2024 GLOBAL TRAVELLER RESEARCH PROGRAM

AUSTRALIA STRATEGIC REPORT







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STUDY OVERVIEW: AUSTRALIA MARKET



The Global Traveller Research Program is an annual survey commissioned by Destination Canada and conducted by YouGov Canada. The study fielded online in English, with sample being sourced from a nationally established panel.

The target population are residents aged 18 years and older who have taken a long-haul pleasure trip, where they had stayed at least 4 nights with a minimum of 1 night in paid accommodations in the past 3 years, or plan to take such a trip in the next 2 years.

Highly Engaged Guest (HEG) Audience Definition: Four segments that have been identified by Destination Canada as having higher economic and responsible values that most benefit Canadian communities.



Timing of Fieldwork

November 19th -December 2nd 2024



Geographical Definition for Qualified Trips

Outside of: Australia, New Zealand and the **Pacific Islands**



Sample Distribution

Sample distribution: **National**

Highly Engaged Guest (HEG) Audience:

Other travellers: 471

Total sample size: 1510

In 2023, DC switched research providers to YouGov Canada, with the project being migrated over to YouGov's proprietary panel.



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SEGMENT DESCRIPTION SLIDES



Program typing tool. Four segments have been identified by Destination Canada as having higher economic and responsible values that most benefit Canadian communities – these segments are referred to as Highly Engaged Guests and are Destination Canada's recommendation for all international leisure tourism targeting towards Canada. Throughout this report audience breakouts are included sometimes for Highly Engaged Guests (HEGs) as a whole and for individual segments that make up Highly Engaged Guests.

HIGHLY ENGAGED GUESTS



Outdoor Explorers
Base motivations

Adventure Novel & Authentic Escape & Relax



Culture SeekersBase motivations

Novel & Authentic New Connections Familiarity



Refined Globetrotters

Base motivations

Novel & Authentic Security Bonding



Purpose Driven Families

Base motivations

Bonding
Novel & Authentic
Adventure





City Trippers
Base motivations

Fun Escape & Relax Bonding



Simplicity Lovers
Base motivations

Escape & Relax Security Simplicity



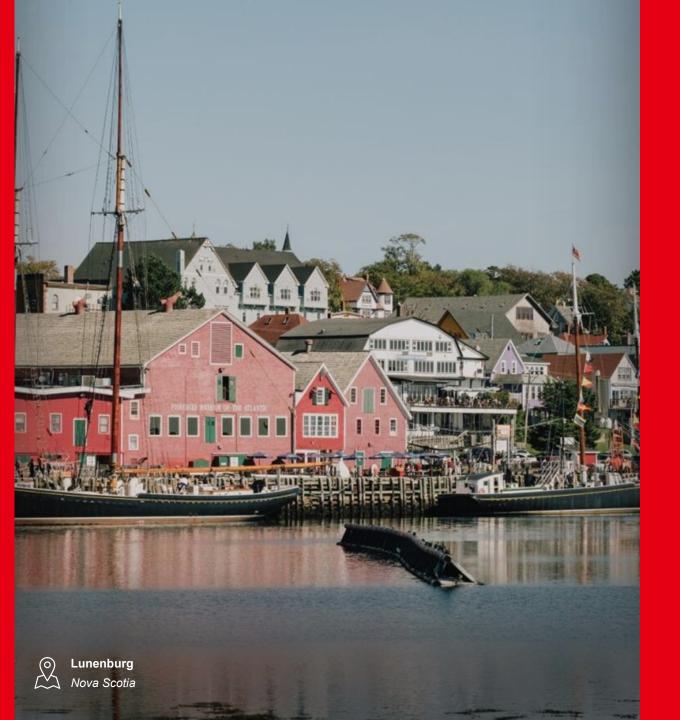
Fun & Sun Families

Base motivations

Bonding Escape & Relax Fun

To Learn More

If you'd like to learn more about Destination Canada's segments, and their motivations, explore detailed market profiles, training options, and segment identification tools at TourismDataCollective.ca/Segmentation









Canada's Market Potential & Competitive Destinations

- The immediate potential for Canada is 3.7M Australian travellers
- The four HEG priority segments represent eight in ten (82%) of the immediate market potential:
 - ✓ Culture Seekers, Canada's priority segment, represents the largest opportunity at 1M Australian travellers
 - ✓ Outdoor Explorers are the second largest segment at 790K, followed by Refined Globetrotters (733K) and Purpose Driven Families (495K)
- At 34%, Canada currently ranks 4th in terms of consideration trailing behind Japan (49%), UK (44%) and the US (38%)
- Australian travellers view Canada as having beautiful natural scenery/landscapes and a great place to see wildlife in its natural habitat. It is
 also a destination that has great outdoor/physical activities and unique/natural wonders to discover. However, there is an opportunity to
 further educate them on what Canada has to offer as only 36% say they have at least very good knowledge of holiday opportunities in the
 destination. While this is similar to the US (36%) and Japan (35%), it is quite a bit lower than their knowledge of the UK (48%)
- In addition to competing with destinations higher on the priority list, cost is a top factor that would discourage Australians from travelling to Canada. This is true among all segments, although less of a concern for **Culture Seekers** the top priority segment. Of note is the smaller gap in consideration for Canada as a Winter destination vs. Fall among Australians as compared to other markets



Key Drivers & Opportunities by Priority Segment



Culture Seekers

- At approximately one-half (49%), **Culture Seekers** are more likely to have visited Canada compared to the average Australian traveller. However, while they do have a positive Net Promoter Score (NPS) (+21), it is the lowest of all HEG segments
- Among **Culture Seekers**, Canada's strengths lie in being a place with wide-open landscapes, a place for enjoying nature in close proximity to cities, having welcoming people, being a place where the vastness of nature can be enjoyed, having great outdoor/physical activities and a great place to see wildlife in its natural habitat
- Overall, there is an opportunity to further carve out Canada's personality among **Culture Seekers** who at present have relatively neutral perceptions of competing destinations
- Strengthening perceptions of key drivers can help position Canada more effectively against competitors. There is potential to enhance consideration by emphasizing emotional connections such as personal meaning, place I want to visit with family and trending as a must-visit destination as well as improving value perceptions





Fall Travel

- Seasonal potential is slightly higher in the Fall (2.8M Total) vs. the Winter (2.7M)
- Canada competes closely with destinations such as Germany, Greece, US, France and Japan for Fall consideration
- In terms of top destination mentioned on an unaided basis, while Canada is most top of mind among Refined Globetrotters, there's an opportunity to increase share of mind among **Culture Seekers** as it relates to Fall destinations
- For most segments, the ideal Fall weather is a top motivator for travel to Canada. Further, Culture Seekers are more likely to have places in Canada they only want to visit during the Fall months
- Barriers vary, including availability and lack of knowledge of available activities



Winter Travel

- Overall, Canada is viewed as a more distinct Winter destination, but this distinction is less evident among **Culture Seekers** (67% for Winter vs. 57% for Fall)
- Canada is the top destination mentioned on an unaided basis across segments, and like the Fall, it competes closely with several other destinations
- Canada's distinctiveness as a Winter destination resonates most with Outdoor Explorers and Refined Globetrotters, highlighting strong alignment with adventure-oriented travellers
- While weather suitability and holiday availability remain top motivators for many, cold weather persists as the primary barrier for others





Recent Trip to Canada: Profile

- One-half (50%) of all Australians who travelled to Canada did so for leisure. This was an increase vs. one year ago as there was a shift from combined business/personal trips to solely holiday visits
- Most trips to Canada were at least four nights in length with most falling in the 4–13 night range
- All segments engaged in a nature-related activity during their trip to Canada
- Trips to Canada differed from other destinations in the following ways:
 - While most traveled to Canada for 4-13 nights, 30% spent 1-3 nights which is significantly higher than other destinations (18%)
 which favoured longer stays of 14+ nights
 - Trips to Canada were more likely to include children under 18 and/or friends
 - Travellers to Canada are more likely than travellers to other destinations to use a travel agent
 - At 50%, trips to Canada are more than two times as likely to be fully organized by a group tour
 - One-third of Australian travellers to Canada booked luxury hotels for their trip, compared to just 20% for other destinations (where mid-price hotels were more common). In fact, several other accommodation types were used more for Canada trips (including glamping and all-inclusive resorts)





MARKET SIZING

MARKET SIZING - LONG-HAUL TRAVELLERS



Total Population 18+

20,129,000 (Total AU Population 18+)

39% Took a Long-Haul[^] Pleasure Trip in the Past 3 Years

44% Plan To Take a Long-Haul Pleasure Trip In Next 2 Years

51.5% Incidence Rate

Total long-haul pleasure travel incidence (past 3 years/planned next 2 years)

7,850,500 (Recent Long-Haul Travellers)

8,857,000 (Upcoming Long-Haul Travellers)

10,366,500 (Total Long-haul Travellers)



POTENTIAL MARKET SIZE FOR CANADA (NEXT 2 YEARS)



Australia's immediate potential has increased, resulting in 3.7M definitely/very likely to visit Canada in the next two years.

Total potential Long-Haul Pleasure travellers aged 18 years or more	10,366,500				
Target Market for Canada (Those in the dream to purchase stages of the path to purchase for Canada)	71.6%				
Size of the Target Market	7,422,500				
Immediate Potential for Canada (Will definitely/very likely visit Canada in the next 2 years ¹)	× 50.0%↑ =				
Immediate Potential	3,711,500				

¹ Includes respondents likely to visit Canada for a trip of 1 to 3 nights, or a trip of 4 nights or more. Base: Target market for Canada = long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years) (n=1510); Immediate potential for Canada = dream to purchase stages for P2P for Canada (n=1080)

C1. Which of the following best describes your current situation when thinking about each of the following destinations for a holiday trip? (Select one for each)

E1. Realistically, how likely are you to take a holiday trip to Canada in the **next 2 years**? (Select one)

^{↑ / ↓ =} significantly higher/lower result (2024 vs. 2023)

POTENTIAL MARKET SIZE FOR CANADA (NEXT 2 YEARS): BY SEGMENT



In general, potential visitation is higher in the Winter across all segments, with Culture Seekers representing the greatest opportunity.

Total segment sizes
X Target Market for Canada (Those in the dream to purchase stages of the path to purchase for Canada)
=
Size of the Target Market X
Immediate Potential for Canada (Will definitely/very likely visit Canada in the next 2 years ¹)
=
Immediate Potential
X
Immediate Seasonal Potential (Consideration for Canada in [SEASON] in next 2 years)

Immediate Seasonal Potential

10,366,500 (Total Long-Haul Travellers)										
	1,980,000 2,384,500 1,866,000 902,000 tdoor Explorers Culture Seekers Refined Globetrotters Purpose Driven Families									
69.	69.1%		78.2%		74.6%		4%			
1,368	1,368,000		5,500	1,392	2,000	716,	000			
57.	57.7%		54.0%		52.7%		1%			
790	,000	1,007,500		733,000		494,500				
Fall 37.4%	Winter 41.1%	Fall 45.3%	Winter 47.9%	Fall 40.0%	Winter 45.0%	Fall 33.7%	Winter 53.5%			
Fall 295,500	Winter 324,500	Fall 457,000	Winter 483,000	Fall 293,500	Winter 330,000	Fall 166,500	Winter 264,500			

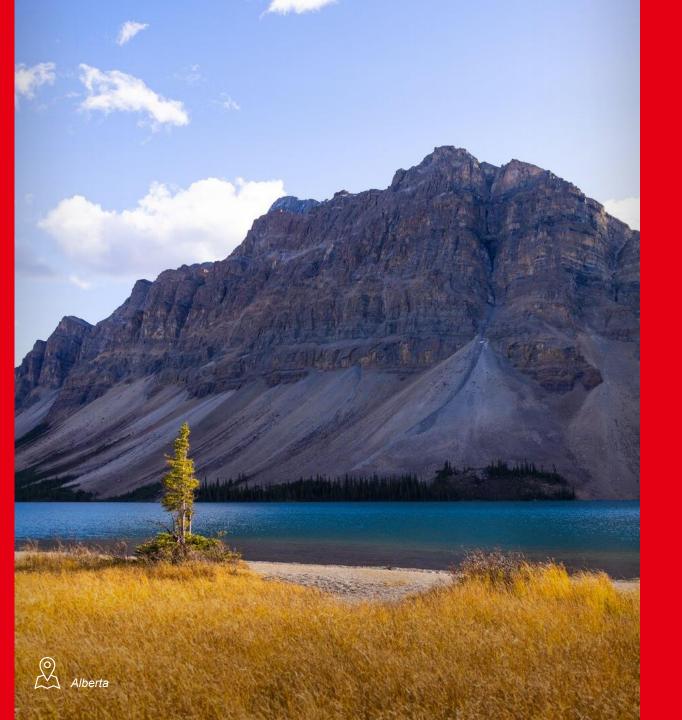
Includes respondents likely to visit Canada for a trip of 1 to 3 nights, or a trip of 4 nights or more.

Base: Target market for Canada = long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years): Outdoor Explorers (n=347); Culture Seekers (n=274); Refined Globetrotters (n=130); Purpose Driven Families (n=224) Immediate potential for Canada = dream to purchase stages for P2P for Canada: Outdoor Explorers (n=271); Culture Seekers (n=204); Refined Globetrotters (n=103); Purpose Driven Families (n=149) Immediate autumn potential for Canada: Outdoor Explorers (n=115); Culture Seekers (n=16); Refined Globetrotters (n=107); Purpose Driven Families (n=71); Immediate winter potential for Canada: Outdoor Explorers (n=115); Culture Seekers (n=107); Purpose Driven Families (n=71); C1. Which of the following best describes your current situation when thinking about each of the following destinations for a holiday trip? (Select one for each)

E1. Realistically, how likely are you to take a holiday trip to Canada in the **next 2 years**? (Select one)



C7. For each of the following destinations, during which months would you consider taking long-haul trip in the next two years?



