



# **2024 Market Plans**

December 6, 2023

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# Agenda

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- Business Insights Overview
- Market Overview, Areas of Focus and Key Activities
  - Canada, US, Mexico, UK, Germany, Australia, Asia, Destination Events
- Consumer, Travel Trade, MR/PR, Meetings & Conventions
- Q&A



# **Business Insights Overview**



## **YTD 2023** Destination Performance

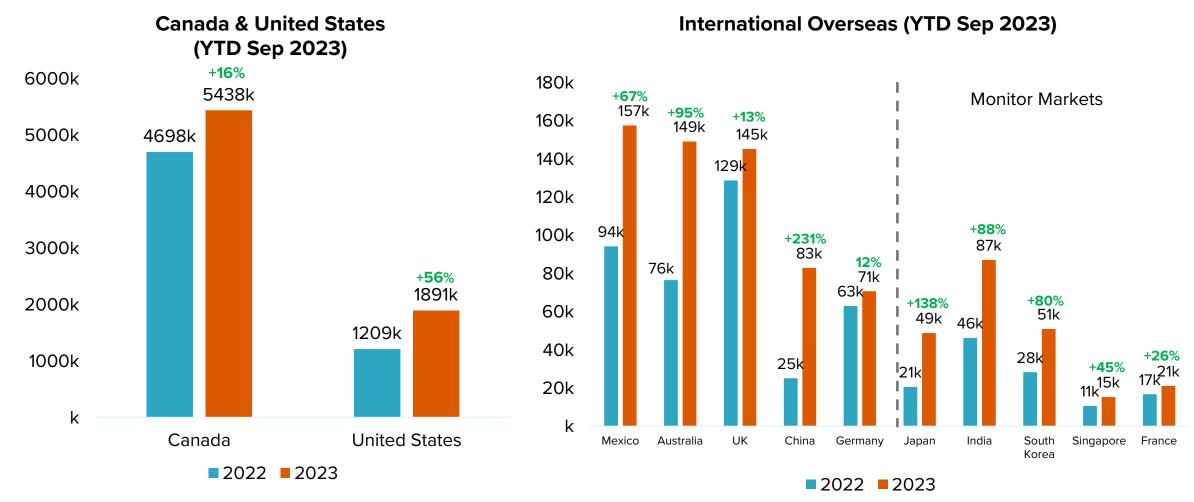
Return of overnight visitation (YTD 2023 Sep)





### **Overnight Visitors to Vancouver by Market Origin**

Strong demand from Canada, US, Mexico, Australia and UK (YTD Sep 2023)



Source: Destination Vancouver.

## **2024 Forecast: Overnight Visitors to Vancouver**

Continue build of overnight visitation in 2024



	2023 Estimate Visitation	2024 Forecast Visitation	2023/2019 (2019=100)	2024/2019 (2019=100)
Canada	6.9M	7.0M	108	111
United States	2.4M	2.6M	94	100
Mexico	193K	196K	122	124
Australia	177K	215K	80	97
United Kingdom	166K	182K	79	86
India	97K	107K	94	104
China	114K	192K	38	64
Germany	82K	86K	80	83
South Korea	62K	78K	61	77
Japan	60K	85K	46	66
Singapore/Malaysia/ Indonesia	42K	47K	105	118
France	28K	30K	81	85
Other	501K	605K	69	83
Total	10.8M	11.4M	98	104

2019 Index 0-50% 51-74% 75-99% 100-125%

### **2024 Global Market Assessment**

As of November 2023

Ranking	2023 YTD Visitation	2023 YTD Expenditures	2023 Spend per Trip	Length of Stay	Direct Air Access (2024)	2024 Visitation Forecast	Future Air Bookings (next 12 months)	Future RN Bookings (next 12 months)	Conventions Business	Other Business Travel	Cruise Demand	Seasonality Support	Total Market Ranking
1	CA	USA	AU	IN	CA	CA	CA	CA	CA	CA	USA	CN	Canada
2	USA	CA	UK	SK	USA	USA	USA	USA	USA	USA	CA	MX	USA
3	MX	CN	CN	AU	JP	AU	UK	AU	SK	UK	UK	SIN	China
4	AU	UK	SK	MX	UK	MX	AU	UK	MX	MX	AU	USA	India
5	UK	AU	MX	UK	AU	CN	DE	DE	AU	AU	MX	CA	Australia
6	IN	DE	USA	DE	SK	UK	SK	MX	IN	IN	DE	IN	United Kingdom
7	CN	MX	IN	CN	MX	IN	JP	FR	UK	DE	FR	AU	Mexico
8	DE	JP	CA	CA	DE	DE	MX	JP	DE	SK	IN	JP	South Korea
9	SK	FR	DE	USA	CN	JP	IN	SIN	CN	CN	JP	SK	Germany
10	JP	SK			IN	SK	CN	CN			SIN	FR	Singapore
11	SIN	IN			FR	FR	FR	IN			SK	UK	Japan
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### 2024 Market Investment





China

#### **MONITORING / ASSESSING**



South Korea



Japan



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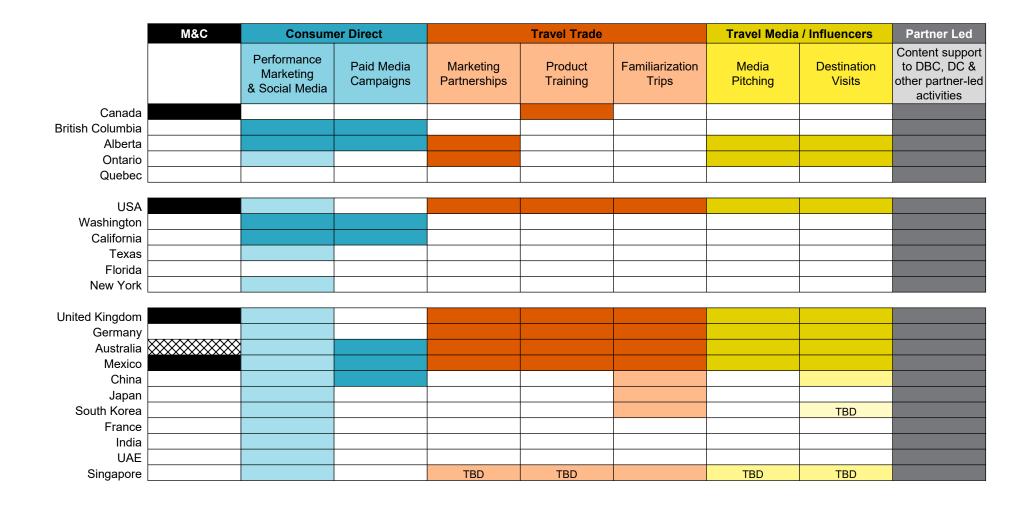
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### 2024 Market & Channel Activation – 2024







