### RESEARCH



### DISCOVERING THE MILLENNIAL TRAVELER

Travel trends and insights on the emerging millennial traveler





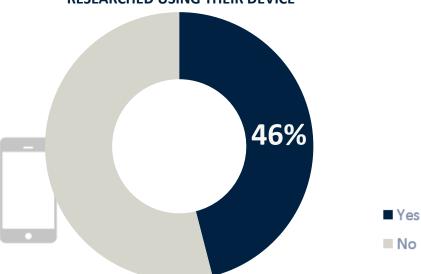
### **American Millennial Traveler**



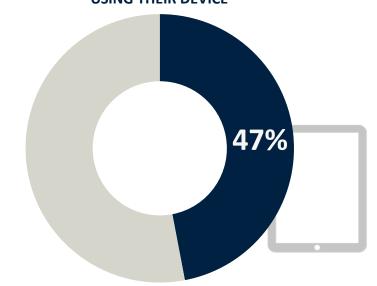
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WITH THEIR DEVICES FOR TRAVEL PLANNING.

U.S. MILLENNIAL SMARTPHONE OWNERS WHO RESEARCHED USING THEIR DEVICE



U.S. MILLENNIAL TABLET OWNERS WHO RESEARCHED USING THEIR DEVICE



Among Millennial U.S. Online Travel Buyers with Tablets (n=81\*)

Data Source: comScore Survey, MOBILESEARCH. DID YOU USE YOUR MOBILE DEVICE(S) TO PLAN OR RESEARCH THE TRIP YOU MOST RECENTLY





# MAJORITY OF TRAVEL BOOKERS BEGAN THEIR BOOKING PROCESS ONLINE

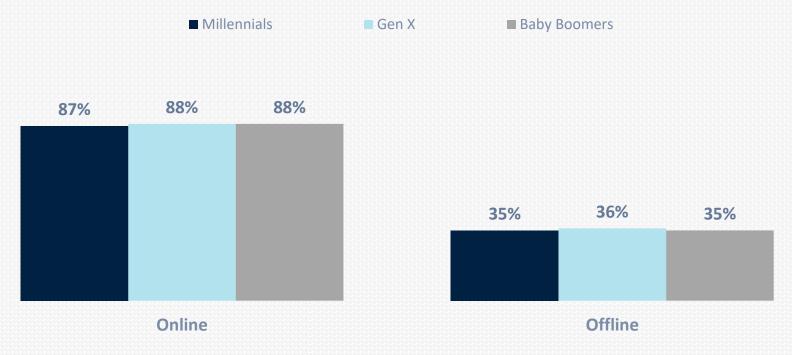
#### **First Resource Used**





# REGARDLESS OF AGE, ONLINE RESEARCH WAS MORE COMMON THAN OFFLINE TRAVEL RESEARCH

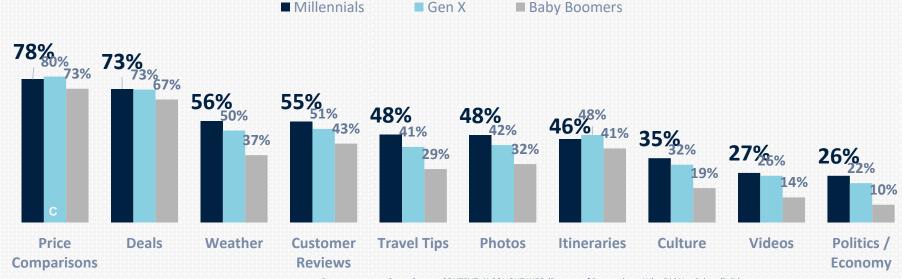
#### Resources Used - By Age



#### WHILE PRICE COMPARISONS AND DEALS ARE SOUGHT BY ALL AGE GROUPS,

# MILLENNIALS WERE MORE LIKELY TO SEEK OUT NON-PRICE RELATED TRIP INFORMATION

Content Sought – By Age



Data source: comScore Survey, CONTENT. % SOUGHT INFO (Percent of Respondents Who Did Not Select "I did not seek out this information prior to or during booking."), WHEN DID YOU SEEK OUT THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF INFORMATION FOR THE TRIP YOU RECENTLY BOOKED?

