

# 2023 INTERNATIONAL MARKET UPDATE NEW ZEALAND

## MARKET OVERVIEW

Results based on year ending June 2023

- New Zealand is South Australia's third largest inbound market and the total expenditure has increased 36% on pre-Covid levels.
- 75% of Kiwis will book their South Australia holiday direct with the operator, while 25% will use a traditional travel agent.
- Key demand-driving experiences include food and wine, events and festivals, Murray River cruising and houseboating and other distinctive landscapes on Adelaide's doorstep.
- 52% of visits are for the purpose of Holiday, 36% for Visiting Friends and Relatives (VFR).
- Typical peak travel periods are Spring (September – November) and Autumn (March – May).
- 95% of New Zealand visitors to South Australia have been to Australia before.

## SNAPSHOT OF CURRENT STATISTICS

Results based on year ending June 2023

### VISITORS



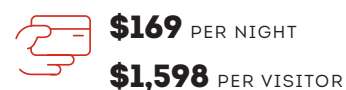
### NIGHTS



### EXPENDITURE



### AVERAGE SPEND



### AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY



### INTERNATIONAL RANKING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**#3** FOR VISITORS  
**#6** FOR NIGHTS  
**#5** FOR EXPENDITURE

## AIR ACCESS

NEW ZEALAND



### Key Airline

Air New Zealand (NZ)  
direct from Auckland  
Multiple airlines offering  
connections via other  
Australian Airports

## FAST FACTS & FIGURES

Annual average of 2017-2019 figures

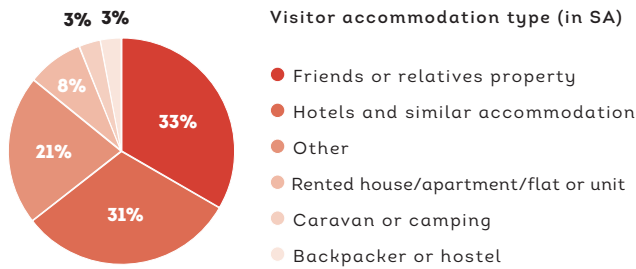
NEW ZEALAND	HOLIDAY	VFR <sup>^</sup>	BUSINESS	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>Visits (SA)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Visits (AUS)</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1,264</b>
<b>Nights (SA)</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>394</b>
<b>Nights (AUS)</b>	<b>3,754</b>	<b>5,736</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>2,451</b>	<b>13,035</b>
<b>ALOS<sup>^</sup> - Nights (SA)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>ALOS<sup>^</sup> - Nights (AUS)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					<b>\$49m</b>

(s,000)

<sup>^</sup> ALOS = Average Length Of Stay, VFR = Visiting Friends and Relatives.

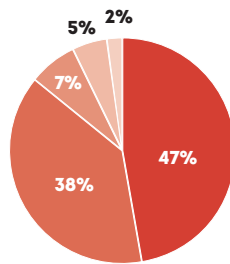
## VISITOR ACCOMMODATION TYPE & TRAVEL PARTY DESCRIPTIONS

Annual average of 2017-2019 figures - current year samples not yet sizeable enough



### Travel party description (to SA)

- Unaccompanied
- Adult couple
- Family group
- Friends/relatives travelling together
- Business



## IMPORTANCE FACTORS

Data from Consumer Demand Project (CDP) report - August 2023



**59%**

Safety and security

VS. 53% GLOBAL AGGREGATE



**47%**

Value for money

VS. 37% GLOBAL AGGREGATE



**40%**

Friendly citizens

VS. 31% GLOBAL AGGREGATE



**36%**

Good food and wine

VS. 37% GLOBAL AGGREGATE



**31%**

World class beauty and nature

VS. 40% GLOBAL AGGREGATE

GLOBAL AGGREGATE: This is from the Consumer Demand Project research conducted quarterly by Tourism Australia in 12 key international markets for Australia. Global aggregate refers to the average across all these markets.

## TARGET MARKET PROFILE



### Primary

High yield experience seekers aged 35-65 years (not yet retired) travelling without children and spent more than \$2,000 on their last trip.



