

Key concept: Interconnection

- The concept of interconnection is grounded in the proposition that no geographical issue or phenomena can be viewed in isolation.
- People and places are interconnected with other peoples and places in a variety of ways. These interconnections have significant influences on the characteristics of places.

Content focus

- Students focus on the connections people have to places across a range of scales.
- They examine what shapes people's perceptions of places and how this influences their connections to places.
- Students **explore** how transport, information and communication technologies and trade link people to many places.
- They explain the effects of human activities, such as production, recreation and travel, on places and environments in Australia and across the world and investigate sustainability initiatives and possible futures for these places.

Key inquiry questions

- How are people and places connected to other places?
- What role does technology play in connecting people to people, goods, services and information
- in other places?
- What are the consequences of a globally connected world for people and places?
- Why are interconnections important for the future of places and environments?

Content

Students investigate:

- the influences on and effects of, people's travel and recreational, cultural or leisure connections with different places for the future
- the way transportation and information and communication technologies are used to connect people to services, information and people in other places
- the ways places and people are interconnected through trade in goods and services across a range of scales
- the effects of the production and consumption of goods on people, places and environments throughout the world.

Possible examples of interconnections

- Trade
- Tourism
- Consumer electronic goods
- Clothing and footwear industry
- Popular culture (for example, music)

Facilitating factors: technological advances in transport and communication technologies.

Why tourism?

Students have the opportunity to investigate:

- the influences on and effects of, people's travel-related connections with different places for the future
- the way transportation and information and communication technologies have facilitated the growth of global tourism
- the ways places and people are interconnected through the trade in tourism-related goods and services across a range of scales
- the effects of tourism on people, places and environments throughout the world.

Plus:

- Student engagement
- Utilitarian factors

It's big! (and economically important)



Rapid growth

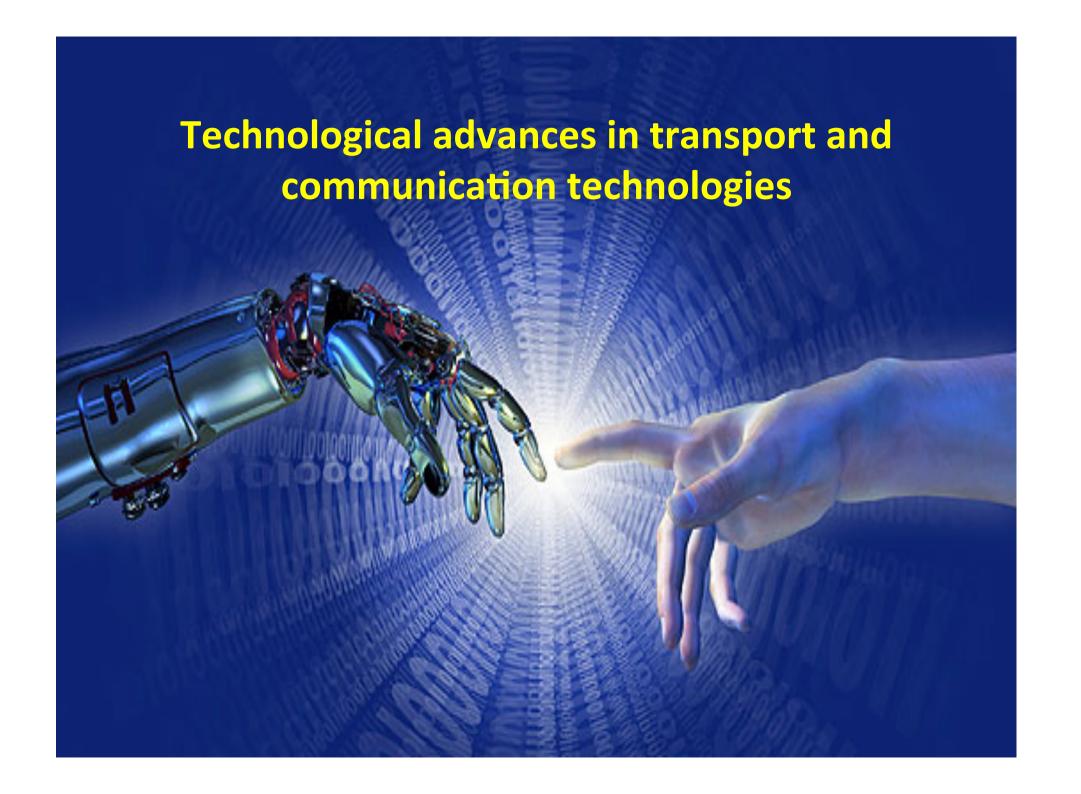
International tourist arrivals grew by 3.9% to reach a total of 1,235 million.

