautiful, or sexy wife, but if good looks are all a lady has to offer is a solid and meaningful relationship really possible? Probably not. We do not mean to imply that beautiful women are off limits or that lovely ladies have nothing to offer other than their looks, but rather a gentleman should not attempt to build a serious relationship on looks alone. Choosing a lady based on mutual attraction and compatibility is the best way to find one's soul mate.

NOT DEDICATING ENOUGH EFFORT

If a gentleman is having a difficult time finding a special Russian lady online, it may be because he is not dedicating enough time and effort to the search. Men who are serious about finding "The One" on a dating website must make this goal a top priority.

Members of Russian dating sites should dedicate a specific amount of time each day to their quest for love. The best way to use this time is to search the ladies' profiles, find a handful of women who really spark their interest, and then make a sincere effort to get to know the ladies in question. The more time and effort a man puts into finding his Russian match, the more likely he is to find her.

Searching for and becoming acquainted with Russian women can grow tedious and some gentlemen give up when they fail to find a special lady as quickly and as easily as they expected. This is a big mistake. They say that "nothing worth having comes easy" and what is worth more than true love?



In a perfect world, a gentleman would join an international dating site and find the woman of his dreams quickly and easily. In reality, members must search hard and spend a significant amount of time on a dating site to be able to find a lady with whom they want to spend the rest of their lives.

SUCCUMBING TO RUSSIAN SCAMMER PARANOIA

It's no secret that the Russian dating industry is fraught with scandal and intrigue. Who hasn't heard disturbing tales of Russian scammers bilking Western men out of money, gifts, and a green card? With such stories constantly creeping up, it's no surprise that many gentlemen are suspicious of international dating services. However, while wise consumers should always be wary, there is a fine line between healthy skepticism and paranoia. Nothing can destroy a gentleman's chance of finding love like Russian scammer paranoia.

Sadly, some gentlemen become so preoccupied with proving a woman is a Russian scammer or that a dating service is a scam, that they completely lose sight of their original goal: to find love with a Russian woman. The woman of a gentleman's dreams may be right in front of him, but he won't even notice because he's too busy sending "test" questions or wondering why a lady's hair is a different color or length on camera than it is in a profile photo (Russian



women cut and dye their hair like anyone else). While it's important to be vigilant, scrutinizing every detail of a woman's photos or insisting that a lady prove she isn't a scammer will not win any hearts.

Keep in mind that the side-effects of your grilling may be devastating as the lady will not want to talk to you. Plus, she may tell other ladies at her agency to avoid you too. Be careful what you say.

It's true that men sometimes get scammed on Russian dating sites. However, not all international dating services are the same and reputable sites work tirelessly to prevent scammers from taking advantage of their customers. To avoid being scammed, choose a service with a wide range of protective measures such as validation videos, identity verification policies, scammer investigations, etc...

Gentlemen who are sincerely looking for love should put their prejudices aside and give ladies the benefit of the doubt.

HARBORING UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Despite being around for several years, the Russian dating industry is a mystery to most people. Below are three common, yet unrealistic, expectations men bring to international introduction services and what gentlemen can truly expect as members of such sites.



Men can't buy Russian brides

Some gentlemen believe that paying membership fees to a dating service means they are guaranteed to find a wife. Some even go so far as to claim a Russian dating site is a scam if they pay to chat with ladies but are unable to find a spouse. This is a mistaken belief.

The truth is that a man is not entitled to a Russian or Ukrainian bride because he is a member of an international dating website. The service fees these sites charge go toward facilitating communication between Russian women and Western men who would otherwise never meet. This money is in no way a "down payment" on securing a bride.

Unfortunately, there are no guarantees when it comes to finding love (even if chat fees and membership fees are involved).

Russian Women Are Not Desperate

Many people mistakenly believe that Russian and Ukrainian women, desperate to escape the poverty of their home countries, will marry any foreigner who proposes. While it's true that citizens of Russia and the Ukraine are generally less well off than their Western counterparts, life has greatly improved since the fall of the Soviet Union and the vast majority of Russian women are not poor and desperate enough to uproot their entire lives to marry a stranger.

Members of international introduction services must still court Russian ladies and spend a significant amount of time getting to know potential matches. Men who expect to find a Russian bride with little to no effort will likely be very disappointed.

