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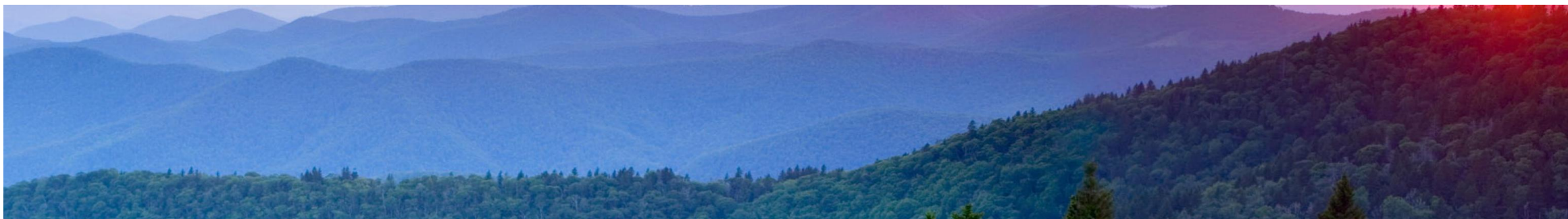
DISCOVER
South Carolina

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



*Deeper Dive reports, compiled by **Esra Calvert**, utilize data from Travel South's primary data affiliates, with the TSUSA Global Partner Program, Brand USA, Tourism Economics, Future Partners and secondary data to provide a multifaceted view of the markets.*

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

South Carolina's International Visitor Economy



Highlighting the State's Global Interconnectivity



Outlook

- By 2025, forecasted to reach **\$526 million** and **480,000 visitors**

US Inbound Travel Rebound – Key Markets

- International inbound spending is expected to decline by 9% from 2024, a 10% decrease compared to 2019.
- **Japan, India, Brazil and South Korea are projected to grow in 2025.**
- Fueled by visitors from **Canada, DACH Region, United Kingdom/Ireland, India, China, Nordics, Brazil, France, South Korea and Australia**, accounting for **74%** of the state's international tourism expenditures

Exports by Market

- **4,500 companies** exported **\$38 billion** worth of goods
- Exports to **Germany, Canada, China, South Korea and the United Kingdom** are among the top origin markets of visitation
- **India and China** account for half of the international student population
- **81%** of visits are non-business related

South Carolina's International Visitor Economy



Highlighting the State's Global Interconnectivity, cont.

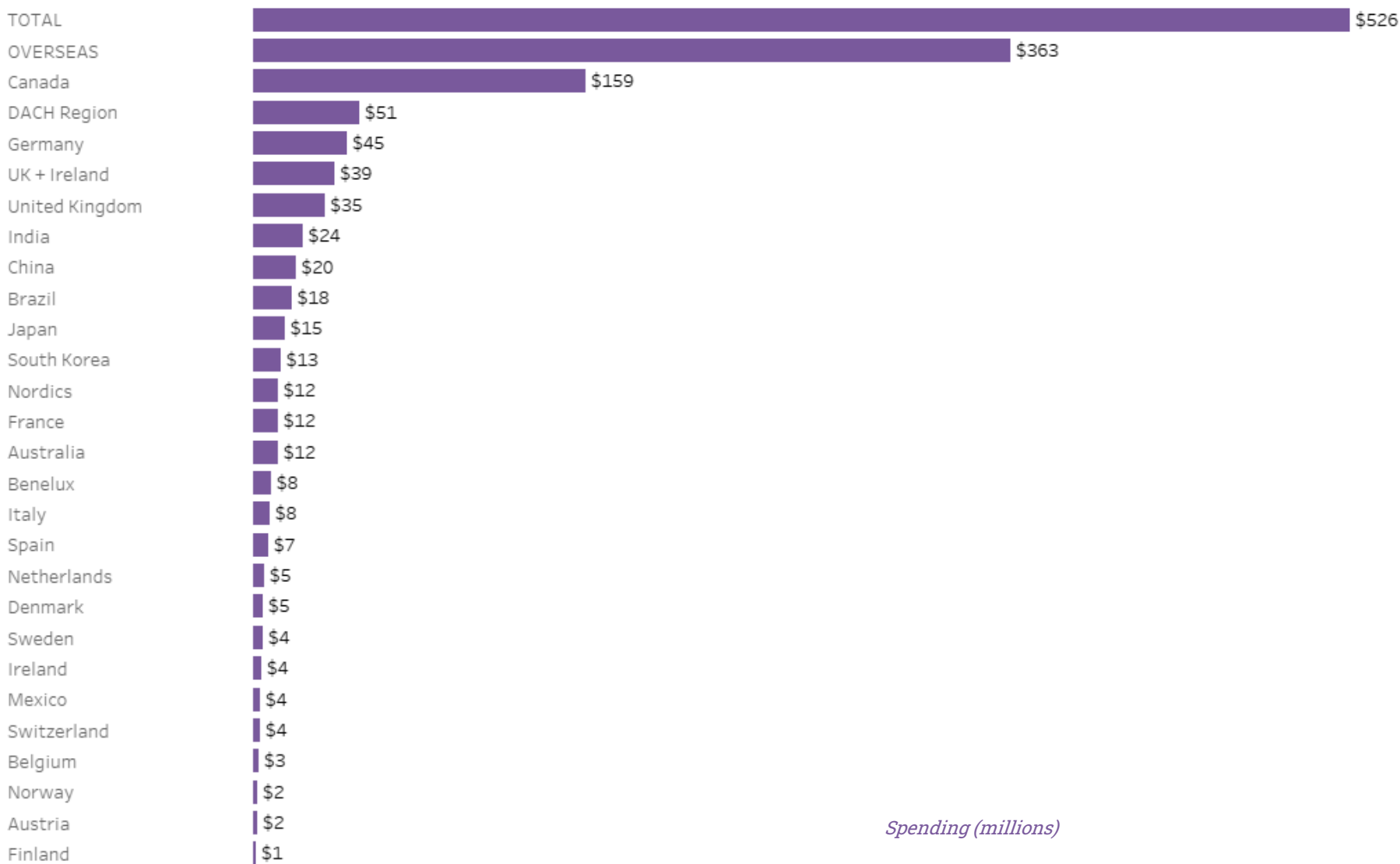
- South Carolina's investment in regional marketing amplifies the state's brand internationally and targets high-value travelers, enhancing regional economies and diversifying the visitor economy.
- Collaborative marketing efforts under Travel South USA (TSUSA) further strengthen South Carolina's strategic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



Visitor Economy

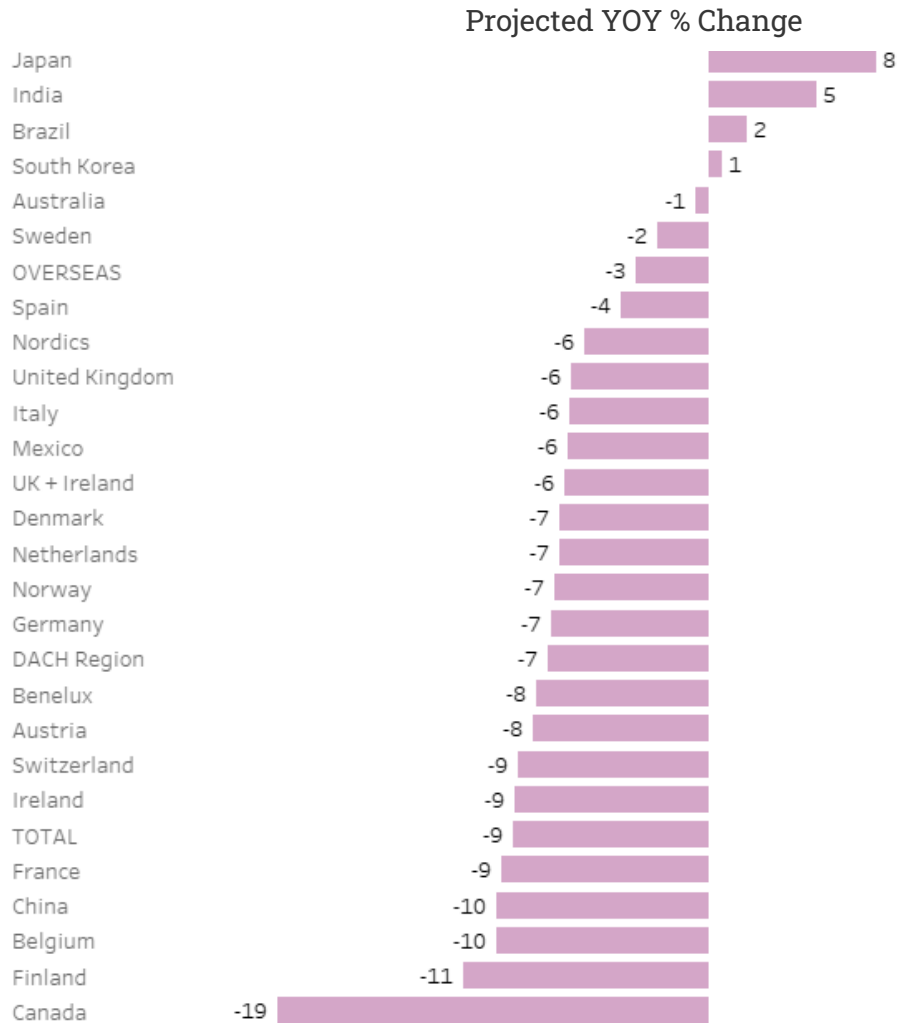
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2025 Outlook: Visitor Spending by Key Markets

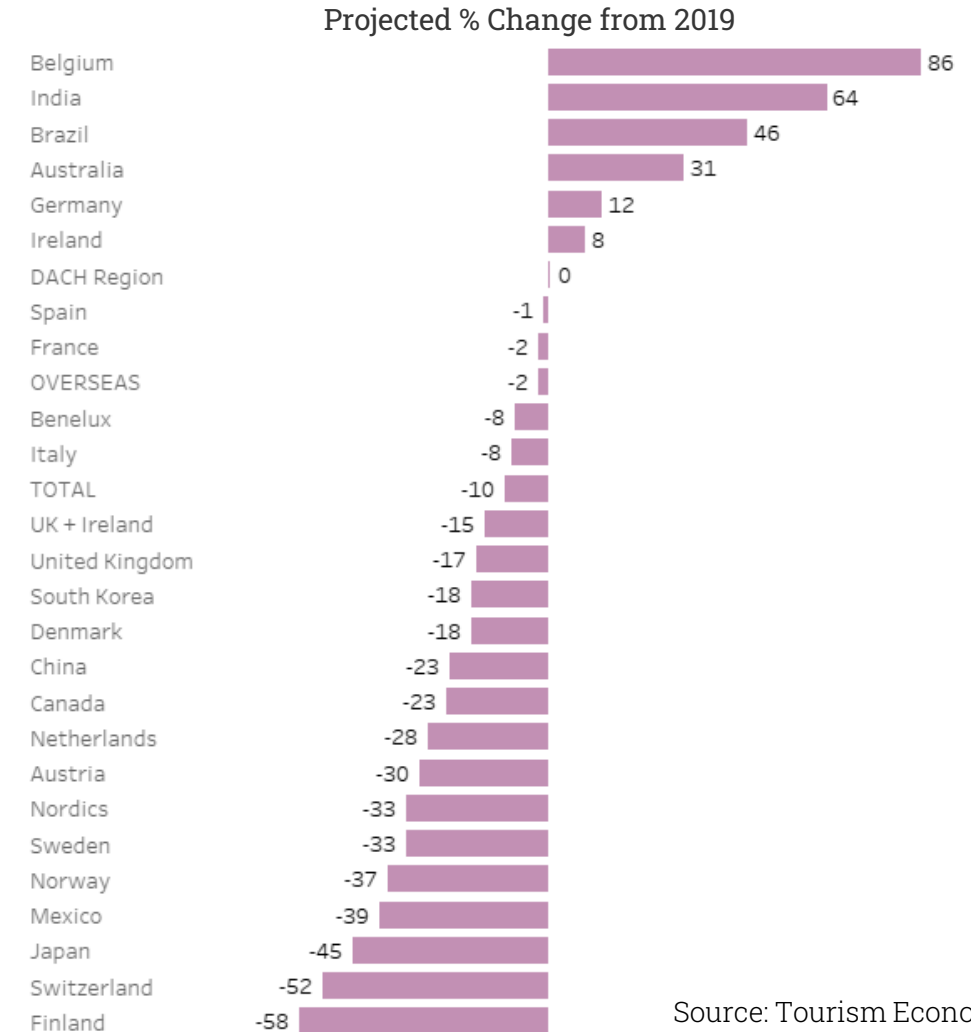


Spending (millions)

