



BEFORE MAIL ORDERING A BRIDE

The Ultimate Guide



What is it?

- ✔ Mail order brides are foreign women who'd like to find a husband from another country—typically, from a Western country;
- ✔ The mail bride industry is thriving in 2024 after a decline in 2020-2021, the number of mail order brides is increasing every year;
- ✔ The best way to meet them is mail order bride sites, but there are other options, too (not all of them are good, though);
- ✔ Mail order brides typically come from conservative countries with patriarchal societies, so most of them have pretty traditional views and values;
- ✔ Mail order marriages are generally more successful than US marriages.

The mail order bride concept has been a thing for hundreds of years, but the last 2 decades are a time of prosperity for the industry.

Today, there are dozens of MOB websites with tens of thousands of real foreign women who speak English and genuinely believe that Western make better husbands than their local men.

Is it a **real thing**?

More than 19,000

visas were issued to foreigners in 2023, most of them being mail order brides who met their husbands online

More than 10,000

female users and 300-500 thousand of monthly visitors have Top mail order bride sites like SofiaDate.

International marriages are on the rise

not only in the US but also in the UK and Australia

It's totally possible to find a real bride online — there are hundreds of success stories from men who found love on a MOB website. Meeting them today is easier than ever before: in fact, all you need to do is choose a legit MOB app in order to avoid scammers and chat with verified users only. In this case, your chances of meeting a real bride will be maximized.

What else to read: [Are Mail Order Brides Real?](#) A full guide with all your questions answered.

What else to read #2: [Our expert reviews of the top mail order bride sites:](#) SofiaDate, SakuraDate, and LatiDate. There are some real success stories — we've found real men who found love on each of these dating platforms.

Who are these **women**?

Most of these ladies are

from Ukraine, China, and Colombia

Most of them are

in their early 30s

The absolute majority of mail order brides have

never been married before (76%) and have no children

The average mail order bride comes from one of these 3 top countries, is 30-32 years old (younger in Eastern Europe, older in Eastern Asia), has a college/university diploma (92%), and speaks at least Intermediate English (77%).

The image of an average bride varies depending on the region — for example, in Asia, the top occupation is a doctor, while in Eastern Europe, it's a manager or a teacher.

What else to read: [Mail Order Brides Statistics](#): Our exclusive analysis of the mail order bride industry. 48,000 accounts were analyzed, and a lot of detailed information was provided.

Where do they come from?

Asia, Latin America, and Europe

are the 3 regions mail order brides come from most frequently

The top 3 countries?

China, Colombia, and Ukraine...

...and more than 81%

of the brides you can meet online are from the mentioned three countries

The #1 mail bride country is Ukraine and it's been topping for more than 20 years because of how attractive, friendly, loyal, and family-centered local women are.

But it's not only about Ukraine and it's not only about Eastern Europe. There are at least 9 alternatives to Ukraine: from South Korea with elegant, educated, and ambitious ladies, to Mexico with thousands of emotional, flirty, and fun mail order brides.

What else to read: [Top Mail Order Bride Countries Explained](#) — all the information you wanted to know about the 10 most popular places to meet a MOB.

Can you **actually** buy a bride?

- ✔ You cannot “buy” a foreign bride. Men can pay for dating site services, gift delivery, dating agency’s services, etc.
- ✔ Those, who want to marry a foreign woman still need to pay for certain things like online dating sites and the K-1 visa;
- ✔ It has nothing to do with human trafficking. Women are not forced or deceived into online dating, because they are not “transported” to the “buyer”, and because it's not about slavery or sexual exploitation;
- ✔ The rights of women are strictly protected by the USA laws (WAVA, IMBRA).

Of course you don’t “buy” a mail order bride, that’s just how some people call it but it has nothing to do with “buying” a person (that would be human trafficking).

It’s very similar to online dating so you’ll have to impress your future bride, attract her, and show her (and her parents later) that you’re the best option for her.

What else to read: [How and Where To "Buy" a Wife in 2024?](#) All the options explained and compared.

What else to read #2: [Mail Order Brides And Human Trafficking](#): A full guide that explains why it's not what some people call it.

Is it **legal**?