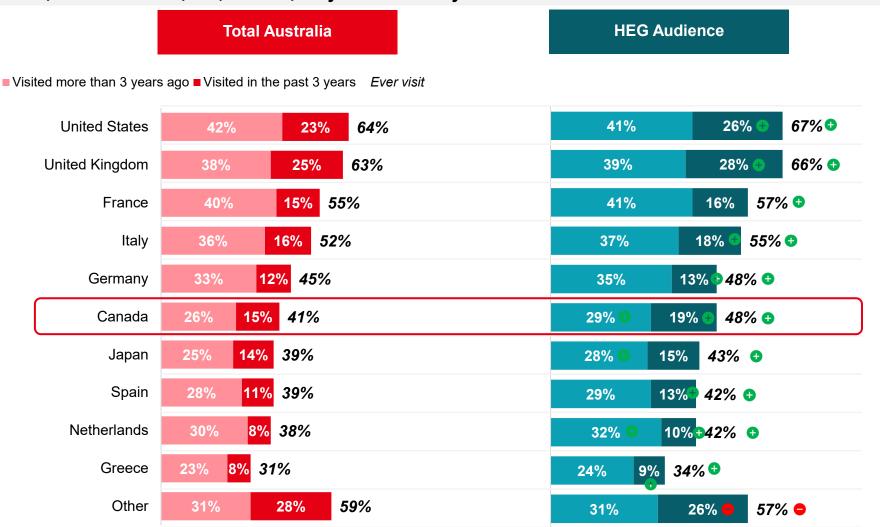


CANADA VS. COMPETITORS

PAST VISITATION



While 41% of Australian travellers and nearly one-half of the HEG audience (including CSs) have travelled to Canada in the past, the country ranks 6th, behind the US, UK, France, Italy and Germany.

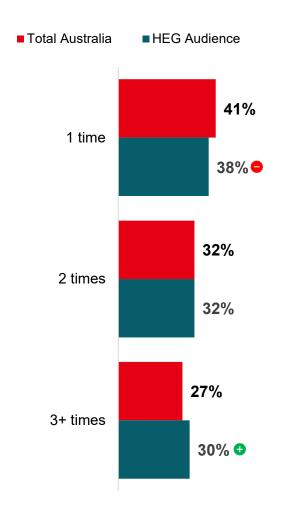


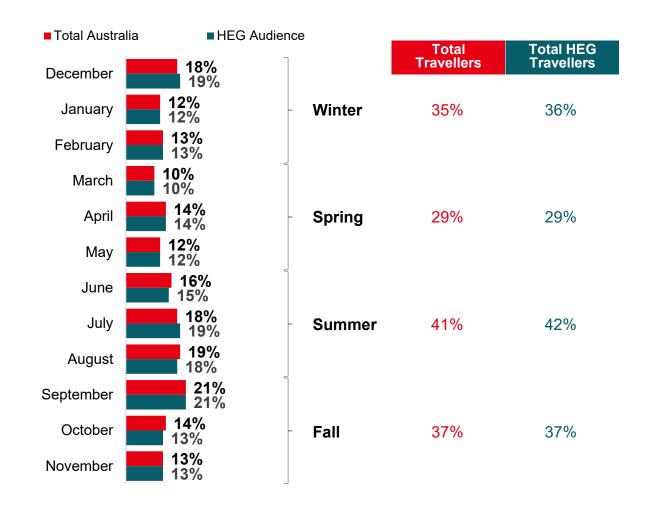
49% of Culture Seekers ever visited Canada

NUMBER OF VISITS EVER & TIME OF YEAR VISITED CANADA



The HEG audience shows slightly higher repeat visits (3+) to Canada compared to overall Australian travellers, with Summer being the most popular travel season for both groups.

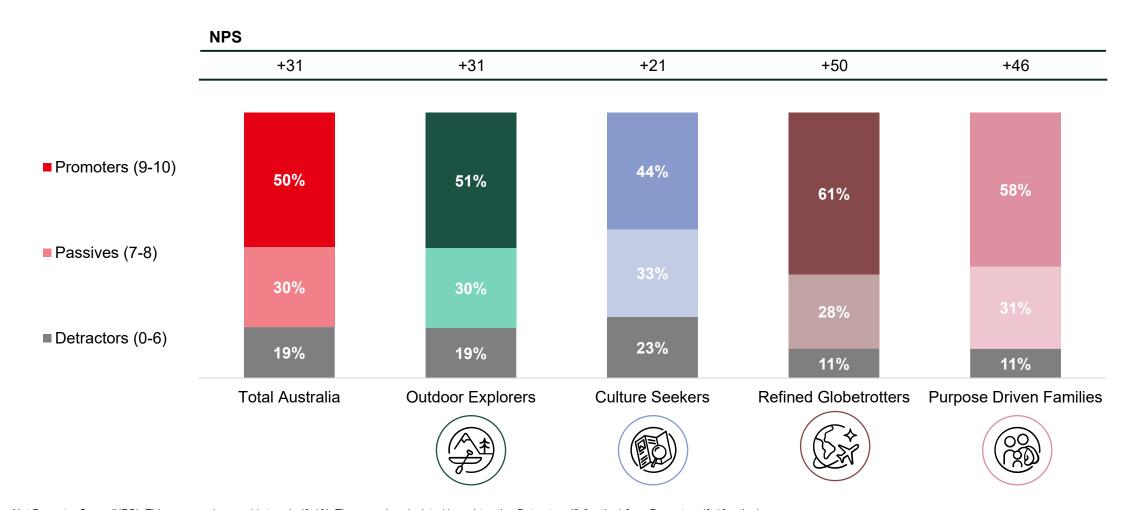




CANADA NET PROMOTER SCORE (NPS): BY SEGMENT



Canada has a high NPS among all segments; however, it is lowest among the CSs.

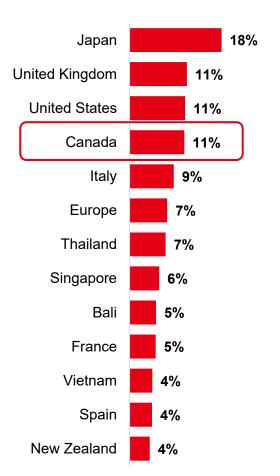


UNAIDED DESTINATION CONSIDERATION (NEXT 2 YEARS)

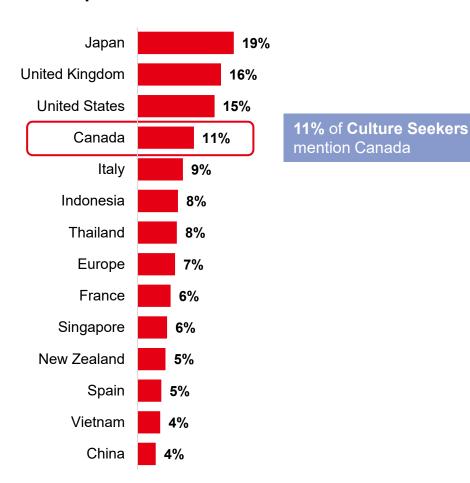


Compared to other destinations, Canada ranks 4th in terms of unaided consideration, behind Japan, the UK and the US.

Top Destination Brands¹



Top Destinations²





¹Responses as mentioned by respondents (e.g., percentage who said "Canada" specifically).

²Roll-up of brand mentions by country (e.g., percentage who said "Canada" or any destination in Canada).

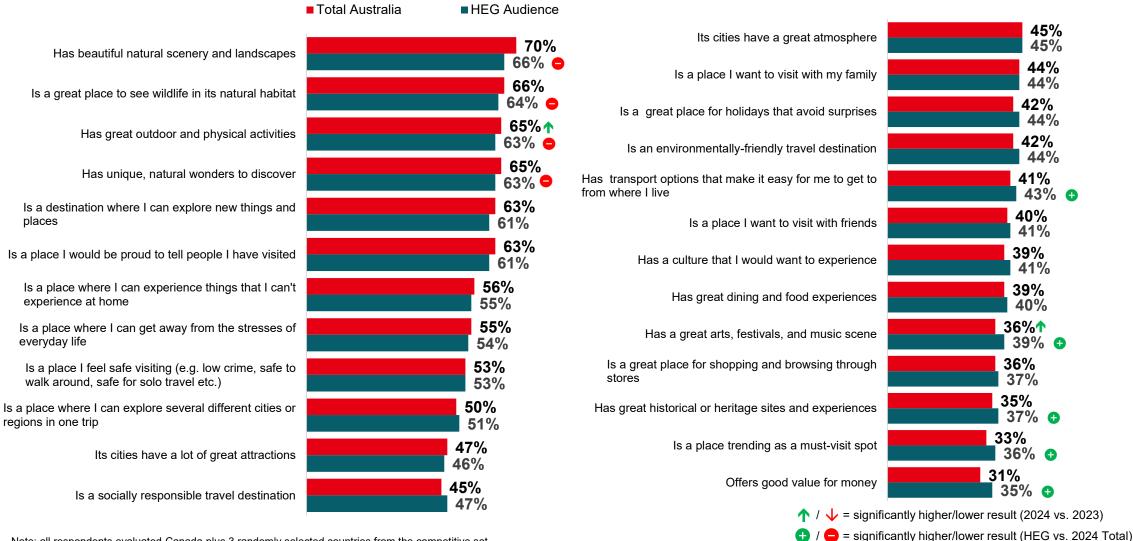
Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years) (n=1510)

B1. You mentioned that you are likely to take long-haul holiday trip in the next 2 years. Which destinations are you seriously considering? (Please list up to 3 destinations)

IMPRESSIONS OF CANADA AS A HOLIDAY DESTINATION



Although less so among HEGs, Canada is mainly associated with its beautiful scenery and landscapes as well as being a place to see wildlife in its natural habitat.



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CONSIDERATION FUNNELS: TOTAL AUSTRALIA

Overall, almost three quarters of Australian travellers dream of visiting Canada. Conversion from dream to consideration is 47%. Only 34% are considering travel to Canada compared to 49% for Japan and 44% for the UK.



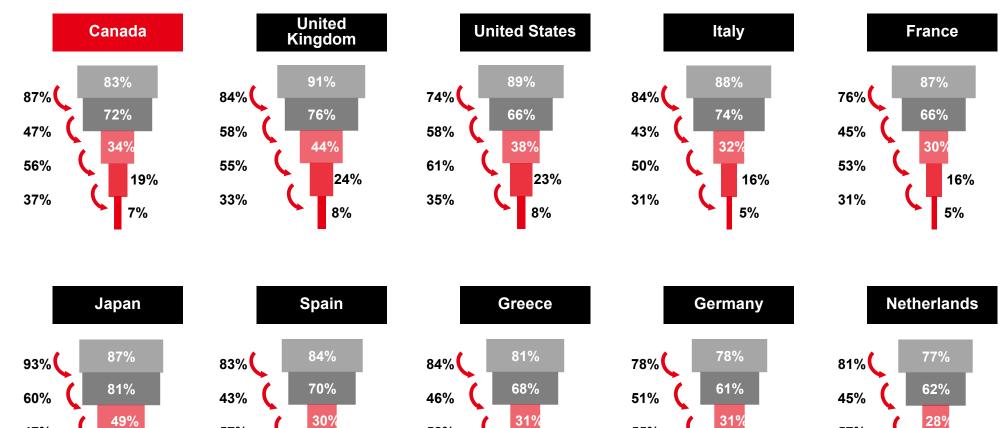
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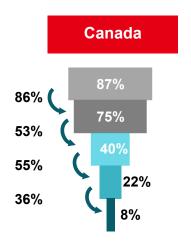
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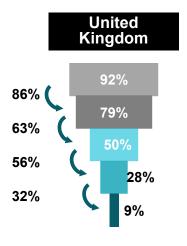
CONSIDERATION FUNNELS: AMONG HEG TRAVELLERS

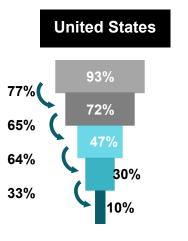
Two-fifths of HEG travellers are considering a trip to Canada, while one-fifth are actively planning their visit.

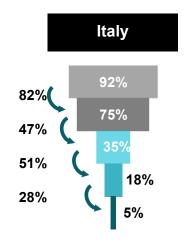


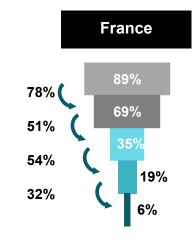


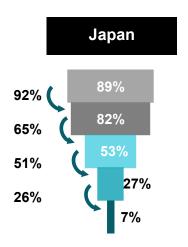


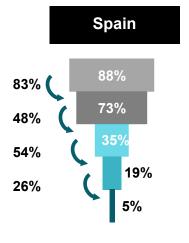


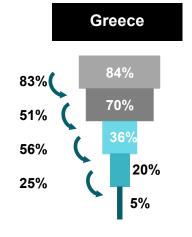


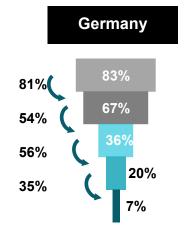


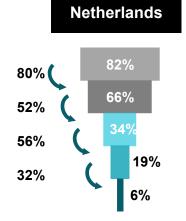












LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE OF HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES



At 36%, top two box knowledge of Canada is similar to the US, and higher among the HEG audience.

	Total Australia		HEG Audience
	■Very good ■Excellent	Very good/Excellent	
United Kingdom (n=504)	26% 21% 48%	United Kingdom (n=352)	28% 25% 53% +
United States (n=503)	21% 18% 39%	United States (n=331)	23% 25% + 48%+
Canada (n=1510)	19% 16% 36%	Canada (n=1039)	23% ⊕ 20% ⊕ 43% ⊕
France (n=504)	22% 13% 35%	France (n=347)	24% [⊕] 17% ⊕ 41% ⊕
Italy (n=503)	20% 15% 35%	Italy (n=341)	24% 16% 41% ⊕
Japan (n=505)	18% 18% 35%	Japan (n=351)	21% 20% 41% +
Spain (n=503)	18% <mark>12%</mark> 30%	Spain (n=359)	21% 15% 36% +
Germany (n=504)	15% 14% 29%	Germany (n=340)	19% 18% 37% +
Greece (n=501)	17% <mark>11%</mark> 28% ↓	Greece (n=336)	19%+ 15%+ 34%+
Netherlands (n=503)	16% <mark>12%</mark> 28%	Netherlands (n=360)	20% 14% +34% +

 \uparrow / \downarrow = significantly higher/lower result (2024 vs. 2023)

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KEY DRIVERS

DESTINATION ATTRIBUTES: DRIVERS ANALYSIS (CULTURE SEEKERS)



For CSs, personal meaning and visiting with family are primary drivers while being a place that is trending as a must-visit spot and good value for money stand out as secondary drivers.

