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GERMANY STRATEGIC REPORT 2023 GLOBAL TRAVELLER RESEARCH PROGRAM



CANADIAN TOURISM DATA
collective

Focus of This Report

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- *Key Insights*
- *Overall Travel Outlook & Trends*
- *Canada vs. Competitive Destinations*
- *Increasing Fall & Winter Visitation*
- *Sustainability*
- *Indigenous Tourism*



Study Overview: Germany Market



The target population are residents aged 18 years and older who have taken a long-haul pleasure trip, where they had stayed at least 4 nights with a minimum of 1 night in paid accommodations in the past 3 years, or plan to take such a trip in the next 2 years.

HVG Audience Definition: Frequent travellers who are likely to travel long-haul in the next two years and either earn 3,000€+ household income per month or are retired.




Timing of Fieldwork

December 12th – 18th 2023



**Geographical Definition
for Qualified Trips**

**Outside of: Europe,
North Africa and the
Mediterranean**



Sample Distribution

Sample distribution:	National
High Value Guest (HVG) Audience:	456
Other travellers:	1062
Total sample size:	1518

TOTAL GERMANY PERSPECTIVE
Where applicable, insights are drawn from two of YouGov’s proprietary syndicated data products, YouGov Global Travel Profiles and YouGov DestinationIndex to provide overall trends among the population of Total Germans 18+

- In 2023, DC switched research providers to YouGov Canada, with the project being migrated over to YouGov’s proprietary panel.
 - As a result, no trending is available for the Germany market.



Key Insights



Travel Outlook & Trends

- **Frequency of international travel** exceeds domestic, with approximately **eight in ten** German travellers visiting international destinations at least once in two years. Amongst the HVG audience, propensity for international travel is even higher
- At **14 million each**, the highest number of **Germans typically travel** in the **Summer** and **Fall** months, but the **Spring** is a close third at **12M**
- When it comes to **planning their vacations**, Germans **increasingly rely on friends/family** but use **online random searches** just as frequently. Of note is an **uptick in** the role **social media** plays in planning. This is also the top media Germans cite as an ideal place to advertise to catch their attention
- Approximately **40%** of Germans **have utilized travel agents or tour operators**; the **primary use** for them is to **book flights** and **accommodations**
- In terms of **extreme weather events**, about **half are concerned** but the vast majority did not need to change past plans due to this. On the other hand, at about **60%**, **international conflicts** are of **greater concern**. And, **one in five** have had to **change plans in the past 3 years**



Canada vs. Competitive Set

- Overall, and amongst the HVG audience, **Canada ranks 3rd** in terms of **unaided consideration for long-haul destinations in the next two years**, behind **USA** and **Thailand**. This is in line with **past visitation (ever)** where the **US leads** by a substantial margin and is followed by **Canada, Thailand** and **UAE**
- Half of Germans who have ever visited Canada have done so **3 or more times**.
- **Canada leads the category** in terms of **NPS** score. **At +35, Canada is substantially higher than the US (+17)** despite its lower visitor base
- **The next 2-year immediate potential for Canada is 6.3M**, including 2.7M HVGs
- Currently, **Canada owns place to avoid surprises during holidays**, and **stands out as** being a place that is **safe for visiting, environmentally friendly, socially responsible, place where nature can be enjoyed in close proximity to cities, a great place to see wildlife in its natural habitat** and **a good place to live**



Key Insights



Key Drivers & Opportunities

- The top drivers of consideration are: **being a place to visit with family/ friends** and **being a good place to live** among total German travellers and HVG audience
- **Secondary drivers** among total travellers include: *having an experiential culture* and *being a great holiday destination to avoid surprises*; while *pride to tell people you've visited*, *trending as must-visit spot*, and *having an experiential culture* could also drive consideration among HVGs
- **Several dimensions represent white space** in which no single destination dominates. Compared to top drivers of destination consideration, the following could be **key opportunity areas for Canada to focus on**: *being a place to visit with my friends or family*
- There is also opportunity to drive consideration to visit by **boosting perceptions of highly influential drivers like**: *being a good place to live*, *a place you would be proud to tell people you visited*, and *having an experiential culture* (currently a weakness for Canada)



Fall/Winter Travel

- **Canada is a top destination** that comes to mind for **Fall travel**, a close **second to the US**. In terms of **Winter travel** destinations, Canada **ranks a distant third**, behind **Austria and Switzerland**
- There is an **opportunity for Canada to attract more visitors** from Germany in the **Fall and Winter** seasons
- In terms of **immediate potential for Canada**, there are **7.6 million** Germans **seriously considering a visit** in the **Fall** which is **more than double the potential of Winter (3.4 million)**. It's likely that Canada will be competing with popular destinations within Europe such as **Austria and Switzerland** for Winter holidays
- **Fall activities** that Germans are **most interested** in are: **natural attractions**, **northern lights** and **hiking in nature**. In the **Winter**, the **northern lights**, **city sightseeing**, and **culinary experiences** are the activities they are interested in. Given their **stronger interest in snow sports**, there may be an **opportunity to communicate Canada's offering more directly to HVGs**





Sustainable Travel

- While **sustainability** is only a **moderate priority** among most German travellers and the HVG audience on a stated level, **environmental-friendliness** and **social responsibility** still fall in the top half of consideration drivers for German travellers
- **Canada** currently leads on **perceptions of being socially responsible**, but **falls behind Iceland** on **environmentally-friendly**
- The **primary barrier** to sustainable travel is the **perceived expense**. **HVGs** are more likely to say travelling sustainably would **limit the types of activities** and **doesn't meet their needs for comfort or luxury**
- Sustainability efforts that are **most important** for travellers include: the **local culture not being impacted by tourism** and **having eco-friendly transportation options**. **HVGs** place **equal level of importance** on having **eco-friendly accommodations** and knowing their money is **directly supporting the local community** as having eco-friendly transport options



Indigenous Tourism

- At 16%, **Australia** was the **top destination mentioned on an unaided basis** when it comes to **Indigenous tourism**, followed by the **US** (12%). Mentions of **Canada** were at **just 7%** (behind **Brazil** and **Mexico**) suggesting it **does not yet stand out for its Indigenous culture**. Similarly, there are **no specific themes** that stand out when it comes to activities in experiencing the culture
- While activities around Canada's Indigenous culture on their own are not likely to be a strong influence on choice overall, about **three-quarters express an interest in related activities** during a visit in both the **Fall and Winter** season, suggesting there could be opportunity to tie seasonal activities with Indigenous activities
- **Improving knowledge** of Canada's **Indigenous culture** and **highlighting the specific activities** that can be experienced, **may help strengthen perceptions**
- Travellers are interested in a variety of activities with the **most interest in experiencing food and drink, excursions in nature and visiting Indigenous communities**. Conversely, interest is **relatively low for hunting and fishing**





Overall Travel Outlook & Trends

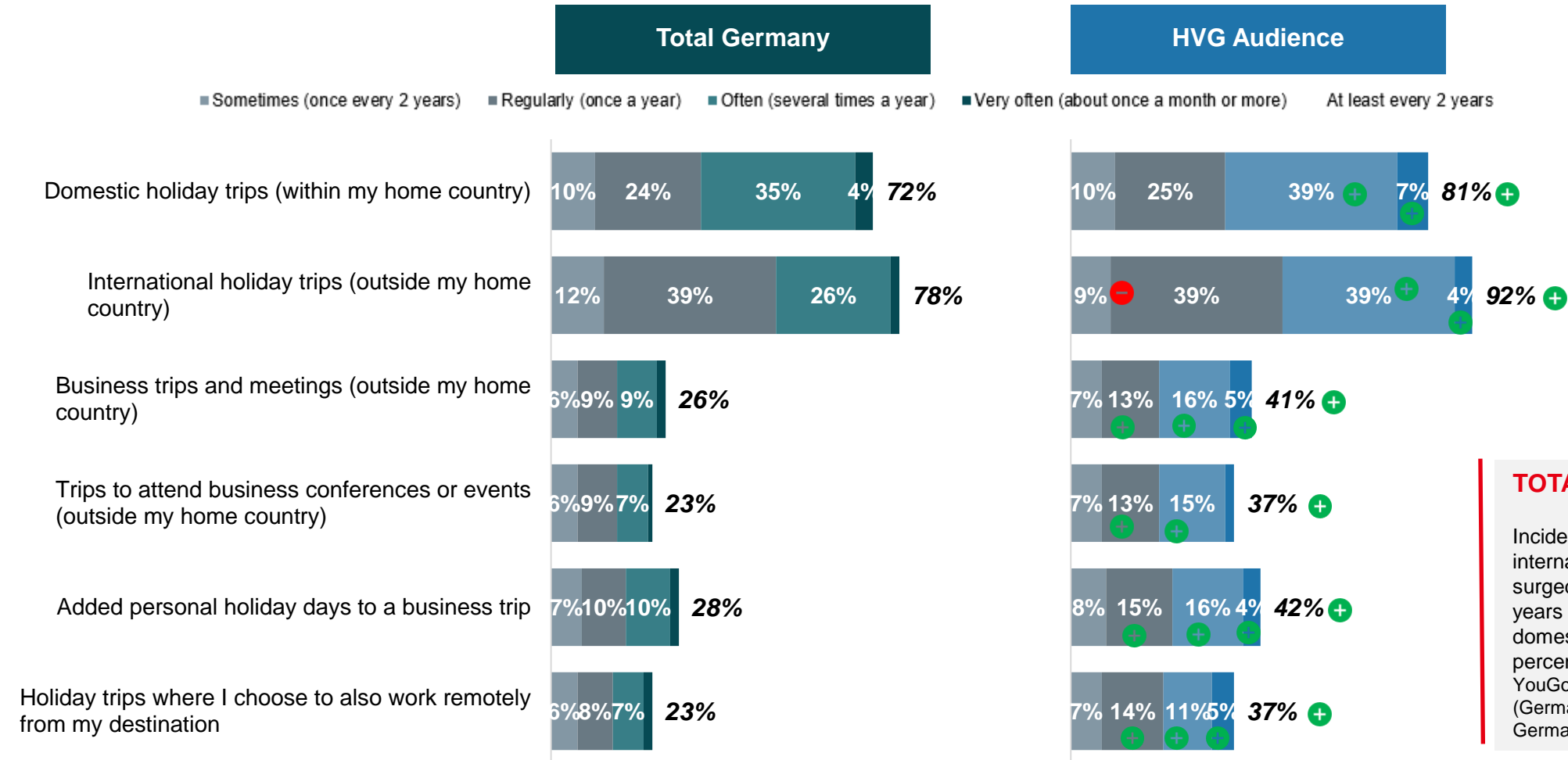


 Toronto
Ontario



Types of Travel Trips

International travel frequency exceeds domestic amongst German travellers, with almost eight in ten travelling internationally at least once every two years. Amongst the HVG audience, international travel is even more prominent.



TOTAL GERMANY

Incidence of planned international vacations has surged over the last three years and now leads planned domestic vacations by over ten percentage points

YouGov Global Travel Profiles (Germany) – 2023 Base: Total Germans 18+

Overall Demand for Long-Haul Pleasure Travel



$$\begin{array}{rclclclclcl}
 \text{Total Population 18+} & & \text{Long-Haul Traveller} & & \text{Size of Target Market} & & \text{HVG} & & \text{Size of HVG Population} \\
 69,700,000 & \times & \text{Incidence Rate} & = & 22,722,000 & \times & 30.7\% & = & 6,975,500 \\
 & & 32.6\% & & & & & &
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Total Germany

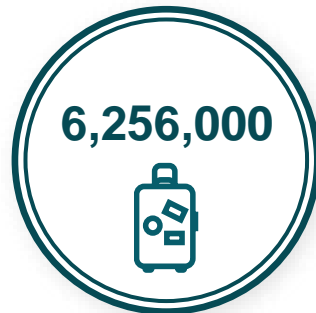
HVG Audience

Potential Market Size

Total potential long-haul pleasure travellers aged 18 years or more

Target Market for Canada

Immediate Potential for Canada



X 65.4%
Dream to purchase
Stage for Canada

X 42.1%
Likely to visit Canada
in the next 2 years¹

Total potential HVG travellers aged 18 years or more

HVG Target Market for Canada

HVG Immediate Potential for Canada



X 68.2%
Dream to purchase
Stage for Canada

X 56.4%
Likely to visit Canada
in the next 2 years¹

Base: Target market for Canada = long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years) (n=1518); Immediate potential for Canada = dream to purchase stages for P2P for Canada (n=992)

Base: Target market for Canada = long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years), HVG Audience (n=456); Immediate potential for Canada = dream to purchase stages for P2P for Canada (n=311)

¹ Includes respondents likely to visit Canada for a trip of 1 to 3 nights, or a trip of 4 nights or more.
C1. Which of the following best describes your current situation when thinking about each of the following destinations for a holiday trip? (Select one for each)
E1. Realistically, how likely are you to take a holiday trip to Canada in the next 2 years? (Select one)



Vacation Planning Methods*

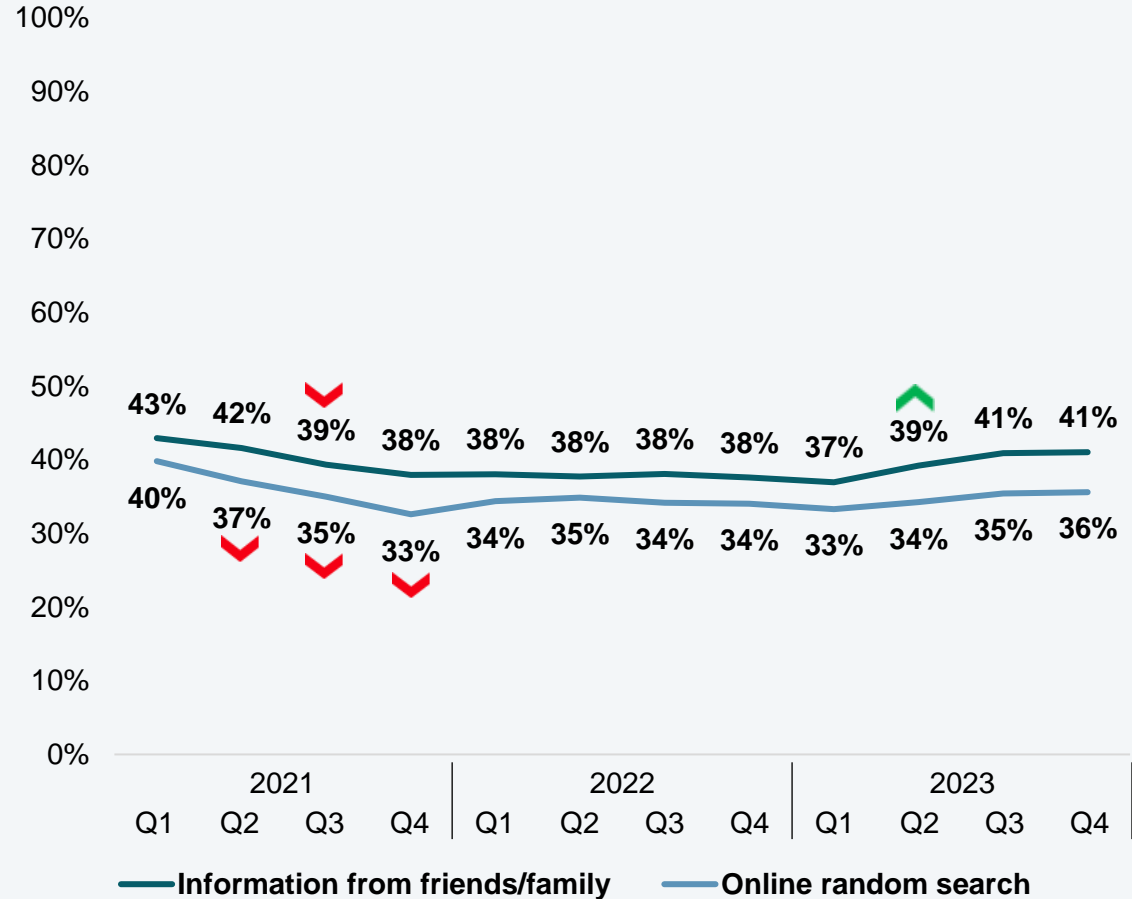


An increasing number of Germans are relying on information from friends and family when planning vacations. Online search is used by more than one third of Germans.

Vacation Planning Methods



Select Vacation Planning Methods (Trended)



*2023 Base: German 18+ (n=19,174)
 2021-2023 Quarterly Trending Base Range: German 18+ (n=4,542-4,962)
 Q: Which, if any, of the following methods do you generally use to help plan a vacation?
 Please select all that apply.

▲ / ▼ = significantly higher/lower result (vs. 2022) | ▲ / ▼ = significantly higher/lower result (vs. previous quarter)

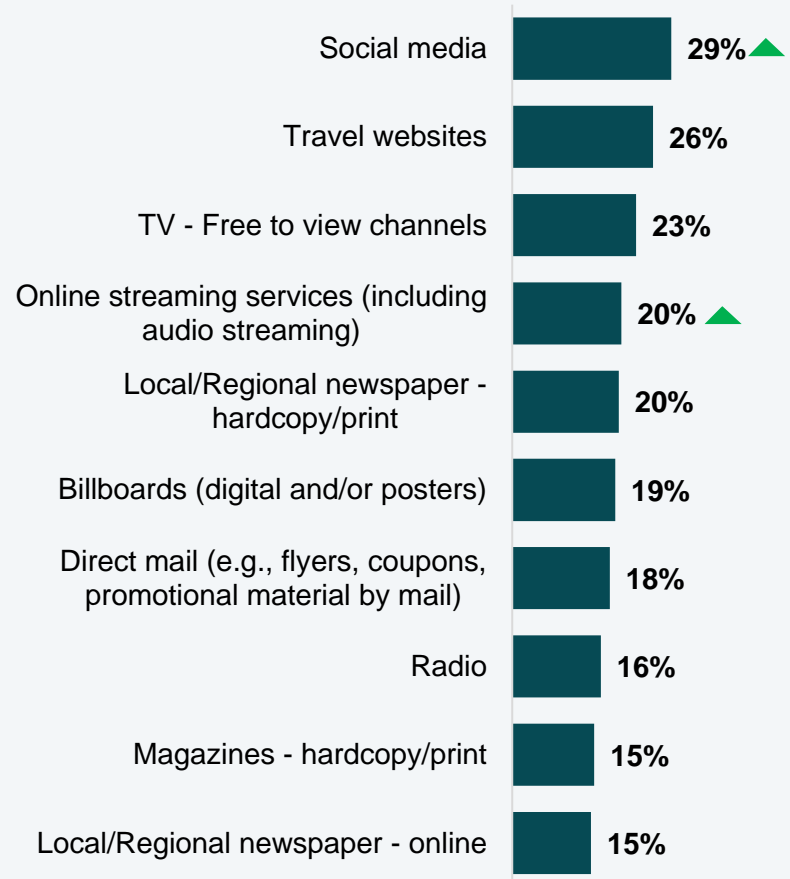


Effective Types of Travel Advertising*

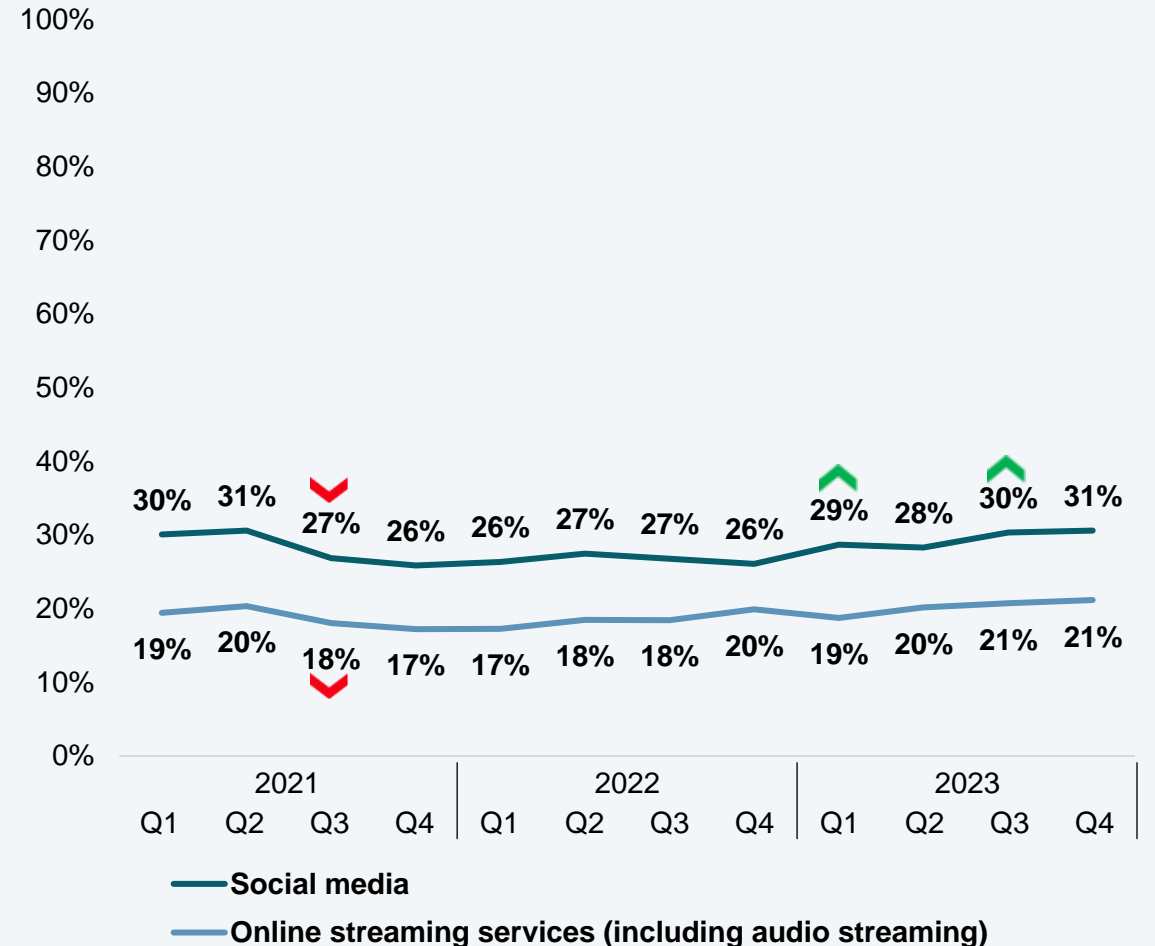


Mentions of social media and online streaming services as effective advertising channels increased in 2023. Travel websites, broadcast TV and print are also among the top mentions.

