

**COMPLETE  
GUIDE TO  
ETHIOPIAN  
ONLINE  
DATING**

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Everyone wants to find love, for various reasons of their own. Many seek it for happiness. Others want someone to spend their life with. A few still haven't figured out why.

No matter your reason (or lack thereof), you won't be able to find love by stubbornly pursuing it. Instead, you should take your time enjoying your life to the fullest. As long as you're open to experiencing new things, you'll definitely stumble upon that chance meeting that everyone wishes to experience. Love can come from the most unexpected places, after all.

You can also take that saying literally and date people outside of your country. If you don't have a specific place in mind, you might want to try going to Ethiopia. One-of-a-kind coffee and incredible people await.

If you want a partner that will treat you well, then Ethiopians might be what you're looking for. Here are a few reasons why you should consider dating Ethiopians.

## **A Whole Latte Love**

Ethiopian coffee is well known throughout the world. It has a wide range of flavors, from fruity and floral to full-bodied variants. It's definitely worth trying at least once.



Even the most hardcore coffee enthusiasts can't beat Ethiopians in their love for coffee. Honored as Ethiopia's national drink, this warm beverage is an integral part of their culture and lifestyle. Drinking coffee is considered a social ritual that can take at least two to three hours to finish.

## **A Breath of Fresh Air**

Ethiopians are friendly and love getting to know other people. They're gentle, soft-spoken, and cheerful. If you're dating an Ethiopian, your partner will be a relaxing presence in your life.

They are eloquent and witty speakers with a penchant for humor. Any conversation you have with them is sure to be enjoyable. They don't appreciate sarcasm and irony, though, so you might want to save those kinds of jokes for when you're closer.

### Considerate to the Core

Honor and dignity are one of the most important things to an Ethiopian. They never want to do anything that may bring shame to another person. That's why they're careful when it comes to their words and actions.

With that in mind, it's no surprise that Ethiopians are one of the most non-confrontational people you'll ever meet—sometimes at the cost of their feelings. They aren't always able to say what they mean, especially if it goes against what society expects of them. If you're going to date an Ethiopian, you should learn to tell if your partner is sincere or not.

# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

## About the Ethiopian Dating Culture

Ethiopian culture is rich and diverse. However, that also means their beliefs and lifestyles can differ from yours. If you want to avoid any cultural clashes in the future, these are some of the things that you should know.

### **Dating leads to marriage**

Casual dating is a somewhat foreign concept for Ethiopians. When they decide to go out with someone, they actually do so with marriage in mind. However, that doesn't mean that you can't date Ethiopians casually at all. Just make sure that your partner knows what you're looking for in a relationship.



If you're dating to marry, the prospect of going out with an Ethiopian might be more than welcome. However, that comes with its own set of difficulties. You'll have to secure their family's approval, for one.

Family comes first. Ethiopians are close to their family, including extended relatives. Collective living is a major part of Ethiopian culture. If someone in the community needs assistance, their family and neighbors will do their best to help. An Ethiopian might even feel an obligation to support their partner's kin.



If you're planning to marry your Ethiopian date, then you should do your best to get on the good side of their relatives. They will have a large say regarding your relationship since Ethiopians have a tight-knit family. If you want to avoid offending them, here are some things you should keep in mind.

Always show respect to those who are older than you. When meeting the family, greet the elders first. Avoid acting too familiar with them. Finally, don't forget to add honorifics when addressing them. "Ato" is used for men, "Woizero" for married women, and "Woizrity" for unmarried women.

## Gender roles are part of the norm

Though it may vary per ethnic group, Ethiopian culture usually adopts a traditional way of thinking concerning gender. Gender expectations and roles are still a part of their society. Men usually hold the most authority, but that's not always the case. In the Surma ethnic group, women have more social power.

Ethiopian society expects men to be the providers for the family. They handle heavy labor work like farming and supplying food. They also have to be financially stable to support their household with no issue. In return, they don't need to do any work at home.

Meanwhile, women are supposed to stay behind to tend to the house. They handle all domestic tasks, from maintaining the home to preparing meals for the family. As a result, they are judged according to their domestic ability.