# Canada

### Canada



### **OVERALL RANKING - #1**

2024 Visitation - #1 Repeat Visitation - #1 Spend Per Trip - #8 Seasonality Support - #5

### **2023 VISITATION**

Est 6.900.000 +12% visitation YOY 120% of 2019 visitation

**2023 SPEND** \$1,827 per visitor

**AIR SERVICE** Avg 198 flights daily

Toronto 28 daily Calgary 27 daily Edmonton 16 daily Victoria 16 daily Kelowna 15 daily

### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

- Canada is the greatest volume market for Vancouver but is lower yield than international.
- Opportunity to inspire getaways from short-haul markets using lower-funnel tactics in need periods.
- Toronto corporate group business still sees value in Vancouver accommodation cost.
- High lead volume and highest booking/conversion ratio make it an important M&C market.

INVESTMENT	ALLOCATION
	Consumer
	Trade
	Media
	Meetings & Conventions

SEASONAL FOCUS	LEAD THEMES
PEAK   OFF-PEAK	<ul> <li>New experiences</li> </ul>
20%   80%	Culinary / Michelin
25%   75%	<ul><li>Arts, sports, cultura</li><li>Indigenous</li></ul>
10%   90%	<ul> <li>Ambassador stories</li> </ul>
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- al events and festivals
- es aligned to themes
- mild climate Seasonality and



# **Consumer Marketing**

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Consumer Marketing



# **Objective:** Fill need periods with immediate visitation **Key areas of focus:**

	BC and AB						
Who/Where	High Value Guests (Southern Vancouver Island; Fraser Valley & Okanagan)						
When	Ongoing off-peak; some always-on summer						
What	Lower-funnel paid micro-campaigns and always on-content						
How	Promote time-sensitive activities to create urgency to visit now.						
Why	<ul> <li>Events, time-bound offers and seasonal product</li> <li>New urban experiences</li> <li>Diverse dining</li> <li>Early spring; Extended summer</li> </ul>						

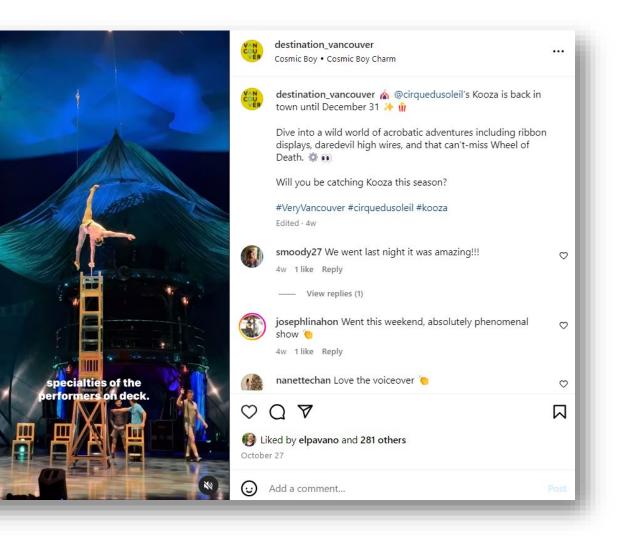
### Canada

Consumer Marketing

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### **Key Activities:**

- Social media micro-campaigns around events offers, seasonal activities, ie:
  - Just for Laughs
  - Rugby Sevens
  - VIFF
- Co-op marketing campaigns:
  - WestCoastFood
  - WestCoastCurated
  - BC Bird Trail
- Dine Out Vancouver campaign
- Performance Marketing and Search





CANADA												
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Co-Op sites & campaigns					re	educe	ed					
Event campaign (DOVF)												
Performance and SEM					r€	educe	ed					





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### Canada

Travel Trade



### Key areas of focus:

- Marketing co-ops with select Canadian tour operator / travel agency partners.
- Promoting winter season
- Developing winter itineraries and product with our Canadian based Receptive Tour Operators (RTO).
- Destination training (Vancouver Specialist Program).
- Fam hosting
- Support air routes into Vancouver



# **Travel Media**

All markets



## **2024** Areas of Focus:

- Seasonality (October through May)
- Promote Pre/Post Cruise
- Grow length of stay
- Air Access support YVR & airlines with new direct routes to Vancouver
- Targeting high value guests (HVG)
- Destination Events and Festivals

- Hosting individual and group press trips
- Destination Experience Pass
- Media marketplaces, desksides & inmarket events
- Fresh monthly newsletter
- Story starters
- Airline partnerships (PR support, individual and group press trips)
- Earned and sponsored content



## **PR Resources and Communications**

All markets

DESTINATION VANCOUVER

- What's New
  - Call out in January for Member news
- Media Story Sheets
  - Story Angles: Culinary, Wellness, Indigenous, Sustainability, and more.
- Fresh monthly newsletter
- Media Leads
  - TM: Lead Recipient
  - Extranet for coverage
- New imagery and b-roll
- Destination Experience Pass



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### FRESH from Vancouver

Destination Vancouver's Travel & Trade Media Newsletter



Vancouver: A Gateway to Nature with Hullo Ferries

Nestled between the glimmering waters of the Pacific Ocean and the majestic peaks of coastal mountains, Vancouver is a city that stands in harmonious existence between urban living and the serenity of nature. Adorned with numerous parks, gardens, and green spaces, Vancouver offers its residents and visitors access to an awe-inspiring wonderland of terrain from lush rainforests to picturesque beaches.



