

# 2023 TRAVELER VALUE INDEX

#### **KEY INSIGHTS**

As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic into an ever-changing travel landscape, this research looks to determine what will prove a passing trend and what's here to stay.



The Traveler Value Index includes:

11,000 Consumers 1,100
Industry
professionals

11 Major markets

Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States



#### Concerns over health and cleanliness recede

When booking travel, consumers prioritize:

37% Lowest price 35%
Minimizing
COVID-19
exposure

57% Experience being worth the cost 51% Cleanliness and safety



## Business and international travel are coming back



### 1 in 3

consumers say they're planning upcoming business travel.



### 1 in 2

consumers are likely to travel internationally in the next 12 months or already have a trip booked, compared to only 12% in mid-2020.



Price sensitivity weighs heavily on decision-making

Consumers

51%

Industry professionals



One in two consumers (51%) say inflation will impact their travel plans over the next 12 months.

By contrast, industry professionals underestimate price sensitivity among consumers, with only 23% saying inflation will have the most negative impact.

## Consumers' top priorities when booking travel:

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1 Atypical, low pricing

2 Ability to get a full refund

3 Flexible cancellation policies

46%

of consumers say travel is more important to them now than it was pre-pandemic.

#### Top motivators in travel decisions:



Physical and mental health



Change of scenery



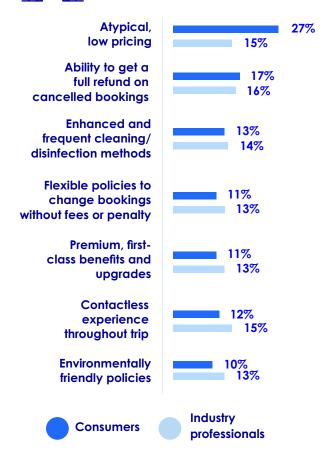
Making up for lost time

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What do people value most when booking a tour or activity in today's environment?



## TOURS AND ACTIVITIES INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

#### **TOP TAKEAWAYS**



#### **Making memories**

- Nearly a quarter (23%) of consumers are seeking a once-in-a-lifetime experience.
- Nearly **one in three (32%) people** are likely to choose a leisure trip that offers an experience, tour, or activity.
- Consumers in Latin America and South Africa are most likely to prioritize experiences, tours, and activities during their next leisure trip.



#### The price must be right

- The importance of price and flexible booking options to consumers cannot be overstated.
- 27% of consumers rank low pricing as their top priority when booking a tour or activity, while only 15% of industry professionals think that this is consumers' top concern.
- For consumers, nearly two-thirds (60%) say "getting the right price" is the most important feature for online travel booking sites.



#### Offer a package deal

- For tours and activities, there has been a 35% increase in multi-item bookings from January-September 2022 compared to the previous year.<sup>1</sup>
- Package promotions or multi-item pricing (MIP)
  discounts are a great way to get your experience on a
  traveler's radar when they are booking other aspects
  of their trip.