# CANADA MARKET PROFILES Canadians are known for their deep-rooted sense of adventure, constantly seeking new horizons both abroad and within their own vast and breathtaking backyard. From relaxing on sun-soaked beaches to embracing the wilderness, Canadians journey both domestically and abroad in search of novel cultural experiences and nature-based escapes. DESTINATION CANADA

**CANADA** 



# A GUIDE

# TO UNDERSTANDING THE PROFILE

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Percentage (%) values are beneficial, but we must also consider how one segment compares to others

An **index** is a tool that helps you understand the relative performance or significance of a particular value. Think of it like a reference point or a benchmark

#### **FOR EXAMPLE:**

Let's say 80% of a segment who has been to Canada before loved their trip

On its own, this value might seem pretty good—after all, it's 80% satisfaction

But if all other segments have a value of 90%+, suddenly, that 80% doesn't look so great

Understanding indexes put values into perspective, allowing you to accurately assess their importance compared to the same value for the whole market

In these profiles, index values of 115+ are marked in blue and mean the segment overperforms vs. the overall market. Values under 85 are marked in orange and mean the segment under-performs on this metric.



When reading the profiles, key definitions will be provided at the bottom of the page in a box like the below.



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Additional definitions and details can be accessed by visiting the Glossary which can be clicked to wherever you see blue text, or by scrolling down to page 104.





# MARKET OVERVIEW

#### **KEY MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**

- o Canadians seek authenticity in their travel experiences. Travel is also an important way to connect with loved ones and create traditions
- Canadians are interested in friendly and accepting destinations that provide access to nature. They travel during winter months, and also escape to milder climates.
- o Typically not luxury seekers, though some segments will spend more for desirable experiences.

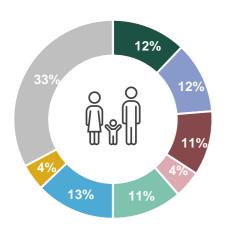
The Canadian travel market has a relatively even distribution of all segments with the highest frequency of Simplicity Lovers and Outdoor Explorers.

Canadians over-index in terms of being motivated to travel by a desire for novelty & authenticity, as well as fun. Overall as a market, there is a higher prioritization placed on health and safety standards, and a strong desire for destinations that come across as friendly and sociable.

Compared to other markets, Canadian travellers are more likely to take part in guided tours, overnight experiences, and festivals & events.

# **MARKET SIZING**

#### POPULATION BREAKDOWN

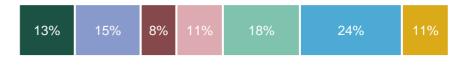


- Outdoor Explorers
- Culture Seekers
- Refined Globetrotters
- Purpose Driven **Families**
- City Trippers
- Simplicity Lovers
- Fun & Sun Families
- Non-Travellers

32.8% of the adult population in Canada (est. 28M) are non-travellers (est. 9M). Reasons for not travelling are often financial or health related.

#### **OUTBOUND TRAVELLERS' BREAKDOWN**

#### **Short-haul Travellers**



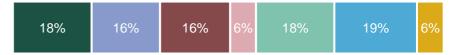
#### Mid-haul Travellers



#### Long-haul Travellers



#### Travelled Outside Province





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- o SHORT / MID / LONG HAUL No-Flight or < 3 Hours Flight / 3-7 Hour Flight / 7+ Flight.
- o NON-TRAVELLER Has not travelled a minimum of one night away in paid accommodation in past 5 years OR is not actively planning to travel in next 2 years.



# **MARKET SEGMENTS OVERVIEW**

	Segment Size	Domestic Travel Likelihood Index	Top Travel Activities	Emotional Travel Motivations
OUTDOOR EXPLORERS	3.4M	111	<ul><li>Nature Experiences</li><li>Water Sports</li><li>High-Intensity Sports</li></ul>	<ul><li>Adventure</li><li>Novel &amp; Authentic</li><li>Accomplishment</li></ul>
CULTURE SEEKERS	3.2M	102	<ul><li>Cultural Experiences</li><li>&amp; Attractions</li><li>Festivals &amp; Events</li><li>Cuisine</li></ul>	<ul><li>Novel &amp; Authentic</li><li>Connections</li><li>Familiarity</li></ul>
REFINED GLOBETROTTERS	2.9M	103	<ul><li>Cultural Experiences</li><li>&amp; Attractions</li><li>Cuisine</li><li>Guided Tours</li></ul>	<ul><li>Novel &amp; Authentic</li><li>Security</li><li>Bonding</li></ul>
PURPOSE DRIVEN FAMILIES	1.3M	99	<ul> <li>Family-Focused     Attractions</li> <li>Nature Experiences</li> <li>Cultural Experiences</li> <li>&amp; Attractions</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Bonding</li><li>Novel &amp; Authentic</li><li>Connections</li></ul>
CITY TRIPPERS	3.2M	103	<ul><li>Shopping</li><li>Cuisine</li><li>Festivals &amp; Events</li></ul>	<ul><li>Fun</li><li>Escape &amp; Relax</li><li>Bonding</li></ul>
SIMPLICITY LOVERS	3.6M	88	<ul><li>Nature Experiences</li><li>Shopping</li><li>Casual Sports</li></ul>	<ul><li> Escape &amp; Relax</li><li> Security</li><li> Simplicity</li></ul>
FUN & SUN FAMILIES	1.2M	85	<ul><li>Family-Focused</li><li>Attractions</li><li>Shopping</li><li>Water Sports</li></ul>	<ul><li> Escape &amp; Relax</li><li> Bonding</li><li> Fun</li></ul>



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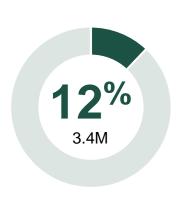
- o DOMESTIC TRAVEL LIKELIHOOD INDEX Indicator of the overall likelihood to travel domestically. The index is calculated using ta combination of number of domestic trips per year, the likelihood of future out-of-province travel over next two years, and historical number of provinces visited. Indexed against other segments in the market.
- o **EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATIONS** These motivations were developed using factor analysis and provide insights into what drives traveller behaviour. Understanding these motivations helps to reveal drivers of more specific values and behaviours. For more detailed definitions of each base motivation please visit the Glossary.











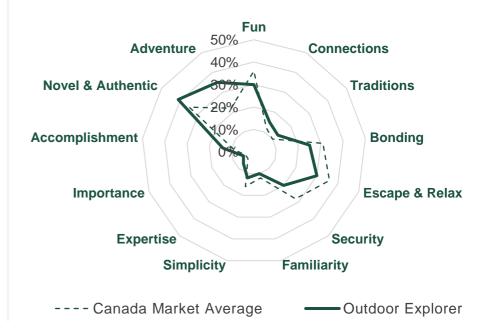
# % OF CANADA POPULATION

We are daring explorers who crave the thrill of unknown landscapes and overcoming challenges. Adventure travel allows us to grow, learn new skills, and establish personal traditions. We often seek adrenaline through physical activities, engaging with locals, and ensuring a positive impact. We embrace both short getaways and longer holidays, relishing in nature-related experiences.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ME

- We love travel and take all types of trips (domestic / international / business / bleisure).
- Beyond adventure, we also prioritize learning something new in the destinations we visit, which is part of our personal growth.
- We are always eager for new, authentic experiences that require a challenge.
- Like to get off the beaten path, open to visiting places with less infrastructure and more challenging climates.

#### **EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATIONS MAP**





#### TRAVELLER RESPONSIBLE INDEX

110

#### How is this calculated?

The responsible values index incorporates views on socio-cultural, environmental, and economic sustainability, as well as diversity, reconciliation, and desire to learn. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison



#### TRAVELLER ECONOMIC INDEX

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#### How is this calculated?

The economic values index measures positive impact on Canada's tourism economy. Attributes include economic means, Canada trip recency / frequency / likelihood, hotel and flight behaviours, trip spend behaviour, and likelihood to make travel decisions within their own household. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison





# OUTDOOR EXPLORERS OUR PSYCHOGRAPHICS - TRAVEL VALUES





# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o Travel fuels personal growth. We constantly seek new destinations to learn from.
- o Motivated by adventures that challenge us, we seek a feeling of discovery and accomplishment.
- o We prioritize adventurous, authentic, unexplored destinations, finding highlights in natural attractions.



#### TRAVEL VALUES & ATTITUDES

TRAVEL VALUES & ATTIODES	SCORE	INDEX
I like my holiday to have some form of physical activity	82%	144
Exploring the world through travel is an important milestone of growing up	81%	115
I'm always on the look out for new destinations to visit next	81%	122
I like to come back from travels having learnt something new	80%	118
When I travel to natural environments it makes me reflect on how fortunate I am	76%	134
I generally think natural attractions are the highlights of my trip	75%	148
I prioritize discovering new restaurants, stores, and hotels over revisiting familiar ones	73%	116
I'm passionate about travelling	71%	117
I go where I want to go, no matter the hurdles	62%	135
I'm open to unconventional accommodations when travelling	51%	135
I enjoy living in the moment while travelling and don't worry much about what comes next	46%	125
I love posting my trips on social media to share with friends	45%	119
I'd be open to using AI-powered chatbots for travel planning and assistance	31%	127



## **EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
To explore and discover new things / places	54%	122
To feel a sense of adventure	45%	147
To be proud to share my travel experiences	27%	123
To push my limits and challenge myself	16%	135
To create new, or take part in old, traditions	13%	123
To feel like I've accomplished something	13%	131



#### **DESIRED DESTINATION**

	SCORE	INDEX
Adventurous	56%	149
Authentic	42%	112
Unique	33%	125
Unexplored	22%	148
Free-Spirited	20%	138
Carefree	18%	123











	SCORE	INDEX
18-34	37%	120
35-54	32%	97
55+	31%	91
MEAN YEARS	44.6	86

**EMPLOYMENT** 

**Employed FT** 

**Employed PT** 

Self-employed

Retired



# **HH INCOME (CAD)**

	SCORE	INDEX
Less than \$40K	21%	100
\$40K to <\$120K	66%	101
\$120K or more	10%	106
Refused	3%	74

**SCORE** 

0%

21%

78%

**INDEX** 

18

91

109



73%

103 Have a valid passport



**GENDER** 

55% Male

45% Female

0%

100

Non-binary / Other



# **EDUCATION**

SCORE	INDEX	
56%	112	Primary education or
7%	92	Secondary
3%	74	education  Post-
20%	91	secondary education



#### **HOUSEHOLD**

22%

97 Children <18 Living At Home\*

9%

102 Children 18+ Living At Home\*

20%

94 Children NOT Living At Home\*

57%

107

No Children

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\* Option is not exclusive



#### **IMMIGRATION STATUS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Non-immigrant	75%	96
Recent immigrant (<5y)	7%	116
Non-recent immigrant (5+y)	18%	95



#### **CANADA PROVINCE BREAKOUT**

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	SCORE	INDEX
Ontario	39%	91
Quebec	21%	91
British Columbia	16%	120
Alberta	12%	114
Saskatchewan	5%	129
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	SCORE	INDEX
Manitoba	4%	91
New Brunswick	2%	104
Nova Scotia	2%	88
Newfoundland and Labrador	1%	97
Prince Edward Island	0%	81

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TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: NON-GROUP

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TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: GROUP

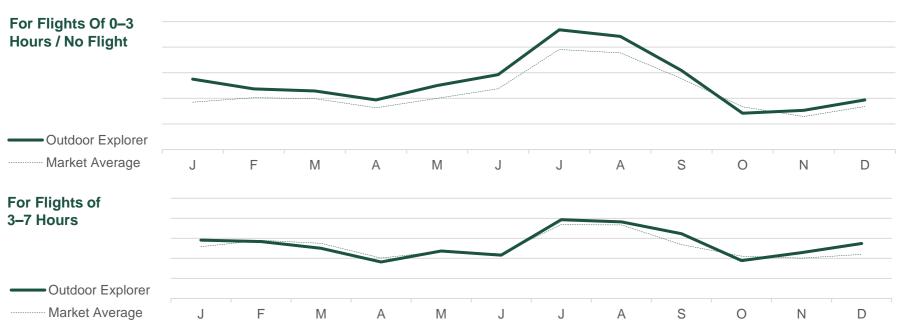
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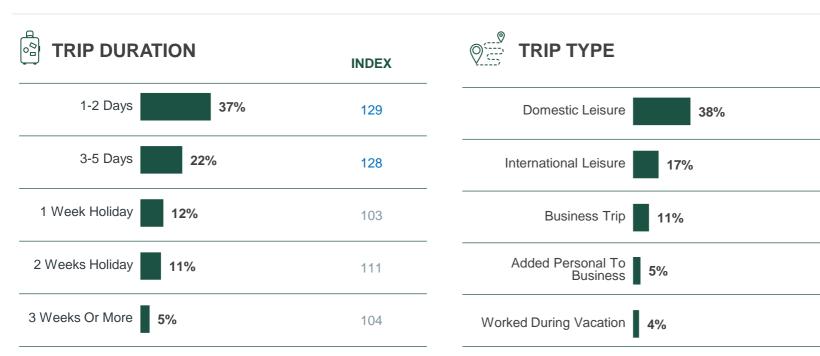
- KEY terminology on this page
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX NON-GROUP The propensity to utilize travel agent / operator assisted channels for free independent travel indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining behaviours on ideal & future trips. Does not include self-directed online travel agencies (e.g. Expedia).
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX GROUP The propensity to travel as part of an organized group indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining variables covering both overall preference and the specific makeup of their next planned trip.

For additional definitions see Glossary



#### **TYPICAL TRAVEL MONTHS**





Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year

Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year



**INDEX** 

123

102

119

103

104









## TYPICAL ACCOMMODATION

	SCORE	INDEX
Mid-priced Hotel	47%	92
Vacation Rental (e.g., Airbnb, Vrbo)	24%	128
Friend's or family's place	21%	79
Premium Hotel	21%	105
Budget Hotel	15%	114
Campsite	14%	146



# THOUGHTS ON INDIGENOUS TRAVEL

56%

118 INDEX SCORE

I'd look for opportunities to hear stories and engage with the Indigenous people / original inhabitants of the places I visit

12%

126 INDEX SCORE

Strong Interest In Indigenous Activities



#### WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND EXPLORE

	SCORE	INDEX
I like to explore places that are off the beaten path and less explored	79%	137
I'm willing to put in the effort while travelling in order to see lesser-known places	74%	135
You only ever get to know a country by experiencing its culture	73%	104
I really want to learn about the history of the destinations I visit	67%	99
I'm open to travelling to destinations with limited tourist infrastructure	59%	138
I'm open to visiting destinations with challenging climates or weather conditions	41%	133











# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o We travel with our partner, in larger groups, or alone.
- o Our budgets are moderate, though we may spend more on experiences.

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#### TRAVEL COMPANIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Spouse / Partner	53%	83
Adult relatives	22%	104
Solo	18%	115
Friends	16%	108
Kids	13%	96



## BUDGET

**AVERAGE SPEND SHORT-HAUL** 

\$1,750

**INDEX SCORE** 

**AVERAGE SPEND MID-HAUL** 

\$2,530

**INDEX SCORE** 

**SPEND STYLE** 

Mid-range









# **OUR THOUGHTS ON RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL**

	SCORE	INDEX
It's important for me to know that the money I spend will support the local economy I'm visiting	54%	99
Hearing from underrepresented communities is an important part of travelling	46%	113
I consider the impact that I personally have on the destinations I visit	46%	98
It's important to me that I visit somewhere that is open to diversity and inclusion	44%	98
I am committed to sustainable travel and actively take steps to minimize my impact on the environment when travelling	38%	114

42% **PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE** TRAVEL

116 INDEX SCORE



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o PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL - The percent of respondents who responded 5-7 on a 7-point scale in terms of prioritizing 'sustainable travel'. Sustainable travel is defined as "travel that minimizes any negative impact 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."





# OUTDOOR EXPLORERS OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRAVEL ACTIVITIES





- o All sports are of interest. We are not deterred by a challenging new activity.
- We also seek cultural experiences, and specifically to learn about local cultures.

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#### TOP DESIRED TRAVEL ACTIVITIES

		SCORE	INDEX
	Nature experiences	70%	146
	<ul> <li>Hiking</li> </ul>	46%	151
	o Nature walks	45%	149
	<ul> <li>Viewing wildlife in natural habitat</li> </ul>	38%	152
6	Water-based sports	25%	143
	o Swimming	15%	132
	Kayaking, canoeing, or paddle-boarding	15%	151
	Casual sports	23%	143
	o Fishing	9%	136
	o Ziplining	5%	147
ŽŽ.	Winter-based sports	17%	145
	<ul> <li>Snowboarding or downhill skiing</li> </ul>	11%	149
	<ul> <li>Snowshoeing or cross-country skiing</li> </ul>	5%	142
<b>3</b> 0	High-intensity sports	10%	136
	o Mountain biking	6%	145
	o Whitewater rafting	5%	148
	Cultural experiences or attractions	48%	87
	Local cuisine	37%	66
	Guided tours	33%	102
	Festivals and events	27%	91
	Overnight experiences	25%	113
ŶŶ	Family-focused attractions	22%	93
ñ	Health and wellness	17%	97









INTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS	TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF <b>0–3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT</b>		TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF 3–7 HOURS	
	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
To relax and unwind	55%	82	48%	66
For adventure and excitement	48%	137	58%	143
To escape from routine	37%	79	35%	76
To spend time with family	31%	83	32%	94
To learn through other cultures	26%	108	32%	104
To have fun with friends	23%	94	22%	100
To check off dream travel places	21%	103	26%	111
For personal reflection and growth	13%	133	10%	114
To have memories from top travel spots	13%	150	10%	109

<b>EXTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS</b>				
	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
Partner / spouse wanted to go	43%	86	40%	75
Visiting friends / family	39%	93	37%	112
Family / friends wanted to go	31%	92	31%	100
Festival or event	20%	99	20%	105
Special event (e.g., wedding, reunion)	19%	74	23%	108
Kids wanted to go	10%	93	9%	93

**18%** 98 INDEX SCORE

**Travel aligns with** children's school schedule **23%** 99 INDEX SCORE

Take time off for vacation during major holidays

**15%** 104 INDEX SCORE

Difficult to take more than a few days of vacation at once





OUR BEHAVIOURS - HOW WE PLAN





 We are always thinking about our next trips, generally researching all types of trips (short-haul or otherwise) well in advance.

63%

#### **Primary Trip Planner**

120 **INDEX SCORE** 



KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

o PRIMARY TRIP PLANNER - The individual who makes all leisure travel decisions, including destination, accommodation, transportation, and activities, either independently or by leading most decisions. Those not in this role usually share decision-making with travel partners, contributing collaboratively to the planning.

**FLIGHT OF** 0-3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT

**FLIGHT OF** 3-7 HOURS



**MY TRIP BEGINS!** 

**DURING** MY TRIP



#### **Started Researching and** Planning – 4.1 Months

Travel booking sites / apps



#### **Booked Accommodation -**2.9 months

Travel booking sites / apps



#### **Booked Transportation –** 2.8 months

Travel booking sites / apps



#### **Booked Activities -**1.5 months

Direct with company



#### **Booked Activities -**1.4 months

Direct with company

**Started Researching and** 

Planning – 3.2 months

Direct with company

**Booked Transportation -**

Online videos

2.1 months

1.9 months











# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o Our top trips are to outdoor or mountain destinations.
- At times we take trips like Culture Seekers or Simplicity Lovers.
- **(I) KEY** terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)
- o **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT –** The degree to which actual trip aligns with a segments idealized trip across a variety of factors including emotional motivations, trip triggers, desired destination personality, and travel activities.

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

**SEGMENT ALIGNMENT** 

INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE	Wildlife & Nature Reserve			
COMPANIONS	Couple Only 46%			46%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Novel & Authentic	Fun Escape Relax		•
	Nature walks	·		42%
ACTIVITIES	Viewing wildlife in natural habitat			34%
	Local restaurants			23%
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Seeking novel and off-the-beaten path access to wildlife and landscapes			

% OF TOTAL TRIPS

**SEGMENT ALIGNMENT** 

INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE	Mountain Retreat				
COMPANIONS	Extended Family			31%	
COMPANIONS	Couple Only			30%	
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun   Bonding   · · ·		ovel & hentic		
	Hiking 57%			57%	
ACTIVITIES	Lakes, rivers, or waterfalls		32%		
	Snowboarding or downhill skiing		15%		
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Larger group, camping or a budget hotel, most likely to be winter-based				

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

18% 104 INDEX SCORE









% OF TOTAL TRIPS

**36%** 144 INDEX SCORE

SEGMENT ALIGNMENT







TRIP TYPE	Solo Trip			
DESTINATION	Urban Centre		29%	
TYPE	Cultural	Experience	19%	
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Novel & Fun A		Adventure	
	Local restaur	52%		
ACTIVITIES	Museums	30%		
	Music conce	13%		
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Planned more last minute, seeking excitement via a festival or trendy city			

TRIP TYPE	Couples Trip			
DESTINATION	Urban Centre 189		18%	
TYPE	Small Cities & Towns		17%	
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun	Bonding	Escape & Relax	
	Local restaurants 40%			40%
ACTIVITIES	Famous shopping centres / areas		18%	
	Nature walks		16%	
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Relaxing down-time with our partner, visiting friends, less active			











# OVERALL INSIGHT

- We seek access to adventure, wildlife and nature, and if it's remote and lessexplored, even better!
- We take frequent trips in North America, and take international trips about once a year.



## WHERE WE ARE GOING LATELY

	SCORE	INDEX
Canada	32%	103
US	24%	102
Mexico	6%	87
France	4%	98
UK	3%	103

	SCORE	INDEX
Italy	3%	85
Germany	2%	117
Portugal	2%	113
Cuba	2%	91
Dominican Republic	2%	84



## WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO





## **DESIRED DESTINATION FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Known for stunning natural landscapes	49%	143
Provides access to unique natural wonders	47%	148
Provides opportunities to view wildlife in its natural habitat	41%	151
Provides numerous opportunities for outdoor adventures	39%	154
Offers a range of scenic viewpoints	36%	145
Has many hidden gems	29%	129
Provides a remote, no-frills experience	13%	140
Offers options for adrenaline seekers	12%	148





OUR BEHAVIOURS - THOUGHTS ON CANADA



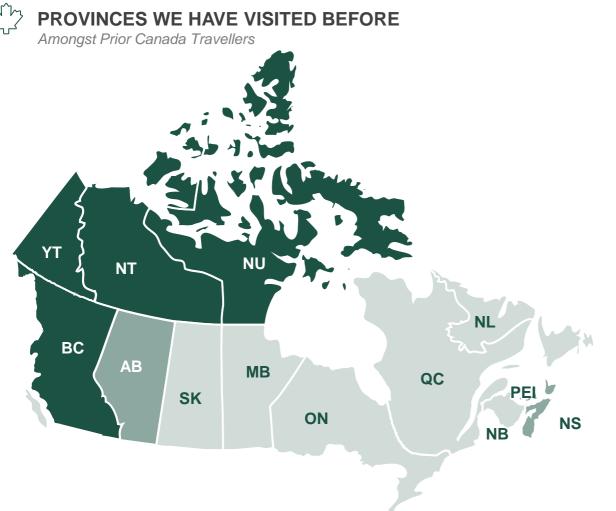


- o We have explored most provinces, with a propensity towards mountain destinations, national parks, Quebec, and the Territories.
- o Our next trip in Canada may be to British Columbia, Alberta, Quebec, or the East Coast.



# WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO IN CANADA

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND **EDMONTON** NUNAVUT REGINA LONDON MARITIMES SASKAT **NEW BRUNSWI** MEXICO KAMLOOPS WEST COAST OTTAWA



PROVINCES	%	INDEX
AB	16%	121
ВС	21%	125
MB	3%	93
NB	5%	98
NL	2%	94
NS	8%	118
NT	1%	145
NU	0%	144
ON	36%	103
PEI	4%	122
QC	22%	107
SK	2%	75
YT	1%	129





OUR BEHAVIOURS - MORE THOUGHTS ON CANADA





- o We are definitely likely to be travelling outside our home province again soon.
- Typically we know what to expect for our trips within Canada, but Canada still often surprises and delights us!



# **CANADA TRAVEL MONTHS ON A PAST TRIP**

	WINTER (Dec-Feb)	SPRING (Mar-May)	<b>SUMMER</b> (Jun-Aug)	AUTUMN (Sept-Nov)
OUTDOOR EXPLORERS	11%	8%	53%	30%
VS. TOTAL MARKET	7%	12%	54%	29%



## LIKELIHOOD TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE PROVINCE IN NEXT 2 YEARS

<ul><li>Definitely</li></ul>
■ Very likely
■ Somewhat likely
■ Not very likely
■ Not considering Canada

	INDEX
35%	114
26%	122
27%	108
8%	63
4%	77



OUR BEHAVIOURS - LIFE OUTSIDE TRAVEL





- Among our youngest we are building our lives and starting to make big moves. We have recently purchased a car, started a new job, or moved to a new city.
- Some of us are a little older, and we are just retiring, which may have also sparked a move to a new city or a home renovation.



#### **MAJOR LIFE EVENTS IN LAST 5 YEARS**

4%

Had a child

94 INDEX SCORE

36%

Started a new job / career

**133 INDEX SCORE** 

12%

Bought a new home

92 INDEX SCORE

19%

Moved to a new city

120 INDEX SCORE

3%

Child started school

94 INDEX SCORE

40%

Purchased a car

100 INDEX SCORE

11%

Retired

100 INDEX SCORE

26%

Renovated house

101 INDEX SCORE



#### **NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING PRIORITIES**

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	60%	106
Savings and investments	51%	98
Personal hobbies and interests (e.g., sports equipment, books, art supplies).	45%	117
Experiences (e.g., concerts, events).	37%	117
Personal care and wellness	35%	76
Technology and gadgets	22%	113











## **TOP PUBLICATIONS**

TOP PUBLICATIONS	SCORE	INDEX
CBC	20%	104
CNN	15%	101
The Globe and Mail	11%	108
The New York Times	10%	118
National Geographic	9%	133
The Toronto Star	5%	92
Canadian Living	5%	103
Food & Wine	5%	113
BNN Bloomberg	6%	132
La Presse	6%	104
CP24.com	6%	111
Travel + Leisure	5%	148
Le Journal de Montreal	6%	102
Toronto Sun	4%	95
Maclean's Magazine	3%	105
Blog TO	3%	102
Zoomer	3%	122
Toronto Life	4%	117
Daily Hive	4%	147
Elle Canada	2%	83
Bon Appetit	2%	117
Le Devoir	3%	112
Ottawa Citizen	2%	121
Le Journal de Québec	3%	96
Condé Nast Traveler	2%	135
Vancouver is Awesome	2%	112
Metroland Community Papers (ex. Niagarathisweek.com, Brampton Guardian, Cambridge Times, Hamilton Spectator)	2%	113



# **TOP SOCIAL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube	64%	104
Facebook	60%	96
Instagram	42%	99
TikTok	24%	99
Twitter (now X)	17%	94
Threads	7%	101



# **TOP TRAVEL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia	14%	105
Booking.com	12%	126
AirBnb	11%	123
TripAdvisor	8%	118
Kayak	5%	150
American Express	5%	93
VRBO	4%	161
Marriott Bonvoy	4%	113

#### **SOURCE: GTRP 2024**

This media profiling comes from usage of the long-form Segmentation Typing Tool in Destination Canada's 2024/2025 Global Traveller Research Program custom survey.

