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NEW CHANGES IN CHINA'S TOURISM MARKET









TOURISM RECOVERY

Challenges & Chances

Even though the tourism industry bore the brunt of the pandemic's economic impact, tourism recovery is gaining momentum due to easing policies, upgraded medical technologies and increasing consumer demand.

YoY Increase in Global Tourists in 2021

+56.3%

YoY Increase in Chinese Tourists in 2021

+12.7%

Numbr of Chinese Tourists in 2021

3.25B

China's Domestic
Tourism Revenue in 2021

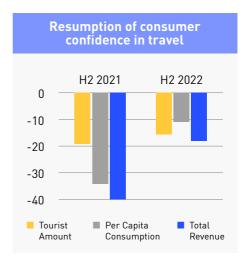
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Post-Covid: Resumed Confidence Boosts Resurgence of Tourism

China's tourism sector is witnessing a healthy recovery. High-income groups were less affected by the pandemic, resulting in the growth of their per capita spending power, which contributed to travel recovery.





South-North Disparity Remains the Same in the Wake of Tourism Recovery

With the economy picking up and people eager to resume travelling, many regions are sure to witness a sharp rebound in travel activity. Tourist hotspots such as Pearl River and Yangtze River Delta remain the most potential source markets for outbound travel.



Demand for Holiday Travel Boosts Market Recovery

Demand for holiday travel continues to pick up in China as more tourists display a strong intention to travel.

2021 Holiday Tourist Flow

103.2% Recovery YoY

Source: China Tourism Academy

Desire to Travelling

85.32%

Travelling Overseas

78% Willing to

Source: China Tourism Academy

Overseas Destinations

55%
Have Planned

Travelling Overseas

56% Planned to Increase

Source: Oliver Wyman

Easing Covid Travel Restrictions Enables Outbound Travel

Recently, China has eased its restrictions on outbound travel. The State Council has announced several decisions to resume domestic and overseas exchanges. Policies on departure management, international flight quota, to entry have eased considerably, lowering the barriers for outbound travel.

Eased departure policies have enabled smooth travel

Guarantee Necessary Outhound Needs





Emergency



Green Channels Provided

International Flights Increased







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Eased entry policies have reduced quarantine periods

Mandatory Quarantine Time Has Been Reduced

Beijing	Wuhan	Nanjing	NHC*	11 Cities	
2022.5.15	2022.6.3	2022.6.14	2022.6.28	2022.6.30	
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14+7* - → 7+7	→ 7+7	7+7	7+3	7+3	

^{*:} NHC stands for National Health Commission of China 14+7 stands for 14 days of centralized quarantine & 7 days of at-home medical observation

Demand for Holiday Travel Boosts Market Recovery

Chinese tourists are keen to travel again.





Gen Zs are Expected to Be Heavy Travellers

Gen Zs have emerged as a key demographic for travel marketers as they have been enthusiastic to make travel plans and have strong purchasing power. Winning over Gen Zs is critical for travel marketing.



Online Tourism Order

105%
Growth in Gen Z

Source: Fastdata



New Demand __

Four Travel Trends that Emerged in the Post-Covid Era

Chinese tourists now value companionship highly while in traveling, resulting in an increase in demand for group tours. More tourists are also looking for immersive tours, and leisure tours, which saw a 66.9% increase in demand. Off-the-grid destinations are favored by more people, resulting in an uptick in demand for personalized tours.











Group Tours

The pandemic had exacerbated feelings of loneliness, leading more Chinese tourists to prefer travelling with their friends or families. They prefer destinations suitable for group tours and are focused on strengthening their emotional bonds.

66%

Prefer to Travel with Family / Friends

Source: mafengwo



Leisure Tours

Epitomized by camping, embarking on leisure tours has grown in popularity. Travellers are eager to escape from the hustle and bustle of the city life and enjoy a nature getaway.

81%

Prefer Nature-related Trip

Source: Dragontrail



Immersive Tours

When it comes to younger travellers, they prefer to fully immerse themselves in local scenery and customs as opposed to going on 'daka' (打卡) trips, which involve visiting as many destinations as possible.

