



INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

April 2025

#### **International Travel**



- 1. The U.S. travel landscape is facing near-term challenges driven by uncertainty, geopolitical tensions, trade policy shocks and immigration
  - Trade shocks and immigration enforcement are weakening U.S. national competitiveness in the short term
  - Rising negative sentiment among leisure and business travelers is posing a risk to travel demand
- 2. Steep Decline in Inbound International Travel forecasted for 2025

U.S.

- 9.4% drop in international arrivals
- \$9.0B loss in visitor spending, with Canada accounting for ~\$3.4B

**Travel South** 

- ☐ 11% drop in international arrivals
- \$421M loss in visitor spending, with Canada accounting for ~\$250M



#### Overview



**Visitor Economy** Overview of Historic & Forecast Visitation and Spending by Tourism Economics

**Exports (Goods)** Exports Market snapshot by the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis

**International Students** International Student Survey Results from Open Doors

**Visitor Perception** Perception of International Visitors who are likely to travel to the U.S. or a Travel

South destination by Brand USA and Future Partners

**Resources** Links to Market Profiles, along with other Travel South resources

#### Arkansas' International Visitor Economy



Highlighting the State's Global Interconnectivity



#### **Forecasts**

By 2025, forecasted to reach \$110 million and 103,000 visitors

#### **US Inbound Travel Rebound - Key Markets**

- International inbound spending is expected to decline by 4% from 2024, a 6% decrease compared to 2019.
- Japan, India and Brazil are projected to grow in 2025, with South Korea remaining flat.
- Fueled by visitors from India, DACH Region, United Kingdom/Ireland, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Brazil, Taiwan, South Korea, and China, accounting for 58% of the state's 2023 international tourism expenditures.

#### **Exports by Market**

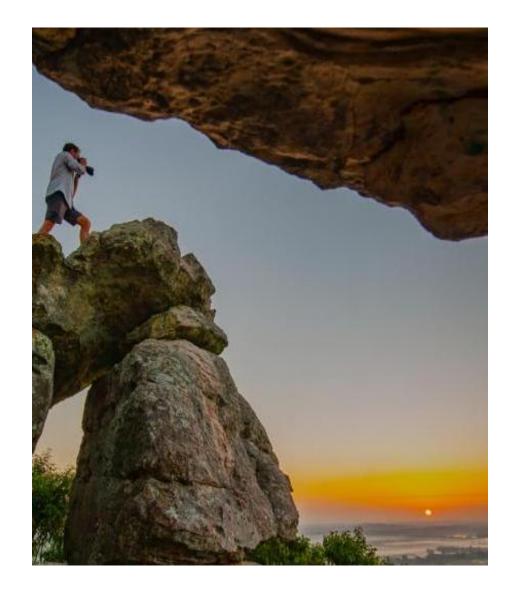
- 1,600 companies exported \$7 billion worth of goods
- Exports to Canada, Mexico, Japan, China, Brazil and the United Kingdom are among the top origin markets of visitation
- India accounts for three out of ten international student population
- 81% of visits are non-business related

#### Arkansas' International Visitor Economy

Highlighting the State's Global Interconnectivity, cont.

- Arkansas' investment in regional marketing amplifies the state's brand internationally and targets high-value travelers, enhancing regional economies and diversifying the visitor economy.
- Collaborative marketing efforts under Travel South USA (TSUSA) further strengthen Arkansas' strategic advantage.
- Major gateway airports like Atlanta, Chicago O'Hare and Dallas allow easy access to the state.
- Proximity to neighboring states— Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee, and Mississippi—attracts international travelers interested in the Travel South's natural beauty, cultural heritage, and connectivity, thus enriching Arkansas' tourism landscape.







# Visitor Economy

April 15, 2025



#### 2025 Outlook: Visitor Spending by Key Markets

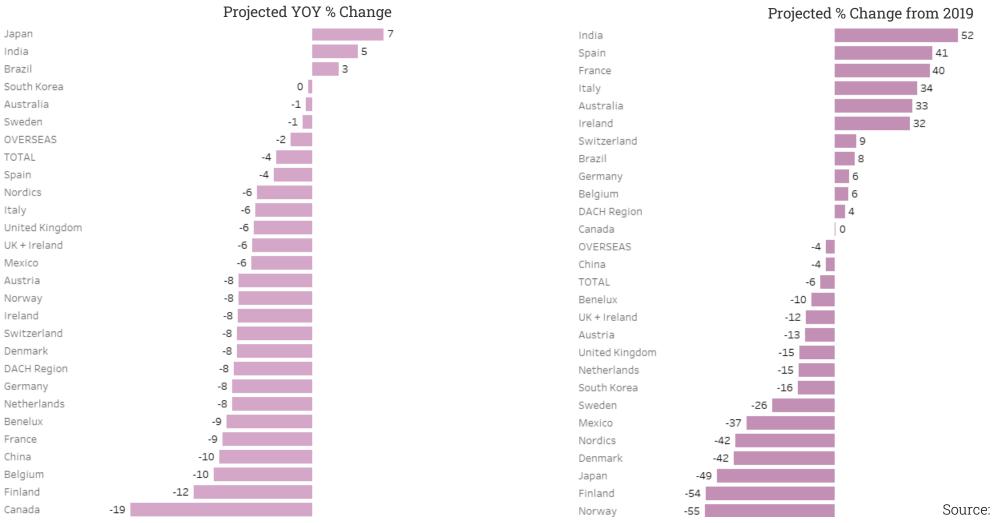


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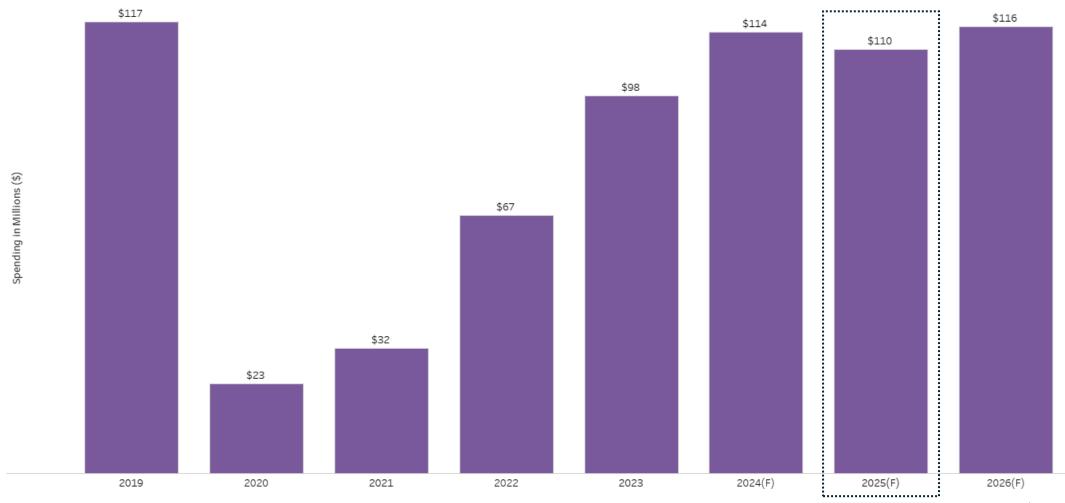
## 2025 Key-Market Spending Outlook: Year-over-Year Shifts