Effective Types of Travel Advertising (Top Responses)



Select Types of Travel Advertising (Trended)



*2023 Base: German 18+ (n=19,174)

2021-2023 Quarterly Trending Base Range: German 18+ (n=1,568-4,962)

Q: Thinking about your next travel- or vacation-related purchase, if you were a travel/vacation provider where would you advertise to catch your attention? Please select all that apply.



Travel Agents/Tour Operator Usage For Recent Trip

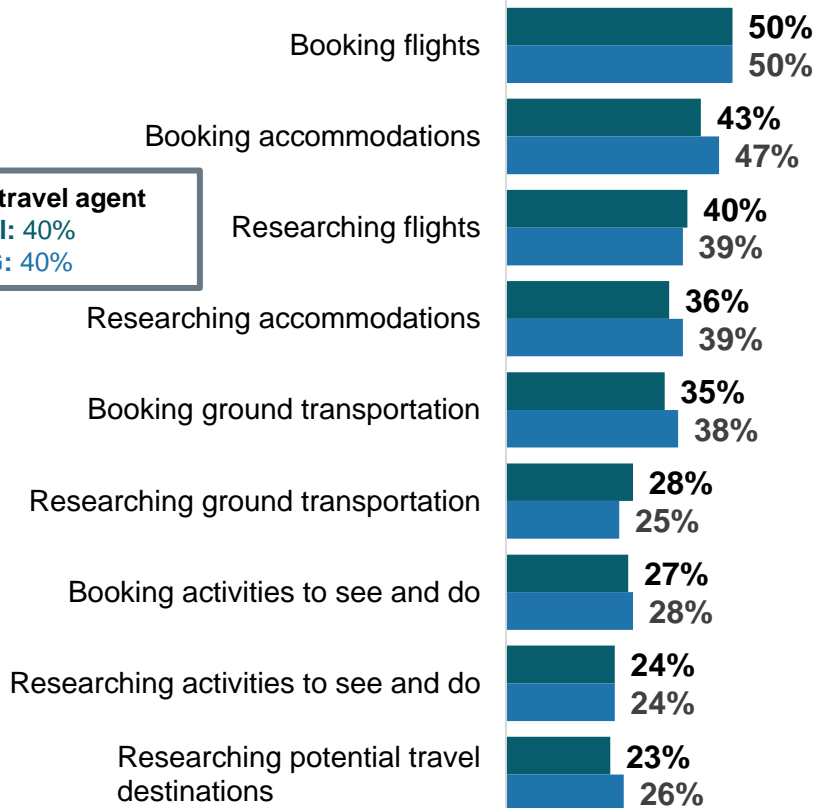


Four in ten Germans have used travel advisors; the primary use being for booking flights and accommodations.

Total Travellers to Any Destination vs. HVG Travellers to Any Destination

■ Total travellers (n=271) ■ Total HVG travellers (n=126)

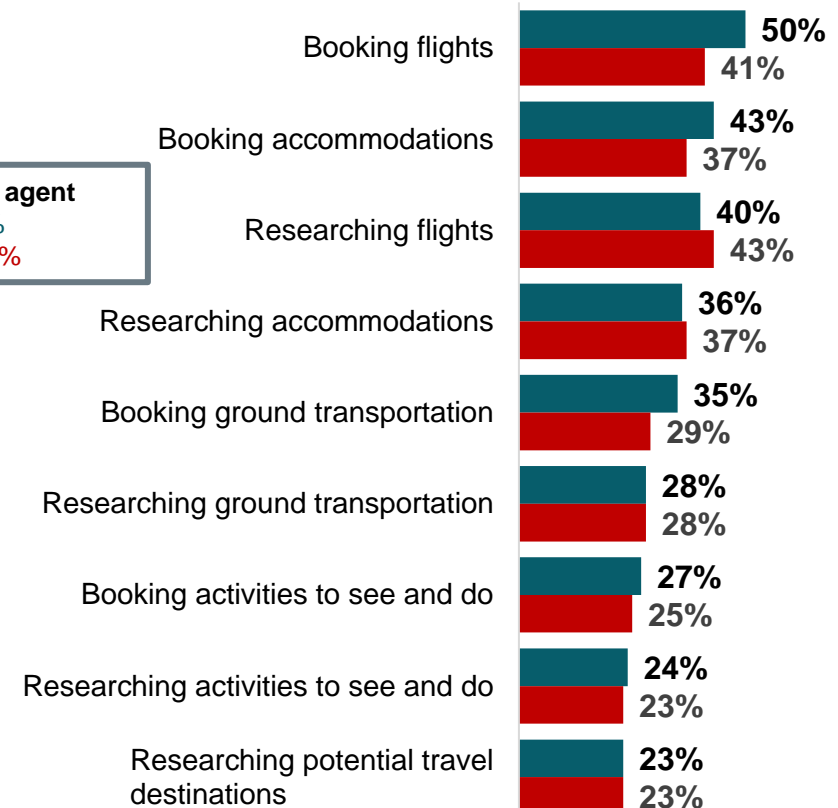
% Used a travel agent
Total: 40%
HVG: 40%



Total Travellers to Any Destination vs. Total Travellers to Canada

■ Total travellers (n=271) ■ Travellers to Canada (n=69)

% Used a travel agent
Total: 40%
Canada: 45%



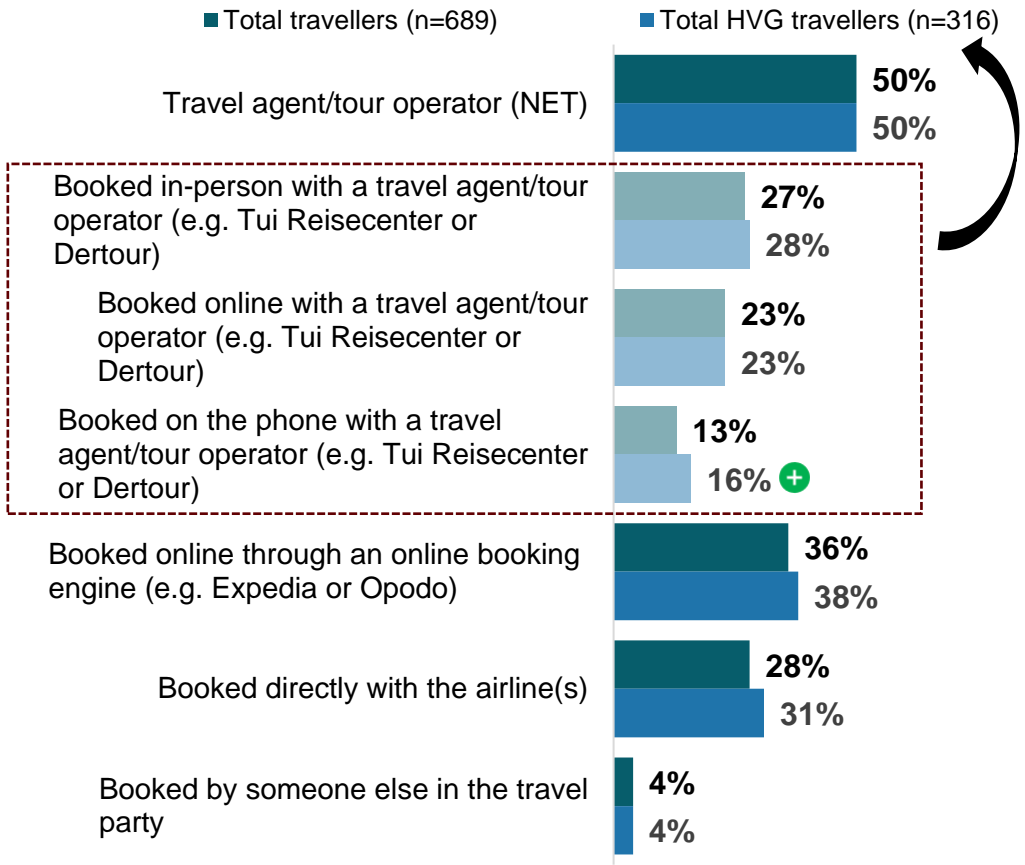
Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years), Travelled to any destination, Used a Travel Agent/Tour Operator (n=271); HVG (n=126); Travellers to Canada (n=69)
 F9. Travel agents offer personalized service to help individuals, groups, and business travellers plan and organize their travel schedules, from purchasing tour packages to booking flights and hotels. Examples of travel agents include Tui Reisecenter or Dertour, they do not include online booking engines like Expedia or Opodo. Did you use a travel agent or tour operator to help you research or book your trip? (Select one)
 F10. Which of the following did a travel agent or tour operator help you with?



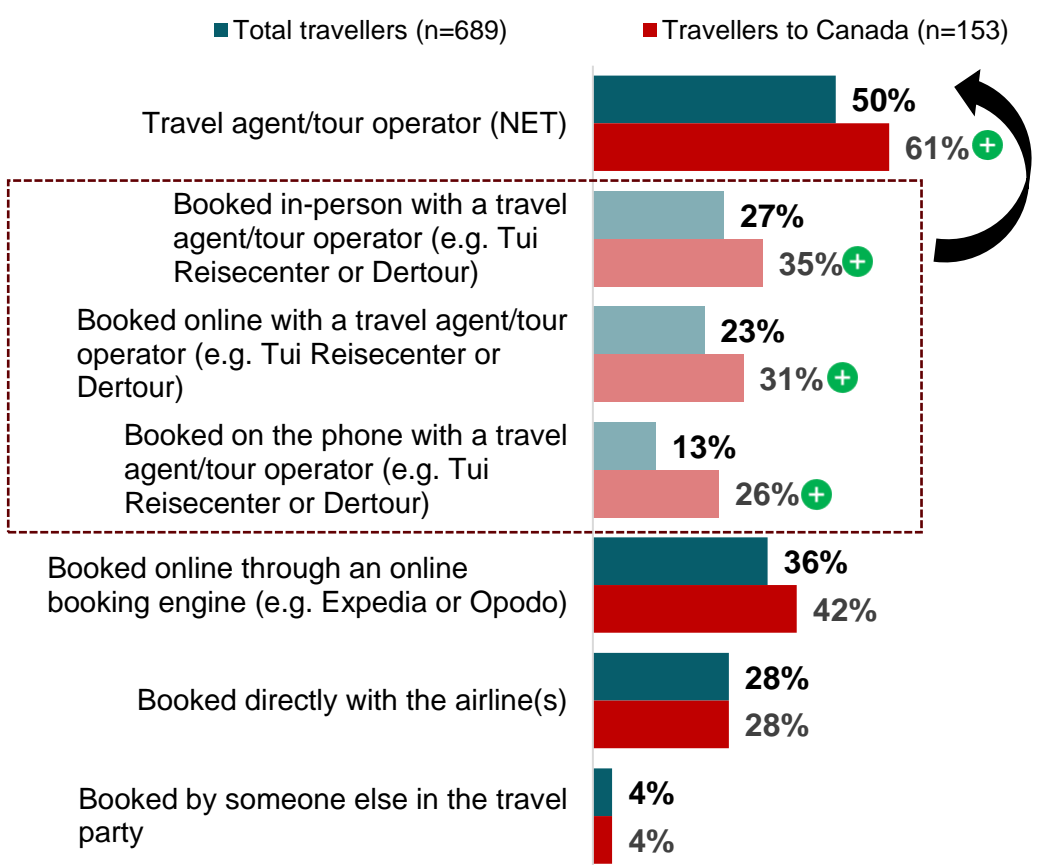
Booking Flights For Recent Trip

Half of flights are booked through a travel agent, followed by an online booking engine. Only 3 in 10 flights are booked directly with the airline.

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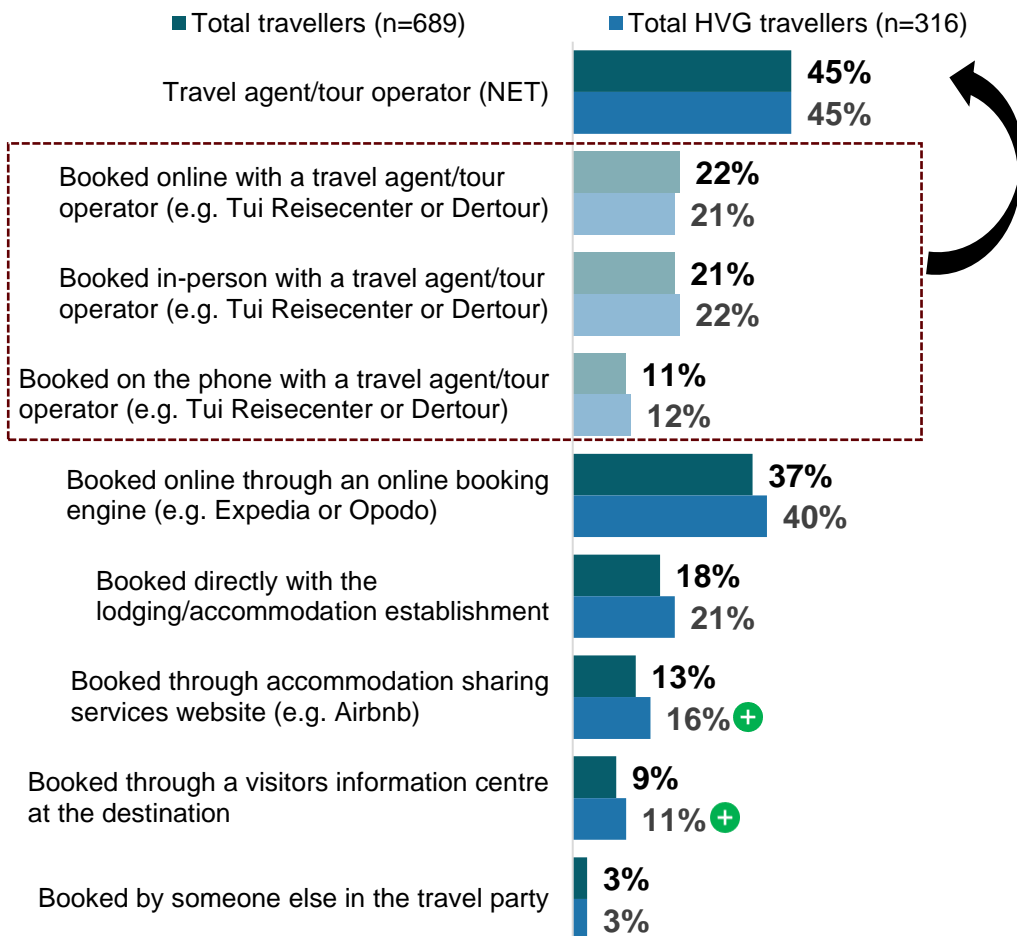
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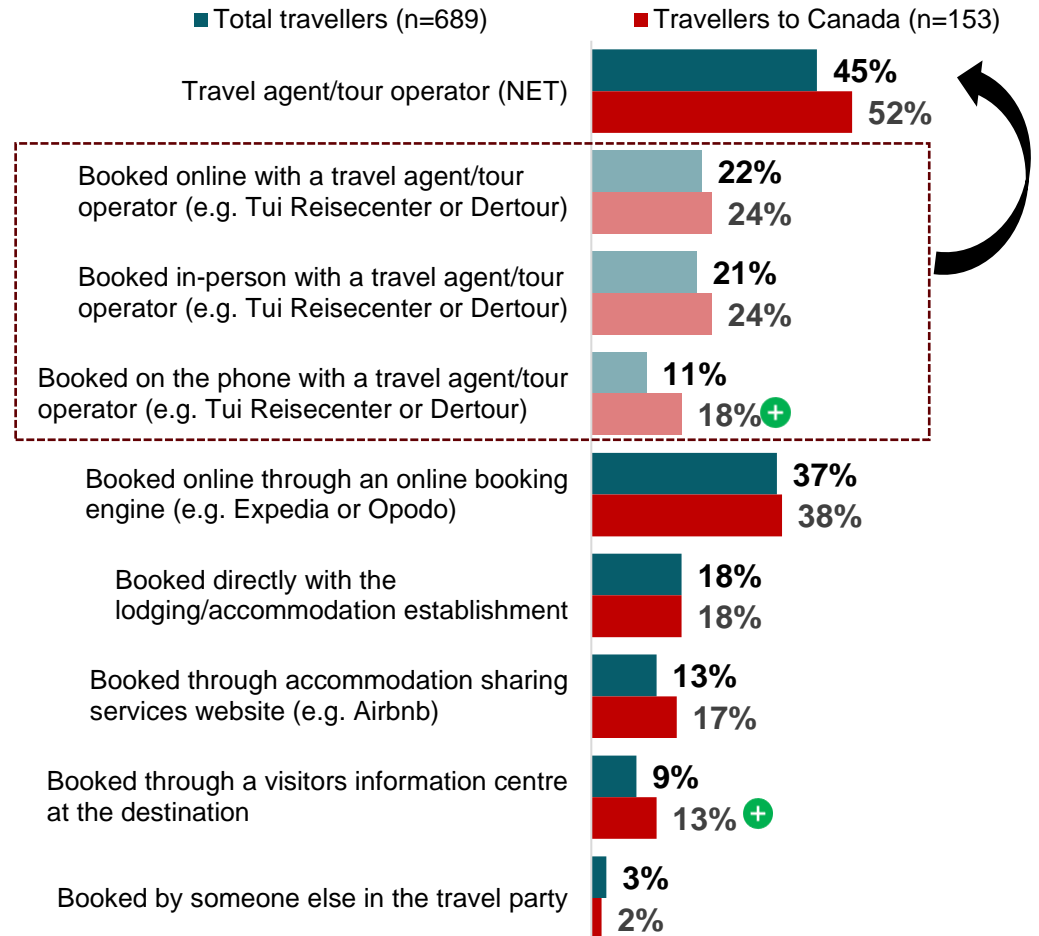
Booking Accommodations For Recent Trip

When it comes to accommodations, almost half are booked through a travel agent and almost 4 in 10 are booked through an online booking engine.

