

Dating Tips from an Expert.



My name is Sasha Madarasz from Two's Company, a one-on-one introduction agency for single people. We organise 80 – 100 dates per week and do follow up calls after every first date. To follow is just some of the feedback we get. I have a passion for this business and lots to talk about.

Our clients aren't looking for a social life - they have one. They're looking to meet other single people with complimentary lifestyles and personalities. And that's where we come in – we provide our clients the opportunity to meet other single people.

Forget all those American dating books – Kiwi men and women are so different!

What men are looking for:

The majority of men on our books are looking for someone who has time for a relationship, someone who's not high maintenance, takes pride in their appearance, has a career and goals, and has a great down to earth attitude.

What women are looking for:

Women are looking for honesty and respect, someone with his own life and friends, success, confidence not arrogance, someone who is articulate with a great sense of humour, a decision maker, and has a good work and life balance.

Sasha's Dating Tips

Do not play hard to get!

Your date will think you don't like them and move on.

I think one of the worst pieces of advice a woman's friends give her is not to phone the guy and to 'play hard to get'. I am sorry girls but this does not work on Kiwi men. It has the opposite affect and men just think, "Well, she's just not that into me"

Dress to impress – always.

Men need to dress up more. Women often make the effort to look lovely and men show up with holes in their t-shirts.

Women should also try to look more feminine. I get a lot of feedback from men saying women all wear the same thing; jeans or pants, top and jacket. Bring on the dresses and skirts!

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Have more than 2 dates.

This is truly the best piece of advice I can give. I spend hours every week discussing this with clients. You don't need to make a decision after one date. The common response after a first date is, "I'm just not sure there's anything there for me". Well of course not, it's just a first date. You don't even know the person. And before you say, "Well I know myself", I have four married couples now who told me exactly that. They weren't going to go on a second date and I had to talk them into it. And they're just the ones that are now married! You don't know anything about a person after just one date. Enjoy your self and have another date. You have nothing to lose.

Focus on the now.

Do not talk about your ex or other dates you've been on. This is a frequent issue when dating within an agency as it's a common link – but find another one! It is not appropriate to talk about other dates when dating under any circumstances.

Right place, right time.

Meeting for coffee often doesn't create the right environment. How can you flirt over a coffee in a busy café if you're thinking about the phone call you forgot to make before you left the office or the other 20 things you still need to do? The after-work drink is great, and you can always say, "Hey, let's stay for dinner".

These are just a few tips for people getting back into the dating scene, but I'd love the opportunity to speak to you about overseas dating trends, feedback from clients, and general advice for getting to that second date.

Feel free to phone or email me. I look forward to hearing from you.

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