### Media Relations and PR Activities – Canada

# **Key Activities:**

- Media Pitching
- Media Press Trips and Hosting
- Desksides
  - Toronto
- Dine Out Vancouver Festival







# Meetings & Conventions

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### **Meetings & Conventions – Canada – 2024 Priorities** *Domestic*





- SITE Canada, Education Day, Nov 2023
  - Luke joining SITE Canada committee

### Areas of Focus

- Canadian corporate meetings & incentives
- Canadian Association with priority for international alignment.

### In-Market Activities

- "Meet Week" in Ottawa with CSAE, MPI and Destination Direct, February
- CMEE Annual Tradeshow, Toronto, August
- Toronto & Montreal sales week, September
- SITE & MPI chapter Toronto & Ottawa event sponsorship
- Toronto based agency M&C FAM support for 2024







#### **OVERALL RANKING - #2**

2023 YTD Expenditures - #1 2024 Visitation - #2 Spend Per Trip - #6 Seasonality Support - #4

### **2023 VISITATION**

Est 2,400,000 +44% visitation YOY 94% of 2019 visitation

**2023 SPEND** \$1,978 per visitor

### AIR SERVICE Avg 84 flights daily

Seattle 14 daily Los Angeles 10 daily San Francisco 10 daily Portland 4 daily Denver 4 daily New York 3 daily Chicago 2 daily Dallas Fort Worth 2 daily Houston 2 daily Washington DC 1 daily

### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

- California and Washington are high propensity markets.
- US travellers account for the largest proportion of Vancouver to Alaska cruise passengers.
- High interest in accessibility information.
- Air Canada's year-round service from Washington, DC to YVR creates new opportunities for events and business travel.

### INVESTMENT ALLOCATION

Consumer
Trade & Development
Media
Meetings & Conventions

PEAK		OFF-PEAK
0%		100%
25%	I	75%
15%	Ι	85%

SEASONAL FOCUS

### LEAD THEMES

- Adventure in nature
- Culinary experiences
- Wellness
- Pre/post cruise attractions and activities
- Ambassador stories aligned to themes



# **Consumer Marketing**

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Consumer Marketing



**Objectives:** Increase consideration, market share and future and immediate visitation

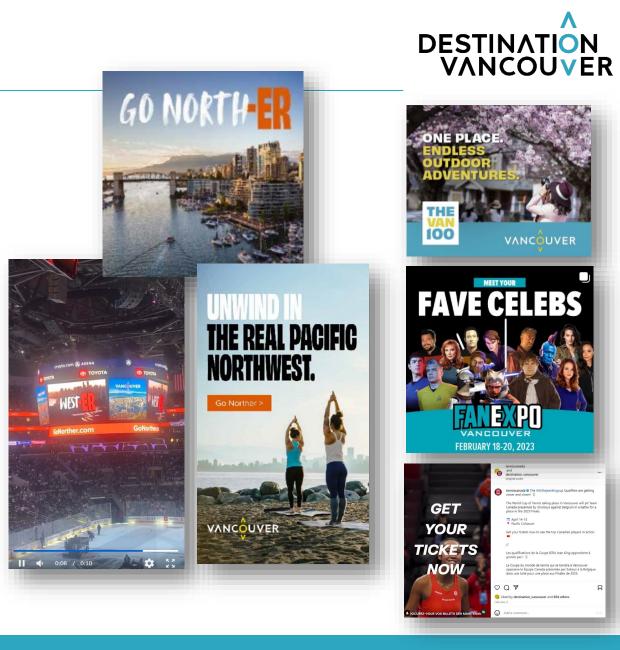
### Key areas of focus:

	СА	WA
Who/Where	High Value Guests (LA; SF)	High Value Guests (Seattle)
When	Jan-Mar; Aug-Dec	Ongoing off-peak; some always-on summer
What	Full-funnel campaigns	Low-funnel micro-campaigns
How	Boost consideration through competitive campaigns and high-profile partnerships	Social campaigns around events and seasonal offerings to create urgency to visit now
Why	<ul> <li>A place to unwind/rejuvenate</li> <li>Best of City &amp; Nature</li> <li>Diverse Global cultures</li> <li>Culinary experiences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Events, time-bound and seasonal product</li> <li>New urban experiences</li> <li>Diverse culinary experiences</li> </ul>

Consumer Marketing

### **Key Activities:**

- Consideration campaign extensions in both WA and CA (LA)
- Continued AEG partnership (LA Kings; LA Galaxy and LA Live (social, in-game, public activations)
- Social media micro-campaigns around events offers, seasonal activities in WA
- Co-op marketing campaigns in WA
- Dine Out Vancouver campaign in WA
- Ongoing search, social and performance marketing in both CA and WA
- All new full funnel campaigns for fall in CA



Consumer Marketing



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LA and SFO Fall campaigns												
LA/SFO/SEA Paid and organic social												
LA/SFO/SEA Performance and SEM					r€	educe	d					





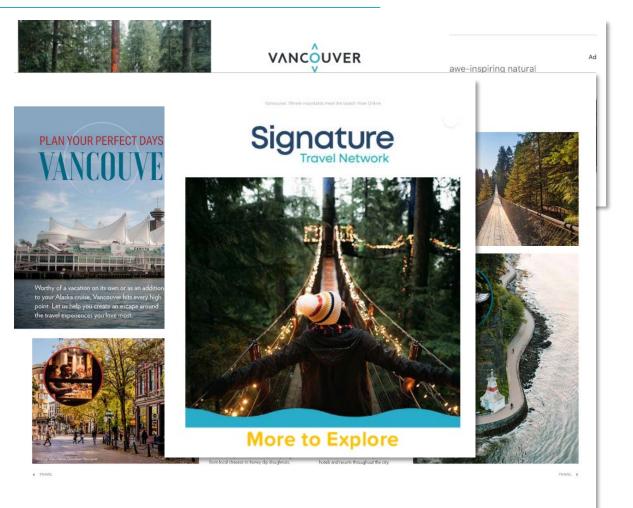
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Travel Trade



### Areas of focus:

- 60% of HVGs book through travel trade.
- Expanding trade relations with select tour operator, travel agency and OTA partners.
- Promoting Vancouver year-round with emphasis on the winter season.
- Promoting pre/post cruise stays with emphasis on sightseeing / attractions, events and activities.
- Aligning geographic target markets with consumer marketing wherever possible.
- Destination training: Vancouver Specialist Program and webinar training.
- Fam hosting
- Support air routes into Vancouver (New: Miami, Boston, Washington DC etc.)