#### 2019 Baseline Comparison





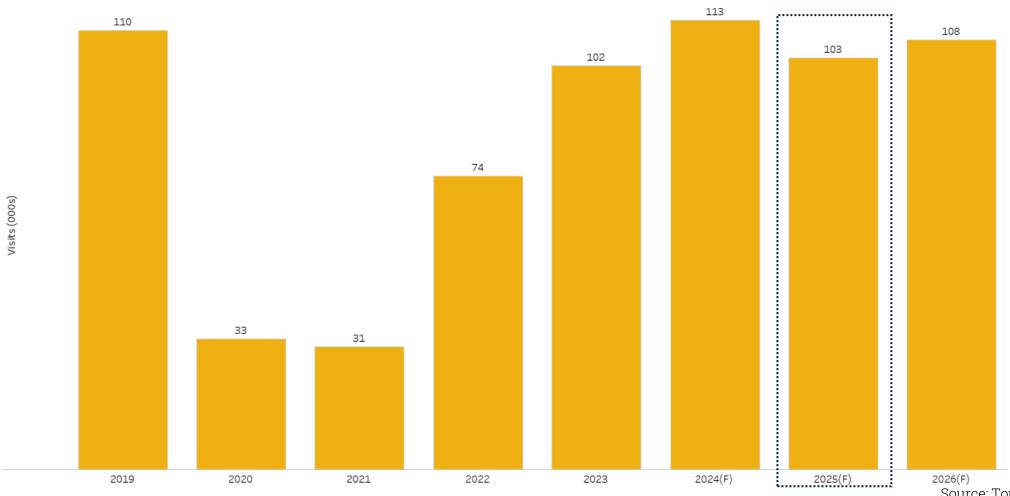
2025 Spending Outlook: Down 4% from 2024, still below 2019



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#### 2025 Visitor Volume Outlook: Down 8% from 2024, still below 2019



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#### **\$110M** Projected Spend and **103,000** Visits in **2025**, down 4% and 8% from **2024**

- Tourism Economics estimates Overseas spending to decline by 2% year-over-year (yoy) in 2025 Canada, a 19% decline
- Japan, India and Brazil are projected to grow in 2025, with South Korea remaining flat
- U.K./Ireland, India, Canada, Australia and the DACH Region are forecasted to be amongst the top five markets

Market	Spending (\$M)	YOY Spend % Change	Visits (000s)	YOY Visits % Change	% Change from 2019 Spend	% Change from 2019 Visits
TOTAL	110	-4	103	-8	-6	-6
OVERSEAS	97	-2	65	-4	-4	-3
UK + Ireland	9	-6	7	-7	-12	-8
India	9	5	5	1	52	55
United Kingdom	8	-6	6	-7	-15	-7
Canada	7	-19	18	-21	0	-22
Australia	6	-1	3	-2	33	-4
DACH Region	6	-8	4	-9	4	-10
Brazil	6	3	3	-2	8	27
Mexico	6	-6	21	-8	-37	3
China	5	-10	3	-9	-4	-33
South Korea	4	0	3	-1	-16	-24
Japan	4	7	4	7	-49	-50
Germany	4	-8	2	-10	6	-18
France	3	-9	3	-10	40	16
Nordics	2	-6	1	-7	-42	-40
Italy	2	-6	1	-8	34	-1
Benelux	2	-9	1	-9	-10	-17



#### \$110M Projected Spend and 103,000 Visits in 2025 (cont.)

Market	Spending (\$M)	F YOY Spend % Change	Visits (000s)	YOY Visits % Change	% Change from 2019 Spend	% Change from 2019 Visits
Israel	2	11	1	6	-29	-7
Taiwan	1	16	1	8	-47	-7
Spain	1	-4	1	-7	41	19
Switzerland	1	-8	1	-8	9	10
United Arab Emirates	1	1	0	3	-34	-39
Netherlands	1	-8	1	-10	-15	-14
Poland	1	2	1	-5	77	128
Philippines	1	1	1	1	23	45
South Africa	1	0	0	-2	-6	-26
Ireland	1	-8	1	-7	32	-13
Argentina	1	5	1	1	-6	-25
Sweden	1	-1	1	-4	-26	-29
Ukraine	1	6	0	4	127	-35
Egypt	1	-4	0	-4	-63	-42
Denmark	1	-8	0	-11	-42	-38
Austria	1	-8	0	-8	-13	26
Singapore	1	1	0	1	-40	-28
Turkiye	1	2	0	-1	-23	-54



#### Visitor Spending 2019-2025F:

		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024(F)	2025(F) \mp
Spending	TOTAL	\$117	\$23	\$32	\$67	\$98	\$114	\$110
(\$M)	OVERSEAS	\$101	\$19	\$28	\$57	\$84	\$99	\$97
	UK + Ireland	\$10	\$1	\$1	\$8	\$9	\$10	\$9
	India	\$6	\$1	\$2	\$5	\$6	\$8	\$9
	Canada	\$7	\$1	\$1	\$5	\$9	\$9	\$7
	Australia	\$5	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$5	\$6	\$6
	DACH Region	\$6	\$1	\$1	\$5	\$6	\$6	\$6
	Brazil	\$5	\$1	\$1	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$6
	Mexico	\$9	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$5	\$6	\$6
	China	\$6	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$3	\$6	\$5
	South Korea	\$5	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$4	\$4	\$4
	Japan	\$8	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$4	\$4	\$4
	France	\$2	\$0	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$3	\$3
	Nordics	\$3	\$1	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
	Italy	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$2	\$2	\$2
	Benelux	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$2
	Spain	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1

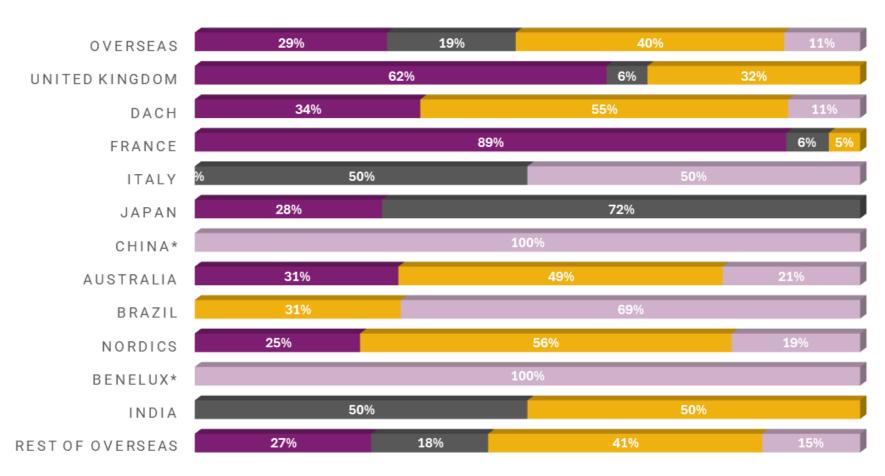


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(000s)	OVERSEAS	67	18	18	42	59	67	65
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	Canada	24	6	3	15	23	23	18
	UK + Ireland	7	2	1	6	7	7	7
	India	3	1	1	3	4	5	5
	DACH Region	4	1	1	3	3	4	4
	Japan	7	2	1	1	3	3	4
	Brazil	2	1	1	2	2	3	3
	Australia	3	1	0	1	3	3	3
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	France	2	1	1	2	3	3	3
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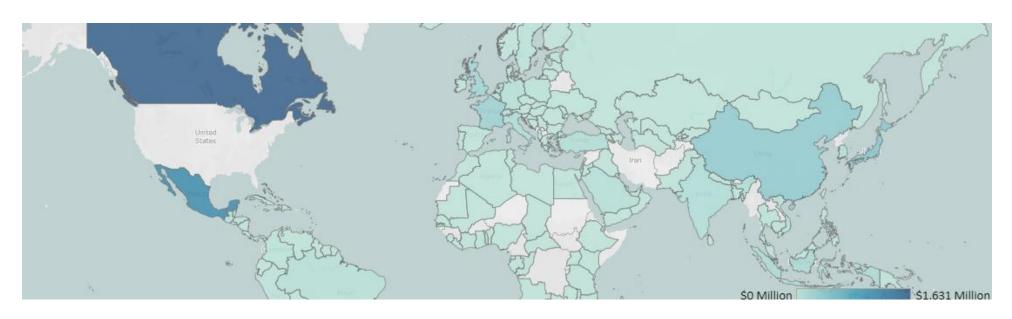