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



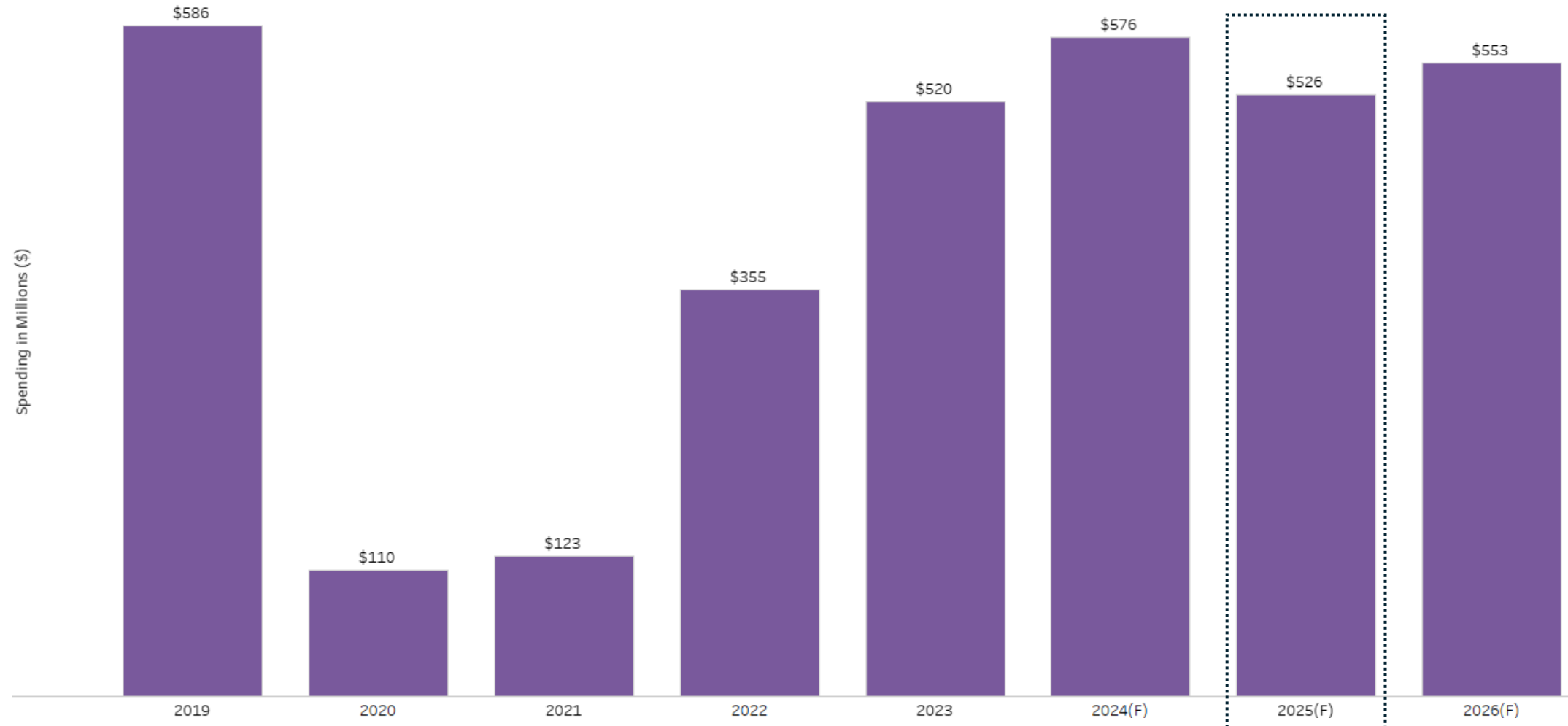
2019 Baseline Comparison



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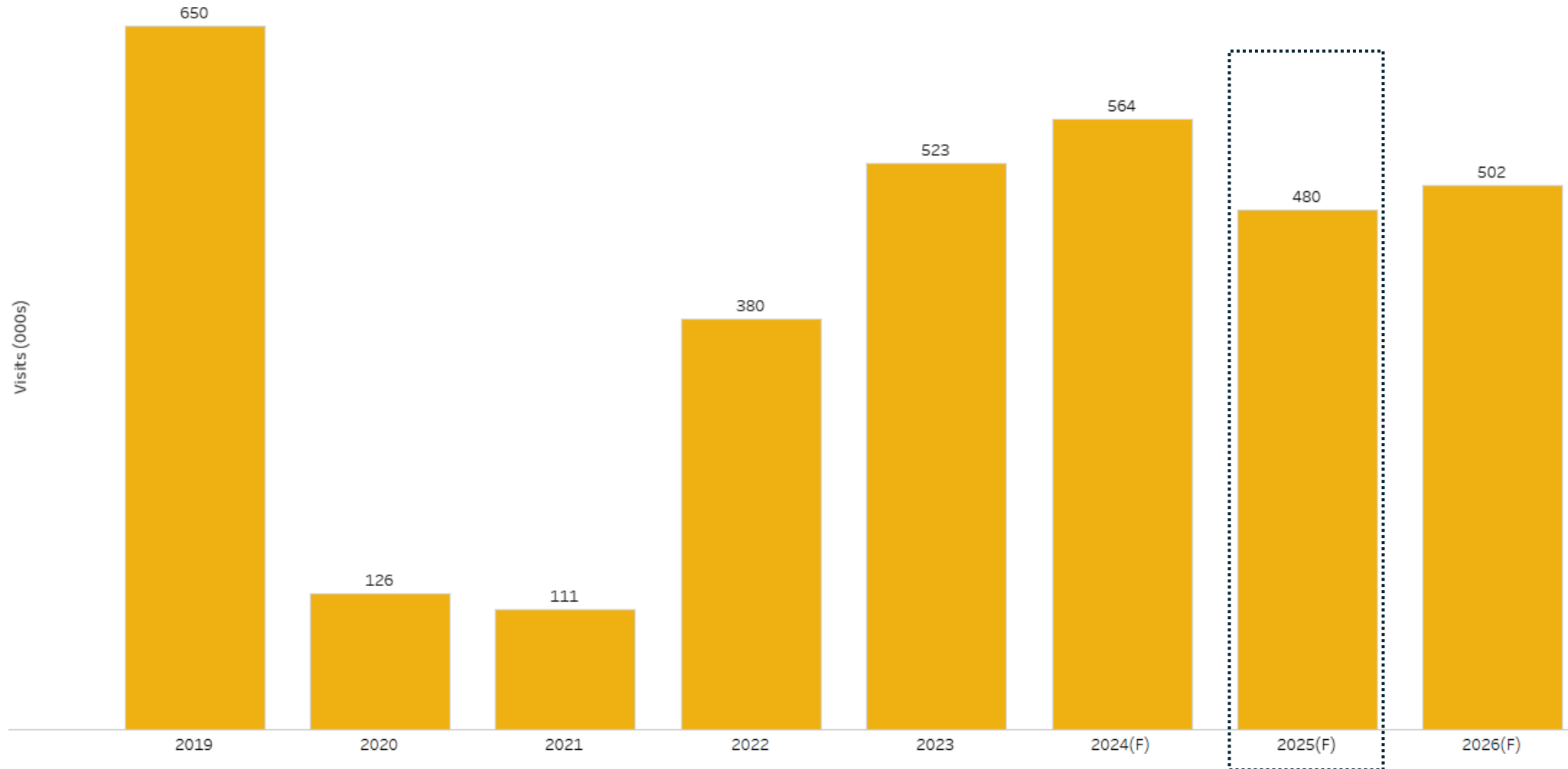
2025 Spending Outlook: Down 9% from 2024, still below 2019



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2025 Visitor Volume Outlook: Down 15% from 2024, still below 2019



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\$526M Projected Spend and 480,000 Visits in 2025, down 9% and 15% from 2024

- Tourism Economics estimates **Overseas spending to decline by 3% year-over-year (yoy) in 2025 – Canada, a 19% decline**
- **Japan, India, Brazil and South Korea** are projected to grow in 2025
- **Canada, DACH Region, U.K./Ireland, India and China** 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	526		-9	480	-15	-10	-26
OVERSEAS	363		-3	202	-5	-2	-11
Canada	159		-19	268	-21	-23	-35
DACH Region	51		-7	31	-9	0	-4
Germany	45		-7	27	-9	12	5
UK + Ireland	39		-6	23	-8	-15	-19
United Kingdom	35		-6	21	-7	-17	-16
India	24		5	13	1	64	67
China	20		-10	8	-9	-23	-50
Brazil	18		2	7	-3	46	59
Japan	15		8	11	7	-45	-46
South Korea	13		1	7	0	-18	-28
Nordics	12		-6	7	-7	-33	-37
France	12		-9	9	-10	-2	-25
Australia	12		-1	4	-2	31	-12
Benelux	8		-8	6	-8	-8	-20
Italy	8		-6	5	-8	-8	-27
Spain	7		-4	5	-7	-1	-25

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\$526M Projected Spend and 480,000 Visits in 2025 (cont.)

Market	Spending (\$M)	🏠	YOY Spend % Change	Visits (000s)	YOY Visits % Change	% Change from 2019 Spend	% Change from 2019 Visits
Netherlands	5		-7	4	-8	-28	-32
Denmark	5		-7	2	-10	-18	-17
Sweden	4		-2	3	-5	-33	-40
Poland	4		2	3	-4	89	82
Ireland	4		-9	3	-8	8	-33
Ukraine	4		7	1	5	118	-42
Taiwan	4		18	2	10	-44	-2
Mexico	4		-6	11	-8	-39	-6
Switzerland	4		-9	2	-9	-52	-53
United Arab Emirates	3		2	1	4	-30	-37
Philippines	3		2	2	3	-3	6
Belgium	3		-10	2	-8	86	25
Turkiye	3		3	1	0	68	-9
South Africa	3		0	1	-2	-3	-24
Portugal	2		-4	1	-6	-2	2
Singapore	2		1	1	1	11	1
Norway	2		-7	1	-5	-37	-38
Israel	2		11	1	6	-63	-55
Austria	2		-8	1	-8	-30	-23
Czech Republic	2		-9	1	-10	29	0
Egypt	2		-5	1	-4	-65	-44
Argentina	2		5	1	1	-5	-24
Russia	1		9	1	8	-83	-83
Hungary	1		-1	1	-3	19	29
Hong Kong	1		0	1	2	-45	-34
Finland	1		-11	1	-7	-58	-58
Morocco	1		-4	0	-3	19	0
Greece	1		-5	1	-6	-18	1
Indonesia	1		-4	0	-2	-23	-32
Vietnam	1		5	1	4	-62	2
Thailand	1		0	0	2	-27	-39

Source: Tourism Economics | 04.15.2025

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Visitor Spending 2019-2025F

		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024(F)	2025(F)
Spending (\$M)	TOTAL	\$586	\$110	\$123	\$355	\$520	\$576	\$526
	OVERSEAS	\$372	\$65	\$98	\$228	\$318	\$375	\$363
	Canada	\$208	\$44	\$22	\$124	\$198	\$198	\$159
	DACH Region	\$51	\$6	\$7	\$45	\$50	\$55	\$51
	UK + Ireland	\$45	\$6	\$5	\$32	\$38	\$41	\$39
	India	\$15	\$3	\$6	\$13	\$17	\$23	\$24
	China	\$26	\$7	\$8	\$3	\$10	\$22	\$20
	Brazil	\$12	\$2	\$3	\$11	\$15	\$18	\$18
	Japan	\$27	\$5	\$3	\$6	\$13	\$14	\$15
	South Korea	\$16	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$11	\$13	\$13
	Nordics	\$18	\$3	\$2	\$11	\$13	\$13	\$12
	France	\$12	\$2	\$2	\$6	\$12	\$13	\$12
	Australia	\$9	\$1	\$1	\$6	\$10	\$12	\$12
	Benelux	\$9	\$1	\$2	\$6	\$8	\$9	\$8
	Italy	\$9	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$7	\$8	\$8
	Spain	\$7	\$1	\$2	\$5	\$6	\$7	\$7
	Mexico	\$6	\$2	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$4	\$4

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Visits 2019-2025F

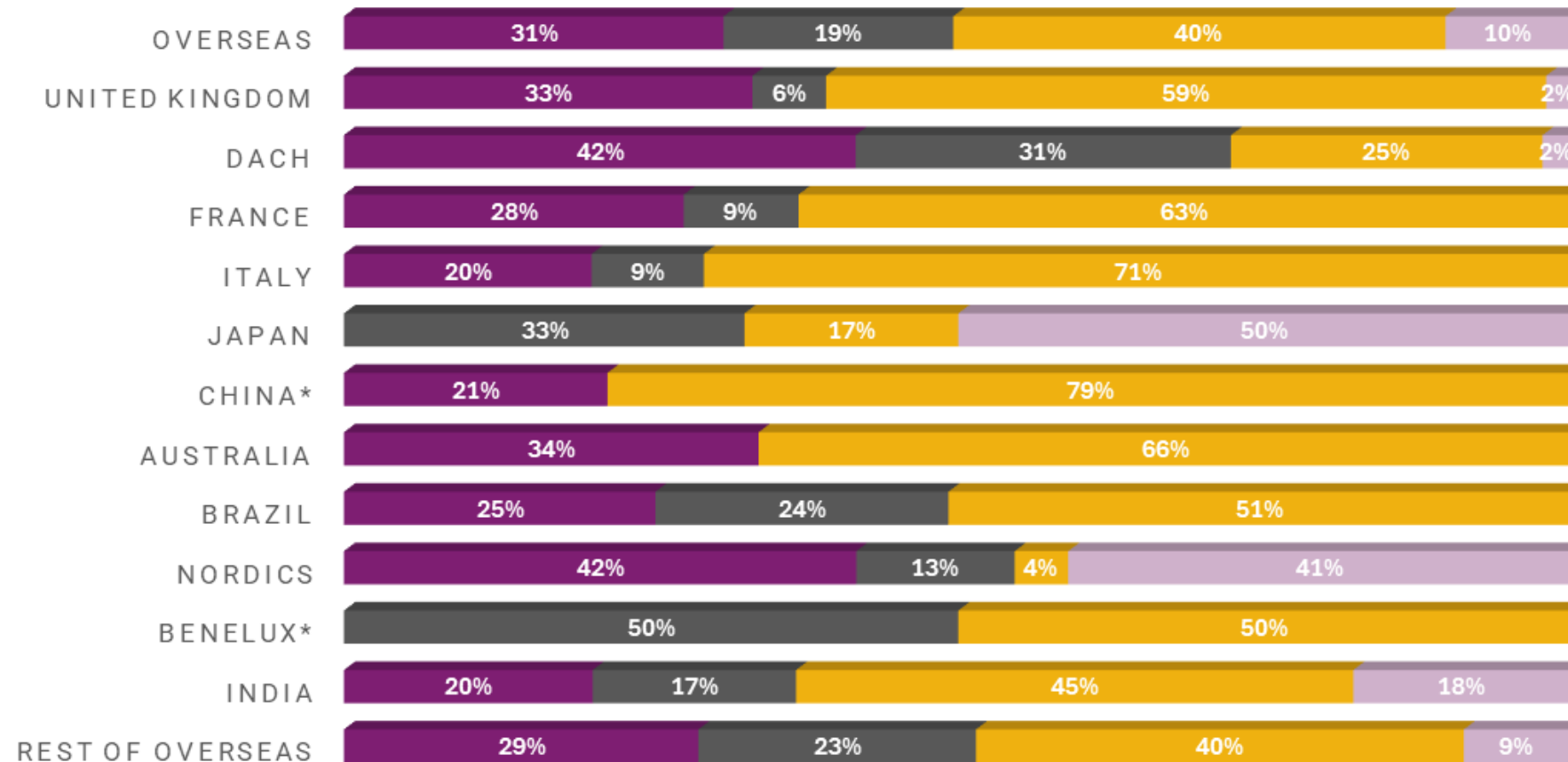
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024(F)	2025(F)
Visits (000s)	TOTAL	650	126	111	380	523	564	480
	Canada	412	87	48	230	328	339	268
	OVERSEAS	227	35	56	141	185	213	202
	DACH Region	32	4	5	28	30	33	31
	UK + Ireland	29	3	4	20	23	25	23
	India	8	2	3	7	10	12	13
	Japan	20	3	2	4	9	10	11
	Mexico	11	4	6	9	10	12	11
	France	12	1	2	5	9	10	9
	China	15	1	1	2	5	9	8
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	Spain	7	1	2	5	5	6	5
	Australia	5	1	0	2	4	4	4