76% Focus on City & Culture

Source: Dragontrail

Personalized Tours



More are turning to sports such as rafting, snorkeling, surfing, and skydiving, as a stress reliever.

+235%

"Travel + Sports" Keywords Heat Growth

Source: ctrip

Chinese tourists are Choosing Travel Destinations wisely due to Safety Concerns

Asian countries such as Japan, South Korea, and Thailand are among the top three most popular countries for Chinese tourists.



Europe 14%

Oceania 3%

Preferred Destination

JP **59%**

sg 34%

TH&KR 52%

Source: Oliver Wyman, Dragontrail

Chinese tourists are Choosing Travel Destinations wisely due to Safety Concerns

With safety as their biggest concern, consumer confidence in travelling is boosted by policies in all aspects.

Local Epidemic
Situation

59%

Health Security

52%

Hospitality to Chinese

37%

Source: Dragontrail

Chinese Tourists are Prioritizing Dining, Entertainment and Shopping Experiences

China's tourists are setting aside more budget for dining, entertainment and shopping experiences.

Budget Increased in...



Food **82%**



Shopping

62%



Entertainment 70%



Hotel **55%**



Source: Oliver Wyman



Gen Zs are expected to be Heavy Travellers

Social media and digital marketing provide effective marketing tools for the tourism industry to reach Gen Zs, who tend to turn to social media for information while making travel decisions.



Source: Fastdata, Tencent

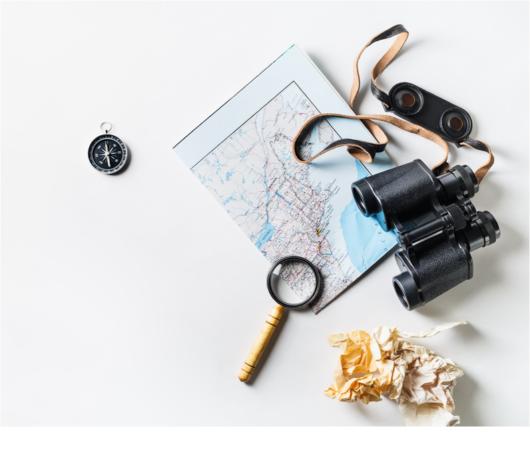


93.4%

Usage in Gen Z Online Tourism Users

Tencent 100M+

Users Follow **Outbound Tourism** Contents Monthly



Omnichannel Approach to Tourism Marketing

The epidemic has altered lifestyles and accelerated the development of online communication, interaction and consumption. With online media platforms taking off in popularity, advertisers can leverage these platforms to conduct precise marketing and reach their audience.





















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Cover User Channel to Maximize Brand Awareness

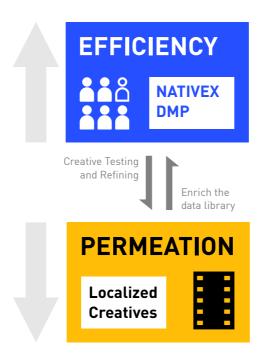
FULL CAMPAIGN FUNNEL COVERAGE

Brands can deliver ads on different placements with contents from travel seeding to itinerary making, to provide users with good viewing experiences, gradually build their trust in brands and increase offline visits.



PRECISE TARGETING TECHNOLOGY

We can increase exposure precision by upgrading advertising technologies to reach our core audience directly and effectively. Our intelligent system can also optimize localized creatives through rigorous data analysis to attract local users.



OUR CAPABILITIES

Our database covers China's population and can precisely target potential tourists in China by using basic, interest and scenario tags.



Education, Entertainment, Work, Film, Shopping, Life, Travel, Idol, Music, etc.



Tourist attraction, Popular restaurant, Star hotel, Duty-free shop, Airport, Commercial exhibition, etc.



Gender, Age, Consumption habit, Occupation, Location, Marital status, etc.



Daily Devices

Coverred App

1.2M

Daily Active Users

1.4B

Connected Channels

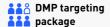
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Localized Delivery Creatives Based on Data Insight

Optimizing advertising creatives based on DMP data & industrial insights can help brands match advertising strategies with local markets & ignite users' travel passion.