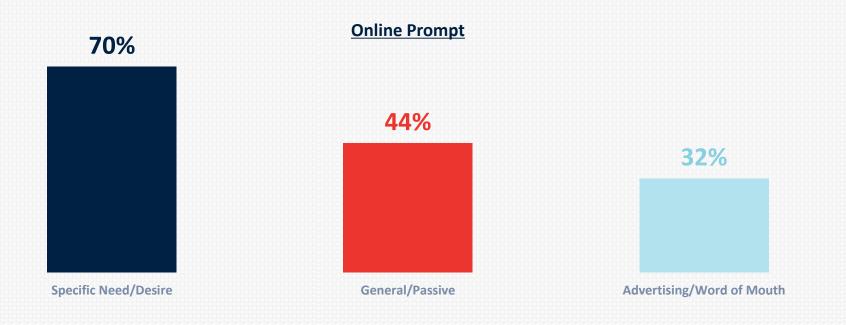
Among Total U.S. Online Travel Bookers – By Age

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# U.S. ONLINE TRAVEL BOOKERS ARE GENERALLY MOTIVATED BY A SPECIFIC NEED OR DESIRE

TO START THEIR ONLINE TRAVEL RESEARCH PROCESS



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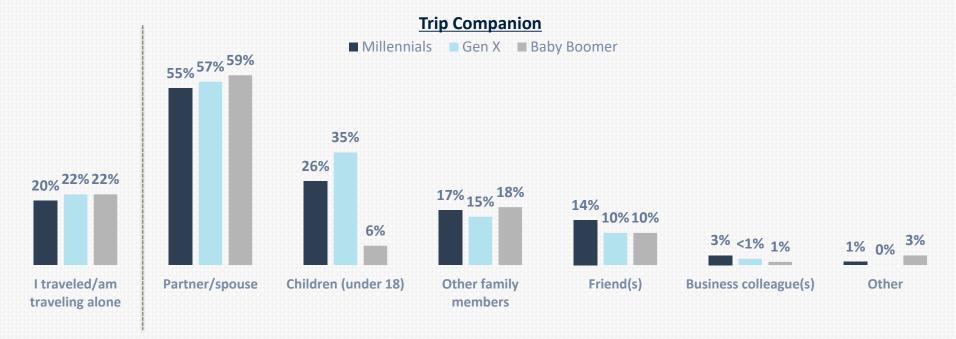
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#### **ASIDE FROM TRAVELING WITH CHILDREN**

THERE ARE NO MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AGE GROUPS AS IT RELATES TO TRAVEL COMPANION CHOICES

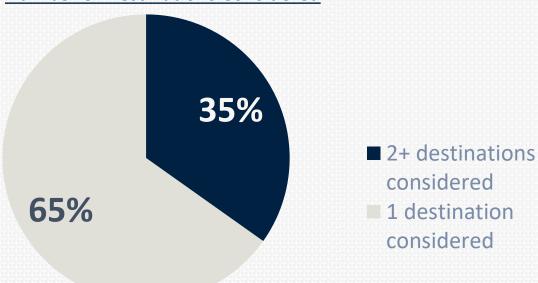




### JUST OVER ONE-THIRD OF ONLINE TRAVEL BOOKERS STARTED WITH MULTIPLE DESTINATIONS IN MIND.

EVEN MORE MILLENNIALS CONSIDER MULTIPLE DESTINATIONS

#### **Number of Destinations Considered**



42%

OF MILLENNIALS TRAVEL BOOKERS CONSIDERED 2+ DESTINATIONS.

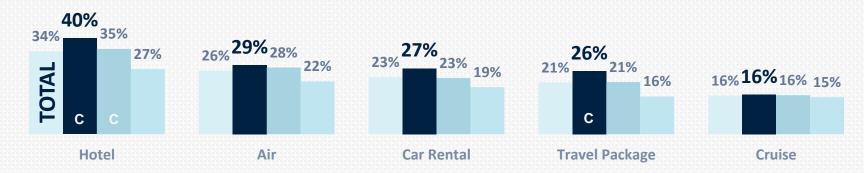


### MILLENNIALS HAD A HIGHER TENDENCY TO NOTICE TRAVEL ADS

FOR HOTELS AND TRAVEL PACKAGES COMPARED TO BABY BOOMERS

#### **Advertising Awareness Among Total U.S. Online Travel Bookers**

Total ■ Millennials ■ Gen X ■ Baby Boomers



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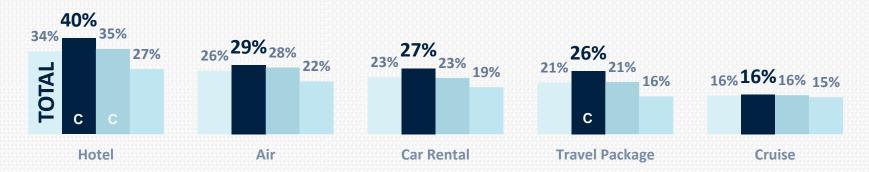


