Gotham Dating Club presents Craig Miller's

Decoder Travel Guide

Traveling to a new country is an incredible experience and very much worth doing. In addition to sampling the local cuisine, you’re probably going to want to meet local women. Hooking up with a foreign girl is fun, exciting, and openly casual, as you’re usually a traveler moving on to a new region shortly after.

Here are some regional tips and tweaks to the main Sexual Decoder System on how you can hook up with women in different areas, and some slightly different signals they might send out that vary by region. If you plan ahead, you’ll be able to get laid in every country you visit.

For all travel I recommend learning a bit of your destination country's language. You should be able to say “where is the…” and general phrases like hello, how are you, and goodbye. This can always be your opener if you’re in a country where English is not the main language. Local girls are often happy to help you master her language, which gives you a convenient segue to asking her out.

This guide is split up by continent and give tips for certain cities that are popular tourist sites.

We talk about:
- Australia
- Asia
- Western Europe
- Eastern Europe
- South America

Hooking up in Australia

Before you travel: The hardest part about landing an Aussie girl is the competition: Australian guys are pretty ripped and tan and there’s a lot of them. If you want to compete, before you travel you’ll need to workout. Obviously you can’t completely change your body, but make sure to work out as much as you can before you go.

When You’re There:

1. Go Out, Get a Beer, and Be Casual: Like American girls, Australian girls like to go out and drink. This is one of the places where you can get semi-drunk and pick up a girl (whereas some other cultures look down on drinking). Aussie chicks, however, don’t have deep conversations at the bar, and some guys actually get laughed at for using overly proper
vocabulary. When you're in a venue have fun and keep your conversation light -- an Australian girl won’t want to bang you if you talk about the state of the economy; she will want to bang you if you joke about how weird American football is.

2. **Plan adventurous dates**: Australian women live up their their outgoing stereotype, so when you meet a girl, don’t plan a typical dinner and a movie date. You don’t need to bungee jump right off the bat, but find a quirky bar, theme park, or some sort of unusual activity to make her remember you.

3. **Make Her Laugh**: We’re not all comedians, but in Australia it really helps if you are. Australian women have a great sense of humor, and if a guy can make her laugh, she’s more likely to jump into bed with him. Don’t take yourself too seriously if you’re talking to a girl, be casual and fun, with an attitude that you’re up for whatever (even if you’re not).

4. **Bring up Sports**: Most Australian women love sports. From football to rugby to tennis to swimming, they are avid sports fans through and through. Dropping the name of a famous rugby player from that area will definitely help you land an Aussie girl. Do some research so you know what you’re talking about and definitely act tough -- it’s a cultural norm.

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**Hooking up in Asia**

**Before you travel**: Trust is a pretty big issue in Asia - many women do not trust men, so if you really want to get laid in Asia, a good idea is to get on a dating website before you even go. Start messaging a few girls and ask them to meet up when you get there. Try to book lodging near them so you can make it easier to get together. Beware of scams and women who are looking to get married, and NEVER agree to send any of them money before you meet them.

**When You’re There**:

1. **Favor indirect openers**: In Asia, asking for directions is a great way to strike up a conversation with a stranger. Women in this area do not typically respond well to overt direct game, so you’ll want to play it cool. Especially in Tokyo, girls embarrass pretty easily, so telling her she’s beautiful right off the bat isn’t your best move. Ask her where a cafe is and most likely she’ll take you there (make sure it’s one close by), at which point you can tell her you want to thank her by buying her a coffee.

2. **Plan a Day Date and Prepare for a Chaperone**: In cities like Beijing and Hong Kong, people can be really distrustful, so if you ask a girl out, you might find she brings a third person along. For us, that is really weird, but it’s sort of common to happen there. The best way to attempt to get rid of the third wheel is to plan a date during the day so that her
“chaperone” or friend is likely busy at work or school. At least until she starts to trust you for a bit, plan a walk in the park or tourist attraction to build up some trust. If she does bring a chaperone, your strategy will be to be friendly to both of them and include the chaperone in the conversation - that way, after the date, they'll agree between themselves you're worth seeing again. Then, with this level of trust established, the next time it can be just you and the girl.

3. Try to Get Introduced through Friends: If possible, it’s best if you meet a girl through someone else. If you’re a traveler, this can be tough, because you might not know anyone. If you’re out and you see a hot girl, try to talk to her group of friends (guys or girls) and get one of them to introduce you to her; she’ll be much more receptive to that than you hitting on her by yourself.

4. Be Calm and Smooth: Women in Asia don’t respond to big displays of emotion (in some cities like Bangkok women see this as disgraceful). Being aggressive will not work - calmly go up to a woman and ask her what a word means in whatever language the country speaks. This is a great opener and a way to find out her level of English. Asking for a simple translation is a non-threatening way to approach an Asian woman, and you can keep the conversation going by asking her (if she speaks a little English) for good bar or restaurant recommendations in the area.