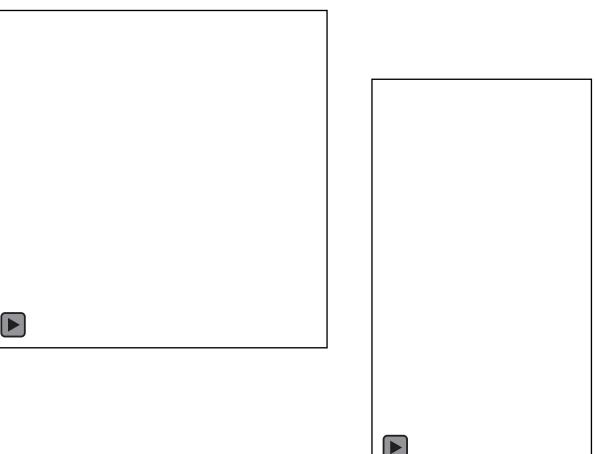
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Travel Trade

### **Key Activities:**

- Tradeshows and Sales Calls
  - RVC, Cruise 360, Virtuoso Travel Week, Signature Travel Week, California and Texas sales mission.
- Marketing Co-ops
  - Virtuoso Travel Network, Signature Travel Network etc.
- Vancouver Specialist Program
- Webinars and in person training with tour operators and travel agencies.
- Fam hosting (Travel Advisors)
- Airline partnerships (marketing campaigns and in-market events)
- Air Canada Washington DC campaign in Q1 in partnership with Destination Canada.



### Cruise



2023 was a strong year for cruise ships and passengers coming into Vancouver.

- 332 ships
- 1.2 million passengers

### 2024 looks to be even stronger!

- 355 ships (subject to change)
- 1.3 million passengers

### 2024 focus:

- Promoting pre/post cruise
- Encouraging longer stays
- Highlighting attractions, sightseeing activities and events

Where cruise passengers travel from: USA: 64% *Top States: California, Florida, Texas, New York and Ohio* Canada: 18% United Kingdom: 8% Australia: 5%



### **Media Relations and PR Activities - US**

### **Key Activities:**

- Media Pitching
- Media Press Trips and Hosting
- Conferences:
  - IMM New York
  - Travel Classics West
  - Public Relations Society of America
- Desksides/In-Market Event
  - Washington, D.C./New York
  - Los Angeles/San Francisco
  - Seattle
  - Texas NEW









# Meetings & Conventions

## Meetings & Conventions Sales & Services – Trends

#### North America



#### What's still the same?

- High costs across event supply chain
- Hotel compression
- Staffing levels improving but not at full recovery
- Polarized atmosphere impacting location choice, intensifying as elections approach





## Meetings & Conventions Sales & Services– Trends

#### North America

- Clients continue to forge ahead in spite of challenges
  - Amplified probes legal and procurement
  - Strong attendance in 2024
  - Budgets remain flat despite increase costs
  - Work Life Balance
  - Late registrations wreak havoc
  - Finding space and lack of flexibility on contract terms
- Artificial Intelligence what does this mean to our industry
- Increased interest US Associations who have not met outside the US





## Meetings & Conventions Sales & Services – Areas of Focus

#### United States

#### In Market

- New Team
- Increase the lead pipeline for future years
- Promote new air access from major cities
  - Sales Missions
  - Sales Trips
  - Client events
  - Industry partnerships
  - Conferences
  - Tradeshows
  - In-market local events







#### **Meetings & Conventions Sales & Services – Areas of Focus** United States



- In Vancouver
  - Client Site Inspections
  - Hosting high profile in-Vancouver Industry Events
  - Board Meetings
  - Fams supporting our incredible partners
  - Rebook 2024 citywides



## **Meetings & Conventions – Strategic Partnerships**

United States



#### Meetings, Conventions and Events – 2024 Notable and New

United States



## site Texas

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**Connecting STEM Society Professionals** 



## In VANCOUVER - Society for Incentive Travel Excellence (SITE) Texas, April 25 – 27

 11th Annual Technology Summit, 100 attendees, 1/1 client ratio, incentive and corporate market

#### In VANCOUVER - Maritz Elevate, April 28 – May 2

VIP client event, 320 attendees (100 top clients, 100 Maritz leaders, 100 industry partners, 20 staff), incentive and corporate as well as some association

CESSE CEO Conference – 2025 tentative

ConferenceDirect Top 25 Performance Recognition Trip – 2025 tentative



Year 2 membership

## Meetings & Conventions - 2024 In-Market Activities

United States

#### **Q1**

PCMA Convening Leaders – San Diego, CA AMCI Institute Annual – Las Vegas, NV CESSE CEO Conference – Savannah, GA NYSAE - New York City LAX Canucks – Los Angeles MIC - Denver

ConferenceDirect APM – Las Vegas, NV Business Events Industry Week – Washington, DC HelmsBriscoe ABC – Las Vegas, NV CVENT Connect – San Antonio, TX ASAE Executive Leadership Forum - Toronto PCMA Educon – Detroit, MI









## **Mexico**

#### Mexico



2024 Visitation - #4 Length of Stay - #4 Spend per Trip - #6 Seasonality Support - #2

#### **2023 VISITATION**

Est 193,000 +51% visitation YOY 125% of 2019 visitation

#### **2023 SPEND**

\$2,100 per visitor

#### AIR SERVICE

Air Canada MEX 8x/week

AeroMexico MEX 23x/week

#### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 2023 visitation from Mexico is pacing to be the highest overnight visitation on record
- Strong demand for winter travel to support off-peak season development
- Partnership opportunities with Destination BC, Destination Canada, Tourism Whistler, Airlines, YVR & VHDA
- New air service from Guadalajara to Vancouver launching May 31, 2024,

with Flair Airlines, increasing market potential

INVESTMENT ALLOCATION		SEASONAL FOCUS
		PEAK   OFF-PEAK
	Consumer	0%   100%
	Trade & Development	15%   85%
	Media	0%   100%
	Meetings & Conventions	