Total Travellers to Any Destination vs. HVG Travellers to Any Destination



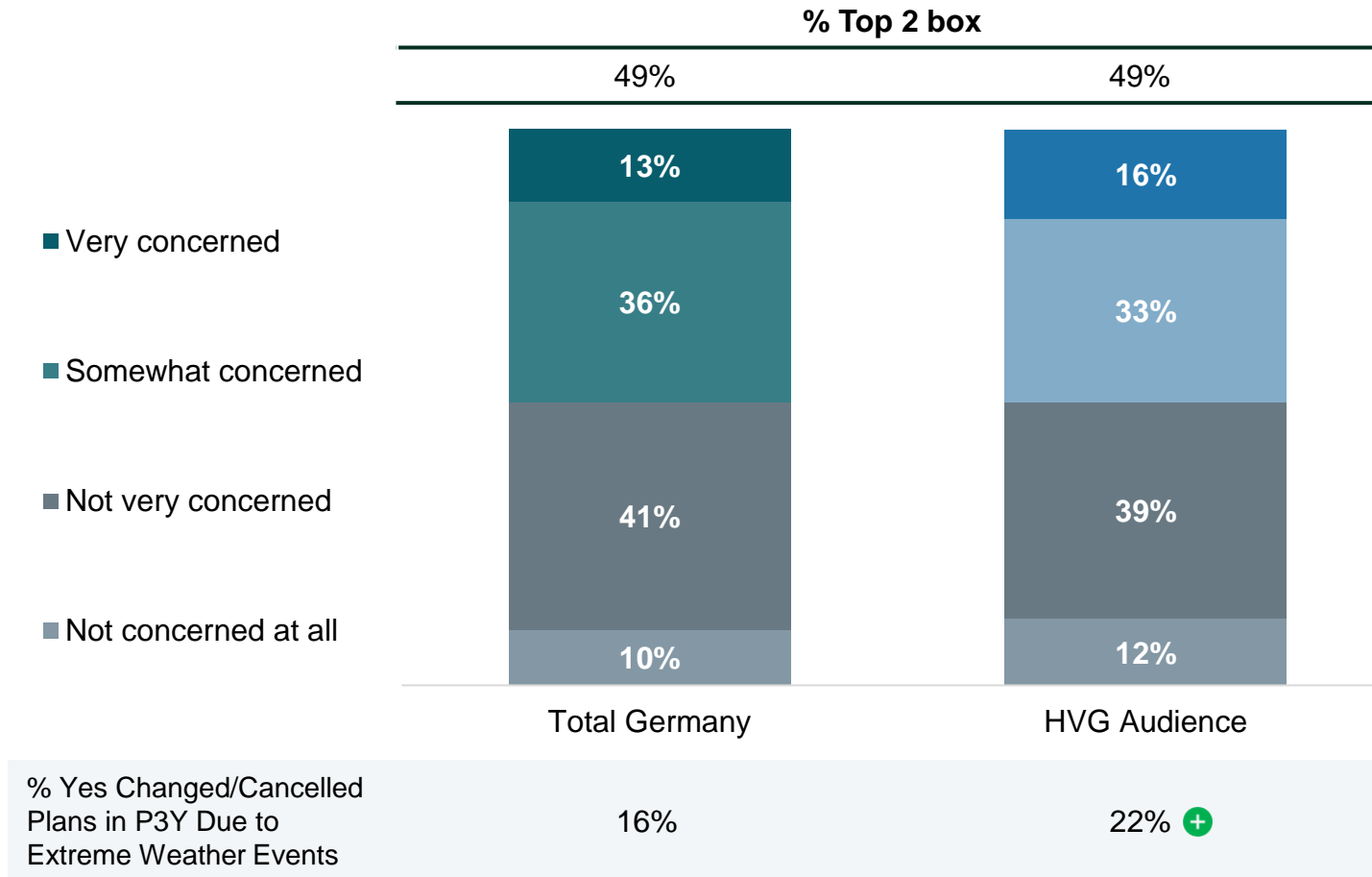
Total Travellers to Any Destination vs. Total Travellers to Canada



Impact of Extreme Weather Events on Travel Plans



About half of German travellers have concerns about extreme weather events, overall and amongst the HVG audience. This concern has not made a significant impact on their plans, with less than 20% cancelling or changing plans in the last three years due to weather.



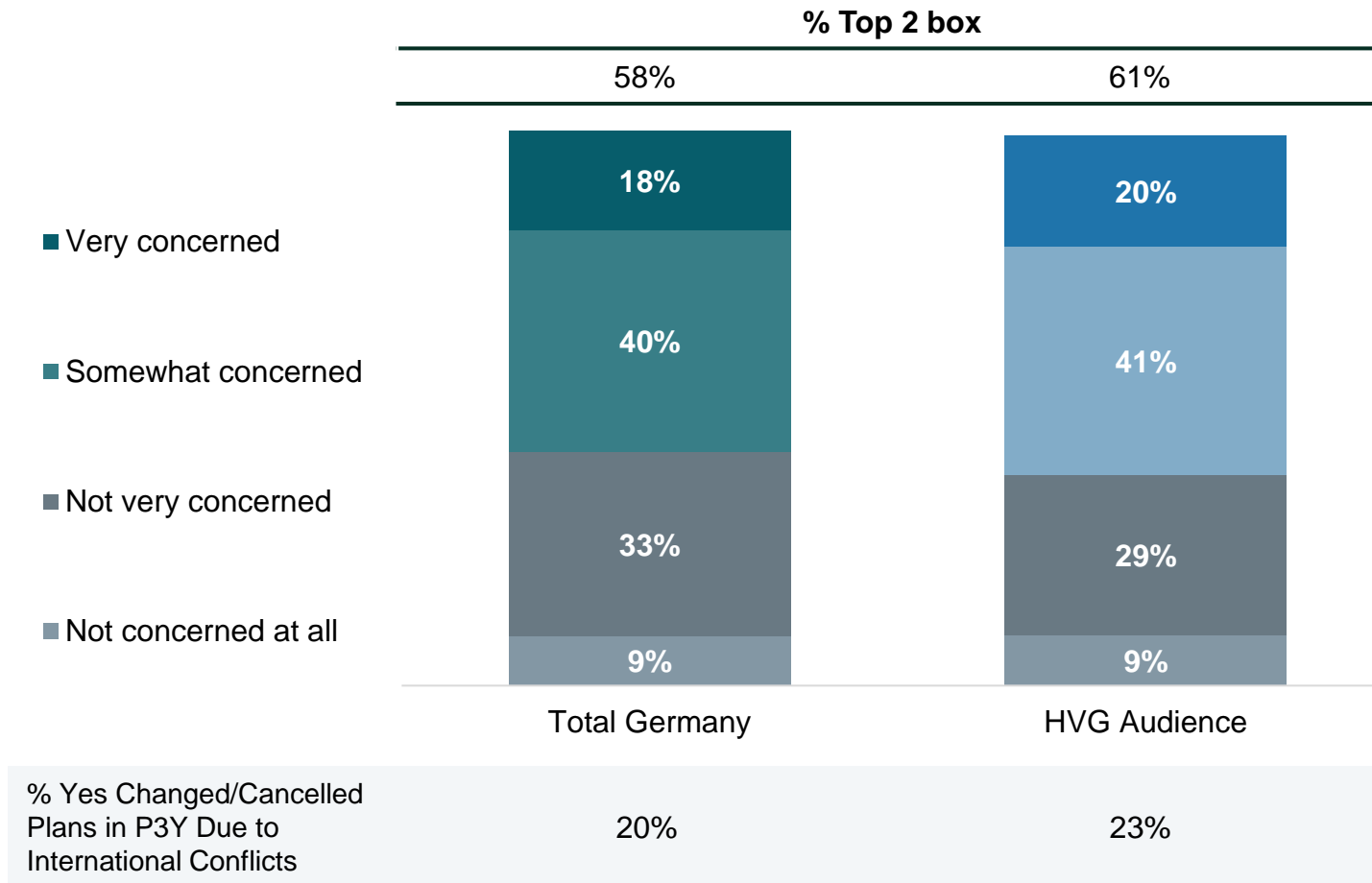
Extreme Weather Events Description

As you may or may not be aware, extreme weather events are occurrences of unusually severe weather or climate conditions. They are often short-lived and include blizzards, heat waves, wildfires, tornadoes, hurricanes or tropical cyclones.

Impact of International Conflicts & Unrest on Travel Plans



When it comes to international conflict, concerns are a bit higher, with about 6 in 10 German travellers concerned and 2 in 10 changing plans due to conflicts in the past three years.




International Conflicts Description

As you may or may not be aware, international conflicts and unrest are currently occurring in different regions around the world.



Canada vs. Competitive Destinations

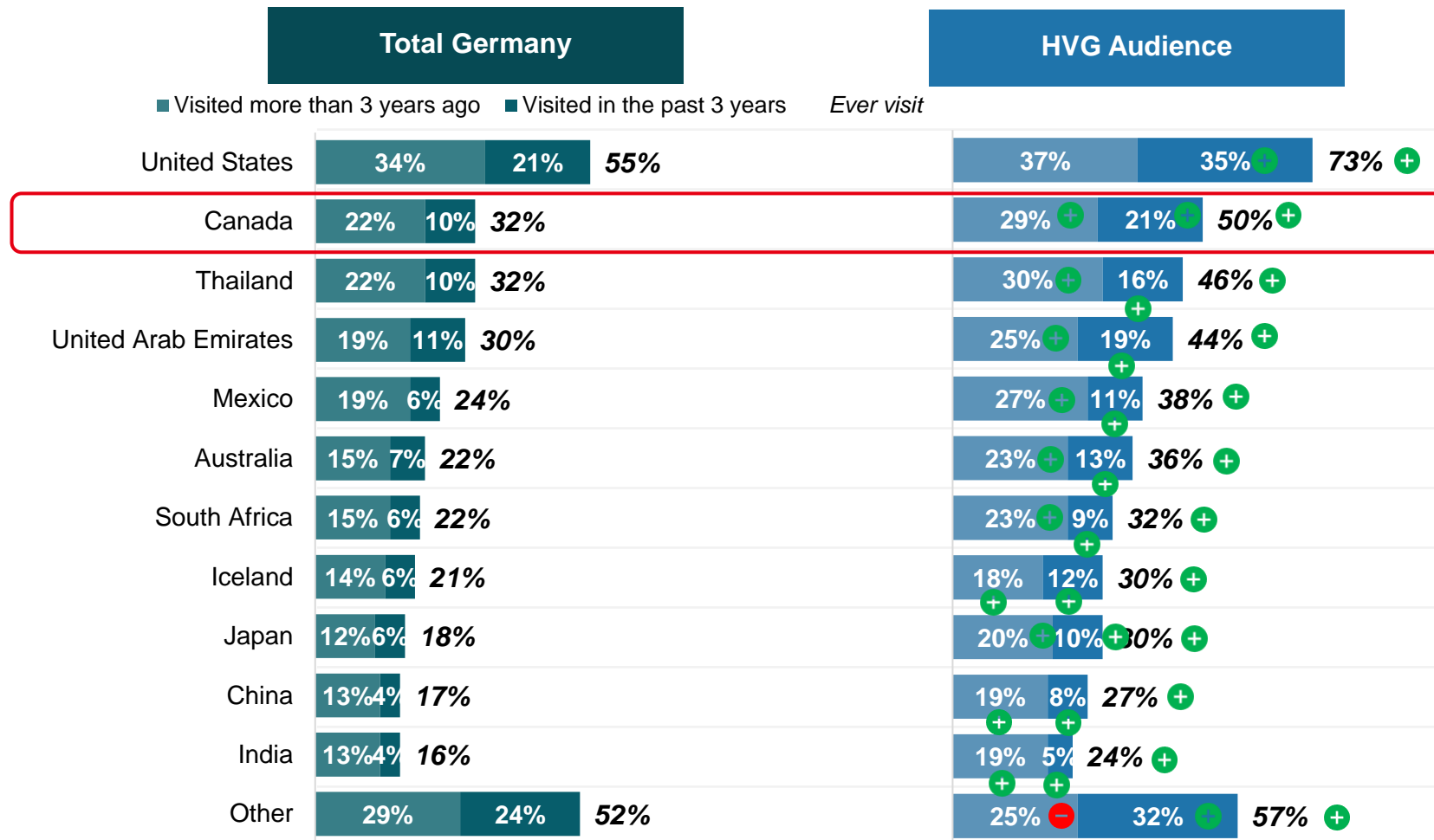


 Peggy's Cove
Nova Scotia



Past Visitation

Amongst German travellers, Canada ranks second in terms of long-haul destinations ever visited, behind the United States and in line with Thailand and UAE.

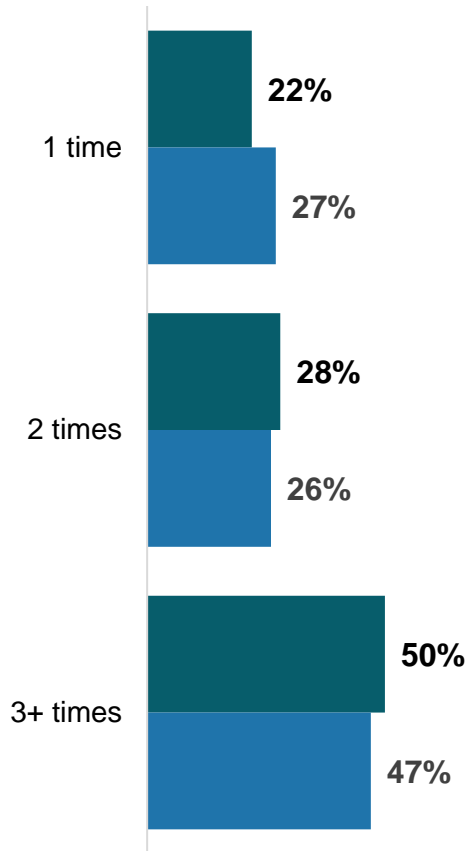


Number of Visits Ever & Time of Year Visited Canada

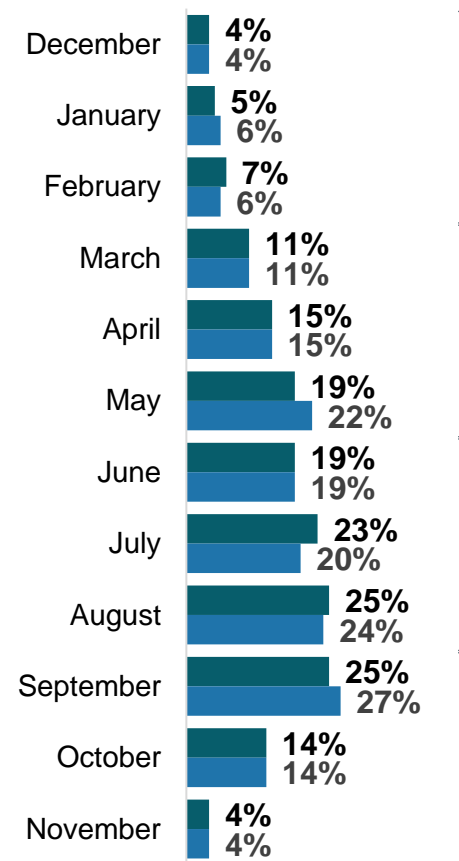


Approximately half of German travellers who have been to Canada, have visited three or more times. The majority of the visits were in the Summer, followed by the Spring. Just 13% ever visited in the Winter.

■ Total Travellers ■ Total HVG Travellers



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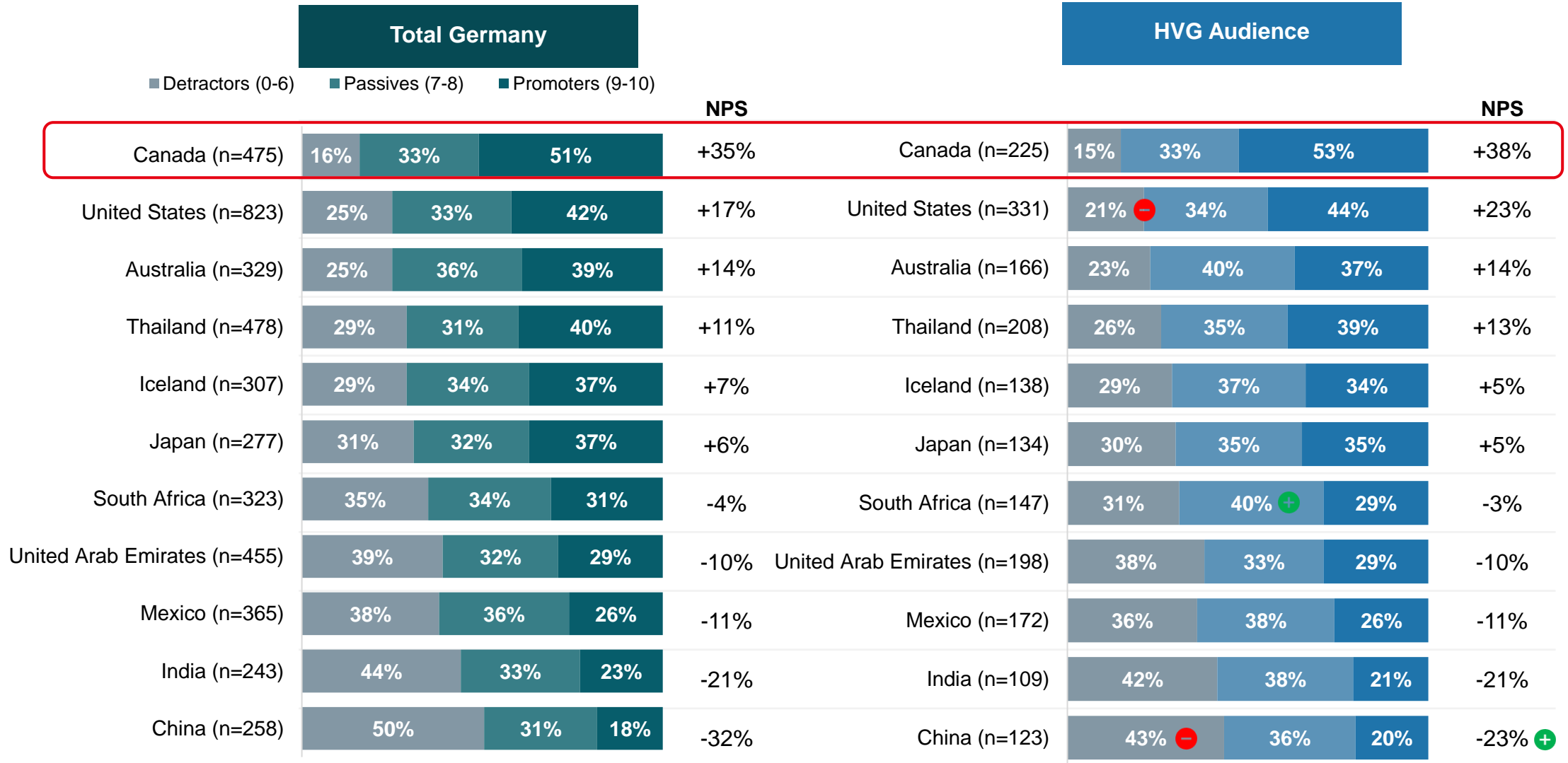
	Total Travellers	Total HVG Travellers
Winter	13%	13%
Spring	37%	39%
Summer	48%	45%
Fall	33%	35%

19 Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years)
 F19. Approximately, how many times have you been to Canada? Ever Visited Canada (excluding None) (n=236); HVG (n=120)
 F20. What time of year have you ever visited Canada? Select all that apply. Visited Canada (n=475); HVG (n=225)



Net Promoter Score (NPS)

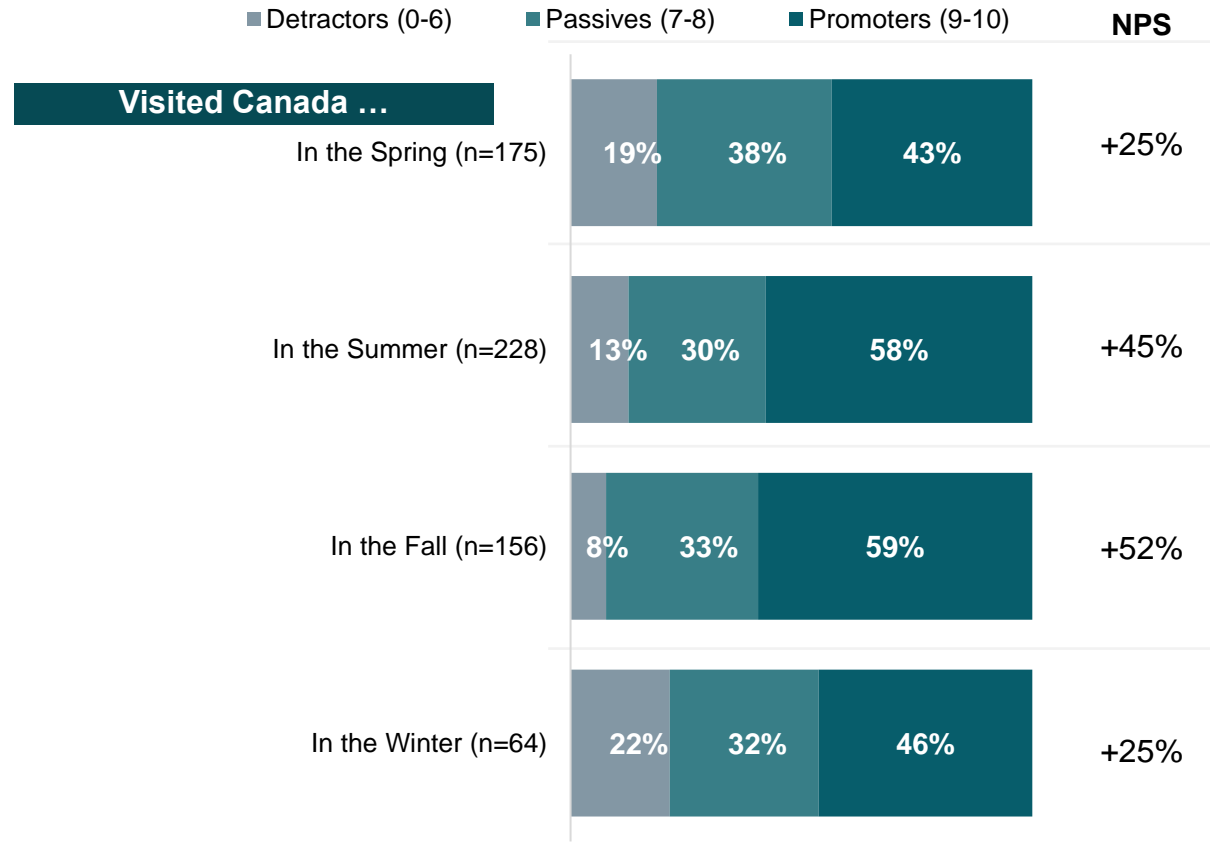
When it comes to the NPS scores among those who have ever visited each destination, Canada ranks first, about double that of the United States despite its higher visitation.