Is personally meaningful to me as a destination	9.04%
Is a place I want to visit with my family	9.00%
Is a place trending as a must-visit spot	6.85%
Offers good value for money	5.55%
Is an environmentally-friendly travel destination	4.42%
Is a place I want to visit with friends	3.80%
Has transport options that make it easy for me to get to from where I live	3.29%
Is a place where the people embrace new ideas	2.94%
Has beautiful natural scenery and landscapes	2.91%
Is a place where I can enjoy the vastness of nature	2.68%
Is a good place to live	2.46%
Is a socially responsible travel destination	2.39%
Is a place where nature can be enjoyed in close proximity to cities	2.38%
Has great dining and food experiences	2.37%
Has great historical or heritage sites and experiences	2.36%
Has a culture that I would want to experience	2.29%
Is a great place for shopping and browsing through stores	2.23%
Is a destination where I can explore new things and places	2.16%
Its cities have a great atmosphere	2.12%
Is a place where I can get away from the stresses of everyday life	2.07%
Is a place where the people are welcoming	2.03%
Is a place where I can explore several different cities or regions in one trip	1.98%
Is a great place to see wildlife in its natural habitat	1.96%
Has a distinctive identity that can't be replicated by other destinations	1.94%
Is a place I feel safe visiting (e.g. low crime, safe to walk around, safe for solo travel etc.)	1.91%
Is a place where I can experience things that I can't experience at home	1.81%
Is a place I would be proud to tell people I have visited	1.74%
Has a great arts, festivals, and music scene	1.74%
Is a place where the people are open-minded	1.72%
Has unique, natural wonders to discover	1.72%
Is a great place for holidays that avoid surprises	1.70%
Is a place that embraces cultural diversity	1.66%
Is a place with wide-open landscapes	1.61%
Has great outdoor and physical activities	1.59%
Its cities have a lot of great attractions	1.56%

Description

Key drivers analysis (KDA) seeks to identify the strongest predictors of a dependent variable. In this case, we used consideration of a destination (C2) as the dependent variable. The analysis uses a mix of linear and logistic regressions, assessing the simultaneous effect of many independent variables, destination attributes (C6) while controlling for each other.

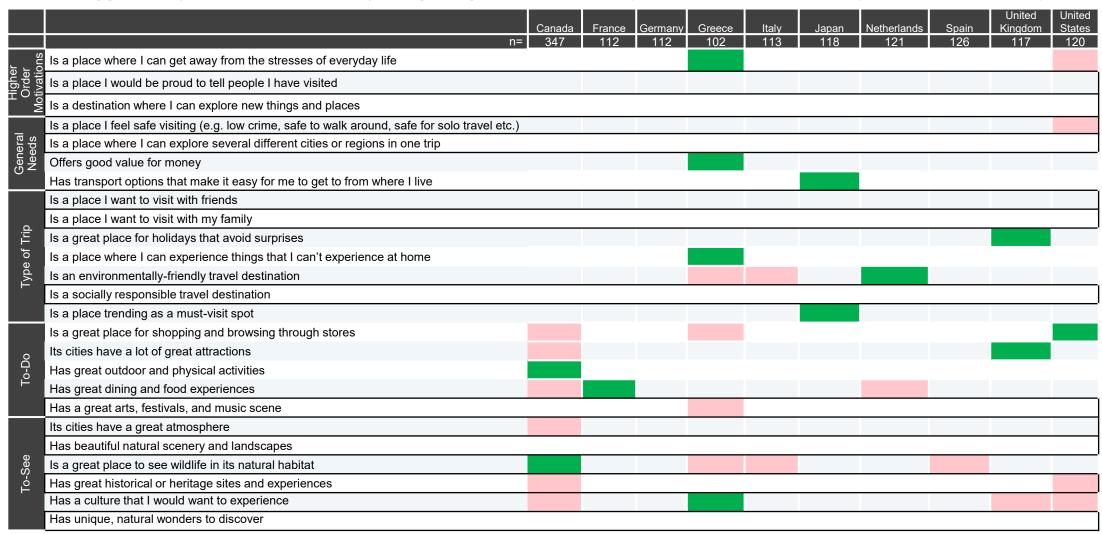
Interpretation

Attributes with a high percentage level are more likely to impact consideration of a destination. This generally means that destinations that score highly on the top attributes may have higher consideration levels. Each percentage does also indicate the degree of relative impact. An attribute with a score of 5% is twice as impactful on consideration as an attribute with a score of 2.5%.

DESTINATION ATTRIBUTES: RELATIVE STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES (CULTURE SEEKERS)



To CSs, Canada is known for its great outdoor/physical activities as well as being a great place to see wildlife in its natural habitat. There is opportunity for Canada to strengthen perceptions on the many dimensions not currently associated with any destinations.



No destination has a strength for this statement

Strength

Weakness

BRAND VALUE STATEMENTS (CULTURE SEEKERS)



In terms of brand value statements, Canada's strengths lie in being a place with wide-open landscapes, a place for enjoying nature in close proximity to cities, having welcoming people and being a place where the vastness of nature can be enjoyed.

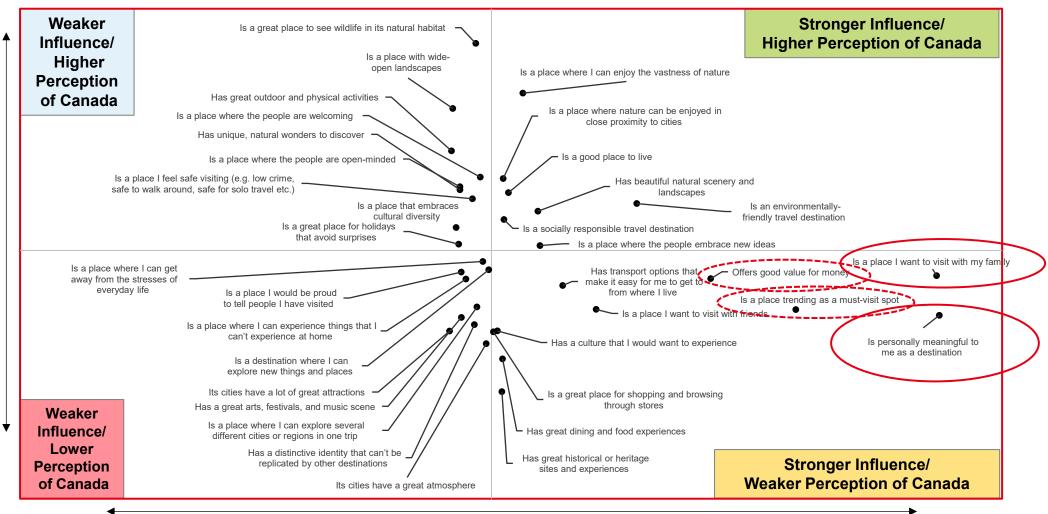
	Canada	France	Germany	Greece	Italy	Japan 110	Netherlands	Spain 126	United Kingdom	United States
Is a place with wide-open landscapes	347	112	112	102	113	118	121	120	117	120
Is a place where nature can be enjoyed in close proximity to cities										
Is a place that embraces cultural diversity										
Is a place where the people are welcoming										
Is a place where the people are open-minded										
Is a place where the people embrace new ideas										
Is a good place to live										
Has a distinctive identity that can't be replicated by other destinations										
Is personally meaningful to me as a destination										
Is a place where I can enjoy the vastness of nature										

No destination has a strength for this statement Strength Weakness

CANADA STRENGTHS & OPPORTUNITIES (CULTURE SEEKERS)



There is an opportunity for Canada to improve consideration by strengthening perceptions on the top drivers, including personal meaning, place to visit with family, trending as a must-visit spot and value.





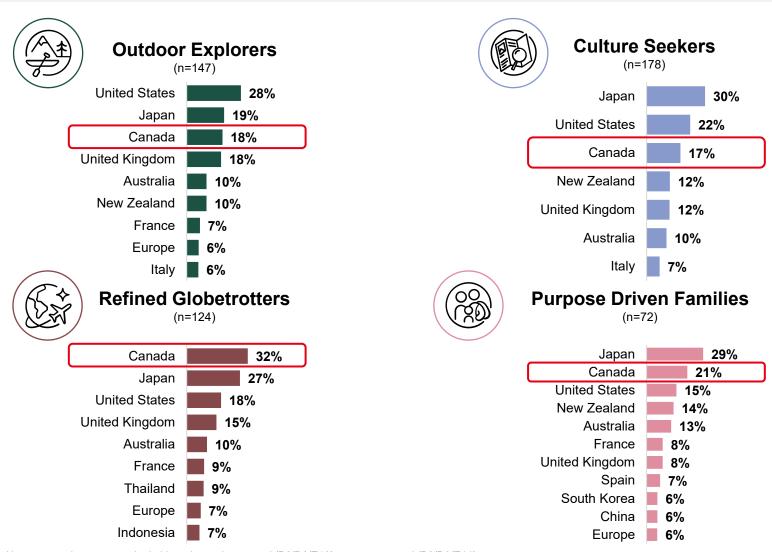


SEASONAL TRAVEL

TOP UNAIDED FALL DESTINATIONS: BY SEGMENTS



Among CSs and OEs, Canada lags behind both Japan and US as a Fall destination. Canada is most top of mind among RGs.



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TOP UNAIDED WINTER DESTINATIONS: BY SEGMENTS



Canada ranks first in terms of winter destinations across all segments. However, among CSs (and RGs) Japan is a close second.

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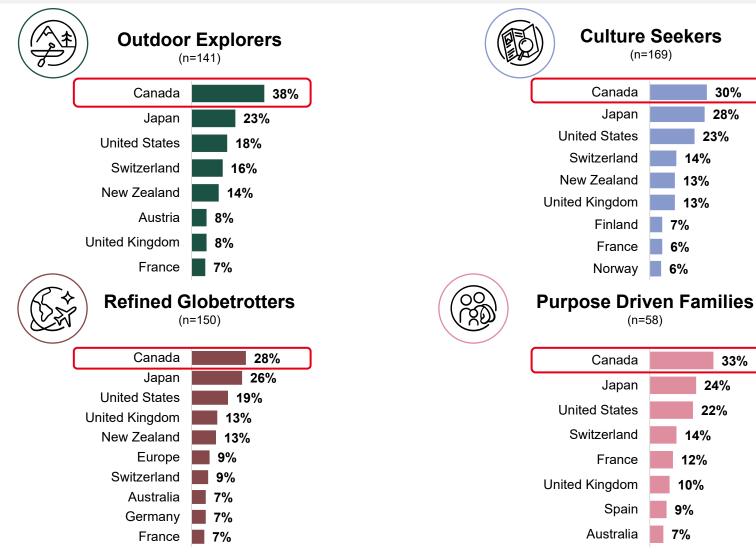
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Note: respondents were asked either about winter travel (B2/D2/E13) or autumn travel (B3/D3/E14) Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years)

B2. What destinations come to mind when thinking about travel to experience the winter season? (Please list up to 3 destinations. You can mention destinations within or outside of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.) [DESCRIPTION] Please note: You do not have to limit your responses to destinations you are considering for a holiday trip.



SEASONAL CONSIDERATION BY DESTINATION



While Canada's consideration is highest in the Summer, it falls behind competitors, most notably Greece and Italy. That said, Canada is more competitive in both the Fall and Winter.

Total Australia	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)	HEG Audience	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)
Canada (n=1080)	36%	37%	41%	38%	Canada (n=777)	38%	38%	40%	37%
France (n=332)	31%	38%	45%	40%	France (n=238)	34%	40%	45%	43%
Germany (n=307)	37% ↑	37%	45%	43%	Germany (n=227)	38%	39%	43%	44%
Greece (n=340)	27%	46%	51% ↑	43%	Greece (n=235)	28% 🙃	45%	50% 😑	43%
Italy (n=373)	27%	42%	53% ↑	41%	Italy (n=257)	32%	44%	49%	41%
Japan (n=408)	40%	45%	36%	39%	Japan (n=288)	42%	45%	39%	39%
Netherlands (n=312)	30%	39%	46%	36%	Netherlands (n=239)	31% 😷	39%	46%	37%
Spain (n=354)	28%	48% ↑	46%	38%	Spain (n=261)	29%	48%	48%	39%
United Kingdom (n=385)	33% ↑	39%	49%	38%	United Kingdom (n=276)	37%	40%	47%	41%
United States (n=331)	40% 🛧	44%	42%	42% ↑	United States (n=239)	41%	47%	40%	42%

 $[\]uparrow$ / \downarrow = significantly higher/lower result (2024 vs. 2023)

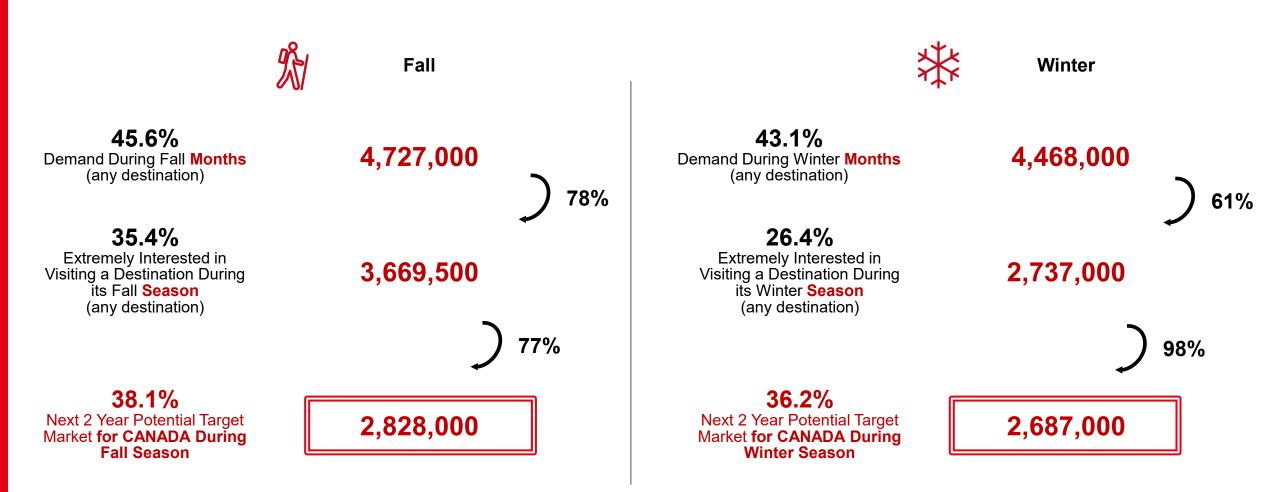
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FALL/WINTER CONVERSION - TOTAL AUSTRALIA



At 2.8M, Fall demand from Australia is slightly stronger than in Winter (2.7M).



