

Your Passport Mode Picks Are Basically Your Dating Personality Test



(New Delhi, India) (August 31, 2026): Remember when a "good match" meant someone who lived in your neighbourhood, went to your college, spoke your language or at least got your local references? That's changing. Young Indians are increasingly looking beyond familiar cities, cultures and borders when it comes to meeting new people. They're not shying away from love—they're redefining it on their own terms, embracing new perspectives and owning their story.

Travel is becoming a big part of that story. Ranking third among the top interests on Tinder in India amongst users aged 18 to 25,¹ it's more than just a hobby—it's a way for young Indian singles to help them express themselves, spark conversations and discover compatibility, one travel story at a time.

Why Travel Has Become Dating's Ultimate Icebreaker

Travel has become much more than a bucket-list item. A conversation about someone's favourite trip often leads to stories about family traditions, local food, cultural experiences and moments that shaped who they are. Instead of simply revealing where someone wants to go, travel offers a glimpse into how they see the world.

As **Dr. Chandni Tugnait, Relationship Expert at Tinder India**, explains, "Travel has evolved beyond being a hobby. It has become a window into how someone experiences life. When people talk about travel today, they are often revealing much more than the places they've visited. They are revealing their curiosity, adaptability, openness to uncertainty and willingness to step outside familiar routines. In many ways, travel has become a modern love language. It allows people to understand not just where someone wants to go, but who they become when they step into unfamiliar spaces."

The Great Geographic Shift: Why Indians Are Looking Beyond Borders

Young Indian singles today aren't just travelling to new places—they're opening themselves up to new perspectives. Passport Mode offers a glimpse into this shift, showing that young Indians are increasingly choosing to connect with people beyond their own cities, states and even countries.

From bustling Indian metros like New Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata, Pune, Gurugram, Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Chennai and Noida to global cities such as Dubai, Los Angeles, New York, Amsterdam, Kathmandu, Lahore, Manila, Pattaya and Singapore, young Indian singles are using Tinder's Passport Mode feature across diverse destinations. At a country level, the USA, UAE, Thailand, Nepal, Philippines, Pakistan, Australia, the Netherlands, Japan and Spain emerge among the most popular choices among Indian singles, reflecting curiosity that extends across cultures, lifestyles and experiences.¹

What's driving this openness? Dr. Chandni calls it a fundamental psychological shift in how young Indian people are approaching relationships:

"Previous generations often viewed compatibility through shared backgrounds. Today's young Indian adults are increasingly recognising that emotional compatibility can exist across cultures, languages, and geographies. This suggests that young people in India are becoming less interested in finding someone who looks exactly like them, and more interested in finding someone who expands how they see the world."

This shift is also playing out in real numbers. 41% of young singles in India are open to dating people from other cities whilst 33% are open to starting a relationship with someone in a different country.²

The takeaway? Compatibility is likely no longer about finding someone from the same neighbourhood but more about shared values, curiosity and a willingness to explore new perspectives together.

What Your Passport Mode Destination Says About Your Dating Vibe

While no destination can define your personality, the places you choose to use the Passport Mode feature can offer interesting clues about the experiences, values and connections you may be drawn to.

According to Dr. Chandni, "What stands out most is not the destinations themselves, but the diversity of choices. It suggests that today's young singles in India are defining compatibility through experiences rather than checklists."

Your Passport Mode Moodboard

The Cosmopolitan Connector (*Passport Mode picks include: New York, Los Angeles, Dubai, Mumbai, Gurugram, Bengaluru and Singapore*)

- Fast-paced global cities often attract those who enjoy ambition, diversity and constant discovery. If these destinations top your Passport Mode list, you may be drawn to partners who are curious, driven and excited to keep growing—both individually and together.

The Cultural Curator (*Passport Mode picks include: Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Amsterdam, Japan, Spain and Lahore*)

- Heritage-rich destinations are often associated with storytelling, identity and meaningful conversations. If these are your go-to Passport Mode picks, you may value emotional depth, shared traditions and connections that go beyond the surface.

The Mindful Mellow (*Passport Mode picks include: Kathmandu, Nepal and Australia*)

- Nature-led destinations often appeal to those seeking balance, mindfulness and a slower pace of life. These choices may reflect a preference for relationships rooted in emotional presence, authenticity and shared moments over constant excitement.

The Fun-Loving Adventurer (*Passport Mode picks include: Thailand, Pattaya and Philippines*)

- Beach escapes and leisure destinations often reflect a love for spontaneity, joy and making memories together. If these destinations catch your eye, you may be looking for connections that feel light-hearted, playful and full of new experiences.

The Bigger Picture: Dating Without Borders

Ultimately, Passport Mode isn't just revealing where young singles want to go—it's revealing how they're choosing to grow. More than a travel preference, it reflects an openness to question familiar viewpoints, understand different cultures, and build connections rooted in curiosity rather than comfort. It's a mindset that values learning over assumptions and shared experiences over shared postcodes.

The data supports this evolution, with 40% of young singles in India saying they're open to dating people from other races and cultures, highlighting a growing appetite for relationships that broaden perspectives rather than reinforce them.²

As Dr. Chandni Tugnait explains, *"Every meaningful relationship explains something about ourselves, but cross-cultural relationships often accelerate that learning. They invite us to question assumptions we didn't even realise we had, cultivating empathy, flexibility and emotional maturity along the way."*

Your Next Great Conversation Could Start Anywhere

Whether you're curious about life in New York, food trails in Delhi, hidden gems in Kathmandu or beaches in Pattaya, Passport Mode lets you connect with people before you ever board a flight.

Instead of another "Hey", try asking:

- *"What's one thing people always get wrong about your city?"*
- *"If I had one day in your city, what's the first place you'd recommend?"*
- *"What's a local tradition everyone should experience at least once?"*

Because sometimes the best journeys don't begin with a boarding pass—they begin with a conversation.

About Tinder

Tinder is the most fun way to spark something new with someone new. With over 100 billion connections made since launching across 185+ countries and 60+ languages, it's the world's most popular dating app with a scale unmatched by any other app in the category.

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