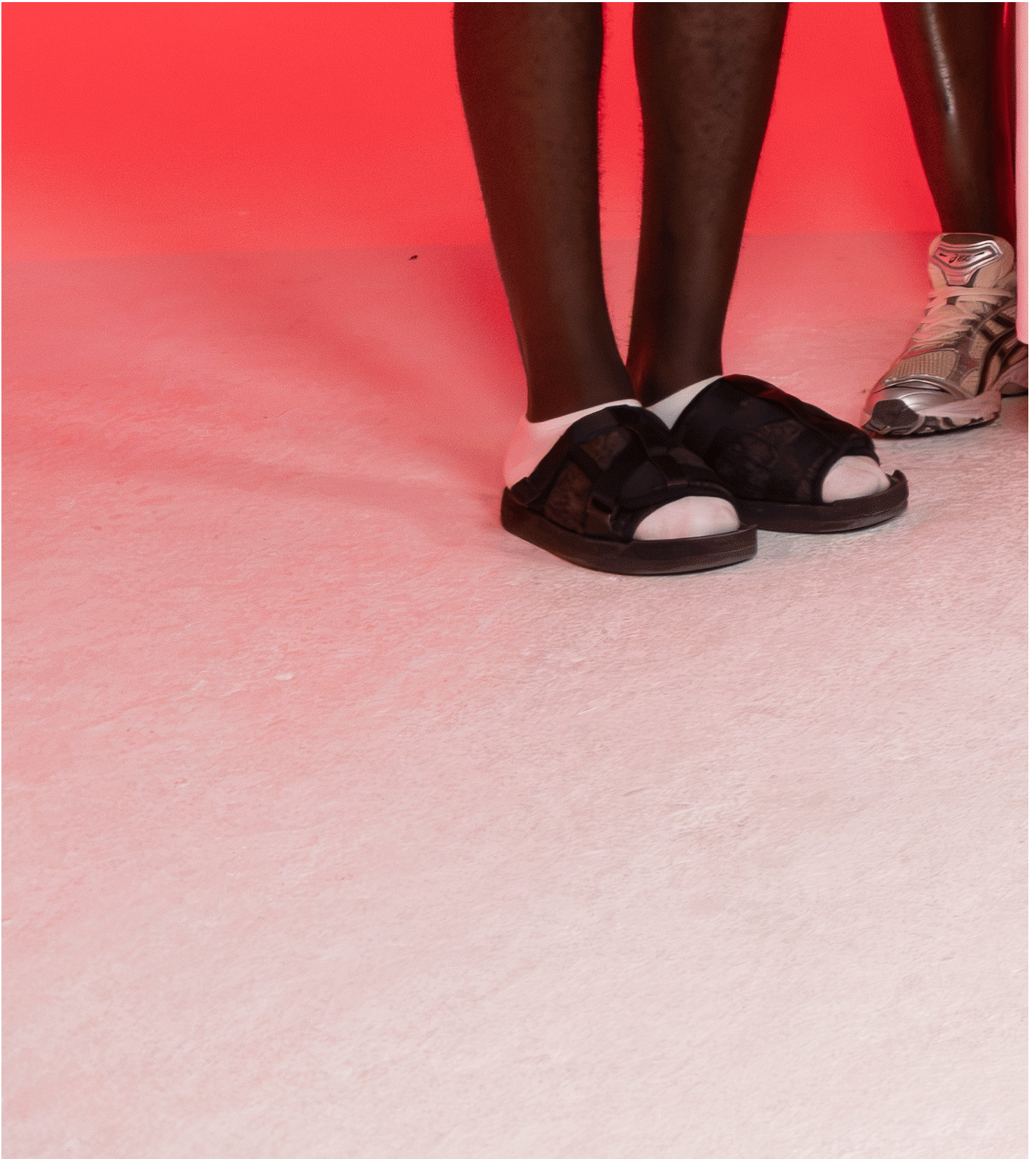


DOUBLE THE DATES, DOUBLE THE DRAMA: TINDER REVEALS THE UK CAST AND HOST OF ITS DATING SERIES DOUBLE DATE ISLAND







London, 13th August 2026 - This summer Tinder is turning up the heat with a new season of Double Date Island. The original Tinder dating series where friendship is put to the test and double dating takes centre stage.

Inspired by Tinder's Double Date feature, Double Date Island sees friendship duos swap the group chat for the ultimate dating experience. As they navigate dates, tackle challenges and back each other every step of the way, the reality series will follow the pairs as their journey takes them towards the finale in Portugal. With twists, turns and plenty of unforgettable moments, only one pair will earn bragging rights, and a dream getaway.