Date: December 2024





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SCORE



# **TOP NEWSPAPER SECTIONS** *Readership: Light*

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	22%	100
Editorials	32%	103
Business & financial	27%	100
Sports	23%	100
Automotive	12%	104



#### **TOP RADIO PROGRAMS**

Listenership: Heavy

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
SiriusXM (web or app streaming)	8%	109
CBC Listen	7%	105

#### **FORMATS**

Music	56%	101
News	39%	103
Weather	25%	100



#### **TOP TELEVISION PROGRAMS**

Viewership: Medium/Heavy

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
Regular TV services	54%	101
Netflix	54%	100
YouTube	38%	92
Amazon Prime	36%	101
CBC Gem	7%	103
PROGRAMS		
Movies	43%	100
Evening local news	35%	104
Documentaries	27%	104



# **TOP MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS** *Readership: Medium/Heavy*

CAA Magazine	9%	91
Other U.S. magazines	7%	103
Other English-Canadian magazines	5%	98
Canadian Living	3%	107
Food & Drink	3%	93
National Geographic	3%	87
Maclean's	3%	95
People	3%	88
Zoomer Magazine	2%	93
Reader's Digest	2%	93
Canadian Geographic	2%	96
Other French-Canadian magazines	2%	105
Hello! Canada	2%	90
Canadian House and Home	2%	84
Better Homes & Gardens	1%	98
Cottage Life	1%	108
Coup de Pouce	1%	127
Chatelaine (English edition)	1%	87
RICARDO	1%	106
Bel Âge	1%	115



#### **TOP TELEVISION NETWORKS**

	SCORE	INDEX
TSN	14%	97
CBC News Network	14%	94
Sportsnet	13%	99
HGTV (Home & Garden Television)	12%	104
History Channel	10%	104
Global News BC	8%	144
National Geographic Channel	7%	111
Crime + Investigation (Mystery)	6%	105
Le Réseau de l'information (RDI)	5%	114
Sportsnet ONE	5%	102











TIME SPENT ONLINE: More than 25 hours (on an avg week)

TOP ONLINE ACTIVITIES	SCORE	INDEX
Access restaurant guides/reviews	14%	94
Access travel content	13%	98
Send/receive email	72%	101
Send/receive a text/instant message	67%	100
Do banking/pay bills online	58%	101
Take pictures/video	53%	100
Search: business/services/products	51%	101
Play/download online games	30%	102
Click on an Internet advertisement	16%	101
Listen to a radio via streaming audio	15%	108
Access real estate listings/sites	13%	100
Access a radio station's website	10%	104

#### **ACTIONS TAKEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. Like brand on Facebook
- 2. Join an online community who also like the brand
- 3. Subscribe to brand email newsletter

#### **REASONS TO FOLLOW A BRAND ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. To enter contests
- 2. To learn about a brand's products and services
- 3. To get coupons and discounts

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA ATTITUDES**

- Social media companies should not be allowed to own or share my personal information
- I tend to ignore marketing and advertisements from financial institutions when I'm in a social media environment
- I tend to ignore marketing and advertisements when I'm in a social media environment
- I would be more inclined to participate in Social Media if I knew my personal info would not be owned/shared by company
- Use Social Media to stay connected with family

ITEMS BOUGHT ONLINE	SCORE	INDEX
Online classified websites (e.g. Kijiji)	34%	104
Online music/movie download stores	23%	98
Cosmetics/skin care stores	8%	83
Cannabis stores	4%	93
Natural/health food stores	4%	103
Craft supply stores	4%	86
Camera stores and photo finishing	4%	92



#### STATEMENTS / ATTITUDES

I love shopping and take pride in researching product features and services. My friends and family often see me as a knowledgeable consumer, and I frequently influence their purchasing decisions with my insights. (90)

I feel that I have a great deal of influence on the consumption choices of the people around me (93)

When I buy a brand, product or service, it is very important to me that I get a sense of the origin, country or place where it was created (93)

Advertising is useful in helping me make a choice when buying
(99)

#### SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

INDEX

0	Facebook		82%	104
	YouTube		63%	95
0	Pinterest	26%		107
0	Spotify	23%		94
440	Audio Podcasts	13%		94
ď	TikTok	11%		93
0	Snapchat	9%		91











# TOP WEBSITES USED FOR TRAVEL

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia.com/Expedia.ca	27%	95
Airline websites	24%	94
Booking.com	20%	100
Hotels.com	13%	97
Trivago.ca	11%	98
Travelocity.com/Travelocity.ca	6%	95
Sunwing.ca	6%	92
Redtag.ca	3%	81



# **VACATION PLANNING - Booking Sites**

	SCORE	INDEX
Book through a hotel directly	37%	103
Book through an airline directly	28%	97
Book through airline/hotel website	23%	101
Book through an online travel agency	21%	95



## TOP AIRLINES

 Air Canada (any)
 23%
 94

 West Jet
 15%
 107

 Other Canadian airlines
 5%
 112

 Air Transat
 4%
 103

 European airlines (any)
 4%
 96

**INDEX** 



	SCORE	INDEX
Hotel	45%	101
Camping	19%	109
Motel	14%	115
RV/camper	10%	139
Condominium/apartment	8%	112

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CANADIAN DESTINATIONS	SCORE	INDEX
Other British Columbia	13%	126
Vancouver	10%	115
Other Quebec	9%	108
Toronto	9%	87
Quebec City	9%	108
Montreal	8%	98
Other Ontario	8%	88
Other Alberta	8%	122
Cottage country (any)	7%	67
Ottawa	7%	88
Victoria	7%	123
Banff	7%	103
Calgary	7%	103
Niagara Falls	5%	67
Jasper	5%	109
Other Nova Scotia	4%	88
Whistler	4%	120
Cape Breton Island	2%	92









I offer recommendations of products/services to other people - 49%

#### **PSYCHOGRAPHICS** - High Indexing Social Values **INDEX** Attraction to Nature 121 **Cultural Assimilation** 120 **Emotional Control** 110 Rejection of Orderliness 110 **Discriminating Consumerism** 109

#### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS ATTENDED - occasionally / frequently

Parks/ city gardens

Movies at a theatre/ drive-in

National or provincial park

Exhibitions/ carnivals/ fairs/ markets

Art galleries/ museums/ science centres



41%

Financial Concern Regarding the Future



31% (100)



31% (111)



31%



28%

109

(104)

**INDEX** 

#### ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS PARTICIPATED - occasionally / frequently

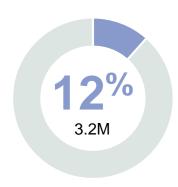
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### MAJOR EVENTS - in the past 2 years

Change job/career 13% 90 12% Shop for mortgage/renegotiate mortgage 108 Bought/sold home 6% 109 Retire 6% 121 Grandchild born/adopted 5% 107







# % OF CANADA POPULATION

We are sociable, free-spirited individuals who seek unique, authentic experiences. We thrive on immersing ourselves in new perspectives, local culture, making connections, which boosts our energy and confidence. We prefer vibrant city life, dynamic arts scenes, and culturally rich destinations. We prioritize diversity, inclusion, and sustainability, and open to both short and longer trips. Travel is an investment we make in ourselves.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ME

- We prioritize diversity, inclusion and sustainability, and are open to both short and longer trips.
- We like the challenge of a new experience, and aren't afraid of trying something different like unconventional accommodations.
- We try to learn the basics of the language before we travel and learn something while we are there.
  - We take ownership over feeling welcomed in a destination by ensuring we travel responsibly and engage with communities.

#### **EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATIONS MAP**





#### TRAVELLER RESPONSIBLE INDEX

133

#### How is this calculated?

The responsible values index incorporates views on socio-cultural, environmental, and economic sustainability, as well as diversity, reconciliation, and desire to learn. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison



#### TRAVELLER ECONOMIC INDEX

105

#### How is this calculated?

The economic values index measures positive impact on Canada's tourism economy. Attributes include economic means, Canada trip recency / frequency / likelihood, hotel and flight behaviours, trip spend behaviour, and likelihood to make travel decisions within their own household. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison





# CULTURE SEEKERS OUR PSYCHOGRAPHICS - TRAVEL VALUES



# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o We value authentic experiences, embracing new perspectives and connecting with locals.
- o We are dedicated to sustainable travel, ensuring we respect and preserve the environment.
- o Staying flexible and being open to spontaneous experiences is how we get the most out of travel.



#### TRAVEL VALUES & ATTITUDES

TRAVEL VALUES & ATTIODES	SCORE	INDEX
I like to come back from travels having learnt something new	83%	123
Trying out local cuisine is a really important part of travel	82%	129
Exploring the world through travel is an important milestone of growing up	81%	113
I prioritize discovering new restaurants, stores, and hotels over revisiting familiar ones	75%	121
I like to be able to take my time at a historic site or in a museum and not feel rushed	74%	130
I'm passionate about travelling	70%	115
I learn the basics of a language before visiting a country / region	66%	139
I am more likely to select destinations / activities that invest in socially responsible tourism	64%	123
I go where I want to go, no matter the hurdles	55%	125
While I think about value for money, it doesn't tend to influence my choice of destination	51%	125
I enjoy living in the moment while travelling and don't worry much about what comes next	49%	134
I'm open to unconventional accommodations when travelling	47%	128
I like to keep my travel plans flexible and often book on short notice	37%	133



#### **EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
To have authentic experiences	47%	131
To open my mind to new perspectives	39%	130
To feel connected with new people	25%	139
To feel a sense of adventure	23%	98
To feel like a local	22%	143
To feel welcomed	19%	108



#### **DESIRED DESTINATION**

	SCORE	INDEX
Authentic	51%	133
Unique	31%	121
Accepting	30%	151
Open	25%	142
Sociable	24%	123
Passionate	17%	127









#### **AGE**

	SCORE	INDEX
18-34	34%	113
35-54	33%	99
55+	33%	93
MEAN YEARS	45.5	90



## **HH INCOME (CAD)**

	SCORE	INDEX
Less than \$40K	21%	99
\$40K to <\$120K	67%	108
\$120K or more	9%	101
Refused	3%	79



80%

118 Have a valid passport



# **GENDER**

57% 118 Male

41%

Female

1%

153

Non-binary / Other



#### **HOUSEHOLD**

22%

97 Children <18 Living At Home\*

8%

Children 18+ Living At Home\*

18%

Children NOT Living At Home\*

60%

110

No Children \* Option is not exclusive

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

	SCORE	INDEX
Employed FT	51%	101
Employed PT	9%	114
Self-employed	8%	146
Retired	19%	90



# **EDUCATION**

	SCORE	INDEX
Primary education or less	1%	75
Secondary education	23%	99
Post- secondary education	76%	103



#### **IMMIGRATION STATUS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Non-immigrant	75%	96
Recent immigrant (<5y)	6%	108
Non-recent immigrant (5+y)	19%	101



#### **CANADA PROVINCE BREAKOUT**

	SCORE	INDEX
Ontario	44%	123
Quebec	21%	93
British Columbia	15%	113
Alberta	9%	77
Manitoba	3%	73

	SCORE	INDEX
Nova Scotia	3%	117
Saskatchewan	2%	88
New Brunswick	1%	87
Prince Edward Island	1%	119
Newfoundland and Labrador	1%	90







TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: NON-GROUP

97

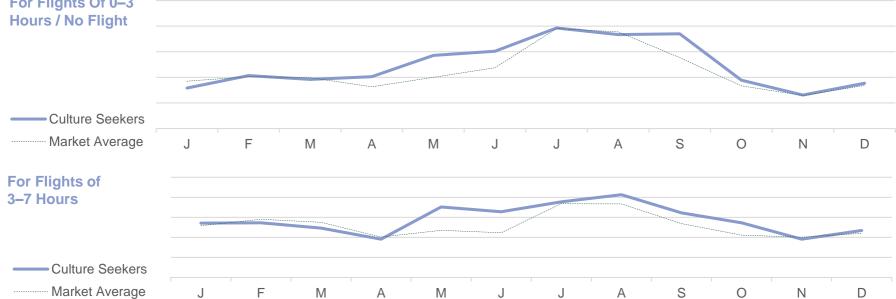
TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: GROUP

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- KEY terminology on this page
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX NON-GROUP The propensity to utilize travel agent / operator assisted channels for free independent travel indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining behaviours on ideal & future trips. Does not include self-directed online travel agencies (e.g. Expedia).
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX GROUP The propensity to travel as part of an organized group indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining variables covering both overall preference and the specific makeup of their next planned trip.

For additional definitions see Glossary







Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year

Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year









## TYPICAL ACCOMMODATION

	SCORE	INDEX
Mid-priced Hotel	45%	87
Friend's or family's place	26%	101
Vacation Rental (e.g., Airbnb, Vrbo)	23%	121
Premium Hotel	16%	88
Budget Hotel	16%	119
All-inclusive resort	16%	92



# THOUGHTS ON INDIGENOUS TRAVEL

63%

127 INDEX SCORE

I'd look for opportunities to hear stories and engage with the Indigenous people / original inhabitants of the places I visit

12%

126 INDEX SCORE

Strong Interest In Indigenous Activities



#### **WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND EXPLORE**

	SCORE	INDEX
I really want to learn about the history of the destinations I visit	85%	129
You only ever get to know a country by experiencing its culture	79%	120
I like to explore places that are off the beaten path and less explored	70%	125
I'm willing to put in the effort while travelling in order to see lesser-known places	65%	123
I'm open to travelling to destinations with limited tourist infrastructure	52%	125
I'm open to visiting destinations with challenging climates or weather conditions	38%	128









# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o We travel primarily as a couple, and sometimes alone.
- o Our budgets are usually mid-ranged, but can splurge on an experience.

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#### TRAVEL COMPANIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Spouse / Partner	53%	81
Solo	23%	134
Adult relatives	18%	74
Friends	13%	97
Kids	12%	95



#### **BUDGET**

**AVERAGE SPEND SHORT-HAUL** 

\$2,740

**INDEX SCORE** 

**AVERAGE SPEND MID-HAUL** 

\$2,700

INDEX SCORE

#### **SPEND STYLE**

Mid-range to Premium









#### **OUR THOUGHTS ON RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL**

	SCORE	INDEX
It's important for me to know that the money I spend will support the local economy I'm visiting	70%	138
It's important to me that I visit somewhere that is open to diversity and inclusion	68%	136
I consider the impact that I personally have on the destinations I visit	66%	141
Hearing from underrepresented communities is an important part of travelling	60%	132
I am committed to sustainable travel and actively take steps to minimize my impact on the environment when travelling	48%	135

48%

**PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL** 

128 INDEX SCORE



KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

o PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL - The percent of respondents who responded 5-7 on a 7-point scale in terms of prioritizing 'sustainable travel'. Sustainable travel is defined as "travel that minimizes any negative impact 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."







- o We like exploring popular places and trendy but less-travelled experiences.
- When exploring cultural attractions, we actively engage and prioritize immersion.

# TOP DESIRED TRAVEL ACTIVITIES

		SCORE	INDEX
	Cultural experiences or attractions	62%	122
	o Museums	44%	125
	o Historical or archeological sites	37%	115
	<ul> <li>Visiting local monuments</li> </ul>	34%	120
	Local cuisine	61%	124
	o Local restaurants	52%	127
	o Street cuisine	36%	141
*	Festivals and events	45%	130
	Music concerts or festivals	25%	117
	Cultural or traditional festivals	22%	140
*	Nightlife	17%	109
	o Bars and pubs	10%	104
	o Clubs and dancing	9%	114
90	High-intensity sports	5%	107
	o Mountain biking	3%	112
	Whitewater rafting	2%	108
	Nature experiences	39%	89
	Shopping	31%	89
	Guided tours	31%	98
	Overnight experiences	20%	84
ŶŶ	Family-focused attractions	15%	86
	Casual sports	13%	80
^	Health and wellness	11%	71







INTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS	TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF <b>0–3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT</b>		TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF 3–7 HOURS	
	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
To relax and unwind	51%	74	54%	80
To learn through other cultures	44%	140	43%	125
To escape from routine	33%	69	35%	77
To spend time with family	33%	85	29%	89
For adventure and excitement	29%	100	38%	112
To check off dream travel places	25%	119	24%	105
To have fun with friends	23%	92	20%	94
To be pampered	14%	127	12%	97
For a romantic getaway	13%	116	7%	78
EXTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
Partner / spouse wanted to go	42%	83	43%	80
Visiting friends / family	41%	102	34%	105
Festival or event	36%	142	27%	125
Family / friends wanted to go	30%	89	31%	99
Special event (e.g., wedding, reunion)	27%	105	25%	117
Kids wanted to go	11%	95	12%	96

**19%** 99 INDEX SCORE

**Travel aligns with** children's school schedule **25%** 106 INDEX SCORE

Take time off for vacation during major holidays

**14%** 93 INDEX SCORE

Difficult to take more than a few days of vacation at once





# **CULTURE SEEKERS** OUR BEHAVIOURS - HOW WE PLAN



o We are generally planning within 4 months of a trip, and using many information resources.

67%

**Primary Trip Planner** 135 **INDEX SCORE** 



KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

o PRIMARY TRIP PLANNER - The individual who makes all leisure travel decisions, including destination, accommodation, transportation, and activities, either independently or by leading most decisions. Those not in this role usually share decision-making with travel partners, contributing collaboratively to the planning.

**FLIGHT OF** 0-3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT

**FLIGHT OF 3–7 HOURS** 





#### **Started Researching and** Planning – 3.7 Months

- Travel provider websites
- Travel review sites



#### **Booked Transportation –** 2.6 months

Direct with company



**Booked Accommodation -**2.2 months

Travel booking sites / apps



**Booked Activities -**1.8 months

Direct with company



# **Booked Transportation –** 1.9 months

**Started Researching and** 

Planning – 2.9 months Travel provider websites

Direct with company



#### **Booked Activities -**1.7 months

1.9 months

Direct with company









# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o Our top trips are about experiencing the culture, food, music, and shopping of a destination.
- o We also take trips like Refined Globetrotters or City Trippers.
- KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)
- o **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT –** The degree to which actual trip aligns with a segments idealized trip across a variety of factors including emotional motivations, trip triggers, desired destination personality, and travel activities.

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

23% 114 INDEX SCORE

TRIP TYPE	Solo Trip			
DESTINATION TYPE	Urban Centre		29%	
	Cultural Experience		19%	
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Novel & Fun		Escape & Relax	
	Local restaurants		52%	
ACTIVITIES	Museums		30%	
	Cafes or bakeries 2		28%	
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Exploration of safe and trend destinations, not planned too fa advance		•	

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

12% 122 INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE	Cultural Experience		
COMPANIONS	Alone		39%
COMPANIONS	Couple Only		25%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Novel & Fun		Bonding
	Local restaurants		56%
ACTIVITIES	Museums		41%
	Art galleries		41%
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Authentic experience, immersed in a new culture. Planned well in advance		

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

25% 174 INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE	Urban Centre		
COMPANIONS	Couple Only		34%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun Bonding		Escape & Relax
	Local restaurants		58%
ACTIVITIES	Bars and pubs		26%
	Souvenir shopping 2		
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Fun with family and friends, visiting restaurants and experiencing nightlife		

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

**37%** 143 INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE	Couples Trip		
DESTINATION	Beach Resort		13%
TYPE	Luxury Resort		13%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun Novel & Authentic		Bonding
	Local restaurants		44%
ACTIVITIES	Historical / archeological sites		es <b>24%</b>
	City tours		21%
KEY BEHAVIOURS	May be all-inclusive destination or a cruise, booked more in advance		







- o We seek rich culture and heritage, with a variety of museums and historical sites.
- Our main areas of interest are Canada, US, and Europe, with past trips to France, Italy, Spain, and Mexico.



#### WHERE WE ARE GOING LATELY

	SCORE	INDEX
Canada	26%	83
US	19%	73
Italy	6%	135
UK	5%	135
France	5%	114

	SCORE	INDEX
Mexico	5%	64
Spain	4%	143
Japan	3%	125
Dominican Republic	2%	86
Portugal	2%	103



## WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO





## **DESIRED DESTINATION FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Has a rich cultural and historical heritage	44%	129
Has a variety of museums and / or historical sites	35%	129
Is inclusive and tolerant	31%	144
Renowned for food and drink experiences	29%	111
Provides a variety of local festivals and events	28%	145
Has many hidden gems	26%	116
Offers an energetic and dynamic cultural scene	24%	148
Has a thriving arts and music scene	23%	151





# **CULTURE SEEKERS**

OUR BEHAVIOURS - THOUGHTS ON CANADA



- We have a history of travelling across Canada, with travel experiences spanning across the country.
- Our travel preferences within Canada are diverse, with Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick topping our list.
- o When exploring Canada, our penchant for bustling cities often guides our journey.



# WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO IN CANADA

# YUKONMONTREALBRITISH COLUMBIA NEW BRUNSWICK ALBERTA MARITIMES ST. JOHN'S NORTH WEST HALIFAX VANCOUVER MARITIMES SASKATCHEWAN NUNAVUTKELOWNA NORTHWEST TERRITORIES NOVA SCOTIA MANITOBA EDMONTON NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ONTO CAMMORE NEWFOUNDLAND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ONTO CHAMOTEN ONTO C



PROVINCES	%	INDEX
AB	11%	70
ВС	20%	109
MB	4%	118
NB	5%	93
NL	3%	120
NS	10%	131
NT	0%	85
NU	0%	78
ON	34%	94
PEI	3%	100
QC	22%	107
SK	3%	92
YT	1%	129









- Our travel experiences have filled us with a broad understanding and deep appreciation of Canada's varied landscapes.
- We expect to venture outside of our home province within the next two years.
- o We want to discover the hidden gems of Canada.



# **CANADA TRAVEL MONTHS ON A PAST TRIP**

	WINTER (Dec-Feb)	<b>SPRING</b> (Mar-May)	SUMMER (Jun-Aug)	AUTUMN (Sept-Nov)
CULTURE SEEKERS	12%	14%	50%	26%
VS. TOTAL MARKET	7%	12%	54%	29%



# LIKELIHOOD TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE PROVINCE IN NEXT 2 YEARS

Definitely
■ Very likely
■ Somewhat likely
■ Not very likely
■ Not considering Canada

	123
24%	108
20%	71
11%	88
7%	98

**INDEX** 



# CULTURE SEEKERS

OUR BEHAVIOURS - LIFE OUTSIDE TRAVEL



- We primarily spend our money on leisure travel and experiences.
- In the last 5 years, we have purchased a new car, and some of us have also invested in home renovations and career changes.



### **MAJOR LIFE EVENTS IN LAST 5 YEARS**

4%

Had a child

95 INDEX SCORE

32%

Started a new job / career

116 INDEX SCORE

12%

Bought a new home

94 INDEX SCORE

18%

Moved to a new city

112 INDEX SCORE

4%

Child started school

95 INDEX SCORE

35%

Purchased a car

**76 INDEX SCORE** 

10%

Retired

96 INDEX SCORE

24%

Renovated house

82 INDEX SCORE



#### **NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING PRIORITIES**

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	55%	92
Savings and investments	48%	84
Personal hobbies and interests (e.g., sports equipment, books, art supplies).	45%	117
Experiences (e.g., concerts, events).	39%	128
Personal care and wellness	36%	84
Technology and gadgets	22%	117











#### **TOP PUBLICATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
СВС	27%	142
CNN	19%	127
The Globe and Mail	15%	155
The New York Times	12%	148
National Geographic	10%	143
The Toronto Star	8%	146
Canadian Living	7%	150
Food & Wine	6%	146
BNN Bloomberg	6%	139
La Presse	6%	99
CP24.com	6%	99
Travel + Leisure	6%	160
Le Journal de Montreal	5%	91
Toronto Sun	5%	111
Maclean's Magazine	5%	173
Blog TO	4%	149
Zoomer	4%	167
Toronto Life	4%	136
Daily Hive	4%	130
Elle Canada	4%	159
Bon Appetit	3%	174
Le Devoir	3%	128
Ottawa Citizen	3%	146
Le Journal de Québec	3%	84
Condé Nast Traveler	3%	182
Vancouver is Awesome	2%	151
Metroland Community Papers (ex. Niagarathisweek.com, Brampton Guardian, Cambridge Times, Hamilton Spectator)	2%	145



### **TOP SOCIAL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube	60%	99
Facebook	60%	95
Instagram	42%	101
TikTok	24%	97
Twitter (now X)	20%	113
Threads	9%	136



# **TOP TRAVEL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia	16%	118
Booking.com	11%	120
AirBnb	9%	104
TripAdvisor	8%	119
Kayak	4%	142
American Express	7%	134
VRBO	3%	121
Marriott Bonvoy	4%	126

#### **SOURCE: GTRP 2024**

This media profiling comes from usage of the long-form Segmentation Typing Tool in Destination Canada's 2024/2025 Global Traveller Research Program custom survey.

