U.S. TRAVEL ANSWER SHEET

FACTS ABOUT A LEADING AMERICAN INDUSTRY THAT'S MORE THAN JUST FUN





LEISURE TRAVEL

- Direct spending on leisure travel by domestic and international travelers totaled \$621.4 billion in 2013.
- Spending on leisure travel generated \$91.9 billion in tax revenue.
- More than 3 out of 4 domestic trips taken are for leisure purposes (78%).
- U.S. residents logged 1.6 billion person-trips* for leisure purposes in 2013.
- Top leisure travel activities for U.S. domestic travelers: (1) visiting relatives;
 (2) shopping; (3) visiting friends;
 (4) fine dining; and (5) beaches.

BUSINESS TRAVEL



- Direct spending on business travel by domestic and international travelers, including expenditures on meetings, events and incentive programs (ME&I), totaled \$266.5 billion in 2013.
- ME&I travel accounted for \$105.4 billion of all business travel spending.
- U.S. residents logged 452 million person-trips* for business purposes in 2013, with 24% for meetings and events.
- For every dollar invested in business travel, businesses benefit from an average of \$9.50 in increased revenue and \$2.90 in new profits (2012)
- * Person-trip defined as one person on a trip away from home overnight in paid accommodations or on a day or overnight trip to places 50 miles or more [one-way] away from home.

U.S. Travel Industry Impact \$2.1 TRILLION GENERATED \$887.9 Billion (Direct) \$1.2 Trillion (Indirect & Induced) SPENDING \$134 BILLION IN TAXES (DIRECT) TAXES IORS 14.9 MILLION TORS SUPPORTED 7.9 million (direct) 7.0 million (other industries) BUSINESS TRAVEL (DIRECT) LEISURE TRAVEL (DIRECT) \$266.5 B \$621.4 B \$42.0 B \$91.9 B TAXES 5.6 million jobs 2.3 million jobs Meetings, Events & Incentive Travel Each U.S. household General Business Travel would pay \$1,093 more SPENDING \$161.1 B \$105.4 B in taxes without the tax revenue generated by \$25.3 B \$16.7 B TAXES travel and tourism. 895,000 iobs Source: U.S. Travel Association = 1 million jobs Note: Direct spending totals do not include international passenger fares

SOURCES OF TRAVEL SPENDING



TOTAL: \$887.9 billion

Source: U.S. Travel Association



INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

- In 2013, U.S. travel exports (travel and passenger fare receipts) totaled \$180.7 billion and U.S. travel imports (travel and passenger fare payments) totaled \$123.6 billion, creating a trade surplus of \$57.1 billion in favor of the U.S.
- The U.S. received 69.8 million international arrivals in 2013. Of those, approximately 31.9 million were from overseas markets and 37.8 million were from Canada and Mexico.
- The United States' share of total international arrivals is 6.4% (down from 7.5% in 2000).
- International travel spending directly supported about 1.2 million U.S. jobs and wages of \$29.5 billion.
- Each overseas traveler spends approximately \$4,500 when they visit the U.S. and stay on average 17 nights (2012).

Direct spending by resident and international travelers in the U.S. averaged \$2.4 billion a day, \$101.4 million an hour, \$1.7 million a minute and \$28.154 a second.



- Greatest challenges facing international visitors: burdensome visa process; unwelcoming entry experience.
- Top leisure travel activities for overseas visitors: (1) shopping; (2) sightseeing; (3) fine dining; (4) national parks/ monuments; and (5) art galleries/ museums.

TOP 5 INTERNATIONAL MARKETS TO USA (2012 ARRIVALS)

ORIGIN OF VISITOR	2012
Canada	22.5 million
Mexico	14.5 million
United Kingdom	3.8 million
Japan	3.7 million
Germany	1.9 million

TOP 5 HIGH-GROWTH MARKETS THRU 2017 (forecasted)

ORIGIN OF VISITOR	ARRIVALS % CHANGE '17/'12
China	154.7%
Saudi Arabia	87.4%
Brazil	55.1%
Argentina	42.9%
Taiwan	36.4%

Source: U.S. Travel estimates based on U.S. Department of Commerce – Office of Travel and Tourism Industries

BY THE NUMBERS

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\$2.1 trillion: Economic output generated by domestic and international visitors (includes \$887.9 billion in direct travel expenditures that spurred an additional \$1.2 trillion in other industries)

14.9 million: Jobs supported by travel expenditures (includes 7.9 million directly in the travel industry and 7.0 million in other industries)

\$209.5 billion: Wages shared by American workers directly employed by travel

\$133.9 billion: Tax revenue generated by travel spending for federal, state and local governments

2.7%: Percentage of nation's gross domestic product (GDP) attributed to travel and tourism

No. 1: Where travel ranks among all U.S. industry exports

1 out of 9: U.S. jobs that depend on travel and tourism

No. 6: Where travel ranks in terms of employment compared to other major private industry sectors

84%: Percentage of travel companies that are considered small businesses (2012)

2.1 billion: Number of persontrips* that Americans took for business and leisure purposes

69.8 million: Number of international arrivals in the U.S. in 2013, including 31.9 million from overseas markets

Travel is among the top 10 industries in 49 states and D.C. in terms of employment

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