5. Avoid Topics about Sex and Be Patient: Many asian women consider it inappropriate to talk about sex, so any jokes or innuendos won’t go over too well. It also might take a few tries to have sex with her. When you’re back at your place and you kiss her, she may sort of swat you away, but if she doesn’t get up or leave, you can try again. Never go too fast or never use any sort of force, but you can keep going in for the kiss (if she rejects you wait a few minutes before trying again), unless she absolutely shuts you down.

Hooking up in Western Europe

Before you travel: Before you travel to a city in Western Europe, find out what the fashion trends are. Yes, you are going to feel uncomfortable wearing more fitted pants, but in Europe, fashion is important. If you’re going to Paris especially, Parisian women will expect you to dress to the standard of the men there. Before you go, look at pictures of Parisian clubs and see what the guys are wearing - most likely it’s dressed up in darker colors. Women can be snobby in these cities, so if you look dressed down, they won’t want to hook up with you. Make sure your clothes fit you well -- nothing too loose. Have a female retail assistant help you with this wherever you shop.

When You’re There:

1. Use Public Transportation to Find Girls: In big cities in Western Europe, to get from one end to the other, you might be stuck on a bus or subway for over an hour. This is going to be key for getting girls. A good opener is to ask her to make sure you are going in the right direction. In cities like London, the subway system can be confusing for first-timers, so ask
her “is this the way to X”. If she’s helping you along, and it’s not going to sound super creepy, ask her what stop she’s getting off at - if it’s close to yours, get off with her and offer to walk her to wherever she’s going or for coffee right then.

2. Say Good Things about your Family: While Americans are used to leaving home at 18, many other cultures don’t do this; they live at home for longer and have more of an attachment to their parents. When you’re talking to a southern European girl, compliment your mom. In cities like Madrid, Barcelona, and especially in Rome, this will get you major points. These are family-oriented countries, so if you complain about yours, they won’t see you as a potential mate, which means you won’t be hooking up later.

3. Always Have Cigarettes and a Lighter: I’m definitely not advocating smoking here, but all of these cities are full of smokers, and lighting a girl’s cigarette is a great conversation opener. If you’re noticing signals from a girl, you can ask her to join you for a cigarette as an icebreaker. You’ll want to buy a pack to have on you to offer girls that you are talking to in order to keep the conversation going.

5. Don’t Be a Stereotype: Girls in continental Europe are typically pretty sophisticated, and they have no tolerance for drunken ignorance. Keep the pro-USA talk down, as these girls might not be as patriotic as you. Also, go lighter on the drinking - a typical stereotype of an American male is that he is a drunken mess, so don’t play into that. You don’t need to bash the US, but be a bit different from the typical tourist by expressing a more global viewpoint and keeping a three drink max.

On the other hand, in England feel free to get a bit rowdier and use strong direct openers - people drink more heavily there and there is a long tradition of drunken in-venue makeouts (called a "snog").

Hooking up in Eastern Europe

Before you travel: Wherever you are going, study the history of the country. Some women around the world will be fine with the ignorant American, but Eastern European women will not really appreciate if you bring up a taboo subject (WWI or WWII, the Balkan war of the 1990s, the current "migrant" crisis) or don’t understand how the European Union works. Make sure you at least a basic familiarity with the history of the country...the good and the bad.

When You’re There:

1. Compliment their English Immediately: If you start talking to a woman at a cafe or bar, make sure you compliment her English within the first five minutes. Eastern European women can be very self-conscious about their level of English, and they don’t want to make a mistake in front of you. Right as you begin speaking, make sure to tell her “wow you’re English is really good; I’ve talked to other people from (city), and I’ve never heard English like this”. In Krakow, a woman might be giving you only one-word answers because she’s afraid of
making a grammar mistake, so make sure to ease her fears early on.

2. Don’t Assume Where She’s From: If you meet a girl in one city, don’t assume that is her nationality - you can really offend a girl that way in these smaller Eastern Europe countries. A girl from Moscow is going to be really pissed if you think she’s from Latvia or somewhere else. Russian women can be the trickiest with this, as they consider themselves more sophisticated than the rest of Eastern Europe, so be cautious until you know her nationality. Wait for her to tell you where she’s from -- or even ask her as a conversation starter. Never ever say she looks like she’s from X; you can offend no matter what country or city you say.

3. Be a Gentleman: Women in this region are sick of the guys around them, who are hard and rough around the edges; they want you to be their knight in shining armor. This means you need to hold open doors, bring flowers to a date, etc. All of the cheesy things you see in movies, do it, and she’ll probably do you. You’ll notice that women in Eastern Europe dress up more, wearing high heels during the day, so they expect to be treated as good as they look.