Date: December 2024











# **TOP NEWSPAPER SECTIONS** *Readership: Heavy*

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	25%	111
Local & regional news	53%	102
National news	53%	107
International news/world section	51%	107
Editorials	34%	110



#### **TOP RADIO PROGRAMS**

Listenership: Light

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube for music videos	30%	108
Spotify (subscription without ads)	21%	110

#### **FORMATS**

Music	53%	96
Traffic reports	21%	105
General interest talk/phone in shows	15%	104



#### **TOP TELEVISION PROGRAMS**

Viewership: Light

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
Netflix	54%	101
YouTube	45%	109
Crave	19%	115
Facebook videos	11%	103
Apple TV+	8%	107

#### **PROGRAMS**

News/current affairs	26%	104
Documentaries	26%	102
Suspense/crime dramas	26%	101



### **TOP MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS**

Readership: Medium

	SCORE	INDEX
CAA Magazine	8%	86
Other U.S. magazines	7%	110
Other English-Canadian magazines	7%	122
Food & Drink	4%	125
National Geographic	4%	103
People	4%	120
Canadian Living	3%	108
Maclean's	3%	108
Other French-Canadian magazines	2%	129
Canadian House and Home	2%	119
Hello! Canada	2%	123
Canadian Geographic	2%	105
Reader's Digest	2%	98
Time	2%	146
Zoomer Magazine	2%	90
Chatelaine (English edition)	2%	102
Air Canada enRoute	2%	120
RICARDO	2%	117
Better Homes & Gardens	1%	99
Cineplex Magazine	1%	116



#### **TOP TELEVISION NETWORKS**

т.	SCORE	INDEX
CBC News Network	16%	110
Crave	13%	111
CTV News Channel	11%	100
CNN	11%	101
The Comedy Network/CTV Comedy	8%	100
Showcase	7%	107
HBO Canada	7%	123
CablePulse24 (CP24)	7%	114
Global News BC	7%	122
Space/CTV Sci-Fi	6%	106











#### TIME SPENT ONLINE: More than 25 hours (on an avg week)

TOP ONLINE ACTIVITIES	SCORE	INDEX
Access restaurant guides/reviews	19%	122
Access travel content	15%	118
Send/receive email	72%	101
Send/receive a text/instant message	68%	101
Do banking/pay bills online	60%	103
Use maps/directions service	57%	105
Participate in an online social media	53%	100
Take pictures/video	53%	100
Use apps	53%	104
Search: business/services/products	51%	103
Access a news site	41%	108
Compare products while shopping	35%	103

#### **ACTIONS TAKEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. Follow brand on Instagram
- 2. Subscribe to brand email newsletter
- 3. Subscribe to brand on YouTube

#### **REASONS TO FOLLOW A BRAND ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. To learn about a brand's products and services
- 2. To get coupons and discounts
- 3. To enter contests

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA ATTITUDES**

- Social Media to stay connected with personal contacts
- I am well informed about social media (e.g. the tools that are available and how to use them)
- Use Social Media to keep up to date on general news/events
- Feel comfortable meeting and communicating with people through Social Media
- Use Social Media to keep up to date on news/events in my industry

ITEMS BOUGHT ONLINE	SCORE	INDEX
Online classified websites (e.g. Kijiji)	29%	89
Online music/movie download stores	26%	108
Cosmetics/skin care stores	13%	122
Craft supply stores	5%	113
Camera stores and photo finishing	5%	115
Cannabis stores	4%	86
Natural/health food stores	4%	97



#### **STATEMENTS / ATTITUDES**

I love shopping and take pride in researching product features and services. My friends and family often see me as a knowledgeable consumer, and I frequently influence their purchasing decisions with my insights. (110)

I feel that I have a great deal of influence on the consumption choices of the people around me (105)

When I buy a brand, product or service, it is very important to me that I get a sense of the origin, country or place where it was created (108)

Advertising is useful in helping me make a choice when buying
(100)

**SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS** 

	YouTube		7	0%	106
0	WhatsApp			56%	135
0	Instagram		46%	6	121
	LinkedIn		45%	ó	128
0	Spotify	29%			119
X	X (Twitter)	26%			125
44+	Audio Podcasts	20%			140











# TOP WEBSITES USED FOR TRAVEL

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia.com/Expedia.ca	31%	112
Airline websites	29%	116
Booking.com	22%	112
Hotels.com	15%	111
Trivago.ca	12%	109
Travelocity.com/Travelocity.ca	8%	113
Sunwing.ca	7%	105
Redtag.ca	4%	114



# VACATION PLANNING - Booking Sites

	SCORE	INDEX
Book through a hotel directly	36%	100
Book through an airline directly	33%	114
Book through airline/hotel website	27%	115
Book through an online travel agency	25%	116



INDEX

<b>④</b>	Air Canada (any)	28%	116
*	West Jet	13%	100
	European airlines (any)	5%	120
	Other Canadian airlines	4%	92
8	Air Transat	4%	95



# TOP ACCOMODATIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Hotel	46%	103
Friends/relatives	30%	105
Vacation rental by owner	17%	103
Bed and breakfast	8%	107
Condominium/apartment	8%	103

CANADIAN D	ESTINATIONS
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CANADIAN DECIMATIONS	SCORE	INDEX
Toronto	12%	117
Other British Columbia	12%	115
Cottage country (any)	11%	111
Other Ontario	10%	108
Vancouver	10%	113
Niagara Falls	9%	118
Quebec City	9%	105
Montreal	9%	104
Other Quebec	9%	100
Ottawa	8%	110
Victoria	7%	122
Banff	6%	96
Calgary	6%	89
Other Alberta	5%	79
Other Nova Scotia	4%	87
Whistler	4%	143
Jasper	4%	88
Cape Breton Island	1%	71









# I offer recommendations of products/services to other people - 52%

PSYCHOGRAPHICS - High Indexing SocialValues	INDEX
Global Consciousness	124
Social Learning	124
Sexual Permissiveness	123
Culture Sampling	121
Multiculturalism	120
Rejection of Authority	120

#### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS ATTENDED - occasionally / frequently

Parks/ city gardens Bai

Bars/ restaurant bars

Movies at a theatre/ drive-in Exhibitions/ carnivals/ fairs/ markets

Art galleries/ museums/ science centres



39%



(105)



(105)



29%

29% (108)

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS PARTICIPATED** - occasionally / frequently

Reading

83%

Home exercise/ workout

61% (100) Hiking/ backpacking

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(100)

46%

Playing video games

43% (103)

games Photography



32%

(103)

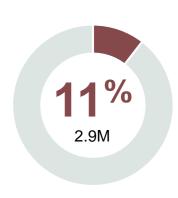
#### MAJOR EVENTS - in the past 2 years

Change job/career	16%	114
Shop for mortgage/renegotiate mortgage	10%	93
Lose job or be laid off	6%	121
Complete college/university	6%	137
Bought/sold home	6%	103



PSYCHOGRAPHICS - SUMMARY





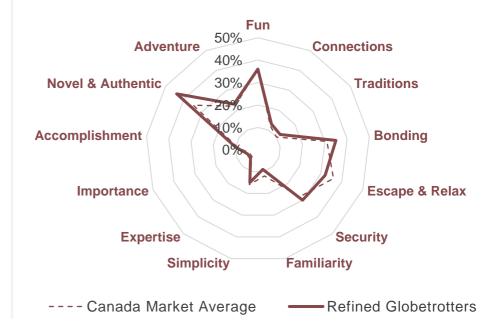
# % OF CANADA POPULATION

We prioritize travel above all, indulging in world-class destinations, gourmet dining, and exclusive experiences. We are experienced travellers who are always on the lookout for new, unique places to cross of our list. We immerse ourselves in history, museums, and the authentic charm of new places, ensuring smooth travel with all-inclusive packages and expert-guided tours.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ME

- 1 Travel is our #1 spending priority.
- We have the flexibility to travel at any time of year, as our kids are grown up.
- Planning how we will see the history, museums, and architecture of a destination is paramount.
- We are looking for world-class and curated experiences in all aspects from dining and shopping to accommodation.

#### **EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATIONS MAP**





#### TRAVELLER RESPONSIBLE INDEX

103

#### How is this calculated?

The responsible values index incorporates views on socio-cultural, environmental, and economic sustainability, as well as diversity, reconciliation, and desire to learn. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison



#### TRAVELLER ECONOMIC INDEX

147

#### How is this calculated?

The economic values index measures positive impact on Canada's tourism economy. Attributes include economic means, Canada trip recency / frequency / likelihood, hotel and flight behaviours, trip spend behaviour, and likelihood to make travel decisions within their own household. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison





OUR PSYCHOGRAPHICS - TRAVEL VALUES





# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o We seek discovery through experiences, and a sense of accomplishment through our travels.
- o We want to experience luxury and indulge in world-class experiences, and tend not to think about budget.
- o Joining tours and working with travel agents ensures a smooth, enlightening travel experience.



### TRAVEL VALUES & ATTITUDES

TRAVEL VALUES & ATTITUDES	SCORE	INDEX
I prefer booking flights and accommodations well in advance	84%	143
I'm always on the look out for new destinations to visit next	83%	126
Exploring the world through travel is an important milestone of growing up	83%	119
I like to come back from travels having learnt something new	82%	121
I prefer destinations with well-established tourist infrastructure	78%	128
I'm passionate about travelling	72%	119
I make sure to visit the "famous" sites wherever I go	63%	131
I enjoy joining guided tours to explore new destinations	55%	155
While I think about value for money, it doesn't tend to influence my choice of destination	54%	132
I seek travel advice from travel agencies and agents	48%	147
Luxury experiences are an important part of travel	48%	148
When traveling, I expect 24 / 7 support from a travel provider	36%	150
I seek out fine dining experiences and gourmet cuisine when I travel	32%	135



### **EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
To explore and discover new things / places	60%	141
To feel safe and secure	45%	118
To have authentic experiences	39%	113
To open my mind to new perspectives	32%	115
To bond through shared experiences	31%	122
To be proud to share my travel experiences	24%	114



### **DESIRED DESTINATION**

	SCORE	INDEX
Authentic	45%	118
Charming	36%	152
Luxurious	30%	155
Unique	29%	115
World-Class	25%	154
Exclusive	18%	154







OUR DEMOGRAPHICS





#### **AGE**

	SCORE	INDEX
18-34	19%	84
35-54	30%	94
55+	51%	114
MEAN YEARS	52.5	116

**EMPLOYMENT** 

**Employed FT** 

**Employed PT** 

Self-employed

Retired

**SCORE** 

48%

5%

4%

36%

**INDEX** 

96

62

78

117



# **HH INCOME (CAD)**

	SCORE	INDEX
Less than \$40K	10%	53
\$40K to <\$120K	70%	131
\$120K or more	16%	147
Refused	4%	107



87%

134 Have a valid passport



# **GENDER**

53% 103 Male

48%

Female

0%

86

Non-binary / Other



**EDUCATION** 

	SCORE	INDEX
Primary education or less	0%	18
Secondary education	18%	79
Post- secondary education	81%	120



### **HOUSEHOLD**

Children <18 17% 94 Living At Home\*

8%

Children 18+ Living At Home\*

32%

115 Children NOT Living At Home\*

51%

101

No Children

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\* Option is not exclusive



### **IMMIGRATION STATUS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Non-immigrant	73%	92
Recent immigrant (<5y)	4%	92
Non-recent immigrant (5+y)	22%	116



#### **CANADA PROVINCE BREAKOUT**

	SCORE	INDEX
Ontario	45%	134
Quebec	24%	111
British Columbia	13%	68
Alberta	9%	72
Manitoba	4%	88

	SCORE	INDEX
Saskatchewan	2%	90
Nova Scotia	2%	98
New Brunswick	1%	79
Newfoundland and Labrador	1%	90
Prince Edward Island	0%	81

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TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: NON-GROUP

**150** 

TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: GROUP

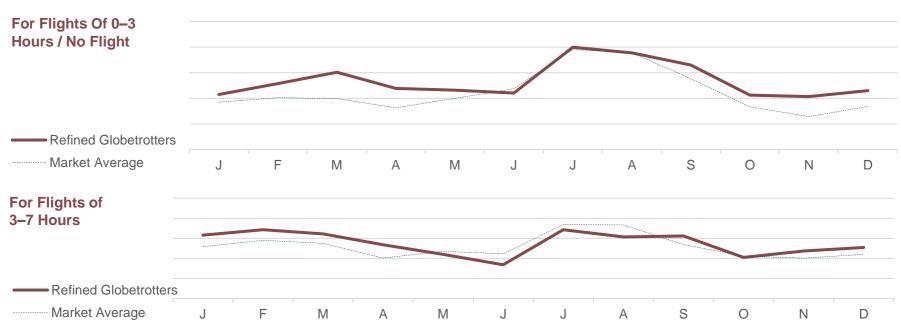
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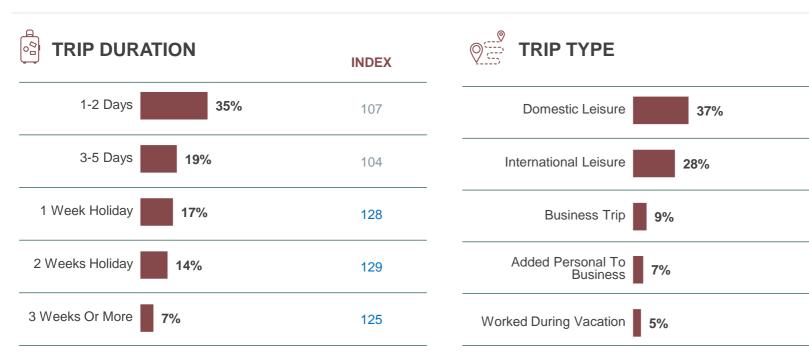
- KEY terminology on this page
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX NON-GROUP The propensity to utilize travel agent / operator assisted channels for free independent travel indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining behaviours on ideal & future trips. Does not include self-directed online travel agencies (e.g. Expedia).
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX GROUP The propensity to travel as part of an organized group indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining variables covering both overall preference and the specific makeup of their next planned trip.

For additional definitions see Glossary



#### **TYPICAL TRAVEL MONTHS**





Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year

Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year



**INDEX** 

116

147

109

118

117



# REFINED GLOBETROTTERS OUR BEHAVIOURS - MORE TRAVEL HABITS





### TYPICAL ACCOMMODATION

	SCORE	INDEX
Mid-priced Hotel	41%	69
Premium Hotel	31%	144
All-inclusive resort	27%	148
Cruise ship	20%	147
Friend's or family's place	19%	65
Vacation Rental (e.g., Airbnb, Vrbo)	14%	69



# THOUGHTS ON INDIGENOUS TRAVEL

46%

101 INDEX SCORE

I'd look for opportunities to hear stories and engage with the Indigenous people / original inhabitants of the places I visit

8%

INDEX SCORE

**Strong Interest** In Indigenous **Activities** 



#### WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND EXPLORE

	SCORE	INDEX
I really want to learn about the history of the destinations I visit	82%	125
You only ever get to know a country by experiencing its culture	82%	130
I'm willing to put in the effort while travelling in order to see lesser-known places	47%	97
I like to explore places that are off the beaten path and less explored	44%	91
I'm open to travelling to destinations with limited tourist infrastructure	22%	72
I'm open to visiting destinations with challenging climates or weather conditions	20%	90











# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- We travel primarily with our partner our spouse.
- o Our budgets are healthy, as travel is our priority.

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#### TRAVEL COMPANIONS

<u></u>	SCORE	INDEX
Spouse / Partner	74%	124
Adult relatives	17%	67
Friends	12%	91
Solo	11%	87
Kids	10%	93



**BUDGET** 

**AVERAGE SPEND (ALL TRIPS)** 

\$4,890

139 **INDEX SCORE** 

#### **SPEND STYLE**

Premium to High-end Luxury









### **OUR THOUGHTS ON RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL**

	SCORE	INDEX
It's important for me to know that the money I spend will support the local economy I'm visiting	56%	105
I consider the impact that I personally have on the destinations I visit	48%	104
It's important to me that I visit somewhere that is open to diversity and inclusion	43%	96
Hearing from underrepresented communities is an important part of travelling	33%	95
I am committed to sustainable travel and actively take steps to minimize my impact on the environment when travelling	28%	94

35% **PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE** TRAVEL

102 INDEX SCORE



KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

o PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL - The percent of respondents who responded 5-7 on a 7-point scale in terms of prioritizing 'sustainable travel'. Sustainable travel is defined as "travel that minimizes any negative impact 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."





# REFINED GLOBETROTTERS OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRAVEL ACTIVITIES



- Local cuisine and overall relaxation through wellness experiences are a priority.
- We like to explore historical cities, through guided tours or multiple stops on a cruise.



# TOP DESIRED TRAVEL ACTIVITIES

		SCORE	INDEX
	Cultural experiences or attractions	66%	135
	o Museums	47%	136
	Historical or archeological sites	46%	145
	<ul> <li>Visiting local monuments</li> </ul>	39%	143
	Local cuisine	62%	126
	o Local restaurants	51%	123
	o Luxury dining	25%	148
	Guided tours	54%	148
	o City tours	42%	147
	o Wildlife or nature tours	28%	141
	Overnight experiences	30%	142
	o Cruise	20%	149
	Staying at all-inclusive resort	11%	109
	Health and wellness	29%	151
	o Spas	21%	148
	o Sauna or steam bath	13%	148
	Nature experiences	38%	86
	Shopping	38%	101
*	Festivals and events	20%	77
	Family-focused attractions	20%	90
	Casual sports	11%	66
***	Nightlife	10%	88
	Water-based sports	9%	87









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#### **INTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS**

#### TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF 0-3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT

#### TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF **3–7 HOURS**

	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
To relax and unwind	56%	85	66%	108
To escape from routine	39%	85	44%	99
To spend time with family	38%	92	32%	93
To learn through other cultures	32%	118	33%	107
To check off dream travel places	28%	132	34%	138
For adventure and excitement	23%	89	16%	78
To have fun with friends	20%	84	13%	75
For a romantic getaway	17%	150	19%	135
To be pampered	15%	134	18%	120

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#### **EXTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS**

	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
Partner / spouse wanted to go	58%	121	55%	112
Visiting friends / family	32%	57	26%	79
Family / friends wanted to go	27%	81	21%	57
Special event (e.g., wedding, reunion)	20%	76	18%	79
Kids wanted to go	14%	97	12%	96
Festival or event	10%	72	10%	75

**15%** 94 INDEX SCORE

**Travel aligns with** children's school schedule 23% 101 INDEX SCORE

Take time off for vacation during major holidays

13% 87 INDEX SCORE

Difficult to take more than a few days of vacation at once





# REFINED GLOBETROTTERS OUR BEHAVIOURS - HOW WE PLAN





 We book on average 3 months in advance, even for shorter distance trips. 49%

### Primary Trip Planner

75 INDEX SCORE



**KEY** terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see <u>Glossary</u>)

PRIMARY TRIP PLANNER – The individual who
makes all leisure travel decisions, including destination,
accommodation, transportation, and activities, either
independently or by leading most decisions. Those not
in this role usually share decision-making with travel
partners, contributing collaboratively to the planning.

FLIGHT OF

0-3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT

FLIGHT OF **3–7 HOURS** 



# Started Researching and Planning – 3.4 months

Recommendations from friends or family



# Booked Accommodation – 2.4 months

- Direct with company
- Travel booking sites / apps



# **Booked Transportation –** 2.3 months

Through a travel agent



# Booked Activities – 1.9 months

Direct with company





# Started Researching and Planning – 4.8 Months

Travel agents



# Booked Transportation – 3.5 months

Through a travel agent



# Booked Accommodation – 3.4 months

Travel booking sites / apps



# Booked Activities – 2.1 months

Travel booking sites / apps







<u>OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRIP TYPES</u>





# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o On our top trips, we explore cities, visit spas, and seek luxury experiences.
- We also take trips like Simplicity Lovers or City Trippers.
- KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)
- o **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT –** The degree to which actual trip aligns with a segments idealized trip across a variety of factors including emotional motivations, trip triggers, desired destination personality, and travel activities.

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

# **54%** 150 INDEX SCORE

TRIP TYPE	Couples Trip		
DESTINATION TYPE	Urban Centre		19%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun Novel & Authentic		Bonding
	Local restau	rants	44%
ACTIVITIES	Historical / archeological sites  City tours		es <b>24%</b>
			21%
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Mid-range budget, most likely to be a cruise		

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

11% 120 INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE		Luxury Resort			
COMPANIONS	Couple Only			63%	
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun	Bonding		cape & Relax	
	Luxury dining		25%		
ACTIVITIES	/ITIES Sauna or steam bath		19%		
	Oceanside b	beaches		15%	
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Relaxed but luxurious romantic get		etaway		

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

14% 133 INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE	Beach Resort			
COMPANIONS	Extend	35%		
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun Escape & Relax		Security	
	Local restaurants		37%	
ACTIVITIES	Oceanside b	21%		
	Souvenir sho	20%		
KEY BEHAVIOURS	All-inclusive trip with extended family. No surprises, easy vacation			

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

20% 162 INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE	Urban Centre			
COMPANIONS	Couple Only		33%	
COMPANIONS	Alone			30%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun	Bonding		ovel & thentic
	Local restau	rants		50%
ACTIVITIES	Museums			34%
	Music concerts or festivals			14%
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Visiting friends, exploring the hustle bustle of a city			











# OVERALL INSIGHT

- We enjoy exploring well-known and developed destinations through curated experiences.
- Our future plans include Europe, Japan, and cruises which help us explore new places.



# WHERE WE ARE GOING LATELY

	SCORE	INDEX
Canada	20%	62
US	20%	79
Mexico	8%	145
France	5%	124
Italy	5%	123

	SCORE	INDEX
Dominican Republic	5%	146
UK	4%	120
Portugal	3%	139
Bahamas	3%	142
Japan	3%	134



### WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO





### **DESIRED DESTINATION FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Has a rich cultural and historical heritage	46%	131
Known for stunning natural landscapes	40%	124
Has a variety of museums and / or historical sites	39%	139
Has famous attractions	36%	134
Renowned for food and drink experiences	36%	129
Offers all-inclusive resort packages	34%	140
Has luxury dining, shopping, and accommodations	30%	152
Has well-developed tourism infrastructure	21%	135





OUR BEHAVIOURS - THOUGHTS ON CANADA





- o We are generally well-travelled within Canada.
- We have visited a mix of large cities as well as destinations such as the Muskoka's and Niagara (likely wineries).
- The next places we would like to explore in Canada are British Columbia, Nova Scotia and Quebec.



### WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO IN CANADA

NOVA SCOTIA
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
TORONTO HALIFAX

BANFF CHURCHILL

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

MANITOBA

CALGARY ALBERTA
SASKATCHEWAN CAPE BRETON YELLOWKNIFE
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
NIAGARA FALLS
NIAGARA FALLS
WINDSOR YUKON

MARITIMES

OTTAWA
SANDBANKS

ONTARIO

VANCOUVER MADELAINE ISLANDS
WINDSOR
WINDSO



PROVINCES	%	INDEX
AB	12%	77
ВС	18%	86
MB	3%	78
NB	4%	80
NL	2%	98
NS	5%	87
NT	1%	125
NU	0%	78
ON	42%	140
PEI	2%	72
QC	21%	94
SK	3%	104
YT	1%	115



OUR BEHAVIOURS - MORE THOUGHTS ON CANADA





- We have visited Canada in spring, summer, and fall, and have the freedom to travel in any season.
- We are happy with past trips within Canada, and will likely explore again in the future.



# **CANADA TRAVEL MONTHS ON A PAST TRIP**

	WINTER (Dec-Feb)	SPRING (Mar-May)	SUMMER (Jun-Aug)	AUTUMN (Sept-Nov)
REFINED GLOBETROTTERS	6%*	14%	54%	32%
VS. TOTAL MARKET	7%	12%	54%	29%



### LIKELIHOOD TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE PROVINCE IN NEXT 2 YEARS

<ul><li>Definitely</li></ul>
■ Very likely
■ Somewhat likely
■ Not very likely
■ Not considering Canada

30%	93
23%	94
27%	110
13%	106
7%	100



OUR BEHAVIOURS - LIFE OUTSIDE TRAVEL





- Our higher net worth affords us the ability to continue to invest in new, big purchases (like home renovations or vehicles) - and of course travel.
- o We are happy where we are, not moving cities or houses.



### **MAJOR LIFE EVENTS IN LAST 5 YEARS**

4%

Had a child

95 INDEX SCORE

24%

Started a new job / career

83 INDEX SCORE

12%

Bought a new home

91 INDEX SCORE

13%

Moved to a new city

77 INDEX SCORE

4%

Child started school

96 INDEX SCORE

44%

Purchased a car

121 INDEX SCORE

13%

Retired

110 INDEX SCORE

29%

Renovated house

134 INDEX SCORE



#### **NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING PRIORITIES**

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	75%	149
Savings and investments	52%	102
Personal care and wellness	38%	92
Personal hobbies and interests (e.g., sports equipment, books, art supplies).	31%	52
Experiences (e.g., concerts, events).	30%	83
Fashion and accessories	21%	108





# REFINED GLOBETROTTERS FIND US ONLINE - MEDIA PROFILING





### **TOP PUBLICATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
CBC	18%	96
CNN	16%	105
The Globe and Mail	11%	110
The New York Times	8%	91
La Presse	8%	127
Le Journal de Montreal	8%	135
The Toronto Star	7%	129
National Geographic	7%	106
CP24.com	7%	116
Food & Wine	6%	154
Toronto Sun	6%	136
Travel + Leisure	6%	154
Canadian Living	5%	107
Toronto Life	4%	147
BNN Bloomberg	4%	101
Le Journal de Québec	4%	134
Blog TO	3%	116
Maclean's Magazine	3%	132
Elle Canada	3%	138
Daily Hive	3%	101
Le Devoir	3%	112
Zoomer	3%	109
Bon Appetit	3%	138
Metroland Community Papers (ex. Niagarathisweek.com, Brampton Guardian, Cambridge Times, Hamilton Spectator)	2%	119
Condé Nast Traveler	2%	123
re:Porter Magazine	2%	139
Ottawa Citizen	2%	81



# **TOP SOCIAL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube	59%	96
Facebook	62%	99
Instagram	42%	101
TikTok	25%	105
Twitter (now X)	20%	112
Threads	6%	98



# **TOP TRAVEL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia	18%	134
Booking.com	13%	137
AirBnb	10%	115
TripAdvisor	10%	136
Kayak	3%	101
American Express	8%	155
VRBO	2%	106
Marriott Bonvoy	5%	143

### **SOURCE: GTRP 2024**

This media profiling comes from usage of the long-form Segmentation Typing Tool in Destination Canada's 2024/2025 Global Traveller Research Program custom survey.

Date: December 2024







TRADITIONAL MEDIA PROFILING





**TOP NEWSPAPER SECTIONS** *Readership: Medium/Heavy* 

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	24%	105
Local & regional news	52%	100
National news	50%	102
International news/world section	48%	100
Health	31%	103





#### **TOP RADIO PROGRAMS**

Listenership: Medium/Light

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
Spotify (subscription without ads)	20%	104
Apple Music	9%	101

#### **FORMATS**

Music	56% 101
News	39% 101
Weather	27% 106



#### TOP TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Viewership: Medium

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
Regular TV services	56%	105
Netflix	55%	103
YouTube	43%	103
Amazon Prime	37%	105
Disney+	28%	103

#### **PROGRAMS**

News/current affairs	26% 100
Hockey (when in season)	23% 107
Home renovation/decoration shows	20% 101



# TOP MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS

Readership: Medium

	SCORE	INDEX
CAA Magazine	11%	115
Other U.S. magazines	7%	106
Other English-Canadian magazines	6%	112
Food & Drink	4%	126
National Geographic	4%	112
Maclean's	4%	138
Canadian Living	3%	108
People	3%	113
Zoomer Magazine	3%	134
Canadian Geographic	2%	110
Chatelaine (English edition)	2%	130
Reader's Digest	2%	99
Hello! Canada	2%	115
Canadian House and Home	2%	109
Better Homes & Gardens	2%	114
Style at Home	2%	154
Cottage Life	2%	116
Air Canada enRoute	1%	110
Time	1%	107
Report On Business Magazine	1%	140



#### **TOP TELEVISION NETWORKS**

	SCORE	INDEX
CBC News Network	18%	121
TSN	17%	117
Sportsnet	17%	128
Crave	14%	122
CTV News Channel	14%	119
HGTV (Home & Garden Television)	14%	120
CNN	12%	113
Food Network	11%	120
Discovery Channel	10%	111
History Channel	10%	106





TRADITIONAL MEDIA PROFILING





#### TIME SPENT ONLINE: More than 25 hours (on an avg week)

TOP ONLINE ACTIVITIES	SCORE	INDEX
Access restaurant guides/reviews	17%	110
Access travel content	13%	99
Send/receive email	71%	100
Send/receive a text/instant message	67%	100
Use maps/directions service	56%	104
Take pictures/video	53%	100
Use apps	52%	102
Access a news site	40%	104
Research products/services	32%	101
Purchase products or services	30%	104
Listen to a podcast	21%	102
Access health content	19%	100

#### **ACTIONS TAKEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. Follow brand on Instagram
- 2. Subscribe to brand email newsletter
- 3. Join an online community who also like the brand

#### **REASONS TO FOLLOW A BRAND ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. To learn about a brand's products and services
- 2. To get coupons and discounts
- 3. To be among the first to hear brand news

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA ATTITUDES**

- · Social media companies should not be allowed to own or share my personal information
- I tend to ignore marketing and advertisements from financial institutions when I'm in a social media environment
- I tend to ignore marketing and advertisements when I'm in a social media environment
- I would be more inclined to participate in Social Media if I knew my personal info would not be owned/shared by company
- I am open to receiving relevant marketing messages through social media channels

ITEMS BOUGHT ONLINE	SCORE	INDEX
Online classified websites (e.g. Kijiji)	29%	88
Online music/movie download stores	24%	100
Cosmetics/skin care stores	10%	96
Craft supply stores	5%	96
Cannabis stores	4%	90
Natural/health food stores	4%	89
Camera stores and photo finishing	3%	74



#### STATEMENTS / ATTITUDES

I love shopping and take pride in researching product features and services. My friends and family often see me as a knowledgeable consumer, and I frequently influence their purchasing decisions with my insights. (104)

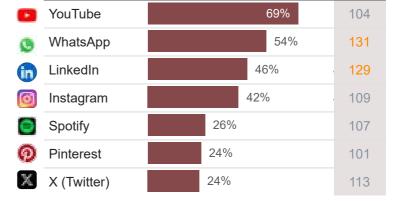
I feel that I have a great deal of influence on the consumption choices of the people around me (104)

When I buy a brand, product or service, it is very important to me that I get a sense of the origin, country or place where it was created (107)

Advertising is useful in helping me make a choice when buying (100)

#### SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

**INDEX** 





**DESTINATION** Refined Globetrotters profiling from PRIZM is broken into French and English sub-CANADA categories due to the impact of language biases at the combined level.