Yes,
it's 100% legal

**Almost 20,000 foreign
citizens**

entered the US on a K-1 visa in 2023 and
got married to Americans afterward

**You can choose a K-1 or a
CR-1 visa**

path depending on when and where
you're going to marry your partner

Marrying a foreign woman is legal in the United States. If you marry outside the country, your marriage will be valid in the US — you can marry in the Philippines or Ukraine and you'll be legally married in the US.

In general, there are two options available for an international couple: you can marry in another country and apply for a CR-1 (spousal) visa, or you can apply for a K-1 (fiancee) visa and marry in the US after the application is approved.

What else to read: [Are Mail Order Brides Legal?](#) IMBRA and VAWA explained, useful info about the mail order bride legality in different countries.

Is it **legal**?

Advantages of the CR-1 visa	Advantages of the K-1 visa
CR-1s take more time, but your wife will get a green card right away and will be able to leave the country without any issues	K-1 visas are slightly faster (right now, the approval process is around 8 months while it's 12-18 months for the CR-1 visa)
Your wife will be able to start working right after arrival	Perfect for those who want to get married in the United States (with the CR-1 visa, you'll need to get married outside before applying for the visa)
Weddings are cheaper in most "mail bride" countries than in the United States	Definitely a better choice if your bride has 18-21-year-old children because they'll be able to get their K-2 visas
Cheaper than the K-1 visa (approximately \$1,500 vs \$2,500)	It's much less likely to be delayed (a CR-1 case can be delayed at the National Visa Center)

How to meet a foreign bride?

- ✓ If you start online, choose the best dating site available — that's how you'll have the highest chances and minimize the risks;
- ✓ Trusted and legit websites like SofiaDate, SakuraDate, and LatiDate are among the most popular platforms with large audiences and useful;
- ✓ If you need real-life experience, try dating agencies; they offer expensive services, yet real interaction with women in their countries.

Right now, mail order bride websites are the most affordable, convenient, and legit option for meeting foreign women. But this only applies to trustworthy sites like SofiaDate or SakuraDate, of course.

There are alternatives — romance tours and “independent” offline dating, but they are not as affordable. A romance tour, for example, will cost you around \$3,000 for 7 days, while a dating site like SofiaDate will cost you only \$150-\$200 per month.

What else to read #1: [How To Get a Mail Order Bride](#) (a useful guide with screenshots and step-by-step instructions).

What else to read #2: [Tips For Those Looking for a Bride](#): a very useful guide where you'll learn how to impress your bride and her parents, how to propose, and why marrying on a B-2 visa is not the best idea.

How much does it **cost**?

**Typically, it costs around
\$3,400-\$5,000**

to meet a foreign bride, marry her, and bring her to the United States

**Most of that is the cost of
the K-1/CR-1 visa (\$2,500/\$1,500)**

**East Asia is the most
expensive region**

or getting a bride while Latin America is the cheapest one

You can't "buy" a wife. However, you need to be prepared to pay for certain things like online dating, offline dates, trips to your bride's country, etc.

It's also very important to avoid scams — you'll need to choose only trusted dating sites and block scammers who will ask you for money.

What else to read #1: [How Much Does a Mail Order Bride Cost?](#) Cost breakdown, examples, and all the factors that can affect the price.

What else to read #2: [How To Avoid Mail Order Bride Scam](#): A guide with all the most popular scams explained. Useful tips that will help you not lose money when dating online and 5 red flags to pay special attention to.

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Average price of a bride in Asia	Average price of a bride in Eastern Europe	Average price of a bride in Latin America
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Is it **a good idea** to marry a mail order bride?

Yes,

especially if you prefer traditional women who choose family over career

But it's not like they are 200% traditional

— most of these women are educated, ambitious, intelligent, and hard-working

Mail order marriages are more successful

than US marriages

Statistically, a marriage with a mail order bride is a great idea. These women typically come from conservative countries and have pretty old-fashioned views, so they make perfectly traditional wives — loyal, caring, and respectful.

Women from Westernized countries like the Czech Republic or Japan are generally more ambitious and more focused on career, but they all have traditional views on who's doing what in the family.

What else to read: [Mail Order Marriage and Divorce Statistics](#): Why these marriages are more successful and what are your chances to succeed?

Ready to Mail Order a Bride?

**Take the Quiz – It Only
Takes 2 Minutes!**

START QUIZ

