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## Not the same as Western Women

The girls in Thailand are the best in the world, in my opinion. I believe it is their Buddhist culture and beliefs that craft these girls into who they are. Many of the girls you meet in cities like Bangkok, Pattaya, Phuket or any of the other islands are farm girls that left the farm to make more money to support their families and to make a better life for themselves.

I may be like many of you. I'm at a point in my life where I have been married and divorced, my kids are grown, and I have been attempting to find another partner via online dating. The women I'm meeting are arrogant with high expectations; they have many demands, and seem to be looking for a servant rather than a partner.

The girls in Thailand are complete opposites. They are humble with minimal expectations, and are easily pleased. And best of all, they are looking for a man that will take care of them financially and someone they can take care of in every other way.

On a recent visit to Koh Samui, I went to get a foot massage and was talking to the girls working there. They were in their young 20s in age, and I asked them if they had a Thai boyfriend or husband. They both responded by saying that they did not want a Thai man; they were both looking for a farang boyfriend. When I asked why not a Thai man, they responded that the Thai men are lazy, drink too much, and are

not respectful to women. I'm sure this is an over generalization.

In my experience, Thai men tend to treat their women more like property than as an equal. They also tend to frequently cheat on their wives. It is common for a Thai man to have a wife and a mistress.

Farang men generally treat the girls much better, provide for them better financially, can give them a much better life, and are much more loyal.

I asked them more about what they were looking for in a farang man, and they said they wanted an older man that already had a good job and was more stable in his life. This is a prevalent attitude that you will find with many Thai girls. I asked if it mattered if the man had married before and had children. They said that they would prefer that he not have a previous marriage and children, but they know it is difficult to find an older man that has not already been married before.

Certainly, you need to beware of the girls working scams to get money from the farang. There are many stories talked about where a Thai girl has used an infatuated farang to get his money. From my experience, these are the small minority of the relationships. If you are alert and do your research, and don't dole out the money too quickly, you can protect yourself.

Sure, the girls are looking for a man to love and take care of her and her family. This is

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normal Thai culture. The Thai daughters carry more of the burden of taking care of the parents than the male Thai siblings.

So, understand that when you make a commitment to love and take care of a Thai girl, you are also making a commitment to take care of the parents, and probably any other family member that is in need. Don't let this scare you off though, the financial needs of a family living in a village in rural Thailand are small, a \$100.00 will take care of them for a month.

That aside, the Thai girls know how to take care of their men. They are very respectful and they make very good girlfriends and wives. When you treat her respectfully, and take care of her and her family, she will love and take care of you like no other woman you have ever met. The Thai culture teaches the girls that their main role in life is to marry and take care of their husbands. Something we have not seen in the USA for a few generations.

Thai girls are usually very loyal, very fun, and are great companions. Generally, it is not too much of an issue getting a visa to bring a Thai girl home with you, back to your country; unless your country is the USA, then it is a major effort and takes several months to accomplish. See my eBooklet about How to get a USA visa for a Thai girl.

## Thai Girl Survey

I surveyed a little over 100 Thai girls in Pattaya, and Koh Sumai to get their thoughts about their lives. Here are the results.

Q: Why did you leave your village to come here to work?

A: 60% said they need to make more money to support their family, and/or a baby back home, and to save money for a better future. The rest were just working to live better now and to have a better future.

Q: Do you have a baby?

A: 70% say Yes from a previous relationship with a Thai man.

Q: Do like working as a sex worker?

A: 90% say No – but they like the money.

Q: Are you looking to marry a farang?

A: 100% say Yes, or at least get a farang boyfriend that will support them financially so they can stop working in the sex business.

Q: Why do you want to marry a farang instead of a Thai man?

A: To have a better life for their future.

Q: Do you want to leave Thailand and live in another country?

A: 90% said No, but they will live in another country to be with their boyfriend or husband. They hope to move back home before too long. This dispels the myth that these girls are just looking for a ticket out of Thailand.

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## Financially Supporting a Thai Girl

Most Thai girls are very loyal to their man and will remain faithful if you are the same. If you have met a girl and you want a relationship with her, you probably also don't want her working in the sex business any more. I recommend that you insist that she get a regular job and you send her money to live on. A regular job will pay about 200 baht a day, which is not enough money for her and her family to live on. If she can get a regular job, and, in addition, then you send her about 25,000 baht a month, that is enough for her and her family to live comfortably.

Set up a budget with her and send her the money once or twice a month, then tell her she is responsible to manage the money you send her so it will last the entire month. You can send her extra in the months of festivals or if there is a family event happening so she can buy gifts, etc.

Thai girls are not very good with saving money for their future, although they have the desire to. She will argue that you should send her more money so she can save it, but she is mostly hedging her future in case you decide to leave her.

Thai girls have a lot of experience with farang coming to Thailand and falling in love with a girl, commit to take care of her, then after a few months, "go quiet" meaning the farang stops sending money and communicating.

Most girls want to get as much from their farang boyfriend as possible before you "go quiet". Just tell her that you are saving the money for your future together. If you are serious about a long term relationship, you should say the words necessary to help her feel more confident in the relationship.

If she gets a job, that will keep her busy and not thinking so much about spending the money.

## Thai Families

Thailand does not have a financial system to take care of the poor and/or elderly. If you get sick and do not have the money or health insurance, you just live with the ailment or die.

The elderly are completely dependent on their children to take care of them. If you marry a Thai girl, the rest of the siblings will see her as now being rich and will look to her to provide 100% of the financial support for the parents.

Families take a communal approach to taking care of each other and the parents. The "Haves" are expected to take care of the "Have Nots". Be careful with this or you'll end up supporting the entire family. Don't be afraid to say "No" when family members ask for money. The first time you say "Yes" to a loan or financial help, you set a precedent for the future.