Canada Net Promoter Score (NPS) by Season



Canada has a high NPS score regardless of season visited, but is highest in the Fall, followed by Summer.



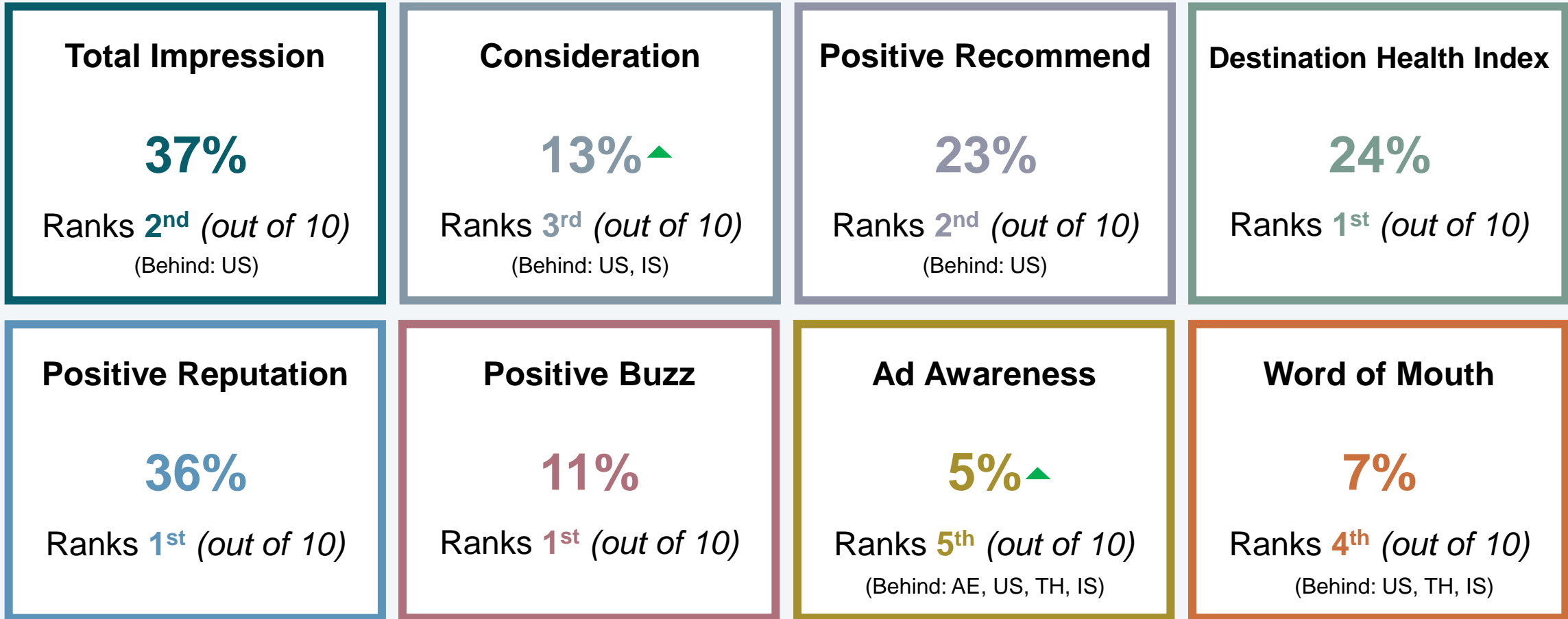
Note: all respondents evaluated countries they have ever visited from the competitive set.
 Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years), Visited **Canada**
 C8. How likely are you to recommend each of the following holiday destinations to a friend, family member or colleague?
 F20. What time of year have you ever visited Canada? Select all that apply.



Performance Scorecard for Canada



Canada performed well in the German market in 2023, ranking 1st (out of 10 destinations) in three of eight key performance metrics and in the top three in six of eight metrics. Consideration and ad awareness of Canada both increased year-over-year.



TOTAL Germany

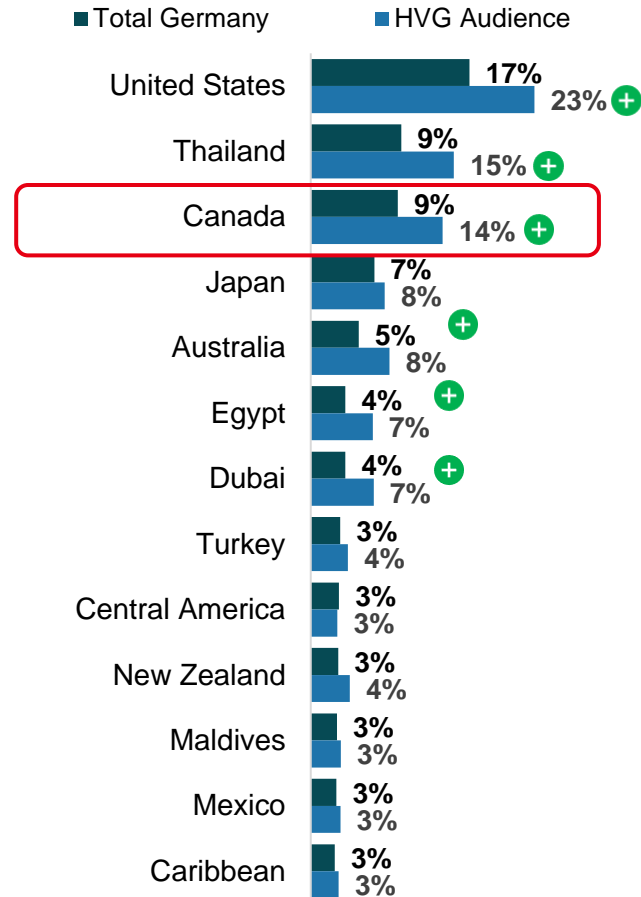
Competitive set: US, Iceland, Thailand, Japan, Australia, Mexico, UAE, India, China



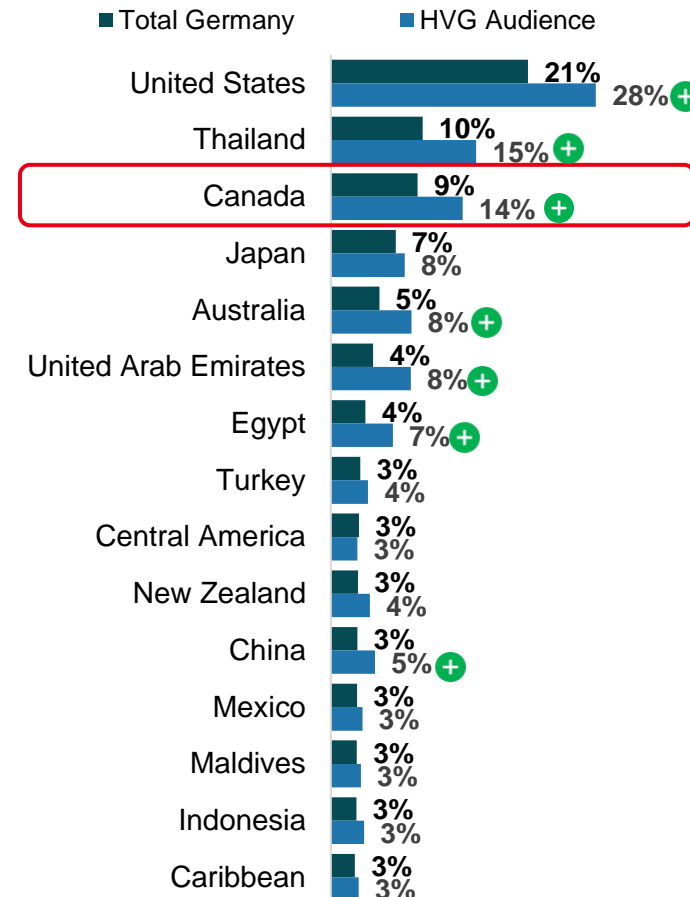
Unaided Long-Haul Destination Consideration (Next 2 Years)

Canada ranks 3rd overall, and amongst the HVG audience, when it comes to unaided consideration in next two years.

Top Destination Brands¹



Top Destinations²

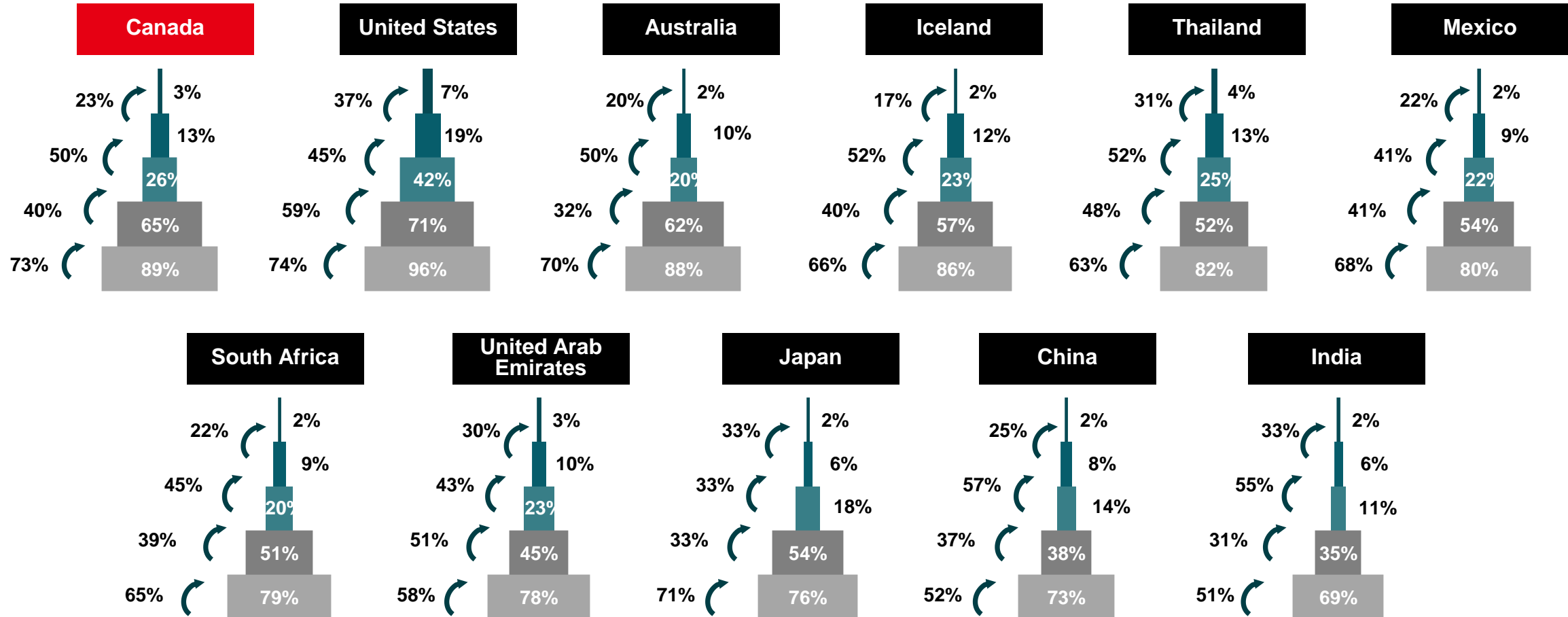


¹ Responses as mentioned by respondents (e.g., percentage who said "Canada" specifically).
² Roll-up of brand mentions by country (e.g., percentage who said "Canada" or any destination in Canada).
 Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years) (n=1518); HVG (n=456)
 B1. You mentioned that you are likely to take a long-haul holiday trip in the next 2 years. Which destinations are you seriously considering? (Please list up to 3 destinations)



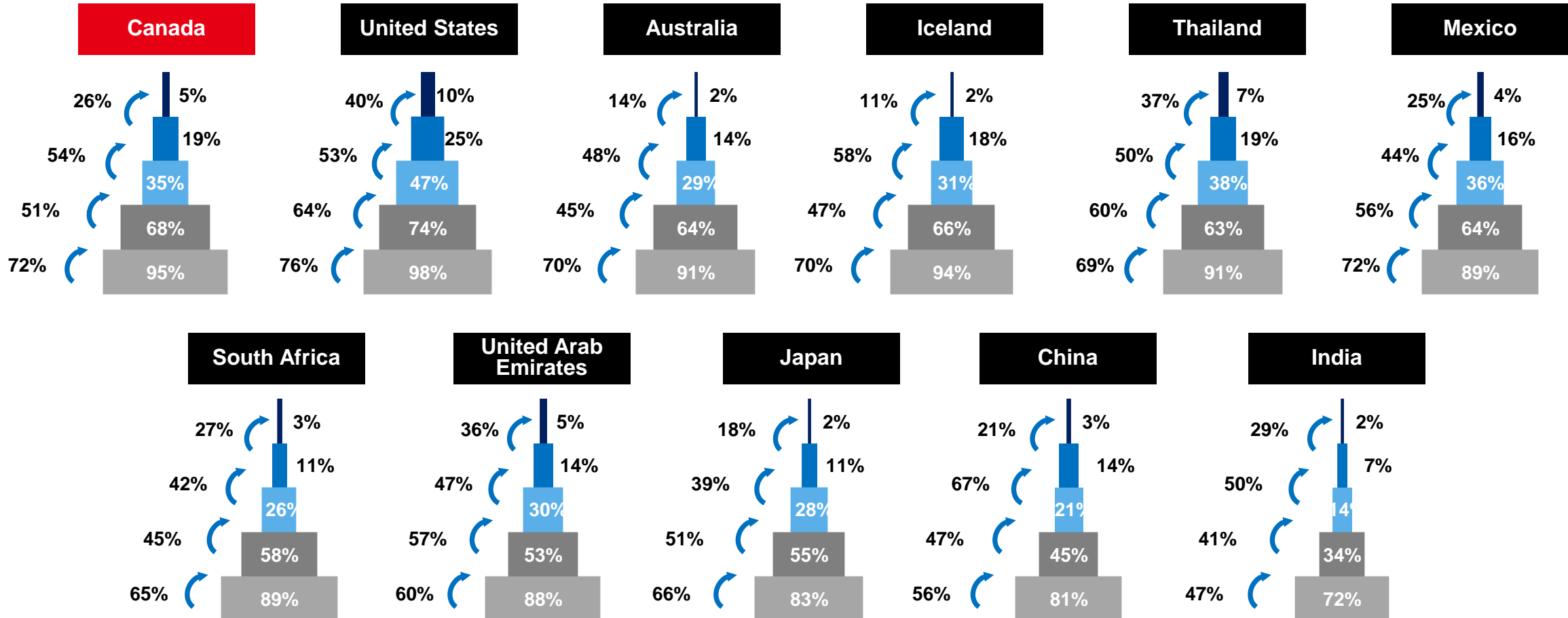
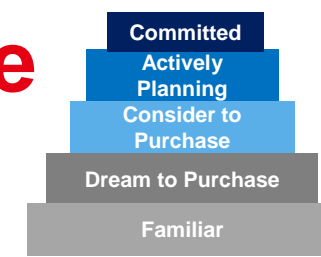
Consideration Funnels: Total Germany Travellers

A quarter of travellers in Germany are seriously considering visiting Canada in the next two years with 13% actively planning. When compared with the United States (59%), Canada (40%) has softer conversion from dream stage to consider.



Consideration Funnels: Among HVG Audience

Among HVGs, over one third are seriously considering visiting Canada in the next two years with 19% actively planning. Canada trails behind the United States and Thailand on serious consideration due to weaker conversion from general interest.



Destination Consideration By Seasons



By season, UAE has the highest consideration in the Winter, followed closely by Thailand and Australia. The US tops the list in the Spring followed by UAE and Japan. Iceland and Canada lead in the Summer and Canada leads in the Fall.

