### Destination Queenstown Queenstown Connect

North America insights, May 2019



### **North America YE Feb 19**

Arrivals USA YE FEB 19				
Total NZ	354,693 <b>+5%</b>			
Holiday N	237,293 <b>+6.9%</b>			
Total Queenstown 121,428				
Stay Days USA				
	YE Dec 18			
Total	5.1M <b>+1.2%</b>			
Holiday	2.8M <b>+5%</b>			

	Arrivals Canada		
	YE FEB 19		
Total	71,262	+2.4%	
Holiday	40698	-0.6%	

Total Queenstown 68,209

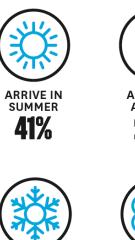
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	Stay Days Canada YE Dec 18		
Total	1.47M	-6.6 <b>%</b>	
Holiday	777K	-5 <b>%</b>	



### **US seasonal arrivals**

#### New Zealand Seasonal Arrivals YE March 19

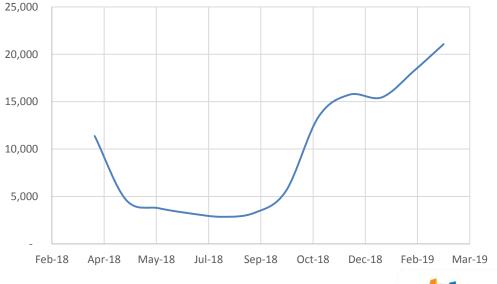


ARRIVE IN WINTER **11%** 





Queenstown Seasonal Arrivals YE March 19





### **Air Connectivity**

#### Current

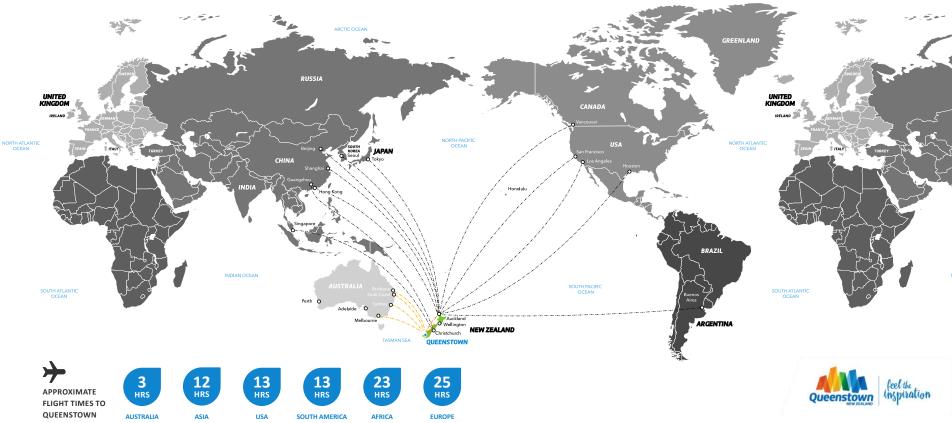
- Non-Stop Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, Honolulu
- United Airlines returns to year round service
- Increased frequencies on Hawaiian Airlines

#### Future

- American Airlines and Qantas have applied for anti trust
- American Airline: Los Angeles Christchurch set for 20/21
- Air NZ: commencing 5 day departure Chicago Auckland service (Dec 2019)
- Air Canada Vancouver Auckland service (Dec 2019)



### Air New Zealand update



### **Travel Trade Update**

- DQ in market trip
- Strong knowledge
- Trending destinations: East Africa, Europe & Australia
- Australia: In market activity



### DQ activity for FY19/20

#### QCB

- IMEX Las Vegas September 2019
- Prevue Summit Chicago October, 2019
- Incentive activation with Auckland Convention Bureau Oct-Dec, 2019

Trade

- Trade US mission TBC
- Kia Ora South July, 2019



### **Consumer Trends**



## Young Blood



### **Generation Z**



#### They have power

- Up to US\$143 billion in **buying power**
- Largest generation by 2020
- Taking almost as many trips as Millennials every year
- Staying longer than Millennials
- Spending more on experiences
- Travel decision based on:
  - Activities available
  - Once in a lifetime experiences
  - Cultural experience
- Motivation: special events, hobbies and partying with friends (e.g. bachelor and girls trips)



### **Generation Z**

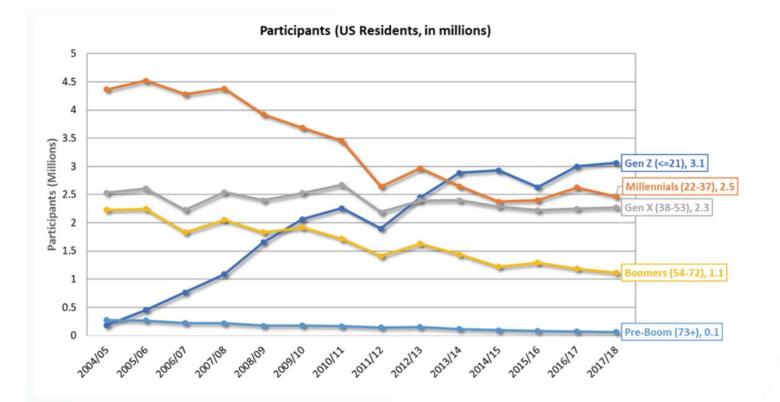


#### They have different needs

- First true digital natives
- More than 50% is active on social media
- Even more influenced by social media (87% vs 77%)
- Constantly connected and tech-savvy
- Over 7 hours per day socializing with friends and family
- Socially and environmentally conscious
- Short attention span, requires constant updates and stimulation
- Grew up during GFC and tend to be more careful with expenses
- Over index the importance of experiences and imagery
- Use mobile in inspiration (68%) and in-trip (79%) stages



### **Generation Z – US Skiers**





### THE SKI WEEK IS A MINDSET

# Togetherness Rules



### **Togetherness Rules**





### **Total Convenience**



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#### **Experiences should evolve to suit travellers**

- Content relevancy
- Simpler pricing models
  - Switzerland all inclusive ski package
  - Epic and Ikon passes
- Service levels
  - Door to door ski transport
  - Mountain equipment drop off
- Use of technology
  - QR Code self guided tours
  - VR, AR and Gamification
- Radicals
  - Who are the innovators who inspire and reinvigorate our industries?







#### Robust economy

#### Fears of recession in America have faded

But stubbornly low inflation means the Fed cannot relax



May 4th 2019 | WASHINGTON, DC

I NVESTORS STARTED the year brooding about the risk of an American recession. Torsten Slok of Deutsche Bank, Germany's biggest lender, says clients around the globe were worried. Financial indicators were

At the end of the year a model from economists at JPMorgan Chase had put the chances of a recession within 12 months, based on the S&P 500 index and corporate-credit spreads, at 65%.

But the mood has now improved. By April 29th JPMorgan's model was putting the chances of a recession at just 15%.