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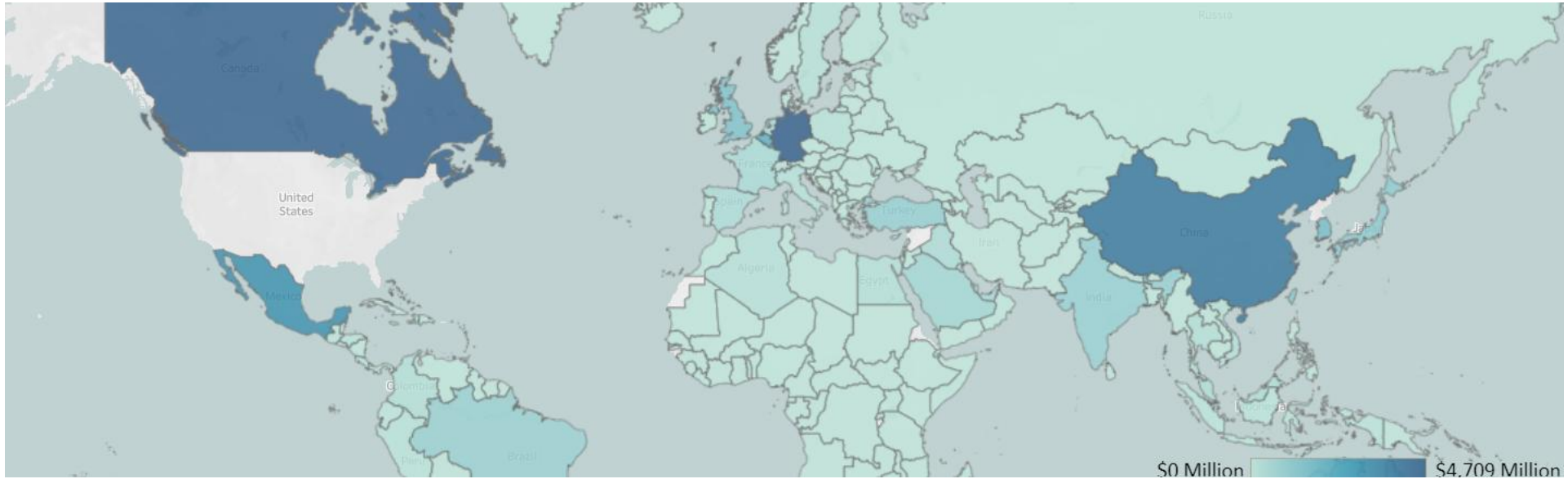
SOUTH CAROLINA: Purpose of Trip

■ Leisure ■ Business ■ VFR ■ Other



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

Exports (Goods)



EXPORTS IN GOODS *2024*

\$38 Billion

TOP COUNTRIES

GERMANY
CANADA
MEXICO
CHINA
SOUTH KOREA
UNITED KINGDOM



Goods Exports by Country
(in millions)

Partner	2024
World	\$38,027
Germany	\$4,978
Canada	\$4,215
Mexico	\$3,610
China	\$3,413
South Korea	\$2,704
United Kingdom	\$2,163
Belgium	\$1,670
Japan	\$1,503
Australia	\$1,276
Brazil	\$1,083
Singapore	\$1,000
United Arab Emirates	\$833
India	\$628
France	\$469
Netherlands	\$447

EXPORTERS

4,474

South Carolina companies exported goods
in 2021

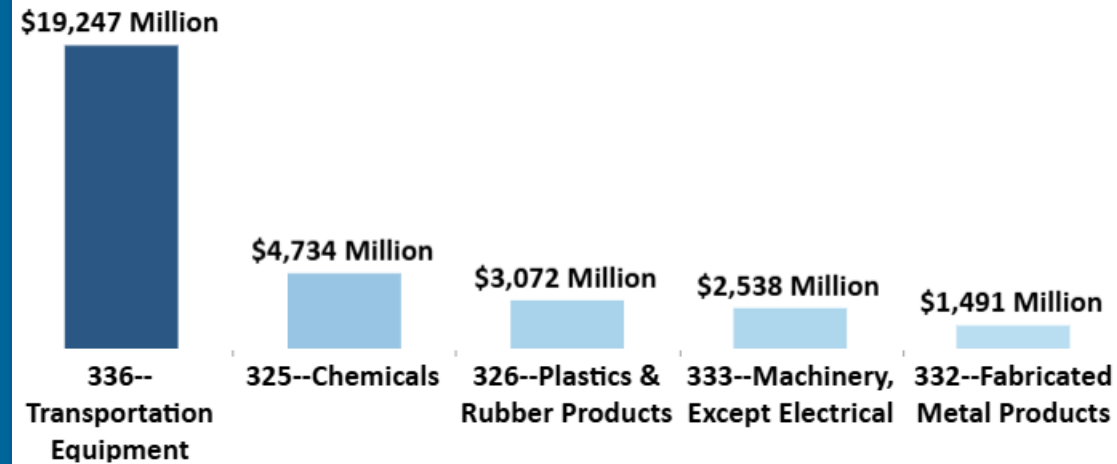
83%

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

* SMEs are businesses that employ fewer than 500 employees.

TOP TRADE SECTORS

South Carolina Exports: **World**, Top 5 Products in
2024



International Students

SOUTH CAROLINA

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS
2022/23

6,576

STUDENT-VISIT
RATIO

1.1%

INDEXED
STUDENT-VISIT
RATIO
U.S. = 100

105

SOUTH CAROLINA

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2023/24



6,576

International Students



33

Rank in the United States*



6.5

% Change from
Previous Year



\$201,154,751

Estimated International
Student Expenditure**

LEADING PLACES OF ORIGIN

Place of Origin	% Total
India	28.5
China	19.1
Iran	4.8
Bangladesh	4.5
Nigeria	3.0

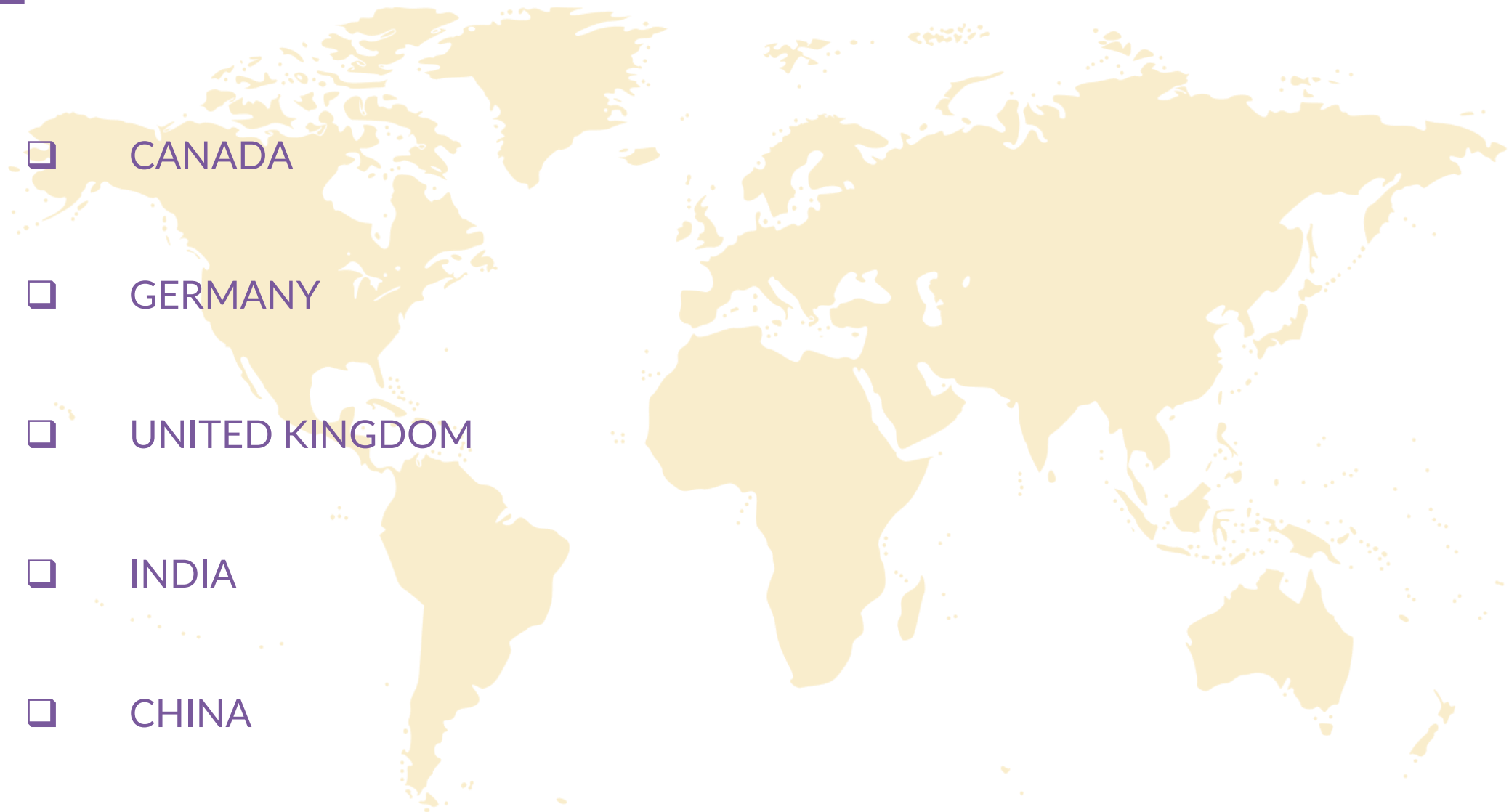
LEADING INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Total
Clemson University	2,071
University of South Carolina - Columbia	1,971
Clemson University – Greenville	404
Bob Jones University	220
Trident Technical College	182

Visitor Perception

MARKET PROFILES

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CANADA



POPULATION
2024

40M

REAL GDP
GROWTH
2025 PROJECTION

2.4%

CURRENCY
RATE
CANADIAN
DOLLAR
2024

1.37

INFLATION
RATE
2025 PROJECTION

1.9%

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

5.5%

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

28.0%

CANADA

44%

Likelihood to Visit Travel South
in the next Five Years

Note: Canadian visitors who are Likely to Travel Internationally

Most Important Content For Destination Decisions:



- 40% Safety
- 36% Hotels and lodging
- 36% Restaurants and food
- 28% Availability of direct flight service
- 28% Beaches
- 25% Historical attractions
- 23% Shopping
- 22% Entertainment, events, shows
- 22% Opportunities for relaxation
- 20% Transportation and how to get around
- 20% Family fun
- 19% Museums and culture
- 18% Sightseeing tours
- 18% Important or iconic attractions
- 17% National Parks
- 16% Ways to experience nature
- 15% Theme parks
- 14% Level of crowds
- 13% Outdoor activities (biking, boating, hiking, etc.)
- 11% Professional sporting events
- 11% Things to do outside the large cities
- 9% Touristy attractions to avoid
- 8% Off-the-beaten path attractions
- 7% Ideas for adventurous travel
- 6% Recommendations from residents
- 6% Sample trip itineraries
- 5% Ways to experience the American lifestyle
- 4% Commitment to being an eco-friendly/sustainable place
- 2% Snow/winter activities (skiing, sledding, etc.)

Source: Future Partners (2025)

CANADA

Recall of “Buzz”: Travel South
Destinations

20%

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



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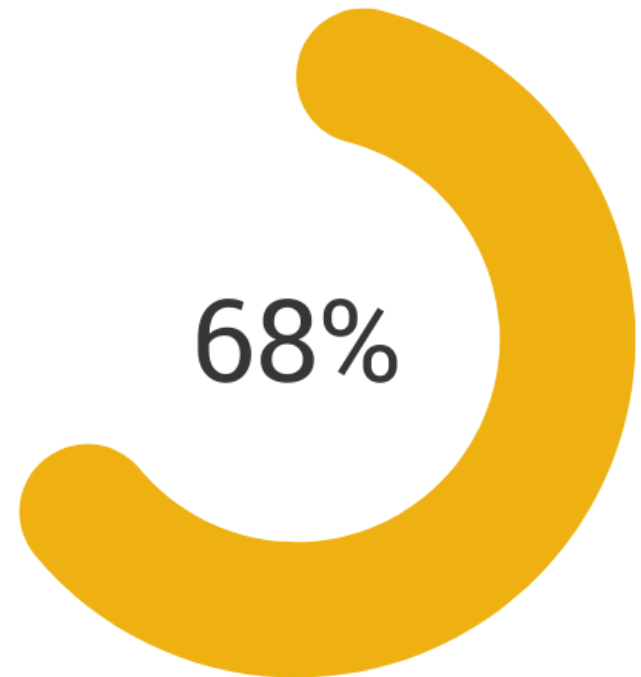
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CANADA



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

CANADA



1 Trip

30%

2 Trips

25%

3-4 Trips

26%

5+ Trips

19%

3.2

Average Number of Leisure International Trips

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

Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

CANADA



1+ Trips

26%

1 Trip

17%

2 Trips

5%

3+ Trips

5%

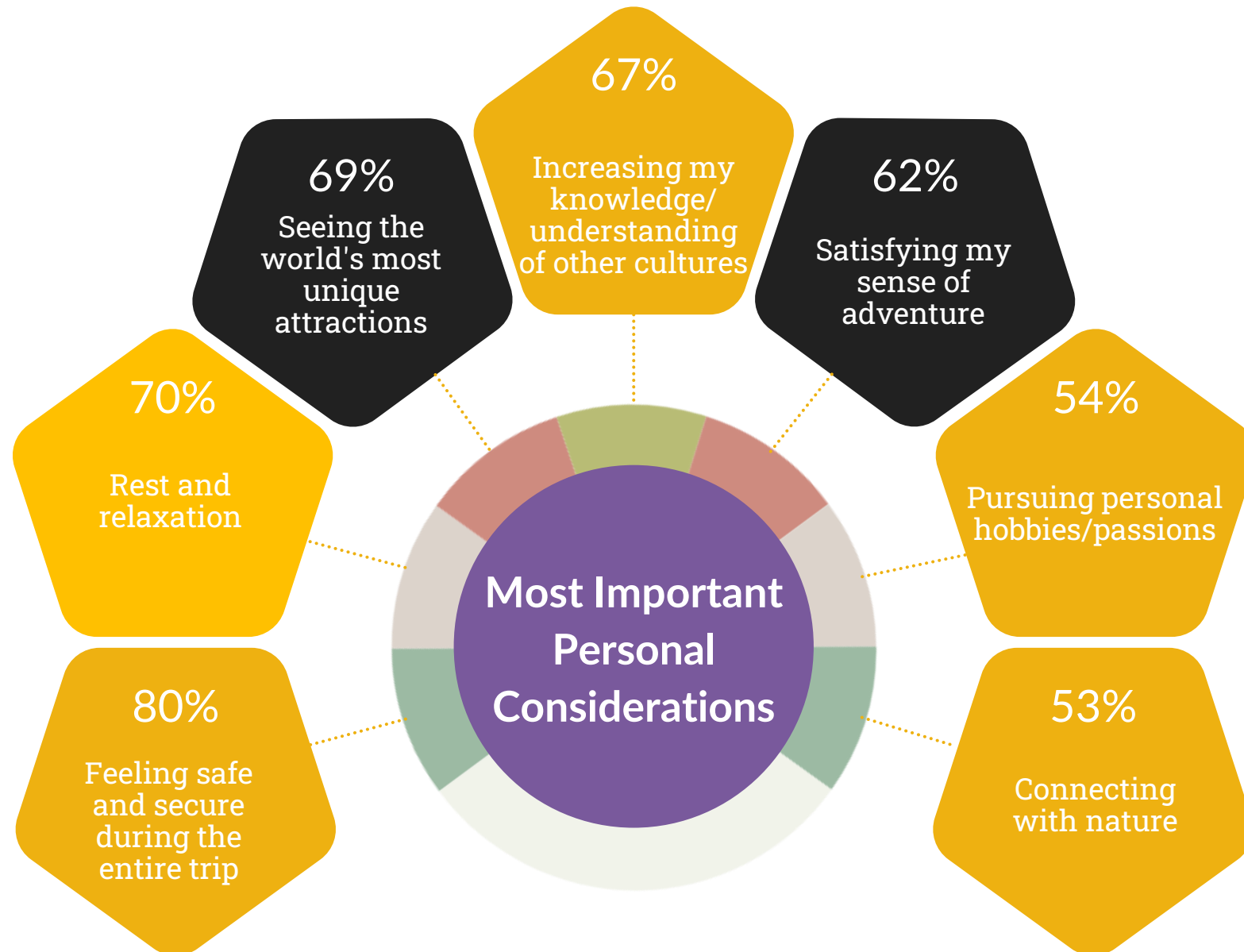
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Average Number of Bleisure Trips
% of Business Trips with a Leisure Extension