4. Act Confident, Not Cocky: When you’re approaching a girl, you want to exude money and power in Eastern Europe. Russian women especially flock to this. However, never talk like you’re better than her. Women in Stockholm and Vienna are extremely touchy about being “schooled” by an American. Be aware that people in Eastern Europe sometimes hold attitudes towards race, gender roles and similar topics that might seem out of date to an American. Don't get into a debate about it; change the topic.

5. Get Her Away from the Group: This happens in a lot of cities, but especially when you’re in Prague and Budapest, you’ll notice that women are always in groups (co-ed groups) dancing all night. The hardest part of the pickup is probably going to be getting her alone so you can talk or dance without a huge group of people hanging on. You might also notice that girls are pretty friendly and might not notice if you’re hitting on her. Make sure to ask if she is single within 15 minutes or so -- she might think you’re a fumbling tourist looking to talk. In order to get her away from her friends, offer to buy her a drink, ask if she wants to sit a song out and drink a water (she may not be drinking at all), or go outside to smoke with her. If one of these doesn’t work, you may have to try a more obvious approach -- telling her you want some alone time, since her friends may not be getting the hint.

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Hooking up in South America

Before you travel: If you want to get a girl in South America, you’re in luck, because latinas like foreigners, so you have a leg up already. If you want to ensure success in Latin America, then in addition to learning basic Spanish and/or Portuguese, depending on your location, consider taking dance lessons. This sounds incredibly awkward, but you’re going to be hitting up big clubs, and South American girls love to dance. If you can salsa, you've already caught the eye of girls in the venue, so start watching out for attraction signals and then approach. Even if you only know basic steps, then your chances improve. If you can impress a
When You’re There:

1. Be Aggressive: South American guys are much more aggressive, so you’ll need to be more forward when you’re in these countries. For example in Sao Paulo and Rio, if you’re dancing with a girl and you don’t go to kiss her within five minutes, she’ll assume you’re not interested and most likely move on. If you think she’s hot and you’re dancing up close, go in for the kiss quickly. This may feel weird to you, but it’ll be worth it.

In Bogota and Medellin it’s custom to grab a girl’s hand and start grinding with her. If she’s into you, she won’t push you away, and even if she’s not into you, she’ll probably just go with it for a while. Women are used to aggressive men - grabbing them, kissing them, touching them - so don’t be inappropriate, but absolutely don’t play coy. If you meet a girl on the street, ask her for her number and text her that night to meet up; it’s completely normal in this region. The “three day rule” does not apply in South America, girls are fickle here, so if you wait three days to call a girl, she’s already moved on.

2. Don’t Get Too Drunk: People in South America really don’t drink heavily. I’ve seen girls and guys sip on one beer all night, so don’t get too drunk if you want to take a girl home. Feel free to have a few drinks, but don’t get sloppy or constantly be going back to the bar.

3. If You Really Can’t Dance, Speak English and Be Nice: If you absolutely can’t dance, play the visiting foreigner card to strike up a conversation with a girl. The great thing is, most women in the region speak English, even if it’s a small amount. If you see a hot girl, go up and ask her a question in English (ask her directions, restaurant or club recommendations, etc). Many girls in South American want to practice their English, so she’ll probably humor you even if she’s not interested. Ask for her number or where she goes clubbing that night so you can meet up with her - you can always pretend you’re a foreigner just looking for something to do if you feel uncomfortable.

In Buenos Aires, women that are from the city are a bit snobby, and they think being with an American is cool or high class. This works to your advantage, because she’ll want to have you around to show off to her friends. In Mexico City (and most of the country), women know to be aware of their surroundings, so if you come across as an asshole, she’s not going to go home alone with you. If you’re with another guy, try to go after two friends, so they don’t have to leave alone, they stick together with you guys instead.

4. Remain Confident: Latina women don’t like passive men. They’re used to men taking charge and not backing down, so if you come across as weak in any way, she’s not going to be interested. This means you decide when to dance, you decide when to kiss her, you decide when you go back to your hotel to hook up. Never wait for her to tell you, because it won’t happen. In Santiago the Chilean dialect (especially in this city) is incredibly different, so even if you know some Spanish, you may not be able to communicate. Keep talking in English and guide her around, she’ll understand your body language and when you kiss her.
5. **Dress Up**: In all of these cities, girls are not going to be impressed by your sneakers and hoodie; you need to dress to impress. You’re might feel weird, but if you want to get a girl in South America, you need to wear a collared shirt, dressy-ish shoes, and put on cologne - the girls there love that.

**Conclusion**

No matter where you go, reading a girl’s signals is going to be really important to find out if she’s into you (and you should keep putting in the time) or if it just isn’t happening (and you should move on). It’s also always important to remember the cultural differences and respect them. When you’re traveling remember to have a more relaxed attitude about things; sometimes girls will act differently than you’re used to, so just go with it. Remember you’re there to have fun, and finding a girl to go along with the ride can make the experience all the better.