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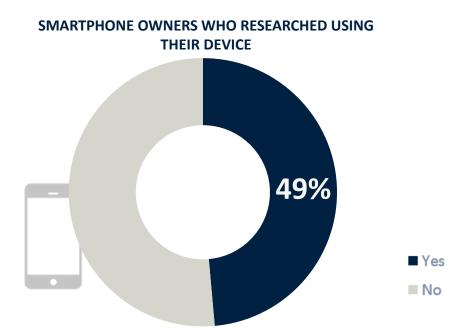
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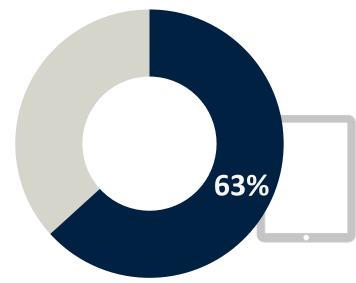


### USED THEIR MOBILE DEVICES TO PLAN TRIPS



Among UK Online Travel Buyers with Smartphones (n=713)

### TABLET OWNERS WHO RESEARCHED USING THEIR DEVICE



Among UK Online Travel Buyers with Tablets (n=579)



# THE VAST MAJORITY OF ONLINE BOOKERS TRAVELED WITH COMPANIONS



88%

TRAVELLED WITH A COMPANION

63%

TRAVELLED WITH THEIR SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER

MILLENNIALS

TRAVELLED WITH FRIENDS



# TRAVEL IS STILL A CONSIDERED & TIME CONSUMING PURCHASE FOR ONLINE TRAVEL BOOKERS



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#### **RESOURCE TYPES USED**

THROUGHOUT THE DECISION PROCESS (ONLINE & OFFLINE)

**2X** 

MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BOOKED AN INTERNATIONAL TRIP THAN A DOMESTIC TRIP IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS

### **Travel Engagement**

.00 Avg. Min Per Booker

50

Week 6 Week 5 Week 4 Week 3 Week 2 Week 1 Week of before before before before before Booking

18.2

#### **VISITS**

NUMBER OF TRAVEL VISITS ON AVERAGE PER WEEK
ONLINE BOOKERS SPEND THROUGHOUT THE 45 DAYS
PRIOR TO BOOKING



AVERAGE TIME ONLINE BOOKERS SPENT ON TRAVEL SITES ON DESKTOP THE WEEK OF BOOKING

**MILLENNIALS USE** 

**16%** 

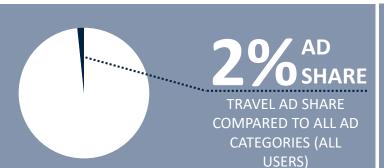
MORE RESOURCE TYPES
ON AVERAGE



### THE TRAVEL MARKETPLACE IS RICH

#### WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVERTISERS





### 1 IN 10 ADS

SHOWN TO ONLINE TRAVEL BOOKERS DURING THEIR 45 DAY PATH WERE TRAVEL SPECIFIC





TRAVEL IS THE

LARGEST AD **CATEGORY** 

**APPAREL & ACCESSORIES ADS WERE THE MOST COMMONLY SERVED** TO ONLINE BOOKERS



25%+

#### **MORE LIKELY TO NOTICE ADS**

MILLENNIALS TENDENCY TO NOTICE TRAVEL ADS COMPARED TO BABY BOOMERS OR GEN-X



■ Travel

■ Non Travel



### Canadian Millennial Traveler

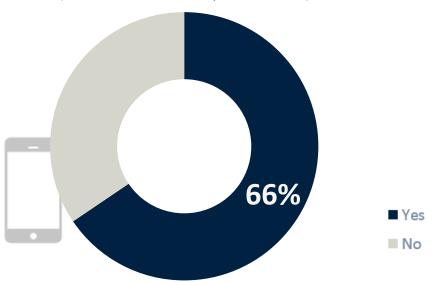


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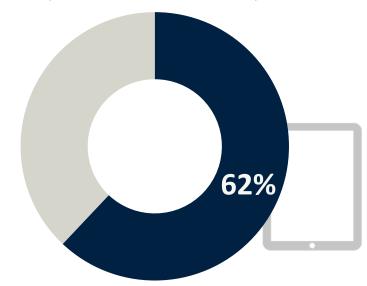
#### Millennials Who Researched Using a Smartphone

(Base: Millennial Smartphone Owners)