Source: SIAT, 2022/2023. \* indicates small sample size



# Exports (Goods)





\$7 Billion

#### **TOP COUNTRIES**

**MEXICO** 

CANADA

**FRANCE** 

CHINA

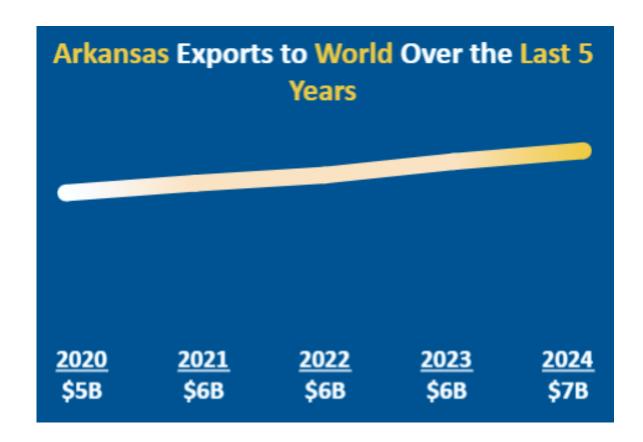
**BRAZIL** 

**JAPAN** 



#### **Goods Exports by Country**

(in millions)



Partner	2024 🗐
World	\$6,894
Mexico	\$1,597
Canada	\$1,490
France	\$400
China	\$227
Brazil	\$159
Japan	\$153
Switzerland	\$153
Israel	\$151
United Kingdom	\$140
South Korea	\$138
Netherlands	\$138
Belgium	\$130
Indonesia	\$112
Ukraine	\$109
Germany	\$104



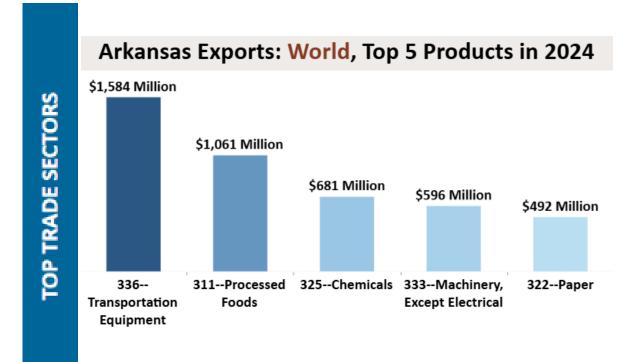
1,625

Arkansas companies exported goods in 2021

**78%** 

of them were small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)\*

\* SMEs are businesses that employ fewer than 500 employees.





# International Students



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2022/23

STUDENT-VISIT RATIO

INDEXED STUDENT-VISIT RATIO U.S. = 100

5,776

4.9%

460



#### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2023/24**

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**5,776**International Students



Rank in the United States\*



1.7
% Change from Previous Year



\$146,885,647 Estimated International Student Expenditure\*\*

#### **LEADING PLACES OF ORIGIN**

Place of Origin	% Total
India	32.3
Bahamas	5.5
Nigeria	4.8
Panama	4.3
China	3.9

#### **LEADING INSTITUTIONS**

Institution	Total
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	1,549
Southern Arkansas University - Magnolia	1,186
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	761
University of Central Arkansas	402
University of the Ozarks	249



# Visitor Perception

#### MARKET PROFILES









POPULATION 2024

REAL GDP GROWTH 2025 PROJECTION

CURRENCY RATE INDIAN RUPEE 2024 INFLATION RATE 2025 PROJECTION TRAVEL &
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1.4B

6.5%

83.68

4.1%

27.1%

59.4%

# 85%

Likelihood to Visit Travel South in the next Five Years

### Most Important Content For Destination Decisions:



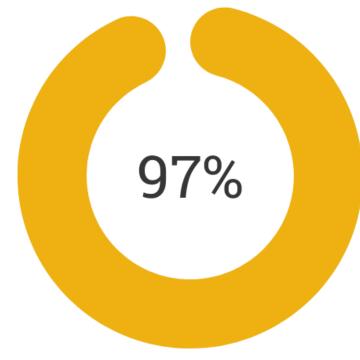
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- 28% Shopping
- 27% Safety
- 27% Beaches
- 26% Entertainment, events, shows
- 24% Ways to experience nature
- 22% Historical attractions
- 22% Family fun
- 21% Hotels and lodging
- 21% Opportunities for relaxation
- 20% Ways to experience the American lifestyle
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- 17% Availability of direct flight service
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- 14% Outdoor activities (biking, boating, hiking, etc.)
- 14% Things to do outside the large cities
- 13% Snow/winter activities (skiing, sledding, etc.)
- 12% Commitment to being an eco-friendly/sustainable place
- 11% Transportation and how to get around
- 10% Professional sporting events
- 9% Touristy attractions to avoid
- 8% Recommendations from residents
- 7% Off-the-beaten path attractions
- 7% Level of crowds
- 6% Sample trip itineraries

Recall of "Buzz": Travel South Destinations

71%

Overall, **one-third of international travelers** reported seeing a travel-related advertisement or other promotion about Southern destinations in the past year.





APPEAL

Destination Appeal of TRAVEL SOUTH as a place to visit on a vacation



**FAMILIARITY** 

Destination Familiarity with the attractions and things to see and do in TRAVEL SOUTH