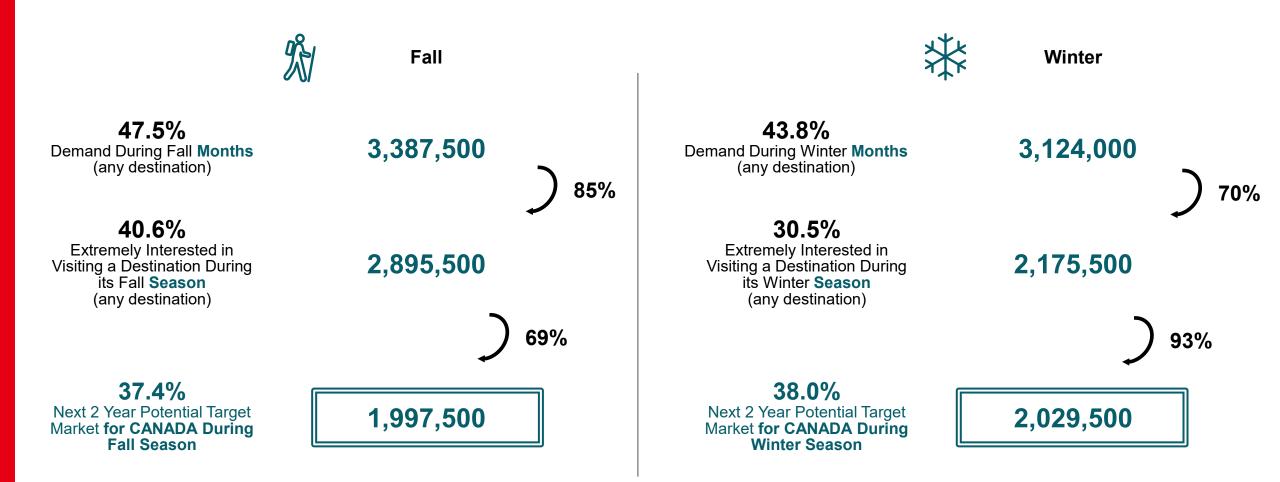
Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years)
D1. In general, what time of year do you typically like to take holiday trips? Select all that apply Total (n=1510)
D3. In general, how interested are you in taking a holiday trip to a destination during its autumn season? Total (n=750)
D2. In general, how interested are you in taking a holiday trip to a destination during its winter season? Total (n=760)

C7. For each of the following destinations, during which months would you consider taking long-haul trip in the next two years? Total (n=1080)

FALL/WINTER CONVERSION - HEGS



Among HEGs, Fall demand is nearly the same as Winter demand, despite higher interest in visiting a destination during its Fall season.



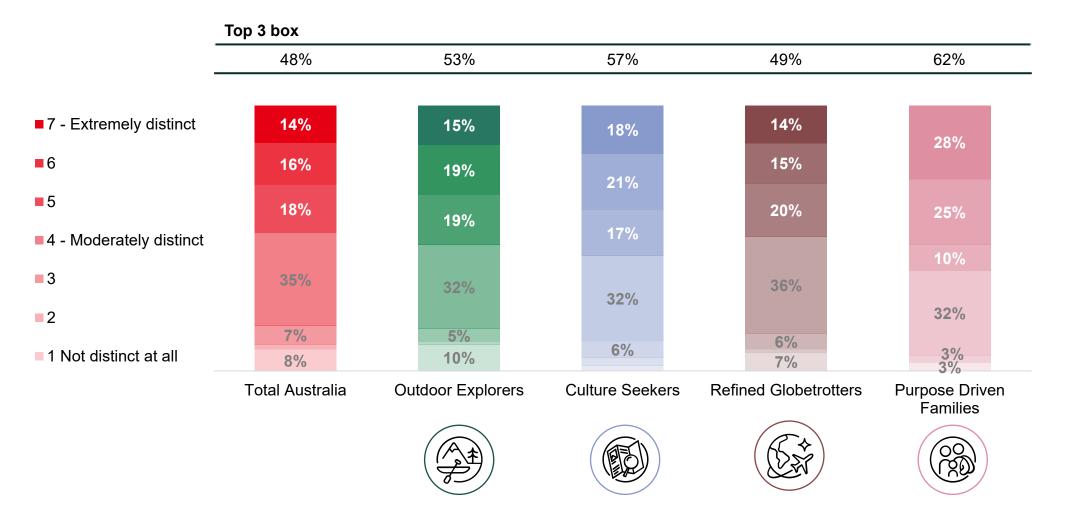
Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years), HEGs
D1. In general, what time of year do you typically like to take holiday trips? Select all that apply (n=1039)
D3. In general, how interested are you in taking a holiday trip to a destination during its autumn season? (n=521)
D2. In general, how interested are you in taking a holiday trip to a destination during its winter season? (n=518)

C7. For each of the following destinations, during which months would you consider taking long-haul trip in the next two years? (n=777)

UNIQUENESS OF CANADA AS FALL DESTINATION: BY SEGMENTS



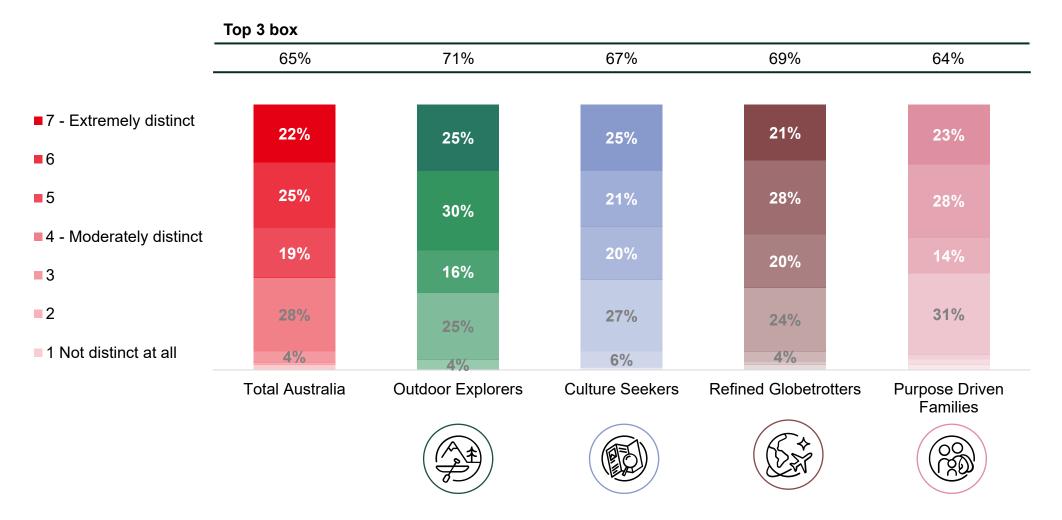
Nearly six in ten CSs view Canada as a unique Fall destination, second only to PDFs.

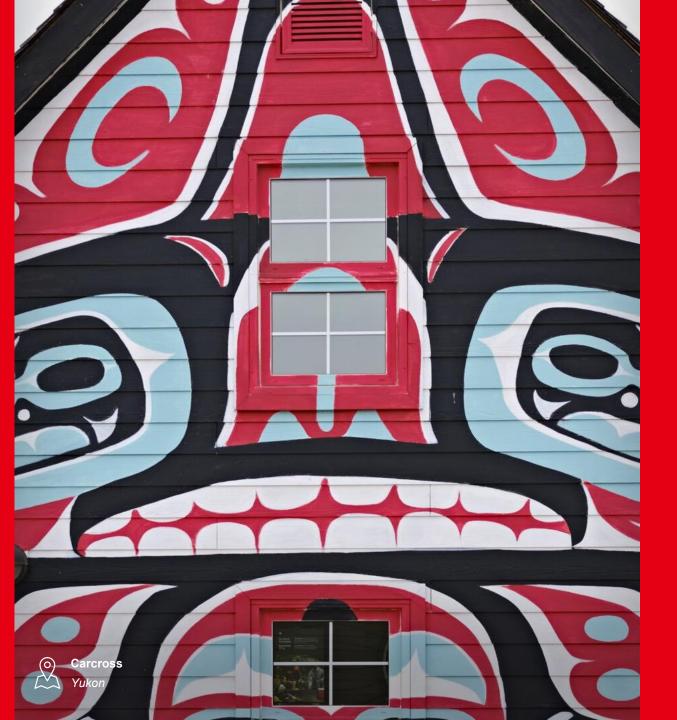


UNIQUENESS OF CANADA AS WINTER DESTINATION: BY SEGMENTS



Overall, Canada's distinctiveness as a Winter destination is somewhat stronger than Fall but the gap among CSs is relatively small (67% for Winter vs. 57% for Fall)





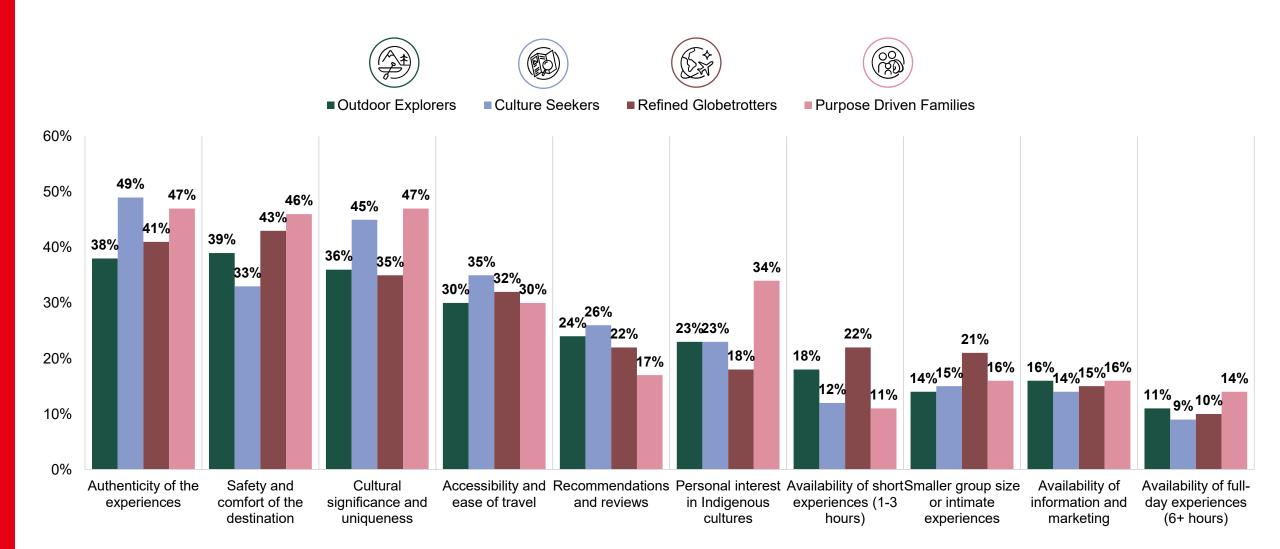


INDIGENOUS **TRAVEL**

FACTORS TO DRIVE INTEREST IN INDIGENOUS CULTURAL EXPERIENCES: BY SEGMENTS



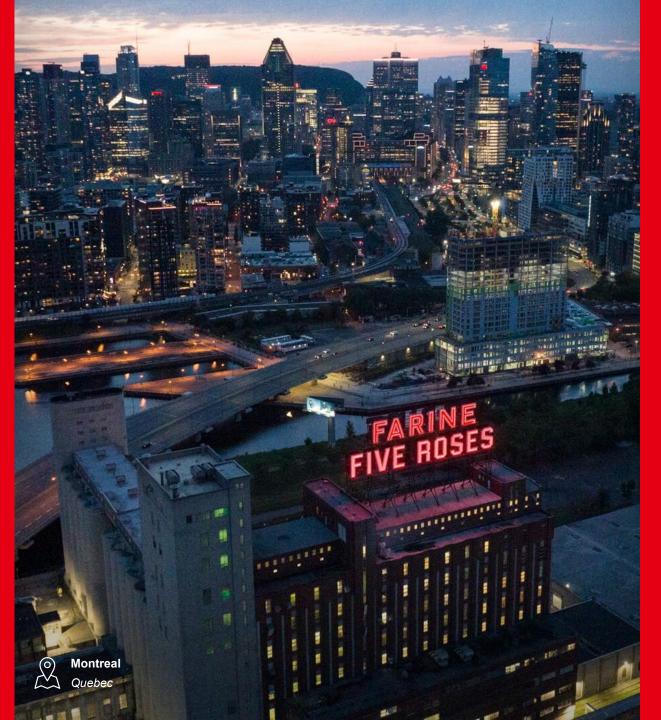
Authenticity of experiences and cultural significance are key for CSs.



Note: respondents were asked either about interest in Indigenous destinations (C10) or factors to drive interest in Indigenous cultural experiences (C11)

Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years): Outdoor Explorers (n=143); Culture Seekers (n=168); Refined Globetrotters (n=148); Purpose Driven Families





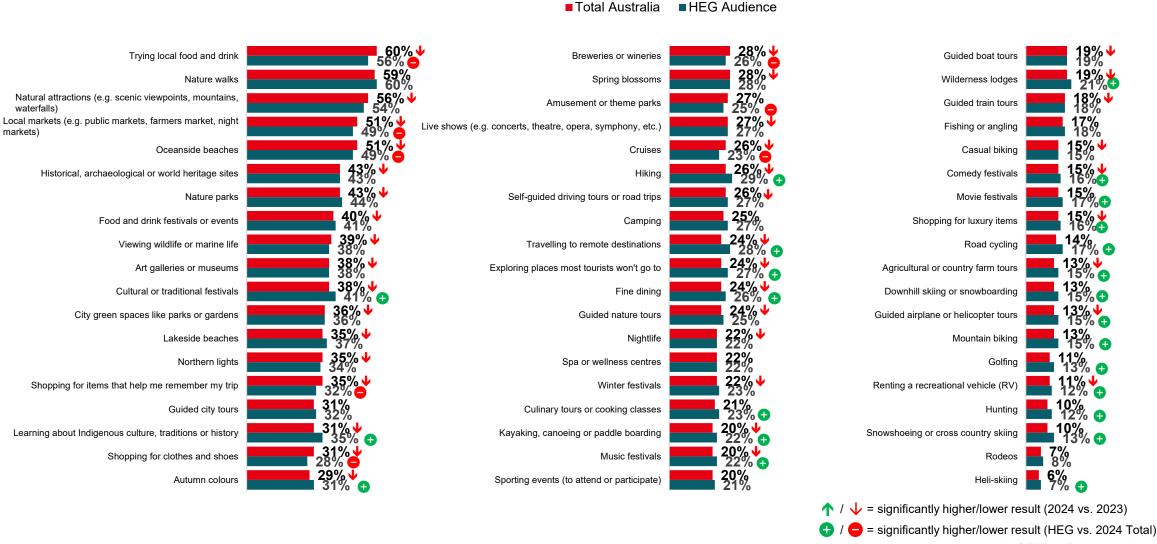


TRAVEL BEHAVIOURS

GENERAL ACTIVITIES INTERESTED IN



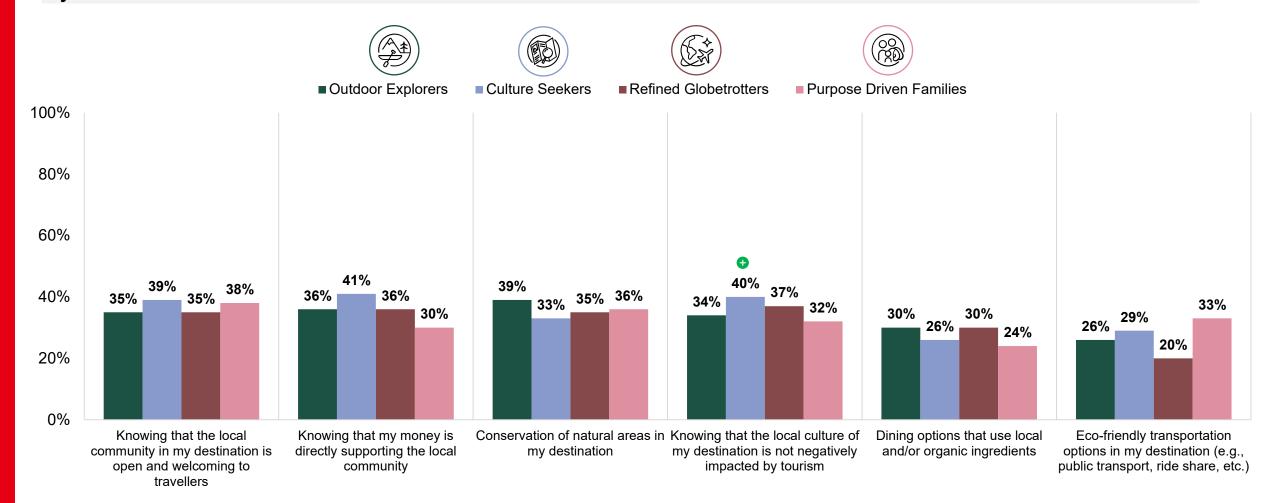
Australians, particularly the HEG audience, show declining interest in travel activities like trying local foods, local markets, and oceanside beaches. However, these activities (along with nature walks/attractions) continue to be top ranking.