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CANADA



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CANADA

Most Important When Choosing a Destination

- 83%** Accommodation options
- 81%** Climate or weather at the destination
- 73%** Appeal of local culture
- 71%** Landmarks and sightseeing options
- 71%** Ease of travel to the destination
- 68%** Natural features/landscapes
- 67%** Beaches/coastal activities
- 64%** Leisure attractions

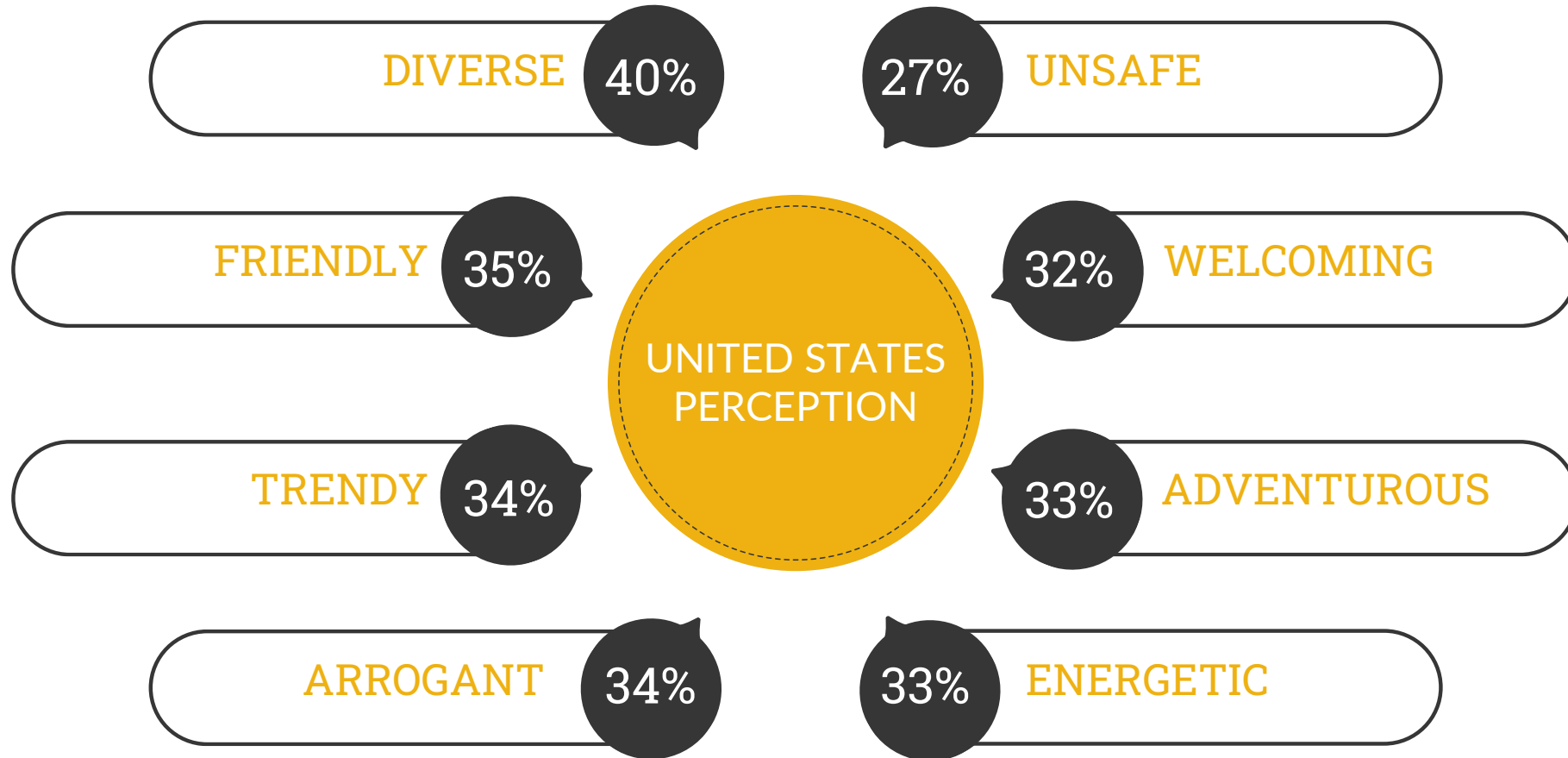
Most Discouraging From Visiting a Destination

- 61%** Uncleanliness in the destination
- 56%** High prices
- 56%** Personal safety concerns
- 44%** Lack of information for planning trip & at destination
- 41%** Crowdedness
- 40%** Inconvenience of travel to the destination
- 35%** Political climate not aligning with personal views
- 27%** Visa requirements/entry procedures

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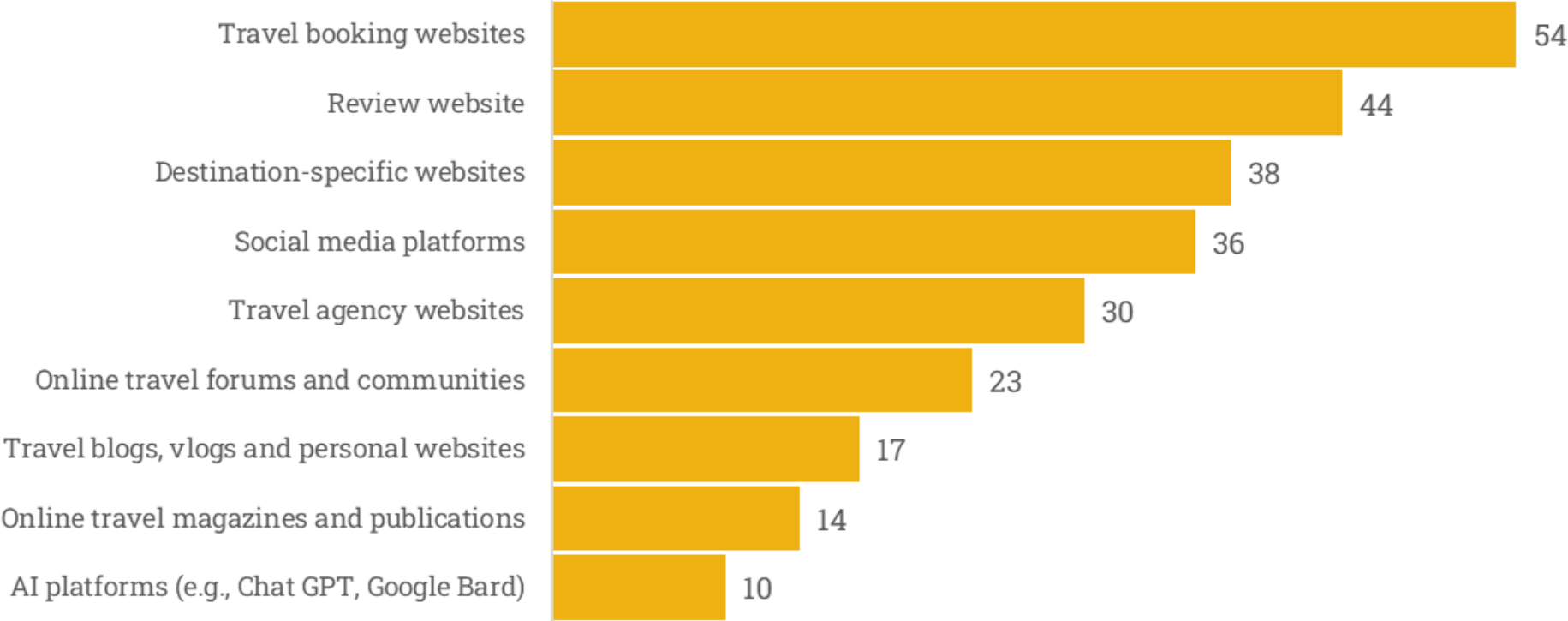
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Social Media Participation

YouTube	70%
Instagram	69%
Facebook/META	68%
Tik Tok	43%
LinkedIn	36%
Twitter/X	34%
Pinterest	30%
Snapchat	30%
Reddit	18 %
Tumblr	3 %

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CANADA

Likelihood of how 2025 will evolve:

Percentages show the total of “Strongly Agree” + “Agree”

52%

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

45%

Global wars/strife will impact the destinations visited in 2025

40%

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

33%

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

30%

Luxury travel experiences are an important part of leisure trips

GERMANY



POPULATION <i>2024</i>	REAL GDP GROWTH <i>2025 PROJECTION</i>	CURRENCY RATE EURO 2024	INFLATION RATE <i>2025 PROJECTION</i>	TRAVEL & TOURISM <i>as a share of 2023 TOTAL U.S. GOODS & SERVICES EXPORTS</i>	TRAVEL & TOURISM <i>as a share of 2023 TOTAL U.S. SERVICES EXPORTS</i>
85M	0.8%	0.92	2.0%	6.3%	17.9%

GERMANY

41%

Likelihood to Visit Travel South
in the next Five Years

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Recall of “Buzz”: Travel South
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24%

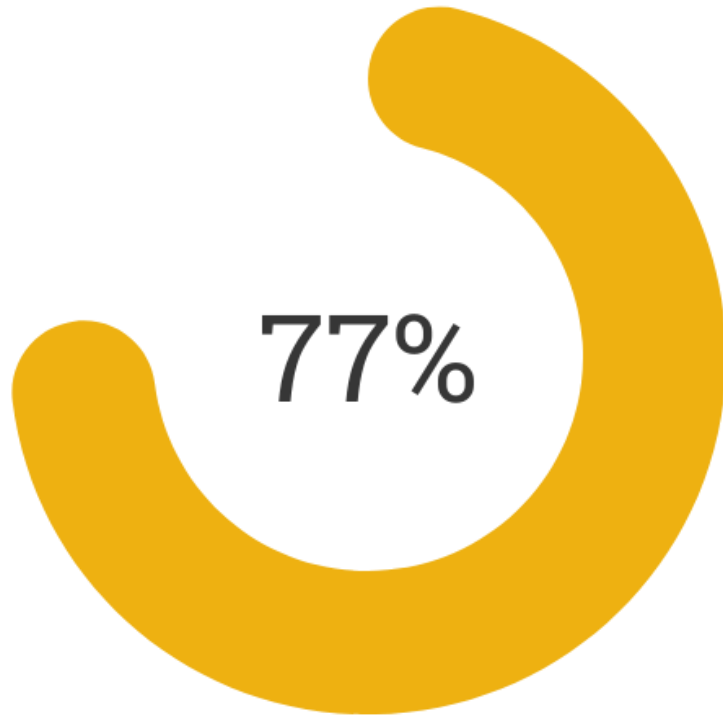
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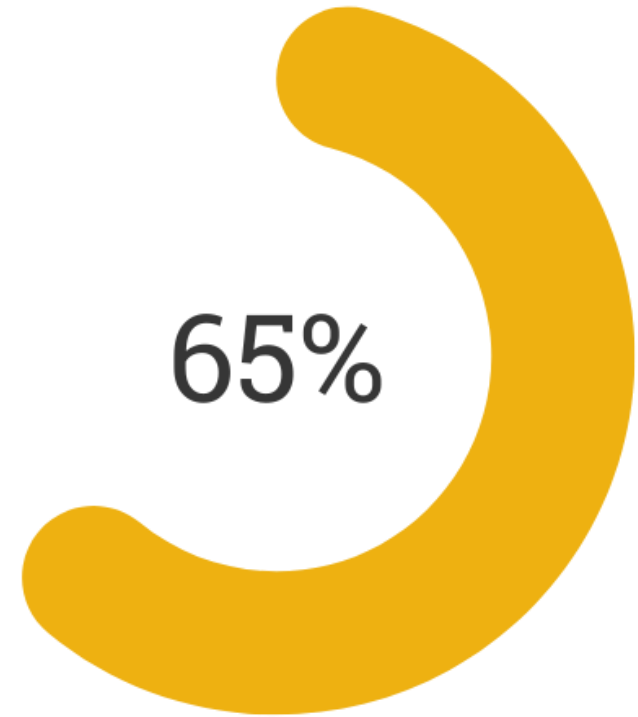
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GERMANY



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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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