#### LEAD THEMES

- Best of City & Nature
- High-quality Culinary Experiences
- Outdoor Activities
- Unwind & Rejuvenation





# **Consumer Marketing**



Consumer Marketing



#### **Objectives:** Increase overall intention to visit now and in the future.

#### Key areas of focus:

Mexico			
Who/Where	o/Where High Value Guests (Mexico City and Guadalajara)		
When	Jan-Feb; Oct-Dec		
What	Full-funnel campaign with waves of post-campaign research		
How	Promote the indulgent, refreshing and relaxing experiences that only a city in nature can give; Support with retail marketing; Highlight trade partners on Spanish landing page to complete the journey.		
Why	<ul> <li>The best of city and nature in one place</li> <li>Wellness offerings and chance to rejuvenate</li> <li>Luxurious urban experiences including dining and Michelin</li> <li>New flight and trusted trade partners</li> </ul>		

### Mexico

Consumer Marketing



#### **Key Activities:**

- Q4 23 Campaign extension
- Ongoing search, social and performance
   marketing in both cities
- All new full-funnel campaigns for winter
- Possible partnership with Volaris
- Spanish website & social channels
- Referrals to key trade partners in MX
- Post-campaign learnings from Fall '23 and ongoing "Intention to visit" survey check-ins.





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Paid and organic social												
Winter campaign												
Performance and SEM					r€	educe	ed					





## Mexico

Travel Trade

#### 5,000 room nights booked



#### Areas of focus:

- Expanding trade relations with select tour operator, travel agency and OTA partners.
- Winter product development
- Promoting Vancouver year-round with emphasis on the winter season.
- Promoting pre/post cruise stays with emphasis on sightseeing / attractions, events and activities.
- Mexico City & Guadalajara
- Destination training
- Support air routes into Vancouver (New: Guadalajara 2 x weekly with Flair)
- Leveraging opportunities with partners (DC, DBC, Whistler, VHDA, YVR etc.)



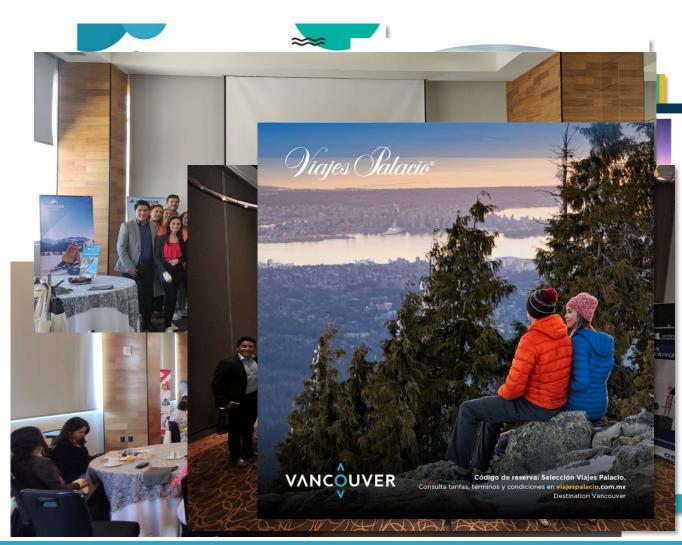
## Mexico

Travel Trade

#### **Key Activities:**

- Tradeshows and Sales Calls
  - RVC, Mexico Sales Calls, Mexico Client Event, Focus Canada, Virtuoso Travel Week on Tour.
- Marketing Co-ops
  - Viajes de Palacio, NAO, Dream Destinations, Mega Travel etc.
- Vancouver Specialist Program
- Webinars and in person training.
- Fam hosting (tour operators & travel advisors)
- Airline partnerships (marketing campaigns and in-market events)





## **Media Relations and PR Activities - Mexico**

#### DESTINATION VANCOUVER

#### **Key Activities:**

- Media Pitching
- Media Press Trips and Hosting
- Media desksides
- Conferences:
  - Focus Canada
- Joint In-Market Activation

#### TARGET OUTLETS:

Hotbook, Travesias, Travel and Leisure, National Geographic Traveler, and more.





# Meetings & Conventions

## Meetings & Conventions – Mexico – 2024 priorities





North America

- World Meeting Forum, Meixco, November 2023
  - Four members attending with Maggy & Luke
- Areas of focus
  - Incentive market from key sectors, such as automotive, financial and retail
- In-Market Activities
  - Vancouver client event in Mexico City in partnership Consumer Marketing team, February
  - MPI & SITE Chapter meetings
  - IBTM America's, August
  - World Meeting Forum, November
- Two M&C Mexico FAMS for 2024



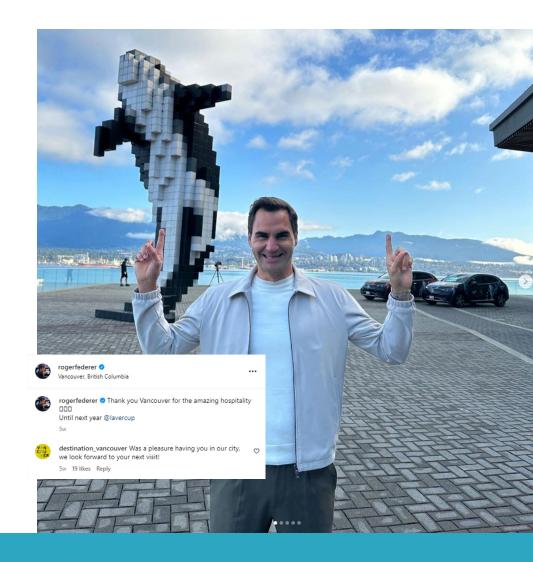
# **Destination Events**

## **Destination Events – Sport & Culture**



2024 Priorities

- Newly established Cultural Tourism Event Fund (in partnership with VHDA) to grow, attract, and develop cultural events and festivals in Vancouver.
- Continue strong collaboration with Sport Hosting Vancouver to evaluate and secure major sporting events
- Activate Destination Vancouver's marketing team to maximize event hosting opportunities across Destination Events (Content generation, influencer/athlete engagement, experiential packages etc.)
- Support/Develop future bids
- Advocacy industry relationships that impact Destination Events – City of Vancouver, Vancouver Parks Board, BIAs, Venues and Hotels, Attractions etc.



