Guys, Are You Spending Too Much On Dating Singaporean Girls?

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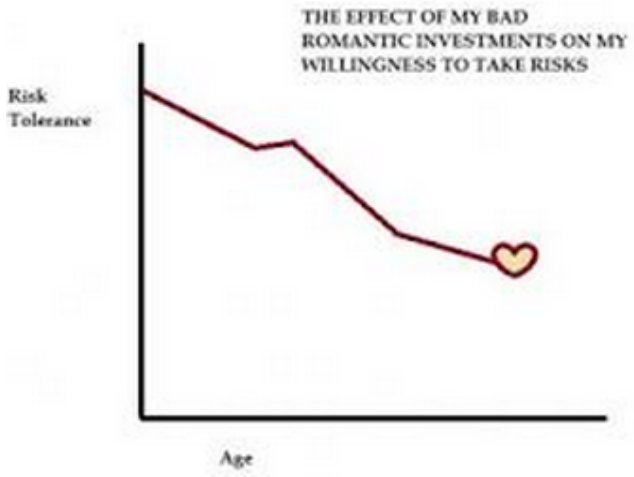
A friend shared this post with me this morning: â??Female, 28, Looking for Expensive Boyfriendâ?•. A number of male readers who have emailed me for advice on saving have also lamented that it is easier to save if you are a girl, since the guy has to pay for the date.

Good gracious. I donâ??t even know where to begin. For one, STOP. Why are you spending so much money to date girls? Does your money give you any â??returnsâ?• on investment?

Imagine this. You buy into a savings plan XYZ which has â??potentialâ?• for returns, but you have to put in $500 every month. 3 months down the road, you still havenâ??t seen any results, but youâ??ve already spent $1,500. Wouldnâ??t you drop the investment?

I sure as hell would.



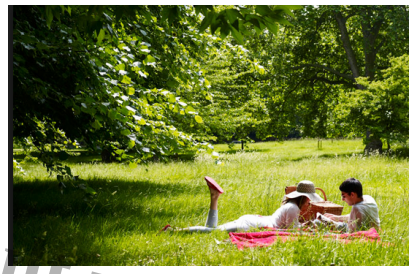
Grabbed this off a some random guyâ??s blog via Google.

This is the EXACT same scenario when it comes to spending on dating.

Most of us can think logically when it comes to our money, but when it comes to spending on **dating**, we seem to become naive, irrational folks. Thereâ??s always that premise of *â??but I need to be a gentleman, then she will like meâ?•* or *â??if I donâ??t pay for our date, she will have a bad impression of me, then she wonâ??t like meâ?•*.

Granted, singlehood can be quite sad sometimes (for those of us who relish companionship), but get this: **money cannot buy you love.**

And if a girl is interested in you as well, why should you be paying for her company?



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Iâ??ve had 5 boyfriends and gone out on numerous dates with guys whom I didnâ??t end up getting together with, but **none of them spent a bomb on me, because I didnâ??t make them do so**. If they proposed a restaurant that was too expensive, I would suggest another venue. Every time the bill came, I would offer to split it.

- My first date with my first boyfriend was at Fish & Co. The bill was only $50+.
- My first date with my second boyfriend was at our university food canteen. We bought our own food.
- Same for the third.
- My first date with the fourth was at a mid-priced cafe. The bill was $70.
- My first date with my fifth, whom Iâ??m currently still with, was at a hawker centre. The bill was way lesser.

Do you start to see a trend there?

Hereâ??s a good rule of thumb for the guys â?? offer to pay on the first date, but wait a little longer on the second and third to see if sheâ??ll offer to pay.

Thatâ??s what I call being a *smart* gentleman. And If the girl doesnâ??t offer, then sheâ??s obviously with you just for your money.



