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The Traveler Value Index examines the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on traveler decisions and what people value when booking travel in this new reality.

The research includes 8,000 respondents from eight major markets: Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Rising optimism



Vaccine passports

7 in 10 are comfortable with the concept of a vaccine passport.



The return of urban escapes

Searches for major cities are increasing across our marketplace: Las Vegas (+40%), Melbourne (+90%), Paris (+30%), and Sydney (+85%).¹



Travel is the top priority

34% have larger travel budgets now compared to 2020, and nearly one in five expect travel to be the thing they spend the most on in 2021.





Travel goes green

59% are willing to spend more to make their trip more sustainable.



Identity and inclusion

65% are more likely to book with travel providers that identify their practices as inclusive.

Types of trips



Quick getaways

41% want to maximize their weekend adventure through more frequent, shorter trips.



Close to home, for now

60% will opt for domestic travel for the short-term, though 27% of travelers are considering an international trip in the next 12 months.



New places

75% are likely to select a destination they've never been to before, and 22% are seeking once-in-a-lifetime experiences on their next trip.

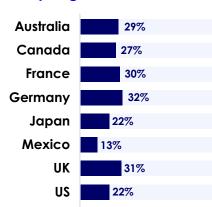
^{*} Expedia Group domestic and international searches from May 3 to June 14, 2021 for travel dates from August 1 to September 30, 2021 compared to previous year; city growth compared to country growth.

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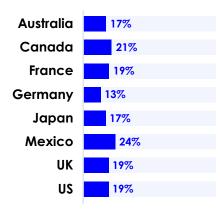
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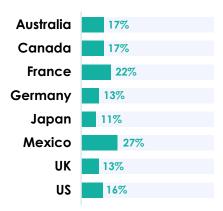
Ability to get a full refund



Enhanced cleaning



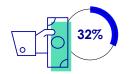
Atypical low pricing



Financial security is key: The ability to get a full refund is most valued, but flexibility becomes a major consideration when booking family vacations.



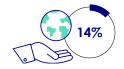
of travelers most value atypical low pricing.



of travelers most value the ability to get a refund.



of travelers with 3+ children rank flexible policies as their top priority.



of travelers rank environmentally friendly polices as most valued.

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Top 3 actions for partners to build trust with travelers

Travel providers should consider what is most essential to travelers.

- Highlight commitments to social values in your marketing and listings to build connections
- Clearly communicate cancellation policies and cleanliness measures to ease anxieties
- Offer a range of prices and options to meet the desire for new experiences

