3.0

Average Number of Leisure International Trips

2 Trips

1 Trip

50%

21%

3-4 Trips

14%

5+ Trips

15%





2.5

Average Number of Bleisure Trips % of Business Trips with a Leisure Extension

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12%	

1+ Trips

1 Trip

40%

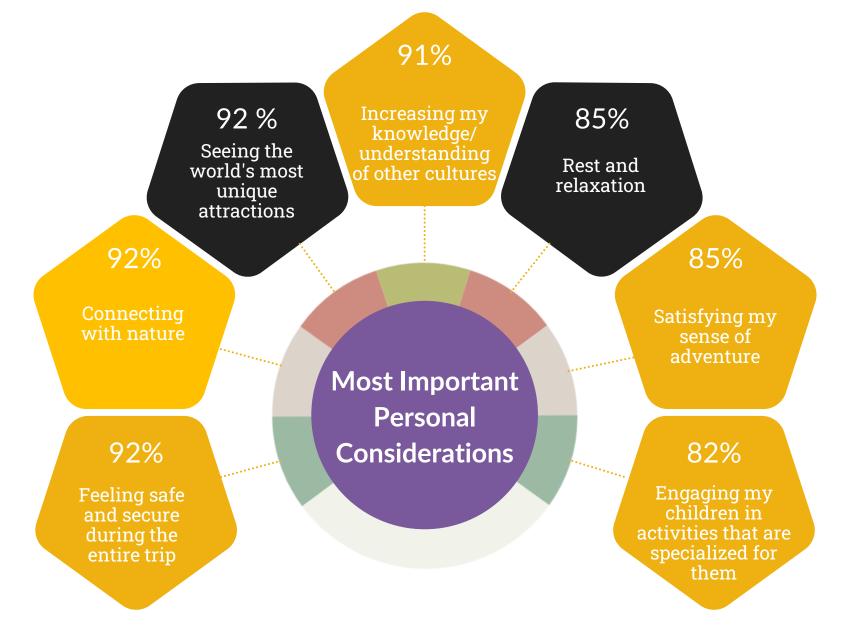
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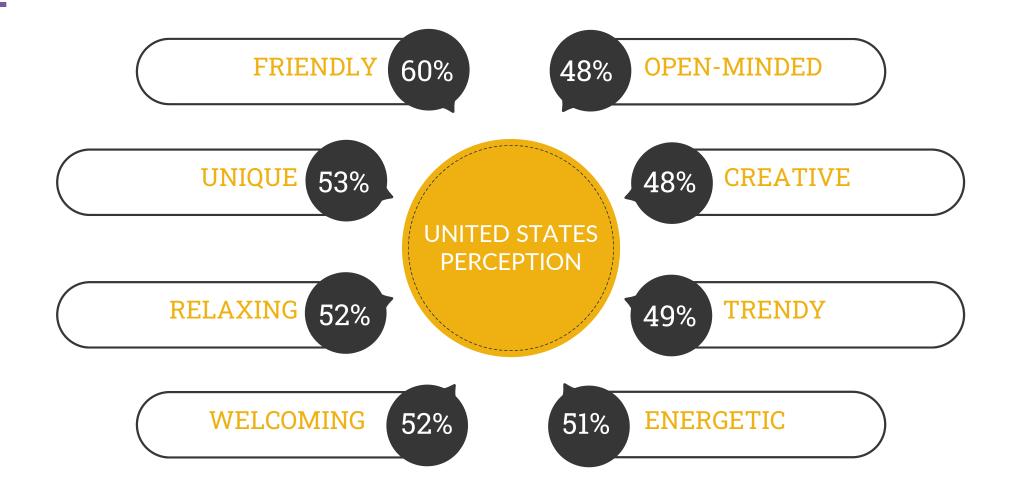
21%





#### Most Important Most Discouraging When Choosing a Destination From Visiting a Destination 63% Uncleanliness in the destination **91%** Climate or weather at the destination **89%** Natural features/landscapes **55%** Personal safety concerns **52%** Inconvenience of travel to the destination **89%** Accommodation options **51** % Lack of environmental responsibilities **89%** Landmarks and sightseeing options **88%** Ease of travel to the destination **48%** Lack of information for planning trip & at destination **46%** High prices **88%** Leisure attractions **44%** Visa requirements/entry procedures **88%** Appeal of local culture **43%** Political climate not aligning with personal views **87%** Beaches/coastal activities

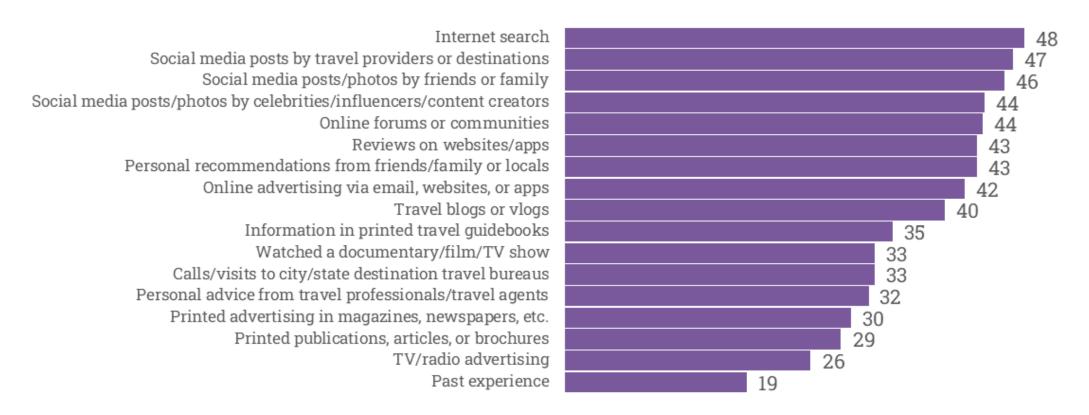








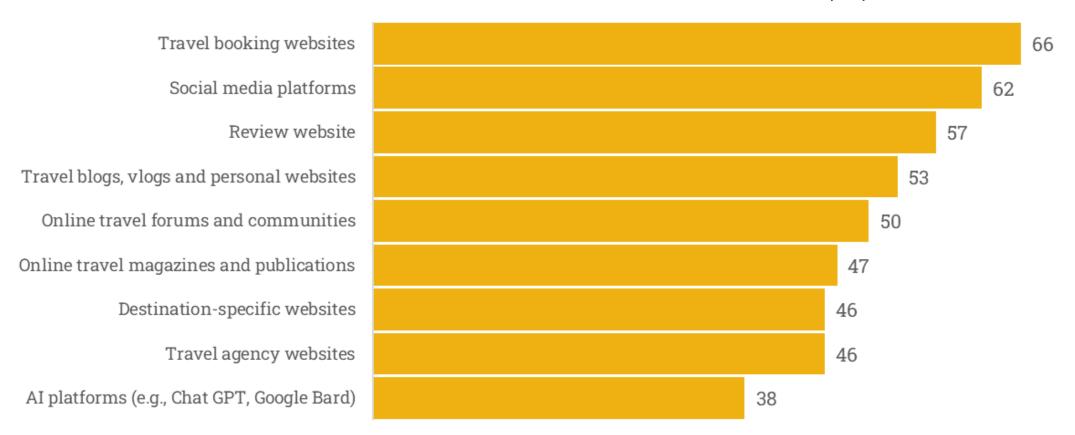
#### Sources of Information for Destination Selection (%)







#### Websites Used for Destination Selection (%)







#### Social Media Participation

YouTube	96%
Instagram	94%
Facebook/META	89%
Twitter/X	73%
Snapchat	68%
LinkedIn	65%
Pinterest	58%
Reddit	31%
Tumblr	12 %

### **INDIA**

# Likelihood of how 2025 will evolve:

Percentages show the total of "Strongly Agree" + "Agree"

73%

With higher temperatures each year, travelers will try to seek out cooler places



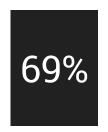
Luxury travel experiences are an important part of leisure trips



Travelers are more proactive in reducing the impact of their travel on the environment



Climate change will have a significant impact on leisure travel in the next five years



Global wars/strife will impact the destinations visited in 2025





POPULATION 2024

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**EXPORTS** 

40M

2.4%

1.37

1.9%

5.5%

28.0%

# 44%

Likelihood to Visit Travel South in the next Five Years

# Most Important Content For Destination Decisions:



- 40% Safety
- 36% Hotels and lodging
- 36% Restaurants and food
- 28% Availability of direct flight service
- 28% Beaches
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- 5% Ways to experience the American lifestyle
- 4% Commitment to being an eco-friendly/sustainable place
- 2% Snow/winter activities (skiing, sledding, etc.)