Following local casting held across the UK, USA, Spain, Brazil, France, Italy, Germany and Australia, 50 best friend pairs earned their place at the audition. There, friendships were put to the ultimate test as the bestie duos pitched each other to the room, debated their hottest dating takes, and proved just how well they really knew each other by finishing one another's sentences. Only the strongest duos made the cut, with 32 pairs securing their place at the beach house in Portugal.

Once in the beach house, every date counted. After each double date, pairs rated their experience using Tinder's *'Flame Scale'* in the Double Date Group Chat, scoring everything from chemistry and connection to whether they'd use the Swipe Right™ feature on that pair again.

The highest-scoring duos then earned a coveted place in the Global Final in Portugal, where the remaining eight pairs went head-to-head with duos from around the world. After a whirlwind of international double dates,

friendship-fuelled challenges and plenty of surprises, just one pair was crowned the Double Date Island champions.

From hundreds of hopefuls, just ten UK bestie pairs landed a spot at the London auditions, where their Double Island adventure, and the double dating, really began.

The UK cast features:

- James Talmadge and Konrad Strauss
- Seanna Cayo Ward-Kemp and Saraid Havana Ward-Kemp
- Nevaeh Joseph and Yasmin Mya
- Michael Harris and Gabriel Aduaka
- Megan Harber and Eryn Cummins
- Shevin 'Vino' Elwin and Jeremie 'Flacko' Sindika
- Andrew Obiorah and Michael Hayles
- Courtney Bixdes and Elouise Elizabeth Botterill
- Oluwatomisin 'Tom' Macaulay and Isaiah 'Zayzz' Layiwola
- Madeline Wilkie and Maria Carmo

Joining them throughout the series is creator, presenter and podcast host [Ayamé](#) who hosts the UK casts' journey from auditions through to filming in Portugal. The finale was hosted by creator [Shea Durazzo](#).

Paolo Lorenzoni, Senior Vice President of EMEA Marketing at **Tinder**, said: "At Tinder, we're always looking for ways to help people spark something new. We know young singles are craving more natural, low-pressure ways to meet people, and that's exactly what our Double Date feature delivers. It's been a huge hit with Gen Z, who love using it to turn dating into something more social and less high-stakes.

"Double Date Island" is a fun extension of that idea, putting friendship at the heart of the dating experience while allowing genuine connections to develop. TikTok is the perfect home for the series, giving audiences a front-row seat to every date, challenge and unforgettable moment as the drama unfolds."

The launch comes as research from Tinder finds almost two-thirds of young daters (63%¹) prefer more low-pressure ways to meet people, and more than a third of Gen Z (37%¹) plan to go on a group or double date this year.

Follow the journey, meet the duos and see who takes home the title by watching every episode exclusively on [@Tinder_UK](#)'s TikTok page.

Double Date Island premieres on TikTok on Thursday 13th August, with new episodes dropping daily.

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Notes to Editors

Pair One

- James Talmadge, Fire Alarm Engineer
- Konrad Strauss, Actor and Creator

Pair Two

- Seanna Cayo Ward-Kemp, Content Creator
- Saraid Havana Ward-Kemp, TikTok Live Streamer

Pair Three

- Nevaeh Joseph, Content Creator
- Yasmin Mya, Content Creator

Pair Four

- Michael Harris, Special Needs Assistant
- Gabriel Aduaka, Personal Trainer and Teaching Assistant

Pair Five

- Megan Harber, Tech Consultant
- Eryn Cummins, Nursery Worker

Pair Six

- Shevin Elwin, Real Estate Agent
- Jeremie Sindika, Model

Pair Seven

- Andrew Obiorah, Content Creator
- Michael Hayles, Content Creator

Pair Eight

- Courtney Blades, Makeup Artist
- Elouise Elizabeth Botterill, Talent Acquisition Strategist

Pair Nine

- Tom Macaulay, Content Creator
- Zayzz Layiwola, Content Creator

Pair Ten

- Madeline Wilkie, Property Valuer
- Maria Carmo, Student and NHS worker

Source

1 - A survey of 4000 18-25 year olds who are actively dating in the US, UK, Canada and Australia between October 2025 and November 2025 conducted by Opinium on behalf of Tinder ("2025 International Opinium Survey").

About Tinder

Launched in 2012, Tinder® revolutionized how people meet, growing from 1 match to one billion matches in just two years. Today, the app has been downloaded over 630 million times, leading to over 100 billion matches, serving approximately 50 million users per month in 190 countries and 45+ languages — a scale unmatched by any other app in the category. In 2024, Tinder won four Effie Awards for its first-ever global brand campaign.

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