

Buyer's Guide: Finding the Right Matchmaker

Because there really aren't that many fish in the sea

Finding the perfect match starts much earlier than the first date. You start out on the road in search of *"the One"*, but the first step will be the most important one you take. Finding *"the Right Matchmaking Service"* can be a daunting task. Use this guide to help you along the way.

Choose Local: There are several high-end services parading their Barbie-doll looking "matchmakers" around America to sell their services. Pleasant enough to look at, especially if you are a male still harboring a secret childhood lust for the plastic lady with the highly coveted 36-24-36 figure, but it's important to look behind the peroxide. If they don't even know the difference between Downtown and Midtown, how do you expect them to pick someone best for you?

Buyer Beware: When it comes to paying, this is one case where you should let your head rule your heart. Your matchmaker should quote a price for their services **before** you meet in person. Without regulations, of which there are none in this industry, there are many unscrupulous business people preying on the needs of lonely singles. A service that finances for months on end might not have a financially stable crowd, and who wants to be matched with that?

Evaluate with a Grain of Salt: Matchmaking isn't like buying that perfect pair of shoes or car. You see it, you want it. You get it, job done. Unfortunately, some clients come with that very expectation, the belief they are paying to be set up with perfection. 'I'd like this man of my dreams.' Glossy magazine photo supplied. 'When will he or she be delivered, I'm usually home Saturday nights?'

Enjoy the Ride: What single person doesn't hope that their next first date will be their last first date? You want to be sure that the matchmaker you choose makes a sincere promise to set you up on quality dates. Instead of you controlling the process or letting the process control you, just enjoy the process of looking for love - *or like* - in all the right places.

Our staff at Eight at Eight Dinner Club & One on One Matchmaking prides itself on picking our clients very carefully - and, while you may think it goes against good business principles (you'd be wrong of course!). We do often turn away potential clients. Since being featured on Oprah, we have received many more applications from women than from men. To maintain our goal of a 50/50 ratio of single men and women that means turning away those we don't believe we can really help. It also allows us the opportunity to help those we believe we can offer the most help to. So remember while you're shopping...the best matchmakers are working, too.



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