Won't Blindly Oblige you

Contrary to what some members may think, women are not obligated to behave a certain way. The ladies are free to chat and flirt with whom they wish and they are free to reject gentlemen who do not interest them. These sites cannot tell ladies how to conduct their search for love, nor should a man expect them to.



Unfortunately, a few men believe (whether consciously or unconsciously) that the women on Russian dating sites should cater to members' wants as men pay to use the service and the women (for the most part) do not. This is not a realistic expectation. A man should never expect a lady to immediately respond to all of his emails, be available for chat whenever he wishes, agree to visits, etc. solely because it is what he wants her to do.

NOT BEHAVING LIKE A GENTLEMAN

Russian women, like women everywhere, appreciate men who behave like gentlemen. In a recent survey conducted by a respected dating website, Russian ladies cited good manners and respect as two qualities they'd most like to find in a partner. Unfortunately, many men forget their manners when chatting with women online and whether intentional or not, this lapse can prevent a man from finding the woman of his dreams. In general, Russian and Ukrainian women are greatly turned off when would-be suitors do one (or more) of the following things. It's not about making you jump through hoops, but seeing if you are willing to put in the effort.

SEND OR REQUEST EXPLICIT MATERIAL

While it may seem obvious, a man should never send explicit material to a lady without her permission, nor should he request explicit material from her. The focus of the more reputable Russian dating websites is to facilitate love matches between men and Russian/Ukrainian women, not serve as a portal for pornography and adult chat. Members are free to do and say whatever they like once they have exchanged personal contact information, but a considerate gentleman will always keep it clean unless he has a lady's permission to do otherwise.

COMPLAIN ABOUT RUSSIAN DATING COSTS

Russian women know that gentlemen pay to use the services of a global dating website. However, that doesn't mean it's okay for members to complain to the ladies about the costs. The women have no control over the fees and many feel uncomfortable when would-be suitors vent their frustrations. Worse, when a man complains about courtship costs it often seems that he is bitter or regretful about the money he's spent or that he doesn't think the lady is worth the effort and expense.

This may not be the gentleman's intent, but it is often the way the message is perceived. To avoid hurt feelings and misunderstandings, men should always refrain from discussing the costs of international dating with women they meet on Russian dating sites.

ARE TOO DEMANDING

Some men are simply too demanding when pursuing Russian women online. These aggressive members expect every woman they correspond with to respond immediately and favorably to all of their emails. Also, these same men insult women who are not interested, make unfounded scammer accusations, pressure ladies for marriage and become irritated if the lady doesn't want to share her direct contact information with them.

Men should always consider a lady's wants and needs as well as his own. After all, it takes two to form a relationship and no one likes a bully. Make an effort to be polite and respectful and you are sure to improve your chances for finding the Russian bride of your dreams.

Men who avoid common Russian dating mistakes, namely conducting searches that are too narrow or broad, spending an inadequate amount of time looking for love, harboring unrealistic expectations about Russian dating and Russian women, succumbing to scammer paranoia, or generally not behaving like gentlemen, fare much better on global dating sites than those who do not.

Whether you think it's fair or not, the rules on Russian dating sites mirror those of the real world. The chivalrous and attentive man will usually get the lady. The pushy and overbearing jerk will be ignored.





HOW TO DEVELOP A PROMISING RELATIONSHIP

Here is some simple advice for gentlemen who have been lucky enough to find a special lady on a Russian dating website and want to keep the relationship going strong.



KEEP IN TOUCH

If a gentleman wants to build a solid relationship with a Russian woman, he must try to maintain a steady stream of communication. While busy work schedules, family commitments, and the tasks of day-to-day living can be distracting, a member must remain in touch with a lady if he wants a promising relationship to progress.

At first, it's easy for a member to keep in touch with a woman of interest. This is especially true when the suitor is new to Russian dating. There are plenty of things to talk about, the relationship is fresh and exciting, and the novelty of courting Russian and Ukrainian women has not yet worn off. As time passes, however, a gentleman may begin to send fewer and fewer messages or participate in fewer in and fewer chat sessions. While this reaction is common, men who are serious about building meaningful relationships should always try to keep in touch with ladies they want to know better. Too often, promising relationships fail because one party or the other stops communicating.