# A BRIEF GUIDE TO

## Using an Ethiopian Dating Site

Elf you've decided to date Ethiopians, you may find that meeting them is not as easy as you think. Given that going outside is inadvisable, it's no surprise that you'd find yourself at a loss at how you can find and interact with Ethiopians.

Fortunately, Ethiopian online dating sites are another option you can consider. They allow you to connect with various Ethiopians worldwide, even without seeing them face-to-face. Read on to find out how you can get started.



The world of Ethiopian online dating can be overwhelming for old and new users. Learn something new (or refresh your knowledge) by reading through these tips.



## **Choose the Right App**

The key to finding The One lies in selecting the right dating app or website. Certain demographics tend to favor certain apps. With the right app, you'll be able to meet people that fit your preferences.

If you're having trouble choosing, reading reviews can help you get a better idea of what the app can do. Meanwhile, forums are a good place to ask questions and request advice. You can also visit the app's website to see for yourself what the app has to offer.

## **Learn About the App's Features**

Once you've selected the right app for you, make sure you take the time to learn about its features. Some may be free for use. Others may come at a price. Studying the app carefully will help you decide which features will benefit you and which can be worth investing in.

## **Work On Your Profile**

Last but certainly not least is your dating profile. If you actually want to get matches, you would do well to make your profile look its best. Display candid pictures that are genuine and charming. For your description, try to write one that gives readers a glimpse of what you're like.

It might be tempting to exaggerate a few details here and there to increase your appeal, but it is definitely ill-advised to do so. It might get you a few more matches, sure, but there's no doubt that they will stop interacting with you once they find out that you aren't really what you say you are.

## **A Few Precautions**

Ethiopian online dating isn't all sunshine and rainbows. Sometimes you're at risk of being taken advantage of by malicious parties. If you want to continue having a pleasant dating experience, you should ensure that your online safety is secured.

It's easy to get lost in the thrill of talking with your match and getting to know each other. However, it would be best if you always watch what you say. Always keep your private data safe. Avoid giving out any personal information, like your full name, address, or contact info, to someone you don't fully trust.



Learn to recognize if a match is an online scammer in disguise. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is. Don't close yourself off entirely, though. It's alright to give someone the benefit of the doubt, provided that you have a few security measures in place. As long as you don't give out your personal information, you can take your time feeling your potential partner out.

## **Getting the Hang of Things**

As you interact with more people and gain more experience, you'll eventually become more comfortable with Ethiopian online dating. However, it isn't time to sit back and relax yet. You can instead up your online dating game by keeping these tips in mind.

## **Starting on the Right Foot**

Let's face it -- not everyone has the skill to start a conversation and keep it going. Fortunately, you can work on the former by learning about the appropriate conversation starters to use on a first message.

Coffee is a good topic to start with, especially if you enjoy trying out its various flavors. As the place where society first discovered coffee, there's no doubt that there will be a lot to explore regarding Ethiopian coffee. The Kaffa province, in particular, is known for its coffee.

Ethiopia is one of the two countries that weren't colonized in Africa, so there's no doubt that Ethiopian culture is rich with its own set of traditions and beliefs. You might want to ask about their practices and share your own experiences too. As a plus, you also can get to know more about your match this way.

### **What (Not) to Say**

If you aren't used to talking to people, you might have trouble knowing which topics are safe to discuss. Worry not. To help you out, we've provided you with a few topics to avoid while you're conversing with an Ethiopian.



Ethiopians are proud of their country's culture. It's alright to ask about its history and legacy to your partner. They might even welcome those questions. However, you should avoid talking about their recent political events. Most Ethiopians see those unpleasant events as a devastating chapter in an otherwise excellent history.

Ethiopians are faithfully devoted to their religion. No matter your beliefs, make sure to respect your partner's religious practices. Always avoid making jokes about their faith. You might just be trying to lighten the mood, but it's better to err on the side of caution and avoid offending your partner as much as you can.

## **Taking Things Offline**

If things are going well, you might be interested in taking the relationship to the next level. That is, meeting each other face-to-face. No matter how adverse you might be to the idea, it would help if you remembered that meeting offline is an inevitable part of Ethiopian online dating.