If you donâ??t know / donâ??t use this app, you are either:

- lying

- too embarrassed to admit it
- happily attached / married and have no use for it

A lot of girls I know use this app. And when I was single and listened to them talk about how they kept getting free meals from guys they met through Tinder, I took the bait and signed up as well (why say no to a free meal?). On the first date I went out on, yes, the guy took the bill. Same for the second. It felt good! But then on the third and fourth my conscience started kicking in. Pretty soon I was going on All-Dutch dates. A few months later, I deleted the app a few months later after meeting some creepy guys. While my girlfriends were still exclaiming about the â??benefitsâ?• they were getting on the app, I had enough. It just wasnâ??t me. I didnâ??t feel right making these guys â??payâ?• for my company.

Remember the comment I highlighted in my previous post on How to Balance between Enjoying Life and Saving?

â??Hi I am curious as to what kind of lifestyle you lead? Do you say no to friends who want to cafe hop, no to colleagues get together events/after dinner events? Do you even lead a life with entertainment? Do you happen to have a boyfriend? Do you all always meet and go hawker center to eat everytime? hat about branded goods?You have no wish to own any of them?â??

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Yes, I have a boyfriend and heâ??s so handsome, Gucci once got him to model for them in their magazine ad

(As you can tell, Iâ??m still pretty rifled by this reader and her condescending comments^)

[–] **100percentnaturalyay** 1 point 4 months ago
Hawker centre dates are my favourite dates.
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Ok, maybe my story alone doesnâ??t show the full picture. Letâ??s look at a few of my friends.

My JC classmate (letâ??s call him Jack) dated a girl from our class (letâ??s call her Jill). Jack brought Jill on many, many dates before they officially became an item. But because he kept paying for all the dates in the beginning, she developed that expectation that he would always settle the bill. Within 1.5 years of their relationship, Jack had used up his $5000 bank savings on Jill, and they started to fight a lot more because he was now telling her that he was too broke to continue paying for her. Fast forward to graduation and when Jack entered the army while Jill went to university. Jill found another guy who paid for all of her dates again, and cheated on Jack, leading eventually to their breakup.

What did Jack get out of all this? **A $5,000 loss.**

Now, if he had put his $5,000 into a compounded savings plan with an annual rate of 4% a year, in the 2.5 years they were together, he would have gotten **$5,400+** at the end of it. Instead, all he got was a broken heart, and an empty bank account.



Guys, if you are constantly meeting and going out with girls who expect you to pay, it is time to ditch her.

I am an average man and joined a local dating agency. I paid 3000 dollars to join and they will provide dates for a year.

All the girls they sent me are fat, have poor table manners, arrogant and ask questions as if they are interviewing people for a job.

I cried silently after leaving the dates.

I have decided to quit at a loss because I am terrified at what girls they will sent me.

Some waited for me to pay. One 45 year old fat 80kg woman ate like a pig, and unshyly proclaimed she is a heavy eater. Realising that I will pay for dinner, she took advantage and ate a ninety dollar beefsteak and drank a bottle of bacardi wine. Her looks and manner terrified me.I end up paying 200 bucks for a horrible date.

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[–] **twentysevenpercent** 3 points 4 months ago

Maybe, maybe not. I've met the sort of non materialistic girls who'd be contented with hawker centre dates, cheap cadbury chocolates and wall's ice cream. at the same time, i'm friends with starbucks toting, LV wielding girls who whine about dining at any place without air conditioning, actively insinuate the need to be driven, and blow more than my week's allowance on a night out.

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Youâ??re obviously dating the wrong girls if the only result youâ??re getting is a slimmer wallet.

[–] **[deleted]** 19 points 4 months ago

SG guys seem to be only attracted to the pretty, high-maintenance (but usually with a blog shop face) type.

I, a Singaporean female, could too lament about how shallow SG guys are, the same way SG guys label SG girls as materialistic.

Yes, there are SG girls who are not materialistic, but do any guys pay attention to them? They are those who don't care about putting on makeup, are independent and don't really care about material goods.