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1.1

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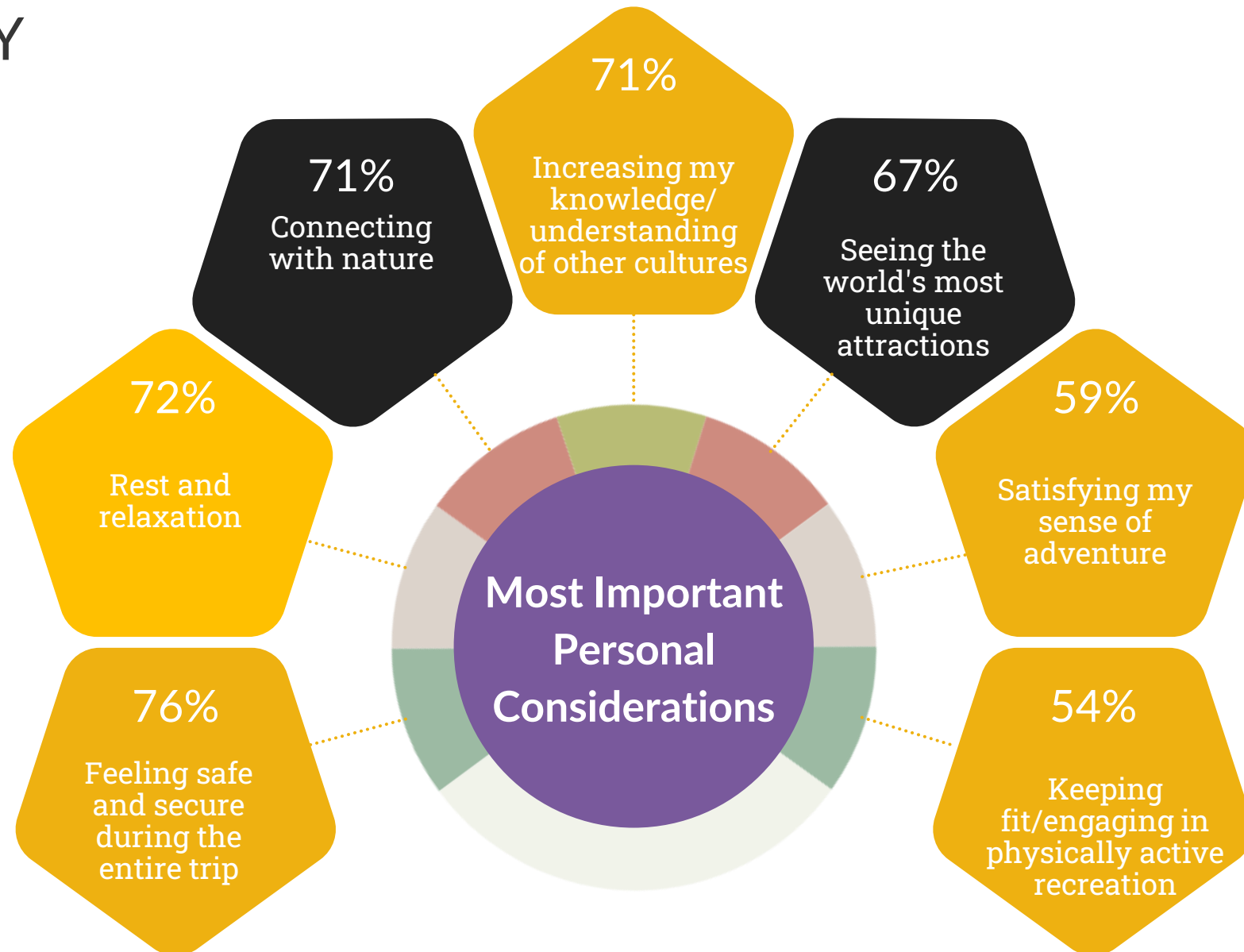
3+ Trips

10%

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GERMANY

Most Important When Choosing a Destination

- 75%** Climate or weather at the destination
- 74%** Landmarks and sightseeing options
- 73%** Accommodation options
- 73%** Natural features/landscapes
- 72%** Beaches/coastal activities
- 68%** Appeal of local culture
- 68%** Leisure attractions
- 65%** Ease of travel to the destination

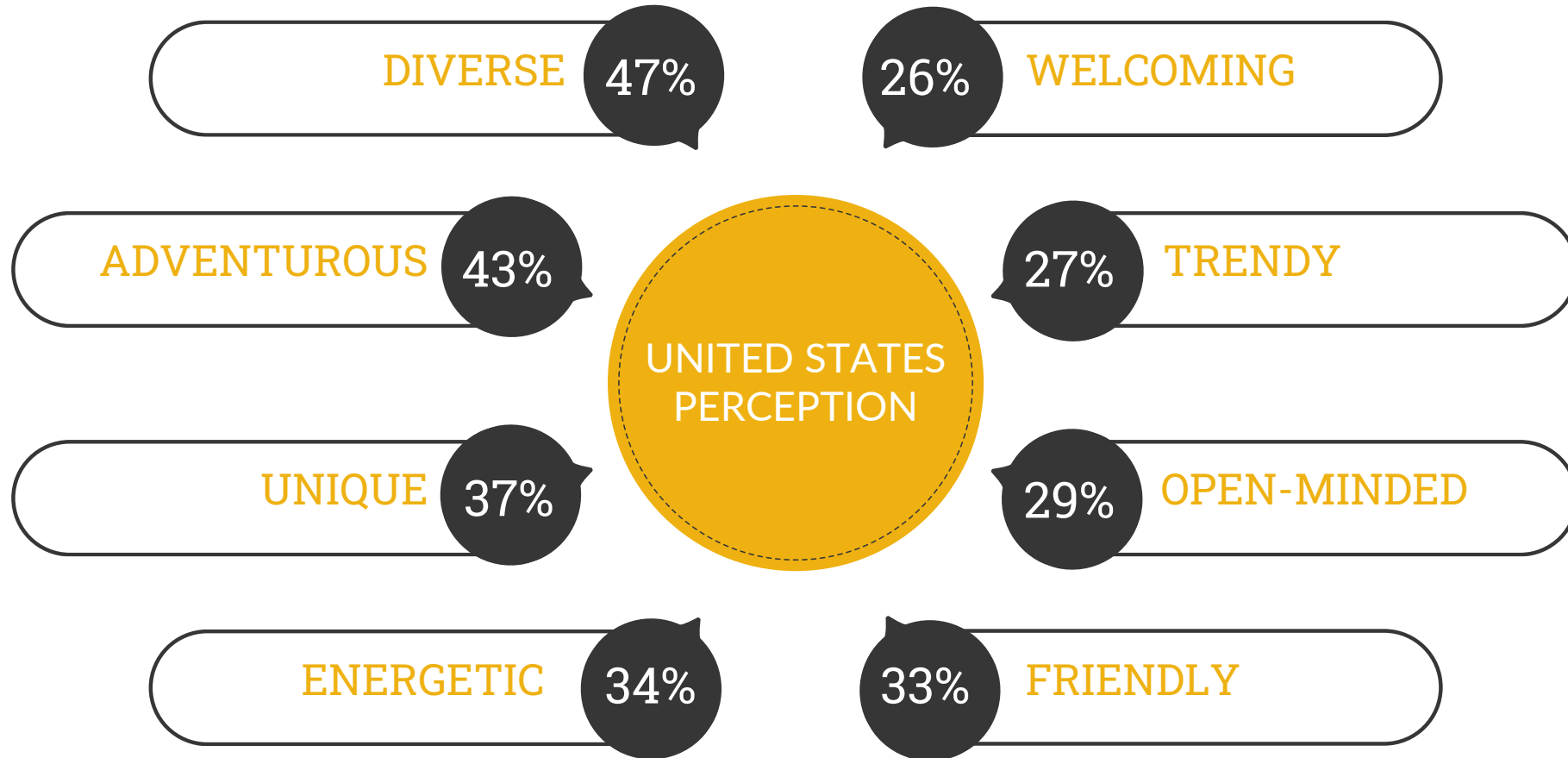
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- 31%** Lack of environmental responsibilities
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- 25%** Inconvenience of travel to the destination

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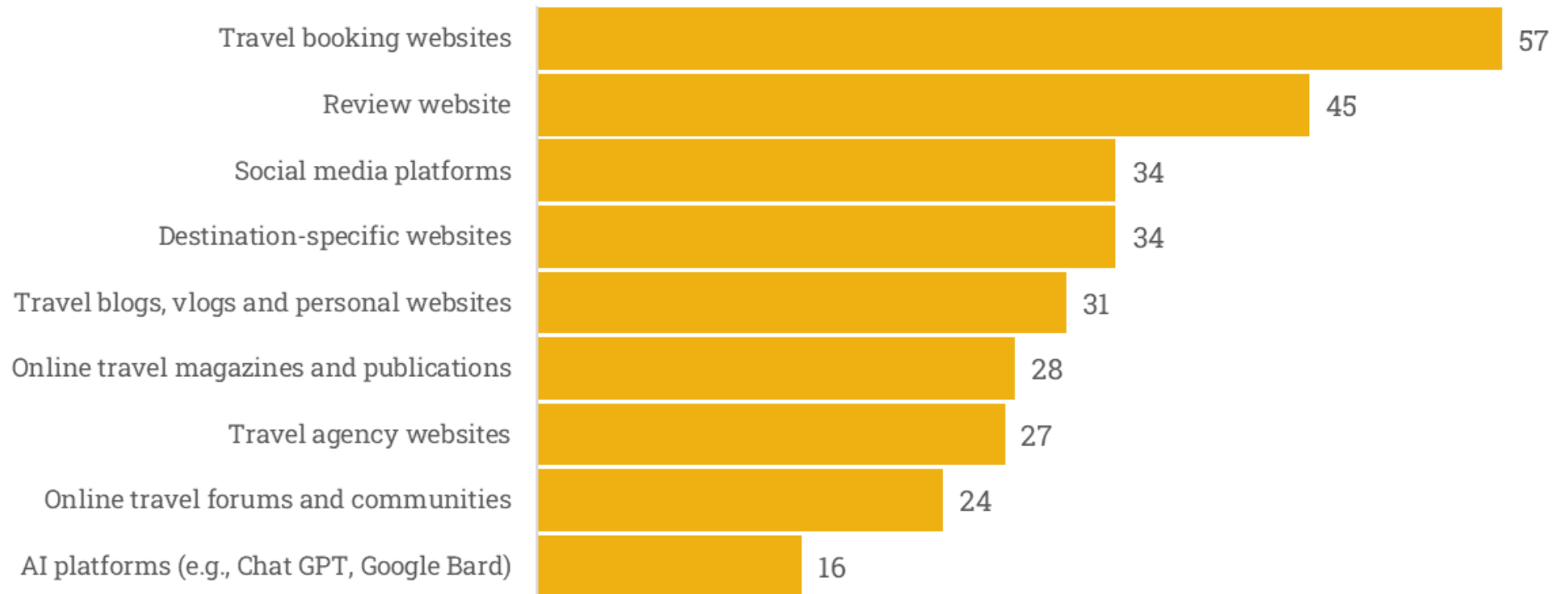
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If a U.S. destination has a problem with over-tourism, travelers are less likely to visit

42%

Global wars/strife will impact the destinations visited in 2025

29%

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

29%

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

28%

Luxury travel experiences are an important part of leisure trips

UNITED KINGDOM



POPULATION <i>2024</i>	REAL GDP GROWTH <i>2025 PROJECTION</i>	CURRENCY RATE BRITISH POUND 2024	INFLATION RATE <i>2025 PROJECTION</i>	TRAVEL & TOURISM <i>as a share of 2023 TOTAL U.S. GOODS & SERVICES EXPORTS</i>	TRAVEL & TOURISM <i>as a share of 2023 TOTAL U.S. SERVICES EXPORTS</i>
69M	1.5%	0.78	2.1%	8.4%	15.4%

UNITED KINGDOM

49%

Likelihood to Visit Travel South
in the next Five Years

Note: United Kingdom visitors who are Likely to Travel Internationally

Most Important Content For Destination Decisions:



- 34% Hotels and lodging
- 32% Restaurants and food
- 28% Safety
- 27% Availability of direct flight service
- 25% Sightseeing tours
- 24% Important or iconic attractions
- 24% Historical attractions
- 22% National Parks
- 21% Entertainment, events, shows
- 21% Opportunities for relaxation
- 21% Transportation and how to get around
- 21% Shopping
- 20% Beaches
- 19% Museums and culture
- 18% Family fun
- 18% Ways to experience nature
- 16% Theme parks
- 13% Ways to experience the American lifestyle
- 12% Things to do outside the large cities
- 12% Ideas for adventurous travel
- 12% Level of crowds
- 10% Touristy attractions to avoid
- 9% Outdoor activities (biking, boating, hiking, etc.)
- 8% Recommendations from residents
- 8% Sample trip itineraries
- 8% Professional sporting events
- 8% Off-the-beaten path attractions
- 6% Commitment to being an eco-friendly/sustainable place
- 4% Snow/winter activities (skiing, sledding, etc.)

Source: Future Partners (2025)

UNITED KINGDOM

Recall of “Buzz”: Travel South
Destinations

27%

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



Note: United Kingdom visitors who are Likely to Travel Internationally

Source: Future Partners (2025)

UNITED KINGDOM



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

UNITED KINGDOM



4.0

Average Number of
International Trips

1 Trip

25%

2 Trips

23%

3-4 Trips

30%

5+ Trips

23%

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

Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

UNITED KINGDOM



1+ Trip

30%

1 Trip

15%

2 Trips

10%

3+ Trips

5%

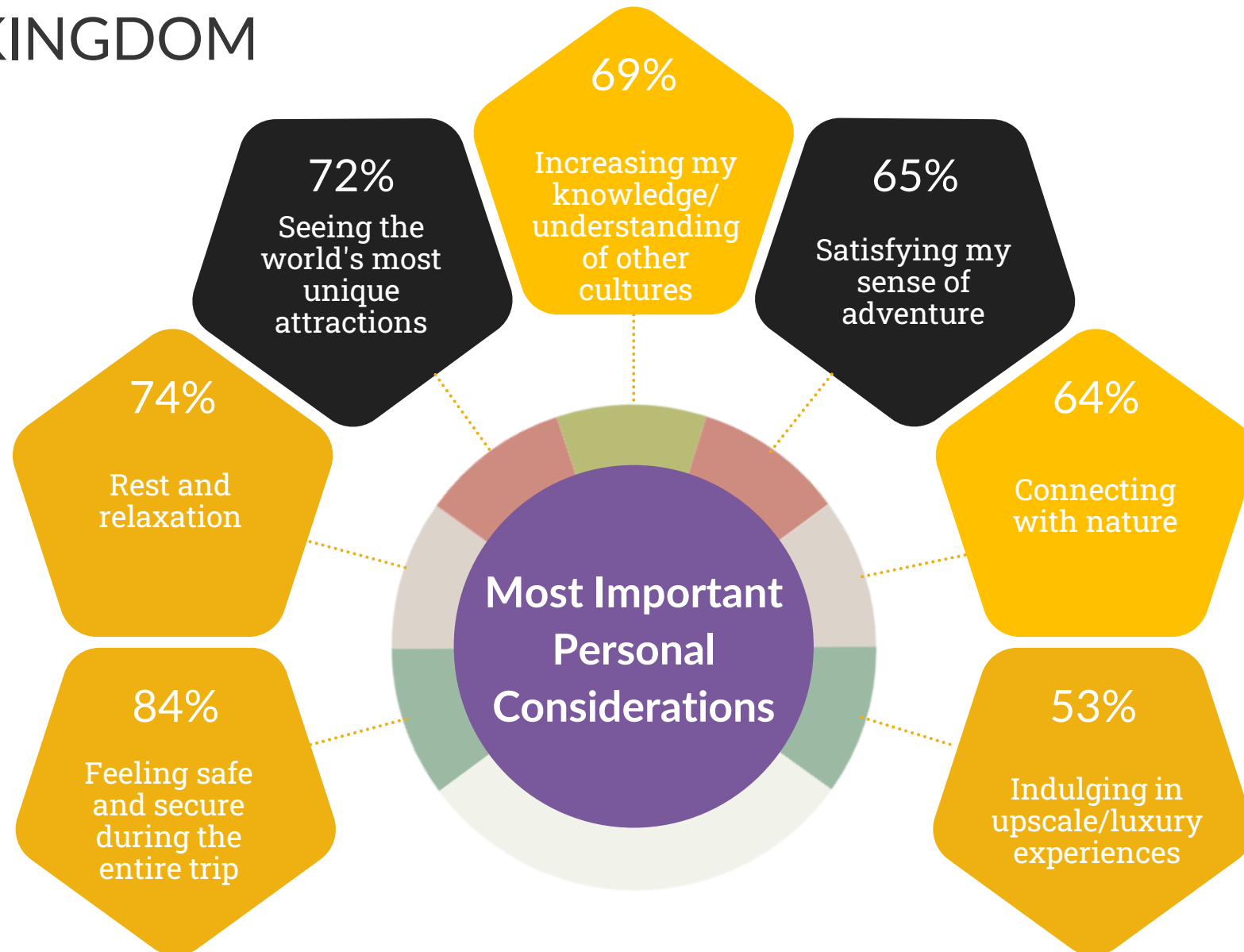
0.7

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

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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