Audience Insight



Industry Delivery Insight

- Multiple channels data analysis
- Cover various creative forms
- Multi-dimensional criteria

Optimize Creative

- Localized content
- Seeding proposition
- ✓ Prospective creative

Customize creative strategy



Produce & iterate highly localized creatives from various aspects to guarantee ads are time-sensitive and trendy.

Creative Design

CONTENT

- Camping
- Food exploration
- Lesser-known activity

FORM

Brand TVC

- Trending clips
- Fit reading habits

Real-person Drama

- Heated topic
- Localized plots

TFXT

- Fit into local contexts
- Follow local trends
- Follow local buzzwords



Creative Make

LANGUAGE

- Regional dialects
- Local contexts

DESIGN

- Fit into Chinese
- Avoid cultural differences

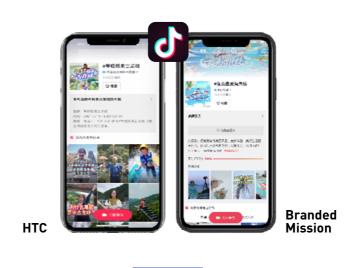
MATERIAL

- Local models
- Local scene shooting

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Immersive Online Branding Events via Douyin's Diverse Campaign Tools

To reach and engage more potential users, TikTok's branding events can be leveraged to advertise digital travelling. Brands can collect leads of active participants through these events to inform their next precise advertising strategy, and get inspiration from UGCs to produce more appealing content to attract users.





CREATIVE DIRECTION



Fond of playing?Come and experience exotic activities



Fond of eating?
Come and enjoy the gourmet feast



Fond of viewing?Come and appreciate splendid scenery



Fond of experiencing?

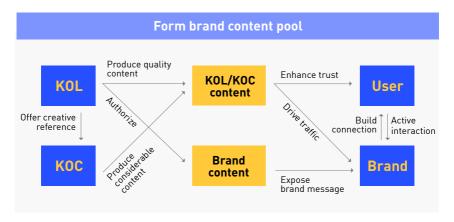
Come and bath in local culture

New Strategy

Leverage Influencer Marketing to Build Constant Buzz for Brands

Tapping on influencers can help to promote brand content on multiple platforms. Influencers can cover user interests comprehensively across different platforms, which can enhance the brand image and maximize brand credibility given the influencers' creativity & reputation.





Brands can also develop flexible influencer strategies based on platforms' distinctive features & influencer landscape to meet the campaign objective.

High reputation

Low reputation

Objective	Destination awareness	Event campaign	Ongoing operation
Strategy	KOLs' original videos + texts & images to increase exposure of tourist attractions	Multi-tiered KOL content to generate popular travel topics	KOL endorsement + livestreaming to enhance impression
Recommended platform	は時	O C	™ ™ ™
Recommended influencer combination	10% mega KOLs 20% macro KOLs 40% mid-tier KOLs 30% KOCs	10% mega KOLs 30% macro KOLs	30% macro KOLs

Case Study: Cultivate Individual Country's Awareness

Live-streaming on vertical platforms has become a popular approach to entice travellers.

Tourism Western Australia

NEXT STOP WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Highlights

- Campaign period: 2021
- Bilingual KOL livestreaming to introduce sceneries & sharing travel tips.
- Variety of creatives to highlight destinations that are suitable for different travellers.

2M Exposure









Case Study: Increase Travel Interaction

Social media platforms were crucial in creating social buzz and boosting interaction with the core audience.

Tourism New Zealand

LITTLE WISHES







Highlights

- Campaign period: 2021
- Kids served as cultural envoys to boost cultural communication via social platforms.
- Increase engagement and sharing via incentives such as free flight tickets.

88.54M+ Exposure 290K Engagement



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Case Study: Build Connection

Combination of online branding activities and offline event to enhance consumer connection

Tourism Sichuan Province

Refreshing Tour in Xiling Snow Mountain #干秋西岭四季盛景



Highlights

- Campaign period: 2021
- Extensive IP advertising on social media to present new travel scenes.
- Amplify the campaign volume by user interaction & KOL videos for wider reach.
- Promote travelling carnivals online and hold activities in corresponding cities to boost offline conversion

180M+ Exposure +10% Tourists Flow Growth









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