MOST IMPORTANT SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS (TOP 6): BY SEGMENTS



As it relates to sustainability efforts, CSs place stronger emphasis on knowing that the local culture is not negatively impacted by tourism.

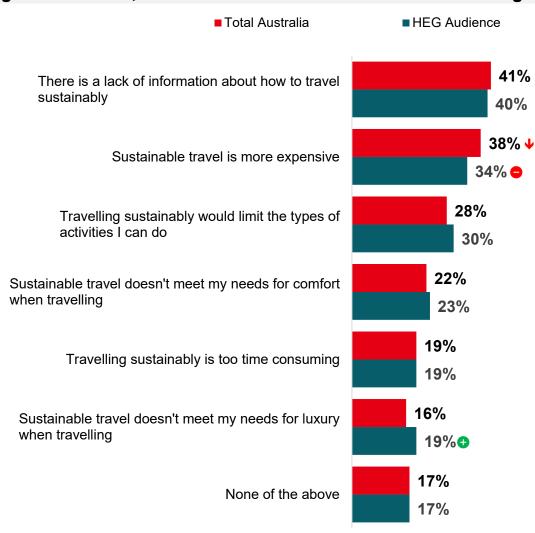




BARRIERS TO SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



Lack of information and higher costs are the primary barriers to sustainable travel for both the total Australian audience and the HEG segment. Of note, mentions of cost have decreased and are generally lower among HEGs.



Sustainable Travel Description

Sustainable travel refers to "travel that minimizes any negative impacts on the destination's environment, economy and society, while making positive contributions to the local people and conserving the destination's natural and cultural heritage".

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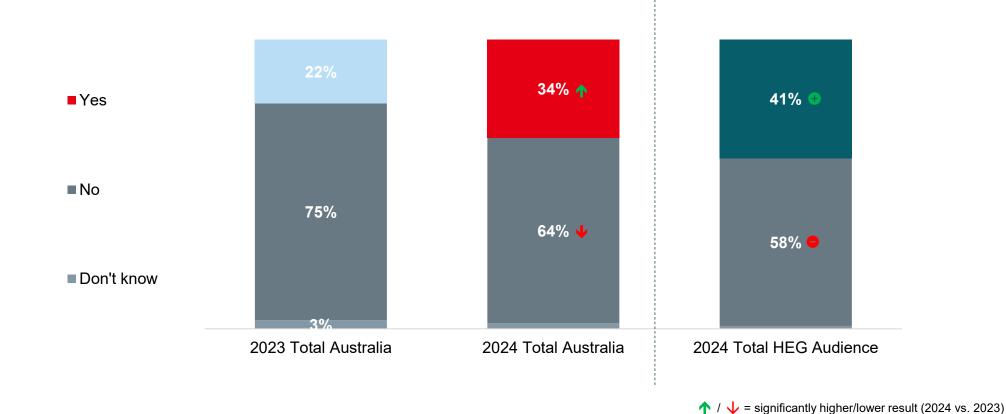
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USAGE OF AI TOOLS TO PLAN TRIPS



About one-third of Australian travellers have used Al tools to plan a trip, marking an increase from the previous year.





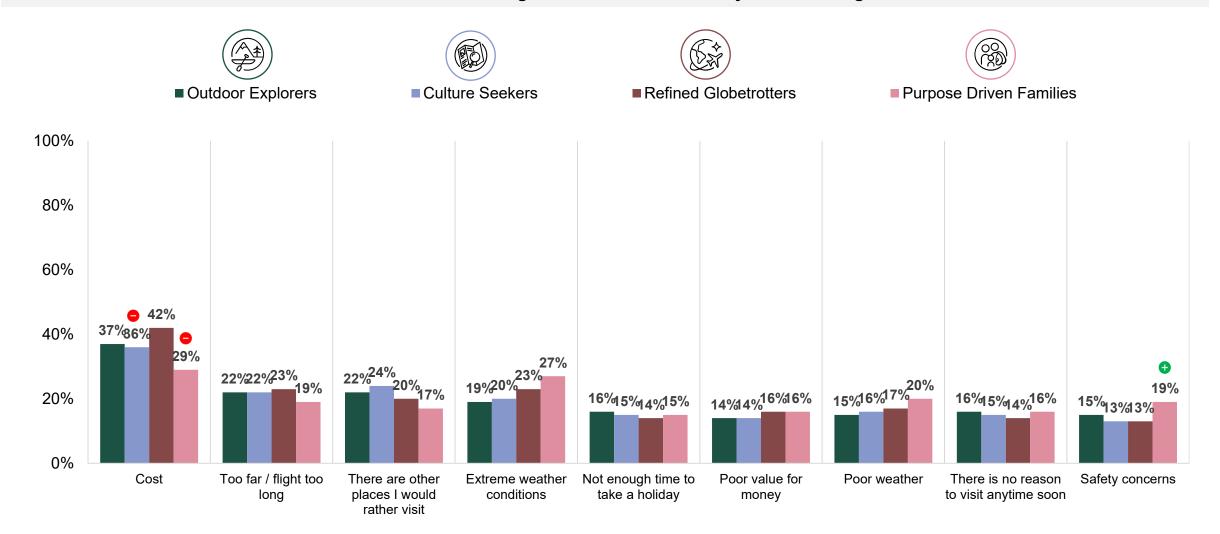


CANADA TRAVEL BARRIERS AND MOTIVATORS

BARRIERS FOR TRAVEL TO CANADA (TOP 9): BY SEGMENTS



Price is the main barrier for travel to Canada across all segments, but it is relatively lower among CSs.



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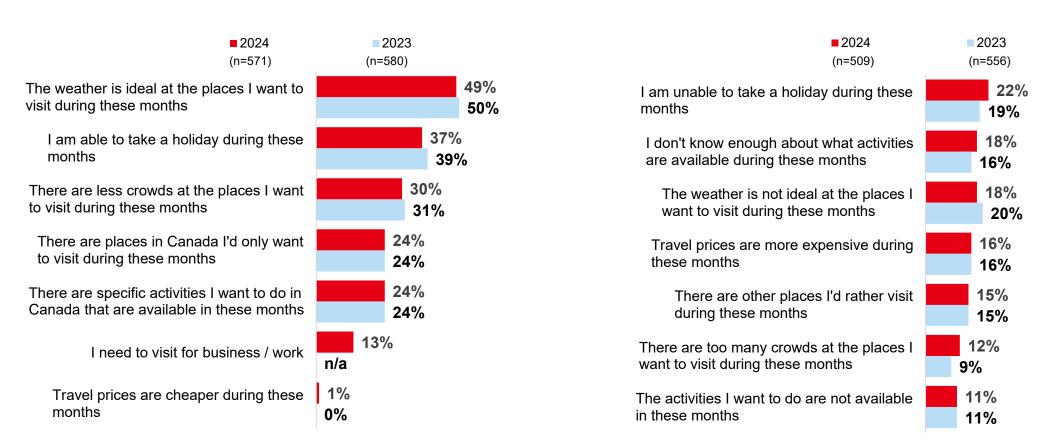
MIOTIVATORS & BARRIERS FOR FALL TRAVEL TO CANADA



One-half of Australian Travellers are motivated by the ideal weather in Canada for Fall travel. Barriers vary, including availability and lack of knowledge of available activities.

Motivators for Fall Travel

Barriers for Fall Travel



Base: Those in the dream to purchase stages of the path to purchase for Canada and considering visiting Canada or any province/territory in September, October or November E6a. You indicated earlier that you are considering taking a holiday to **Canada** during the months of September, October and/or November... Which of the following describes why you would be interested in travelling to Canada for a holiday during these **autumn months**?

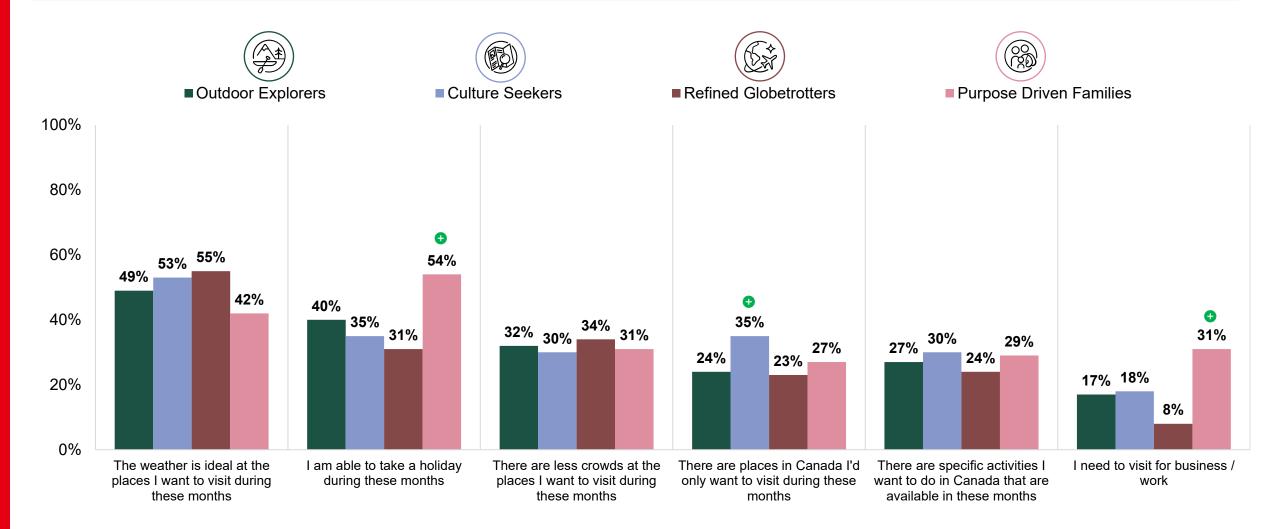
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MOTIVATORS FOR FALL TRAVEL TO CANADA: BY SEGMENTS



For most segments (including CSs), the ideal Fall weather is a top motivator for travel to Canada. Further, CSs over index vs. other segments on their claim that there are places in Canada they only want to visit during the Fall months.



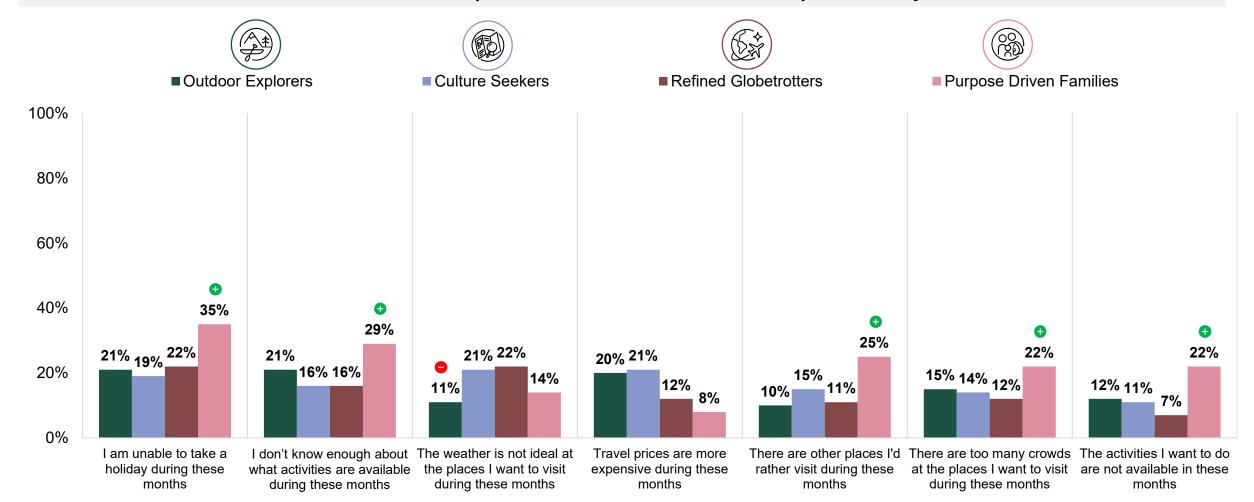
BARRIERS FOR FALL TRAVEL TO CANADA: BY SEGMENTS

Base: Those in the dream to purchase stages of the path to purchase for Canada and <u>not considering</u> visiting Canada or any province/territory in September, October or November: Outdoor Explorers (n=86); Culture Seekers (n=123); Refined Globetrotters (n=99); Purpose Driven Families (n=51) E7. You indicated earlier that you are not considering taking a holiday to **Canada** during the months of September, October and/or November... Which of

the following describes why you would **not** be interested in travelling to Canada for a holiday during these autumn months?



For Fall travel to Canada, Purpose-Driven Families face the highest barriers, including limited holiday availability and uncertainty about activities, while Culture Seekers, Outdoor Explorers, and Refined Globetrotters report relatively lower concern.