World: Inbound Tourism
International Tourist Arrivals (million)

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Accounting for the rapid growth in global tourism

- Technological advances in transport and communication technologies and reductions in the real cost of travel
- Rising affluence and changing lifestyle expectations
- Demographic and social change
- The collapse of communism in Europe



Technological advances in transport and communication technologies

Technological innovations have transformed the global tourism industry

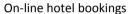
Transport – reductions in the real cost of travel

Internet – reduces complexity and enhances consumer autonomy (40,000 travel agency jobs lost in the last decade).



Three mega cruise ships. Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Seas, Oasis of the Seas and Harmony of the Seas.





Smartphones

enhancing

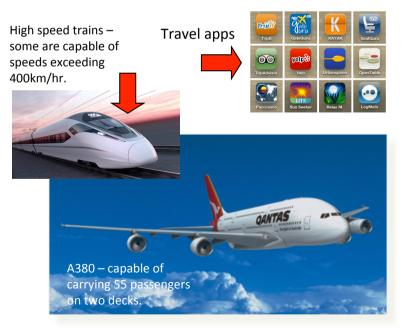
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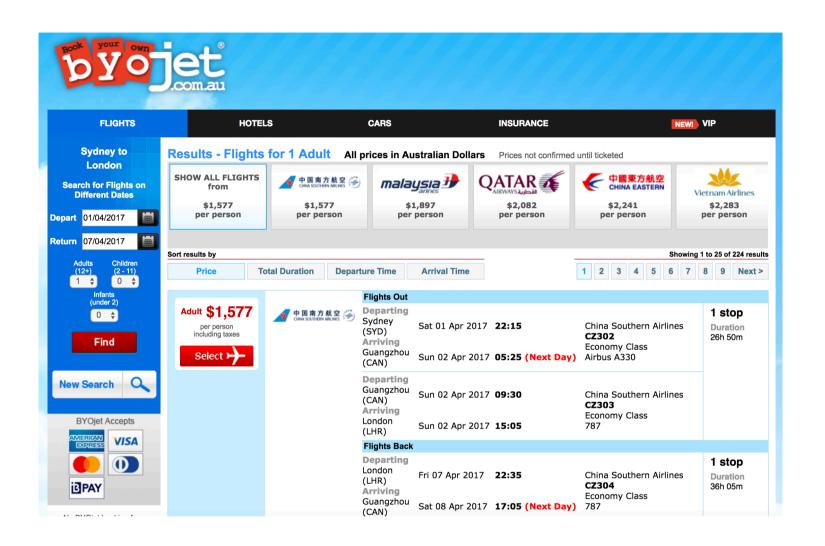




FIJI AIRWAYS







Sydney-Heathrow \$1,577 (return)!

Highlighting interconnectivity

Map of world airline routes. The map shows 59,036 airline routes between 3,209 airports by 531 airlines





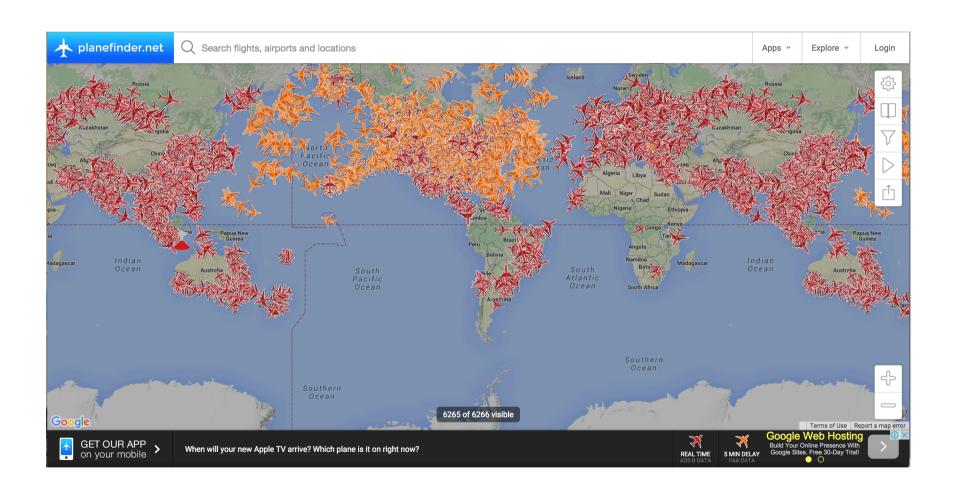
Mapping the world's biggest airlines.