Thai families are very close and spend a lot of time together. It is common to go to a

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village and find that everyone living there is related somehow. Nearly every family has a plot of land to grow rice on. Parents will divide up their land to their children when they marry so they can have their own rice farm. The annual rice harvest is expected to provide enough rice to last a year. The rice farm is their main staple for three meals a day.

## Marriage

Many farang fall in love and decide to marry their Thai girl. In Thailand, the only legal marriage is done at the government office via paperwork. As a farang, you will need a document from your embassy stating that you are single and available to marry. The ceremony performed in her home village is recognized as a marriage by the family, but carries no legal bounds. Your home country will not recognize the village ceremony, only the government issued marriage document. You should check with your home country to verify if they recognize a legal marriage in Thailand. I do know that the USA does recognize a Thailand paper marriage.

If you take the girl to your home country and marry her there, you will need to take the legal documents from your home country proving your marriage and have it translated into Thai. Then take the translated document to a government office in Thailand and register your marriage in Thailand. This will help avoid

any future issues with you getting or renewing your visa in Thailand.

The village marriage ceremony is a great time and every farang should experience it.

Plan to put out a sum of money to pay for the ceremony and party, plus you are expected to pay a dowry to the parents. The amount of the dowry varies based on what other farang in the same village have paid, or rumors of how much was paid by other farang. The custom is for the bride groom to give a sum of money to the parents, and the parents hold the money to give back to their daughter sometime in the future in the event of divorce, or other hardship. However, in poor rural Thailand, the money will be consumed by the family and you'll never see it again.

How much to pay? Somewhere in the neighborhood of 100,000 baht for farang, unless you are very rich and you have made it known that you are, and then expect to pay much more. The rich Thai families or Thai celebrities will pay a few million baht.

## Status

Thai girls from a village have a desire to show their family and friends in the village that they have a successful life and marriage. In order to accomplish this, they need their own house. And it is even better if they also have a car. So the “One house – One car” requirement is alive and well among the Thai girls. But the difference is that they are not requiring a large luxury house, and a luxury car. A simple house

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and a small car will more than make her happy.

Soon after you marry, she will start asking you to build her a house in her village. It doesn't matter that you plan to take her to your country to live, she still needs to accomplish that status in full view of her village family and friends. Again, don't be too concerned since you can build a house for something in the neighborhood of 600,000 baht. Just don't overdo it. Don't let her talk you into something too big, and don't give her the money all at once.

There was a recent story about a farang man who doled out 2 million baht to fix up a girl's parents house. Well, the money was used for more than fixing up the parent's house, including building another house and buying a couple of cars. Then the girl change her phone number and refused to acknowledge any contact with the man. OK, this is a horror story that doesn't happen much, but it does happen. So just be smart and insist on pictures to monitor the progress, and send the money in small amounts.

Village life can be quite pleasant, so you can consider the house in the village as a summer vacation home.

Living in Pattaya, Bangkok, or other cities work well for using a motorbike for transportation. But living in the village requires a car or truck since she is driving much longer distances to get anywhere,

and the roads are very dirty, etc. Bottom line, now she wants a car.

If you can take her to your home country to live on a long term basis, then I recommend that you tell her NO to the house and car. However, if she will be living part time in your home country, and part time in the village, you better plan on building the house and buying the car.

## The Village

Maybe you are wondering what a trip to her village will be like? I believe this is a must-do event. However, be careful. Be sure she is not planning any sort of a ceremony and calling it something other than a marriage ceremony. When a Thai girl brings a farang to her village, this usually means they are going to get married. She may call it an engagement ceremony – but it will not be. You may end up married in the eyes of her family and village.

Most of us farang have lived a fairly privileged life when compared to living in a village. You can expect to drive for several hours, the closer you get to the village, the worse condition the roads will be. Once you arrive in the village, you will be like a monkey in a cage as everyone will look at you, want to touch you or hug you, and will follow you around the village. The children will stand afar giggling and wanting to try out the English they have learned in school, but too afraid to get close enough to you.

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It is rare for the houses to have any furniture, most sit on the floor for everything including eating and sleeping. If you choose to stay the night in the village, you should expect to sleep on a grass mat under a mosquito net.

The people in the village wake up early at about 5:00 AM and go to sleep early at about 9:00 PM.

I recommend you find a hotel close by and sleep there and use it as a refuge from the village. Beware of the hotels calling themselves “Resorts” as they are not the lavishly decorated and full of amenities type of a facility that the word “resort” congers up. Resorts are pretty much “short time” places to stay that are one-room barely equipped for sleeping hotels. These are usually used by people cheating on their spouses, or unmarried people trying to get laid. The free condom on the table next to the “bed” gives away the purpose of the room. Even the car parking areas have covers to hide the cars to help maintain your anonymity.

While visiting the village, you should enjoy the whole experience. Get out on the street and walk around. Say hello to the people and talk to the children. You will find out how great these people are. I found them to be very sincere about their lives. Most of them don't know of any life other than the life they live. Many have watched TV and have an idea of what the outside world is like. These people live simple lives. They

really do not have any idea how good they have it. The only reason their daughters move to the big city to live a better life is because of what they see on TV.

Leaving the village to seek a better life also leads to a more complicated life. When I walk the streets of a village, I gain a desire to simplify my life and, therefore, live a better life. It is interesting to me that the people in the village want to leave the village to live a better life, but I want to move to the village to live a better life. I suppose the grass is always greener on the other side.

## Summary

Go ahead and fall in love with a Thai girl. Treat her like a princess and she will treat you like a king. The Thai culture and customs regarding relationships are a bit different from other countries. This information will help you enter into the relationship with your eyes open and hopefully help you avoid any surprises.

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