UNITED KINGDOM



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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

UNITED KINGDOM

Most Important When Choosing a Destination

- 80%** Accommodation options
- 78%** Appeal of local culture
- 77%** Climate or weather at the destination
- 74%** Natural features/landscapes
- 73%** Landmarks and sightseeing options
- 70%** Ease of travel to the destination
- 63%** Leisure attractions
- 57%** Ease of communication with locals at the destination

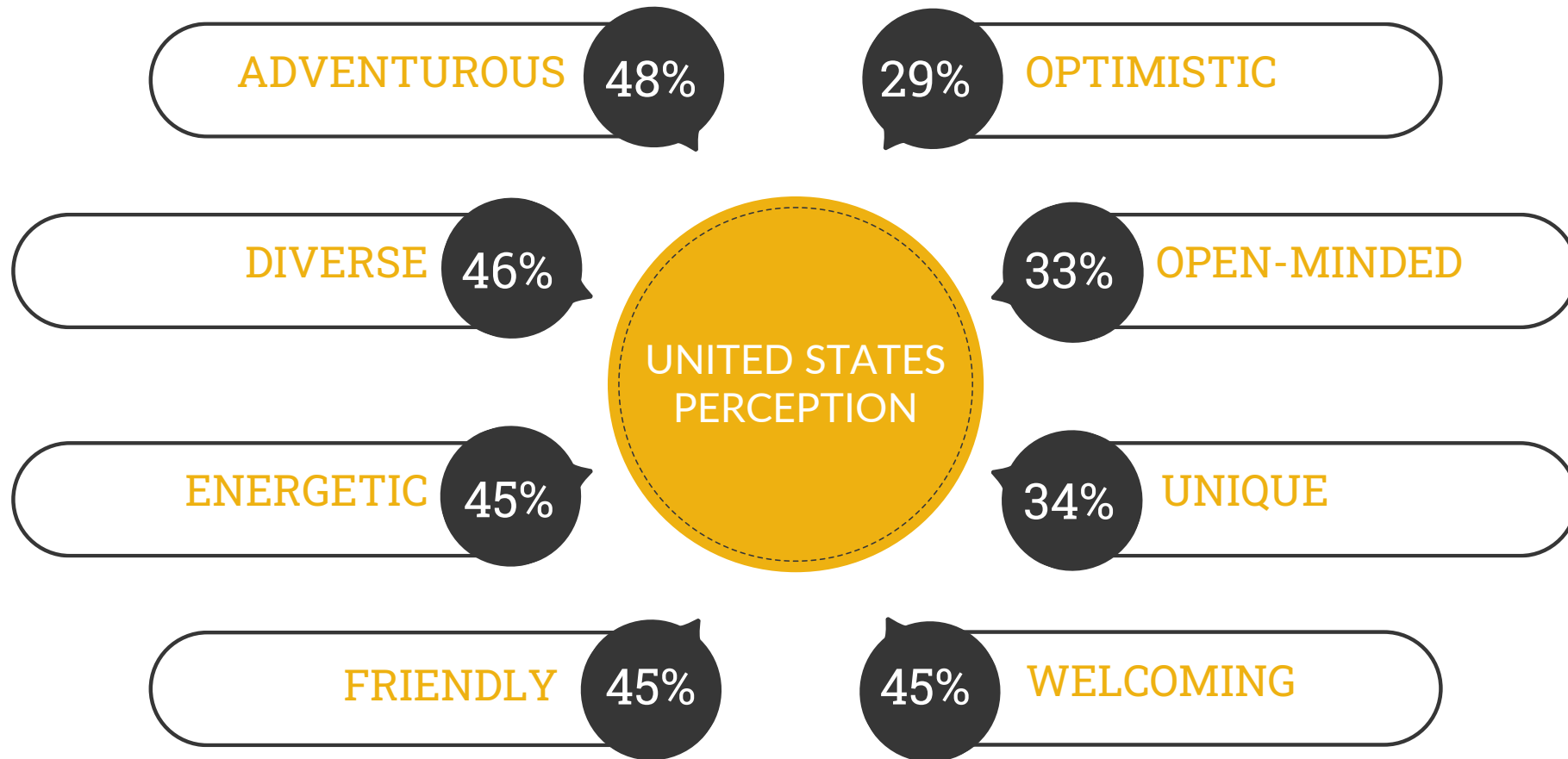
Most Discouraging From Visiting a Destination

- 59%** Uncleanliness in the destination
- 56%** Personal safety concerns
- 47%** High prices
- 39%** Lack of information for planning trip & at destination
- 36%** Crowdedness
- 30%** Political climate not aligning with personal views
- 30%** Inconvenience of travel to the destination
- 29%** Lack of environmental responsibilities

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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

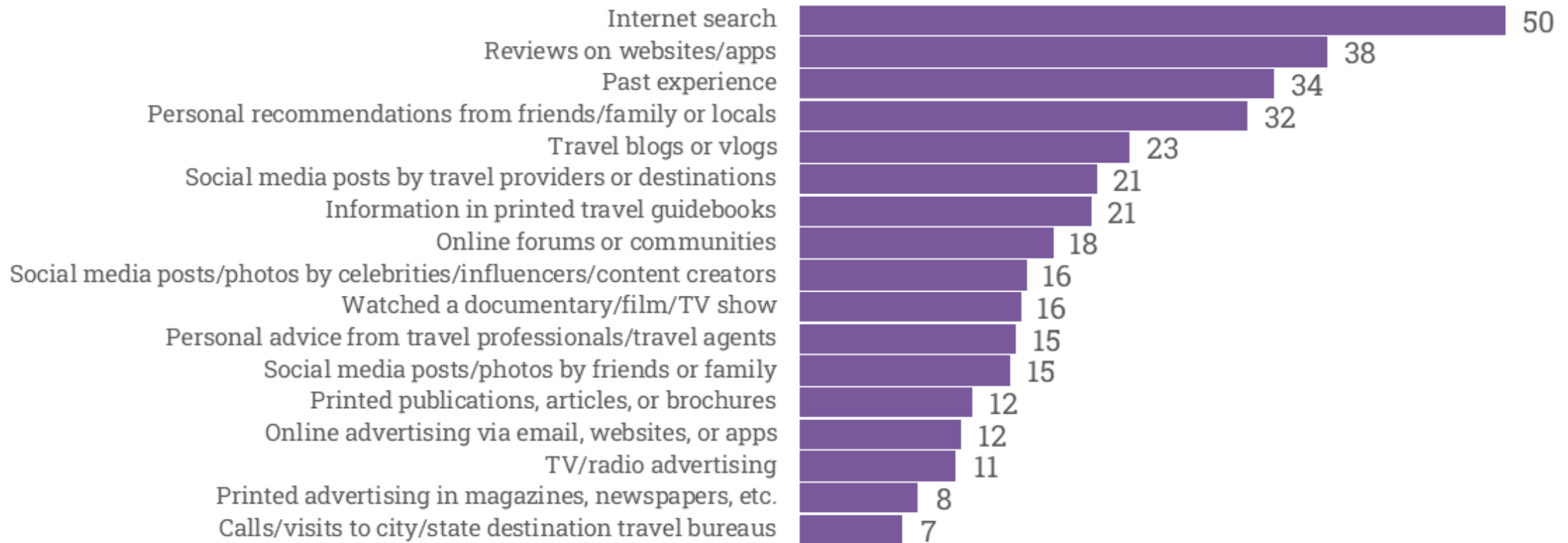
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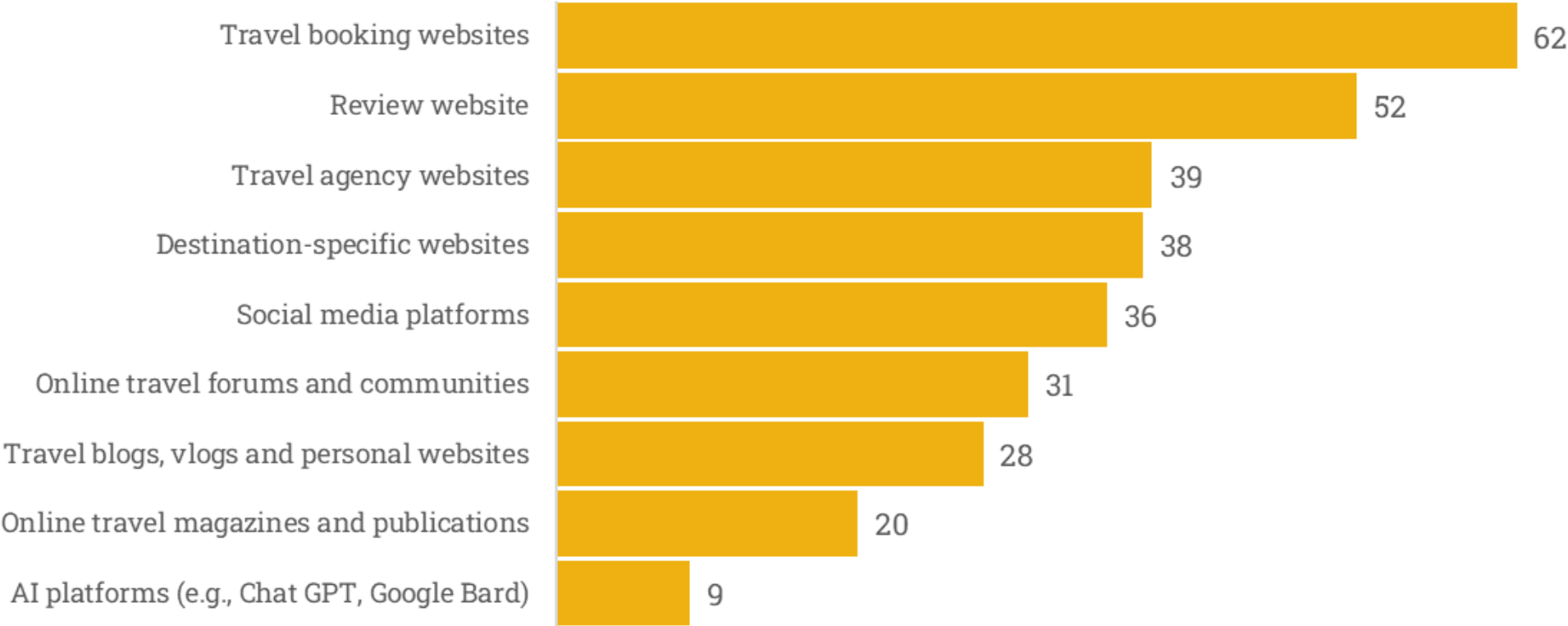
Sources of Information for Destination Selection (%)



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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

Websites Used for Destination Selection (%)



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UNITED KINGDOM



Social Media Participation

YouTube	71%
Facebook/META	66%
Instagram	62%
Twitter/X	48%
Tik Tok	46%
LinkedIn	41%
Snapchat	31%
Pinterest	26%
Reddit	15%
Tumblr	2 %

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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

UNITED KINGDOM

Likelihood of how 2025 will evolve:

Percentages show the total of “Strongly Agree” + “Agree”

49%

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

47%

Luxury travel experiences are an important part of leisure trips

47%

Global wars/strife will impact the destinations visited in 2025

38%

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

38%

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

INDIA



POPULATION
2024

1.4B

REAL GDP
GROWTH
2025 PROJECTION

6.5%

CURRENCY
RATE
INDIAN RUPEE
2024

83.68

INFLATION
RATE
2025 PROJECTION

4.1%

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

27.1%

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

59.4%

INDIA

85%

Likelihood to Visit Travel South
in the next Five Years

Note: Indian visitors who are Likely to Travel Internationally

Most Important Content For Destination Decisions:



- 29% Restaurants and food
- 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
- 20% Sightseeing tours
- 19% Important or iconic attractions
- 19% Museums and culture
- 17% National Parks
- 17% Availability of direct flight service
- 16% Ideas for adventurous travel
- 15% Theme parks
- 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

Source: Future Partners (2025)

INDIA

Recall of “Buzz”: Travel South
Destinations

71%

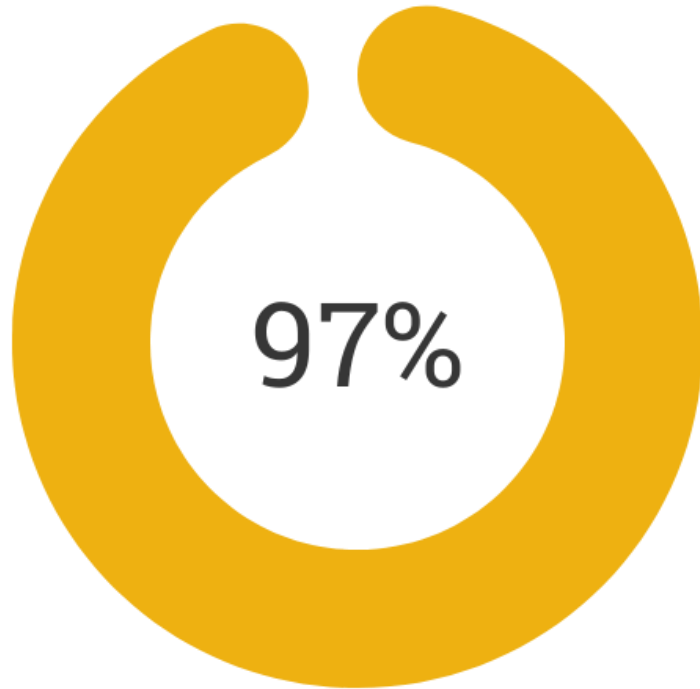
Overall, **one-third of international travelers** reported seeing a travel-related advertisement or other promotion about Southern destinations in the past year.