Recall of "Buzz": Travel South Destinations

20%

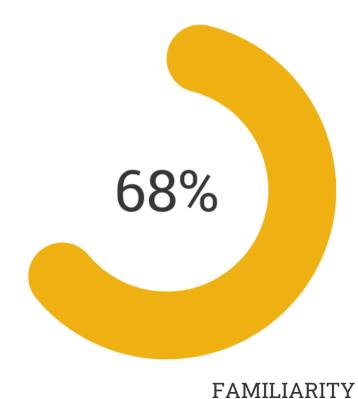
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APPEAL

Destination Appeal of TRAVEL SOUTH as a place to visit on a vacation



Destination Familiarity with the attractions and

things to see and do in TRAVEL SOUTH



3.2

Average Number of Leisure International Trips

2 Trips			
25%			

1 Trip

30%



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Average Number of Bleisure Trips % of Business Trips with a Leisure Extension

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26%		
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17%		
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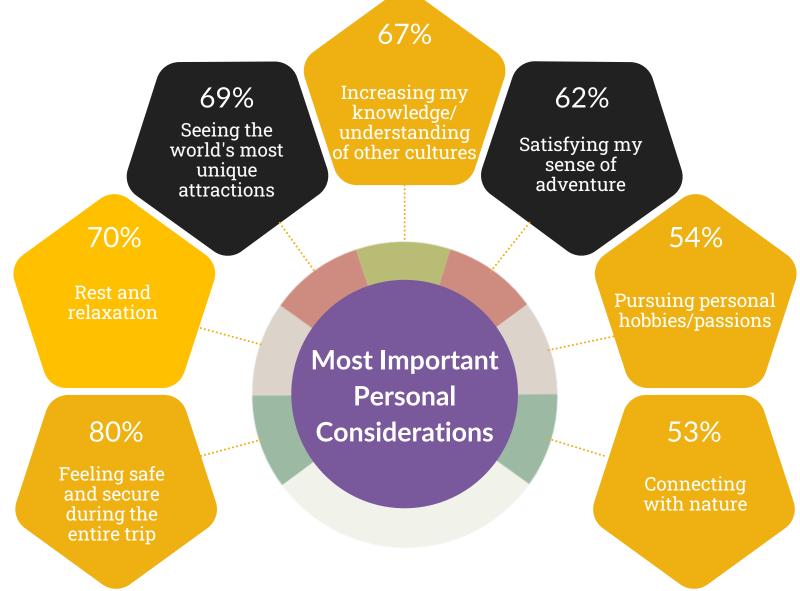
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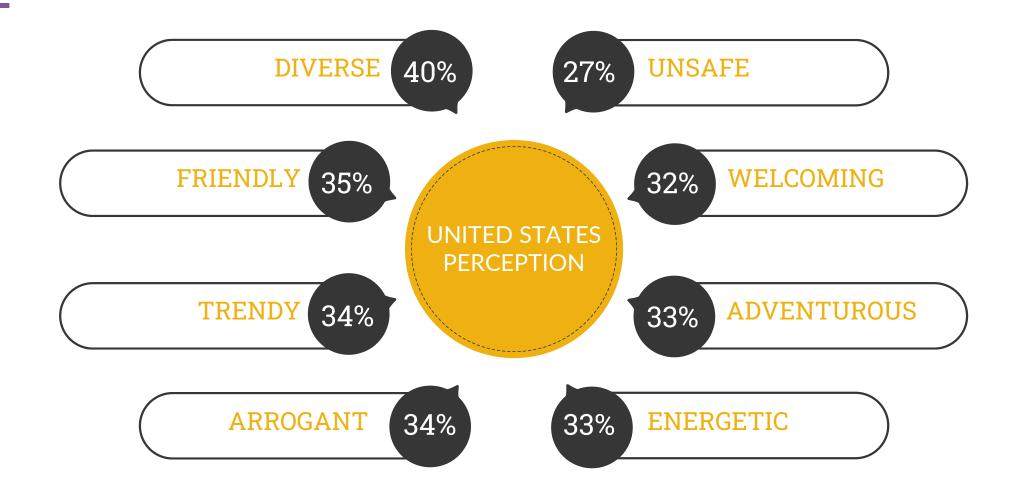






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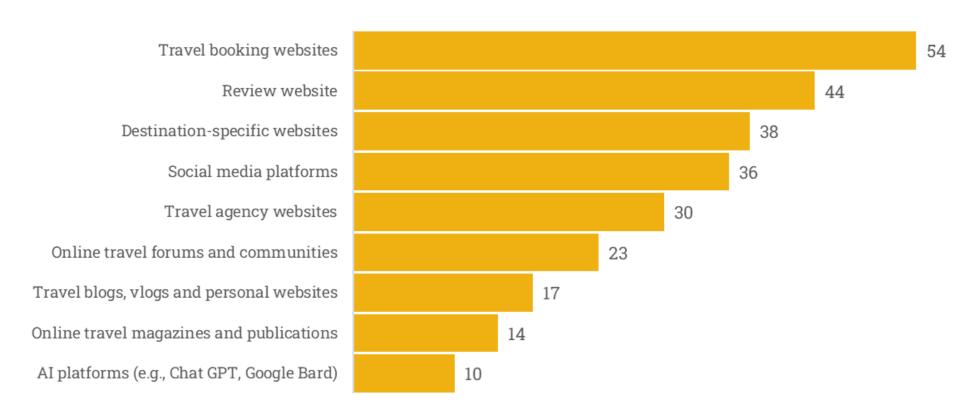


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Note: Canadian visitors who have taken an overnight international trip since June 2022 and are interested in visiting the Travel South Region

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52%

If a U.S. destination has a problem with over-tourism, travelers are less likely to visit



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Likelihood to Visit Travel South in the next Five Years

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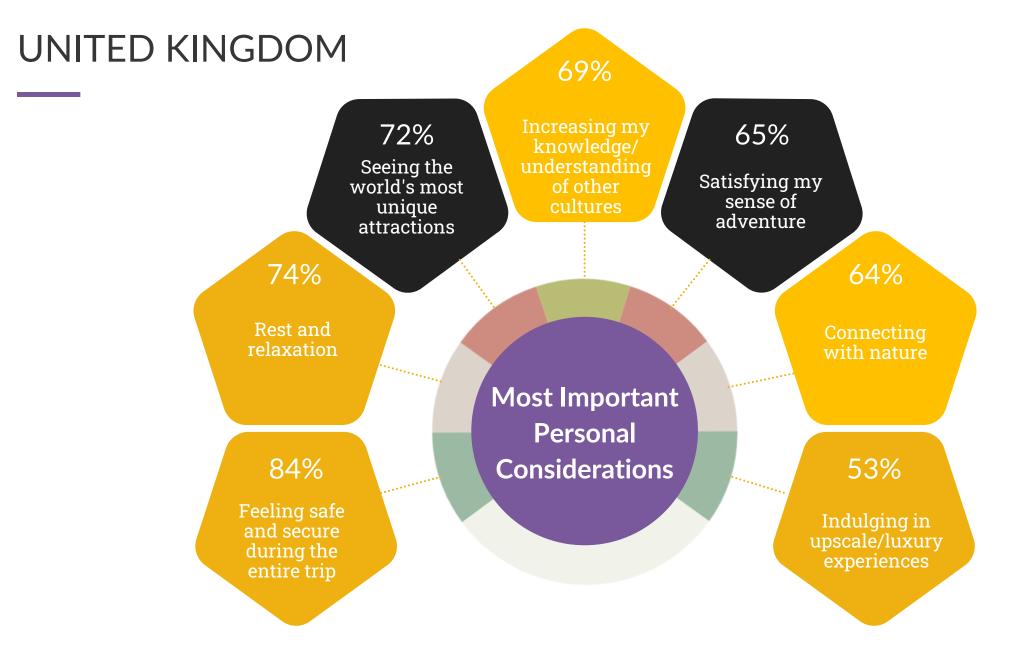