World's busiest airport hubs

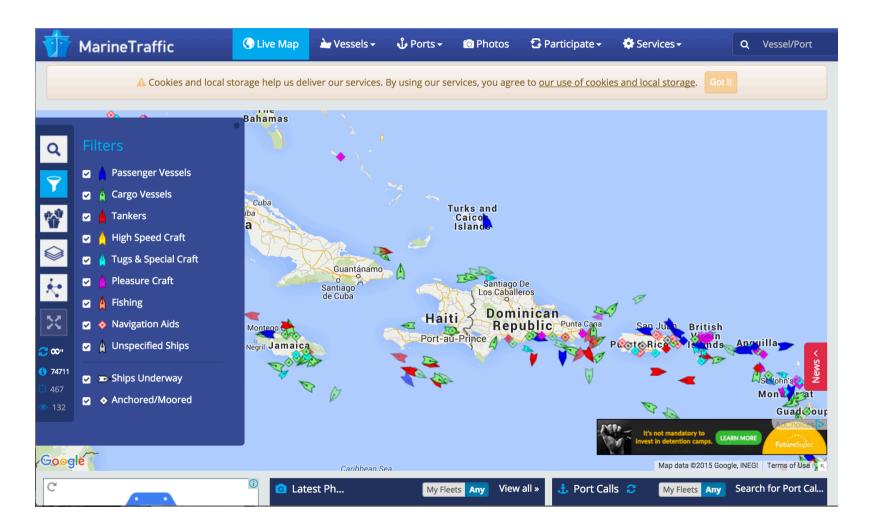
Airport	Country	Passengers 2015
Atlanta International	USA	101, 489,887
Beijing Capital International	China	89,938,628
Dubai	UAE	78,010,265
Chicago O'Hare International	USA	76,942,493
Tokyo International	Japan	75,316,718
London Heathrow	UK	74,989,914
Los Angeles International	USA	74,704,122
Hong Kong International	Hong Kong	68,342,785
Charles de Gaulle International	France	65,771,288
Dallas Forth Worth International	USA	64,072,468

Sydney: 39,721,619

Plane Finder



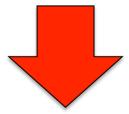
Marine Traffic





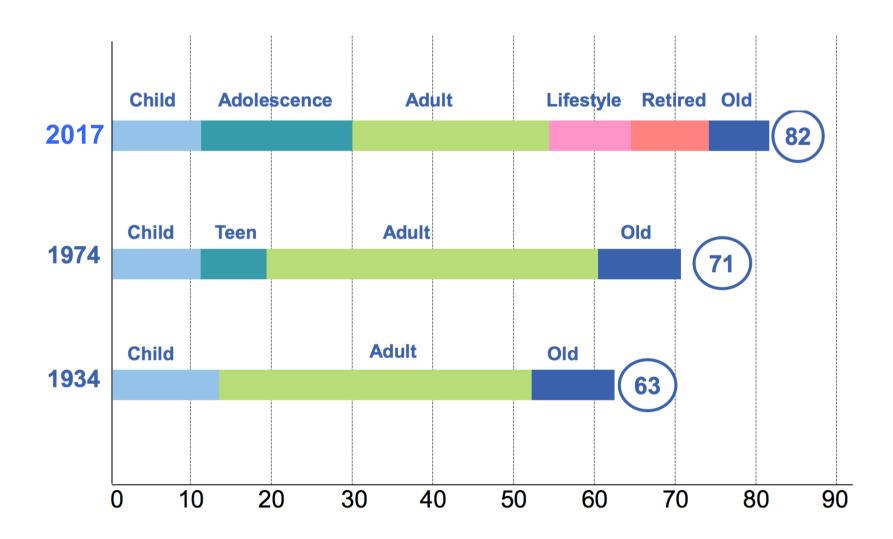
Demographic and social change

Increased life expectancy
Increased age of marriage
Alternative household formation