TRADITIONAL MEDIA PROFILING



SCORE

INDEX



# TOP WEBSITES USED FOR TRAVEL

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia.com/Expedia.ca	29%	103
Airline websites	27%	108
Booking.com	18%	94
Hotels.com	13%	94
Trivago.ca	10%	94
Travelocity.com/Travelocity.ca	7%	98
Sunwing.ca	6%	88
Redtag.ca	4%	98



### **VACATION PLANNING - Booking Sites**

	SCORE	INDEX
Book through a hotel directly	36%	100
Book through an airline directly	31%	109
Book through an online travel agency	24%	111
Book through airline/hotel website	24%	104



)	Air Canada (any)		26%	108
	West Jet		16%	120
	Other Canadian airlines	5%		99
	European airlines (any)	4%		108
	Air Transat	3%		75



# TOP ACCOMODATIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Hotel	45%	101
Friends/relatives	29%	103
Vacation rental by owner	17%	105
All-inclusive resort	13%	106
Bed and breakfast	8%	102

# CANADIAN DESTINATIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Cottage country (any)	14%	132
Other British Columbia	12%	117
Toronto	11%	105
Other Ontario	10%	106
Niagara Falls	9%	119
Vancouver	9%	105
Ottawa	8%	99
Calgary	7%	111
Banff	7%	111
Montreal	7%	81
Other Alberta	7%	99
Victoria	5%	101
Other Quebec	5%	56
Quebec City	5%	54
Jasper	4%	106
Other Nova Scotia	4%	75
Whistler	3%	115
Cape Breton Island	1%	63





TRADITIONAL MEDIA PROFILING



# I offer recommendations of products/services to other people - 50%

PSYCHOGRAPHICS - High Indexing Social Values	INDEX
Legacy	134
Personal Control	128
Culture Sampling	125
Effort Toward Health	125
Rejection of Orderliness	124
Social Learning	116

#### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS ATTENDED - occasionally / frequently

Specialty movie

Bars/ restaurant bars

36%

theatres/ IMAX/ VIP

20%

Sporting events/ racing/ air shows

18% (104)

Ballet/ opera/ symphony

9%

Parks/ city gardens



35% (91)

### ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS PARTICIPATED - occasionally / frequently

Reading

82%

Home exercise/ workout

64%

Gardening

62%

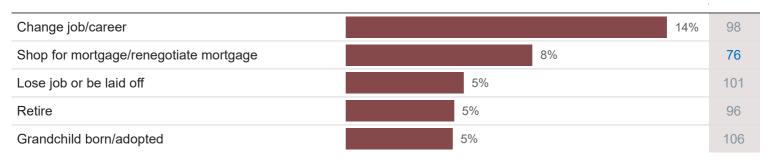
Fitness walking

55%

52%

Swimming

#### MAJOR EVENTS - in the past 2 years







TRADITIONAL MEDIA PROFILING





# TOP NEWSPAPER SECTIONS Readership: Heavy

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	27%	121
Local & regional news	57%	109
International news/world section	55%	115
National news	54%	110
Editorials	36%	116



#### **TOP RADIO PROGRAMS**

Listenership: Heavy

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube for music videos	28%	100
Spotify (free with ads)	14%	114

#### **FORMATS**

News	40%	106
General interest talk/phone in shows	19%	125
Community information	16%	134



#### TOP TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Viewership: Medium

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
Regular TV services	57%	107
Club illico	9%	441
Noovo	8%	428
ICI TOU.TV Extra	7%	326
ICI TOU.TV	7%	309

#### **PROGRAMS**

Movies	46% 109
Evening local news	40% 119
Primetime serial dramas	32% 128



### **TOP MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS**

Readership: Medium/Heavy

	SCORE	INDEX
CAA Magazine	9%	92
Other French-Canadian magazines	7%	411
RICARDO	7%	506
Bel Âge	6%	503
Coup de Pouce	5%	477
L'Actualité	5%	451
Other U.S. magazines	3%	49
Châtelaine (French edition)	2%	417
National Geographic	2%	46
Reader's Digest	1%	51
Other English-Canadian magazines	1%	19
Food & Drink	1%	24
People	1%	25
Air Canada enRoute	1%	56
Canadian Geographic	1%	35
Time	1%	51
Maclean's	1%	24
Chatelaine (English edition)	1%	39
Canadian House and Home	1%	32
Canadian Living	1%	18



#### **TOP TELEVISION NETWORKS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Le Réseau de l'information (RDI)	19%	406
Le Canal Nouvelles (LCN)	17%	445
Le Réseau des Sports (RDS)	16%	433
Canal D	16%	460
TVA Sports	14%	464
MétéoMédia	12%	438
addikTV	12%	426
Canal Vie	12%	443
ARTV	12%	431
Séries+	11%	501







TRADITIONAL MEDIA PROFILING





#### TIME SPENT ONLINE: More than 25 hours (on an avg week)

SCORE	INDEX
10%	64
14%	107
53%	106
36%	105
30%	102
25%	107
20%	117
17%	117
12%	146
11%	115
10%	121
10%	113
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#### **REASONS TO FOLLOW A BRAND ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. To learn about a brand's products and services
- 2. To enter contests
- 3. To get coupons and discounts

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA ATTITUDES**

- · Social media companies should not be allowed to own or share my personal information
- · Social Media to stay connected with personal contacts
- · Use Social Media to stay connected with family
- Use Social Media to keep up to date on general news/events
- I am well informed about social media (e.g. the tools that are available and how to use them)

ITEMS BOUGHT ONLINE	SCORE	INDEX
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Online music/movie download stores	23%	96
Cosmetics/skin care stores	9%	90
Camera stores and photo finishing	6%	149
Kitchen stores	3%	140
Candy/chocolate stores	3%	110
Cannabis stores	3%	62



#### STATEMENTS / ATTITUDES

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I feel that I have a great deal of influence on the consumption choices of the people around me (102)

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Advertising is useful in helping me make a choice when buying (97)

#### SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Facebook	86%	108
YouTube	57%	86
Instagram	29%	76
LinkedIn	27%	77
Spotify	23%	94
Pinterest	21%	88
WhatsApp	19%	45





TRADITIONAL MEDIA PROFILING





# TOP WEBSITES USED FOR TRAVEL

	SCORE	INDEX
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Booking.com	20%	102
Airline websites	16%	66
Trivago.ca	14%	128
Hotels.com	12%	88
Sunwing.ca	7%	104
Travelocity.com/Travelocity.ca	2%	33
Redtag.ca	1%	39



# TOP ACCOMODATIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Hotel	47%	106
Cottage	24%	137
Camping	20%	116
Motel	13%	107
All-inclusive resort	12%	100



# **VACATION PLANNING - Booking Sites**

	SCORE	INDEX
Book through a hotel directly	39%	108
Other services	19%	108
Book through a full service travel agent	18%	137
Book a package tour	11%	145

# CANADIAN DESTINATIONS

S OANADIAN DESTINATIONS	SCORE	INDEX
Other Quebec	30%	340
Quebec City	26%	308
Montreal	17%	197
Ottawa	10%	133
Toronto	9%	81
Other Ontario	6%	61
Other Nova Scotia	3%	68
Vancouver	3%	31
Niagara Falls	2%	30
Other British Columbia	2%	20
Calgary	2%	24
Banff	1%	23
Other Alberta	1%	22
Cottage country (any)	1%	14
Cape Breton Island	1%	52
Whistler	1%	29
Jasper	1%	20
Victoria	1%	15

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*	Air Transat		11%	270
	Other charter airlines	3%		148
	European airlines (any)	3%		74
40	West Jet	2%		16





TRADITIONAL MEDIA PROFILING





I offer recommendations of products/services to other people - 54%

PSYCHOGRAPHICS - High Indexing SocialValues	INDEX
Fulfilment Through Work	177
Cultural Assimilation	156
Obedience to Authority	136
Ecological Concern	135
Sexism	130
Active Government	129

#### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS ATTENDED - occasionally / frequently

Historical sites

Movies at a theatre/ drive-in

Comedy clubs/ shows

Cycling (mountain/

road biking)

Popular music/ rock concerts

Theme parks/ waterparks/ water slides



33%



(101)

31%



21%



20%

16%

#### ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS PARTICIPATED - occasionally / frequently

Reading

83%

Hiking/backpacking



59%

59%

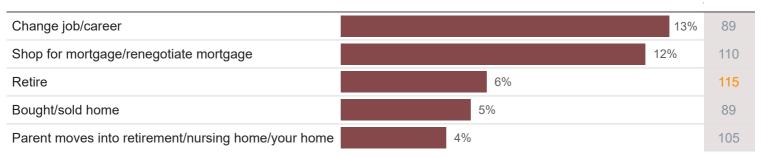
Skiing cross country/ Snowshoeing

40%

36%

Ice skating

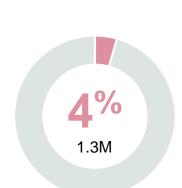
#### MAJOR EVENTS - in the past 2 years







PSYCHOGRAPHICS - SUMMARY



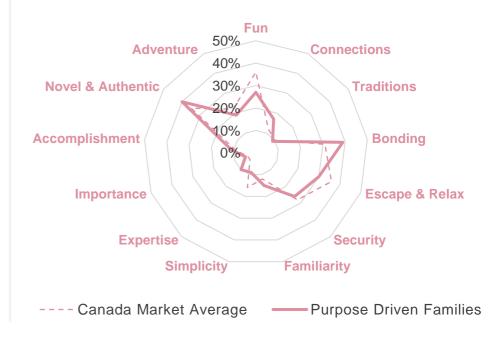
# % OF CANADA POPULATION

We are ambitious and conscientious parents who prioritize unique, kid-friendly travels. We relish trendy destinations, hidden gems that support local cultures, and anywhere that lets us spend time in nature. Travel is both a shared accomplishment and a personal journey of learning for the entire family. Cost or difficulty aren't big deterrents; we seek socially responsible, impressive, new experiences.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ME

- We take pride in our destination choices, and the effort it takes to reach some destinations.
- Being trendy for us includes being trendsetters in travel choices and behaviours, which includes prioritizing sustainability and responsible travel.
- We value being able to provide these experiences to our children, but we also appreciate how it allows us to demonstrate our success to others.
- Exposure to nature, exploring the outdoors, and immersing in culture are all primary needs.

#### **EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATIONS MAP**





#### TRAVELLER RESPONSIBLE INDEX

125

#### How is this calculated?

The responsible values index incorporates views on socio-cultural, environmental, and economic sustainability, as well as diversity, reconciliation, and desire to learn. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison



#### TRAVELLER ECONOMIC INDEX

115

#### How is this calculated?

The economic values index measures positive impact on Canada's tourism economy. Attributes include economic means, Canada trip recency / frequency / likelihood, hotel and flight behaviours, trip spend behaviour, and likelihood to make travel decisions within their own household. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison







OUR PSYCHOGRAPHICS - TRAVEL VALUES





# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o We value learning, engaging with local cultures, and exploring the history of our destinations.
- o We use travel to bond and create memories, and we'll tackle a few challenges to achieve that.
- We are in pursuit of unique destinations that will make our friends say 'wow' when we share photos and stories.



#### **TRAVEL VALUES & ATTITUDES**

	SCORE	INDEX
Exploring the world through travel is an important milestone of growing up	80%	113
I like to come back from travels having learnt something new	78%	113
I am more likely to select destinations / activities that invest in socially responsible tourism	67%	133
I generally think natural attractions are the highlights of my trip	62%	121
Videos and pictures on social media inspire me to travel	51%	135
Even while travelling, I like to maintain regular contact with my duties or obligations back home	46%	155
I seek out destinations where I can explore my ancestral heritage	46%	146
I love posting my trips on social media to share with friends	45%	120
When there's a lot of positive buzz about a destination it makes me want to visit it more	45%	132
I'm open to unconventional accommodations when travelling	36%	110
Luxury experiences are an important part of travel	36%	123
I seek travel advice from travel agencies and agents	35%	117
I'd be open to using AI-powered chatbots for travel planning and assistance	32%	131



### **EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
To share quality time with others	44%	112
To bond through shared experiences	35%	135
To be familiar with my surroundings	17%	116
To feel connected with new people	17%	114
To push my limits and challenge myself	12%	117
To feel like a travel expert	10%	143



### **DESIRED DESTINATION**

	SCORE	INDEX
Caring	27%	152
Passionate	19%	137
Free-Spirited	16%	117
Luxurious	13%	110
World-Class	12%	112
Unexplored	12%	116







OUR DEMOGRAPHICS





#### **AGE**

	SCORE	INDEX
18-34	45%	136
35-54	51%	126
55+	4%	60
MEAN YEARS	37.2	59



### **HH INCOME (CAD)**

	SCORE	INDEX
Less than \$40K	17%	85
\$40K to <\$120K	69%	122
\$120K or more	11%	115
Refused	3%	74



73%

103 Have a valid passport



# **GENDER**

62% 133 Male

38%

Female

0%

86

Non-binary / Other



# **EMPLOYMENT**

	SCORE	INDEX
Employed FT	70%	140
Employed PT	10%	141
Self-employed	4%	82
Retired	2%	61



#### **EDUCATION**

	SCORE	INDEX
Primary education or less	0%	18
Secondary education	18%	75
Post- secondary education	83%	127



### **HOUSEHOLD**

86%

143 Children <18 Living At Home\*

3%

Children 18+ Living At Home\*

1%

Children NOT Living At Home\*

13%

No Children

\* Option is not exclusive



#### **IMMIGRATION STATUS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Non-immigrant	58%	46
Recent immigrant (<5y)	12%	152
Non-recent immigrant (5+y)	30%	149

#### **CANADA PROVINCE BREAKOUT**

	SCORE	INDEX
Ontario	41%	105
Quebec	25%	119
Alberta	13%	121
British Columbia	13%	67
Saskatchewan	4%	112

	SCORE	INDEX
Manitoba	3%	67
Newfoundland and Labrador	1%	103
Prince Edward Island	1%	134
New Brunswick	0%	58
Nova Scotia	0%	52





OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRAVEL HABITS



TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: NON-GROUP

97

TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: GROUP

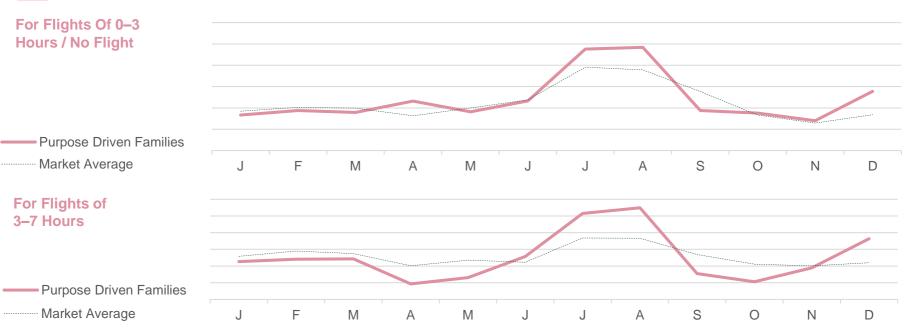
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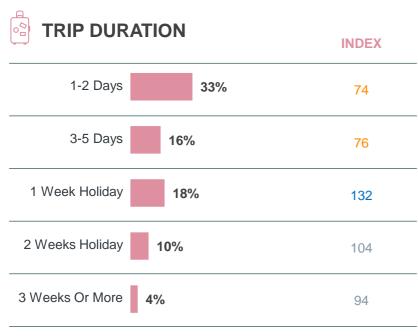
- KEY terminology on this page
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX NON-GROUP The propensity to utilize travel agent / operator assisted channels for free independent travel indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining behaviours on ideal & future trips. Does not include self-directed online travel agencies (e.g. Expedia).
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX GROUP The propensity to travel as part of an organized group indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining variables covering both overall preference and the specific makeup of their next planned trip.

For additional definitions see Glossary



### **TYPICAL TRAVEL MONTHS**





TRIP TYPE

		INDEX
Domestic Leisure	41%	138
International Leisure	15%	94
Business Trip	14%	139
Added Personal To Business	9%	140
Worked During Vacation	6%	128

Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year

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### TYPICAL ACCOMMODATION

	SCORE	INDEX
Mid-priced Hotel	56%	131
Friend's or family's place	24%	91
Vacation Rental (e.g., Airbnb, Vrbo)	22%	116
Premium Hotel	19%	99
Budget Hotel	17%	122
All-inclusive resort	13%	81



# THOUGHTS ON INDIGENOUS TRAVEL

63%

128 INDEX SCORE

I'd look for opportunities to hear stories and engage with the Indigenous people / original inhabitants of the places I visit

11%

INDEX SCORE

**Strong Interest** In Indigenous **Activities** 



#### WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND EXPLORE

	SCORE	INDEX
I really want to learn about the history of the destinations I visit	79%	119
You only ever get to know a country by experiencing its culture	74%	108
I'm willing to put in the effort while travelling in order to see lesser-known places	55%	109
I like to explore places that are off the beaten path and less explored	54%	105
I'm open to travelling to destinations with limited tourist infrastructure	35%	96
I'm open to visiting destinations with challenging climates or weather conditions	31%	113







OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRAVEL STYLE





# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- We travel primarily as a nuclear family.
- o Our budgets are usually mid-ranged, but we spend on experiences we really value.

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#### TRAVEL COMPANIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Spouse / Partner	73%	121
Kids	67%	140
Adult relatives	21%	97
Solo	10%	84
Friends	5%	59



### **BUDGET**

**AVERAGE SPEND (ALL TRIPS)** 



126 **INDEX SCORE** 

#### SPEND STYLE

Mid-range to Premium









### **OUR THOUGHTS ON RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL**

	SCORE	INDEX
It's important to me that I visit somewhere that is open to diversity and inclusion	65%	132
Hearing from underrepresented communities is an important part of travelling	59%	131
It's important for me to know that the money I spend will support the local economy I'm visiting	59%	111
I consider the impact that I personally have on the destinations I visit	55%	119
I am committed to sustainable travel and actively take steps to minimize my impact on the environment when travelling	44%	127

49%

**PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL** 

130 INDEX SCORE



KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

o PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL - The percent of respondents who responded 5-7 on a 7-point scale in terms of prioritizing 'sustainable travel'. Sustainable travel is defined as "travel that minimizes any negative impact 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."







OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRAVEL ACTIVITIES



- o We like to explore outdoors, finding beaches, lakes, and outdoor sports to
- o Exposing our kids to local culture, festivals, and events is important.



# TOP DESIRED TRAVEL ACTIVITIES

	TOT DEGINED TRAVEL ACTIVITIES	SCORE	INDEX
	Family-focused attractions	58%	129
	o Zoos or aquariums	42%	130
	o Amusement parks or theme parks	39%	122
	<ul> <li>Space or science centres</li> </ul>	30%	144
	Nature experiences	54%	117
	o Oceanside beaches	29%	119
	<ul> <li>See or explore lakes, rivers, or waterfalls</li> </ul>	28%	118
00	Water-based sports	19%	121
	o Swimming	14%	126
	Kayaking, canoeing, or paddle-boarding	9%	113
XX	Winter-based sports	12%	121
	<ul> <li>Snowboarding or downhill skiing</li> </ul>	6%	108
	o Ice skating or hockey	5%	133
<u>\$</u>	High-intensity sports	9%	130
	o Rock climbing	5%	144
	o Bungee jumping or skydiving	3%	138
	Cultural experiences or attractions	56%	108
	Local cuisine	48%	92
<b></b> *	Festivals and events	35%	108
	Shopping	31%	89
	Guided tours	21%	74
	Overnight experiences	19%	73
	Casual sports	17%	105







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# **INTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS**

TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF 0-3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF 3-7 HOURS

	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
To spend time with family	66%	127	67%	139
To relax and unwind	57%	87	59%	91
To escape from routine	42%	92	38%	84
For adventure and excitement	34%	110	23%	88
To learn through other cultures	25%	105	41%	122
To have fun with friends	17%	71	14%	77
To check off dream travel places	15%	77	23%	99
For a romantic getaway	12%	103	4%	60
To seek solitude and isolation	8%	103	2%	76

# **EXTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS**

	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
Partner / spouse wanted to go	59%	123	69%	148
Kids wanted to go	51%	139	49%	141
Visiting friends / family	43%	113	49%	148
Family / friends wanted to go	40%	119	36%	120
Special event (e.g., wedding, reunion)	38%	146	27%	126
Festival or event	24%	109	24%	115

**54%** 141 INDEX SCORE

**Travel aligns with** children's school schedule 46% 158 INDEX SCORE

Take time off for vacation during major holidays

22% 151 INDEX SCORE

Difficult to take more than a few days of vacation at once







OUR BEHAVIOURS - HOW WE PLAN





 We are busy parents, so don't always plan in advance for short trips, but will plan a few months out for longer trips. 60%

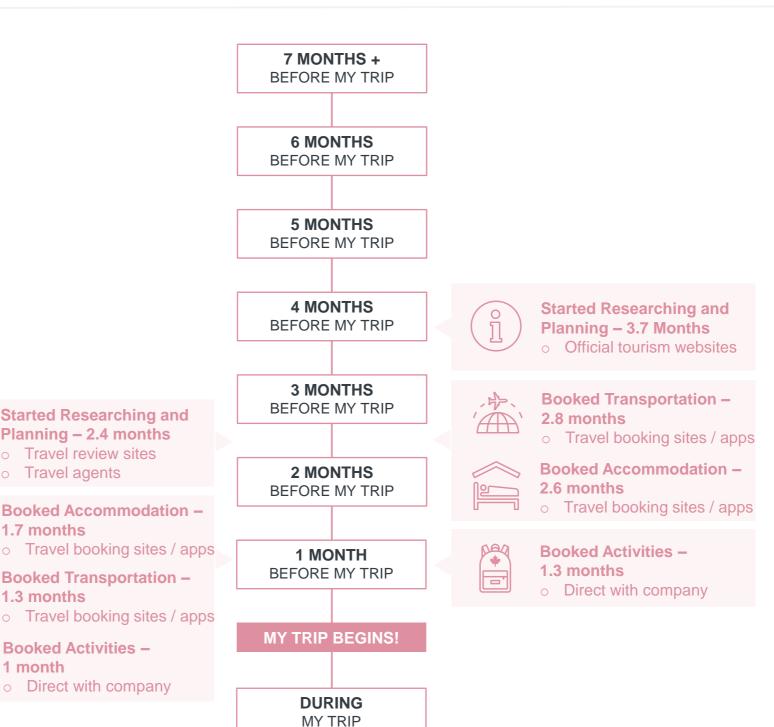
**Primary Trip Planner** 

109 **INDEX SCORE**  KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

o PRIMARY TRIP PLANNER - The individual who makes all leisure travel decisions, including destination, accommodation, transportation, and activities, either independently or by leading most decisions. Those not in this role usually share decision-making with travel partners, contributing collaboratively to the planning.

**FLIGHT OF** 0-3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT

**FLIGHT OF 3–7 HOURS** 





Planning - 2.4 months

Travel review sites

Travel agents

1.7 months

1.3 months

1 month

**Booked Activities -**

Direct with company







OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRIP TYPES





# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o On our top trips, we explore new places and experience new foods and activities.
- o We also take trips like Culture Seekers or Fun & Sun Families.
- KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)
- o **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT –** The degree to which actual trip aligns with a segments idealized trip across a variety of factors including emotional motivations, trip triggers, desired destination personality, and travel activities.

# % OF TOTAL TRIPS

# **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

13% 129 INDEX SCORE











TRIP TYPE	Cultural Experience			
COMPANIONS	Nuclear Family With Kids 54%		54%	
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Bonding Fun		Novel & Authentic	
	Art galleries 34%			
ACTIVITIES	Historical / archeological sites			
	Nature parks / preserves 279		27%	
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Getting out in nature, immersing family in a new culture. Planning in advance for this			

# % OF TOTAL TRIPS

# **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

6%

INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE	Adventure Destination			
COMPANIONS	Nuclear Family With Kids		61%	
COMPANIONS	Extend	ed Family		24%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Bonding Adventure Se		curity	
	Amusement parks / theme parks 47			47%
ACTIVITIES	Local restaurants			44%
	Nature parks / preserves		22%	
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Seeking world-class attractions, planning a little more last minute			

### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

21% 168 INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE	Urban Centre			
COMPANIONS	Couple Only		33%	
COMPANIONS	Alone		30%	
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun	Bonding	Novel & Authentic	
	Local restaurants 50%			
ACTIVITIES	Museums	34%		
Famous shopping centres / a		areas 28%		
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Planned in advance, spending more, visiting friends, and exploring a new culture			

### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

11% 121 INDEX SCORE







TRIP TYPE	Beach Resort			
COMPANIONS	Nuclear Family With Kids 4		46%	
COMPANIONS	Extended Family		27%	
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Bonding Escape & Relax		Fun	
	Swimming		30%	
ACTIVITIES	Oceanside beaches		26%	
•	Local restaurants		21%	
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Planned in advance, spending more, visiting friends, and exploring a new culture			





OUR BEHAVIOURS - WHERE WE GO





# OVERALL INSIGHT

- We are looking for kid-friendly access to nature and new cultural experiences.
- Most of our travel is in North America, but we venture further to Europe or Asian countries for the bigger trips.