Total Germany	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)
Australia (n=280)	43%	43%	29%	42%
Canada (n=992)	23%	38%	56%	51%
China (n=173)	21%	47%	39%	38%
Iceland (n=261)	25%	38%	58%	40%
India (n=157)	34%	44%	34%	35%
Japan (n=246)	21%	49%	37%	35%
Mexico (n=247)	35%	46%	32%	39%
South Africa (n=232)	42%	41%	25%	45%
Thailand (n=238)	45%	42%	30%	43%
United Arab Emirates (n=207)	48%	49%	23%	48%
United States (n=321)	31%	50%	53%	48%

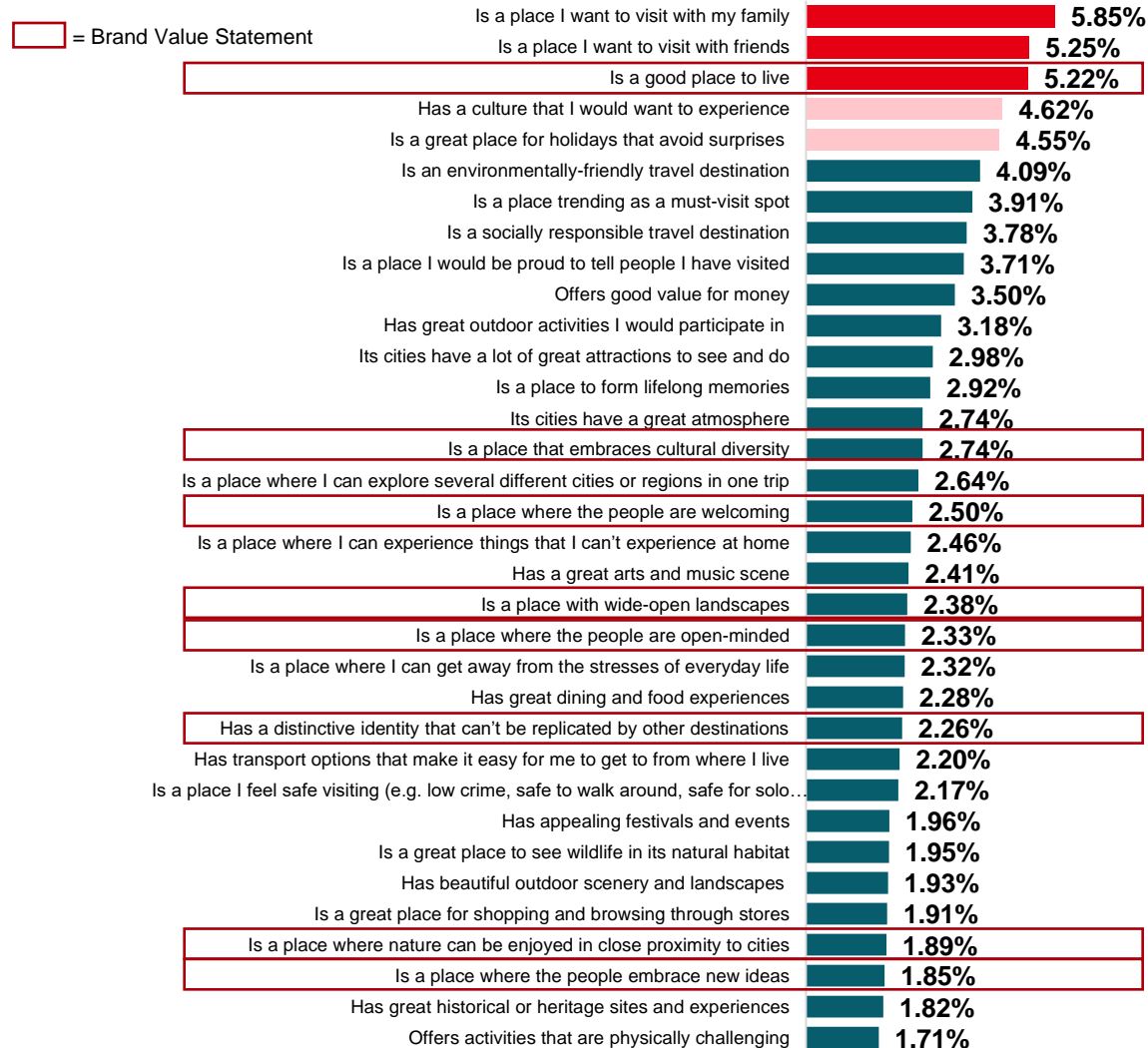
HVG Audience	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)
Australia (n=105)	44%	43%	33%	40%
Canada (n=311)	29% +	43% +	59%	57% +
China (n=60)	25%	49%	50% +	55% +
Iceland (n=85)	30%	43%	56%	40%
India (n=46*)	41%	33%	43%	28%
Japan (n=71)	24%	55%	43%	33%
Mexico (n=92)	32%	49%	44% +	38%
South Africa (n=83)	37%	42%	26%	48%
Thailand (n=81)	54% +	50%	33%	48%
United Arab Emirates (n=75)	55%	52%	34% +	60% +
United States (n=92)	42% +	60% +	60%	51%

Note: all respondents evaluated Canada plus 3 randomly selected countries from the competitive set.
 Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years), Those in the dream to purchase stages of the path to purchase for [DESTINATION] C7. For each of the following destinations, during which months would you consider taking a holiday trip in the next 2 years?
 *Small base size, interpret with caution (n<50)



Destination Attributes: Drivers Analysis

The most influential attributes to consideration are being a place to visit with family/ friends, being a good place to live, having an experiential culture, and being a great holiday destination to avoid surprises.



Description

Key drivers analysis (KDA) seeks to identify the strongest predictors of a dependent variable. In this case, we used consideration of a destination (C2) as the dependent variable. The analysis uses a mix of linear and logistic regressions, assessing the simultaneous effect of many independent variables, destination attributes (C6) while controlling for each other.

Interpretation

Attributes with a high percentage level are more likely to impact consideration of a destination. This generally means that destinations that score highly on the top attributes may have higher consideration levels. Each percentage does also indicate the degree of relative impact. An attribute with a score of 5% is twice as impactful on consideration as an attribute with a score of 2.5%.

Destination Attributes – Relative Strengths & Weaknesses: Among Total Germany



When it comes to strengths and weaknesses, Canada owns place that avoids surprises, being a place I feel safe visiting, is environmentally friendly, socially responsible, and a great place to see wildlife in its natural habitat. There is white space on the top drivers of being a place I want to visit with friends and family. Of note, Canada currently has a weakness in having an experiential culture, which is a top 5 driver.

		Canada	Australia	China	Iceland	India	Japan	Mexico	South Africa	Thailand	United Arab Emirates	United States
		n= 1518	456	455	455	456	455	455	455	456	456	455
Higher Order Motivations	Is a place where I can get away from the stresses of everyday life				Strength							Weakness
	Is a place to form lifelong memories											
	Is a place I would be proud to tell people I have visited											
General Needs	Is a place I feel safe visiting (e.g. low crime, safe to walk around, safe for solo travel etc.)	Strength			Strength	Weakness	Strength	Weakness	Weakness	Weakness	Strength	Weakness
	Is a place where I can explore several different cities or regions in one trip				Weakness							
	Offers good value for money	Weakness	Weakness			Strength	Weakness	Strength		Strength		Weakness
Type of Trip	Has transport options that make it easy for me to get to from where I live		Weakness								Strength	
	Is a place I want to visit with friends											
	Is a place I want to visit with my family											
	Is a great place for holidays that avoid surprises	Strength										
	Is a place where I can experience things that I can't experience at home	Weakness									Strength	
	Is an environmentally-friendly travel destination	Strength			Strength	Weakness		Weakness				
	Is a socially responsible travel destination	Strength		Weakness	Strength					Weakness		
To-Do	Is a place trending as a must-visit spot											
	Offers activities that are physically challenging						Weakness					
	Is a great place for shopping and browsing through stores				Weakness			Weakness	Weakness		Strength	Strength
	Its cities have a lot of great attractions to see and do				Weakness							Strength
	Has great outdoor activities I would participate in			Weakness			Weakness					
	Has great dining and food experiences	Weakness	Weakness		Weakness			Strength				
	Has a great arts and music scene				Weakness			Strength		Weakness		Strength
To-See	Has appealing festivals and events	Weakness			Weakness	Strength		Strength				
	Its cities have a great atmosphere				Weakness		Strength					
	Has beautiful outdoor scenery and landscapes								Strength		Weakness	
	Is a great place to see wildlife in its natural habitat	Strength	Strength	Weakness			Weakness	Weakness	Strength	Weakness	Weakness	
	Has great historical or heritage sites and experiences	Weakness	Weakness	Strength	Weakness	Strength	Strength	Strength				
	Has a culture that I would want to experience	Weakness						Strength				Weakness

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Brand Value Statements: Among Total Germany



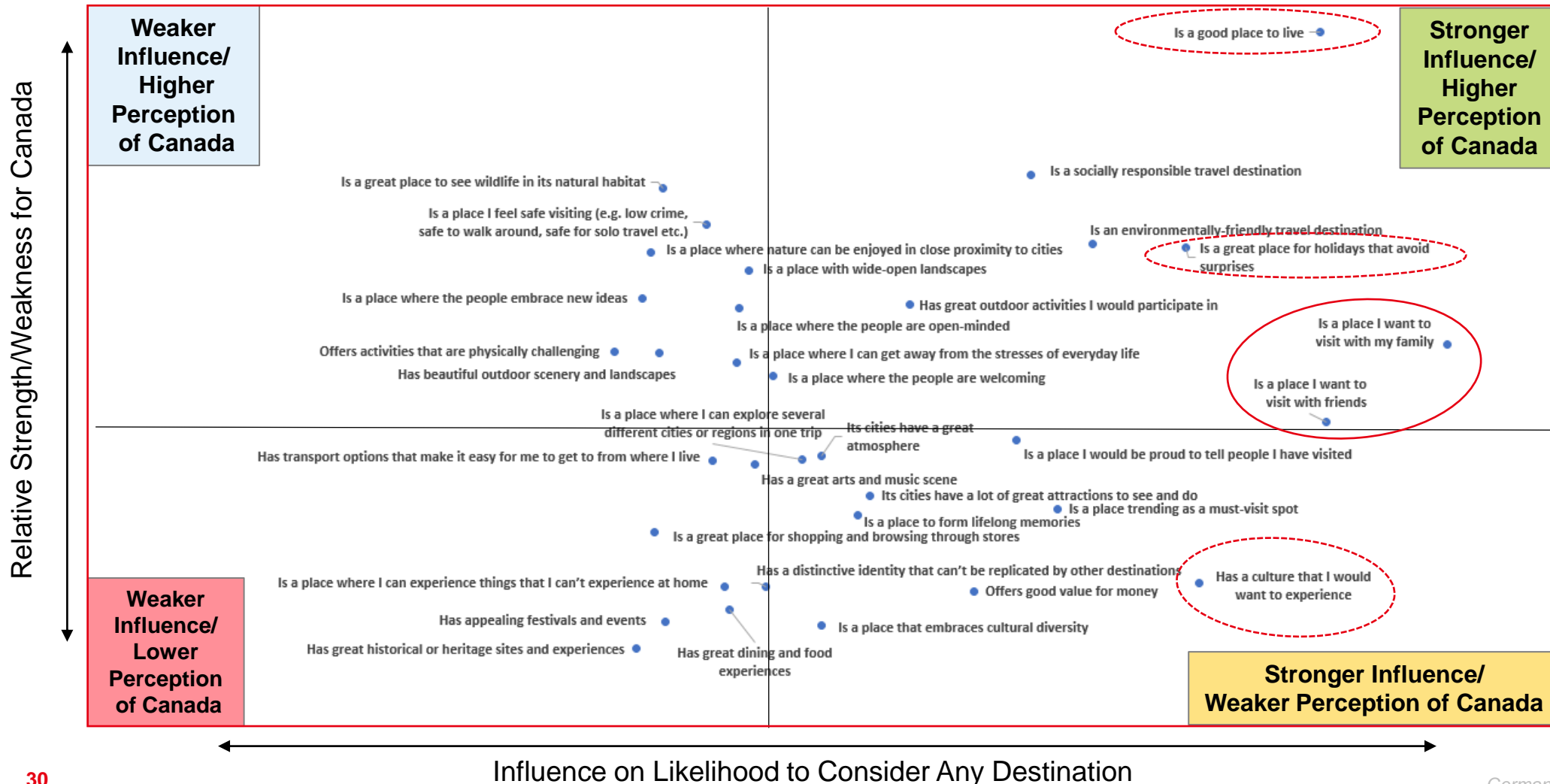
When it comes to brand value statements, Canada is associated with being a place where nature can be enjoyed near cities and a good place to live. However, Canada also has a relative weakness for cultural diversity and having a distinct identity.

	Canada	Australia	China	Iceland	India	Japan	Mexico	South Africa	Thailand	United Arab Emirates	United States
n=	1518	456	455	455	456	455	455	455	456	456	455
Is a place with wide-open landscapes		Strength				Weakness		Strength	Weakness	Weakness	
Is a place where nature can be enjoyed in close proximity to cities	Strength		Weakness	Strength				Strength			
Is a place that embraces cultural diversity	Weakness		Strength	Weakness	Strength						
Is a place where the people are welcoming											Weakness
Is a place where the people are open-minded			Weakness			Weakness					
Is a place where the people embrace new ideas											
Is a good place to live	Strength	Strength	Weakness		Weakness		Weakness	Weakness			
Has a distinctive identity that can't be replicated by other destinations	Weakness										



Canada Strengths & Opportunities: Total Germany

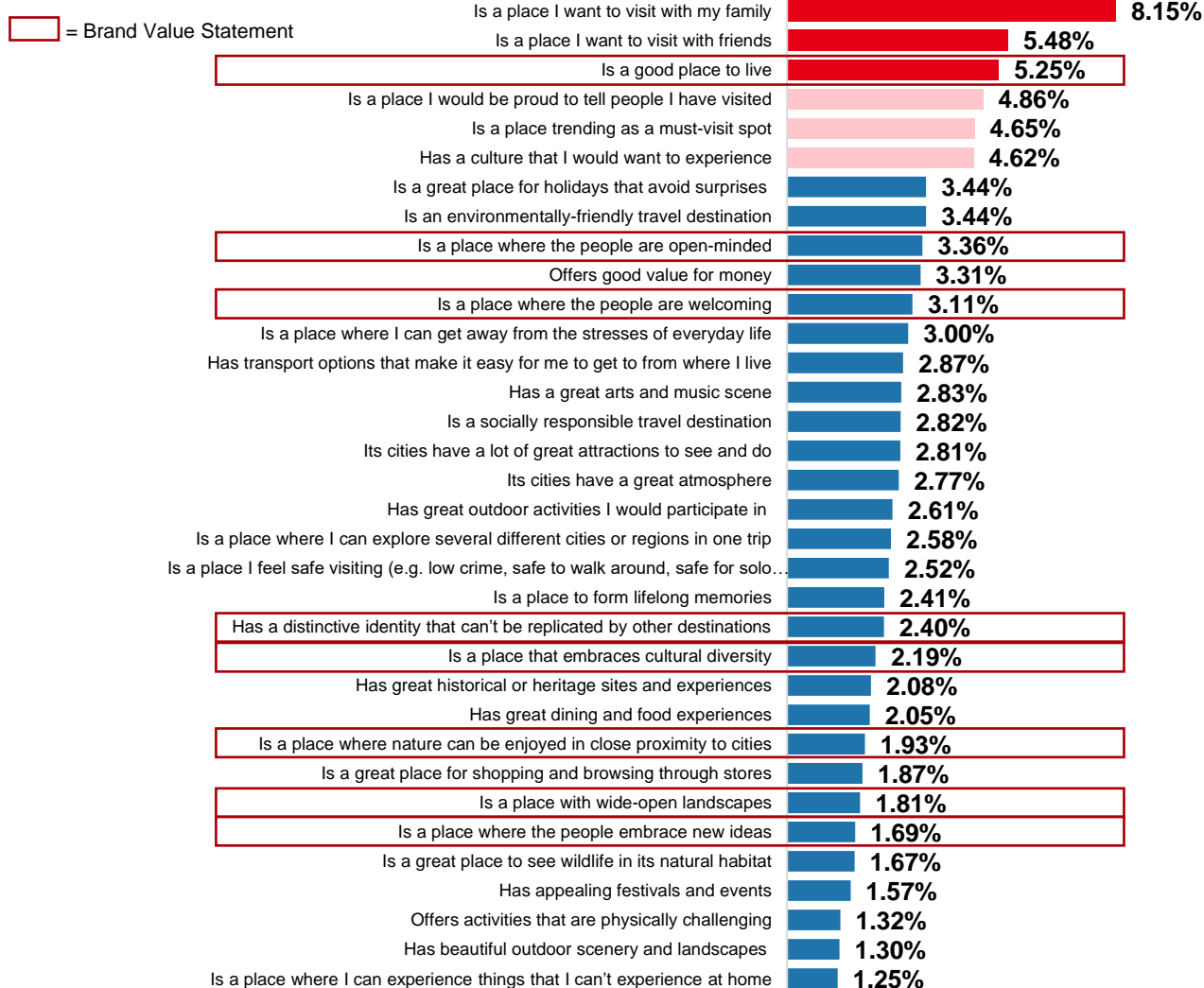
Given the strong influence on consideration, being a place I want to visit with my friends and family are dimensions that could be prioritized. Efforts to strengthen and sustain perceptions of being a good place to live, socially responsible and environmentally friendly could also help to drive destination consideration.



Destination Attributes: Drivers Analysis: Among HVG Audience



Top drivers for HVGs are similar to overall, including: visiting with family and friends and a good place to live. Amongst the HVG audience, pride to tell people you've visited, trending as a must visit spot and having an experiential culture are also important.



Description

Key drivers analysis (KDA) seeks to identify the strongest predictors of a dependent variable. In this case, we used consideration of a destination (C2) as the dependent variable. The analysis uses a mix of linear and logistic regressions, assessing the simultaneous effect of many independent variables, destination attributes (C6) while controlling for each other.

Interpretation

Attributes with a high percentage level are more likely to impact consideration of a destination. This generally means that destinations that score highly on the top attributes may have higher consideration levels. Each percentage does also indicate the degree of relative impact. An attribute with a score of 5% is twice as impactful on consideration as an attribute with a score of 2.5%.



Destination Attributes – Relative Strengths & Weaknesses : Among HVG Audience



Amongst HVGs, Canada stands out as environmentally-friendly, socially responsible and a great place to see wildlife in its natural habitat. Canada under-indexes on value for money, dining experiences, appealing festivals and great historical sites. However, there is also white space to explore among the HVG audience on dimensions not currently owned by any one destination.

		Canada	Australia	China	Iceland	India	Japan	Mexico	South Africa	Thailand	United Arab Emirates	United States
	n=	456	162	133	130	133	128	143	144	129	141	125
Higher Order Motivations	Is a place where I can get away from the stresses of everyday life			Weakness	Strength							Weakness
	Is a place to form lifelong memories											
	Is a place I would be proud to tell people I have visited											
General Needs	Is a place I feel safe visiting (e.g. low crime, safe to walk around, safe for solo travel etc.)				Strength	Weakness	Strength	Weakness	Weakness		Strength	
	Is a place where I can explore several different cities or regions in one trip											
	Offers good value for money	Weakness	Weakness		Weakness	Strength	Weakness	Strength		Strength		
	Has transport options that make it easy for me to get to from where I live		Weakness	Strength								
Type of Trip	Is a place I want to visit with friends											
	Is a place I want to visit with my family											
	Is a great place for holidays that avoid surprises			Weakness								Strength
	Is a place where I can experience things that I can't experience at home	Weakness		Strength							Strength	Weakness
	Is an environmentally-friendly travel destination	Strength		Weakness	Strength			Weakness				
	Is a socially responsible travel destination	Strength			Strength					Weakness		
	Is a place trending as a must-visit spot											
To-Do	Offers activities that are physically challenging				Strength		Weakness					
	Is a great place for shopping and browsing through stores				Weakness	Weakness					Strength	Strength
	Its cities have a lot of great attractions to see and do				Weakness							
	Has great outdoor activities I would participate in											
	Has great dining and food experiences	Weakness	Weakness		Weakness			Strength			Strength	
	Has a great arts and music scene							Strength			Weakness	Strength
To-See	Has appealing festivals and events	Weakness		Strength	Weakness			Strength				
	Its cities have a great atmosphere				Weakness							
	Has beautiful outdoor scenery and landscapes										Weakness	
	Is a great place to see wildlife in its natural habitat	Strength	Strength				Weakness	Weakness	Strength		Weakness	
	Has great historical or heritage sites and experiences	Weakness	Weakness	Strength	Weakness	Strength	Strength					
Has a culture that I would want to experience				Weakness			Strength					

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Brand Value Statements: Among HVG Audience



In terms of the brand value statements, the HVG audience perceives Canada as a good place to live. However, Australia and South Africa have the edge on wide-open spaces. Embracing new ideas is more associated with Australia, linking nature in close proximity to cities to South Africa, and perceiving India as more culturally diverse.