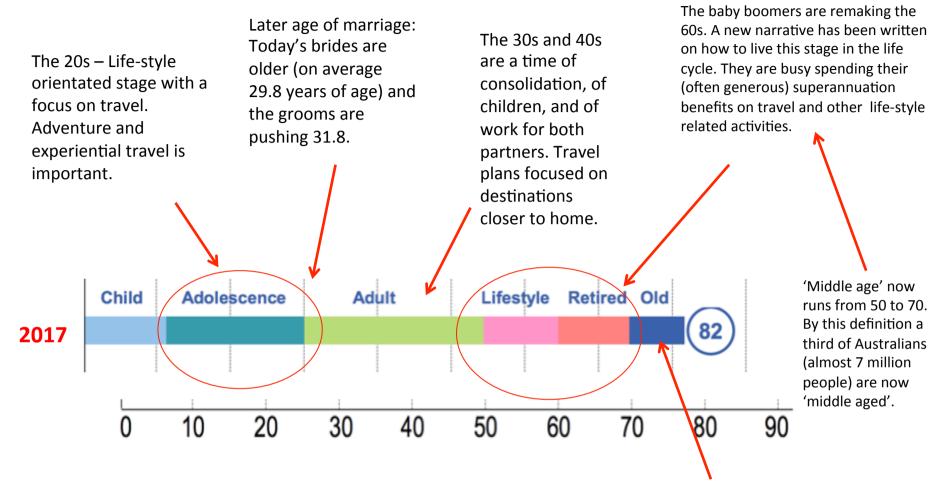


Changing lifestyle expectations and aspirations

Impacts of Social Change



[•] Change in life expectancy over 80 years in Australia



Changes to the life stage cycle and their impact on tourism

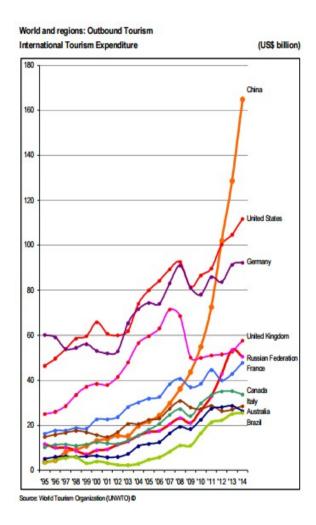
Opportunities for travel limited by increasing mobility issues. The cruise is one of the viable option.



In the USA control over 80% of personal financial assets and more than 50% of discretionary spending power. They are responsible for more than half of all consumer spending including 80% of all leisure travel.

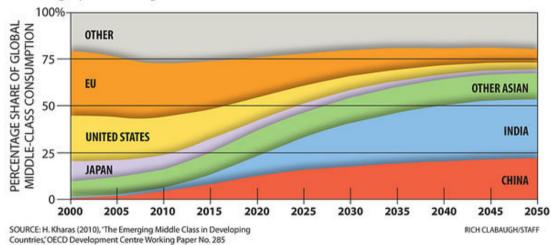


Economic change



The global middle-class wave

Global middle-class consumption will shift heavily toward China, India, and other Asian countries (excluding Japan) as the high-income countries see their share decrease.



Rising affluence in developing countries fueling growth in global tourism.

Outbound tourism expenditure (selected countries): Note the rate on increase experienced by China and Russia

Economic factors in in Australia driving the growth in tourism

Rising affluence and wealth accumulation (for some)

- Sustained economic growth and increases in real wages (until recently)
- Generous superannuation schemes (especially for the baby boomers)
- Rising property prices (wealth effect)
- Inter-generational wealth transfers
- Generous leave provisions for employees
- The removal of barriers to international travel



Discretionary spending

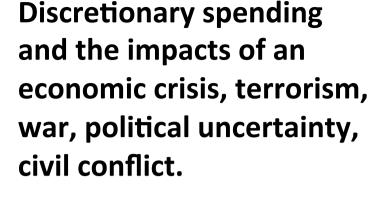
Source of uncertainty



Decline in consumer confidence



Reduced discretionary spending on non-essentials such as vacations



Increased unemployment, underemployment and job insecurity



Significant declines in economic activity in affected sectors etc.



An industry dependent on discretionary spending – perceptions or political stability and personal safety



'Trump slump': US tourism industry down \$US185 million since Trump took office.

"Mounting signs' that Trump industry groups". S. tourism, say

Impacts of currency movements



Currency exchange rates have a large impact. The appreciating US dollar, for example, has had a major impact the consumer behaviour. As has the depreciation of the British pound.

Inbound travel to the USA from Canada and Mexico has become relatively more expensive, while US outbound travel has become relatively cheaper.

Impacts of terrorism



Paris suffered a decline in the number of tourist arrivals resulting in a revenue loss of 750 million euros during the first six months of 2016.

One million fewer visitors – both nationals and internationals – arrived during the first six months of the year, a 6.4 per cent drop.

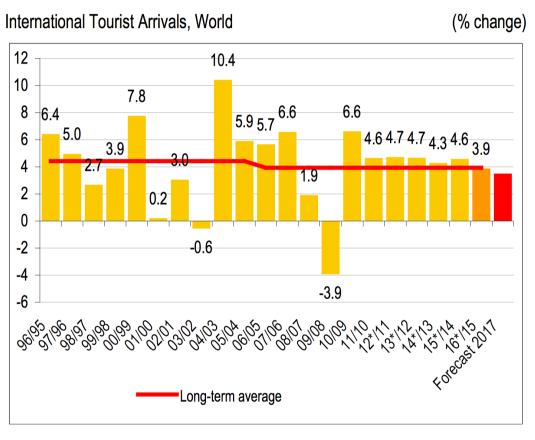
France is the most visited country in the world, with almost 85 million foreign visitors last year, including 16 million in Paris, according to the global tourism index.

