Marriage Line Chart

The short lines on the edge of the hand, under the little finger and above the heart line. Nine shapes, Cheiro's exact words from *Palmistry for All* (1916), and a kinder way to read each today. A tradition for fun and reflection, not a prediction.



Long, straight and clear

Cheiro: “For a happy marriage the lines on the Mount of Mercury should be straight and clear.”

Today: Read as a steady, committed bond. Ask: “Is there one relationship that has shaped you most?”



Short or faint

Cheiro: “the short ones to deep affection, or marriage contemplated, but never entered into.”

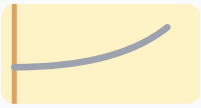
Today: Read as a close connection that mattered, married or not. Very common.



Curves down toward the heart line

Cheiro: “the person on whose hand this appears will outlive the other.”

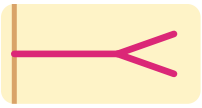
Today: Cheiro read lifespan here. No crease can show that, so we don't. Talk about how the person cares for others instead.



Curves up toward the little finger

Cheiro: “the possessor is not likely ever to marry.”

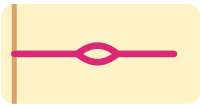
Today: Plenty of married people have this shape. Read it as independence: someone who chooses their own path in love.



Forked at the end

Cheiro: “the two people will live apart from one another.”

Today: Read as two people who keep their own lives and space. Ask how they balance together and apart.



An island (a small loop)

Cheiro: “some great trouble and separation will take place about the middle of the married life.”

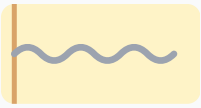
Today: Read as a hard stretch that was worked through. Every long relationship has one.



Broken in the middle

Cheiro: “it foreshadows a fatality or break-up in an otherwise happy married life.”

Today: Read as a change of direction, not an ending. Never tell anyone a break means loss.



Chained (a row of islands)

Cheiro: “the subject should be warned not to marry at any time.”

Today: We'd never tell anyone not to marry because of a crease. Read it as a lot of feeling, and ask what they want from love.



Runs on to meet the sun line

Cheiro: “it promises that its possessor will marry some one of great wealth or distinction.”

Today: A fun one to share. Read it as a partner who brings out your best or helps you shine.

What does the number of lines mean? Three old books disagree

1895 · MRS. J. B. DALE

Indian Palmistry

“These, according to their number, denote the number of husbands or wives should the widow line also appear; without it they may mean lovers.”

1916 · CHEIRO

Palmistry for All

“Only the clearly formed lines relate to marriage, the short ones to deep affection, or marriage contemplated, but never entered into.”

1927 · LEO MARKUN

What You Should Know About Palmistry

“Each line means a separate love partner. A long and faithful marriage is shown by a single deep line.”

Grey tiles: readings Cheiro tied to death, illness or never marrying. We show them so you know the tradition; a skin crease can't show any of these. Palm creases form before birth. Quotes are exact, from the Project Gutenberg texts.