Even so, that's no reason to rush things and pressure your partner into meeting in real life. As you begin to get more comfortable with each other, meeting offline will eventually become an idea that you can both consider trying.

Making plans to meet offline is a positive step in your relationship. However, that doesn't mean that you can rest easy just yet. Offline dating is leagues different from online dating. If you don't want to be blindsided, you should at least learn what it's like to date an Ethiopian man or woman.

# WHAT IT'S LIKE

## Dating an Ethiopian Woman

Ethiopian women are kind, witty, and beautiful. Dating them is an experience like no other. Here's what you can expect.

### **Mild as Milk**

The ideal Ethiopian woman is one that is beautiful and modest. Ethiopian women grow up with such expectations in mind. As a result, they like taking things slow in relationships -- especially with its physical aspect.

It's best to be patient when trying to take things to the next level. Take the time to get to know your partner instead. Once you do progress the relationship physically, you should remember that a woman's sexual modesty is valued in Ethiopian society. While physical relations between couples isn't prohibited, you shouldn't talk about it casually in public.

### **A Woman of Home**

In Ethiopian society, the men work hard to provide for the family, and the women should manage the home well. This is why Ethiopian women begin to learn to do household tasks at a young age. Cooking is a particularly essential skill they have to learn.



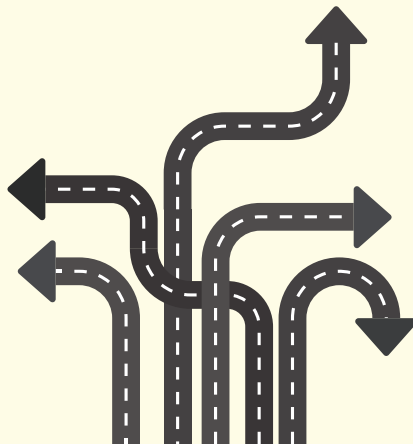
When dating an Ethiopian woman, you can expect to come home to a house taken care of. You won't need to worry about doing domestic chores either -- your partner is sure to take care of whatever needs to be done.

However, if you enjoy doing house chores, you might have difficulty sharing tasks with your partner. They're used to handling the house by themselves, so they might have difficulty accepting your help. Fortunately, that's nothing a little bit of communication and understanding won't fix.

### **Goes the Extra Mile**

Managing a home with little to no helping hands has taught Ethiopian women to become diligent and capable people. They can handle multiple tasks simultaneously and do each one well. That can be a blessing and a curse in itself.

There might be times that your partner will overexert themselves to the point of getting sick. If you want to avoid letting things get to that point, then pay careful attention to your partner's condition. Force them to take a break if they need to.



# WHAT IT'S LIKE

## Dating an Ethiopian Man

Ethiopian men are courageous, humorous, and fun to be with. These are some of the things you should know once you've begun dating one.

### **Sweeps You Off Your Feet**

If you catch the attention of an Ethiopian man, be prepared -- they are quite forward when it comes to pursuing the people they like. It's definitely a welcome change of pace if you're the one usually wooing your date.



Try not to get carried along with their momentum, though. If things are progressing faster than you would like, make sure to set your boundaries and talk about the relationship.

### **Treats You Like Royalty**

Ethiopian society has taught men to be respectful of women at all times. Coupled with their natural consideration, going out with an Ethiopian man is sure to make you feel like a queen.

Even so, that doesn't mean that you should take advantage of their kindness. If your partner is beginning to do things for you at the cost of his feelings, then it's time to tell them to stop.

## **An Anchor in the Storm**

Ethiopian men are raised to become reliable providers of the family. That also means that the Ethiopian men you meet are sure to be financially stable, if not affluent. In times of hardship, you can count on your partner to provide both emotional and monetary support if needed.

After reading through this guide, you should have a better idea of what the Ethiopian online dating experience is like. The tips we offer are guaranteed to prepare you for whatever your Ethiopian match can throw at you. However, that doesn't mean that you should follow this guide to the T. In real life, things rarely go as planned.

At the end of the day, a successful romance is one that relies on you paying attention to your partner, listening to them, and treating them well. This guide only aims to help you understand their culture and feelings better.



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