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#### Sport

#### 2024

- Canada Cup Fencing (Jan)
- Canada Open Taekwondo (Feb)
- Vancouver Sevens Invitational Rugby (Feb)
- HSBC SVNS Vancouver Rugby (Feb)
- BMO Marathon (May)
- CFL Grey Cup (Nov)

## 2025

- Invictus Games (Feb)
- USPORTS Basketball National C'ships (March)

### **Cultural Events**

#### 2024

- The Infinite Space Explorers (active until March)
- PUSH Festival (Jan)
- Vancouver Intl. Wine Festival (Feb)
- JFL (Just For Laughs) Vancouver (Feb)
- Battle of BC Gaming (March)
- Coast City Country Music Festival (April)
- Great Outdoor Comedy Festival (Sept)





## **United Kingdom**

## **United Kingdom**

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#### **OVERALL RANKING - #6**

2024 Visitation - #6 Spend Per Trip - #2 Cruise Demand - #3 Seasonality Support - #11

#### **2023 VISITATION**

Est 166,000 +12% visitation YOY 79% of 2019 visitation

**2023 SPEND** \$2,499 per visitor

#### **AIR SERVICE**

Air Canada LHR 8x/week

British Airways LHR 8x/week LGW 8x/week

#### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

- Strong desire and travel bookings despite high inflation and record high interest rates.
- Destination Canada have shift focus to Sept-March exclusively strengthening opportunity for alignment and partnership.
- Global corporations and international associations based in London.
- Increase in global route access supports the market due to the global attendee demographic.







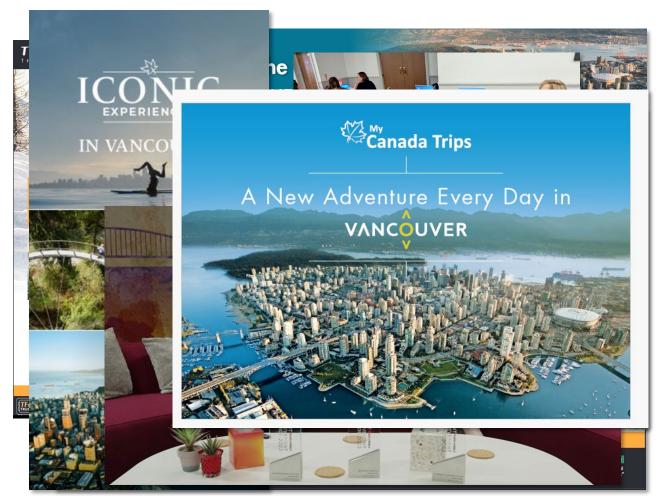
## **United Kingdom**

Travel Trade



Areas of focus:

- Winter product development
- Promoting Vancouver year-round with emphasis on the winter season.
- Promoting pre/post cruise stays with emphasis on sightseeing / attractions, events and activities.
- Destination training
- Support air routes into Vancouver (New: Gatwick with British Airways)
- Leveraging opportunities with partners (DC, DBC, Whistler, VHDA, YVR etc.)



## **United Kingdom**

#### + 50,000 room nights booked



Key Activities:

Travel Trade

- Tradeshows and Sales Calls
  - RVC, spring sales calls and client event, and Showcase Canada.
- Marketing Co-ops
  - Canadian Affair, First Class Holidays, Trailfinders, My Canada Trips etc.
- Vancouver Specialist Program
- Webinars and in person training
- Fam hosting (tour operators & travel advisors)
- Airline partnerships (marketing campaigns and in-market events)



## Media Relations and PR Activities – United Kingdom



#### **Key Activities:**

- Media Pitching
- Media Press Trips and Hosting
  - Meetings & Conventions/MICE
- Joint In-market Activation
- Desksides
- Investment in on-going Agency Representation (KBC)

**TARGET OUTLETS:** Wanderlust Magazine, The Times UK, The Telegraph, and more.





# Meetings & Conventions

## Meetings & Conventions – International Market Trends

UK, Europe, Oceania and APAC



- Business Events cautious optimism for 2024 from global M&C markets
  - Full Group segment recovery anticipate for 2026, lead volume not at 2019 levels
  - Business Travel and Meetings grow while leisure travel levels out
  - Incentive and Corporate Meeting events promote team culture
  - Strong attendee numbers for corporate meetings and incentives, as remote work is driving in-person meeting value
  - Continued late registration, within 60 days, by delegates, but International Associations continue to perform well, based on their industry sector (ex, Life Sciences)

#### • Destination and Event Sustainability

 Destination & Supplier support on regional sustainability knowledge to reduce client's carbon footprint of events hosted in Vancouver

## Meetings & Conventions, Business Development – 2024 Priorities

Regional partnership for business development





- Bid for high value citywide and self-contained opportunities with the Vancouver Convention Centre sales team, Stephanie and Claire
- MIND Program local events
  - Award and Recognition events
  - UBC & SFU sector specific seminars
- Economic Development Business Event Support
  - Partnership with VHDA
  - BC Life Sciences
  - Frontier Collective
  - Greater Vancouver Board of Trade
  - Invest Vancouver



## Meetings & Conventions, 2024 Priorities

VANCOUVER

International Association

### IBTM Barcelona successful week, November 2023

• Partnership with VCC, VHDA and Destination Canada

## **Areas of Focus**

• Life Sciences, Tech along with key sectors aligned with Invest Vancouver, UBC or SFU priority sectors.