The French tourism sector employs nearly 2 million people and accounts for 7 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

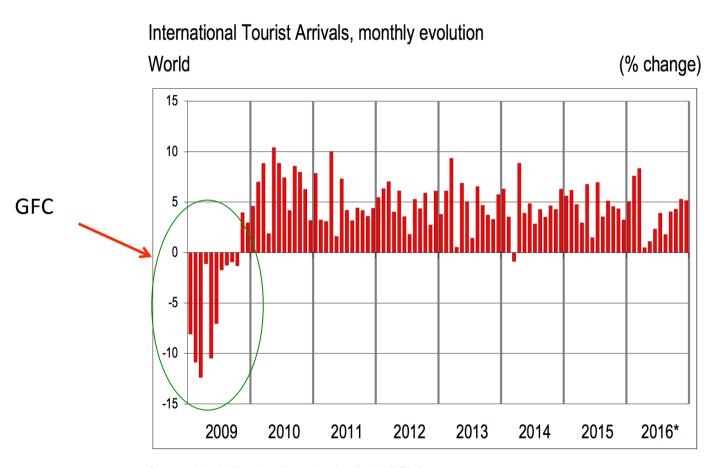


Growth rates

2016 was the seventh consecutive year of sustained growth following the 2009 global economic and financial crisis.