COMMUNICATE

As a man is getting to know a special Russian woman, he shouldn't hesitate to share his thoughts and feelings and encourage his lady to do the same. Successful suitors are those who are realistic about their expectations and those who are upfront about the kind of relationship they are hoping to find.

If a man's hopes or intentions should change, he should talk about his emotions rather than keeping his significant other guessing. Good communication will ensure that a gentleman and his lady are always on the same page when it comes to the status, and future, of their relationship.

It's also important for suitors to understand that miscommunications are inevitable. Tones in an email may be unclear, jokes may fall flat, and statements may be taken out of context or lost in translation. If a gentleman is unclear about something a woman has said, he should ask for clarification and try not to jump to conclusions. He should also remember that a lady may misunderstand him as well and always be patient when mix-ups arise. Communication and understanding are critical to maintaining a solid relationship.

DON'T RUSH THE PROCESS

Love, friendship, and commitment take time. This is especially true when a couple lives in two different countries and have only corresponded online. Therefore, it's generally best for a gentleman to take a slower pace when cultivating a relationship with a Russian woman. Some men are immediately entranced by a woman they meet online and want to meet and marry the lady as soon as possible. This is a common impulse, but not one a gentleman should immediately act upon. Men who have just

started courting a lady should make an effort to slow down, even if a gentleman is convinced he's in love after only a couple of email exchanges. Rushing a relationship may put unwelcome pressure on a lady and push her away or scare her off. Everyone has a pace that they're comfortable with and the worst thing a man can do to encourage love is to pressure a lady to do something she isn't ready for.

DO A LITTLE RESEARCH

When things are going well with a special lady, many gentlemen begin thinking about the future. This could mean meeting in person or even marrying a woman and bringing her home. Though many men dream about the future, few know what it takes to make this dream a reality. If a man wants to be successful on a global dating website, he should educate himself about each stage of the Russian dating experience, including those in the distant future. A little

preliminary research never hurt anyone.

Why? Traveling to the Former Soviet Union to meet a lady for the first time can be expensive and time consuming and few men are prepared to arrange the logistics of such an important trip. Bringing a woman home is even more costly and complicated. Doing a little research and knowing what to expect in the future can help a suitor avoid nasty surprises that may ruin or stall his relationship with a lovely Russian lady.

How can a gentleman keep a promising relationship from failing? By making a sincere effort to keep in touch with a special lady, keeping an open line of communication, not rushing the courtship process, and doing a little research so he will know what to expect should the relationship progress to the next step. While there are no guarantees, these tips can help suitors make the most of their exciting new relationships.





THE COST OF RUSSIAN DATING

Gentlemen who are new to Russian dating or those who are learning the ropes are often confused by the cost of courting Russian women online. Some men, unaware of the amount of money it takes to run a successful dating website, think international matchmaking services should not charge for their services (or least charge less than they do). While other gentlemen do not understand why a suitor would even bother with an introduction service when he could just purchase a lady's contact information for one low fee or possibly even get it for free. Here is some basic information about Russian dating costs to help clear up the confusion.

WHY MANY RUSSIAN DATING SITES AREN'T FREE

One common misperception about the Russian dating industry is that international introduction services pocket most, if not all, of the membership fees they collect from hopeful suitors. Though these services are businesses and must earn a profit to remain viable, most dating websites must cover a wide range of operating expenses to provide the level of service their members have come to expect.

To chat or send emails, a Russian woman needs a computer, an Internet service provider, and a web cam. As the vast majority of Russians cannot afford computers, many reputable dating websites provide all of the equipment a lady needs to chat with Western men and pay all of the necessary costs. Most internet providers

in Russia do not offer unlimited service, so the site owners must pay by the minute. In addition, high-end sites with popular video chat features must pay separate fees for the extra traffic the videos attract. It's also important to remember that many services employ a full-time staff of translators who are compensated for their time. Needless to say, this isn't cheap.

In addition, the best Russian dating sites also employ a full-time staff of customer service professionals in their country of origin. These professionals are available seven days a week to answer questions and address member concerns. Without them, many gentlemen would be lost. IT professionals, graphic designers, administrative support staff, and marketing specialists, among others, are also critical to the success of these popular websites.

