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Insights on consumer preferences in researching and choosing trips and accommodation.







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This white paper contains key results and selected insights on preferred methods of researching and booking travel and accommodation.

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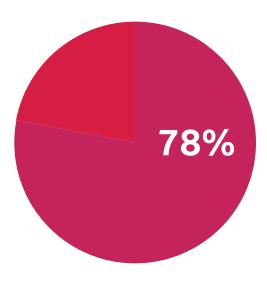
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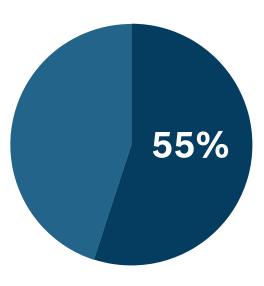
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AUSTRALIA

In the last five years



78% have taken a domestic trip.



55% have taken an international holiday trip.

AUSTRALIA

Domestic

Which of the following did you use to look for inspiration and ideas on places to go for your last holiday?

1. websites: 85%

2. recommendation/word of mouth: 39%

3. travel agent: 21%

4. TV travel show: 15%

5. travel guidebook: 12%

6. travel magazine: 12%

Insight: Booking sites were the most popular option for participants aged 18 to 34, used by 47 percent in the segment. Travel agents were the second most popular option for those aged 45+.

How did you book flights for your last domestic holiday?

45% 20% 3%

Airline direct: 45% Booking site (Expedia, Webjet etc): 32% Travel agent: 20% Other: 3%

How did you book accommodation?

40% 29% 14% 13% 4%

Booking/comparison site: 40% Direct to host: 29% Accommodation app (Airbnb etc): 14% Travel agent: 13% Other: 4%

Insight: 'Direct to host' (41 percent) was the most popular method for those aged 45 and older. Accommodation apps (24 percent) were the second most popular method for those aged 18 to 34.

What do you find most appealing in going on a domestic holiday trip?

26% 20% 15% 14% 14% 6% 3% 1%

Visiting family and friends: 26% More relaxing experience: 20% Recreational activities: 15% Cultural and local aspects: 14% Value for money: 14% Shopping options: 6% Time benefits: 3% Other: 1%

Insight: For those aged 35 to 44, recreational activities (20 percent) and a more relaxing experience (20 percent) were more appealing reasons for domestic travel, pushing visiting family and friends to third place in the segment.

AUSTRALIA

International

Which of the following did you use to look for inspiration and ideas on places to go for your last holiday?

1. websites: 83%

2. recommendation/word of mouth: 37%

3. travel agent: 31%

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4. TV travel show: 18% 7. Other: 13%

5. travel guidebook: 17%

6. travel magazine: 16%

Insight: Booking sites were the most popular option for 18- to 34-year-olds, used by 38 percent of the segment. For those aged 35 to 44, the preferred method was 'airline direct', with 32 percent in the segment preferring booking with travel agent.

How did you book flights?

40% 34% 25% 1%

Travel agent: 40% Airline direct: 34% Booking site: 25% Other: 1%

How did you book accommodation?

36% 30% 18% 13% 3%

Booking site: 36% Travel agent: 30% Direct to host: 18% Accommodation app: 13% Other: 3%

What do you find most appealing in taking an international holiday?

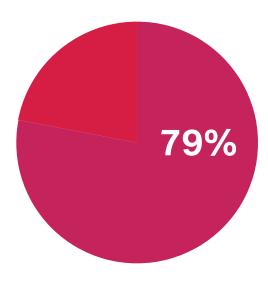
40% 15% 13% 12% 11% 5% 1%

Cultural and local aspects: 40% Visiting family and friends: 15% Value for money: 13% More relaxing experience: 12% Recreational activities: 11% Shopping options: 5% Other: 1%

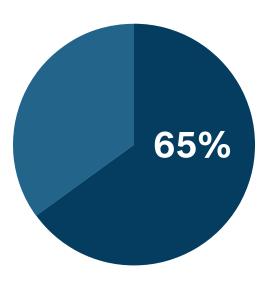
Insight: Those aged 45 and older favoured travel agents (37 percent) to booking sites (28 percent).

NEW ZEALAND

In the last five years



79% have taken a domestic trip.



65% have taken an international holiday trip.

NEW ZEALAND

Domestic

Which of the following did you use to look for inspiration and ideas on places to go for your last holiday?

1. websites: 80%

2. recommendation/word of mouth: 38%

3. other: 22%

4. travel agent: 16%



5. travel guidebook: 13%



6. TV travel show: 4%

How did you book flights for your last domestic holiday?

 58%
 26%
 13%
 3%

Airline direct: 58% Booking site (Expedia, Webjet etc): 26% Travel agent: 13% Other: 3%

How did you book accommodation?

37% 29% 18% 8% 7%

Booking/comparison site: 37% Direct to host: 29% Accommodation app (Airbnb etc): 18% Travel agent: 8% Other: 7%

What do you find most appealing in going on a domestic holiday trip?

Visiting family and friends: 36% Recreational activities: 17% More relaxing experience: 17% Cultural and local aspects: 12% Value for money: 9% Shopping options: 4% Time benefits: 3% Other: 2%

Insight: For those aged 45 and older, booking direct to host (41 percent) was more popular than booking sites (31 percent).

NEW ZEALAND

International

Which of the following did you use to look for inspiration and ideas on places to go for your last holiday?

1. websites: 77%

4. other: 17%

7. TV travel show: 8%

2. recommendation/word of mouth: 37%

5. travel guidebook: 11%



3. travel agent: 28%

6. travel magazine: 8%

Insight: Recommendation/word of mouth was most popular among those aged 18 to 34, used by 43 percent in the group for inspiration; compared to 38 percent of those aged 35 to 44 and 34 percent of those aged 45+. It is also much more heavily favoured by females in the study, with 47 percent of all female participants using recommendations and only 27 percent of males.

How did you book flights?

41% 37% 20% 1%

Travel agent: 41% Airline direct: 37% Booking site: 20% Other: 1%

How did you book accommodation?

33% 29% 21% 13% 4%

Booking/comparison site: 33% Travel agent: 29% Direct to host: 21% Accommodation app: 13% Other: 4%

What do you find most appealing in going on a international holiday?

32% 28% 14% 9% 8% 4% 2%

Visiting family and friends: 32% Cultural and local aspects: 28% More relaxing experience: 14% Recreational activities: 9% Value for money: 8% Shopping options: 4% Other: 2%

Insight: For travellers in the 18 to 34 and 35 to 44 age groups, cultural and local aspects (31 percent and 29 percent respectively) were more popular than visiting family and friends (21 percent and 24 percent respectively). Those aged 45 and older favoured visiting family and friends (43 percent) much more than cultural and local aspects (26 percent) and other appeals.



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