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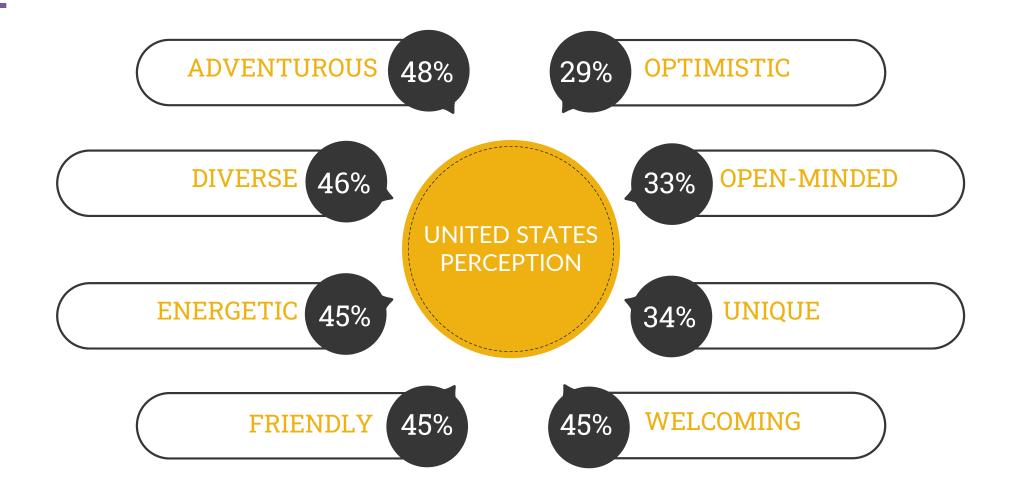
5%





Most Important When Choosing a Destination	Most Discouraging From Visiting a Destination
80% Accommodation options	<b>59%</b> Uncleanliness in the destination
78% Appeal of local culture	56% Personal safety concerns
77% Climate or weather at the destination	<b>47%</b> High prices
74% Natural features/landscapes	39% Lack of information for planning trip & at destination
73% Landmarks and sightseeing options	<b>36%</b> Crowdedness
<b>70%</b> Ease of travel to the destination	<b>30%</b> Political climate not aligning with personal views
63% Leisure attractions	<b>30%</b> Inconvenience of travel to the destination
57% Ease of communication with locals at the destination	29% Lack of environmental responsibilities





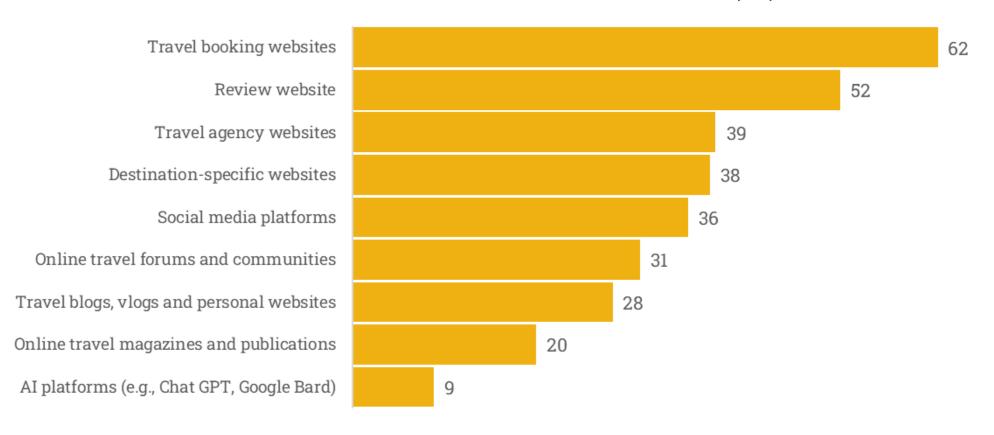


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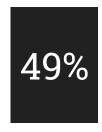


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6.3%

17.9%



Likelihood to Visit Travel South in the next Five Years

# Most Important Content For Destination Decisions:



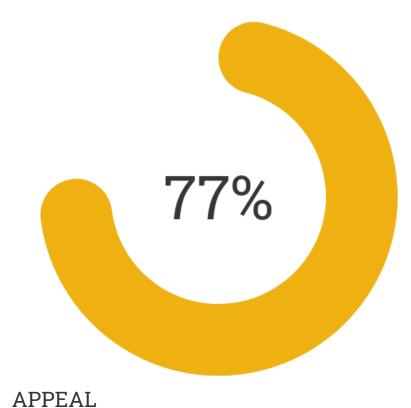
- 38% Hotels and lodging
- 36% Safety
- 33% Beaches
- 30% National Parks
- 30% Historical attractions
- 29% Important or iconic attractions
- 29% Restaurants and food
- 22% Opportunities for relaxation
- 22% Availability of direct flight service
- 21% Ways to experience nature
- 18% Shopping
- 18% Family fun
- 17% Museums and culture
- 17% Sightseeing tours
- 15% Ways to experience the American lifestyle
- 12% Transportation and how to get around
- 12% Entertainment, events, shows
- 12% Outdoor activities (biking, boating, hiking, etc.)
- 1% Touristy attractions to avoid
- 11% Recommendations from residents
- 11% Off-the-beaten path attractions
- 10% Things to do outside the large cities
- 9% Theme parks
- 9% Ideas for adventurous travel
- 7% Level of crowds
- 6% Professional sporting events
- 6% Sample trip itineraries
- 6% Commitment to being an eco-friendly/sustainable place
- 4% Snow/winter activities (skiing, sledding, etc.)

Recall of "Buzz": Travel South Destinations

24%

Overall, **one-third of international travelers** reported seeing a travel-related advertisement or other promotion about Southern destinations in the past year.





Destination Appeal of TRAVEL SOUTH as a place to visit on a vacation



Destination Familiarity with the attractions and things to see and do in TRAVEL SOUTH



4.0

Average Number of Leisure International Trips

1 Trip 19% 2 Trips 28% 3-4 Trips 30%

5+ Trips

23%



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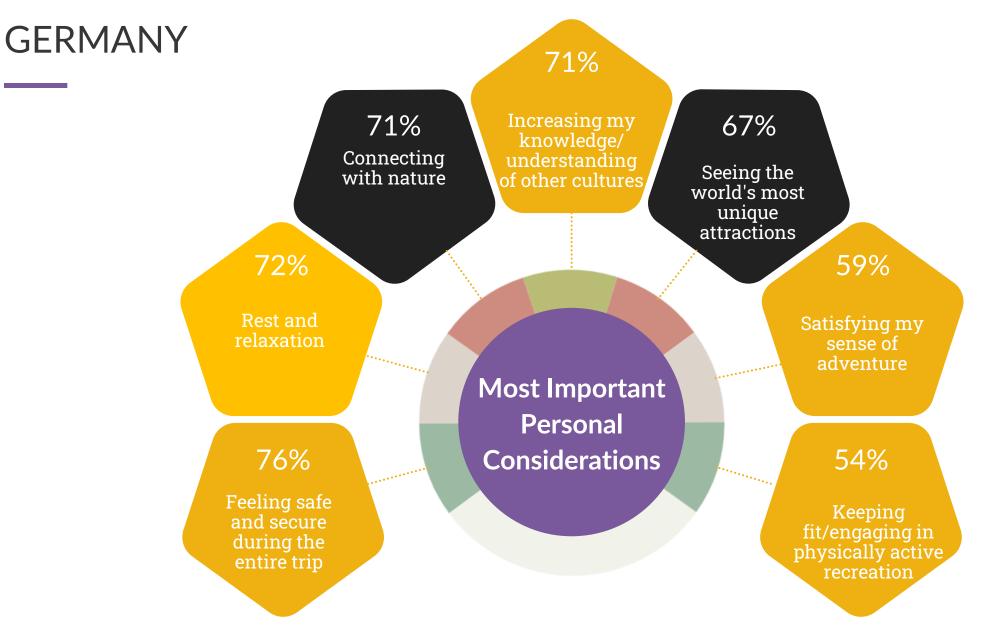
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1+ Trips