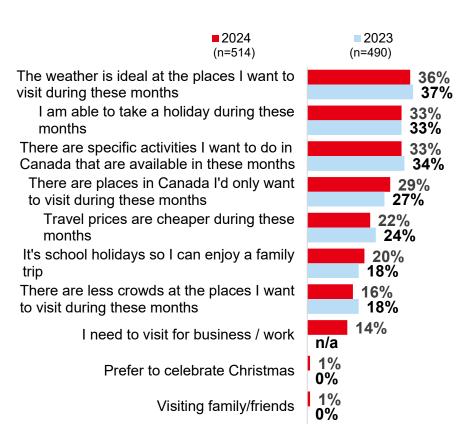


MIOTIVATORS & BARRIERS FOR WINTER TRAVEL TO CANADA

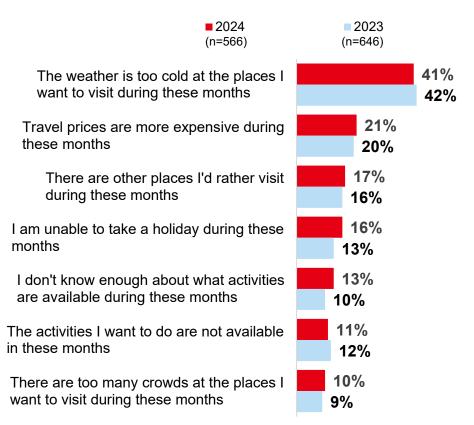


In 2024, weather suitability and holiday availability remain top motivators for Winter travel to Canada, while for others cold weather persists as the primary barrier.

Motivators for Winter Travel



Barriers for Winter Travel



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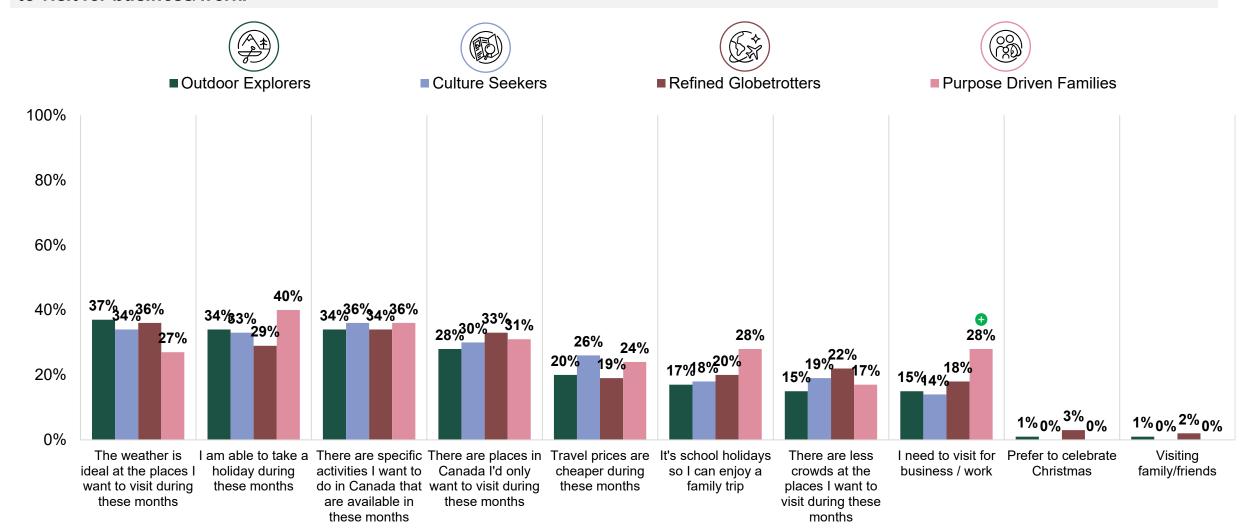
Base: Those in the dream to purchase stages of the path to purchase for Canada and <u>not considering</u> visiting Canada or any province/territory in December, January or February E9. You indicated earlier that you are not considering taking a holiday to **Canada** during the months of December, January and/or February... Which of the following describes why you would **not** be interested in travelling to Canada for a holiday during these **winter months**?



MOTIVATORS FOR WINTER TRAVEL TO CANADA: BY SEGMENTS



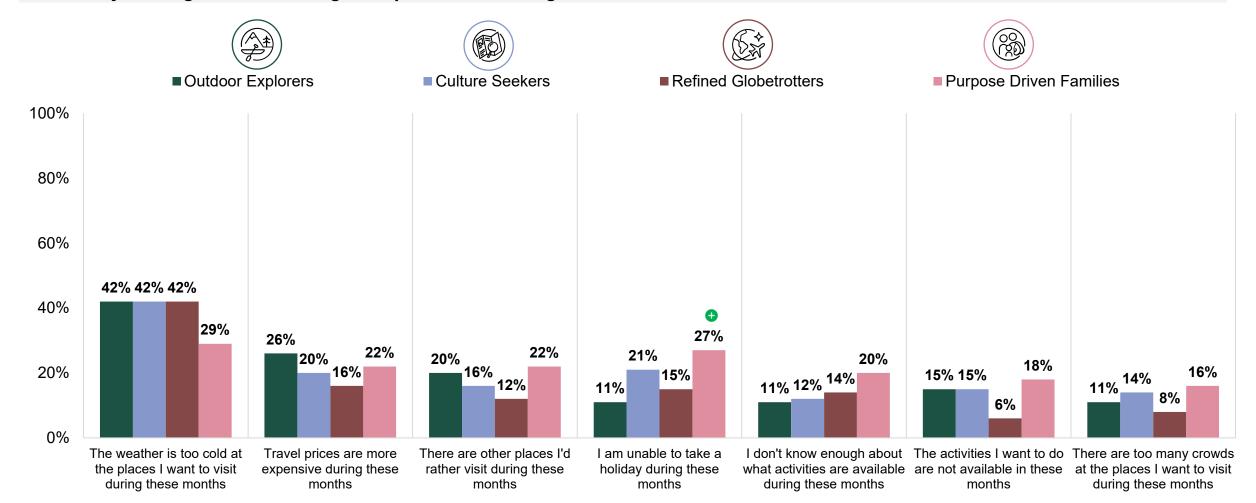
Overall, motivation for Winter travel to Canada is similar across segments. One exception is that PDFs are more likely to have a need to visit for business/work.



BARRIERS FOR WINTER TRAVEL TO CANADA: BY SEGMENTS

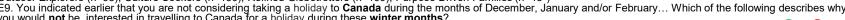


Cold weather is the primary barrier to Winter travel across all segments, although lowest among PDFs. PDFs cite limited holiday availability as a significant challenge compared to other segments.



Base: Those in the dream to purchase stages of the path to purchase for Canada and <u>not considering</u> visiting Canada or any province/territory in December, January or February: Outdoor Explorers (n=98); Culture Seekers (n=130); Refined Globetrotters (n=109); Purpose Driven Families (n=45*)

E9. You indicated earlier that you are not considering taking a holiday to **Canada** during the months of December, January and/or February... Which of the following describes why you would **not** be interested in travelling to Canada for a holiday during these **winter months**?













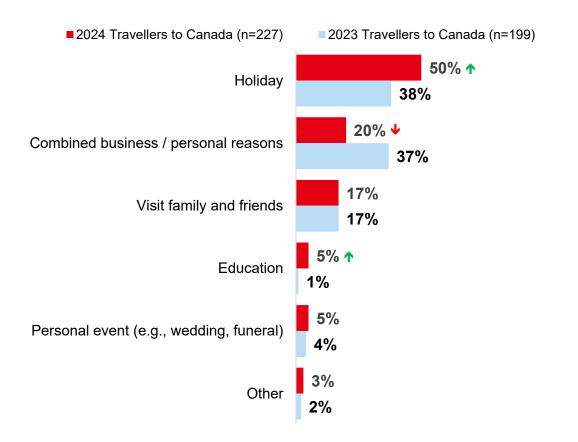
MOST RECENT **TRIP**

MAIN PURPOSE OF RECENT TRIP

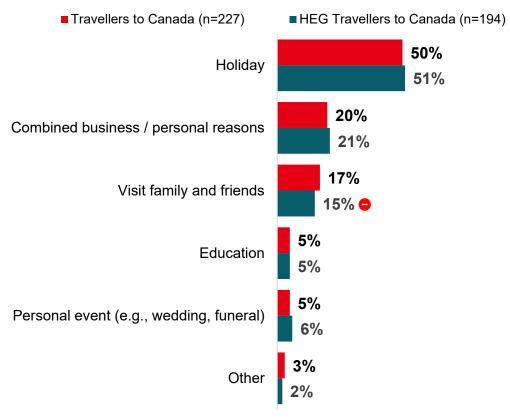


Holiday travel to Canada increased significantly compared to previous year while combined business/personal travel declined.

Total Travellers to Canada: Trended



Total Travellers to Canada vs. **HEG Travellers to Canada**



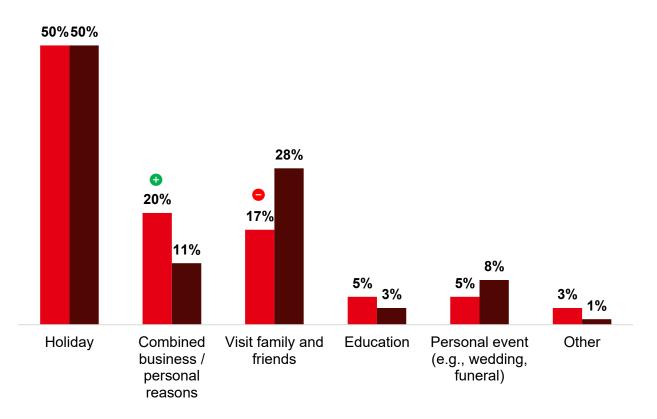
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MAIN PURPOSE OF RECENT TRIP: BY DESTINATION

Combined business/personal trips were more common to Canada compared to other destinations. Conversely, visiting with family/friends was less common.

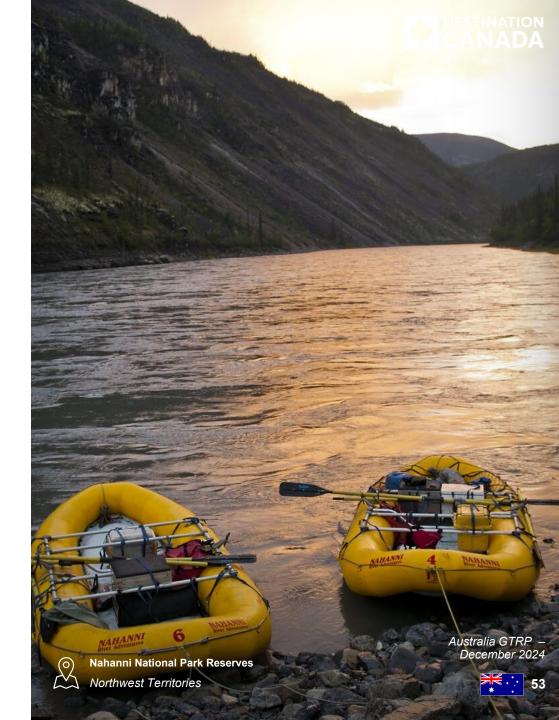
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Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years), Travelled to any destination past 3 years

F2. What was the main purpose of this trip? (Select one)

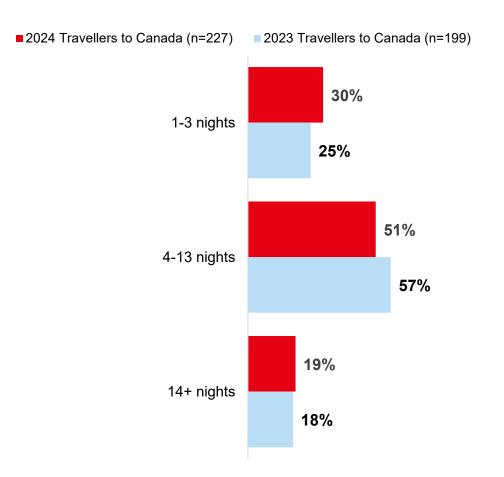


NIGHTS SPENT DURING RECENT TRIP

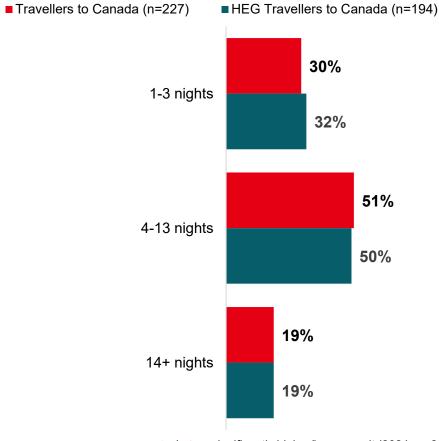


Most trips Australians took to Canada lasted 4–13 nights. Trip duration was similar among Total Travellers and HEGs alike.

Total Travellers to Canada: Trended



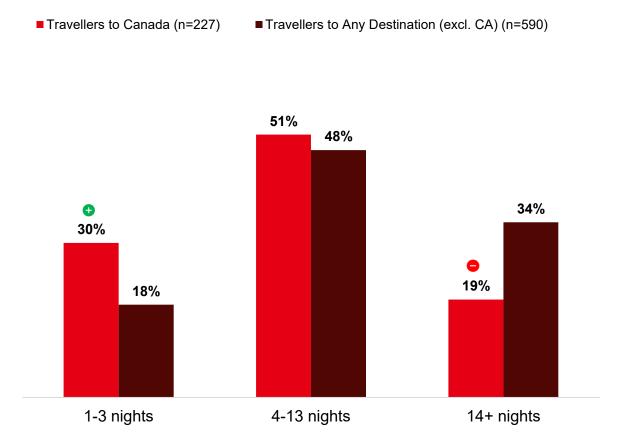
Total Travellers to Canada vs. **HEG Travellers to Canada**

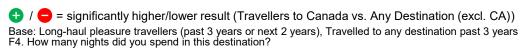


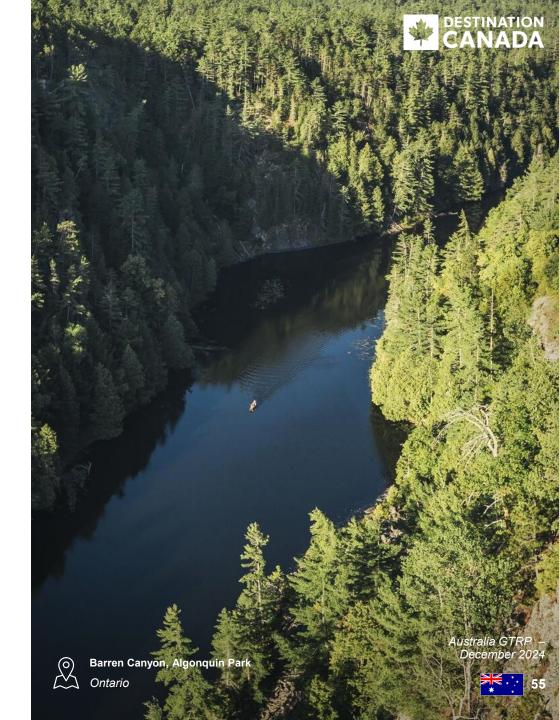
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NIGHTS SPENT DURING RECENT TRIP: BY DESTINATION

As with Canada, most Australians travel to other destinations for 4–13 nights. However, Australian travellers are more likely to stay for 1–3 nights in Canada, compared to those traveling to other destinations who favour longer stays of 14+ nights.