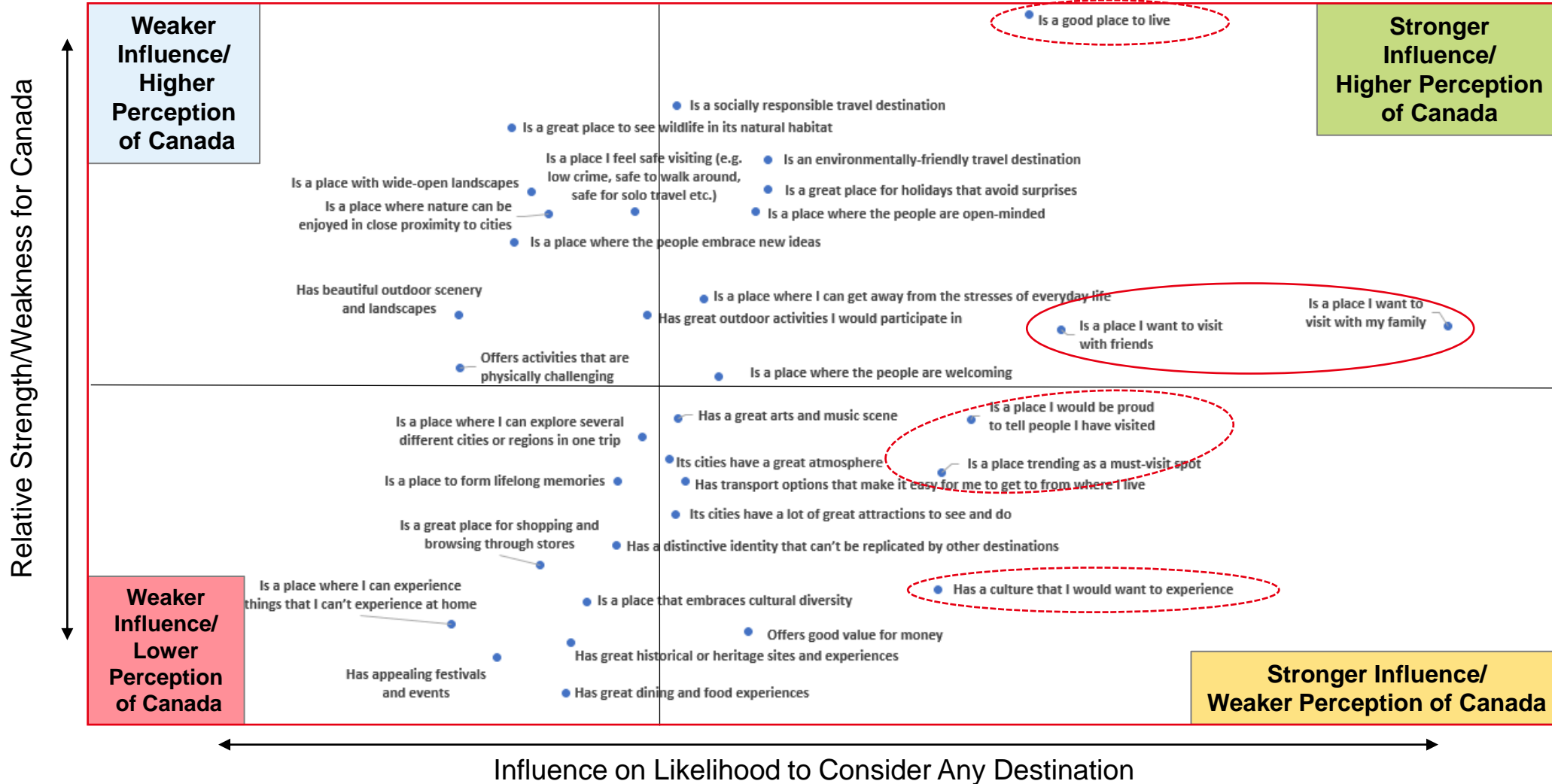
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Canada Strengths & Opportunities: Among HVG Audience



When it comes to priorities for targeting the HVG audience, being a place I want to visit with friends/families would be the most impactful on consideration. Efforts to strengthen and sustain perceptions of being a good place to live, a must-visit spot, a place I would be proud to tell people I have visited and having an experiential culture could also help to drive destination consideration.





Increasing Fall/Winter Visitation

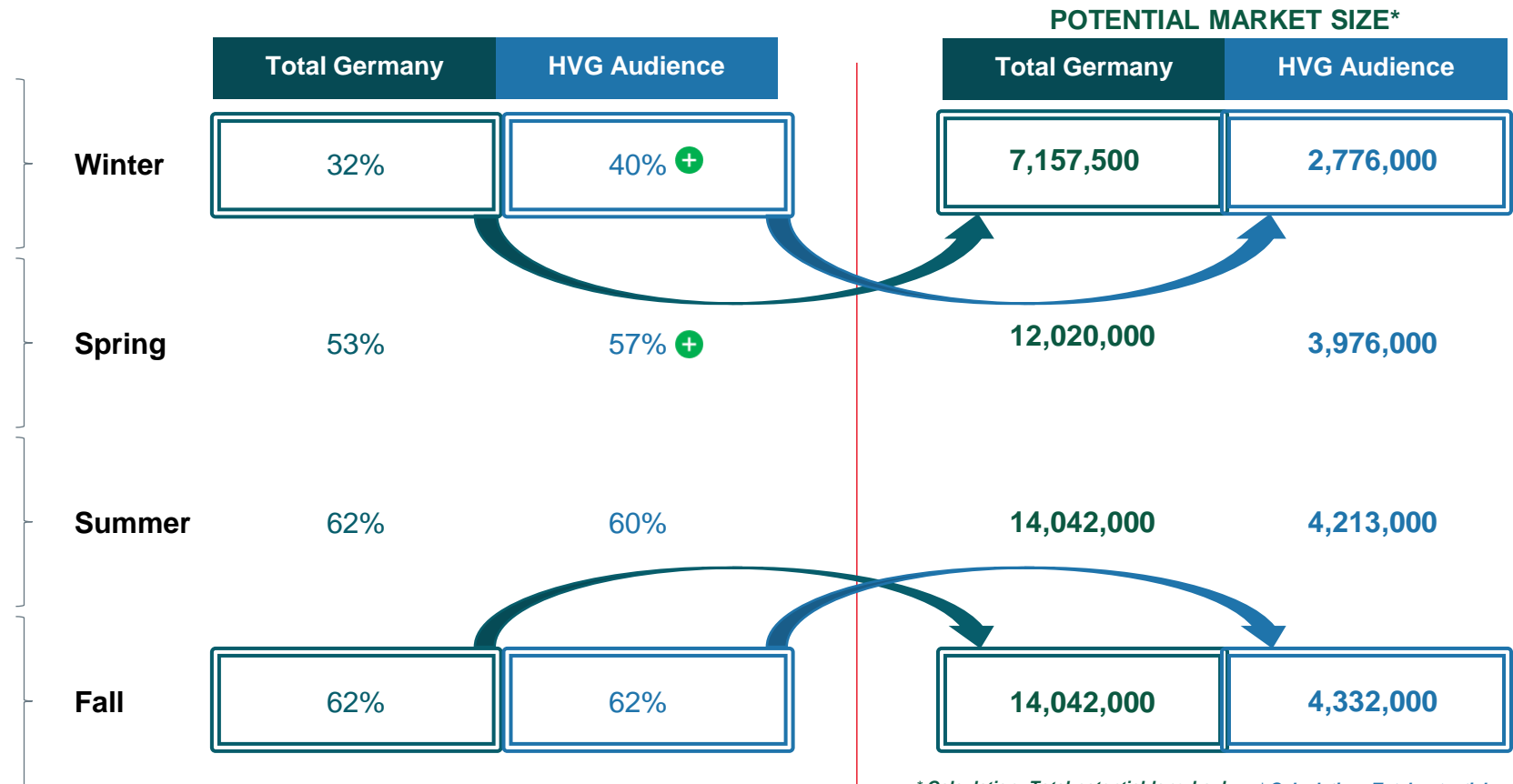
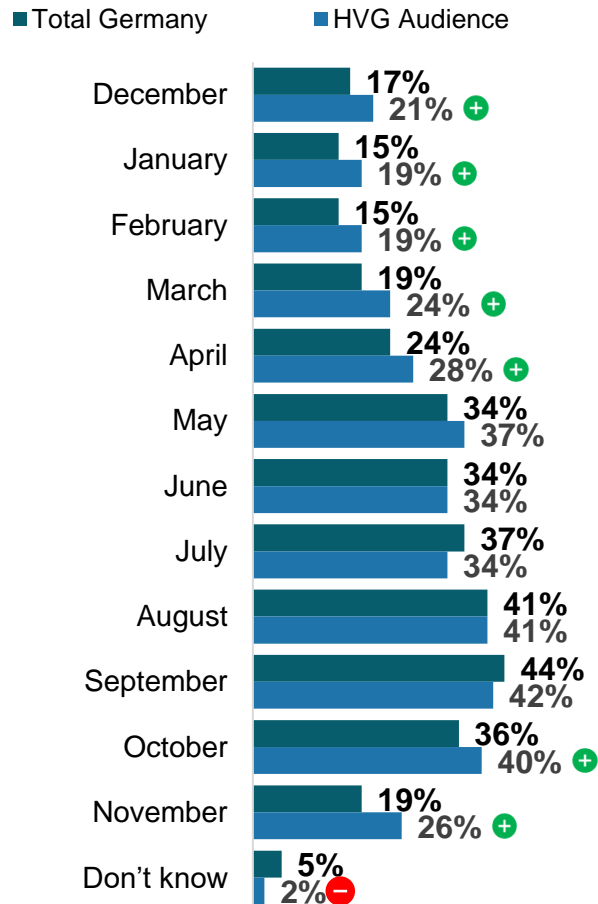


Aurora Borealis, Yellowknife
Northwest Territories



Demand by Season (Any Destination)

Overall potential market size among Germans is highest in the Summer and Fall, followed by the Spring.



* Calculation: Total potential long-haul pleasure travellers aged 18 years or more (22,722,000) x total in Germany typically travel during season

* Calculation: Total potential HVG travellers (6,975,500) x total HVG typically travel during season



Top of Mind Fall/Winter Destinations

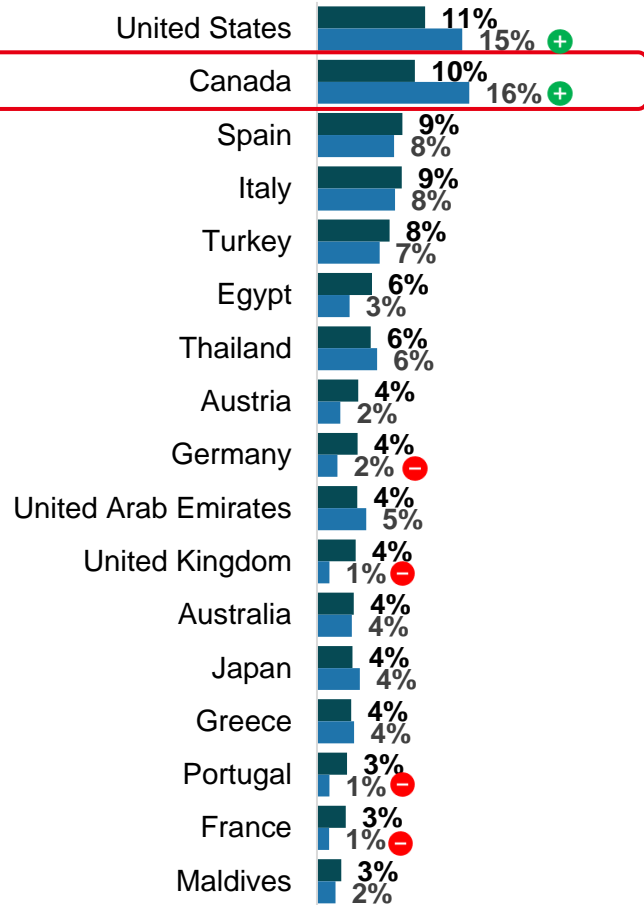


Canada and the US are the top destinations that come to mind when thinking about travel to experience the Fall season. For Winter destinations, Canada is a distant third behind Austria and Switzerland.

Autumn Season Description

Autumn is the season between summer and winter. Autumn tends to be a slower season after the busy summer in most destinations. In some destinations, the weather becomes cooler and the leaves on trees shift to red, orange and yellow in preparation to shed. While autumn has some distinct activities and experiences, many summer activities can still be done in autumn.

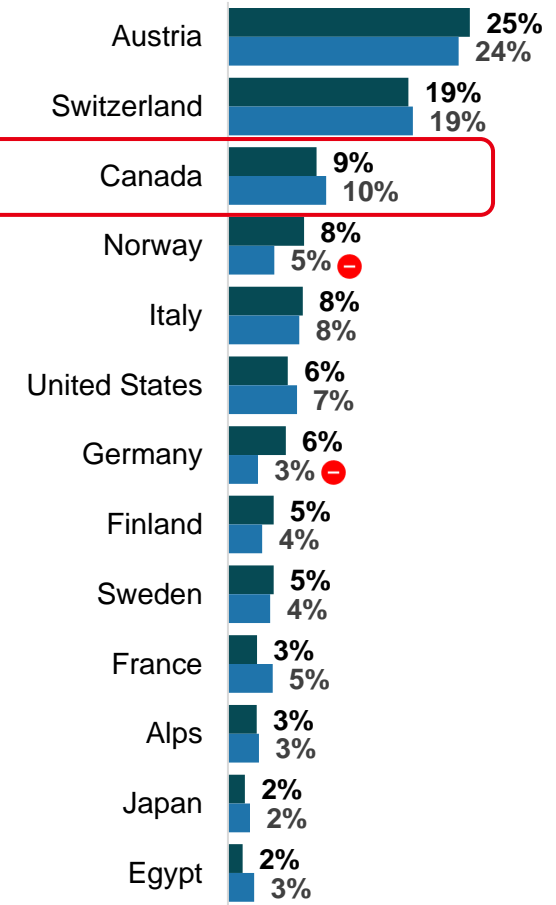
Fall



Winter Season Description

Winter is a season that is typically characterized by colder temperatures. During the winter months there are usually festivals, snow sports and holiday activities. It may snow in some destinations, allowing for skiing, snowboarding, outdoor spas and other winter activities.

Winter



■ Total Germany ■ HVG Audience

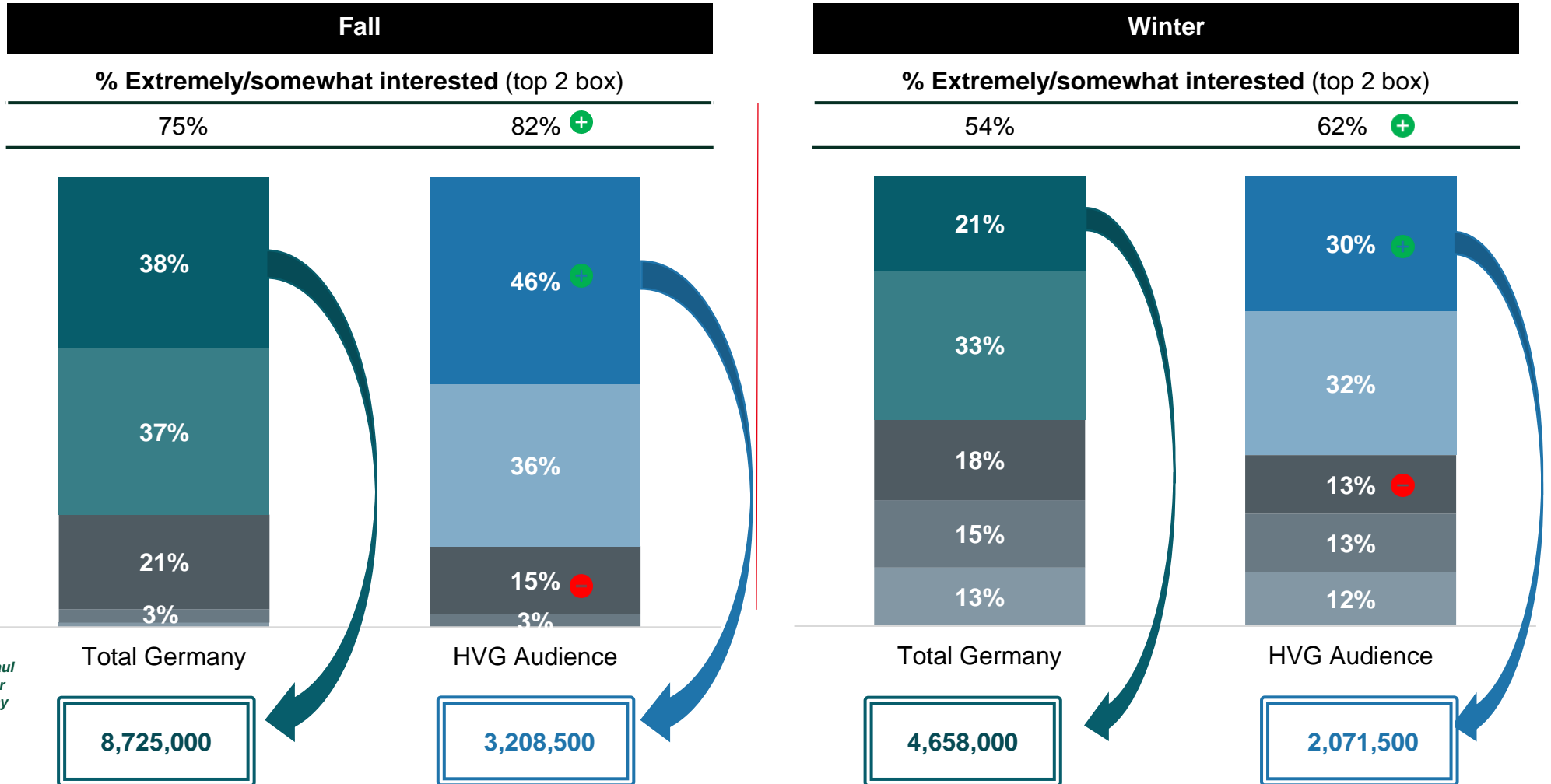
Note: respondents were asked either about winter travel (B2/D2) or fall travel (B3/D3) Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years)
 B3. What destinations come to mind when thinking about travel to experience the **autumn season**? (Please list up to 3 destinations. You can mention destinations within or outside of Europe, North Africa and the Mediterranean.) [DESCRIPTION] Please note: You do not have to limit your responses to destinations you are considering for a holiday trip. (n=787); HVG (n=238)
 B2. What destinations come to mind when thinking about travel to experience the **winter season**? (Please list up to 3 destinations. You can mention destinations within or outside of Europe, North Africa and the Mediterranean.) [DESCRIPTION] Please note: You do not have to limit your responses to destinations you are considering for a holiday trip. (n=731); HVG (n=218)



Interest in Fall/Winter Holidays



Interest in visiting a destination during its Fall season is almost double that of Winter among total German travellers. Fall and Winter interest is much higher amongst the HVG audience.



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* Calculation: Total potential HVG travellers (6,975,500) x total HVG extremely interested in season

38 Note: respondents were asked either about winter travel (B2/D2) or fall travel (B3/D3)
 Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years)
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 D2. In general, how interested are you in taking a holiday trip to a destination during its winter season? (n=731); HVG (n=218)



Potential Market Size For Canada in Fall/Winter

In terms of immediate potential for Canada, Fall has more than double the consideration than Winter.

Total potential travellers aged 18 years or more

Target Market for Canada

Size of the target market

Consideration for Canada in [SEASON] in N2Y

Immediate potential for Canada in N2Y

Long haul pleasure travellers

Those in the dream to purchase stages of the path to purchase for Canada

22,722,000

X

65.4%

=

14,860,000

X

Fall: 51.4%

=

Fall: 7,638,000



Winter: 23.2%

Winter: 3,447,500



HVG travellers

6,975,500

X

68.2%

=

4,757,500

X

Fall: 57.1%

=

Fall: 2,716,500



Winter: 29.0%

Winter: 1,379,500



Fall/Winter Conversion – Total Germany



The conversion from those who typically travel during Fall and Winter to extreme interest in visiting during that season is about two thirds. Among those, Canada has stronger conversion to immediate potential during its Fall season.



Fall

Demand During Fall Months
(any destination)

14,042,000

62%

Extremely Interested in
Visiting a Destination
During its Fall Season
(any destination)

8,725,000

87%

Next 2 Year Immediate
Potential for CANADA
During Fall Season

7,638,000



Winter

Demand During Winter Months
(any destination)

7,157,500

65%

Extremely Interested in
Visiting a Destination
During its Winter Season
(any destination)

4,658,000

74%

Next 2 Year Immediate
Potential for CANADA
During Winter Season

3,447,500

Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years)

D1. In general, what time of year do you typically like to take holiday trips? Select all that apply. Total (n=1518)

D3. In general, how interested are you in taking a holiday trip to a destination during its fall season? Total (n=787)

D2. In general, how interested are you in taking a holiday trip to a destination during its winter season? Total (n=731)

C7. For each of the following destinations, during which months would you consider taking a holiday trip in the next 2 years? Total (n=992)



Fall/Winter Conversion – Among HVG Audience



Among HVGs, the conversion from those who typically travel during Fall and Winter to extreme interest in visiting during that season is about three quarters. Among those, Canada has stronger conversion to immediate potential during its Fall season.



Fall

Demand During Fall Months
(any destination)

4,332,000

74%

Extremely Interested in
Visiting a Destination
During its Fall Season
(any destination)

3,208,500

85%

Next 2 Year Immediate
Potential for CANADA
During Fall Season

2,716,500



Winter

Demand During Winter Months
(any destination)

2,776,000

75%

Extremely Interested in
Visiting a Destination
During its Winter Season
(any destination)

2,071,500

67%

Next 2 Year Immediate
Potential for CANADA
During Winter Season

1,379,500

Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years), HVG Audience
 D1. In general, what time of year do you typically like to take holiday trips? Select all that apply. HVG (n=456)
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 D2. In general, how interested are you in taking a holiday trip to a destination during its winter season? HVG (n=218)
 C7. For each of the following destinations, during which months would you consider taking a holiday trip in the next 2 years? HVG (n=311)



Time of Year Interested in Visiting Canada (Next 2 Years)



The main provinces that German travellers want to visit are British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec.