## **In-Market Activities**

- Vancouver Sales Week, London, April
- IMEX Frankfurt, May
- PCMA EAME, Barcelona, September
- ICCA Congress, Abu Dhabi, October
- IBTM World, Barcelona, November

## Meetings & Conventions – Global Market – 2024 Priorities

International Corporate





- UK M&C FAM, December 3-5
  - Lois hosting with Tourism Whistler
- Areas of Focus
  - Global meeting and incentive events, from Law, Consulting, Financial
- In-Market Activities
  - Vancouver client event in London, in partnership with Consumer Marketing, April
  - The Meeting Show, London, June
  - In-Voyage, MICEBOOK and SITE GB
    - Lois is now on the SITE GB Board of Directors
- Two M&C FAMS for 2024
- AIME, Melbourne, February for Oceania-APAC M&C market research to guide our market strategy.





## Germany

### Germany

#### **OVERALL RANKING - #9**

2023 Visitation - #8 2023 Spend per Trip - #9 Repeat Visitation - #8 Seasonality Support - #12

#### **2023 VISITATION**

Est 82,000 +18% visitation YOY 80% of 2019 visitation

#### 2023 SPEND

\$1,774 per visitor

#### **AIR SERVICE**

Air Canada FRA 3x/week

Condor FRA 2x/week

Lufthansa FRA 8x/week MUC 4x/week

#### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

- Highest concentration of high value visitors with 1.7M actively considering Canada.
- 80% of travellers book via a travel advisor.
- Eco-friendly accommodation are important with 50% of travellers willing to pay a premium.
- High interest for Indigenous experiences and cultural activities.





SEASONAL FOCUS					
PEAK	OFF-PEAK				
10%	90%				
30%	70%				

#### LEAD THEMES

- Nature / wildlife viewing
- Walkable / bike friendly city to explore
- Sustainable travel in Vancouver
- Indigenous





# Germany

Travel Trade

# Areas of focus:

- Winter product development
- Promoting Vancouver year-round with emphasis on the winter season.
- Destination training
- Leveraging opportunities with partners (DC, DBC, Whistler, VHDA, YVR etc.)
- Support air routes into Vancouver (campaign with Condor)



Westkanadas Traumstadt Starten eure Wohnmobilreise durch Westkanada mit einem Stadtaufenthalt in Vancouver. Vancouver ist mit seiner traumhaften Lage zwischen dem Pazifik und den Coast Mountains eine der schönsten Städte der Welt. Entdeckt den Stanley Park mit dem Fahrrad, schlendert über den Markt auf Granville Islands oder spaziert durch den ältesten Stadtteil -Gastown.

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Der Winter in British Columbia ist zaubenhaft Die kalte Jahreszeit. bietet mindestens genauss viele Aktivitäten wie der Sommer und i damit ein echter Geheimtigs. Wenn feinster Pulverschnee die Bergkulisse bedeckt, werden Hundeschlittentouren und Schneeschultwanderungen zu unvergessichen Erlebnissen. Auch Skifahrer und Snowboarder kommen in den zahlreichen Sitgebiet von British Columbia auf ihre Kosten. Die Wettmetrople Vancours

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ist dabei der perfekt... Mehr anzeige

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# Germany

Travel Trade

# + 55,000 room nights



- Tradeshows
  - RVC and Showcase Canada
- Marketing Co-ops
  - CANUSA Touristik, CRD Touristik, ADAC Reisen, SK Touristik etc.
- Vancouver Specialist Program: Now available in German
- Fam hosting (tour operators & travel advisors)
- Airline partnerships (marketing campaigns to support core routes)





# Media Relations and PR Activities - Germany

# **Key Activities:**

- Media FAMs and Hosting
- In collaboration with industry partners (DBC, DC etc.)



German Travel Show - "Herr Raue reist – Mr. Tim Raue Travels 5 million viewership on Magenta TV





# Australia

# Australia

### **OVERALL RANKING -** #5

2023 Spend Per Trip - #1 2024 Visitation - #3 2023 Visitation - #4 Seasonality Support - #7

### **2023 VISITATION**

Est 177,000 +59% visitation YOY 80% of 2019 visitation

### **2023 SPEND**

\$2,973 per visit Highest international spend

**AIR SERVICE** 

Air Canada SYD 8x/week BNE 8x/week AKL 2x/week

Qantas SYD 3x/week

Air New Zealand AKL 7x/week

### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

- Australians travelling more and for longer. Motivated by new and one-of-a-kind experiences.
- Tour operators increasingly interested in building winter programs.
- The outbound market includes long haul incentive programs with generally high spend per delegate.
- Strong competition for incentive business from New Zealand, Japan, and South Africa.

### INVESTMENT ALLOCATION

- Consumer
  - Trade & Development
- Media
- Meetings & Conventions

# SEASONAL FOCUS

PEAK | OFF-PEAK 0% | 100%

20% | 80%

10% | 90%

LEAD THEMES

- Modern city with easy access to outdoors
- Unique attractions
- Pre/Post ski and cruise
- Festive season
- Differentiated incentive experience





# **Consumer Marketing**



Consumer Marketing



**Objectives:** Increase consideration. Maximize city stays as part of winter itineraries.

# Key areas of focus:

	Australia						
Who/Where	High Value Guests (Sydney)						
When	May-Sep (to influence winter and '25 spring)						
What	Full-funnel campaign and consumer show						
How	Prospect winter and ski travelers with city experiences Highlight trade partners as the CTA						
Why	<ul> <li>Outdoor winter adventure; sport and pre-post ski</li> <li>Wellness offerings and chance to rejuvenate</li> <li>Luxurious urban experiences including dining and Michelin</li> <li>Trusted trade partners</li> </ul>						



- Snow Travel Expo participation
- Full-funnel winter/spring campaign
- Ongoing paid search, social and performance marketing
- Support trade partners and air routes





AUSTRALIA												
Activity		Winter		Spring			Summer			Fall		
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Snow Travel Expo												
Paid and organic social												
Fall and winter campaign												
Performance and SEM												





# Australia

Travel Trade

# Areas of focus:

- Winter product development
- Promoting Vancouver year-round with emphasis on the winter season.
- Promoting pre/post cruise stays with emphasis on sightseeing / attractions, events and activities.
- Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne
- Destination training
- Support air routes into Vancouver (Air Canada, Qantas and Air New Zealand)