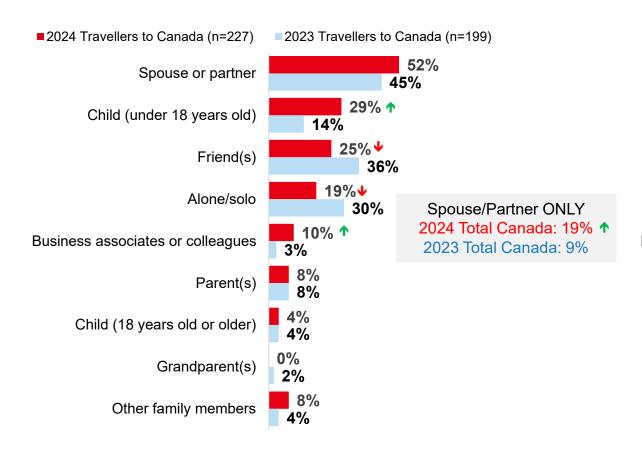


TRAVEL PARTY OF RECENT TRIP

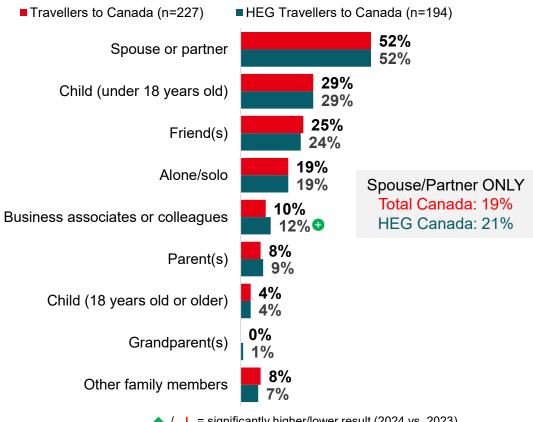


A notable increase is observed among Australians traveling to Canada with children under 18 and with business associates, while solo or friend-accompanied travel has softened. The HEG audience aligns closely with overall Australian travellers.

Total Travellers to Canada: Trended



Total Travellers to Canada vs. **HEG Travellers to Canada**



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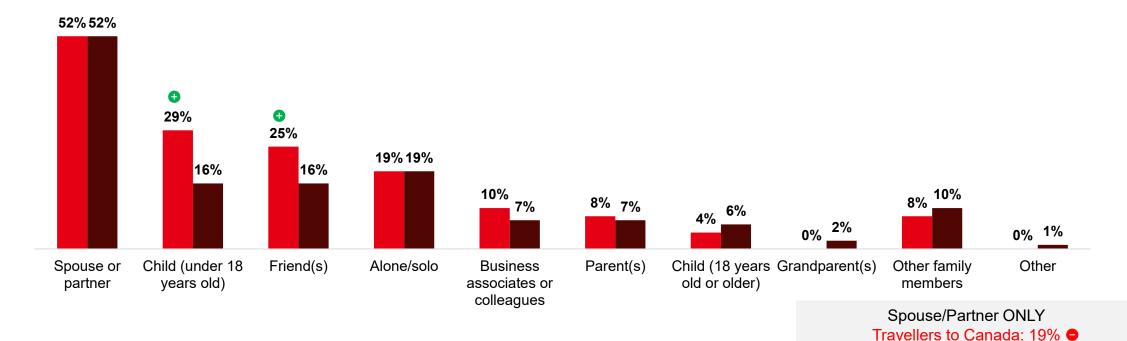
TRAVEL PARTY OF RECENT TRIP: BY DESTINATION



Similar to travellers to any destination, the majority of Australians traveling to Canada do so with their spouse or partner. Travel involving children under 18 and friends is significantly higher compared to other destinations.

■ Travellers to Canada (n=227)

■ Travellers to Any Destination (excl. CA) (n=590)





TRAVEL AGENTS/TOUR OPERATOR USAGE FOR RECENT TRIP



About seven in ten Australian Travellers used a travel agent, with an increase this period of those using them for booking accommodations.

% Used a travel agent 2024 Total Canada: 70% 2023 Total Canada: 66%

Total Travellers to Canada: Trended

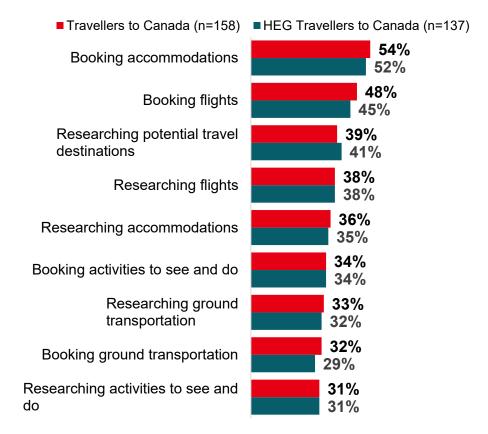
Among those who used a travel agent/tour operator

% Used a travel agent Total Canada: 70% HEG Canada: 71%

Total Travellers to Canada vs. **HEG Travellers to Canada**

Among those who used a travel agent/tour operator





Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years), Travelled to any destination past 3 years, Used a Travel Agent/Tour Operator F9. Travel agents offer personalized service to help individuals, groups, and business travellers plan and organize their travel schedules, from purchasing tour packages to booking flights and hotels. Examples of travel agents include Flight Centre or Intrepid Travel, they do not include online booking engines like Expedia or Webjet. Did you use a travel agent or tour operator to help you research or book your trip? (Select one)
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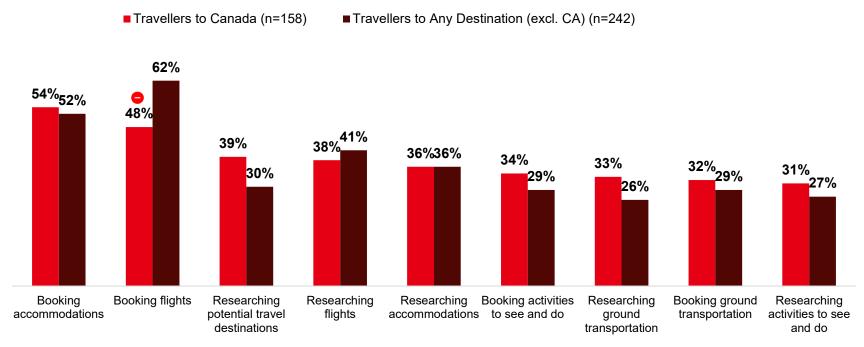




TRAVEL AGENTS/TOUR OPERATOR USAGE FOR RECENT TRIP: BY DESTINATION (AMONG THOSE WHO USED A TRAVEL AGENT/TOUR OPERATOR)

Travellers to Canada are more likely than travellers to other destinations to use a travel agent. They are, however, less likely to use them for booking flights to Canada.

> % Used a travel agent Travellers to Canada: 70% • Travellers to Any Destination (excl. CA): 41%



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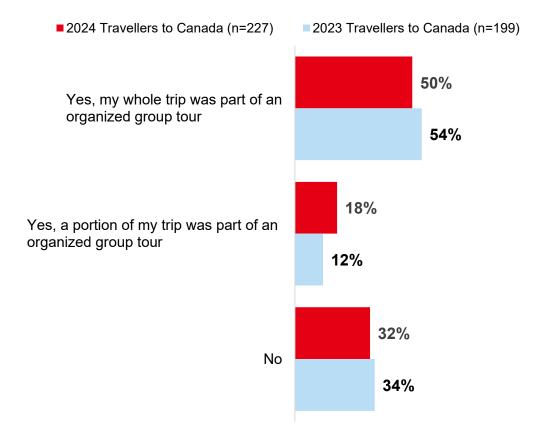


ORGANIZED GROUP TOUR USAGE FOR RECENT TRIP

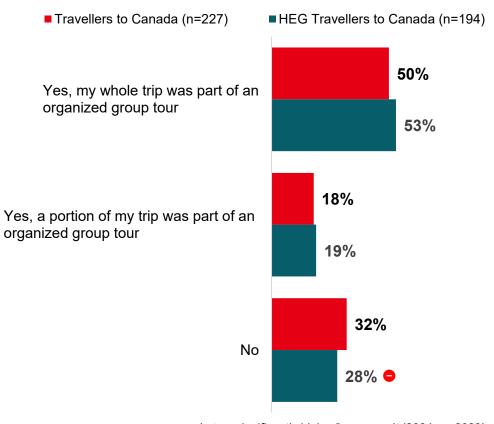


Just over one-half of travellers had their whole trip to Canada as part of an organized group tour.

Total Travellers to Canada: Trended



Total Travellers to Canada vs. **HEG Travellers to Canada**

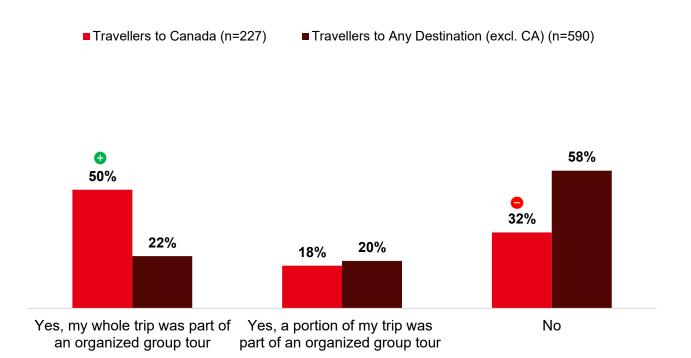


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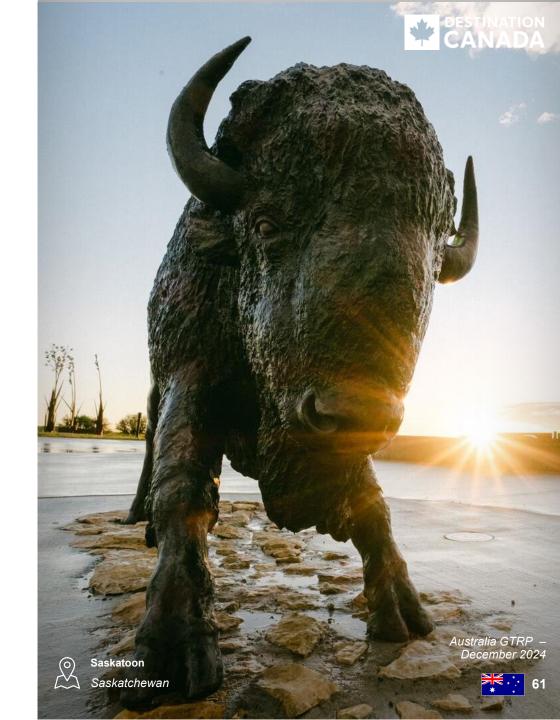
ORGANIZED GROUP TOUR FOR RECENT TRIP: BY DESTINATION

Trips to Canada are more than two times as likely to be fully organized by a group tour.





Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years), Travelled to any destination past 3 years F11. An organized group tour consists of a package where any combination of accommodation, transportation, food and/or activities are included as a multi-day itinerary. Did you travel as a part of an organized group tour on this trip?

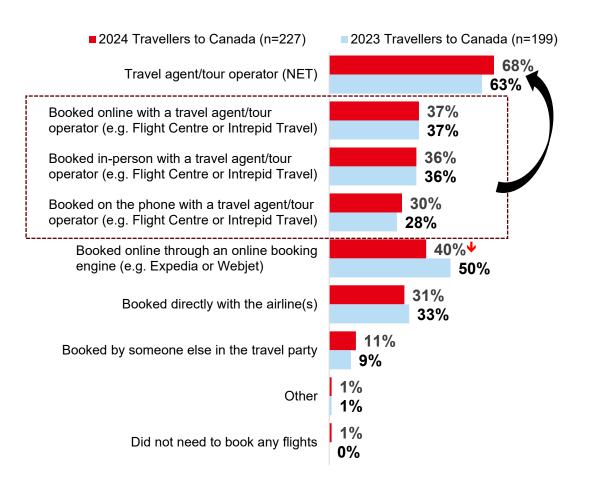


BOOKING FLIGHTS FOR RECENT TRIP

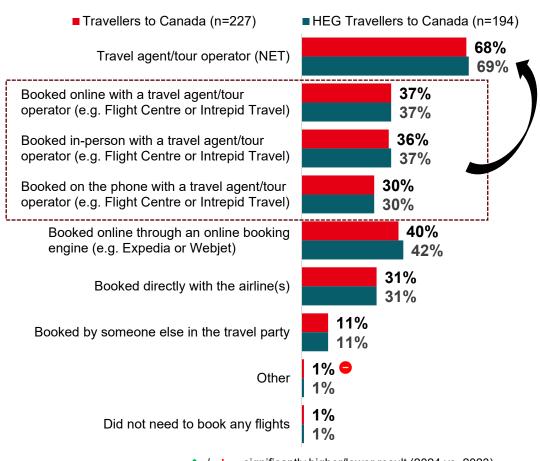


Among the total audience, booking through online booking engines dropped vs. a year ago. Travel agents/tour operators continue to be the top source for booking flights among both Total Travellers and HEGs.