10%

3+ Trips





TRAVEL

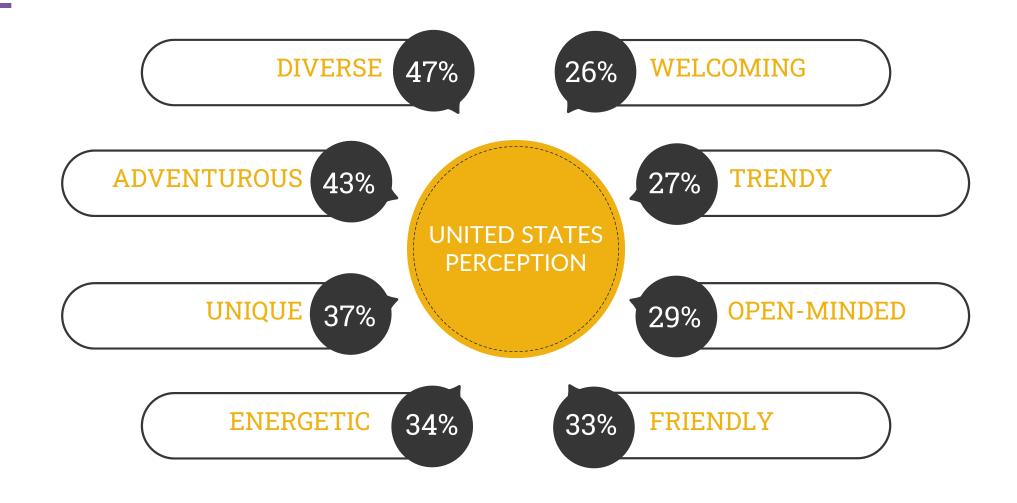
SOUTH

USA

#### Most Important Most Discouraging When Choosing a Destination From Visiting a Destination **48%** Personal safety concerns **75%** Climate or weather at the destination **74%** Landmarks and sightseeing options **46%** Uncleanliness in the destination **42%** Crowdedness **73%** Accommodation options **38%** High prices **73%** Natural features/landscapes 72% Beaches/coastal activities **38%** Political climate not aligning with personal views **31** % Lack of environmental responsibilities **68%** Appeal of local culture **30%** Lack of information for planning trip & at destination **68%** Leisure attractions 25% Inconvenience of travel to the destination **65%** Ease of travel to the destination

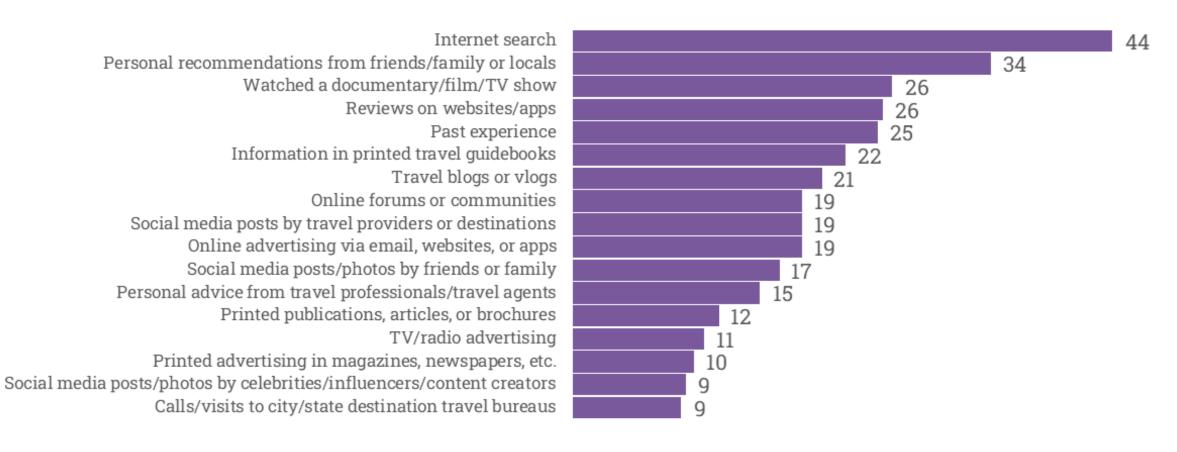
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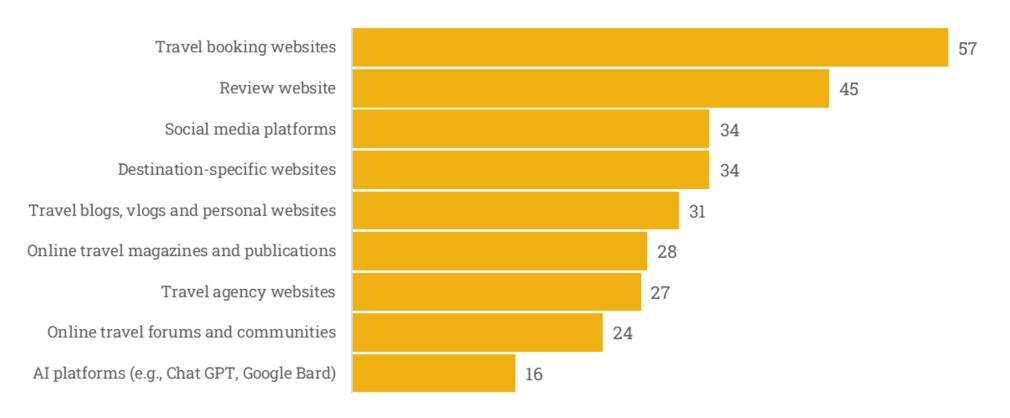


#### Sources of Information for Destination Selection (%)





#### Websites Used for Destination Selection (%)





#### Social Media Participation

YouTube	78%
Instagram	69%
Facebook/META	56%
Tik Tok	52%
Twitter/X	32%
Snapchat	31%
Pinterest	29%
LinkedIn	24%
Reddit	14%
Xing	14%
Tumblr	6 %

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#### Likelihood of how 2025 will evolve:

Percentages show the total of "Strongly Agree" + "Agree"



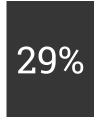
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Global wars/strife will impact the destinations visited in 2025



Travelers are more proactive in reducing the impact of their travel on the environment



Climate change will have a significant impact on leisure travel in the next five years



Luxury travel experiences are an important part of leisure trips





POPULATION 2024

REAL GDP GROWTH 2025 PROJECTION

CURRENCY RATE MEXICAN PESO 2024 INFLATION RATE 2025 PROJECTION TRAVEL &
TOURISM
as a share of
2023 TOTAL U.S.
GOODS & SERVICES
EXPORTS

TRAVEL &
TOURISM
as a share of
2023 TOTAL U.S.
SERVICES
EXPORTS

131M

1.3%

18.33

3.8%

5.8%

48.5%

# 59%

Likelihood to Visit Travel South in the next Five Years

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Recall of "Buzz": Travel South Destinations

43%

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APPEAL

Destination Appeal of TRAVEL SOUTH as a place to visit on a vacation



**FAMILIARITY** 

Destination Familiarity with the attractions and things to see and do in TRAVEL SOUTH



