

## The Passport Bros Guide to Finding Love Overseas Russell Powers

A review of The Passport Bros Guide to Finding Love Overseas by

One of the readers of my blog recently commented calling to my attention a phenomenon known as the passport brothers. These were supposedly men who were going overseas to find marriage partners and raise families. This interested me greatly and I researched it.

It is not what I had expected. The interest seems to be finding women as lovers more than as mates. It is more reminiscent of the Return Of Kings philosophy of Roosh V. a decade back.

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One would assume that the that most people in that age bracket would be interested mainly in female companionship. Somebody who will treat them decently and appreciate what they can offer. That appears to be the focus of the book. They would probably not be young women who are interested in marriage and family.

"Passport Bro" has negative connotations. Most American guys who identify as "bro" are more interested in action than settling down. If you are looking for a wife, best advice would be to simply be yourself. Go to a country of people like yourself – European, if you are of European stock – and work to fit in. Join a church. Join social organizations such as Rotary and the Lions club. Join clubs such as Toastmasters that will attract successful women who want to improve their English. Get to know some moms as you volunteer to teach English or sports to kids.

Being honest about your objectives may be the best policy. By not hiding the fact that you want a family you can avoid wasting time with women who can not make up their minds.

I am in the position to assess Powers' advice. He has traveled extensively and writes about the countries that he has visited. This reviewer been to more than half of the countries that he names and married women from Vietnam and Ukraine. The other was the product of a marriage between a G.I. and a Japanese woman.

Powers goes through every country in Latin America, from Mexico down to Chile, rating them as countries to skip, lukewarm, and cream of the crop. His assessments tally fairly closely with mine. There are simply too many Americans these days in Mexico. Costa Rica, as he notes, is getting to be that way. Argentina he says is has beautiful women but they are not interested in Americans.

He's puts Nicaragua and Honduras on a list of places not to go. They are physically dangerous, it is true. I find the people to be warm and receptive. If you speak Spanish, you will get along fine. The countries being poor, the women will be attracted to an American, whatever his bankroll.

The people of Latin America have a different worldview than us. I am sure that it is in part due to their different genetic backgrounds. In particular, the people from Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru have a lot of Indian in their background. It gives them a more stoic worldview. I would recommend that somebody live for a while in these places to decide whether the difference in outlooks is going to be a point point of contention in a marriage.

Powers rates Brazil highly, saying it is a country where one can even find blondes. There are pockets of people of European extraction, in the South. The north, where I spent my time, has more African and Indian ancestry. Some places like Fortaleza are notably dangerous.

The women can be all too happy to meet you. When I was there at the age of 60 with a group of students, I had to work to avoid a particularly aggressive, albeit comely young mulatta who really wanted to get to know me. I don't think it was for my own sweet self.

Skipping to Eastern Europe, Powers recommends skipping Russia, Moldova, Kosovo, and Ukraine. Americans are not welcome in Russia for obvious reasons. I live in Ukraine where we are threatened by the Russian invasion at the moment. However, the defense of Kiev seem relatively strong. I would recommend Ukraine, Moldova and Kosovo for one very strong reason. The people are genetically and temperamentally quite similar to people of European extraction in the United States.

You can arbitrage the fact that the perception of danger keeps out the competition. We American civilians in Saigon had a field day. Young Vietnamese men were soldiers, as were most of the Gringos in the country. Those of us who were not fighting, and were well paid for the supposed danger, were in high demand. There are likewise relatively few foreign guys to enjoy the beautiful women of Kyiv. When you reckon the dangers that are not found here – dubious but mandatory public health measures, racially motivated violence, road rage and the like – we are probably ahead.

I find the mentality here in Ukraine, easy-to-understand and pretty consistent with my own values and worldview. This has was the case with my Vietnamese wife and the women that I knew in Latin America. It probably does not matter unless your objective is marriage. If it is, compatible temperaments are important and Eastern Europe would have a definite advantage over the other parts of the world.

At the top of Powers' list are the Baltic company countries, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Hungary and Poland. I would agree with that. I have not been to Bulgaria and Romania but I would tend to believe he is right.

With regard to Southeast Asia, I married a Vietnamese and found the Vietnamese to be the most attractive of the women. He puts Cambodia and Thailand and the Philippines among the cream of the crop. The ladies are available and they treat you right. I would add a factor that powers ignores, that of intelligence. The Cambodians, for instance, were always regarded by the Vietnamese as being a little bit inferior, not as advanced culturally or in business.

I would recommend reading David Becker's View on IQ, available on the Internet to get a sense of how accomplished the people are in the various countries you may want to visit. International measures of IQ are only approximate, but they are probably not off by more than five points. Another thing to note is that the check overseas Chinese can be found everywhere in Southeast Asia. They are not to be confused with the natives - Chinese are Chinese wherever they are. They are smart. If they will give you the time of day, they are worth your interest. Note my observation

above about compatible temperaments. Chinese have a worldview that may not be as compatible with yours as those of an Eastern European woman.

Powers offers some good advice. It seems quite straightforward, but nonetheless good. You should learn the language. Not only to talk to the women, but to talk to the people on the street. You will need to shop, order in restaurants, deal with hotels, perhaps get cars fixed and stuff like that. You need to know a language. Plan on it. In this context, recognize that Spanish is vastly easier to learn than a Southeast Asian language or a Slavic language. That's a major advantage of going south.

He recommends learning to drive a manual transmission. Probably learning to ride a motorcycle would be equally useful. Powers recommends being physically fit. That would make sense for anybody, but certainly for a man looking for a woman overseas. This would apply especially to the slightly older guy. You won't don't want to have a roll of belly fat. You do want to be able to keep up with a younger woman walking, bicycling, and whatever else.

Powers offers some common sense attempts about staying out of trouble. Take care of your cell phone. Watch your stuff – snatch and grab is prevalent in many of these countries. Learn your neighborhoods and learn the bad parts of town.

Be yourself. You can't maintain a pose for the long term, and the long term is what counts. You should read books on the history of the country that you going to visit. Most women are loyal to their homeland, and being knowledgeable will impress women anywhere.

You may take some heat from members of your family and other people who know you. Powers wisely advises that you just pay them no mind. The women may be jealous. When I came to Ukraine sixteen years back, a woman I was dating's warned me to be careful. Those Slavic woman would take me for a ride. She herself represented a far greater danger of vacuuming all of my money out of my pockets than any woman I have met over here in Ukraine. Do what you want. Do learn the language would be the greatest advice I could give.

The rents he cites in the countries that he describes run from \$500-\$1500 a month. So a person with a generous Social Security check should be able to make it in most of these countries. For the person who is working remotely over the Internet, there will probably be a bigger budget and a wider selection of places.

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El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua	
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Panama is in a Class All Its Own	
Cream of the Crop	
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Bolivia	
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Brazil	
Peru	
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Russia and Ukraine	
Moldova	
Kosovo	
Luke Warm Destinations	
Slovenia	
North Macedonia	
Czech Republic	
Slovakia	
Serbia	
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