# WHERE WE ARE GOING LATELY

	SCORE	INDEX		SCORE	INDEX
Canada	30%	96	Greece	3%	143
US	22%	91	Italy	3%	87
Mexico	7%	104	UK	2%	88
France	5%	110	Australia	2%	150
India	4%	152	Belgium	2%	143



# WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO





# **DESIRED DESTINATION FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Is kid-friendly	83%	145
Has a rich cultural and historical heritage	35%	112
Offers natural landscapes in close proximity to city amenities	29%	141
Is inclusive and tolerant	24%	120
Provides a variety of local festivals and events	19%	120
Offers an energetic and dynamic cultural scene	12%	108
Has a thriving arts and music scene	10%	107
Offers options for adrenaline seekers	7%	119







OUR BEHAVIOURS - THOUGHTS ON CANADA

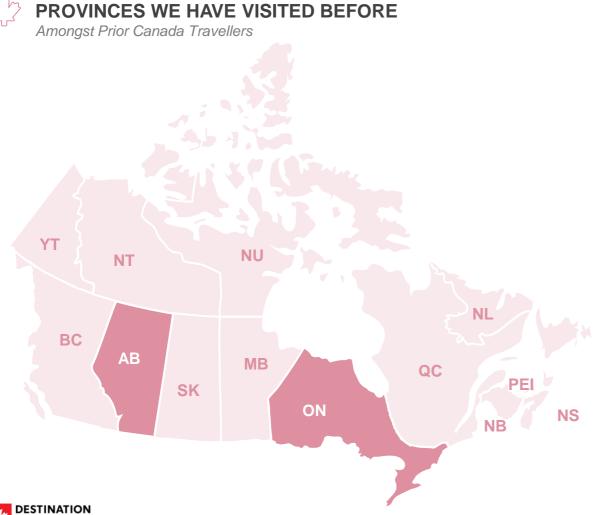




- o We often travel domestically within Canada.
- o We have explored a number of the big cities in Canada, but we have also ventured off the beaten path to more remote destinations.



# WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO IN CANADA



PROVINCES	%	INDEX
AB	18%	139
ВС	16%	58
MB	3%	78
NB	3%	56
NL	0%	62
NS	2%	59
NT	0%	85
NU	0%	78
ON	41%	136
PEI	3%	109
QC	17%	66
SK	1%	62
YT	0%	76





OUR BEHAVIOURS - MORE THOUGHTS ON CANADA





- Most of our travel is aligned to our kids' school schedule, so you will see us in summer or during winter breaks.
- o We definitely have plans to travel outside our province soon.



# **CANADA TRAVEL MONTHS ON A PAST TRIP**

	WINTER (Dec-Feb)	SPRING (Mar-May)	SUMMER (Jun-Aug)	AUTUMN (Sept-Nov)
PURPOSE DRIVEN FAMILIES	4%*	10%*	64%	23%
VS. TOTAL MARKET	7%	12%	54%	29%



# LIKELIHOOD TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE PROVINCE IN NEXT 2 YEARS

<ul><li>Definitely</li></ul>
■ Very likely
Somewhat likely
Not very likely
Not considering Canada

	118
27%	140
22%	83
11%	90
3%	66

**INDEX** 





OUR BEHAVIOURS - LIFE OUTSIDE TRAVEL





- o We are in a busy time of life, with many changes happening. Changing careers, homes, and vehicles all take up our time and finances.
- o We are also focused on our growing and changing family, whether that means welcoming a new family member or seeing our kids start school for the first time.



# **MAJOR LIFE EVENTS IN LAST 5 YEARS**

32%

Had a child

151 INDEX SCORE

31%

Started a new job / career

112 INDEX SCORE

26%

Bought a new home

**151 INDEX SCORE** 

21%

Moved to a new city

133 INDEX SCORE

32%

**Child started** school

148 INDEX SCORE

44%

**Purchased** a car

**122 INDEX SCORE** 

1%

Retired

56 INDEX SCORE

26%

Renovated house

103 INDEX SCORE



# **NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING PRIORITIES**

	SCORE	INDEX
Savings and investments	63%	151
Travel	50%	80
Personal hobbies and interests (e.g., sports equipment, books, art supplies).	44%	112
Personal care and wellness	38%	92
Experiences (e.g., concerts, events).	29%	79
Technology and gadgets	27%	147











# **TOP PUBLICATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
CBC	20%	106
CNN	18%	116
The Globe and Mail	11%	108
The New York Times	14%	168
La Presse	5%	83
Le Journal de Montreal	5%	81
The Toronto Star	6%	104
National Geographic	12%	180
CP24.com	6%	107
Food & Wine	7%	169
Toronto Sun	6%	148
Travel + Leisure	6%	156
Canadian Living	10%	203
Toronto Life	7%	226
BNN Bloomberg	6%	137
Le Journal de Québec	3%	102
Blog TO	3%	100
Maclean's Magazine	5%	174
Elle Canada	7%	306
Daily Hive	4%	144
Le Devoir	4%	167
Zoomer	5%	217
Bon Appetit	4%	212
Metroland Community Papers (ex. Niagarathisweek.com, Brampton Guardian, Cambridge Times, Hamilton Spectator)	4%	255
Condé Nast Traveler	3%	224
re:Porter Magazine	2%	185
Ottawa Citizen	4%	214



# **TOP SOCIAL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube	61%	99
Facebook	61%	98
Instagram	49%	117
TikTok	35%	146
Twitter (now X)	23%	126
Threads	8%	129



# **TOP TRAVEL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia	17%	126
Booking.com	15%	164
AirBnb	19%	210
TripAdvisor	10%	144
Kayak	5%	178
American Express	10%	194
VRBO	4%	179
Marriott Bonvoy	6%	190

# **SOURCE: GTRP 2024**

This media profiling comes from usage of the long-form Segmentation Typing Tool in Destination Canada's 2024/2025 Global Traveller Research Program custom survey.

Date: December 2024





**INDEX** 

SCORE

1%

1%

94

104



# PURPOSE DRIVEN FAMILIES

TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR



# TOP NEWSPAPER SECTIONS Readership: Light



# **TOP MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS**

Readership: Light

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	21%	91
Computer/high tech	14%	101
Real estate listings	12%	106
Automotive	11%	101
Local & regional news	49%	94



# **TOP RADIO PROGRAMS**

Listenership: Medium/Light

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube for music videos	28%	101
Spotify (subscription without ads)	21%	110

### **FORMATS**

Music	55%	99
Traffic reports	21%	108
Sports (play-by-play)	6%	110

CAA Magazine	9%	97
Other U.S. magazines	6%	91
Other English-Canadian magazines	5%	84
National Geographic	3%	87
Food & Drink	3%	86
People	3%	102
Canadian Living	3%	79
Maclean's	2%	88
Reader's Digest	2%	87
Hello! Canada	2%	90
Zoomer Magazine	2%	74
Canadian House and Home	2%	82
Chatelaine (English edition)	1%	90
Canadian Geographic	1%	71
Other French-Canadian magazines	1%	75
Better Homes & Gardens	1%	90
Time	1%	89
RICARDO	1%	88

# TOP TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Viewership: Light

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
Netflix	55%	102
Regular TV services	54%	100
YouTube	44%	106
Amazon Prime	37%	104
Disney+	30%	109

### **PROGRAMS**

Movies	43%	100
Hockey (when in season)	21%	100
Baseball (when in season)	12%	100



Cineplex Magazine

Style at Home

# **TOP TELEVISION NETWORKS**

	SCORE	INDEX
TSN	16%	105
Sportsnet	15%	109
Crave	12%	106
HGTV (Home & Garden Television)	12%	103
Food Network	9%	100
Bravo!/CTV Drama	9%	100
CablePulse24 (CP24)	9%	140
TSN2	7%	101
Sportsnet 360/SN 360 (The Score)	7%	105
W Network	7%	103







TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR



# TIME SPENT ONLINE: More than 25 hours (on an avg week)

TOP ONLINE ACTIVITIES	SCORE	INDEX
Access restaurant guides/reviews	16%	105
Access travel content	12%	95
Send/receive a text/instant message	67%	100
Use maps/directions service	55%	102
Participate in an online social media	55%	103
Take pictures/video	55%	103
Use apps	52%	102
Access a news site	38%	100
Compare products while shopping	35%	103
Purchase products or services	30%	105
Listen to a podcast	21%	105
Click on an Internet advertisement	16%	100

### **ACTIONS TAKEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. Follow brand on Instagram
- 2. Subscribe to brand email newsletter
- 3. Subscribe to brand on YouTube

# **REASONS TO FOLLOW A BRAND ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. To learn about a brand's products and services
- 2. To get coupons and discounts
- 3. To be among the first to hear brand news

### **SOCIAL MEDIA ATTITUDES**

- Use Social Media to keep up to date on general news/events
- I am well informed about social media (e.g. the tools that are available and how to use them)
- Feel comfortable meeting and communicating with people through Social Media
- Use Social Media to keep up to date on news/events in my industry
- Feel comfortable collaborating with others through Social Media

ITEMS BOUGHT ONLINE	SCORE	INDEX
Online classified websites (e.g. Kijiji)	30%	92
Online music/movie download stores	24%	102
Cosmetics/skin care stores	11%	112
Cannabis stores	4%	98
Craft supply stores	4%	93
Natural/health food stores	4%	100
Camera stores and photo finishing	4%	86



## STATEMENTS / ATTITUDES

I love shopping and take pride in researching product features and services. My friends and family often see me as a knowledgeable consumer, and I frequently influence their purchasing decisions with my insights. (111)

I feel that I have a great deal of influence on the consumption choices of the people around me (106)

When I buy a brand, product or service, it is very important to me that I get a sense of the origin, country or place where it was created (102)

Advertising is useful in helping me make a choice when buying
(106)

# SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

**INDEX** 

1	YouTube				69%	105	
0	WhatsApp				53%	128	
in	LinkedIn			42%	6	120	
0	Instagram			42%	6	110	
0	Spotify		27%			109	
X	X (Twitter)		23%			108	
440	Audio Podcasts	15	6%			105	



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TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR





# TOP WEBSITES USED FOR TRAVEL

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia.com/Expedia.ca	29%	104
Airline websites	26%	103
Booking.com	20%	100
Hotels.com	14%	101
Trivago.ca	11%	104
Sunwing.ca	7%	106
Travelocity.com/Travelocity.ca	6%	90
Redtag.ca	4%	106



# TOP ACCOMODATIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Hotel	47%	106
Friends/relatives	28%	100
Cottage	19%	109
Vacation rental by owner	17%	104
All-inclusive resort	14%	115



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	SCORE	INDEX
Book through a hotel directly	36%	101
Book through an airline directly	29%	100
Book through an online travel agency	23%	107
Book through airline/hotel website	23%	97



# CANADIAN DESTINATIONS

S CANADIAN DESTINATIONS	SCORE	INDEX
Cottage country (any)	13%	129
Toronto	11%	107
Niagara Falls	11%	143
Other Ontario	10%	107
Other British Columbia	9%	84
Montreal	8%	98
Quebec City	8%	97
Ottawa	8%	102
Vancouver	8%	90
Other Quebec	8%	87
Calgary	7%	107
Banff	7%	102
Other Alberta	6%	90
Victoria	5%	86
Jasper	4%	97
Other Nova Scotia	4%	72
Whistler	3%	93
Cape Breton Island	1%	54

**INDEX** 

	Air Canada (any)		25%	105
*	West Jet		12%	90
B	Air Transat	4%		107
	Other Canadian airlines	4%		94
	European airlines (any)	4%		94





LIFE OUTSIDE OF TRAVEL





# I offer recommendations of products/services to other people - 52%

PSYCHOGRAPHICS - High Indexing Social Values	INDEX
Status via Home	119
Importance of Brand	114
Ostentatious Consumption	112
Pursuit of Novelty	112
Confidence in Advertising	109
Equal Relationship with Youth	109

### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS ATTENDED - occasionally / frequently

Movies at a theatre/ drive-in

Specialty movie theatres/ IMAX/ VIP Popular music/ rock concerts

Theme parks/ waterparks/ water slides Arcades/ indoor amusement centres



32%

(103)



20%



(101)

16%

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10%

## ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS PARTICIPATED - occasionally / frequently

Gardening

60%

Fitness walking



(101)

Cycling (mountain/ road biking)



(101)

45%

Playing video games



games



41%

**Bowling** 

MAJOR EVENTS - in the past 2 years

**INDEX** 

Change job/career	15%	103
Shop for mortgage/renegotiate mortgage	11%	99
Lose job or be laid off	5%	101
Bought/sold home	5%	91
Complete college/university	5%	104









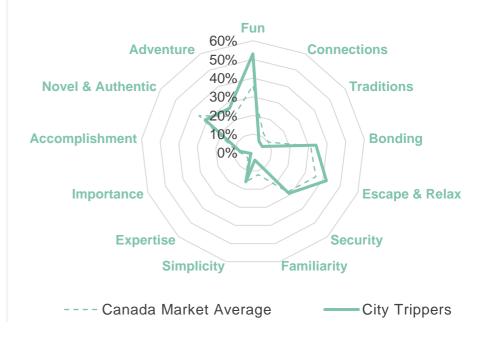
# % OF CANADA POPULATION

We are independent, sociable, and trendy travellers who prioritize having fun, indulging, and living in the moment. We prefer trendy, friendly locations with a variety of activities and distractions, valuing safety and ease of travel. We relish vibrant nightlife, cultural experiences, and sharing our adventures with others. Our travel decisions focus on enjoying ourselves and creating memorable experiences with friends and loved ones.

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ME

- We prioritize fun and social settings and seek experiences that are worth sharing on social media.
- We like the freedom to explore without an agenda, and disconnect from everyday life.
- We prefer the company of friends during travels to share experiences directly. Our travel group is generally adults only.
  - Convenience and easy access to trendy hotspots is important, as we like to see and do as much as possible in busy and vibrant destination.

# **EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATIONS MAP**





# TRAVELLER RESPONSIBLE INDEX

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# How is this calculated?

The responsible values index incorporates views on socio-cultural, environmental, and economic sustainability, as well as diversity, reconciliation, and desire to learn. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison



# TRAVELLER ECONOMIC INDEX

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# How is this calculated?

The economic values index measures positive impact on Canada's tourism economy. Attributes include economic means, Canada trip recency / frequency / likelihood, hotel and flight behaviours, trip spend behaviour, and likelihood to make travel decisions within their own household. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison













# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o We select destinations that offer a fun, social setting, allowing us to fully indulge and live in the moment.
- o We seek experiences that we can be proud of, and that we look forward to sharing with others.
- o Busy destinations with lots to see and provide a welcome atmosphere.



# TRAVEL VALUES & ATTITUDES

	SCORE	INDEX
I prefer destinations with lots of distractions and things to do	88%	144
I will generally not pay more or go out of my way to make eco-friendly choices when travelling	80%	122
I generally don't go out of my way to seek out perspectives from underrepresented communities	78%	121
I generally stick to the most popular areas when I visit somewhere	68%	125
I enjoy the freedom of exploring new destinations without guided tours	67%	115
I generally don't think much on the impact that I personally have on the destinations I visit	65%	125
While travelling I generally stick to places that are direct and convenient to get to	63%	117
I like natural attractions but I don't usually think they are the highlights of my trip	62%	125
Videos and pictures on social media inspire me to travel	47%	123
I love posting my trips on social media to share with friends	46%	121
I'm more interested in the present and don't focus much on the history of where I visit	44%	121
When there's a lot of positive buzz about a destination it makes me want to visit it more	40%	120
I prefer to explore quickly and cover as much ground as possible at historic sites or museums	33%	122



# **EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
To just enjoy myself and have fun	74%	131
To indulge myself and live in the moment	52%	151
To share quality time with others	46%	115
To have a fun, social setting	41%	149
To let loose and forget about day-to-day life	41%	135
To be proud to share my travel experiences	28%	129



# **DESIRED DESTINATION**

	SCORE	INDEX
Fun	77%	140
Friendly	66%	124
Sociable	27%	134
Carefree	16%	111
Trendy	14%	149
Free-Spirited	10%	90











# **AGE**

	SCORE	INDEX
18-34	33%	112
35-54	29%	92
55+	38%	99
MEAN YEARS	47.1	96



# **HH INCOME (CAD)**

	SCORE	INDEX
Less than \$40K	27%	128
\$40K to <\$120K	63%	68
\$120K or more	6%	75
Refused	5%	124



68%

92 Have a valid passport



# **GENDER**

45% 78 Male

55%

Female

0%

86

Non-binary / Other



# **HOUSEHOLD**

13%

Children <18 Living At Home\*

9%

107 Children 18+ Living At Home\*

22%

96 Children NOT Living At Home\*

65%

115

No Children

\* Option is not exclusive



# **EMPLOYMENT**

	SCORE	INDEX
Employed FT	50%	100
Employed PT	9%	118
Self-employed	5%	93
Retired	22%	95



# **EDUCATION**

	SCORE	INDEX
Primary education or less	0%	18
Secondary education	28%	119
Post- secondary education	71%	81



# **IMMIGRATION STATUS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Non-immigrant	83%	121
Recent immigrant (<5y)	4%	96
Non-recent immigrant (5+y)	13%	73



# **CANADA PROVINCE BREAKOUT**

	SCORE	INDEX
Ontario	40%	103
Quebec	18%	76
British Columbia	15%	100
Alberta	11%	96
Manitoba	5%	130

	SCORE	INDEX
New Brunswick	4%	134
Saskatchewan	3%	107
Nova Scotia	2%	95
Newfoundland and Labrador	2%	117
Prince Edward Island	1%	115







OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRAVEL HABITS



TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: NON-GROUP

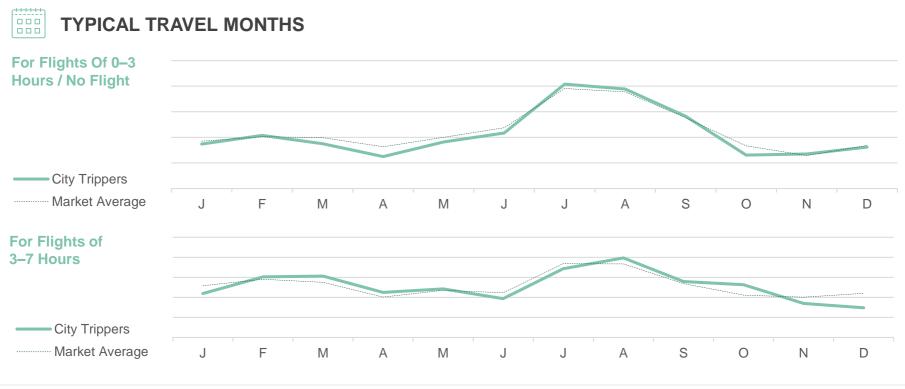
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TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: GROUP

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- I KEY terminology on this page
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX NON-GROUP The propensity to utilize travel agent / operator assisted channels for free independent travel indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining behaviours on ideal & future trips. Does not include self-directed online travel agencies (e.g. Expedia).
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX GROUP The propensity to travel as part of an organized group indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining variables covering both overall preference and the specific makeup of their next planned trip.

For additional definitions see Glossary





Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year

Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year













# TYPICAL ACCOMMODATION

	SCORE	INDEX
Mid-priced Hotel	58%	139
Friend's or family's place	28%	115
Vacation Rental (e.g., Airbnb, Vrbo)	22%	113
All-inclusive resort	17%	101
Premium Hotel	14%	77
Budget Hotel	13%	105



# THOUGHTS ON INDIGENOUS TRAVEL

32%

80 INDEX SCORE

I'd look for opportunities to hear stories and engage with the Indigenous people / original inhabitants of the places I visit

2%

69 INDEX SCORE

Strong Interest In Indigenous Activities



# WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND EXPLORE

	SCORE	INDEX
You only ever get to know a country by experiencing its culture	72%	101
I really want to learn about the history of the destinations I visit	56%	79
I'm willing to put in the effort while travelling in order to see lesser-known places	38%	83
I like to explore places that are off the beaten path and less explored	32%	75
I'm open to travelling to destinations with limited tourist infrastructure	31%	88
I'm open to visiting destinations with challenging climates or weather conditions	16%	83







OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRAVEL STYLE





# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o Our travel groups are generally adults only including our partner and friends.
- o Our budget is mid-range. We don't often splurge.

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# TRAVEL COMPANIONS

<u> </u>	SCORE	INDEX
Spouse / Partner	52%	81
Adult relatives	26%	136
Friends	23%	138
Solo	11%	90
Kids	7%	91



# **BUDGET**

**AVERAGE SPEND SHORT-HAUL** 

\$1,510

**INDEX SCORE** 

**AVERAGE SPEND MID-HAUL** 

\$2,060

**INDEX SCORE** 

# **SPEND STYLE**

Mid-range









# **OUR THOUGHTS ON RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL**

	SCORE	INDEX
It's important for me to know that the money I spend will support the local economy I'm visiting	47%	83
It's important to me that I visit somewhere that is open to diversity and inclusion	45%	100
I consider the impact that I personally have on the destinations I visit	35%	75
Hearing from underrepresented communities is an important part of travelling	22%	79
I am committed to sustainable travel and actively take steps to minimize my impact on the environment when travelling	20%	78

25%

**PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL** 

81 INDEX SCORE



KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

o PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL - The percent of respondents who responded 5-7 on a 7-point scale in terms of prioritizing 'sustainable travel'. Sustainable travel is defined as "travel that minimizes any negative impact 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."









- Festivals, events and shopping are most attractive. Amusement parks and zoos / aquariums could also capture our interest.
- o Nightlife, cuisine, and guided tours are also a highlights for us.

# TOP DESIRED TRAVEL ACTIVITIES

	SCORE	INDEX
Local cuisine	59%	119
o Local restaurants	50%	119
o Cafes or bakeries	33%	125
o Street cuisine	29%	114
Shopping	57%	139
<ul> <li>Visiting famous shopping centres or areas</li> </ul>	36%	140
o Outdoor markets	34%	143
Cultural experiences or attractions	56%	106
o Museums	38%	106
Historical or archeological sites	32%	99
Festivals and events	47%	135
Music concerts or festivals	34%	142
o Sporting events	18%	143
Nightlife	27%	144
o Bars and pubs	20%	144
o Clubs and dancing	12%	138
Family-focused attractions	34%	105
Guided tours	31%	98
Nature experiences	28%	68
Overnight experiences	24%	107
Health and wellness	16%	90
Casual sports	15%	93
Water-based sports	9%	86
	<ul> <li>Local restaurants</li> <li>Cafes or bakeries</li> <li>Street cuisine</li> <li>Shopping</li> <li>Visiting famous shopping centres or areas</li> <li>Outdoor markets</li> <li>Cultural experiences or attractions</li> <li>Museums</li> <li>Historical or archeological sites</li> <li>Festivals and events</li> <li>Music concerts or festivals</li> <li>Sporting events</li> <li>Nightlife</li> <li>Bars and pubs</li> <li>Clubs and dancing</li> <li>Family-focused attractions</li> <li>Guided tours</li> <li>Nature experiences</li> <li>Overnight experiences</li> <li>Health and wellness</li> <li>Casual sports</li> </ul>	○ Local restaurants       50%         ○ Cafes or bakeries       33%         ○ Street cuisine       29%         Shopping       57%         ○ Visiting famous shopping centres or areas       36%         ○ Outdoor markets       34%         Cultural experiences or attractions       56%         ○ Museums       38%         ○ Historical or archeological sites       32%         Festivals and events       47%         ○ Music concerts or festivals       34%         ○ Sporting events       18%         Nightlife       27%         ○ Bars and pubs       20%         ○ Clubs and dancing       12%         Family-focused attractions       34%         Guided tours       31%         Nature experiences       28%         Overnight experiences       24%         Health and wellness       16%         Casual sports       15%





80

114

85



To learn through other cultures

To have memories from top travel spots

For a romantic getaway





21%

15%

7%

INTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS		FLIGHTS OF / NO FLIGHT	TRIPS OF FLIG	
	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
To relax and unwind	61%	98	71%	118
To escape from routine	47%	105	51%	114
To spend time with family	44%	99	31%	93
For adventure and excitement	37%	116	35%	107
To have fun with friends	34%	136	38%	147
To check off dream travel places	23%	110	14%	71

<b>EXTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS</b>				
	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
Visiting friends / family	47%	133	35%	105
Family / friends wanted to go	47%	140	41%	140
Partner / spouse wanted to go	42%	83	48%	94
Festival or event	27%	119	27%	125
Special event (e.g., wedding, reunion)	26%	99	26%	124
Kids wanted to go	7%	90	8%	92

17%

9%

8%

90

86

98

12% 91 INDEX SCORE

**Travel aligns with** children's school schedule **21%** 95 INDEX SCORE

Take time off for vacation during major holidays

**14%** 93 INDEX SCORE

Difficult to take more than a few days of vacation at once







OUR BEHAVIOURS - HOW WE PLAN





 We plan our transportation a few months in advance, but may leave other items a little later. 58%

Primary Trip Planner

102 INDEX SCORE



**KEY** terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

PRIMARY TRIP PLANNER – The individual who
makes all leisure travel decisions, including destination,
accommodation, transportation, and activities, either
independently or by leading most decisions. Those not
in this role usually share decision-making with travel
partners, contributing collaboratively to the planning.

FLIGHT OF

0-3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT

FLIGHT OF 3–7 HOURS





# Booked Accommodation – 2.2 months

- Direct with company
- Travel booking sites / apps



# Booked Transportation – 2 months

Travel booking sites / apps



# Booked Activities – 1.6 months

Direct with company





# Started Researching and Planning – 4.7 Months

- Travel booking sites / apps
- Travel review sites



# **Booked Transportation –** 3.2 months

Direct with company



# Booked Accommodation – 2.9 months

Travel booking sites / apps



# Booked Activities – 1.6 months

Direct with company







<u>OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRIP TYPES</u>





# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o Most of our trips are focused on exploring new cities or towns.
- We also take couples trips like Simplicity Lovers.
- KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)
- o **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT –** The degree to which actual trip aligns with a segments idealized trip across a variety of factors including emotional motivations, trip triggers, desired destination personality, and travel activities.