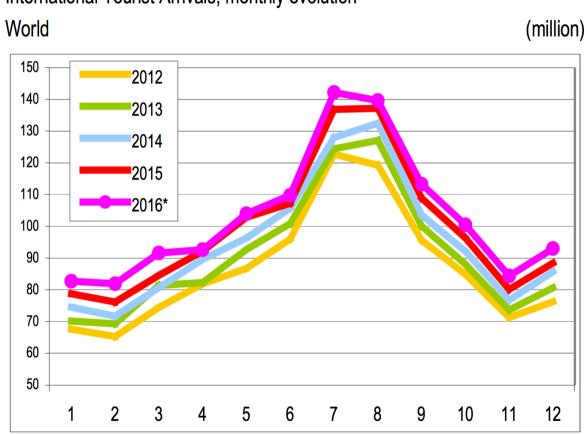


Growth rates by month

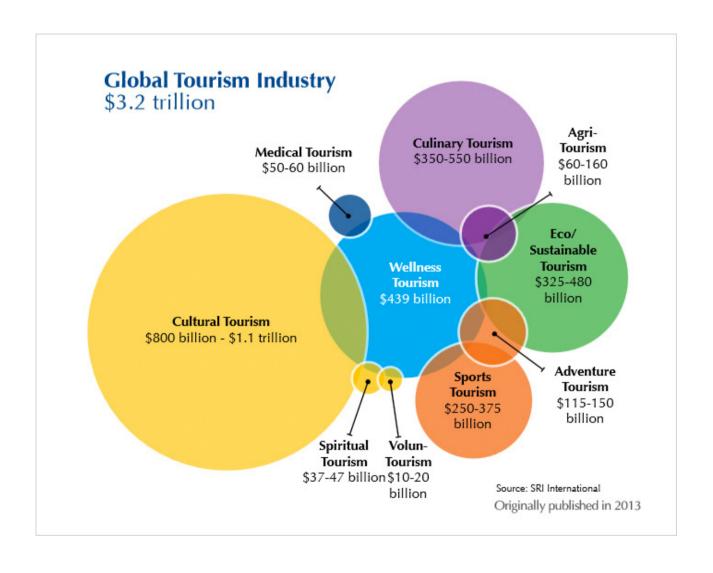


Seasonal movements

International Tourist Arrivals, monthly evolution

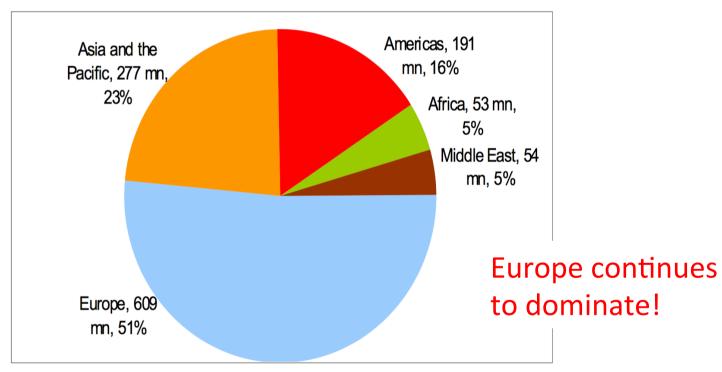


Types of tourism



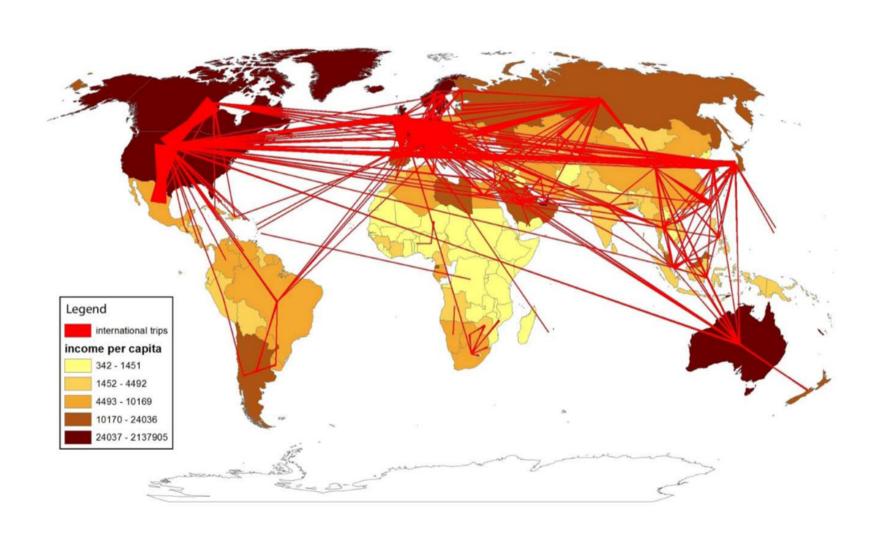
Inbound tourism by region, 2015

World Inbound Tourism
International Tourist Arrivals, 2015* (million)

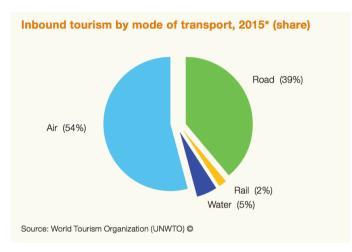


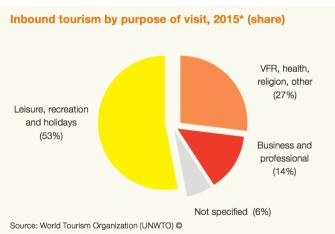
Source: World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) ©

International movement of tourists



Mode and purpose of inbound tourism





Australia's graph would look quite different!



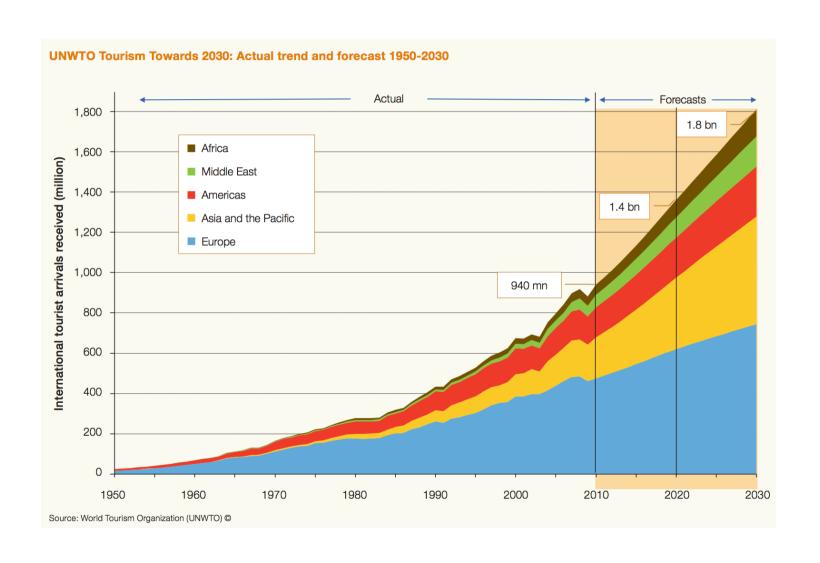
Tourisms big spenders





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Global tourism forecasts



Market differentiation

The tourism market is a dynamic one and new sectors continue to emerge. These inevitably become the focus of tourism marketing campaigns and providers adapt their product to meet the expectations of those targeted. Some of the more notable sectors include:

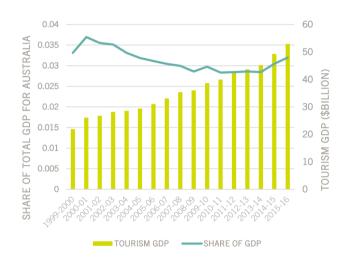
- Chasing the 'pink dollar (euro, pound or yen)
- DINKs splash out on travel
- Peer-to-peer travel: Sharing and caring (
- Multi-generational vacations (the family Christmas cruise!)
- Chinese on the move!
- Here come the PANKS! Professional Aunt, No Kids
- Going mobile



Contribution of tourism to the Australian economy

In 2015–16, the GDP generated by tourism increased 7.4% (or \$3.7 billion) to reach a record of \$53 billion. It accounted for 3.2% share of Australia's total GDP.