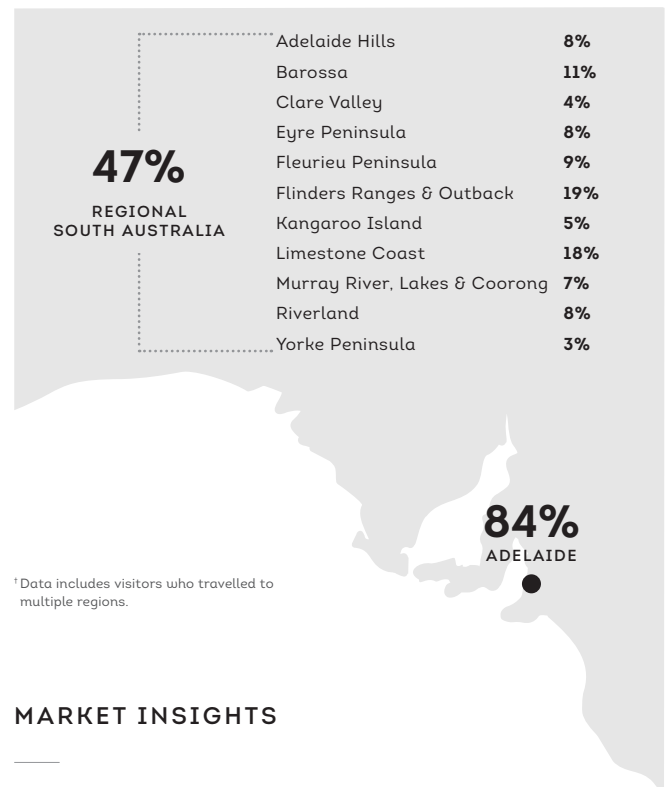
### Secondary<sup>§</sup>

Younger professional, younger couples/groups of friends aged 35 - 45 years.

<sup>§</sup> Secondary market identified as an opportunity market with growth potential.

## VISITOR DISPERSAL<sup>†</sup>

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## MARKET INSIGHTS

- A strong focus remains on driving consumer demand through branding activities via TV, digital and PR platforms. Key calls to action are driving visits to southaustralia.com where Kiwis can engage with South Australia content and link to booking partners.
- The South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) continues to develop its strong relationship with Air New Zealand, working to drive passenger numbers to South Australia.
- The SATC works closely with key travel trade partners to ensure South Australian holiday packages and deals are regularly promoted to Kiwi holiday planners.
- New Zealand travellers are quite comfortable booking and travelling independently, therefore the SATC contributes a significant proportion of its marketing budget towards consumer direct marketing.
- New Zealand travellers seek experiences different from those available to them in their home country. For example, culinary/wine experiences incorporating historic buildings and local culture, houseboating and river cruising on the Murray River.
- Most New Zealand consumers will research and book holidays to Australia online, therefore a quality website is vital.
- Traveller sentiment has evolved with an increase of demand for luxury/high end products/experiences and a shift towards 'new and different' destinations.

## INFORMATION SOURCES

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42%

Internet



26%

Previous visit(s)



22%

Friend/relative in Australia or visited



16%

Other



15%

Travel agent



11%

Did not get any information



4%

Travel book or guide

## TOP 3 BARRIERS TO VISITING AUSTRALIA

Data from Consumer Demand Project (CDP) report – August 2023



Other places I would prefer to go



Already been there and want to see other places



It's easy to put off for another time

## CONTRACTING & BROCHURE TIMES

Contracting runs June to September, with the bulk of contracts received in July and August. Very few partners are printing brochures, with most opting for online channels.

## NZ CHECKLIST

Consider the following points when targeting travellers from New Zealand:

- ✓ **Demonstrate accessibility from Adelaide** or other well known regions for Kiwis (eg the Riverland is a 3 hour drive from Adelaide via the Barossa).
- ✓ **Highlight food and wine as a part of the overall experience** (eg sunset canapés in the Outback).
- ✓ **Educate Kiwis on what a SA holiday 'looks like.'** Close the loop with itineraries and packages that make planning easy.
- ✓ **Focus on distinctive experiences or imagery** that can't be confused for elsewhere in New Zealand or Australia.

## KEY DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS

### KEY WHOLESALE PARTNERS

#### GO Holidays

#### House of Travel Product

#### Infinity Holidays

#### ANZCRO

### INBOUND REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY IN AUSTRALIA

- Helloworld
- The Travel Brokers
- NZ Travel Brokers
- Williment Travel

- House of Travel

- Flight Centre
- Travel Associates
- Travel Managers
- World Travellers
- First Travel Group

- House of Travel
- Independents and Brokers

## TOP ONLINE TRAVEL AGENTS#

[Booking.com](#)

[airbnb](#)

[Tripadvisor](#)

## TOP TRAVEL RESOURCES

[stuff](#)

[The New Zealand Herald](#)

[AIR NEW ZEALAND](#)

# On average only 5% of Kiwis will book SA through an OTA as they are used more for research than actual bookings.

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Source: International Visitor Survey Dec 17, Dec 18, Dec 19 and June 23 conducted by Tourism Research Australia, Consumer Demand Project (CDP) Aug 23. Unless otherwise stated, all data refers to the Annual Average results for the 3 years from Dec 2017 to Dec 2019. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding. VFR = Visiting Friends and Relatives. ALOS = Average Length of Stay (Nights).

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