Total Germany
HVG Audience

Northwest Territories

1%	1%	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
4%	3%	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
7%	8%	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
5%	5%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Nunavut

1%	1%	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
2%	2%	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
3%	3%	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
2%	2%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Quebec

4%	5%	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
11%	15%+	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
19%	24%+	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
15%	17%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Newfoundland & Labrador

2%	2%	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
5%	7%+	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
8%	9%	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
6%	6%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Yukon

2%	3%	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
6%	9%+	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
9%	9%	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
6%	5%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Prince Edward Island

2%	2%	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
4%	6%+	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
6%	9%+	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
4%	6%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

British Columbia

5%	7%	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
14%	17%	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
27%	32%+	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
21%	23%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

New Brunswick

1%	2%	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
3%	5%	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
5%	6%	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
4%	4%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Alberta

5%	7%+	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
12%	16%+	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
20%	20%	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
16%	16%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Nova Scotia

2%	3%	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
3%	5%	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
7%	9%	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
7%	8%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Saskatchewan

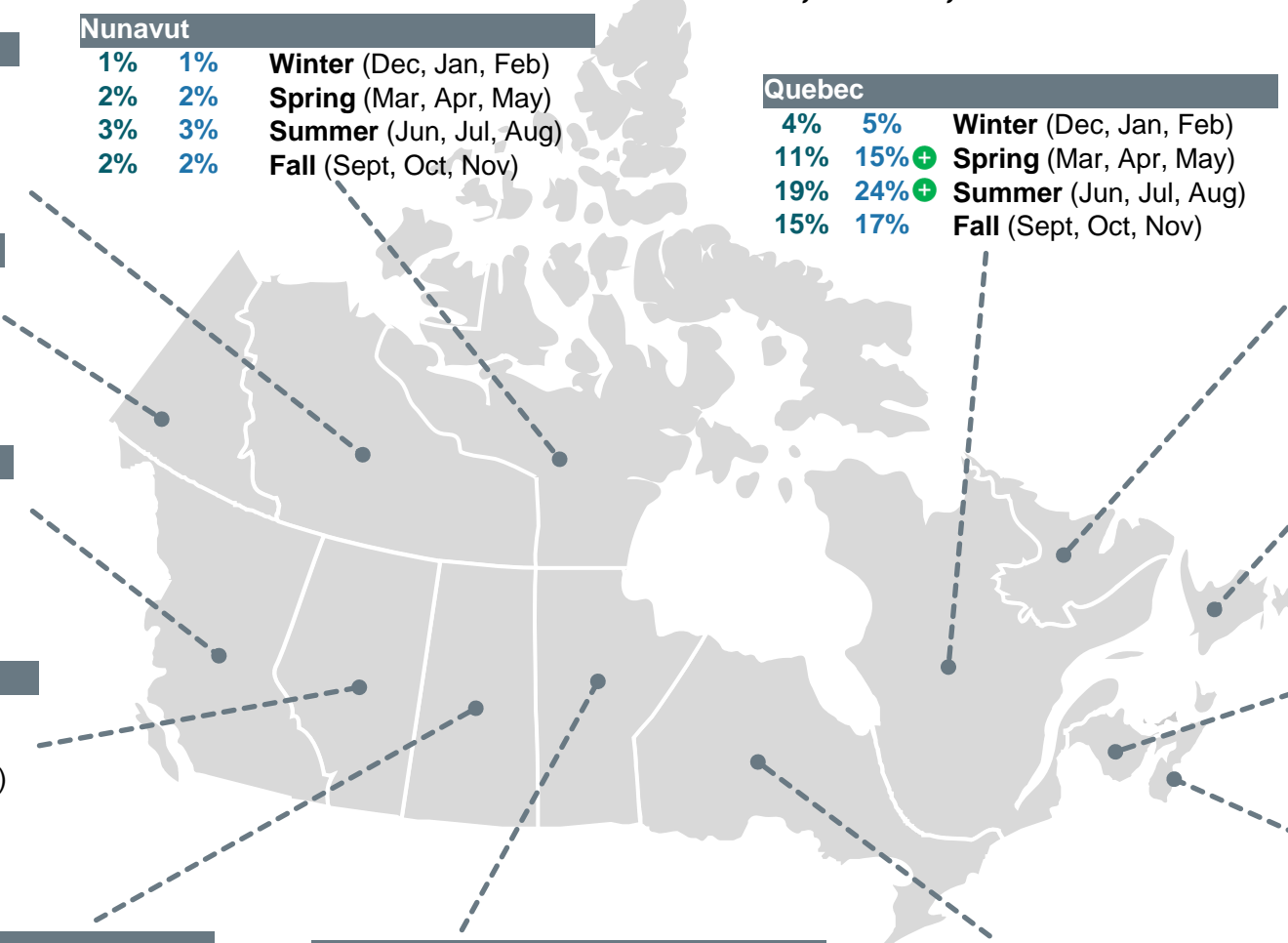
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5%	6%	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
7%	10%+	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
4%	7%+	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Manitoba

2%	3%	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
5%	7%+	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
7%	10%+	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
5%	6%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Ontario

4%	3%	Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)
16%	19%	Spring (Mar, Apr, May)
26%	26%	Summer (Jun, Jul, Aug)
20%	19%	Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov)



Motivators & Barriers for Fall Travel to Canada



In the Fall, weather is both the biggest motivation and barrier for travellers. Being unable to take a holiday is also a deterrent for travelling in the Fall.

Motivators for Fall Travel



Barriers for Fall Travel



Base: Those in the dream to purchase stages of the path to purchase for Canada and considering visiting Canada or any province/territory in September, October or November E6a. You indicated earlier that you are considering taking a holiday to **Canada** during the months of September, October and/or November... Which of the following describes why you would be interested in travelling to Canada for a holiday during these **autumn months**?

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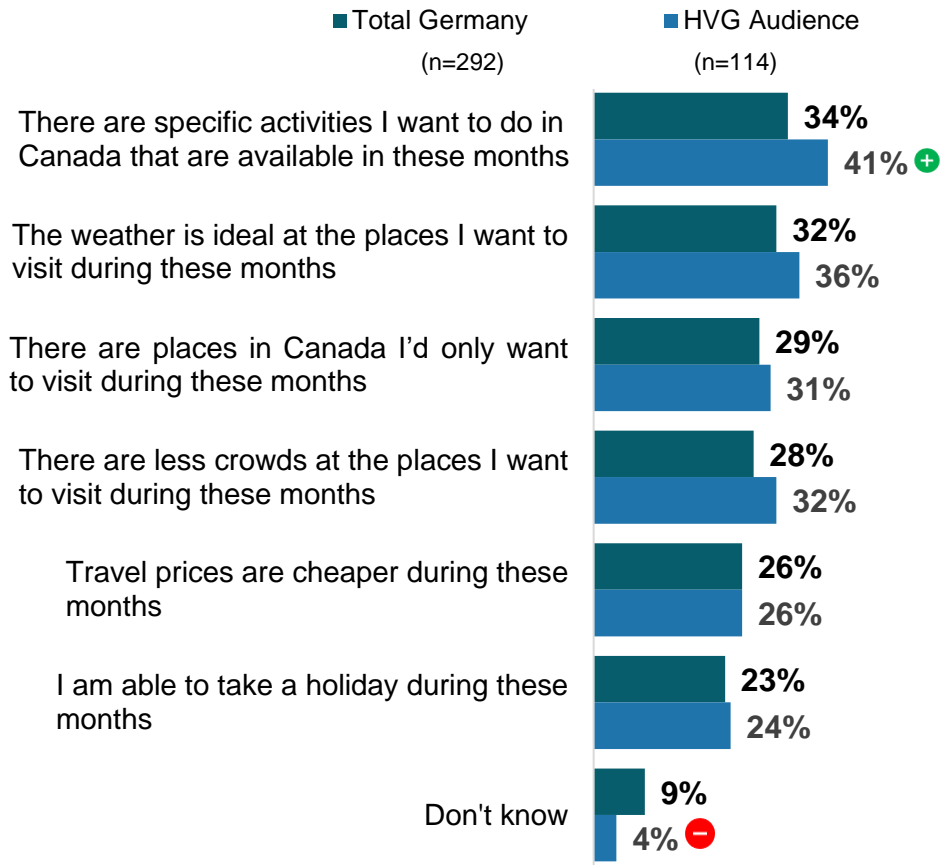


Motivators & Barriers for Winter Travel to Canada

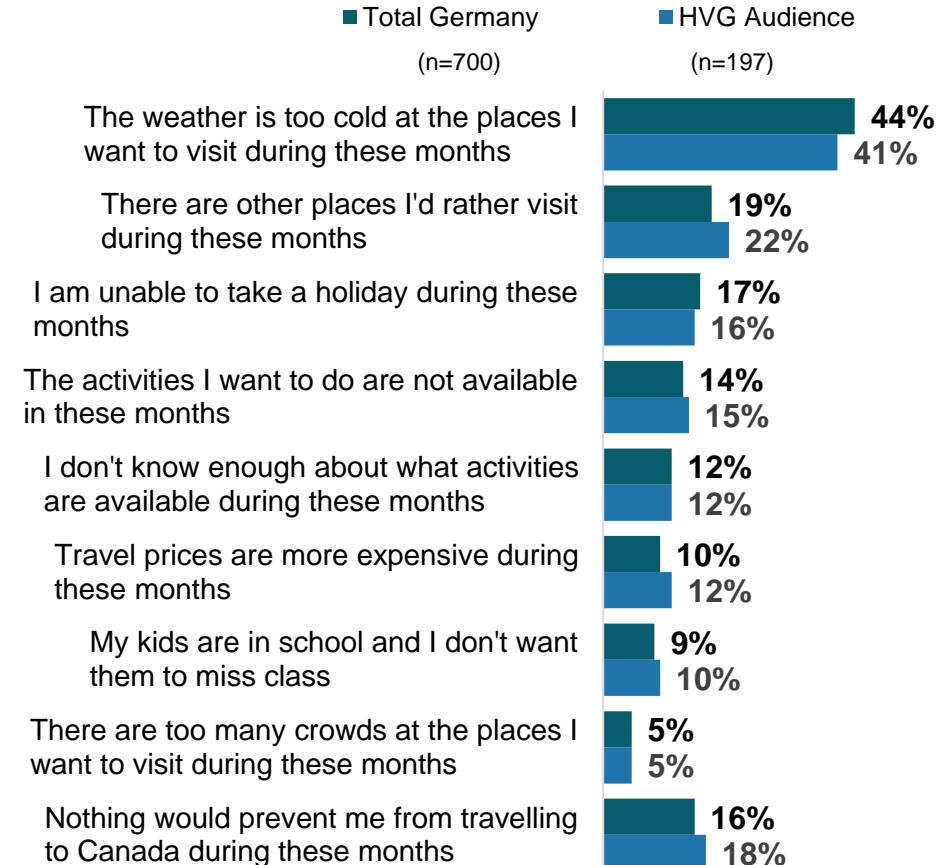


When it comes to Winter travel, one third of Germans are motivated by the activities or weather while almost half see the weather as an obstacle for travelling. Of note is the 19% who say there are other places they'd rather visit during those months.

Motivators for Winter Travel



Barriers for Winter Travel



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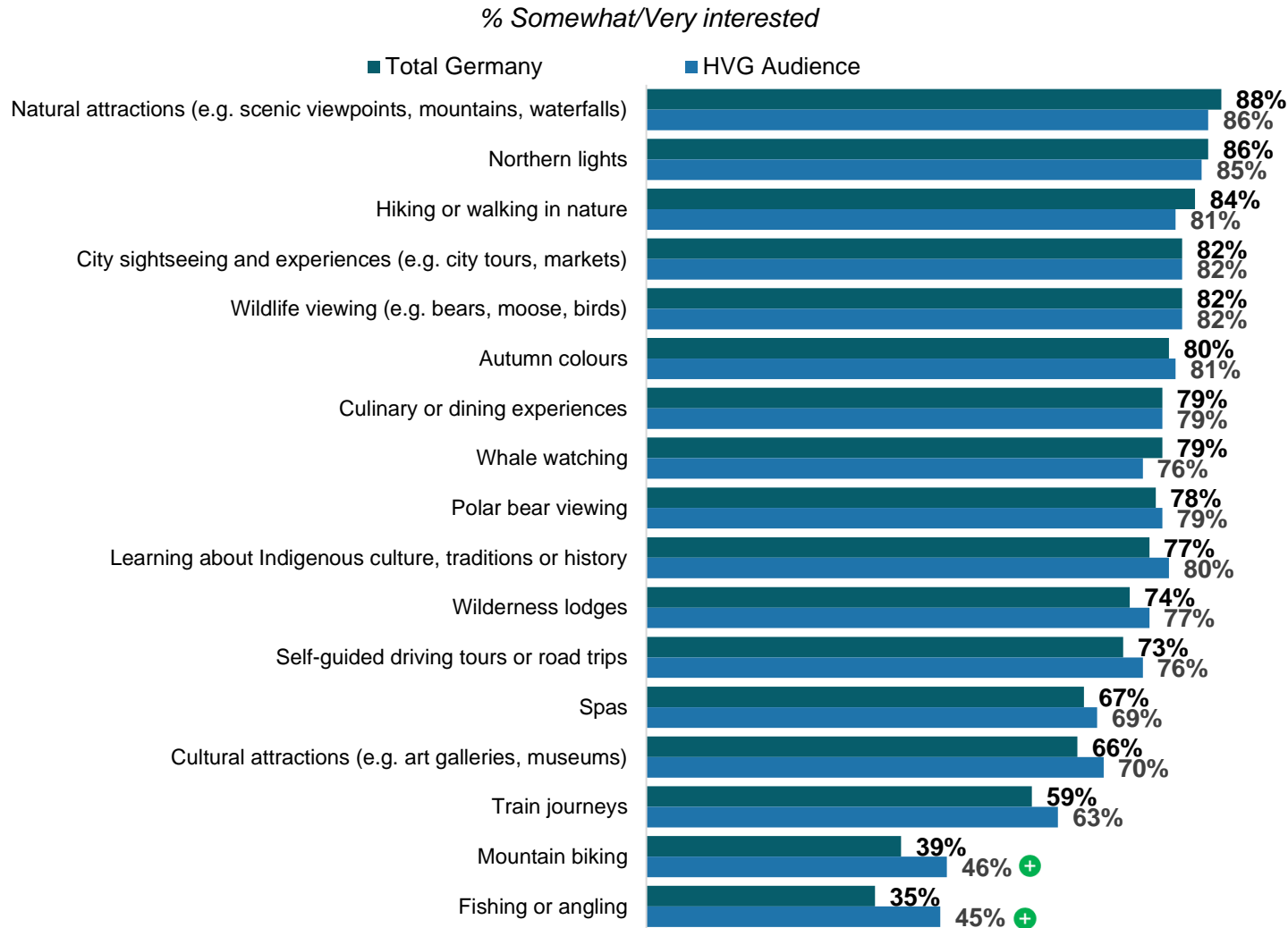
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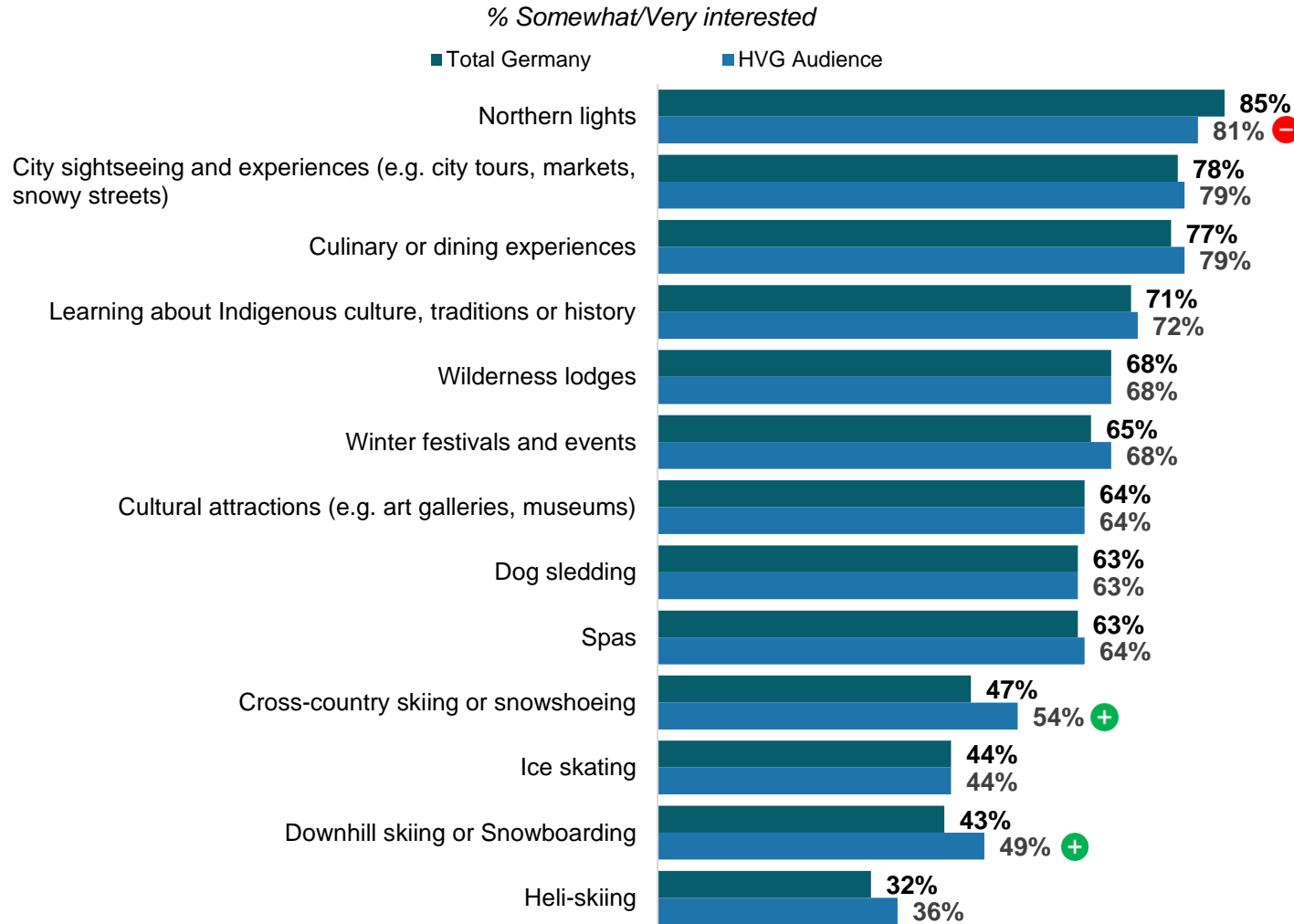
Interest in Fall Activities in Canada

Natural attractions, Northern lights and hiking in nature are Fall activities Germans are most interested in for a trip to Canada.



Interest in Winter Activities in Canada

In the Winter, seeing the Northern lights, city sightseeing, and culinary experiences are the activities German travellers are most interested in experiencing in Canada. HVGs have an elevated interest in snow sports.