# % OF TOTAL TRIPS

# **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

**30%** 179 INDEX SCORE

TRIP TYPE	Urban Centre			
COMPANIONO	Couple Only		34%	
COMPANIONS	Non-Fa	amily Only	22%	
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun Bonding		Escape & Relax	
	Local restaurants		58%	
ACTIVITIES	Bars and pubs		26%	
	Souvenir shopping		24%	
KEY BEHAVIOURS	A couples trip to visit a city where friends live		where friends	

### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

19% 104 INDEX SCORE

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TRIP TYPE	Friends Trip			
DESTINATION	Small Cities & Towns		11%	
TYPE	Cultural	Experience		11%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Film   Bonding		cape & elax	
	Local restau	rants		52%
ACTIVITIES	Bars and pubs			23%
	Famous shopping centres / areas 21%			
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Exploring a new place with friends. All about fun and relaxation			

### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

**37%** 141 INDEX SCORE

**TRIP TYPE** 

**TYPE** 

**TRIP** 

**KEY** 

**DESTINATION** 

**EMOTIONAL** 

**ACTIVITIES** 

**MOTIVATIONS** 









# Couples Trip **Urban Centre** 18% Small Cities & Towns 17% Escape & Fun **Bonding** Relax Local restaurants 40% 18% Famous shopping centres / areas Nature walks 16% Safe and reliable couples getaway to escape and relax

### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

12% 119 INDEX SCORE



TRIP TYPE	Beach Resort				
COMPANIONS	Extended Family			35%	
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun Escape & Se		Sed	Security	
	Local restaurants		37%		
ACTIVITIES	Oceanside beaches		21%		
	Swimming		18%		
KEY BEHAVIOURS	All-inclusive trip to unwind with extended family				

**BEHAVIOURS** 





OUR BEHAVIOURS - WHERE WE GO





- We seek destinations that are easy to travel to and around, brimming with activities and distractions.
- Our travel mainly spans across
   Canada and the US, and also includes
   Europe, Mexico, and the Caribbean.



# WHERE WE ARE GOING LATELY

	SCORE	INDEX
Canada	34%	110
US	27%	116
Mexico	6%	100
France	4%	105
Italy	3%	95

	SCORE	INDEX
UK	3%	95
Dominican Republic	2%	95
Japan	2%	96
Cuba	2%	85
Spain	2%	89



# WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO





# **DESIRED DESTINATION FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Is easy to travel around once there	56%	133
Is easy to travel to	47%	128
Renowned for food and drink experiences	36%	128
Language is not a barrier	34%	119
Has vibrant nightlife and entertainment	18%	141
Provides a variety of local festivals and events	16%	111
Provides a bustling and vibrant city vibe	14%	119
Is a trendy destination	12%	140







OUR BEHAVIOURS - THOUGHTS ON CANADA





- o We have travelled across provinces, with a focus on major cities.
- o We have visited landmarks like the Rockies, Banff, Okanagan, and Niagara.
- Our Canadian travels predominantly span Ontario, Quebec, the Prairies, and British Columbia.



# WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO IN CANADA

# NOVA SCOTIA OTTAWA TORONTO ALBERTA MAGDALEN ISLANDS MARITIMES PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MONTREAL CALGARY VICTORIA NORTHWEST TERRITORIES HALIFAX HAMILTON BRITISH COLUMBIA SASKATCHEWAN SANITOBA WINNIPEG YELLOWKNIFE FREDERICTON NIAGARA FALLS KAMLOOPS EDMONTON LONDON VANCOUVERNEW BRUNSWICK QUEBEC NEWFOUNDLAND CHATHAM ONTARIO



PROVINCES	%	INDEX
AB	16%	117
ВС	20%	108
MB	4%	96
NB	5%	95
NL	1%	76
NS	4%	78
NT	0%	85
NU	0%	78
ON	35%	101
PEI	2%	75
QC	22%	106
SK	3%	104
YT	0%	76













 Future travel within Canada is likely, especially if there are new and easily accessible experiences we can participate in, though we aren't inclined to focus on winter or sports too much.



# **CANADA TRAVEL MONTHS ON A PAST TRIP**

	WINTER (Dec-Feb)	SPRING (Mar-May)	SUMMER (Jun-Aug)	<b>AUTUMN</b> (Sept-Nov)
CITY TRIPPERS	8%	16%	47%	33%
VS. TOTAL MARKET	7%	12%	54%	29%



# LIKELIHOOD TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE PROVINCE IN NEXT 2 YEARS

Definitely
■ Very likely
■ Somewhat likely
■ Not very likely
■ Not considering Canada

	117
20%	61
24%	95
12%	98
7%	101



**INDEX** 





OUR BEHAVIOURS - LIFE OUTSIDE TRAVEL





- In recent years we have embarked on memorable leisure travels, purchased a new car, and invested in our home.
- Some of us have started new jobs or careers, and even relocated to new cities.



# **MAJOR LIFE EVENTS IN LAST 5 YEARS**

3%

Had a child

94 INDEX SCORE

30%

Started a new job / career

109 INDEX SCORE

13%

Bought a new home

97 INDEX SCORE

17%

Moved to a new city

107 INDEX SCORE

2%

Child started school

92 INDEX SCORE

40%

Purchased a car

101 INDEX SCORE

9%

Retired

93 INDEX SCORE

22%

Renovated house

65 INDEX SCORE



# **NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING PRIORITIES**

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	56%	97
Savings and investments	47%	79
Personal care and wellness	44%	125
Personal hobbies and interests (e.g., sports equipment, books, art supplies).	38%	86
Experiences (e.g., concerts, events).	38%	121
Fashion and accessories	26%	136





# CITY TRIPPERS FIND US ONLINE - META VARIABLES





# **TOP PUBLICATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
CBC	16%	84
CNN	15%	100
The New York Times	7%	85
The Globe and Mail	7%	71
La Presse	5%	92
The Toronto Star	5%	93
CP24.com	5%	88
National Geographic	5%	69
Le Journal de Montreal	5%	81
Toronto Sun	4%	92
Canadian Living	4%	80
Le Journal de Québec	3%	94
Food & Wine	3%	65
BNN Bloomberg	3%	63
Blog TO	3%	89
Daily Hive	2%	83
Toronto Life	2%	75
Le Devoir	2%	79
Travel + Leisure	2%	46
Maclean's Magazine	2%	61
Postmedia Publications (ex. Calgary Herald, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Journal, Edmonton Sun, Fort McMurray Today, Fort McMurray Today)	2%	99
Vancouver is Awesome	1%	97
Zoomer	1%	52
Elle Canada	1%	55
Postmedia: Vancouver Sun, The Province	1%	87
Winnipeg Free Press	1%	97
Montreal Gazette	1%	95



# **TOP SOCIAL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube	60%	99
Facebook	60%	95
Instagram	42%	101
TikTok	24%	97
Twitter (now X)	20%	113
Threads	9%	136



# **TOP TRAVEL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia	16%	118
Booking.com	11%	120
AirBnb	9%	104
TripAdvisor	8%	119
Kayak	4%	142
American Express	7%	134
VRBO	3%	121
Marriott Bonvoy	4%	126

# **SOURCE: GTRP 2024**

This media profiling comes from usage of the long-form Segmentation Typing Tool in Destination Canada's 2024/2025 Global Traveller Research Program custom survey.

Date: December 2024





INDEX





SCORE



# **TOP NEWSPAPER SECTIONS**

Readership: Light

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	22%	97
Movie & entertainment	30%	100
Food	28%	100
Computer/high tech	15%	105
New homes section	12%	101



# **TOP RADIO PROGRAMS**

Listenership: Light

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube for music videos	31%	111
Spotify (subscription without ads)	22%	113

### **FORMATS**

Music	54%	98
News	35%	91
Traffic reports	21%	109



### **TOP TELEVISION PROGRAMS**

Viewership: Light

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube	46%	110
Amazon Prime	36%	101
Disney+	28%	103
Crave	17%	105
Facebook videos	12%	108

### **PROGRAMS**

Situation comedies	19%	100
Sci-Fi/fantasy/comic book shows	14%	108
Late night talk shows	10%	101



# **TOP MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS**

Readership: Light

000112	INDLX
8%	83
7%	103
6%	109
4%	110
4%	101
3%	112
3%	114
3%	98
2%	104
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2%	114
2%	122
2%	136
2%	99
1%	121
1%	73
1%	95
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# **TOP TELEVISION NETWORKS**

ж.	SCORE	INDEX
Sportsnet	14%	101
Crave	12%	107
Discovery Channel	10%	105
Food Network	10%	104
Bravo!/CTV Drama	10%	112
A&E (Arts & Entertainment)	9%	109
The Comedy Network/CTV Comedy	8%	110
CablePulse24 (CP24)	8%	127
The Weather Network	7%	105
Sportsnet 360/SN 360 (The Score)	7%	112











# TIME SPENT ONLINE: More than 25 hours (on an avg week)

TOP ONLINE ACTIVITIES	SCORE	INDEX
Access restaurant guides/reviews	17%	109
Access travel content	13%	102
Send/receive a text/instant message	68%	101
Use maps/directions service	56%	104
Participate in an online social media	54%	101
Use apps	52%	103
Access a news site	39%	102
Research products/services	32%	102
Play/download online games	31%	105
Purchase products or services	31%	107
Share website or an article	25%	109
Consult consumer reviews	24%	104

### **ACTIONS TAKEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. Like brand on Facebook
- 2. Follow brand on Instagram
- 3. Subscribe to brand on YouTube

### **REASONS TO FOLLOW A BRAND ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. To learn about a brand's products and services
- 2. To get coupons and discounts
- 3. To enter contests

### **SOCIAL MEDIA ATTITUDES**

- I am well informed about social media (e.g. the tools that are available and how to use them)
- Use Social Media to keep up to date on general news/events
- Feel comfortable meeting and communicating with people through Social Media
- Feel comfortable collaborating with others through Social Media
- Use Social Media to keep up to date on news/events in my industry

ITEMS BOUGHT ONLINE	SCORE	INDEX
Online classified websites (e.g. Kijiji)	31%	96
Online music/movie download stores	25%	104
Cosmetics/skin care stores	12%	118
Craft supply stores	6%	118
Camera stores and photo finishing	5%	110
Cannabis stores	4%	93
Natural/health food stores	4%	104



# **STATEMENTS / ATTITUDES**

I love shopping and take pride in researching product features and services. My friends and family often see me as a knowledgeable consumer, and I frequently influence their purchasing decisions with my insights. (114)

I feel that I have a great deal of influence on the consumption choices of the people around me (111)

When I buy a brand, product or service, it is very important to me that I get a sense of the origin, country or place where it was created (105)

Advertising is useful in helping me make a choice when buying
(103)

# SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

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	YouTube	70%	106
0	WhatsApp	52%	124
0	Instagram	42%	110
in	LinkedIn	38%	109
0	Spotify	25%	101
X	X (Twitter)	24%	112
445	Audio Podcasts	15%	107











# TOP WEBSITES USED FOR TRAVEL

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia.com/Expedia.ca	29%	106
Airline websites	27%	106
Booking.com	20%	103
Hotels.com	15%	109
Trivago.ca	10%	95
Travelocity.com/Travelocity.ca	8%	111
Sunwing.ca	7%	102
Redtag.ca	4%	113



# VACATION PLANNING - Booking Sites

	SCORE	INDEX
Book through an airline directly	31%	108
Book through an online travel agency	25%	113
Book through airline/hotel website	25%	105
Other services	17%	100



# **TOP AIRLINES**

**INDEX** 

	Air Canada (any)		26%	107
*	West Jet		16%	115
	Other Canadian airlines	5%		106
	European airlines (any)	5%		114
A	Delta Airlines	3%		124



# TOP ACCOMODATIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Hotel	43%	97
Friends/relatives	28%	100
Vacation rental by owner	18%	108
Camping	18%	101
Bed and breakfast	8%	109

	CANADIAN	DESTINATIONS
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CANADIAN DESTINATIONS	SCORE	INDEX
Other British Columbia	13%	125
Toronto	11%	107
Cottage country (any)	11%	106
Vancouver	10%	121
Other Ontario	9%	93
Niagara Falls	8%	106
Montreal	8%	94
Ottawa	8%	100
Banff	7%	114
Other Alberta	7%	104
Calgary	7%	106
Victoria	7%	122
Quebec City	6%	72
Other Quebec	6%	69
Whistler	5%	149
Jasper	4%	107
Other Nova Scotia	4%	82
Cape Breton Island	1%	71









# I offer recommendations of products/services to other people - 49%

PSYCHOGRAPHICS - High Indexing Social Values	INDEX
Importance of Aesthetics	123
Advertising as Stimulus	119
Confidence in Advertising	118
Ostentatious Consumption	118
Penchant for Risk	118
Pursuit of Originality	118

### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS ATTENDED - occasionally / frequently

Parks/ city gardens

Bars/ restaurant bars

Art galleries/ museums/ science centres Specialty movie theatres/ IMAX/ VIP

Zoos/ aquariums/ farms/ animal parks



38%

(100)



35% (100)



(100)



20%



18% (106)

## **ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS PARTICIPATED** - occasionally / frequently

Reading

82%

Home exercise/ workout



(100)

Swimming



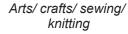
(101)

50%

Playing video games



46%





45%

(105)

### MAJOR EVENTS - in the past 2 years

**INDEX** 

Change job/career	18%	124
Shop for mortgage/renegotiate mortgage	9%	87
Lose job or be laid off	7%	130
Complete college/university	6%	138
Bought/sold home	5%	91









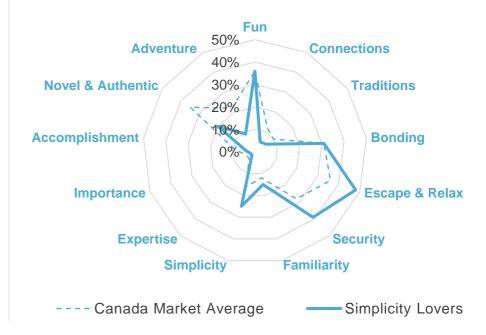
# % OF CANADA POPULATION

We seek peace, relaxation, and familiarity in our journeys, preferring easy and affordable destinations with a small-town feel. Prioritizing dining and nature experiences, we value simplicity and serenity. Loyal to regular destinations, we appreciate safety and ease of travel, and while we enjoy new cultures, we often stay within our comfort zone. We are not concerned with what's trendy, and won't be active on social media.

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ME

- We seek peace, relaxation, and familiarity in our travels, preferring easy, affordable destinations with a small-town feel.
- We like to take it slow, with low impact activities.We don't prioritize fitting in physical activity during our trips.
- Loyal to regular destinations, we are creatures of habit who favor simplicity and serenity over glitz, glamour, and cultural immersion.
  - Hard-to-reach destinations don't attract us, we want ease of access and don't want to worry about how to navigate once we arrive.

# **EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATIONS MAP**





# TRAVELLER RESPONSIBLE INDEX

**76** 

# How is this calculated?

The responsible values index incorporates views on socio-cultural, environmental, and economic sustainability, as well as diversity, reconciliation, and desire to learn. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison



# TRAVELLER ECONOMIC INDEX

69

# How is this calculated?

The economic values index measures positive impact on Canada's tourism economy. Attributes include economic means, Canada trip recency / frequency / likelihood, hotel and flight behaviours, trip spend behaviour, and likelihood to make travel decisions within their own household. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison





# SIMPLICITY LOVERS OUR PSYCHOGRAPHICS - TRAVEL VALUES





# **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o We are creatures of habit and seek familiar, temperate destinations.
- Prioritizing simplicity and serenity, we favor understated locales, and don't see the value of posting our travels online.
- o Travel is a needed escape. We meander at our own pace, content to leave 'must-see' attractions unchecked.



# **TRAVEL VALUES & ATTITUDES**

	SCORE	INDEX
I generally only choose destinations with comfortable climate and weather conditions	89%	129
Quiet, relaxed experiences are how I take care of myself on vacation	88%	146
I don't generally seek out luxury experiences while travelling	87%	126
I generally avoid places that are challenging or difficult to reach	83%	133
I don't see the point of posting about my trips on social media	83%	148
Generally I'm not influenced by what destinations are popular or trendy at the moment	80%	139
I travel when I need to	71%	152
I generally prefer to go back to the same destinations on holiday	65%	150
I generally don't participate in physical activities during my holidays	64%	139
I seek out destinations that offer quiet opportunities for deep self-reflection	55%	137
It's not important to me that I come back from travels having learnt something new	50%	140
I don't consider travel to be an important milestone of growing up	44%	153
You can get to know a country without experiencing its culture	42%	140



# **EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
To just enjoy myself and have fun	66%	118
To find much-needed time to relax	59%	139
To feel safe and secure	53%	139
To enjoy simple, straightforward travel	37%	145
To be familiar with my surroundings	20%	127
To feel confident travel with no surprises	16%	144



# **DESIRED DESTINATION**

	SCORE	INDEX
Relaxed	77%	146
Safe	74%	129
Peaceful	65%	147
Reliable	44%	136
Familiar	30%	147
Practical	26%	150











	SCORE	INDEX
18-34	9%	64
35-54	26%	88
55+	64%	130
MEAN YEARS	57.6	135



# **HH INCOME (CAD)**

	SCORE	INDEX
Less than \$40K	26%	122
\$40K to <\$120K	64%	78
\$120K or more	6%	77
Refused	5%	119



60%

76 Have a valid passport



**GENDER** 

**50%** 94 Male

**50%** 107 Female

0% 86 No

86 Non-binary / Other



# **EMPLOYMENT**

	SCORE	INDEX
Employed FT	33%	66
Employed PT	7%	94
Self-employed	5%	107
Retired	45%	132



# **EDUCATION**

	SCORE	INDEX
Primary education or less	0%	18
Secondary education	30%	131
Post- secondary education	67%	68



# **HOUSEHOLD**

9% 88 Children <18 Living At Home\*

10%

113 Children 18+ Living At Home\*

42%

131 Children NOT Living At Home\*

49%

99

No Children

SCOPE

\* Option is not exclusive



# **IMMIGRATION STATUS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Non-immigrant	82%	119
Recent immigrant (<5y)	1%	72
Non-recent immigrant (5+y)	17%	90



# **CANADA PROVINCE BREAKOUT**

	SCORE	INDEX
Ontario	33%	56
Quebec	28%	133
British Columbia	16%	115
Alberta	12%	112
Manitoba	5%	130

	SCORE	INDEX
New Brunswick	3%	115
Nova Scotia	2%	110
Saskatchewan	1%	70
Newfoundland and Labrador	1%	87
Prince Edward Island	0%	81

INDEX







TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: NON-GROUP

93

TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: GROUP

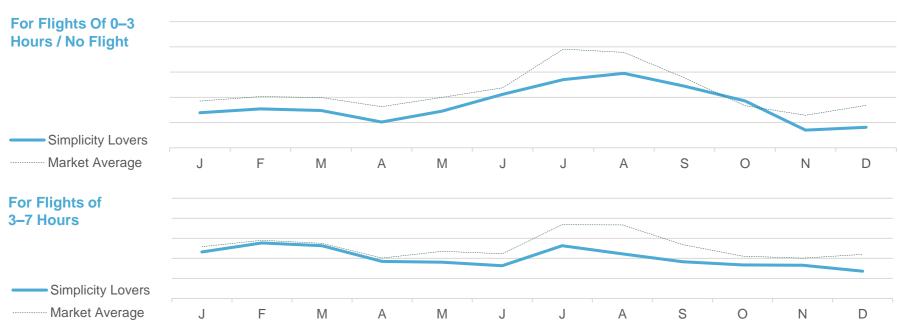
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- KEY terminology on this page
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX NON-GROUP The propensity to utilize travel agent / operator assisted channels for free independent travel indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining behaviours on ideal & future trips. Does not include self-directed online travel agencies (e.g. Expedia).
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX GROUP The propensity to travel as part of an organized group indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining variables covering both overall preference and the specific makeup of their next planned trip.

For additional definitions see Glossary



# **TYPICAL TRAVEL MONTHS**



TRIP DURATION	INDEX	TRIP TYPE	INDEX
1-2 Days <b>33</b> %	79	Domestic Leisure 31%	76
3-5 Days <b>15</b> %	66	International Leisure 11%	76
1 Week Holiday 6%	74	Business Trip 2%	66
2 Weeks Holiday 3%	71	Added Personal To Business 2%	74
3 Weeks Or More 2%	70	Worked During Vacation 1%	72

Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year

Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year











# TYPICAL ACCOMMODATION

	SCORE	INDEX
Mid-priced Hotel	47%	94
Friend's or family's place	33%	141
Premium Hotel	15%	82
All-inclusive resort	15%	87
Vacation Rental (e.g., Airbnb, Vrbo)	14%	67
Budget Hotel	12%	99



# THOUGHTS ON INDIGENOUS TRAVEL

29%

**76 INDEX SCORE** 

I'd look for opportunities to hear stories and engage with the Indigenous people / original inhabitants of the places I visit

3%

77 INDEX SCORE

Strong Interest In Indigenous Activities



# **WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND EXPLORE**

	SCORE	INDEX
You only ever get to know a country by experiencing its culture	59%	60
I really want to learn about the history of the destinations I visit	54%	77
I like to explore places that are off the beaten path and less explored	35%	78
I'm open to travelling to destinations with limited tourist infrastructure	29%	84
I'm willing to put in the effort while travelling in order to see lesser-known places	29%	70
I'm open to visiting destinations with challenging climates or weather conditions	11%	71







OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRAVEL STYLE





#### **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o We travel primarily with our partner or spouse, sometimes with extended family.
- Our budgets are fairly conservative.

4	TRAVEL	COMPANIONS
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丛 	SCORE	INDEX
Spouse / Partner	66%	109
Adult relatives	24%	116
Friends	13%	94
Solo	12%	94
Kids	7%	92



#### **BUDGET**

**AVERAGE SPEND SHORT-HAUL** 

\$1,290

**INDEX SCORE** 

**AVERAGE SPEND MID-HAUL** 

\$2,390

**INDEX SCORE** 

#### **SPEND STYLE**

Value to Mid-range









#### **OUR THOUGHTS ON RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL**

	SCORE	INDEX
It's important for me to know that the money I spend will support the local economy I'm visiting	49%	87
I consider the impact that I personally have on the destinations I visit	40%	87
It's important to me that I visit somewhere that is open to diversity and inclusion	27%	72
Hearing from underrepresented communities is an important part of travelling	22%	80
I am committed to sustainable travel and actively take steps to minimize my impact on the environment when travelling	21%	79

22%

**PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL** 

**75** INDEX SCORE



KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

o PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL - The percent of respondents who responded 5-7 on a 7-point scale in terms of prioritizing 'sustainable travel'. Sustainable travel is defined as "travel that minimizes any negative impact 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."



# SIMPLICITY LOVERS OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRAVEL ACTIVITIES





- Our activities are low-impact, including sightseeing in nature, dining and shopping.
- o We like to get outside for walks and would love to see some wildlife.

#### TOP DESIRED TRAVEL ACTIVITIES

		SCORE	INDEX
1	Nature experiences	46%	101
C	Nature walks	29%	103
C	D Hiking	20%	96
C	Viewing wildlife in natural habitat	17%	95
1	Shopping	40%	107
C	Outdoor markets	21%	98
C	Souvenir shopping	19%	100
	Casual sports	18%	113
C	o Golfing	9%	123
	> Fishing	8%	126
· ·	Health and wellness	17%	96
C	o Spas	10%	93
	Outdoor hot tub or bath	7%	84
L	ocal cuisine	44%	83
C	Local restaurants	39%	84
	Cafes or bakeries	20%	79
	Cultural experiences or attractions	39%	63
. 0	-amily-focused attractions	25%	96
۵	Guided tours	21%	74
Δ	Overnight experiences	18%	72
F	estivals and events	18%	71
()° \	Water-based sports	8%	81
<b>↑</b>	Nightlife	4%	68









INTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS		TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF <b>0–3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT</b>		TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF 3–7 HOURS	
	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX	
To relax and unwind	78%	138	77%	131	
To escape from routine	61%	140	63%	144	
To spend time with family	47%	103	39%	103	
To have fun with friends	29%	114	25%	108	
To check off dream travel places	15%	76	12%	64	
To seek solitude and isolation	13%	141	4%	97	
For a romantic getaway	10%	92	13%	107	
To be pampered	10%	106	19%	125	
To learn through other cultures	8%	74	19%	77	

<b>EXTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS</b>				
	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
Partner / spouse wanted to go	49%	100	56%	116
Visiting friends / family	42%	108	29%	89
Special event (e.g., wedding, reunion)	30%	115	14%	59
Family / friends wanted to go	25%	75	32%	104
Festival or event	12%	76	9%	73
Kids wanted to go	6%	89	8%	92

86 INDEX SCORE

**Travel aligns with** children's school schedule **14%** 78 INDEX SCORE

Take time off for vacation during major holidays

**14%** 93 INDEX SCORE

Difficult to take more than a few days of vacation at once





# SIMPLICITY LOVERS

OUR BEHAVIOURS - HOW WE PLAN





o We generally plan, but don't need to book many items, as we are often driving distance and don't book activities.

49%

**Primary Trip Planner** 

73 **INDEX SCORE** 



KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

o PRIMARY TRIP PLANNER - The individual who makes all leisure travel decisions, including destination, accommodation, transportation, and activities, either independently or by leading most decisions. Those not in this role usually share decision-making with travel partners, contributing collaboratively to the planning.

**FLIGHT OF** 0-3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT

**FLIGHT OF** 3-7 HOURS



**DURING MY TRIP** 



#### **Started Researching and** Planning – 4.7 Months

Recommendations from friends or family



#### **Booked Accommodation –** 3.6 months

Direct with company



**Booked Transportation –** 

3.3 months Direct with company



**Booked Activities -**2.1 months

No need to book



#### **Booked Transportation –** 1.9 months

Direct with company

**Started Researching and** 

Recommendations from

Planning – 3 months

friends or family

2.1 months

Direct with company



**Booked Activities -**1.6 months

No need to book









#### **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- Our trips are generally seeking comfortable weather, and familiar dining and shopping options, avoiding crowds.
- We also take some trips like City Trippers.
- KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)
- SEGMENT ALIGNMENT The degree to which actual trip aligns with a segments idealized trip across a variety of factors including emotional motivations, trip triggers, desired destination personality, and travel activities.

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

**49%** 148 INDEX SCORE

TRIP TYPE	Couples Trip		
DESTINATION	Small Cities & Towns		17%
TYPE	Beach Resort		12%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun	Bonding	Escape & Relax
	Local restaur	40%	
ACTIVITIES	Famous shop	areas 18%	
	Nature walks	<b>;</b>	16%
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Seeking mild climate to relax. Moderate budget, staying in a hotel or all-inclusive resort		

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

18% 147 INDEX SCORE







TRIP TYPE	Small Cities & Towns		
COMPANIONS	Couple Only		47%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun	Bonding	Security
	Local restaurants 33%		
ACTIVITIES	Outdoor markets		12%
	Cafes or bak	11%	
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Want to avoid crowds, likely a return visit to a reliable destination		

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

8%

104 INDEX SCORE









#### **TRIP TYPE** Suburban Experience Couple Only 44% **COMPANIONS** 31% **Extended Family TRIP** Escape & **EMOTIONAL** Fun Bonding Relax **MOTIVATIONS** Local restaurants 29% **ACTIVITIES** Famous shopping centres / areas 21% Amusement parks or theme parks 17% Likely visiting friends, which drives the **KEY BEHAVIOURS** destination choice and activities

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

20% 154 INDEX SCORE







TRIP TYPE	Urban Centre		
COMPANIONS	Couple Only		34%
COMPANIONS	Non-Family Only		22%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Fun	Bonding	Escape & Relax
	Local restaurants		58%
ACTIVITIES	Bars and pubs		26%
	Souvenir shopping		24%
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Trip with friends to explore a familiar city, dine out, and have fun		









# OVERALL INSIGHT

- Since we are only going for a few days, the destinations we choose need to be nearby and easy to get to.
- Shorter trips are mostly in Canada and the US. When we travel internationally, we head to warmer climates like the Caribbean.



