

Eurasian Do's & Don'ts

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Weddings	
<p>Eurasian weddings are held in a church and non-Christians are welcome to attend. Guests may stand or sit alongside the congregation and sing along to the hymns if they feel comfortable.</p> <p>Wedding gifts are usually delivered to the bride's home the day before the wedding. In recent times, it is given during the reception. Traditionally, gifts or silver were given but it is now common to give cash.</p>	<p>Everyone is welcome to join the service but if you are not Christian, you should refrain from taking part in Holy Communion.</p> <p>It is usually the bride who adorns a white gown. Other guests should refrain from wearing white dresses or outfits so as not to 'steal the thunder' (take the attention away) from the bride.</p>
Births	
<p>The child is welcomed into the church during the rite of baptism. After the baptism, a tea party will be held and you can bring gifts for the newborn. Traditionally silver were given but anything pertaining to the daily needs of the baby is also acceptable.</p>	
Funerals	
<p>A wake is held for three days, during which family and friends may come to pay their respects. Prayers are said for the deceased as a community.</p> <p>Eurasians usually give cash, placed in a card or envelope with condolences written.</p>	<p>Bright colours are generally not worn at wakes or funerals. Sombre colours are a mark of respect.</p>

<p>Close relatives may sometimes prepare food to share at the wake.</p>	
Meeting new people	
<p>It is customary to shake hands when you meet someone for the first time.</p> <p>When a man and woman are being introduced to each other, the man should offer his hands first. If both parties are the same gender, they should extend their hands at the same time.</p>	<p>It is considered awkward to be treated with a hug or a kiss on the cheek when you are meeting someone for the first time.</p>