Note: Indian visitors who are Likely to Travel Internationally

Source: Future Partners (2025)

INDIA



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

INDIA



1 Trip

50%

2 Trips

21%

3-4 Trips

14%

5+ Trips

15%

3.0

Average Number of Leisure International Trips

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

Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

INDIA



1+ Trips

72%

1 Trip

40%

2 Trips

12%

3+ Trips

21%

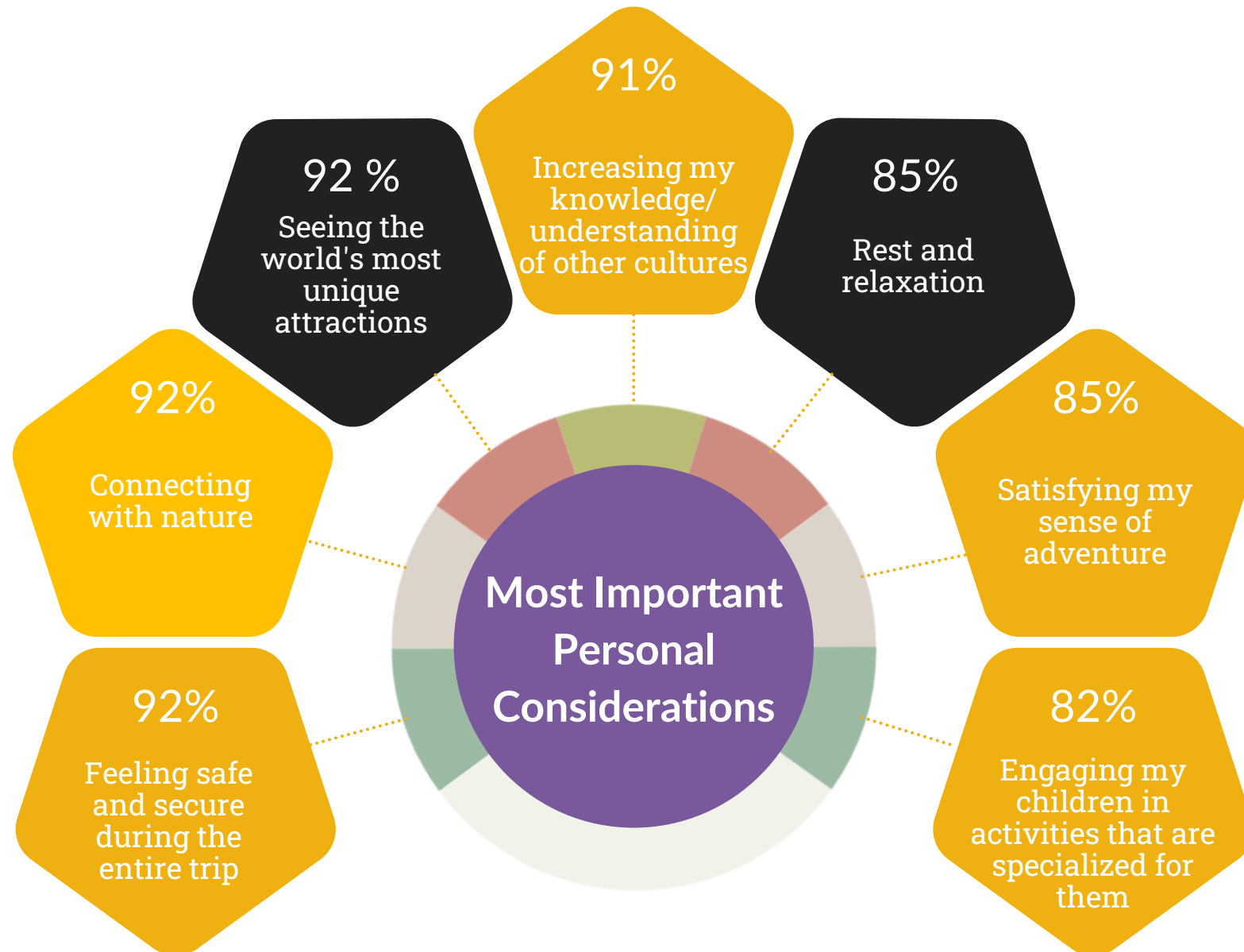
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Average Number of Bleisure Trips
% of Business Trips with a Leisure Extension

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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

INDIA



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

Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

INDIA

Most Important When Choosing a Destination

- 91 %** Climate or weather at the destination
- 89%** Natural features/landscapes
- 89%** Accommodation options
- 89%** Landmarks and sightseeing options
- 88%** Ease of travel to the destination
- 88%** Leisure attractions
- 88%** Appeal of local culture
- 87%** Beaches/coastal activities

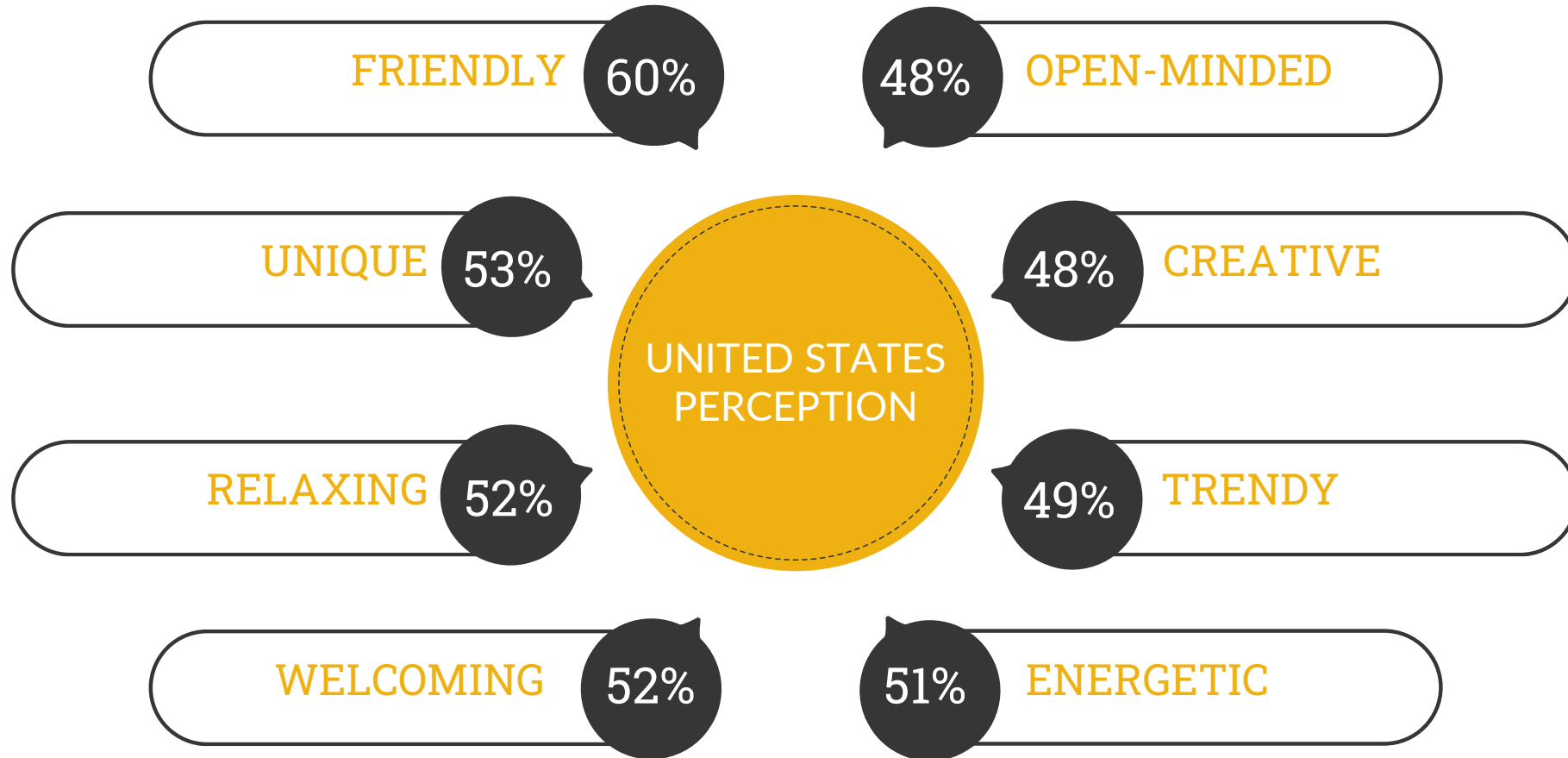
Most Discouraging From Visiting a Destination

- 63%** Uncleanliness in the destination
- 55%** Personal safety concerns
- 52%** Inconvenience of travel to the destination
- 51 %** Lack of environmental responsibilities
- 48%** Lack of information for planning trip & at destination
- 46%** High prices
- 44%** Visa requirements/entry procedures
- 43%** Political climate not aligning with personal views

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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

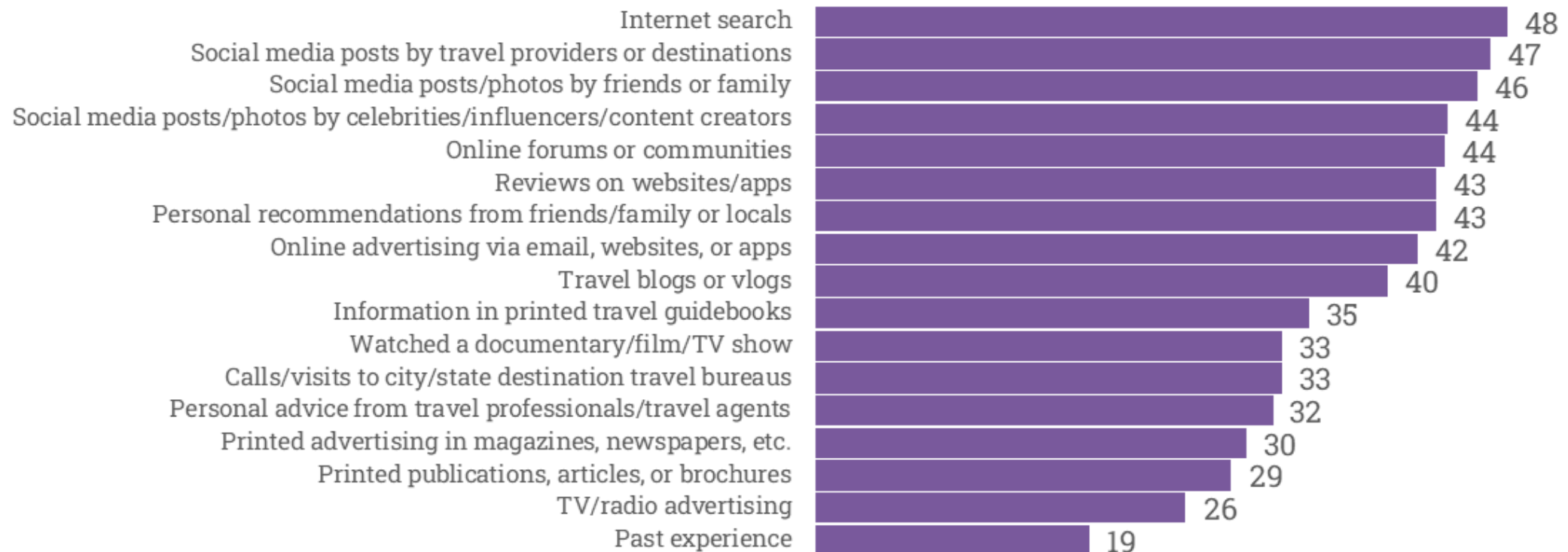
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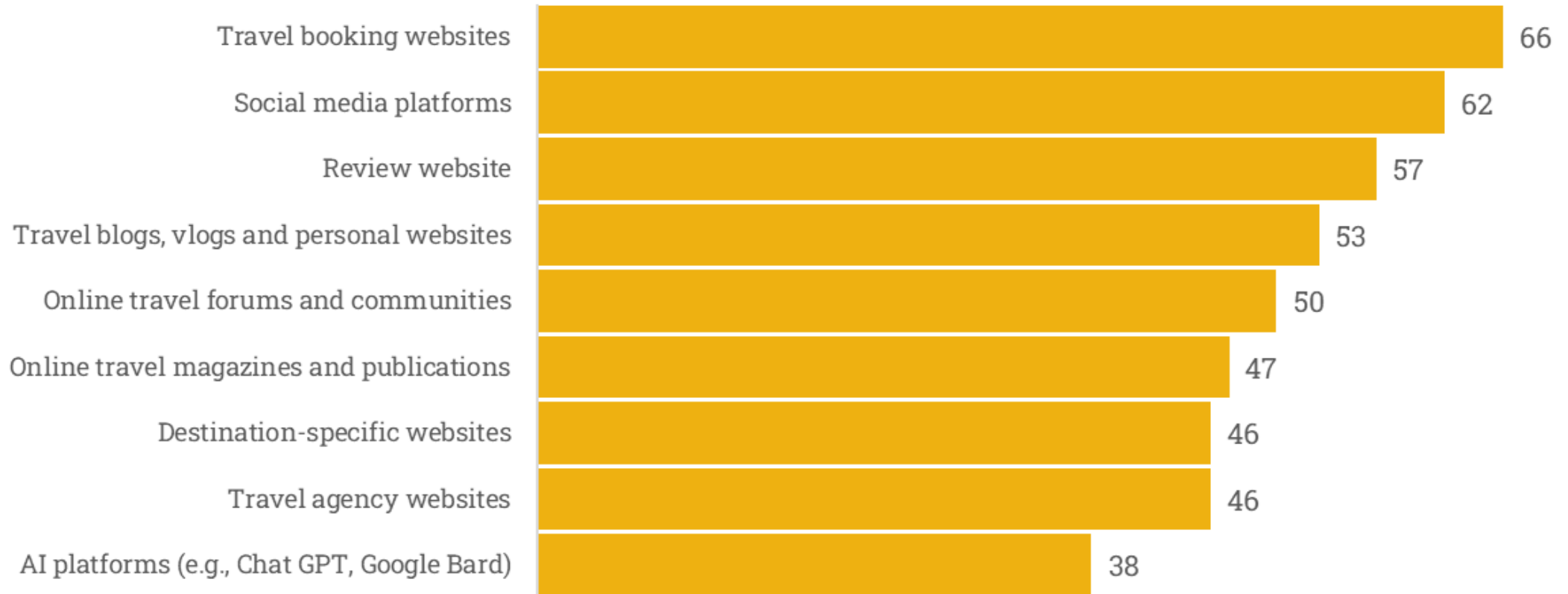
Sources of Information for Destination Selection (%)



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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

Websites Used for Destination Selection (%)



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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

Social Media Participation

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

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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

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

73%

Luxury travel experiences are an important part of leisure trips

72%

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

70%

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

69%

Global wars/strife will impact the destinations visited in 2025

CHINA



POPULATION
2024

1.4B

REAL GDP
GROWTH
2025 PROJECTION

4.5%

CURRENCY
RATE
CHINESE YUAN
2024

7.19

INFLATION
RATE
2025 PROJECTION

1.7%

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

10.7%

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

44.9%

CHINA

67%

Likelihood to Visit Travel South
in the next Five Years

Note: Chinese visitors who are Likely to Travel Internationally

Most Important Content For Destination Decisions:



- 30% Ways to experience nature
- 27% Theme parks
- 26% Restaurants and food
- 26% Opportunities for relaxation
- 26% Important or iconic attractions
- 24% Ways to experience the American lifestyle
- 24% Safety
- 23% Hotels and lodging
- 22% Museums and culture
- 20% Historical attractions
- 20% Shopping
- 20% National Parks
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- 12% Recommendations from residents
- 11% Commitment to being an eco-friendly/sustainable place
- 10% Touristy attractions to avoid
- 9% Level of crowds
- 9% Family fun
- 8% Snow/winter activities (skiing, sledding, etc.)