#### WHERE WE ARE GOING LATELY

	SCORE	INDEX
Canada	41%	134
US	28%	119
Mexico	6%	102
Cuba	4%	143
Dominican Republic	3%	109

	SCORE	INDEX
France	2%	74
Italy	2%	74
Japan	2%	83
Bahamas	2%	103
Spain	2%	80



#### WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO





#### **DESIRED DESTINATION FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Is not too expensive	73%	129
Isn't too crowded	62%	144
Provides a sense of personal safety	53%	132
Has a mild and pleasant climate	53%	137
Is easy to travel to	48%	130
Language is not a barrier	40%	136
Doesn't take too long to get there	33%	143
Offers all-inclusive resort packages	26%	120





# SIMPLICITY LOVERS

OUR BEHAVIOURS - THOUGHTS ON CANADA





- We have travelled within Canada and explored most provinces and many types of destinations.
- For our next trip within Canada, we are thinking about Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, or the East Coast.



#### WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO IN CANADA

# ALBERTA YUKON JASPER BRITISH COLUMBIA QUEBEC KENORA NEW BRUNSWICK NOVA SCOTIA TORONTO BANFF MAGDALEN ISLANDS NOVA SCOTIA MONTREAL EDMONTON ONTARIO OLIVER VANCOUVER NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR NUNAVUT VICTORIA SASKATCHEWAN OTTAWA PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



FROVINCES	/0	INDLX
AB	13%	92
ВС	17%	77
MB	4%	125
NB	8%	138
NL	3%	112
NS	6%	97
NT	0%	85
NU	0%	78
ON	31%	74
PEI	4%	122
QC	23%	114
SK	5%	138
YT	0%	90

%

**INDEX** 

**PROVINCES** 



# SIMPLICITY LOVERS

OUR BEHAVIOURS - MORE THOUGHTS ON CANADA





- We travel in fall months, as we have the flexibility, but prefer the summer when the weather is more comfortable.
- We like travelling in our own country because we know what we are getting. There
  are no surprises and it's a safe and easy trip.

#### **CANADA TRAVEL MONTHS ON A PAST TRIP**

	WINTER (Dec-Feb)	<b>SPRING</b> (Mar-May)	SUMMER (Jun-Aug)	AUTUMN (Sept-Nov)
SIMPLICITY LOVERS	4%*	13%	53%	33%
VS. TOTAL MARKET	7%	12%	54%	29%



#### LIKELIHOOD TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE PROVINCE IN NEXT 2 YEARS

<ul><li>Definitely</li></ul>
■ Very likely
Somewhat likely
■ Not very likely
■ Not considering Canada

	59
23%	92
26%	104
18%	146
12%	141



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# SIMPLICITY LOVERS OUR BEHAVIOURS - LIFE OUTSIDE TRAVEL





- While many of us are retired, some of us have entered this life stage recently.
- o In our retirement we are prioritizing our spending on our hobbies, continuing to build our savings, and investing in our home.

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#### **MAJOR LIFE EVENTS IN LAST 5 YEARS**

1%

Had a child

90 INDEX SCORE

18%

Started a new job / career

56 INDEX SCORE

12%

Bought a new home

94 INDEX SCORE

11%

Moved to a new city

64 INDEX SCORE

1%

Child started school

90 INDEX SCORE

36%

Purchased a car

81 INDEX SCORE

18%

Retired

128 INDEX SCORE

26%

Renovated house

109 INDEX SCORE



#### **NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING PRIORITIES**

	SCORE	INDEX
Savings and investments	56%	119
Travel	49%	77
Personal hobbies and interests (e.g., sports equipment, books, art supplies).	43%	109
Personal care and wellness	41%	109
Experiences (e.g., concerts, events).	26%	61
Home and decor	24%	131





# SIMPLICITY LOVERS FIND US ONLINE - META VARIABLES





#### **TOP PUBLICATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
CBC	15%	81
CNN	12%	77
The Globe and Mail	7%	72
Le Journal de Montreal	6%	106
La Presse	6%	96
CP24.com	5%	83
The New York Times	5%	54
The Toronto Star	4%	67
Toronto Sun	3%	81
Le Journal de Québec	3%	105
National Geographic	3%	46
BNN Bloomberg	3%	68
Canadian Living	2%	47
Blog TO	2%	61
Food & Wine	2%	38
Postmedia Publications (ex. Calgary Herald, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Journal, Edmonton Sun, Fort McMurray Today, Fort McMurray Today)	2%	102
Le Devoir	2%	62
Ottawa Citizen	1%	77
Maclean's Magazine	1%	49
Daily Hive	1%	42
Winnipeg Free Press	1%	105
Zoomer	1%	42
Metroland Community Papers (ex. Niagarathisweek.com, Brampton Guardian, Cambridge Times, Hamilton Spectator)	1%	52
Journal Métro	1%	100
Travel + Leisure	1%	22
La Tribune	1%	124
Elle Canada	1%	32



#### **TOP SOCIAL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube	55%	90
Facebook	62%	98
Instagram	31%	73
TikTok	16%	65
Twitter (now X)	13%	71
Threads	4%	59



#### **TOP TRAVEL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia	8%	57
Booking.com	4%	47
AirBnb	4%	49
TripAdvisor	4%	60
Kayak	1%	29
American Express	3%	55
VRBO	2%	65
Marriott Bonvoy	2%	55

#### **SOURCE: GTRP 2024**

This media profiling comes from usage of the long-form Segmentation Typing Tool in Destination Canada's 2024/2025 Global Traveller Research Program custom survey.

Date: December 2024





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SCORE



#### **TOP NEWSPAPER SECTIONS**

Readership: Light

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	23%	104
Local & regional news	55%	106
National news	51%	103
International news/world section	50%	104



Editorials

#### **TOP RADIO PROGRAMS**

Listenership: Heavy

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
AM/FM radio station's app or website	9%	108
SiriusXM (web or app streaming)	9%	119

#### **FORMATS**

Music	58%	105
News	42%	109
Weather	29%	113



#### **TOP TELEVISION PROGRAMS**

Viewership: Medium/Heavy

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
Regular TV services	55%	103
Netflix	54%	101
Amazon Prime	36%	103
Facebook videos	11%	105
CBC Gem	8%	115

#### **PROGRAMS**

Movies	44%	102
Evening local news	37%	111
News/current affairs	28%	111



34%

109

#### **TOP MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS**

Readership: Heavy

	COUNT	IIIDLX
CAA Magazine	12%	123
Other U.S. magazines	7%	106
Other English-Canadian magazines	6%	116
National Geographic	4%	113
Food & Drink	4%	105
Canadian Living	4%	115
Maclean's	3%	109
People	3%	101
Zoomer Magazine	3%	136
Reader's Digest	2%	117
Canadian Geographic	2%	120
Canadian House and Home	2%	124
Cottage Life	2%	141
Hello! Canada	2%	105
Chatelaine (English edition)	2%	110
Better Homes & Gardens	2%	109
Other French-Canadian magazines	2%	88
Air Canada enRoute	1%	109
Time	1%	98
Cineplex Magazine	1%	102



#### **TOP TELEVISION NETWORKS**

т.	SCORE	INDEX
CBC News Network	16%	112
TSN	16%	108
Sportsnet	14%	105
CTV News Channel	13%	114
HGTV (Home & Garden Television)	13%	112
History Channel	11%	118
CNN	11%	109
Discovery Channel	10%	113
Food Network	10%	106
A&E (Arts & Entertainment)	9%	113











#### TIME SPENT ONLINE: More than 25 hours (on an avg week)

TOP ONLINE ACTIVITIES	SCORE	INDEX
Access restaurant guides/reviews	15%	96
Access travel content	12%	96
Send/receive email	72%	101
Send/receive a text/instant message	68%	101
Do banking/pay bills online	59%	101
Take pictures/video	54%	101
Participate in an online social media	53%	100
Search: business/services/products	50%	100
Access a news site	38%	100
Access food/recipes content	31%	104
Play/download online games	29%	100
Access health content	19%	101

#### **ACTIONS TAKEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. Like brand on Facebook
- 2. Subscribe to brand email newsletter
- 3. Join an online community who also like the brand

#### **REASONS TO FOLLOW A BRAND ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. To learn about a brand's products and services
- 2. To enter contests
- 3. To get coupons and discounts

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA ATTITUDES**

- Social media companies should not be allowed to own or share my personal information
- I tend to ignore marketing and advertisements from financial institutions when I'm in a social media environment
- I tend to ignore marketing and advertisements when I'm in a social media environment
- I would be more inclined to participate in Social Media if I knew my personal info would not be owned/shared by company
- · Use Social Media to stay connected with family

ITEMS BOUGHT ONLINE	SCORE	INDEX
Online classified websites (e.g. Kijiji)	35%	108
Online music/movie download stores	23%	96
Cosmetics/skin care stores	9%	86
Cannabis stores	5%	116
Craft supply stores	5%	102
Camera stores and photo finishing	4%	106
Natural/health food stores	4%	99



#### STATEMENTS / ATTITUDES

I love shopping and take pride in researching product features and services. My friends and family often see me as a knowledgeable consumer, and I frequently influence their purchasing decisions with my insights. (89)

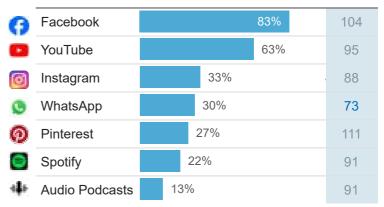
I feel that I have a great deal of influence on the consumption choices of the people around me (90)

When I buy a brand, product or service, it is very important to me that I get a sense of the origin, country or place where it was created (97)

Advertising is useful in helping me make a choice when buying

(97)

#### SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS INDEX







### SIMPLICITY LOVERS TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR





#### TOP WEBSITES USED FOR TRAVEL

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia.com/Expedia.ca	27%	96
Airline websites	24%	96
Booking.com	19%	95
Hotels.com	12%	92
Trivago.ca	11%	96
Travelocity.com/Travelocity.ca	7%	103
Sunwing.ca	6%	90
Redtag.ca	3%	92



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	SCORE	INDEX
Book through a hotel directly	37%	102
Book through an airline directly	28%	98
Book through airline/hotel website	23%	98
Book through a full service travel agent	14%	106



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<b>(4)</b>	Air Canada (any)	23%	95
**	West Jet	14%	100
	Other Canadian airlines	5%	104
	Air Transat	4%	97
	European airlines (any)	4%	100



#### TOP ACCOMODATIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Cottage	17%	100
Motel	14%	113
All-inclusive resort	12%	102
RV/camper	8%	115
Bed and breakfast	8%	106

5	CANADIAN	DESTIN	ATION

	SCORE	INDEX
Toronto	11%	103
Other Ontario	10%	112
Cottage country (any)	10%	97
Other British Columbia	9%	91
Other Quebec	9%	99
Montreal	8%	97
Quebec City	8%	96
Ottawa	8%	101
Vancouver	8%	91
Other Nova Scotia	7%	145
Niagara Falls	7%	86
Other Alberta	6%	95
Calgary	5%	86
Victoria	5%	98
Banff	5%	78
Cape Breton Island	3%	168
Jasper	3%	79
Whistler	2%	78









#### I offer recommendations of products/services to other people - 52%

PSYCHOGRAPHICS - High Indexing Social Values	INDEX
Attraction to Nature	122
Brand Apathy	112
Primacy of the Family	112
Financial Concern Regarding the Future	111
Utilitarian Consumerism	111
Emotional Control	110

#### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS ATTENDED - occasionally / frequently

Parks/ city gardens Bars/ restaurant bars

Exhibitions/ carnivals/ fairs/ markets National or provincial park

Historical sites



41%

36%



**30%** (108)

30%

24%

#### ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS PARTICIPATED - occasionally / frequently

Rea	ading	Gard	ening	Home ex work		Fitness	walking	Swir	mming	
0	82%	0	64%	<b>√</b> \$\\	62%	50	52%	<i>∞</i> 0	50%	
973	(100)	M Da	(106)	120	(101)	=	(101)		(102)	

#### MAJOR EVENTS - in the past 2 years

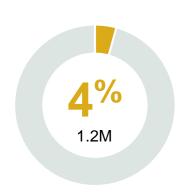
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Change job/career	12%	83
Shop for mortgage/renegotiate mortgage	12%	109
Bought/sold home	7%	115
Grandchild born/adopted	6%	143
Retire	6%	125









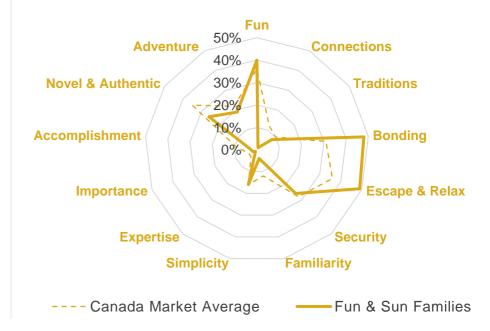
### % OF CANADA POPULATION

We cherish relaxation and shared family experiences in familiar, kid-friendly, and affordable destinations. We prioritize fun and simplicity over extravagance, gravitating towards well-known beaches and local spots with good communication standards. Our big family trips are often domestic, and focus on creating lasting memories through simple, enjoyable activities guided by our children's interests. While we generally stay in our comfort zone, we sometimes take trips to challenge ourselves in a new sport or culture.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ME

- We prioritize affordable, kid-friendly destinations that offer relaxation and shared family experiences, even if luxury is within reach.
- Our trips are escapes from everyday life, focusing on creating lasting memories. Often the activities we choose are easy and fun, but sometimes we seek more adventure and excitement though more challenging sports.
- Plan annual vacations months in advance, relying on review sites, apps, social media, and recommendations.
  - Mostly travel within Canada, exploring popular destinations in British Columbia and Ontario, with dreams of international trips.

#### **EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATIONS MAP**





#### TRAVELLER RESPONSIBLE INDEX

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#### How is this calculated?

The responsible values index incorporates views on socio-cultural, environmental, and economic sustainability, as well as diversity, reconciliation, and desire to learn. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison



#### TRAVELLER ECONOMIC INDEX

88

#### How is this calculated?

The economic values index measures positive impact on Canada's tourism economy. Attributes include economic means, Canada trip recency / frequency / likelihood, hotel and flight behaviours, trip spend behaviour, and likelihood to make travel decisions within their own household. The score is relative to the rest of the market to allow for comparison











#### **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- o We seek comfortable, entertaining destinations to escape everyday demands and enjoy quality time together.
- o Prioritizing value, convenience, and relaxation, we choose popular, easily accessible hotspots.
- o Our priority is creating memories with our core travel group, though we appreciate and are open to exposure to new and diverse cultures.



#### **TRAVEL VALUES & ATTITUDES**

	SCORE	INDEX
I generally only choose destinations with comfortable climate and weather conditions	86%	122
I prefer planning my trips independently and don't consult travel agencies	83%	125
I will generally not pay more or go out of my way to make eco-friendly choices when travelling	81%	125
I generally avoid places that are challenging or difficult to reach	78%	125
I tend to choose a destination to visit based off value for money	77%	136
I appreciate diversity but not likely engage deeply with Indigenous cultures	75%	131
I generally don't try to learn local languages	73%	134
While travelling I generally stick to places that are direct and convenient to get to	68%	126
I generally don't think much on the impact that I personally have on the destinations I visit	68%	130
I generally stick to the most popular areas when I visit somewhere	67%	124
I will generally not go out of my way to buy local when travelling	63%	142
I'm more interested in the present and don't focus much on the history of where I visit	50%	131
When there's a lot of positive buzz about a destination it makes me want to visit it more	45%	133



#### **EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS**

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	SCORE	INDEX
To just enjoy myself and have fun	67%	120
To share quality time with others	60%	146
To find much-needed time to relax	53%	125
To escape the demands of everyday life	52%	144
To let loose and forget about day-to-day life	40%	131
To bond through shared experiences	37%	141



#### **DESIRED DESTINATION**

	SCORE	INDEX		SCORE	INDEX
To just enjoy myself and have fun	67%	120	Fun	73%	135
To share quality time with others	60%	146	Safe	71%	122
To find much-needed time to relax	53%	125	Friendly	70%	135
To escape the demands of everyday life	52%	144	Peaceful	48%	111
To let loose and forget about day-to-day life	40%	131	Reliable	41%	129
To bond through shared experiences	37%	141	Familiar	19%	115











#### **AGE**

	SCORE	INDEX
18-34	21%	87
35-54	71%	157
55+	8%	64
MEAN YEARS	42.1	77



#### **HH INCOME (CAD)**

	SCORE	INDEX
Less than \$40K	18%	86
\$40K to <\$120K	70%	131
\$120K or more	7%	88
Refused	5%	131



53%

Have a valid passport



#### **GENDER**

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61% 141 Female

0%

86

Non-binary / Other



#### **HOUSEHOLD**

146 Children <18 90% Living At Home\*

11%

125 Children 18+ Living At Home\*

5%

Children NOT Living At Home\*

5%

53 No Children

\* Option is not exclusive

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

	SCORE	INDEX
Employed FT	68%	135
Employed PT	7%	94
Self-employed	5%	107
Retired	6%	68



#### **EDUCATION**

	SCORE	INDEX
Primary education or less	1%	62
Secondary education	14%	60
Post- secondary education	85%	138



#### **IMMIGRATION STATUS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Non-immigrant	71%	85
Recent immigrant (<5y)	5%	100
Non-recent immigrant (5+y)	24%	124



#### **CANADA PROVINCE BREAKOUT**

	SCORE	INDEX
Ontario	39%	96
Quebec	16%	61
Alberta	14%	142
British Columbia	13%	65
Saskatchewan	6%	142

	SCORE	INDEX
Manitoba	4%	97
Nova Scotia	3%	131
Newfoundland and Labrador	3%	157
New Brunswick	2%	89
Prince Edward Island	1%	134









TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: NON-GROUP

**71** 

TRAVEL TRADE INDEX: GROUP

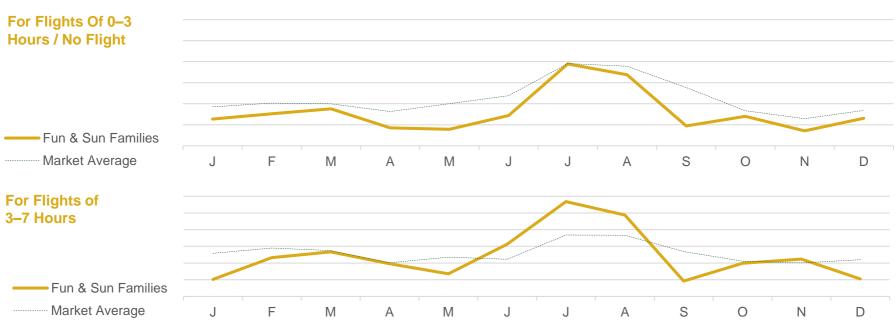
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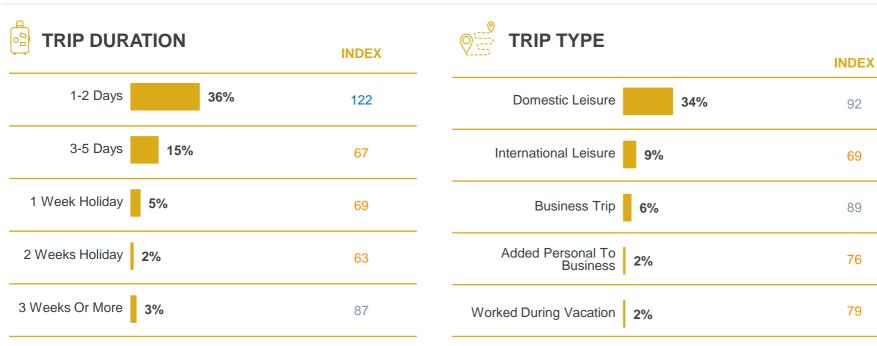
- NEY terminology on this page
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX NON-GROUP The propensity to utilize travel agent / operator assisted channels for free independent travel indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining behaviours on ideal & future trips. Does not include self-directed online travel agencies (e.g. Expedia).
- TRAVEL TRADE INDEX GROUP The propensity to travel as part of an organized group indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining variables covering both overall preference and the specific makeup of their next planned trip.

For additional definitions see Glossary



#### **TYPICAL TRAVEL MONTHS**





Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year

Incidence is frequency of 2+ times per year











#### TYPICAL ACCOMMODATION

	SCORE	INDEX
Mid-priced Hotel	51%	112
Premium Hotel	27%	129
Friend's or family's place	23%	87
All-inclusive resort	21%	120
Vacation Rental (e.g., Airbnb, Vrbo)	19%	95
Budget Hotel	12%	100



#### THOUGHTS ON INDIGENOUS TRAVEL

25%

69 INDEX SCORE

I'd look for opportunities to hear stories and engage with the Indigenous people / original inhabitants of the places I visit

3%

77 INDEX SCORE

Strong Interest In Indigenous Activities



#### **WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND EXPLORE**

	SCORE	INDEX
You only ever get to know a country by experiencing its culture	62%	72
I really want to learn about the history of the destinations I visit	50%	69
I like to explore places that are off the beaten path and less explored	33%	76
I'm willing to put in the effort while travelling in order to see lesser-known places	32%	74
I'm open to travelling to destinations with limited tourist infrastructure	25%	78
I'm open to visiting destinations with challenging climates or weather conditions	14%	78







OUR BEHAVIOURS - TRAVEL STYLE





#### **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- Most of our trips include our immediate family, and sometimes include extended family.
- We keep budgets conservative.

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#### TRAVEL COMPANIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Spouse / Partner	84%	144
Kids	77%	148
Adult relatives	24%	121
Friends	8%	73
Solo	2%	55



**AVERAGE SPEND (ALL TRIPS)** 

\$3,520

100 INDEX SCORE

#### **SPEND STYLE**

Mid-range









#### **OUR THOUGHTS ON RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL**

	SCORE	INDEX
It's important for me to know that the money I spend will support the local economy I'm visiting	37%	58
I consider the impact that I personally have on the destinations I visit	32%	70
It's important to me that I visit somewhere that is open to diversity and inclusion	29%	74
I am committed to sustainable travel and actively take steps to minimize my impact on the environment when travelling	19%	75
Hearing from underrepresented communities is an important part of travelling	17%	72

20%

PRIORITIZE
SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL

71 INDEX SCORE



KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

 PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL – The percent of respondents who responded 5-7 on a 7-point scale in terms of prioritizing 'sustainable travel'. Sustainable travel is defined as "travel that minimizes any negative impact 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."











- $\,\circ\,$  Family-focused attractions are the #1 priority.
- Much of our outdoor activity is spent in the water, but we also like to explore mountains and nature parks.

### TOP DESIRED TRAVEL ACTIVITIES

	SCORE	INDEX
Family-focused attractions	84%	154
<ul> <li>Amusement parks or theme parks</li> </ul>	69%	157
<ul> <li>Zoos or aquariums</li> </ul>	60%	154
<ul> <li>Space or science centres</li> </ul>	31%	145
Shopping Shopping	49%	123
<ul> <li>Souvenir shopping</li> </ul>	31%	138
<ul> <li>Visiting famous shopping centres or areas</li> </ul>	31%	126
Water-based sports	20%	125
<ul> <li>Swimming</li> </ul>	16%	138
<ul> <li>Scuba diving or snorkeling</li> </ul>	8%	118
Cultural experiences or attractions	46%	80
o Museums	31%	84
<ul> <li>Visiting local monuments</li> </ul>	25%	83
Nature experiences	44%	98
<ul> <li>See or explore lakes, rivers, or waterfalls</li> </ul>	24%	107
<ul> <li>Visiting nature parks or preserves</li> </ul>	22%	101
Local cuisine	40%	74
Guided tours	27%	90
Festivals and events	26%	89
Overnight experiences	22%	93
Health and wellness	20%	112
Casual sports	15%	90
Nightlife	8%	82









INTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS	TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF <b>0–3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT</b>		TRIPS OF FLIGHTS OF 3–7 HOURS	
	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
To spend time with family	86%	152	76%	150
To relax and unwind	74%	130	76%	129
To escape from routine	54%	121	53%	118
For adventure and excitement	22%	87	21%	85
To have fun with friends	15%	62	16%	82
To check off dream travel places	13%	66	20%	92
For a romantic getaway	9%	81	9%	87
To have memories from top travel spots	8%	100	7%	85
To be pampered	6%	82	0%	54

<b>EXTERNAL TRIP TRIGGERS</b>				
	SCORE	INDEX	SCORE	INDEX
Partner / spouse wanted to go	70%	148	55%	112
Kids wanted to go	60%	148	55%	149
Family / friends wanted to go	42%	125	33%	107
Visiting friends / family	36%	75	24%	73
Special event (e.g., wedding, reunion)	30%	117	23%	107
Festival or event	15%	86	8%	70

**59%** 147 INDEX SCORE

**Travel aligns with** children's school schedule **24%** 104 INDEX SCORE

Take time off for vacation during major holidays

20% 135 INDEX SCORE

Difficult to take more than a few days of vacation at once





OUR BEHAVIOURS - HOW WE PLAN





 We plan our annual long haul holiday over 4 months in advance, getting our accommodation, and even activities, secured.

49%

**Primary Trip Planner** 

**INDEX SCORE** 



KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)

o PRIMARY TRIP PLANNER - The individual who makes all leisure travel decisions, including destination, accommodation, transportation, and activities, either independently or by leading most decisions. Those not in this role usually share decision-making with travel partners, contributing collaboratively to the planning.

**FLIGHT OF** 0-3 HOURS / NO FLIGHT

Started Researching and

Planning – 3 months

2.2 months

1.9 months

1.1 months

Travel review sites

**Booked Transportation –** 

Direct with company

Direct with company

**Booked Activities -**

**FLIGHT OF 3–7 HOURS** 



**DURING MY TRIP** 



#### Started Researching and Planning – 4.3 Months

Travel booking sites / apps



#### **Booked Accommodation -**3.3 months

Direct with company



#### **Booked Transportation –** 3.1 months

Direct with company



#### **Booked Activities -**3.1 months

Direct with company











#### **OVERALL INSIGHT**

- Our top trips feature beaches and destinations known for family attractions.
- We also take trips like Purpose Driven Families.
- KEY terminology on this page (for additional details and definitions see Glossary)
- SEGMENT ALIGNMENT The degree to which actual trip aligns with a segments idealized trip across a variety of factors including emotional motivations, trip triggers, desired destination personality, and travel activities.

