# MARKET OVERVIEW

Results based on year ending June 2024

- New Zealand is South Australia's second largest inbound market and the total expenditure has increased 48% on pre-Covid levels.
- Kiwis will book through a variety of sources, and due to their familiarity with Australia they are comfortable booking directly with operators.
- Key demand-driving experiences include food and wine, events and festivals, Murray River cruising and houseboating and other distinctive landscapes on Adelaide's doorstep.
- 53% of visits are for the purpose of Holiday, 33% for Visiting Friends and Relatives (VFR).
- Typical peak travel periods are Spring (September -November) and Autumn (March - May).
- 94% of New Zealand visitors to South Australia have been to Australia before.

# SNAPSHOT OF CURRENT STATISTICS

Results based on year ending June 2024

VISITORS

1



NIGHTS

378k

EXPENDITURE



\$67m

AVERAGE SPEND



**\$177** PER NIGHT

**\$1,436** PER VISITOR

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY



8 nights

INTERNATIONAL RANKING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**#2** FOR VISITORS

**#10** FOR NIGHTS

**#7** FOR EXPENDITURE

# AIR ACCESS

NEW ZEALAND



# Key Connecting Airlines

Air New Zealand (NZ) direct from Auckland

Multiple airlines offering connections via other Australian Airports

# FAST FACTS & FIGURES

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

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

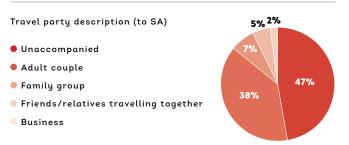
Expenditure \$49M

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





# VISITOR DISPERSAL<sup>†</sup>

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†Data includes visitors who travelled to multiple regions

84%
ADELAIDE

#### **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 agaregate 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.

# MARKET INSIGHTS

- A strong focus remains on driving consumer demand through branding activities via TV On Demand, 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 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.



# Secondary<sup>§</sup>

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

§Secondary market indetified as an opportunity market with growth potential.

# **BOOKING PREFERENCES**

Data from Consumer Demand Project (CDP) report - March 2024















Direct with

Retail Travel Agent/ Tour Operator

Direct with Accommodation Online Travel Agent (e.g. Expedia)

Direct with Experienced Provider Other

#### 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.

# **NEW ZEALAND 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 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
- Focus on distinctive experiences or imagery that can't be confused for elsewhere in New Zealand or Australia.

# **KEY DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS**

KEY WHOLESALE PARTNERS	INBOUND REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY IN AUSTRALIA		
Go Holidays	Helloworld The Travel Brokers NZ Travel Brokers Williment Travel First Travel Group		
House of Travel Product	House of Travel		
Infinity Holidays	Flight Centre Travel Associates Travel Managers World Travellers		
ANZCRO	House of Travel Independents and Brokers		

TOP ONLINE TRAVEL AGENTS# **TOP TRAVEL** RESOURCES

**Booking.com** 











 $<sup>^{*}</sup>$ 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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