2.2

Average Number of Leisure International Trips 2 Trips

30%

1 Trip

47%

3-4 Trips

14%

5+ Trips

8%



1.4

Average Number of Bleisure Trips % of Business Trips with a Leisure Extension

1 Trip			
28%			

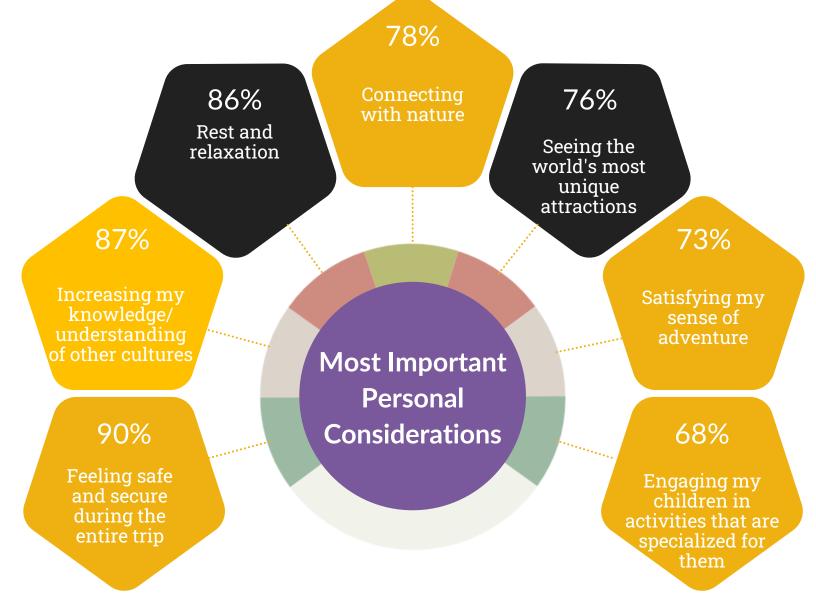
1+ Trips

**57%** 



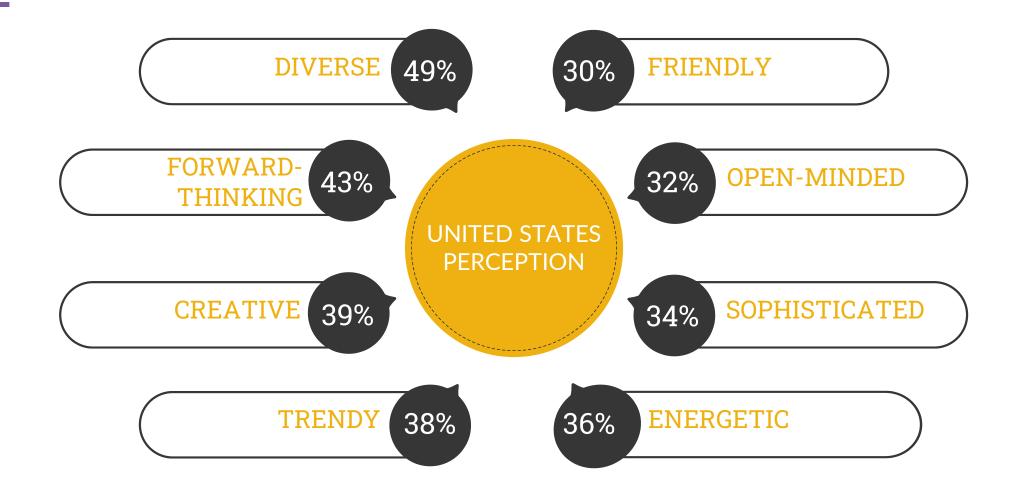






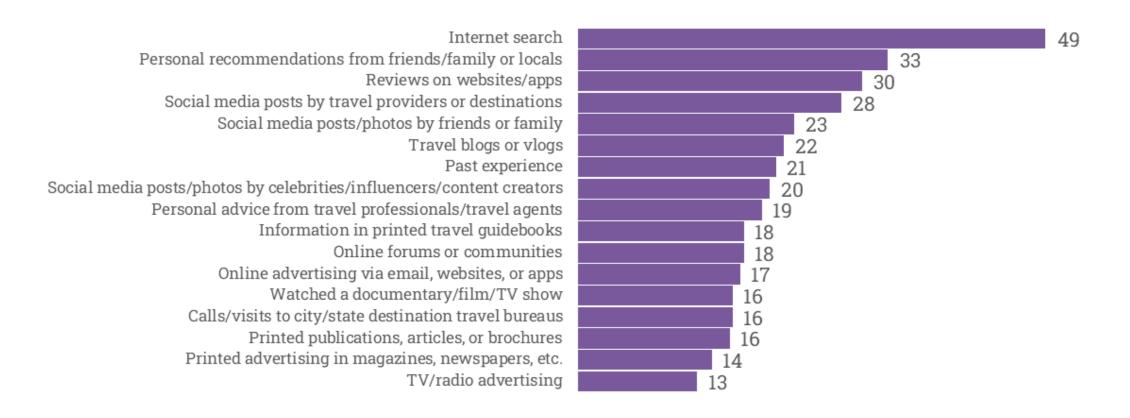
#### Most Important Most Discouraging When Choosing a Destination From Visiting a Destination **57%** Uncleanliness in the destination **89%** Accommodation options **85%** Landmarks and sightseeing options **53%** High prices **51%** Personal safety concerns **84%** Appeal of local culture **45%** Lack of information for planning trip & at destination **82%** Natural features/landscapes **39%** Lack of environmental responsibilities **80%** Climate or weather at the destination **79%** Leisure attractions **37%** Political climate not aligning with personal views **35%** Inconvenience of travel to the destination **77%** Ease of travel to the destination 76% Beaches/coastal activities **32%** Visa requirements/entry procedures







#### Sources of Information for Destination Selection (%)

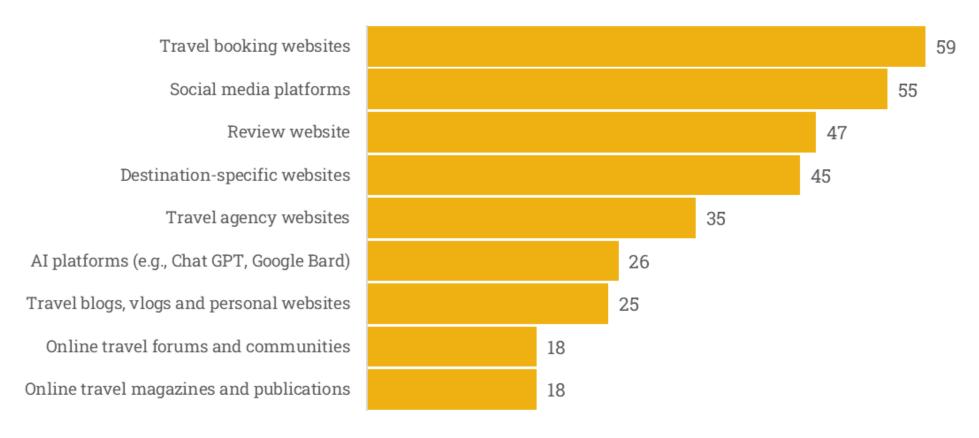


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#### Websites Used for Destination Selection (%)







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56%

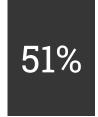
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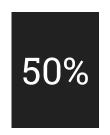
Travelers are likely to take a slow-cation in the next year (i.e., a longer trip spent in a single destination)



With higher temperatures each year, travelers will try to seek out cooler places



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# Resources