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

**55%** 147 INDEX SCORE



TRIP TYPE	Family Trip			
DESTINATION TYPE	Urban Centre 2			%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Bonding	Fun	Escape & Relax	
	Local restaurants 28%			28%
ACTIVITIES	Amusement parks / theme parks 22%			22%
	Outdoor markets 18%			18%
KEY BEHAVIOURS	All about kids interests, famous kids attractions, lower budget			

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

20% 146 INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE	Beach Resort			
COMPANIONS	Nuclear Family With Kids		46%	
COMPANIONS	Extend	Extended Family		
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Bonding Escape & Relax		Fun	
	Swimming		30%	
ACTIVITIES	Oceanside beaches		26%	
	Local restaurants		21%	
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Planned in advance, larger group, hotel or all-inclusive, comfortable climate			

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

5%

95 INDEX SCORE











#### **TRIP TYPE** Mountain Retreat **COMPANIONS** Nuclear Family With Kids 75% **TRIP** Escape & Novel & **EMOTIONAL** Bonding Relax Authentic **MOTIVATIONS** See or explore mountains 33% **ACTIVITIES** 29% Hiking Snowboarding or downhill skiing 18% **KEY** Exploring the outdoors on a budget, ski / **BEHAVIOURS** boarding trip or summer hiking

#### % OF TOTAL TRIPS

#### **SEGMENT ALIGNMENT**

10% 112 INDEX SCORE









TRIP TYPE	Adventure Destination			
COMPANIONS	Nuclear Family With Kids			61%
TRIP EMOTIONAL MOTIVATIONS	Bonding Adventure Se		Security	
	Amusement parks / theme parks		47%	
ACTIVITIES	Local restaurants			44%
	Nature parks / preserves 2		22%	
KEY BEHAVIOURS	Exploring a bucket list destination, seeking adventure, planned more last minute			





OUR BEHAVIOURS - WHERE WE GO





# OVERALL INSIGHT

- Our preferred destinations are kidfriendly, easy to access, and offer packages to make our lives easier.
- Most of our travel is in Canada, exploring British Columbia and Ontario.
   Outside of Canada, we head south to the US.



#### WHERE WE ARE GOING LATELY

	SCORE	INDEX
Canada	39%	127
US	32%	144
Mexico	7%	118
Cuba	2%	91
Dominican Republic	2%	77

	SCORE	INDEX
Iran	2%	160
India	2%	107
Japan	2%	75
Philippines	2%	147
Italy	2%	67



#### WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO





#### **DESIRED DESTINATION FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Is kid-friendly	82%	144
Is not too expensive	74%	130
Is easy to travel around once there	50%	121
Provides a sense of personal safety	50%	124
Is easy to travel to	43%	121
Good connectivity (Wi-Fi, cell service, etc.)	38%	139
Offers all-inclusive resort packages	23%	110
Has packaged holiday / vacation offers	17%	120







OUR BEHAVIOURS - THOUGHTS ON CANADA





- o We love travelling in Canada, and find our Canadian trips exceed our expectations.
- o We often travel within our own province, but are considering going further within Canada.
- o For our next trip within Canada, we'd like to visit British Columbia, Ontario, or Quebec.



#### WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO IN CANADA

# **GASPESIE** OKANAGAN VALLEY



PROVINCES	%	INDEX
AB	13%	94
ВС	21%	124
MB	2%	53
NB	4%	79
NL	4%	134
NS	8%	113
NT	0%	85
NU	0%	78
ON	33%	84
PEI	2%	62
QC	15%	48
SK	2%	81
YT	0%	76



OUR BEHAVIOURS - MORE THOUGHTS ON CANADA





- o We are generally limited to travel during our kids school holidays.
- We love the hot spots in Canada, including the big cities, cottage country, and wine regions.

#### **CANADA TRAVEL MONTHS ON A PAST TRIP**

	WINTER (Dec-Feb)	<b>SPRING</b> (Mar-May)	SUMMER (Jun-Aug)	AUTUMN (Sept-Nov)
FUN & SUN FAMILIES	5%*	8%*	76%	11%*
VS. TOTAL MARKET	7%	12%	54%	29%



#### LIKELIHOOD TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE PROVINCE IN NEXT 2 YEARS

Definitely
Very likely
<ul> <li>Somewhat likely</li> </ul>
Not very likely
<ul> <li>Not considering Canada</li> </ul>

24%	
34%	
13% 4%	

**INDEX** 

74

109

150

105

75



OUR BEHAVIOURS - LIFE OUTSIDE TRAVEL





- o We are building our families, and the major events in our life revolve around that. This includes the big items, like a home, renovations, and career changes.
- o If we didn't just have a child, our young children are transitioning from daycare to school life.



#### **MAJOR LIFE EVENTS IN LAST 5 YEARS**

26%

Had a child

138 INDEX SCORE

29%

Started a new job / career

102 INDEX SCORE

23%

**Bought a** new home

137 INDEX SCORE

19%

Moved to a new city

120 INDEX SCORE

28%

**Child started** school

141 INDEX SCORE

49%

**Purchased** a car

147 INDEX SCORE

3%

Retired

64 INDEX SCORE

29%

Renovated house

**134 INDEX SCORE** 



#### **NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING PRIORITIES**

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	51%	83
Savings and investments	49%	90
Personal care and wellness	48%	147
Personal hobbies and interests (e.g., sports equipment, books, art supplies).	46%	121
Experiences (e.g., concerts, events).	33%	98
Home and decor	25%	136





FIND US ONLINE - META VARIABLES





#### **TOP PUBLICATIONS**

	SCORE	INDEX
CBC	16%	81
CNN	11%	74
The Globe and Mail	7%	70
CP24.com	7%	118
La Presse	5%	90
Le Journal de Montreal	5%	96
The New York Times	5%	56
The Toronto Star	4%	71
National Geographic	4%	53
Canadian Living	3%	67
Le Journal de Québec	3%	85
Blog TO	3%	90
BNN Bloomberg	3%	59
Food & Wine	2%	55
Daily Hive	2%	72
Toronto Sun	2%	49
Le Devoir	2%	78
Toronto Life	2%	58
Vancouver is Awesome	1%	87
Elle Canada	1%	50
Postmedia Publications (ex. Calgary Herald, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Journal, Edmonton Sun, Fort McMurray Today, Fort McMurray Today)	1%	74
Metroland Community Papers (ex. Niagarathisweek.com, Brampton Guardian, Cambridge Times, Hamilton Spectator)	1%	75
Ottawa Citizen	1%	57
Times Colonist	1%	106
Travel + Leisure	1%	28
Zoomer	1%	36
Montreal Gazette	1%	80



#### **TOP SOCIAL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube	71%	115
Facebook	74%	117
Instagram	52%	124
TikTok	29%	120
Twitter (now X)	15%	82
Threads	7%	111



#### **TOP TRAVEL PLATFORMS**

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia	12%	94
Booking.com	6%	64
AirBnb	7%	72
TripAdvisor	5%	70
Kayak	1%	30
American Express	3%	58
VRBO	1%	43
Marriott Bonvoy	1%	45

#### **SOURCE: GTRP 2024**

This media profiling comes from usage of the long-form Segmentation Typing Tool in Destination Canada's 2024/2025 Global Traveller Research Program custom survey.

Date: December 2024







TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR





# TOP NEWSPAPER SECTIONS Readership: Light

	SCORE	INDEX
Travel	19%	83
Computer/high tech	14%	103
International news/world section	43%	90
Health	28%	91
Movie & entertainment	27%	91



#### **TOP RADIO PROGRAMS**

Listenership: Medium/Light

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
YouTube for music videos	31%	111
Spotify (subscription without ads)	22%	114

#### **FORMATS**

Music	55%	99
Traffic reports	21%	107
Sports (play-by-play)	6%	115



#### TOP TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Viewership: Light

STREAMING	SCORE	INDEX
Netflix	56%	104
YouTube	47%	113
Amazon Prime	38%	107
Disney+	32%	119
Crave	17%	106

#### **PROGRAMS**

Sci-Fi/fantasy/comic book shows	13%	105
Baseball (when in season)	12%	103
Cartoons	8%	107



#### TOP MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS

Readership: Light

	SCORE	INDEX
CAA Magazine	9%	89
Other U.S. magazines	6%	98
Other English-Canadian magazines	4%	79
Food & Drink	4%	109
People	3%	112
National Geographic	3%	93
Canadian Living	3%	102
Maclean's	2%	87
Zoomer Magazine	2%	94
Chatelaine (English edition)	2%	122
Reader's Digest	2%	92
Hello! Canada	2%	107
Canadian Geographic	2%	91
Cottage Life	2%	114
Canadian House and Home	2%	81
Better Homes & Gardens	1%	101
FASHION Magazine	1%	185
Air Canada enRoute	1%	96
Time	1%	94
Cineplex Magazine	1%	105



#### **TOP TELEVISION NETWORKS**

	SCORE	INDEX
TSN	15%	104
Sportsnet	14%	107
Crave	12%	109
CTV News Channel	12%	100
CablePulse24 (CP24)	11%	188
HGTV (Home & Garden Television)	11%	102
CNN	11%	102
Food Network	10%	111
Bravo!/CTV Drama	9%	109
Discovery Channel	9%	100







TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR





#### TIME SPENT ONLINE: More than 25 hours (on an avg week)

TOP ONLINE ACTIVITIES	SCORE	INDEX
Access restaurant guides/reviews	16%	104
Access travel content	12%	89
Send/receive a text/instant message	68%	101
Take pictures/video	56%	105
Use maps/directions service	55%	102
Use apps	55%	108
Participate in an online social media	54%	102
Compare products while shopping	36%	105
Research products/services	32%	101
Play/download online games	30%	100
Purchase products or services	30%	104
Consult consumer reviews	24%	101

#### **ACTIONS TAKEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. Follow brand on Instagram
- 2. Subscribe to brand email newsletter
- 3. Subscribe to brand on YouTube

#### **REASONS TO FOLLOW A BRAND ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 1. To learn about a brand's products and services
- 2. To get coupons and discounts
- 3. To enter contests

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA ATTITUDES**

- Use Social Media to stay connected with family
- Use Social Media to keep up to date on general news/events
- I am well informed about social media (e.g. the tools that are available and how to use them)
- Use Social Media to keep up to date on news/events in my industry
- Feel comfortable meeting and communicating with people through Social Media

ITEMS BOUGHT ONLINE	SCORE	INDEX
Online classified websites (e.g. Kijiji)	30%	92
Online music/movie download stores	25%	104
Cosmetics/skin care stores	12%	114
Craft supply stores	5%	107
Cannabis stores	5%	107
Natural/health food stores	4%	107
Music stores (instruments/sheet)	3%	105



#### STATEMENTS / ATTITUDES

I love shopping and take pride in researching product features and services. My friends and family often see me as a knowledgeable consumer, and I frequently influence their purchasing decisions with my insights.

(115)

I feel that I have a great deal of influence on the consumption choices of the people around me

When I buy a brand, product or service, it is very important to me that I get a sense of the origin, country or place where it was created (107)

Advertising is useful in helping me make a choice when buying
(106)

#### SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

**INDEX** 

100	YouTube	70%	106
0	WhatsApp	57%	139
<b>(2)</b>	Instagram	44%	115
in	LinkedIn	43%	120
0	Spotify	26%	107
X	X (Twitter)	24%	115
•	Reddit	15%	142







TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR





#### TOP WEBSITES USED FOR TRAVEL

	SCORE	INDEX
Expedia.com/Expedia.ca	30%	106
Airline websites	27%	107
Booking.com	20%	100
Hotels.com	14%	108
Trivago.ca	11%	98
Sunwing.ca	8%	119
Travelocity.com/Travelocity.ca	7%	109
Redtag.ca	5%	138



#### VACATION PLANNING - Booking Sites

	SCORE	INDEX
Book through an airline directly	30%	105
Book through an online travel agency	25%	115
Book through airline/hotel website	24%	102
Other services	17%	100



INDEX

	Air Canada (any)	26%	107
47	West Jet	15%	113
	Other Canadian airlines	5%	106
	European airlines (any)	3%	83
N.	Air Transat	3%	70



#### TOP ACCOMODATIONS

	SCORE	INDEX
Hotel	47%	105
Friends/relatives	29%	104
Cottage	18%	106
Vacation rental by owner	17%	101
All-inclusive resort	13%	102

### CANADIAN DESTINATIONS

CANADIAN DESTINATIONS	SCORE	INDEX
Cottage country (any)	15%	145
Niagara Falls	12%	154
Other British Columbia	11%	106
Banff	10%	160
Calgary	10%	159
Other Ontario	10%	105
Toronto	10%	90
Other Alberta	9%	134
Vancouver	9%	105
Ottawa	7%	96
Jasper	7%	175
Montreal	7%	81
Victoria	5%	99
Quebec City	4%	47
Other Nova Scotia	4%	75
Other Quebec	4%	41
Whistler	3%	101
Cape Breton Island	1%	57





LIFE OUTSIDE OF TRAVEL





#### offer recommendations of products/services to other people - 51%

PSYCHOGRAPHICS - High Indexing SocialValues	INDEX
Ostentatious Consumption	134
Religiosity	134
Status via Home	134
Need for Status Recognition	126
Pursuit of Novelty	125
Advertising as Stimulus	124

#### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS ATTENDED - occasionally / frequently

Specialty movie

Movies at a theatre/ drive-in

theatres/ IMAX/ VIP

21%

(106)

Zoos/ aquariums/ farms/ animal parks



19% (110)

Sporting events/ racing/ air shows



Theme parks/ waterparks/ water slides



16%

#### ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS PARTICIPATED - occasionally / frequently

Swimming

Home exercise/ workout

64%

Fitness walking



51%

Playing video games



46%

Arts/ crafts/ sewing/ knitting



44%

#### MAJOR EVENTS - in the past 2 years

**INDEX** 

Change job/career	16%	112
Shop for mortgage/renegotiate mortgage	11%	98
Lose job or be laid off	6%	121
Bought/sold home	5%	87
Complete college/university	5%	109



# **EXPLORER QUOTIENT MAPPING**

#### MARKET LEVEL SEGMENT DISTRIBUTION ACROSS EQ SEGMENTS

This page provides insights into how the new traveller segments disperse across historical EQ segments in this market.



Outdoor

**Explorers** 



Seekers







Purpose Driven Families



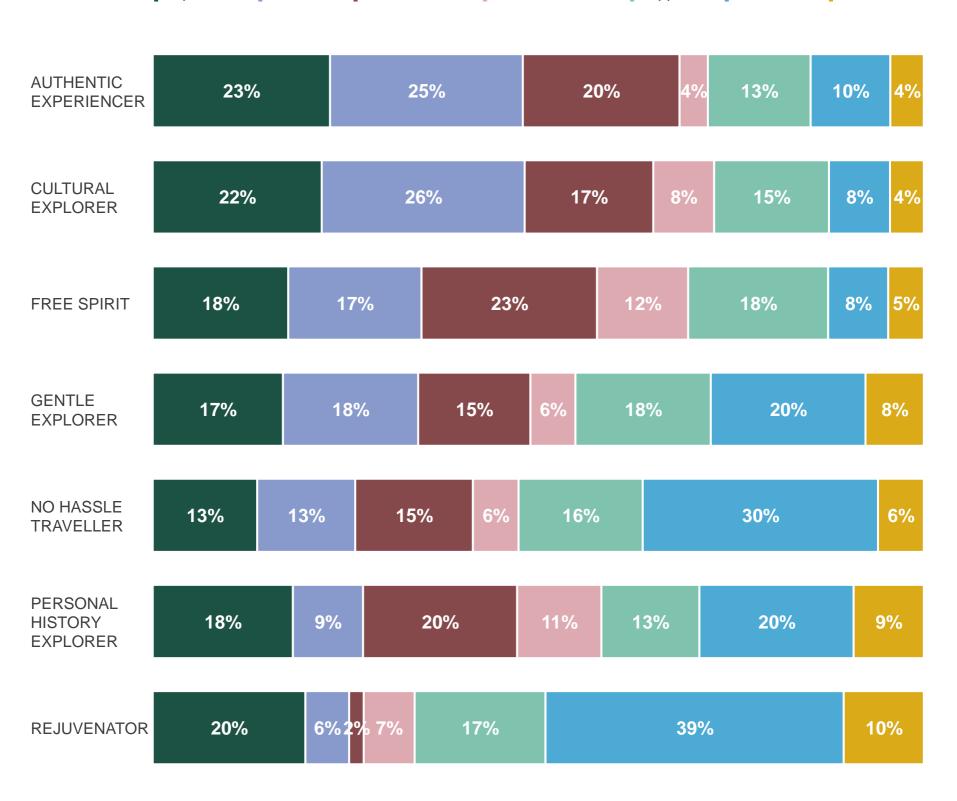
City Trippers



Simplicity Lovers



Fun & Sun Families











DOMESTIC TRAVEL LIKELIHOOD INDEX	Indicator of the overall likelihood to travel domestically. The index is calculated using ta combination of number of domestic trips per year, the likelihood of future out-of-province travel over next two years, and historical number of provinces visited. Indexed against other segments in the market.			
DESIRED DESTINATION	How a traveller describes the personality of an id	deal destination.		
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATIONS	Key travel motivations derived from factor analysis, which condensed 25 initial statements into 13 primary motivations. These insights help industry researchers and marketers better understand travellers' emotional drivers, which may influence overall travel behaviours including the choice of destination, activities, and experiences during the journey			
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: ACCOMPLISHMENT	This travel motivation is about achieving personal goals and overcoming challenges during travel. These travellers seek destinations and activities that promote self-discovery and personal growth, pushing their limits to feel a sense of accomplishment.  Statement(s) included in the motivation.  • To feel like I've accomplished something.  • To push my limits and challenge myself.			
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: ADVENTURE	This travel motivation is about seeking thrill and excitement through adventurous activities. Travellers who seek adventure are often energized by a physical and emotional rush and they often proudly share their experiences with others.	<ul> <li>Statement(s) included in the motivation:</li> <li>To have experiences I am proud to tell others about.</li> <li>To feel a sense of adventure.</li> </ul>		
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: BONDING	This travel motivation focuses on spending quality time with travel companions, particularly partners and family members. Travellers motivated by bonding cherish creating lasting memories through shared experiences with their loved ones.	<ul> <li>Statement(s) included in the motivation:</li> <li>To share quality time with others.</li> <li>To bond and create lasting memories through shared experiences.</li> </ul>		
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: CONNECTIONS	This travel motivation is about building relationships and forming connections with new and interesting people. Travellers motivated by connections look for opportunities to engage with locals or other visitors on their travels.	Statement(s) included in the motivation:  • To feel connected with new people.		
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: ESCAPE & RELAX	This travel motivation signifies a desire to escape daily routines and simply relax during vacation. Travellers motivated by escape and relax often seek solitude, tranquility, and rejuvenation in peaceful destinations.	<ul> <li>Statement(s) included in the motivation:</li> <li>To escape the demands of everyday life.</li> <li>To find much-needed time to relax.</li> <li>To let loose and forget about day-to-day life.</li> </ul>		







EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: EXPERTISE	This travel motivation is about influence, status, and confidence. Travellers with this motivation like to be well versed in travel opportunities, so they can confidently navigate new environments, and take pride in being the expert among their peers	Statement(s) included in the motivation:  • To feel like a travel expert.		
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: FAMILIARITY	This travel motivation encompasses a diverse range of travellers looking for familiarity during their travels. Some seek the comfort of recognizable destinations and routines, enjoying the predictability of repeat travel. Others aim to immerse themselves in new places while feeling like they are not tourists, blending in and experiencing the local culture as if they were natives.	Statement(s) included in the motivation:  To be familiar with my surroundings.  To feel like a local.		
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: FUN	This travel motivation is centered around the pure enjoyment of travel. The travellers motivated by fun prioritize activities and destinations that bring happiness and a sense of playfulness. They focus on living in the moment, indulging in joyful experiences, and seeking vibrant, social environments.	<ul> <li>Statement(s) included in the motivation:</li> <li>To just enjoy myself and have fun.</li> <li>To indulge myself and live in the moment.</li> <li>To have a fun, social setting.</li> </ul>		
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: IMPORTANCE	This travel motivation is about the desire to feel important and admired. Travellers motivated by importance often choose popular, exotic, and luxury destinations to reflect their success and gain recognition.	Statement(s) included in the motivation:  • To feel like I'm important.		
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: NOVEL & AUTHENTIC	This travel motivation is driven by a desire for novelty in all its forms—new places, unique experiences, and fresh perspectives. The travellers motivated by novel and authentic seek orgiginality in their journeys, immersing themselves in different cultures and engaging in genuine and authentic interactions.	<ul> <li>Statement(s) included in the motivation:</li> <li>To have authentic experiences.</li> <li>To open my mind to new perspectives.</li> <li>To explore and discover new things and places.</li> </ul>		
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: SECURITY	This travel motivation is around prioritizing safety and predictability. Travellers motivated by security prefer well-planned trips, reliable accommodations, and destinations known for their safety.	Statement(s) included in the motivation:  To feel welcomed.  To feel safe and secure.		







EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: SIMPLICITY	This travel motivation is about appreciating straightforward and easy travel experiences. Travellers motivated by simplicity prefer simpler trips with laid back itineraries and no surprises.	<ul> <li>Statement(s) included in the motivation:</li> <li>To enjoy the simplicity of easy, straightforward travel.</li> <li>To feel confident of no surprises; I'll get exactly what I expected.</li> </ul>		
EMOTIONAL TRAVEL MOTIVATION: TRADITIONS	This travel motivation is about seeking to engage in traditions, whether by a traveller participating in local cultural practices or creating their own travel traditions with family and friends.	Statement(s) included in the motivation:  • To create new, or take part in old, traditions.		
FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS	Functional needs in travel pertain to the practica affordable pricing, convenient transportation, cor services. These needs are often about the logist runs smoothly	mfortable accommodation, and reliable		
NON-TRAVELLER	Has not travelled a minimum of one night away in paid accommodation in past 5 years OR is actively planning to travel in next 2.			
PRIMARY TRIP PLANNER	The individual who makes all leisure travel decisions, including destination, accommodation, transportation, and activities, either independently or by leading most decisions. Those not in this role usually share decision-making with travel partners, contributing collaboratively to the planning.			
PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL	The percent of respondents who responded 5-7 on a 7-point scale in terms of prioritizing 'sustainable travel'. Sustainable travel is defined as "travel that minimizes any negative impact 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.			
SEGMENT ALIGNMENT	Indicates how closely personal needs, motivation (e.g. long-haul trip, short-haul trip, family vacation travel needs, motivations and behaviours that depersonal needs (motivations and ideal trip specifitrip to a bucket-list destination; however, these new with friends. This score provides insights into what type and should be considered when targeting the	on, weekend getaway) align with the overall efine the segment. For example, a travellers' fics) may fully influence and define a long-haul eeds may not be a priority on a quick getaway een traveller needs and behaviours shift by trip		
SHORT / MID / LONG HAUL	Short Haul: Those who did not travel via flight or Mid Haul: Those who travelled on a 3 to 7 hours Long Haul: Those who travelled or 7+ hours flig	flight		









TRAVELLER ECONOMIC INDEX	An industry metric providing insight into a segment's propensity to have a positive impact on Canada's tourism economy. The score is derived from a selection of variables from the initial study that most represent a positive impact on the tourism economy. The included variables cover economic means, typical trip recency and frequency, propensity towards more luxury travel behaviours, and details about travel specifically to Canada. To reduce market specific bias and any variation in score composition across markets, the score is reported as an index
TRAVELLER RESPONSIBLE INDEX	An industry metric providing insight into a segment's alignment with Canada's responsible travel values. The score is derived from a selection of variables from the initial study that most represent responsible travel. The included variables cover traveller values across themes of socio-cultural, environmental, and economic sustainability, impact of tourism on a destination, visitor engagement with tourism communities, diversity, and inclusion. To reduce market specific bias and any variation in score composition across markets, the score is reported as an index in the segment profiles
TRAVEL TRADE INDEX – GROUP	The propensity to travel as part of an organized group indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining variables cover both overall preference and the specific makeup of their next planned trip
TRAVEL TRADE INDEX – NON-GROUP	The propensity to utilize travel agent / operator assisted channels for free independent travel indexed against the rest of the market. Measured by examining behaviours on ideal & future trips. Does not include self-directed online travel agencies (e.g. Expedia).





### PRIZM CANADA SEGMENT MAPPING

#### MARKET LEVEL SEGMENT DISTRIBUTION ACROSS PRIZM SEGMENTS

Some partners utilize the PRIZM segmentation program for marketing and/or research purposes. This page provides insights into how the new traveller segments disperse across Environics Analytics Canadian PRIZM segments. Please note:

- DC Traveller segments can be activated for media buys by postal code or PRIZM segments.
- 2. DC Traveller Segment insights and measurement can be conducted within the ENVISION platform (access to ENVISION requires additional subscription via Environic Analytics)

For more information about PRIZM and Environics Analytics, please reach out to eatourism@environicsanalytics.com



#### **NOTE ON SEGMENTS**

French and English segments are separated below as their PRIZM media and behavioral profiling characteristics can vary considerably. Depending on your intent, you may want to examine the French / English segments separately.















Outdoor Explorer	Culture Seekers	Refined Globetrotters	Purpose Driven Families	City Trippers	Simplicity Lovers	Fun & Sun Families	Non- Travellers
Turbo Burbs (4)  Boomer Bliss (9)  Kick-Back Country (14)  Suburban Sport (25)  Country & Western (50)  ———  Familles Typiques (34)  Banlieues Tranquilles (42)  Un Grand Cru (44)	Downtown Verve (6)  Eat, Play, Love (12)  Asian Avenues (17)  Indieville (22)  Latte Life (28)  Diverse & Determined (32)  Social Networkers (47)  Jeunes Biculturels (56)  Évolution Urbaine (39)	The A-List (1)  Wealthy & Wise (2)  First-Class Families (5)  Mature & Secure (7)  Vie de Rêve (13)  C'est Tiguidou (29)	Asian Sophisticates (3)  Multiculture-ish (8)  Family Mode (19)  Diversité Nouvelle (27)	Asian Achievement (10)  New Asian Heights (20)  South Asian Society (30)  Middle-Class Mosaic (36)  Stressed in Suburbia (38)  Friends & Roomies (52)  Juggling Acts (57)  Came From Away (61)  Midtown Movers (64)  Les Énerjeunes (40)  Enclaves Multiethniques (55)	Savvy Seniors (16)**  Scenic Retirement (21)**  Mid-City Mellow (23)  Country Traditions (26)  Down to Earth (41)  Happy Medium (43)  Slow-Lane Suburbs (45)  Old Town Roads (58)  Suburban Recliners (62)  La Vie Simple (59)  Amants de la Nature (63)	Modern Suburbia (11)  South Asian Enterprise (15)  Multicultural Corners (18)  All-Terrain Families (24)  Metro Melting Pot (31)  Indigenous Families (66)	New Country (33)  Keep on Trucking (37)  Agri-Biz (48)  Backcountry Boomers (49)  On Their Own Again (51)  Silver Flats (53)  Vie au Village (54)  Value Villagers (60)  Just Getting By (67)  ——— Patrimoine Rustique (46)  Âgés & Traditionnels (65)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Savvy Seniors (16) and Scenic Retirement (21) are both currently being monitored to potentially be shifted to Refined Globetrotters segment.