

Dating in Thailand

With a significant amount of people traffic due to the influx of various cultures, Thailand is definitely an oasis for those seeking a new perspective on life, and moreover, love!

You will encounter a wide variety of options to meet new friends and potential significant others in this country as long as you maintain an open mind. Thais are renowned for their warmth and hospitality—which is the reason behind its moniker, the Land of Smiles. Their easygoing nature makes it all the easier to relate even to new acquaintances.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH FARANGS

Relationships between Farang (Thai slang for foreigner) males and Thai ladies seem to be most common. Most of them have met while on holiday here, along the pristine shores of some of the best beaches in the world, or have connected previously via online dating websites and have decided to meet in person later on. These relationships end up in happy marriages for most, which has sparked more interest in looking for real love in Thailand.

However, there are also downsides to this, as this gives rise to new stereotypes shattering the dating scene. With the advent of new technology, online dating seems to be not only the most convenient way to meet new people out of your comfort zone, but it can also turn into a harrowing experience with the threat of scam artists ready to lure you in with the promise of real love. There have been a lot of cases wherein foreigners have been conned into sending money for their Thai sweethearts from overseas, only to find out that she has been juggling several boyfriends all at the same time!

As for ladies on the lookout for love, equally exciting options also await for those ready to meet foreigners as well as Thai men. Once again, a broad perspective remains the best approach, but at the same time a degree of restraint is expected. Thais are by nature conservative, and do not readily express their emotions as explicitly as people with Westernized orientations do. They are also very non-confrontational and not used to great outbursts of emotion, so it would be best to maintain a relaxed attitude concerning matters of the heart.

FOR PROFESSIONALS AND EXPATS

Professionals and expat executives need not worry about being too busy to pursue an active dating life, as a lot of options to meet new people are offered as well. The concept of lunch dates has been elevated to a new level by several reputable agencies who seek to find the perfect

match for you. For the more adventurous, you can also mark your calendar and join speed dating events where you can meet potential partners who share the same interests with you.

Thailand is also very well known for its vibrant gay dating scene, embracing nationalities of all forms within its truly amazing bounds. There are a lot of places for gay entertainment in Thailand, be it in man clubs, saunas, gay strips, and more. Meeting Thai men for the pursuit of pleasure can also eventually turn into something significant, but just like in boy-girl relationships, caution must be exercised while enjoying dating.

CAUTION & ADVICE

And speaking of caution, you are also advised to keep safe at all times when engaging in sexual activity of any sort, as Thailand claims to have one of the highest statistics of HIV-positive and AIDS cases in the past years. Always keep in mind that with pleasure comes great responsibility, so just make a constant mental note to use protection at all times, most especially if you don't know your partner that well just yet.

With the promise of a multitude of exciting adventures, one can never be lovelorn in the Land of Smiles. But in the end, everything is still up for you to decide whether you are taking dating for the ride or you are looking forward to the bright future of a lasting union. For all of this, the best and simplest bit of advice remains—just be yourself!