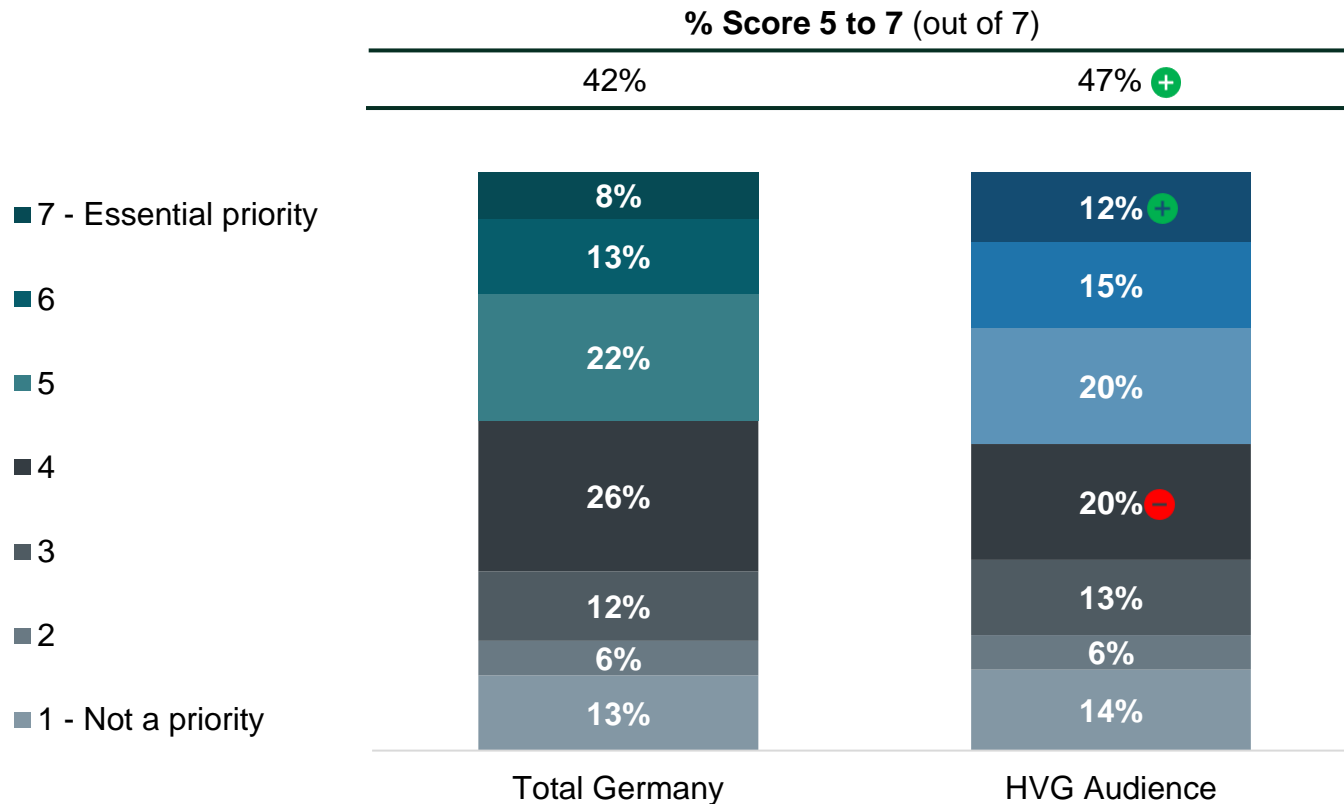


Sustainability



Priority of Sustainable Travel When Planning a Trip

Sustainable travel when planning a trip is not an essential priority for most German travellers, although it is somewhat more important among HVGs. Canada is most likely to be perceived as a socially responsible travel destination but falls behind Iceland on being environmentally-friendly.



% Associate [DESTINATION] with...	Is a socially responsible travel destination		Is an environmentally-friendly travel destination	
	Total Germany	HVG	Total Germany	HVG
Canada	48%	53% +	36%	43% +
Iceland	44%	46%	45%	45%
Australia	36%	39%	23%	26%
United States	28%	33%	19%	25% +

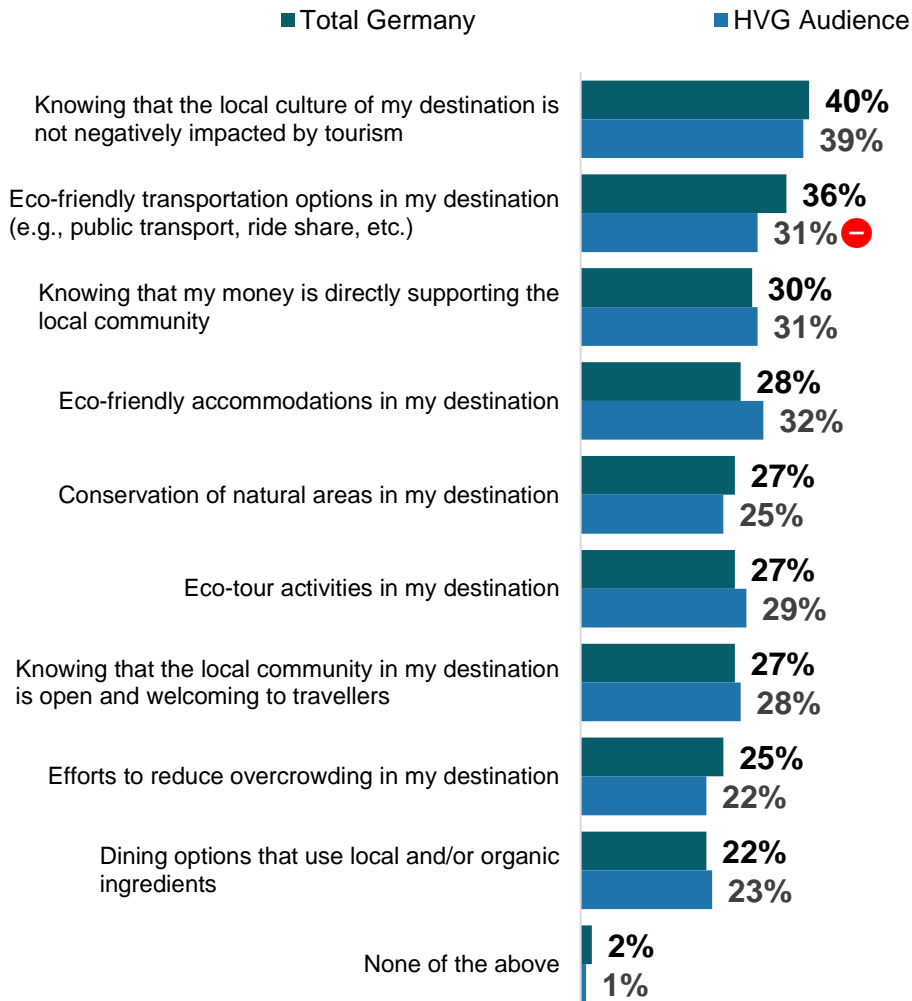
Sustainable Travel Description

Sustainable travel refers to “travel that minimizes any negative impacts on the destination’s environment, economy and society, while making positive contributions to the local people and conserving the destination’s natural and cultural heritage”.

Base: Long-haul pleasure travellers (past 3 years or next 2 years) (n=1518); HVG (n=456)
 D7. [DESCRIPTION] How much of a priority is sustainable travel to you when you are planning a trip? Please use a 7-point scale, where 7 means 'essential priority' and 1 means 'not a priority'.
 C6. We are interested in your general impressions about destinations even if you have never been there. Please select all the destinations you think apply to the statement. Select "None of these" if you think none of the destinations apply.

Top 3 Most Important Sustainability Efforts

When it comes to sustainability efforts, the two most important for German travellers are the local culture not being negatively impacted and having eco-friendly transport options. HVGs place equal level of importance on having eco-friendly accommodations and knowing their money is directly supporting the local community as having eco-friendly transport options.



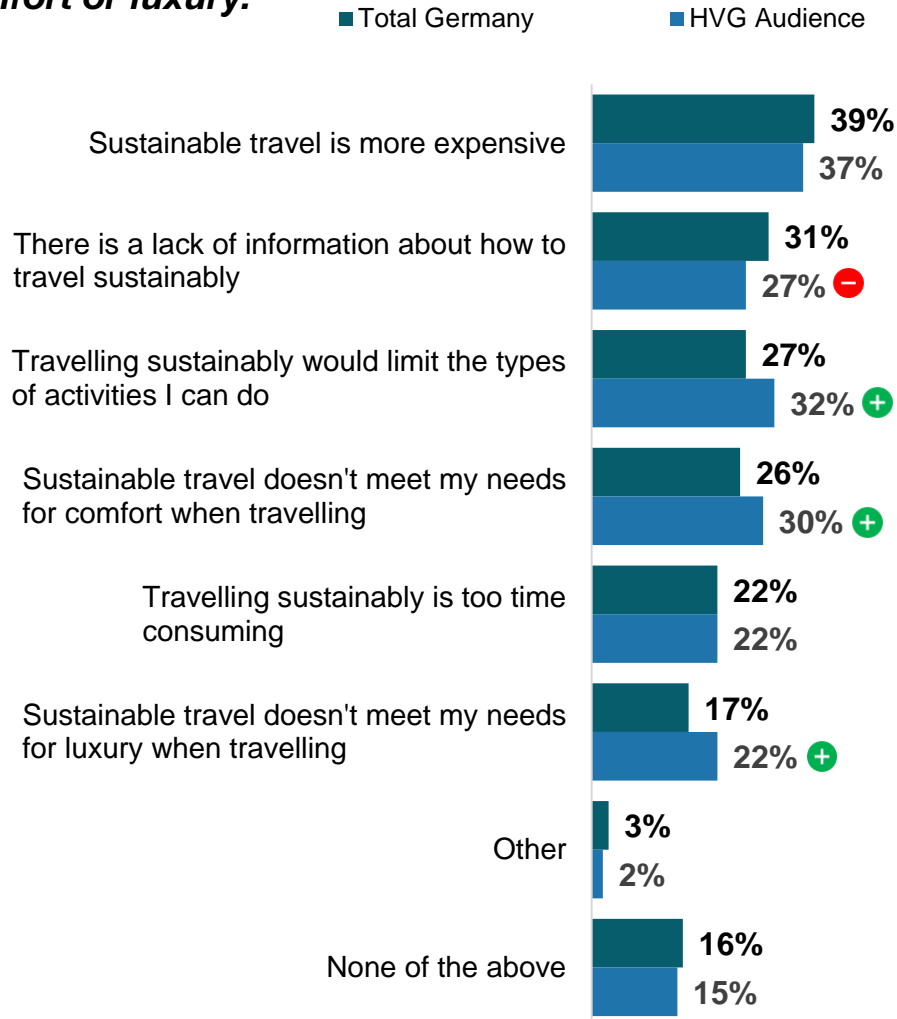
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Barriers to Sustainable Travel

The primary barrier to sustainable travel is the perceived expense among both German travellers and the HVG audience. HVGs are more likely to say travelling sustainably would limit the types of activities and doesn't meet their needs for comfort or luxury.



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Indigenous Tourism

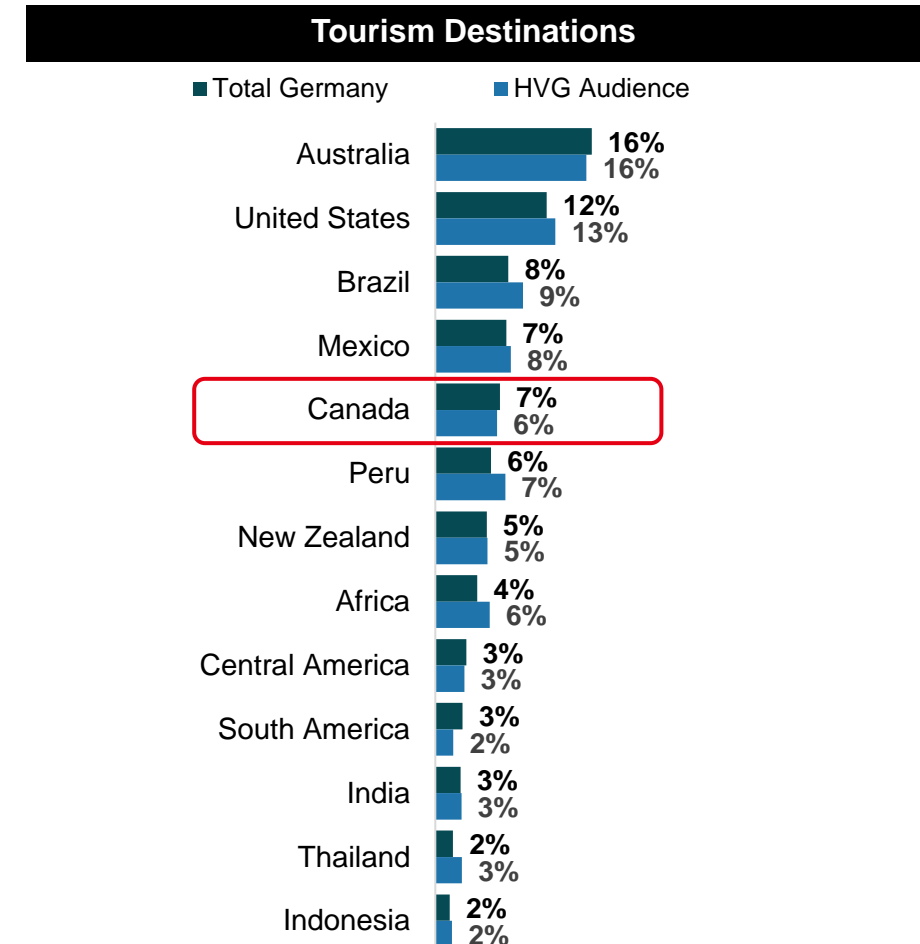
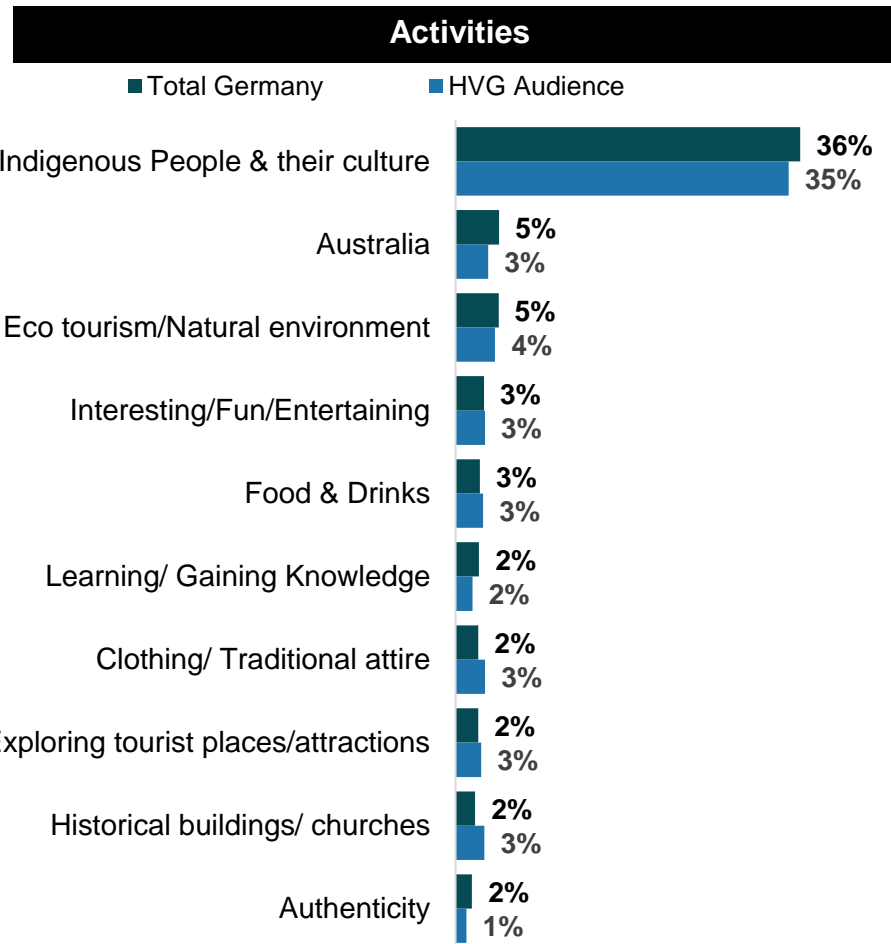


Unaided Mentions – Indigenous Cultural & Tourism Activities

When it comes to Indigenous culture, there is no specific activity that comes to mind for German travellers. Australia has the highest unaided mentions as an Indigenous tourism destination, followed by the US.

Indigenous Peoples Description

Indigenous peoples are descendants of the original inhabitants of a country or region before people of different cultures or origins arrived. They have unique traditions and ways of life that are often distinct from the larger societies where they live. Indigenous tourism businesses are owned or operated by Indigenous people.

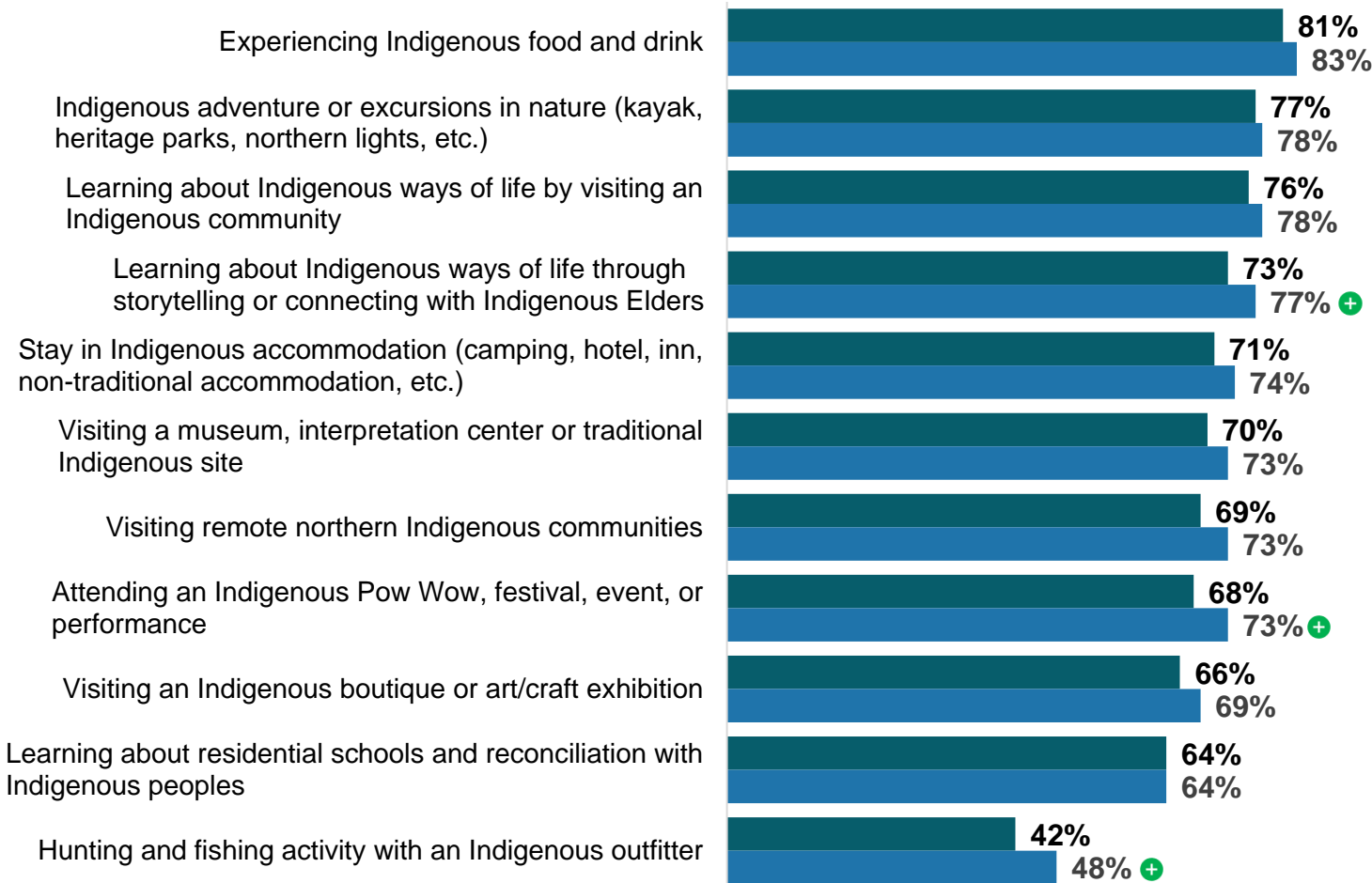


Interest in Indigenous Cultural & Tourism Activities

Food and drink, excursions in nature, and visiting an Indigenous community are of greatest interest to German travellers to experience Indigenous culture in Canada. It is worth noting, however, that interest is relatively high for nearly all activities except hunting and fishing.

% Somewhat/Very interested

■ Total Germany ■ HVG Audience



Indigenous Tourism Description

As you may or may not know, in Canada, Indigenous tourism businesses are majority-owned or operated by Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis or Inuit). The social and economic benefits of Indigenous tourism businesses goes back to the business owners and/or the communities where they are based.



THANK YOU

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