In 2015–16, the industry provided jobs for 580,200 workers directly – equivalent to 4.9% of Australia's total workforce. In terms of workforce size, tourism is larger than mining (227,800 workers), agriculture (321,600 workers) and utilities services (144,000 workers).



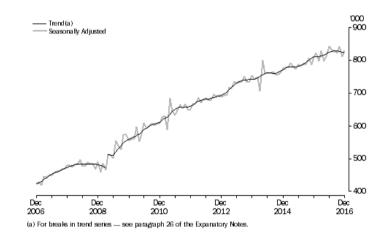


Australian's on the move

Record growth in international travel has sparked an unprecedented surge in the number of Australian passport holders. One in two (49%) Australians now has a passport, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, an increase of 16% over 2015.

It reflects the growing tendency of Australians to holiday overseas rather than domestically. While this figure is well ahead of the United States (25%) it seriously lags European countries such as Germany with 90% passport ownership.

There were 9.9 million short-term resident departures from Australia in 2016.



Where do Australians travel to?

(Change over the decade 2006–2016)

SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES, Top 10 Countries in 2016 Calendar Year, Australia, Trend Series

	2016	2006		
	Trend	Trend	2006 to 2016	
Source countries	'000	'000	Trend % change	
New Zealand	1 315.6	860.3	52.9	
Indonesia	1 248.4	193.1	546.6	
United States of America	1 053.4	441.4	138.7	
UK, Cls & IOM(a)	587.6	422.6	39.0	
Thailand	528.6	288.2	83.4	
China	451.4	249.9	80.6	
Singapore	377.1	195.9	92.5	
Japan	362.5	99.5	264.3	
Fiji	344.7	201.9	70.7	
India	319.4	106.7	199.3	
Total(b)	9 863.6	4 889.3	101.7	

Trend is clearly away from traditional destinations to those in the region (Indonesia, Japan and India) and North America.

⁽a) United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

⁽b) Total includes short-term resident departures from every source country so components will not add to the total.

Who visits?

Short-term Visitor Arrivals, Top 10 Source Countries in 2016

	2016		
Source countries	'000		
New Zealand	1 340.2		
China	1 213.1		
United States of America	714.7		
UK, Cls & IOM(a)	709.6		
Singapore	443.6		
Japan	411.6		
Malaysia	388.0		
Korea, South	286.0		
India	260.4		
Hong Kong	245.6		
Total(b)	8 247.8		

⁽a) United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.







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Chinese surge!

Chinese visitor arrivals hit 1.2 million in 2016

Chinese residents made a record number of visits to Australia in the 2016 calendar year, according to figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Short-term trips from China have grown from 500 in 1976 to 1.2 million in 2016, making it the country with the highest growth rate in that period.



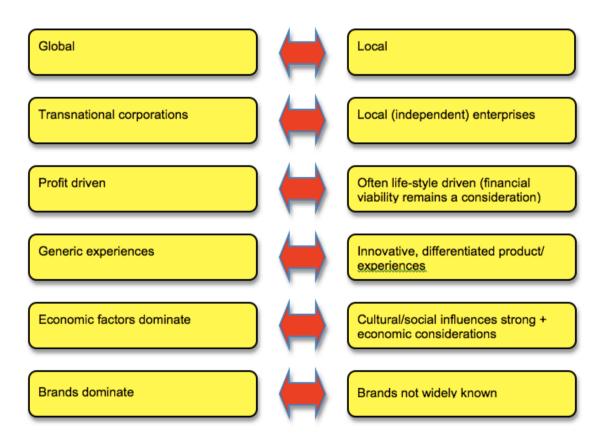


Mega trends in global tourism

Tendencies towards globalisation and localisations

Trends in global tourism

Tensions between globalisation and localization (global tourism)







INTERCONTINENTAL Global hotel corporations Acor





Group	Corporate HQ	Number of Properties	Number of rooms	Brands			
				Luxury brands	Up-market brands	Mid-market	Budget
Marriott International	Bethesda, Maryland, USA	5,974	1,170,367	Ritz-Carlton Bulgari Hotels JW Marriott St Regis Luxury Collection	Renaissance Marriott Delta Gaylord Hotels W Hotels Design Hotels Westin Hotels and Resorts Le Meridien Sheraton Courtyard by Marriott Residence Inn by Marriott Four Points by Sheraton Aloft Hotels	Fairfield Inn by Marriott Protea Hotels TownePlace Suites	
InterContinental Hotels Group	Denham, Buckinghamshire, UK	5,070	749,721	Intercontinental Hotels	Crowne Plaza Kimpton Hotels Hotel Indigo Even Hotels Staybridge Suites Holiday Inn Select	Holiday Inn Holiday Inn Express Candlewood Suites	
Hilton Worldwide	McLean, Virginia, USA	4727	775,866	Waldorf Astoria Conrad Hotels	Hilton DoubleTree Curio Collection	Embassy Suites by Hilton Hilton Garden Inn Homewood Suites by Hilton Tru by Hilton Hampton by Hilton	
Accor	Paris, France	4,200	524,955	Sofitel Legend Sofitel Fairmont Raffles	Pullman Swissotel MGallery The Sebel Adagio Premium Grand Mercure	Novotel Adagio Mercure	ibis Formula 1 Adagio Access Coralia

