Summer love or a real love story? Tinder's tips for staying on track with your summer crush

New Delhi, 5th September 2025: Summer means sunshine, spontaneous trips, fun with friends - and sometimes, a little holiday romance. But for many couples who meet under the summer sun, the back-to-school or back-to-work season brings the toughest test: distance. Do those miles signal the end of the story? Not for Gen Z. Tinder reveals how today's daters are keeping the spark alive long after the suitcase is unpacked.

Love Beyond Pin Codes

Summer is for sunshine, spontaneous adventures, and sometimes... a holiday romance. But while the season may end, today's young daters aren't letting miles decide the fate of their love stories. For Gen Z in India, long-distance is no longer a dealbreaker - it's just part of the adventure.

Tinder's Year in Swipe 2024 shows just how deeply travel is woven into Gen Z's dating lives, with travel ranking as the top interest among users¹. For this generation, trips aren't just about where you go, but who you meet. Nearly half of young Indians are open to dating someone outside their city, a third² are ready to start a relationship across international borders, and one in five² have already met someone while traveling.

Passport to Connections: Want to find love abroad?

For Gen Z, a flexible and curious generation, going abroad is much more than just a trip: it's a way to grow, discover new cultures, and reinvent oneself. And in this context, encounters play a key role.

Thanks to <u>Tinder's Passport™ Mode</u>, there's no need to travel thousands of miles to broaden your horizons! Tinder users can like profiles beyond their location and match with people worldwide - whether they're still at home or on their way to vacation. Whether it's to prepare for arrival in a new country, explore different cultures, or simply out of curiosity, this feature allows you to erase borders and connect with people who share your interests.

"Out of sight doesn't have to mean out of heart," says Aditi Shorewal, Communications Lead for Tinder in India and Korea. "For a generation that values authenticity, distance can actually deepen connections and make relationships more meaningful."

Expert Tips for Thriving in Long-Distance Love

Tinder India's Relationship Expert, Dr. Chandni Tuganit shares five fun and practical ways for Gen Z couples to keep the spark alive across time zones:

- Plan 'Parallel Dates' Pick a time, order food from the same cuisine, and get on video. Whether it's sushi or street-style chaat, eating "together" creates shared rituals and makes distance feel less daunting.
- Create a 'Living Playlist' Build a joint playlist where each partner adds songs based on mood or memory. It becomes an evolving love letter in music form, with every listen acting as a touchpoint across miles.
- Book & Chill (Virtually) Choose a book or show to consume together and set "chapter dates" to discuss. Shared stories create natural conversation and deeper bonding while giving you something to anticipate.
- Cook the Same Recipe, Miles Apart Try the same recipe on a video call. Whether it's Maggi with a twist or pancakes with toppings, cooking side by side sparks teamwork and playfulness, even across borders.
- Sync Your Night Rituals From skincare to meditation or a gratitude check-in, ending the day with the same ritual (even virtually) gives a sense of rhythm and closeness, like falling asleep "together" despite the distance.

Here's a little tip, the most popular Indian cities where Tinder users love to like other Tinder profiles are:

Delhi, NCR

- Mumbai, Maharashtra
- · Bengaluru, Karnataka
- · Kolkata, West Bengal
- Pune, Maharashtra

Whether you're in Delhi or on the other side of the world, distance is just a detail. With Tinder, love crosses borders, time zones... and miles.

For Gen Z, travel is about self-growth and discovery - and that includes discovering love across distances. With Tinder and a little creativity, those summer romances don't have to fade away. In 2025, love isn't limited by pin codes or borders, only by how far you're willing to take it.

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 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ India Data from Tinder Bios, Descriptors, and Interests from 1 Jan to 1 Oct 2024.

² A OnePoll Survey among Tinder users aged 18-25 in IN who are single and use dating apps. Data was collected between 15/7/2024 - 23/7/2024