# Australia

Travel Trade

# + 5,000 room nights



- Tradeshows and Sales Calls
  - RVC, Virtuoso Travel Week On Tour and sales calls.
- Marketing Co-ops
  - Travel Associates, Flight Centre, Helloworld, Entire Travel Group etc.
- Vancouver Specialist Program
- Webinar destination training
- Fam hosting (tour operators & travel advisors)
- Airline partnerships (marketing campaigns and in-market events)
  - Air New Zealand campaign in Q1





# Media Relations and PR Activities - Australia

- Media Pitching
- Media Press Trips and Hosting









# China

### **OVERALL RANKING - #3**

2023 Visitation - #7 2024 Visitation - #5 2023 Expenditures - #3 Seasonality Support - #1

### **2023 VISITATION**

Est 45,000 (to June) 35% of 2019 visitation

### 2023 SPEND

\$2,498 per visitor

### **AIR SERVICE**

Shanghai 4/week Beijing 1/week Shenzhen 1/week Chengdu 1/week Xiamen 1/week ~16% of 2019 levels

Hong Kong 3 daily Seoul 2 daily ~28% Chinese origin travelling from HK, some also using Korea to transit.

### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

- #1 market for seasonality support with Chinese New Year and Golden Week falling in fall and winter.
- Forecast to be the largest outbound market within the next few years.
- OTAs are important and consumers are very comfortable booking with OTAs.
- Travel agency landscape in very competitive with a lot of agent movement between agencies and to work independently.

### INVESTMENT ALLOCATION

### SEASONAL FOCUS

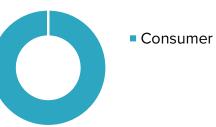
PEAK | OFF-PEAK

0% | 100%

### LEAD THEMES

- Relaxation & Rejuvenation
- Attractions
- High Quality Culinary / Michelin
- Sustainability
- Luxury Retail







# **Consumer Marketing**



Consumer Marketing



# **Objectives:** Re-build consideration for the destination

# Key areas of focus:

	China
Who/Where	High Value Guests (Shanghai, Beijing- TBD)
When	Aug-Nov
What	Full-funnel strategies via a marketing partner with a vast traveler audience
How	Social Media + OTA marketing: targeted impressions, inspiring content, audience scale and fulfillment.
Why	<ul> <li>Spring and winter wellness travel and pre-post ski</li> <li>Rejuvenation through nature and luxury urban experiences</li> <li>High-end shopping and Michelin dining</li> </ul>



# Key Activities (DRAFT):

- Partnerships with: C-Trip, largest OTA
- Ongoing social including:
  - Weibo
  - Xiaohongshu, Neo-OTA
  - Douyin
- Chinese website (TBD)





CHINA												
Activity		Winter		Spring			Summer			Fall		
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Campaign package (OTA) TBC												
Social Media												

# Marketing Calendar

Consumer Marketing



MARKET OR COUNTRY	CITY, STATE OR SEGMENT	WIN	TER	SPRING			SUMMER			FALL				
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CANADA	British-Columbia (Capital Region, Okanagan)													
	Alberta (Calgary, Edmonton)													
UNITED STATES	California (Los Angeles)													
	California (San Francisco)													
	Washington (Seattle)													
CHINA	Shanghai / Beljing													
MEXICO	Mexico City													
	Guadalajara													
AUSTRALIA	TBD													
PERFORMANCE	All Priority markets													
DINE OUT & CO-OPS	Local													



# 2024 Member & Partner Alignment



- Leveraging DVan's campaigns, investment and timing
- Creative alignment and tools
- Improved experience for referrals
- Leveraging audiences
- Amplification of campaigns through member channels.
- New Offers Page for Member specials, promotions and value-adds







# **Market Development:**

- Supporting partners with content, itinerary / product development and hosting in destination.
- Assessing Travel Trade & Media opportunities in Asia.
- Considering Singapore, Japan and South Korea.



温哥华,一座很容易让人爱上的城市。它坐落在山 海之间,被森林环绕,温润、美丽、包容而充满生 机。

它更是世界最"绿"的城市、世界最宜居城市、最美 丽城市,世界最佳大城市。

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Vancouver Social Media Post Earns 5 Million Views in China

Destination BC China recently launched a series of BC-themed videos through DBC's social channels in China, each customized for that market. One of these videos, "Vancouver, a City Utopia to Nature", was a swift success, racking up nearly one million views and over 60,000 comments/likes on DBC's owned WeChat and Weibo channels in just two weeks. With amplification by influencers that DBC is working with, the video's total views have reached five million. The 3.5-minute video showcases Vancouver's appeal as a fourseason destination with key experiences, along with highlights such as its diverse culture and sustainability.

SEE THE VIDEO  $\rightarrow$ 

# Asia

## Market Development (Travel Trade & Media)





## Singapore

- New AC flight launching April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Southeast Asia hub into North America via Vancouver.
- Product development with trade
- Destination training
- Fams and media hosting around new flight.



### Japan

- Direct flights with AC, ANA and now ZipAir (new)
- Weak Yen and increased prices are challenging
- More Canadians flying to Japan than Japanese
   to Canada
- With low air capacity between China, Chinese travellers fly via Japan
- Covid restrictions only lifted in May 2023
- Low awareness for Canada
- Trip length to Canada 4-6 days
- Short booking window
- Japanese HVG are interested to travel in fall and winter



# South Korea

- 2nd largest outbound tourism market in Asia.
- 1.7 million HVG with immediate potential to travel to Canada.
- Canada ranks No 1 for NPS with HVG
- Direct air access with AC and Korean Airlines
- Low awareness for Canada
- Korea sets trends that have a ripple effect into the rest of Asia
- Top drivers: fine-dining, bragging rights, good value for money, beautiful outdoor scenery and landscape

Market Development (Travel Trade & Media)



- Supporting partners active in the markets with itinerary and product development.
- Tradeshow attendance:
  - RVC
- Member of CITAP
- Vancouver Specialist Program
- Destination training via webinar
- Fam and media hosting
- Airline partnerships (Air Canada, ZipAir)







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