So is the fault on the girls or on the guys? Both parties are guilty, to be fair. A lot of guy readers who wrote in to me commented that I could easily save $20,000 in a year because Iâ??m a girl. But my boyfriend doesnâ??t always pay for our meals or dates, because I love him for who he is and not his money. In fact, just last weekend I paid for both our tickets to Legoland Malaysia. He paid for dinner.

Guys, donâ??t blame the girls if youâ??re the one choosing to go after the wrong girls.

[–] **EarthwormJane** Who ask you ⊙▬⊙ 2 points 4 months ago

Yesterday someone asked me if my boyfriend and I go dutch every time and was really surprised at my answer. I said that sometimes if he pays lunch, I'll pay for dinner and vice versa. Sometimes, we just pay for our own shit and he'll (or I'll) get the drinks. We don't count it down to the dollar, we just make sure that its not always so one sided. I have my own money and studying, and he's JUST about to ORD so its not like we're super rich. We can't even blow cash on ourselves, how can we afford to always spend on each other? And about the car: I've always taken public transport so just having a car (despite it being a simple one belonging his parents) that can send me home is more than I've hoped for.

Anyway, the one who asked me was a little taken aback because he apparently knows a guy whose girlfriend racks up a $200 output each time they meet up. And yupp, you guessed it, all paid for by the guy.

^Whoever this unlucky guy is that she talks about, I sure hope the girl marries him, or all his â??investmentsâ?• into her would have been all for nothing.

[–] **pewdypie_** 9 points 4 months ago

I'm a Singaporean girl and I'm pretty confused by the responses here. I'm from SMU, and most of my (girl & guy) friends are really down-to-earth. They don't mind hawker centre dates and only a few of them have boyfriends that own cars. And even then, I don't think they chose those boyfriends on the sole basis on him owning a car - rather, their boyfriends are genuinely sweet to them and they are perfect together.

I have a boyfriend and I don't even know if he's rich or not, because we always split the bill 50-50 when we go on dates. My ex was extremely rich, owned a convertible and all that, but I didn't go out with him just because of his family's income bracket.

There will always be some people who insist on toting the most branded bags or dating the richest boys. I won't say that dating a rich boy doesn't have its perks, but despite what people think, most girls consider it brownie points but definitely not a prerequisite. It's a nice perk, but personally it'll be ranked on the same level as my boyfriend having like, dimples or something.

Of course, some friends also have stated that they won't marry a man with a lower income than they do, but I don't think it's materialism so much as practicality. Singapore is pretty expensive to live in, and having a strong combined income guarantees you're able to give your future kids all they need and more to survive in Singapore.

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See? There ARE good girls around. And no, they are *not* all taken. I know some girls who are incredibly sweet, would make really good wives, but are not your typical pretty. They donâ??t have a blogshop model face. So theyâ??re the single ones. Some of the really good girls I know? They have been single their whole lives!

Is it *really* the girlsâ?? fault? Donâ??t generalize just because a few girls have given the gender a bad rep! Maybe YOU should be the one looking properly again at who you choose to date.

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No, as I said, never had a girlfriend before. But got inspiration to make this thread after mr tomhunk's thread:

http://www.sgforums.com/?action=thread_display&thread_id=128690

As I observed from my friends having girlfriends, most of them always pay everything for their girlfriend, meals, transport, flowers, gifts, pubbing, misc etc. At the end of the day, hear them silently complain that they always "pok kai"....especially those high maintenance ones, very hard to keep on doing this as they are not born with a silver spoon in their mouth.

Only 1 or 2 have girlfriends willing to go dutch, do things that do not cause too much money. Those are the lucky ones, I guess.

For guys, how do you manage if you have girlfriends who are high maintenance or want to share their "lucky" finds?

For the ladies, what type are you? High mainteinance, occasionally HM or not spending too much money? Do you go Dutch?

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And just for laughsâ?¦. (I really donâ??t know what has happened to love nowadays)



Do keep a look out for my upcoming post,



With love,
Budget Babe

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