Operating a global dating site isn't cheap and for this reason site operators must charge members a fair price for the services they provide. Earning a profit is important to the dating services, as it is to any business. However, contrary to popular belief, the membership fees these services collect from their members is not pure profit.

THE BENEFITS OF JOINING A RUSSIAN DATING WEBSITE

For some gentlemen seeking a Russian bride, the immediate goal is to obtain a lady's personal contact information as quickly and inexpensively as possible. Some men simply refuse to deal with a Russian dating or international introduction service. The reasons for this revulsion vary, though concerns about dating scams are the most common. While such gentlemen certainly have reasonable concerns, there are several



benefits to using a Russian dating service.

PROTECTION FROM RUSSIAN SCAMMERS

Many gentlemen avoid international dating services because they are afraid of scams. Some argue that most, if not all, Russian dating sites pay women to chat (not true) or that the ladies are not writing emails themselves (also false). They insist that obtaining a lady's personal contact information is the only way to avoid being scammed.

However, what many men fail to consider is that a lady who shares her personal contact information outside of a Russian dating service can scam a man just as easily as one who does not. Reputable international dating sites encourage their male members to report any and all scammer suspicions and will immediately investigate the matter. If a lady is found guilty of violating a legitimate site's terms of service, site operators will remove her from their database. In addition, the best matchmaking services verify that a lady's intentions are sincere before allowing her to post a profile, and some even require all ladies to sign an agreement stating they will not ask for money or gifts. Gentlemen who communicate with ladies on their own do not have this protection.

TRANSLATION SERVICES

Many Russian women do not have a firm grasp of English and are unable to converse with Western men on their own. Therefore, they

turn to Russian dating services and the translators they provide. These professionals translate gentlemen's messages and help the ladies craft a perfect response. Without the translators, many Russian ladies would not be able to pursue foreign mates. While a lady's personal contact information is nice to have, it's useless if a gentleman can't communicate with her.

The rates for translators and interpreters vary from site to site, so gentlemen should do a little research before choosing one service over another. Some services charge anywhere from \$0.02 to \$0.10 per word, while others charge \$5 per minute of online chat. Others bill members \$15 for each letter translated. These costs will really add up, especially if a man is communicating with many different ladies. Perhaps the best, and most economical option for men, is to choose a site that includes all translation fees in the cost of membership.

ACCESS TO MORE RUSSIAN WOMEN

The vast majority of Russian ladies cannot afford a home computer or Internet service. Therefore, many turn (once again) to Russian dating services and the free access they provide. If it weren't for these services, many women from the Former Soviet Union would be unable to post a profile online and foreign suitors would have a much smaller pool of women to choose from. Again, having a lady's contact information is nice, but this info is utterly useless if the lady cannot afford to chat. While there are certainly women who own home

computers or can afford to pay fees at Internet cafes, most prefer to visit the introduction agencies set up by Russian dating websites.

An introduction agency is a Russian or Ukrainian-based business that offers the computers, web cams, and the location for Russian women to engage in online dating. The role of the agency is to ensure that the ladies are real, active, and ethical. Further down the line, the agency may even assist in setting up in-person meetings. Legitimate Russian dating sites select only the most open and honest agencies and will sever relationships with agencies that do not wish to be transparent. Maintaining this infrastructure is one of the reasons it costs money to communicate through international dating websites.

Agencies also serve as a safe-haven for the ladies to communicate with would-be suitors in a secure and chaperoned environment. Many of the ladies do not feel comfortable disclosing their personal information (including email) to a gentleman unless they know him well. International dating services provide that security on both sides making the potential to find someone greater.

Scammer protection, translation services, and access to a larger pool of Russian women are just three major benefits to selecting a Russian dating service. While obtaining a lady's personal contact information may seem ideal, gentlemen should

consider all of the facts before refusing to try a Russian dating service.

IN CLOSING

While it would be wonderful if a man could meet the woman of his dreams at little to no cost, the benefits of a paid membership often outweigh the benefits of getting inexpensive contact info. It would also be nice if quality dating websites could provide complimentary services, but the realities of running a business and providing the infrastructure necessary for Russian women and Western men to correspond make this dream impossible. Men who are aware of, and willing to accept, these realities will avoid unnecessary frustration and likely have a more satisfying Russian dating experience.

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