Localisation: Locally-based enterprises take advantage of the commercial opportunities generated from the growth in international tourism and the investment in hotels and resorts by TNCs.





Advantages and disadvantages of tourism

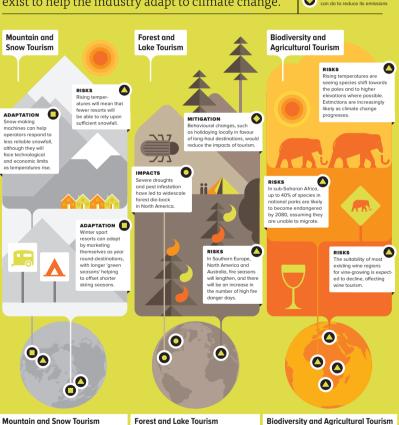
Advantages

- employment (tourism in labour intensive, few administrative positions, little opportunity for upward mobility)
- infrastructure development (roads, water, electricity, telecommunications)
- cultural preservation (economic incentives to preserve food, fashion, festivals and physical history, but these tend to be superficial elements of a culture.)
- environmental protection (economic incentive to protect the biophysical environment)
- foreign exchange (generates income),
- people gain access to pharmaceuticals, technology, consumer goods
- provision of health care services

Disadvantages

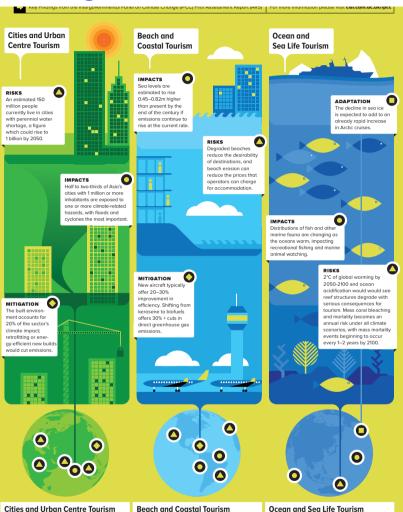
- loss of cultural diversity (language, religion, rituals, material culture often impacted)
- environmental impacts (impacts of resort developments: golf course, ski fields, coastlines.
- limited employment opportunities (often jobs are low skilled, low wage, prostitution, drug trade, gambling etc.)
- promotion of illegal and/or destructive economic activities (drug trading, species endangerment, child exploitation etc.)
- outside hiring (especially, skilled middle and senior management)
- concentration of employment opportunities (resort enclaves.)
- seasonal employment
- outside decision making (decisions made outside of the area by transnational corporations)
- corruption of local officials
- loss of productive land to resort developments and golf courses
- negative social impacts (STD's, substance abuse, begging, soliciting etc.)
- diverted and concentrated development at tourist destinations
- market uncertainty (fickle, affected by local and world events)

Impacts and responses to climate change Tourism on the Move in a Changing Climate Cities and Urban Rising temperatures, higher sea levels and degraded RISKS Likely impacts **Centre Tourism** habitats will have serious impacts on almost every ADAPTATION How the sub-sector of the tourism industry. But options MITIGATION What tourism exist to help the industry adapt to climate change. An estimated 150 million people currently live in cities Mountain and Biodiversity and Forest and shortage a figure



Snow enorts are at obvious risk from rising progressively less reliable snowfalls and shorter also vulnerable, as infrastructure is out at risk from Outdoor activities will be affected by large-scale triggered by sustained drought and higher access to national parks. Rising temperatures will

As temperatures rise the generaphical dispersal of flora and fauna will change, as species shift to conditions to which they are better adapted. isolated, this may prove difficult or impossible for



Cities and Urban Centre Tourism

City visits account for a large percentage of the global tourism industry. Across the world, city infrastructure is exposed to a range of water shortages and flooding. Coastal cities.

Rising seg levels and more extreme weather enjoyed by hundreds of millions of tourists infrastructure, beaches are difficult to protect

Ocean and Sea Life Tourism

The combination of rising water temperatures the absorption of carbon dioxide, spell particular