Total Travellers to Canada: Trended



Total Travellers to Canada vs. **HEG Travellers to Canada**

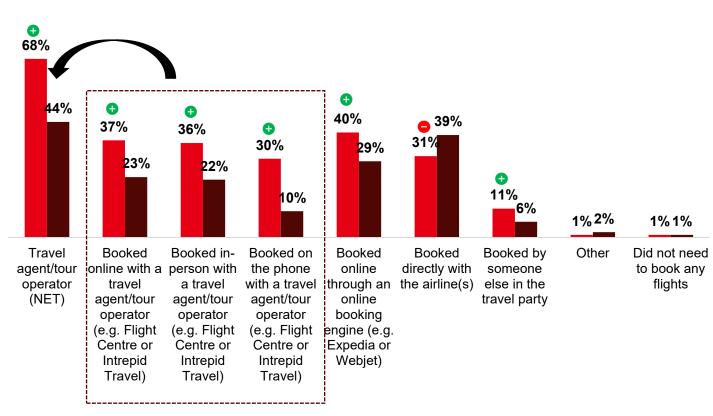


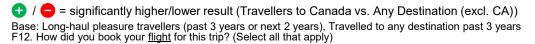
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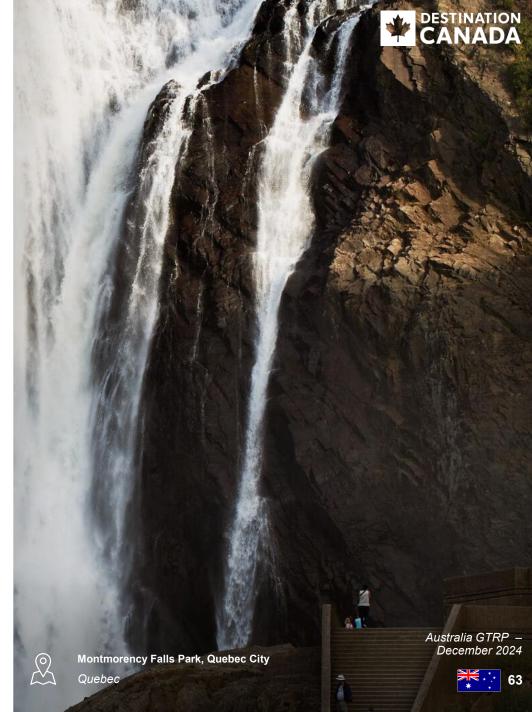
BOOKING FLIGHTS FOR RECENT TRIP: BY DESTINATION

A higher proportion of Australians traveling to Canada booked flights through travel agents compared to other destinations, with notable preference for online and in-person bookings through these services.

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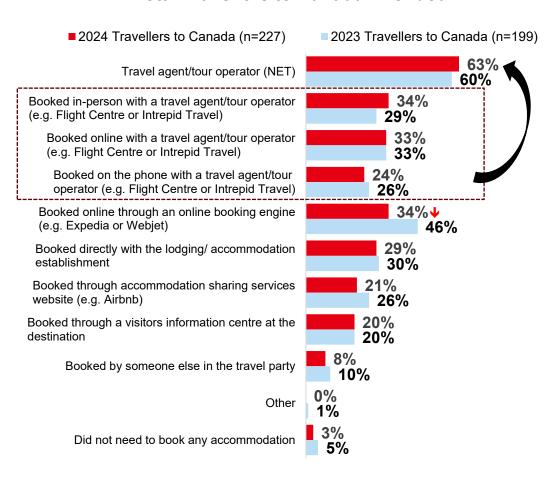


BOOKING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RECENT TRIP

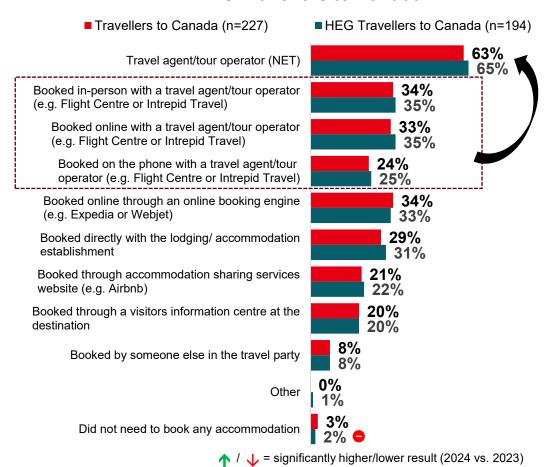


Like flights, utilizing booking engines for accommodations is down vs. a year ago. Travel agents/tour operators continue to be the top source for booking accommodations among both Total Travellers and HEGs.

Total Travellers to Canada: Trended



Total Travellers to Canada vs. **HEG Travellers to Canada**



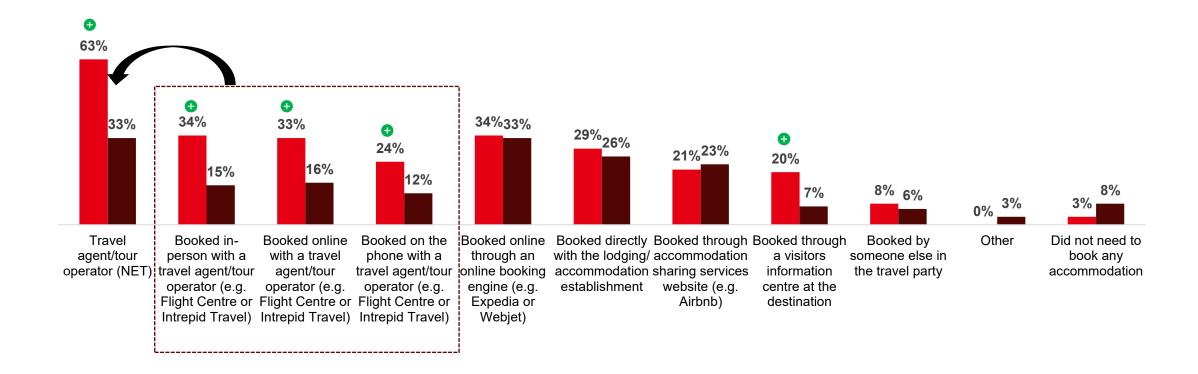
BOOKING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RECENT TRIP: BY DESTINATION



Almost two-thirds of Australian travellers to Canada use travel agents to book accommodations, favouring in-person or online channels—about double the usage compared to travellers visiting other destinations.

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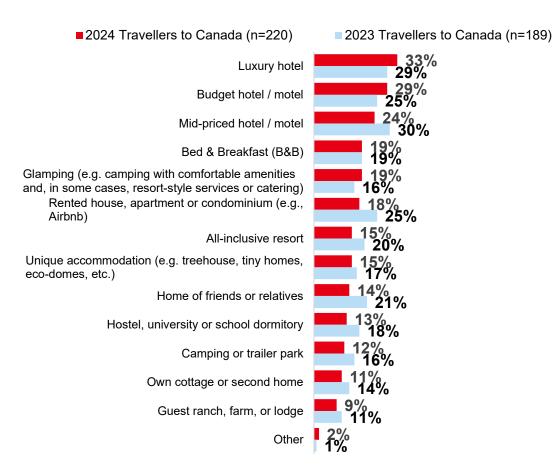


TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RECENT TRIP

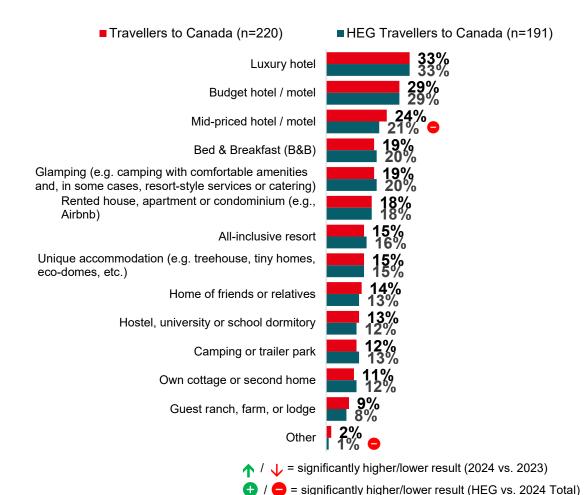


Among the HEG audience, accommodation preferences for travel to Canada are consistent with the overall traveller group, with luxury hotels and budget hotels or motels being the most popular choices.

Total Travellers to Canada: Trended



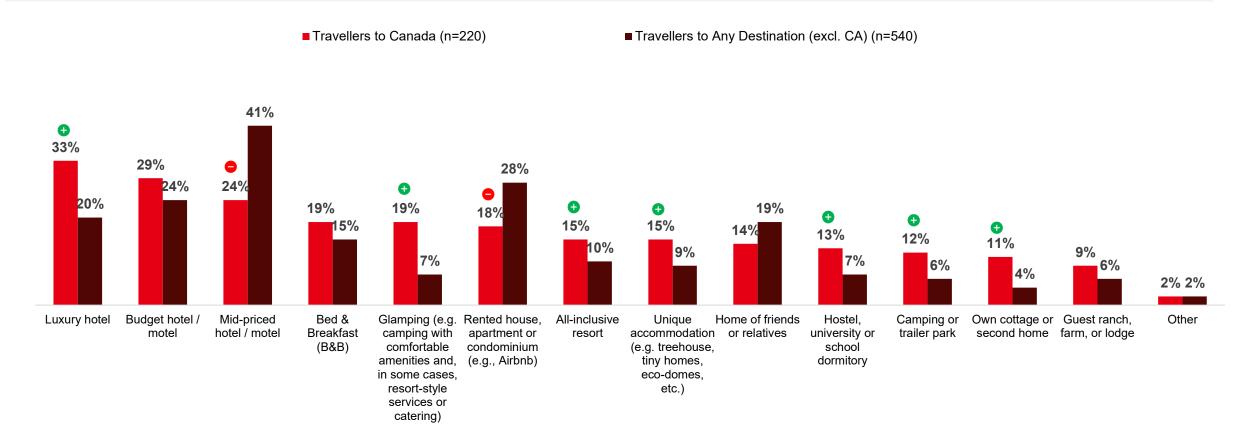
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TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RECENT TRIP: BY DESTINATION



One-third of Australian travellers to Canada booked luxury hotels for their trip, compared to just 20% for other destinations (where mid-price hotels were more common). Of note are several other accommodation types used more so for Canada trips (including glamping and all-inclusive resorts)







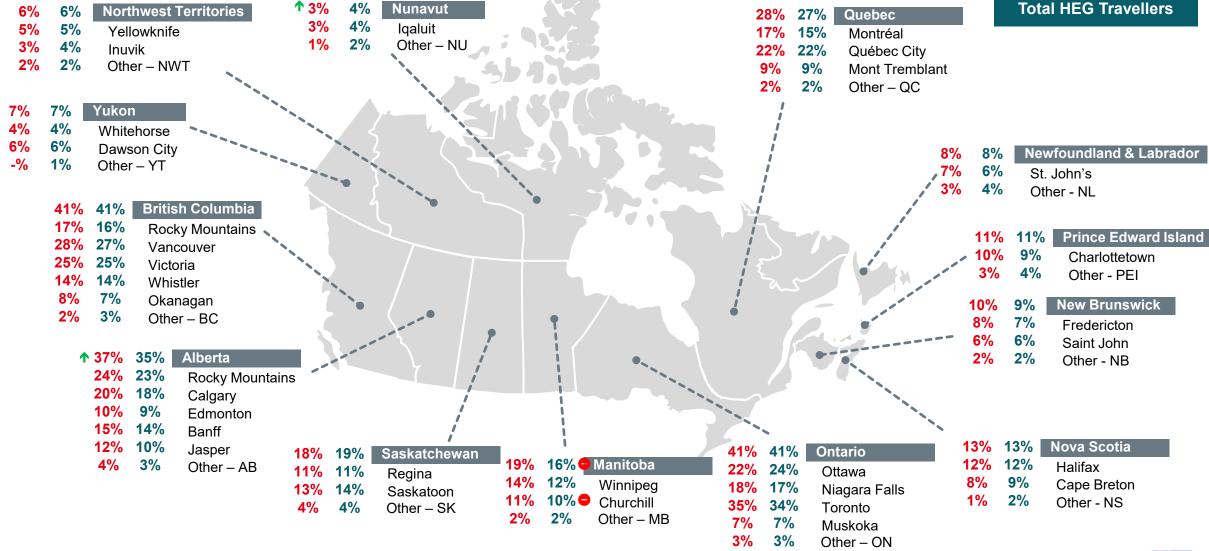
RECENT TRIP TO CANADA

CANADIAN DESTINATIONS VISITED DURING RECENT TRIP



Australian travellers have explored various provinces in Canada with British Columbia and Ontario topping the list. Alberta ranks third and trips there increased year over year.

Total Travellers





CANADIAN DESTINATIONS VISITED DURING RECENT TRIP: BY KEY CANADIAN CITIES VISITED



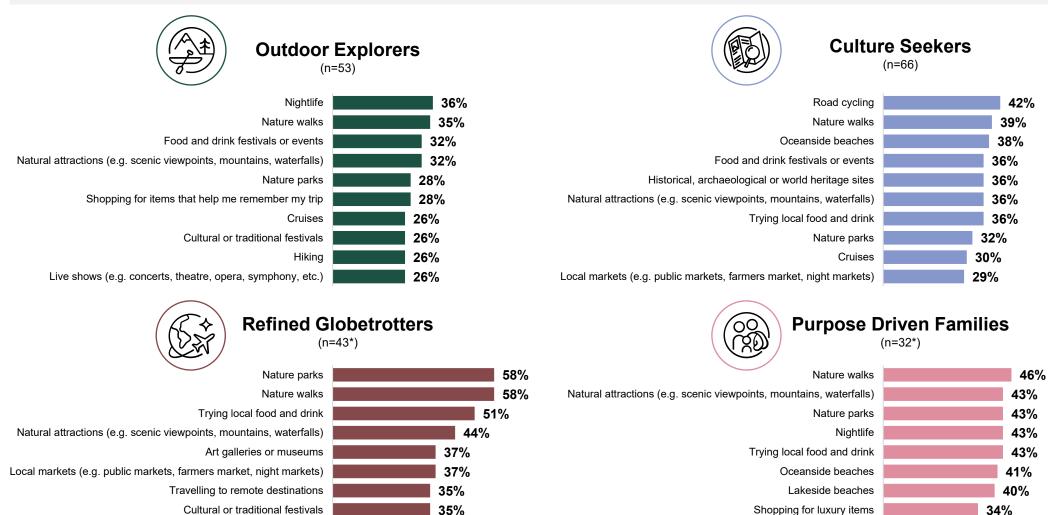
Australian travellers that recently travelled to Canada visited were most likely to also visit BC, Alberta, Ontario or Quebec on the same trip.

	Canadian Cities Visited on Most Recent Trip				
	Vancouver (n=114)	Calgary (n=68)	Toronto (n=143)	Montreal (n=70)	Halifax (n=54)
British Columbia	100%	46%	40%	47%	57%
Alberta	35%	100%	30%	32%	46%
Saskatchewan	23%	18%	17%	27%	41%
Manitoba	20%	30%	16%	20%	32%
Ontario	31%	48%	100%	57%	68%
Quebec	30%	33%	39%	100%	43%
New Brunswick	14%	27%	12%	19%	24%
Nova Scotia	20%	26%	22%	21%	100%
Prince Edward Island	12%	24%	15%	23%	24%
Newfoundland & Labrador	10%	19%	9%	16%	24%
Yukon	10%	19%	7%	9%	22%
Northwest Territories	11%	13%	8%	10%	19%
Nunavut	4%	9%	4%	7%	13%

TOP 10 ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN DURING RECENT TRIP TO CANADA: BY SEGMENT



All segments engaged in a nature-related activity during their trip to Canada, with Culture Seekers also favouring road cycling.



Fine dining

Shopping for clothes and shoes

32%

31%

Spa or wellness centres

Food and drink festivals or events

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