Source: Future Partners (2025)

CHINA

Recall of “Buzz”: Travel South
Destinations

57%

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CHINA



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

CHINA



1 Trip

31%

2 Trips

36%

3-4 Trips

22%

5+ Trips

11%

2.5

Average Number of Leisure International Trips

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

Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

CHINA



1.4

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

1+ Trips

63%

1 Trip

32%

2 Trips

15%

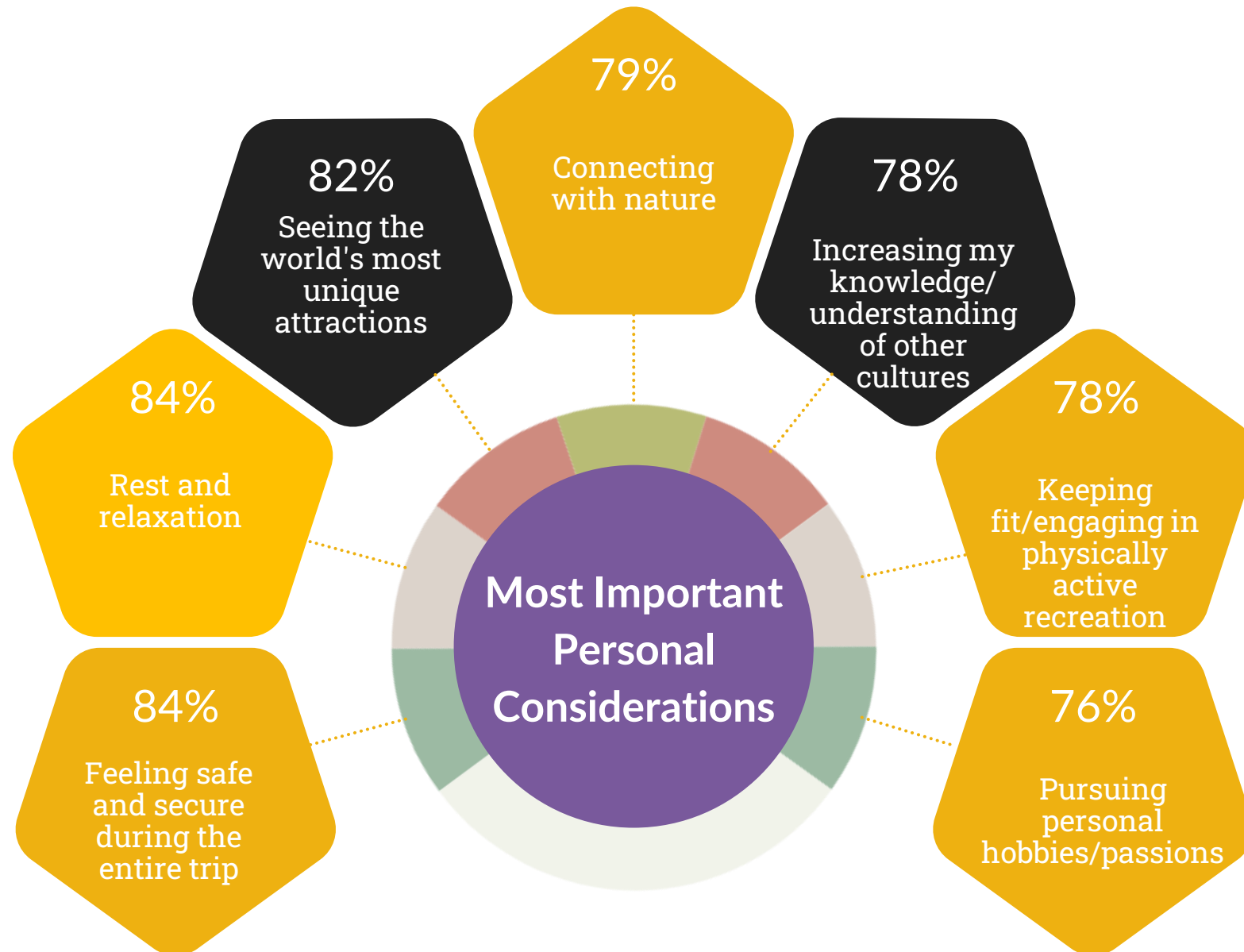
3+ Trips

16%

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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

CHINA



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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

CHINA

Most Important When Choosing a Destination

- 84%** Natural features/landscapes
- 83%** Appeal of local culture
- 82%** Leisure attractions
- 80%** Climate or weather at the destination
- 80%** Beaches/coastal activities
- 79%** Landmarks and sightseeing options
- 78%** Reputation/popularity as a travel destination
- 77%** Health and wellness offerings at the destination

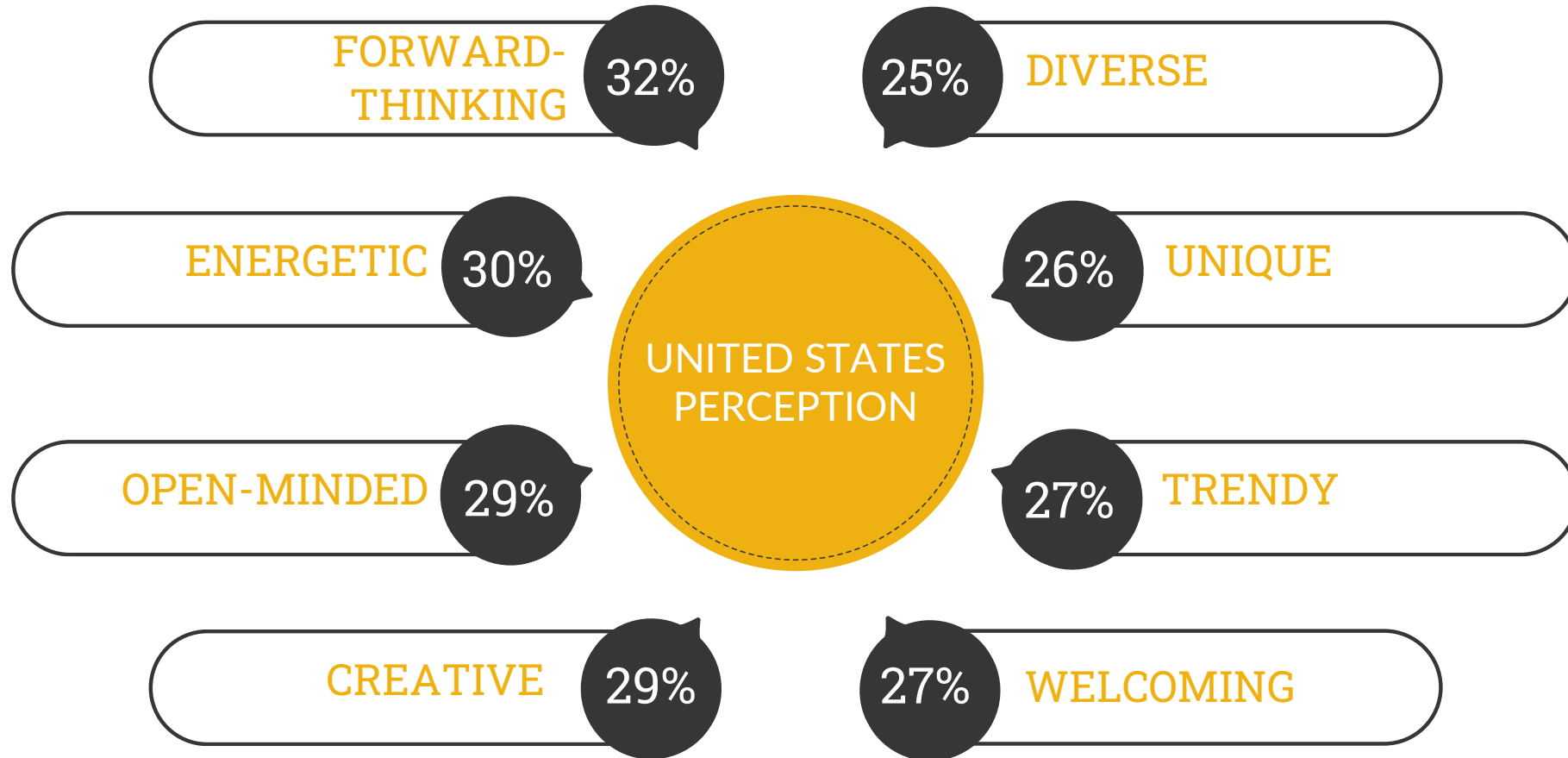
Most Discouraging From Visiting a Destination

- 24%** Personal safety concerns
- 21%** Uncleanliness in the destination
- 16%** Lack of environmental responsibilities
- 13%** Crowdedness
- 13%** Lack of information for planning trip & at destination
- 13%** Political climate not aligning with personal views
- 12%** Inconvenience of travel to the destination
- 11%** Visa requirements/entry procedures

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CHINA



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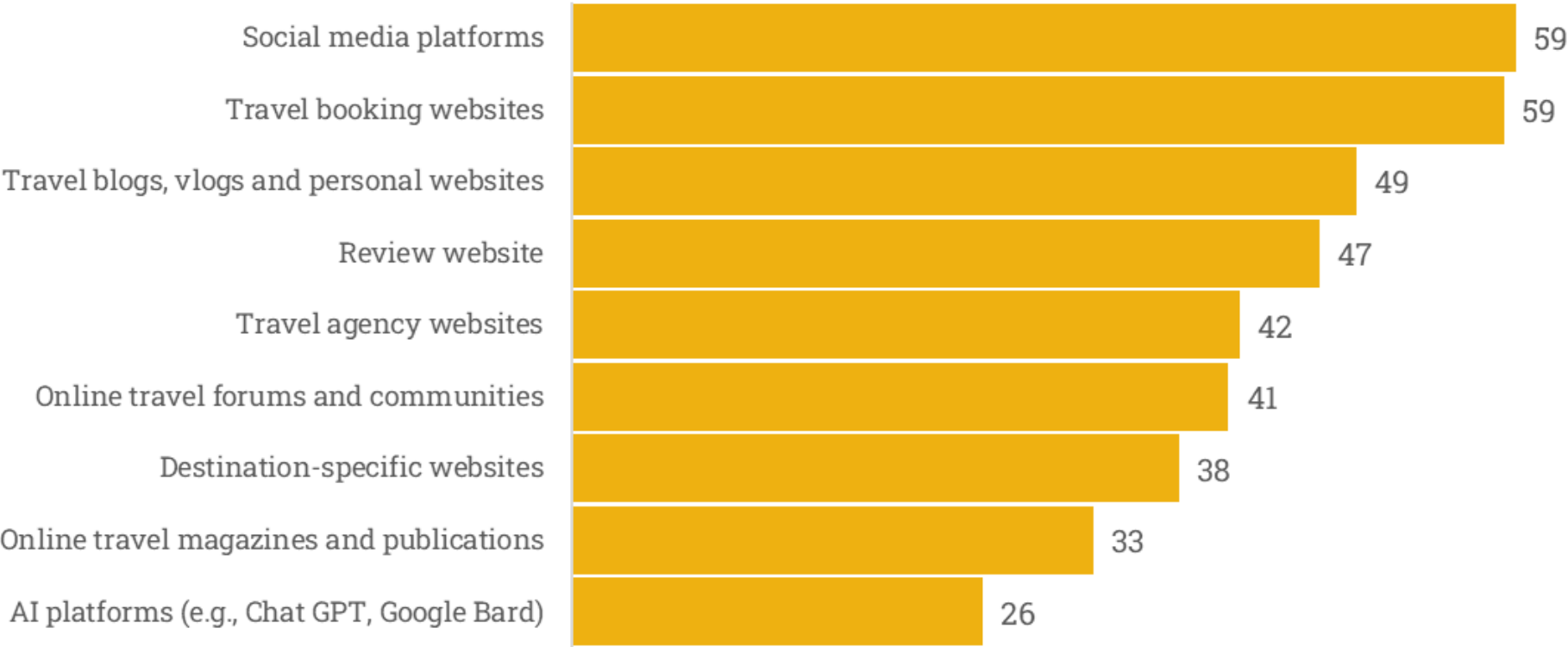
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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

Websites Used for Destination Selection (%)



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Source: Brand USA (Aug. 2024)

Social Media Participation

WeChat	84 %
Douyin (TikTok)	76 %
Xiaohongshu	48 %
iQIYI	48 %
Sina Weibo	45 %
Kuaishou	43 %
Meituan-Dianping	40 %
Youku	35 %
Zhihu	29 %
Baidu Tieba	25 %
Qzone	25 %
Douban	19 %
Momo	11 %

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CHINA

Likelihood of how 2025 will evolve:

Percentages show the total of “Strongly Agree” + “Agree”

67%

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

62%

Global wars/strife will impact the destinations visited in 2025

62%

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

61%

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

58%

Luxury travel experiences are an important part of leisure trips

Resources



Market Profiles

Global Partner Program