#### Millennials Who Researched Using a Tablet

(Base: Millennial Tablet Owners)



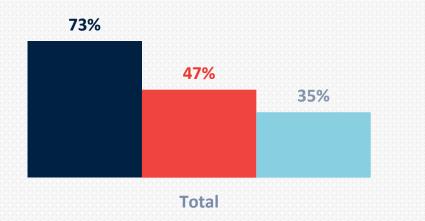


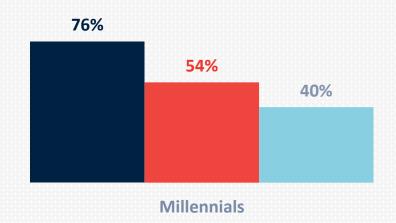


# MAJORITY OF ONLINE TRAVEL BOOKERS ARE PROMPTED TO SEARCH ONLINE BY A SPECIFIC NEED OR DESIRE

#### **Online Prompt**







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**RESOURCE TYPES** 

THROUGHOUT THE DECISION PROCESS (ONLINE & OFFLINE).

MILLENNIALS USE

13%

MORE RESOURCE TYPES THAN OVERALL BOOKERS.

### **Travel Engagement**

Avg. Weekly Minutes per Booker

400

200

Week 6 Week 5 Week 4 Week 3 Week 2 Week 1 Week o

23 VISITS

NUMBER OF TRAVEL VISITS ON AVERAGE PER WEEK ONLINE BOOKERS SPEND THROUGHOUT THE 45 DAYS PRIOR TO BOOKING.



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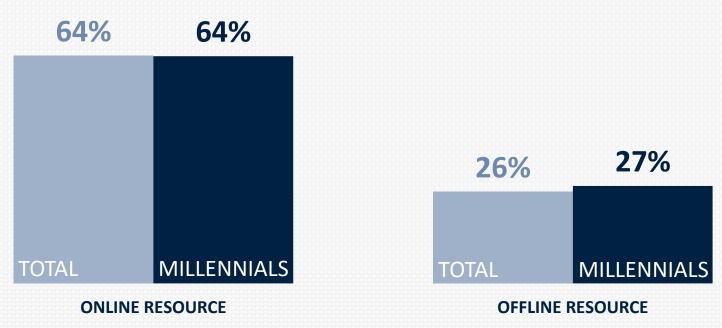
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Data Source: [Clockwise from top left] Boxes 1, 2: comScore Survey, RESOURCE. WHAT ARE ALL THE RESOURCES YOU USED PRIOR TO BOOKING YOUR MOST RECENT TRIP?, Among Total CA Online Travel Bookers (n=815), Millennials (n=275), Box 3, 5 & 6: comScore Canada Desktop Panel, Custom Path to Booking Visitation Analysis, Weekly Visits per User, Dec '15 – Feb '16. Box 4: BOOKPLACE. THINKING ABOUT YOUR MOST RECENT TRIP YOU HAVE BOOKED, WHERE IS THE DESTINATION?, Among Total CA Online Travel Bookers (n=815)



# NEARLY TWO THIRDS OF TRAVEL BOOKERS BEGIN THEIR BOOKING PROCESS ONLINE

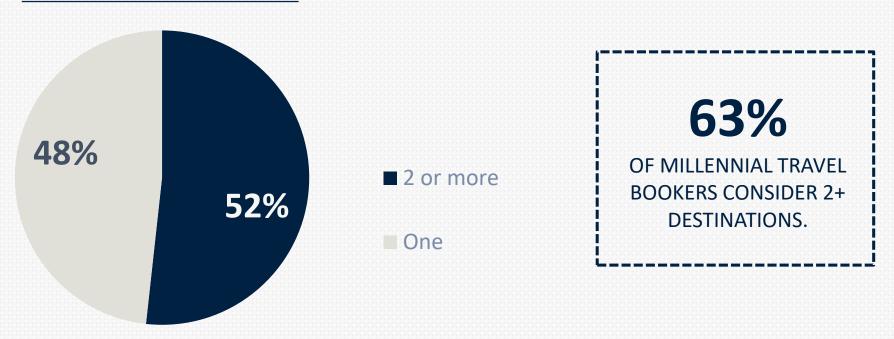
#### **First Resource Used**





# CLOSE TO TWO-THIRDS OF MILLENNIAL ONLINE TRAVEL BOOKERS START WITH MULTIPLE DESTINATIONS IN MIND

#### **Number of Destinations Considered**



Data Source: comScore Survey, DESTINATIONS. PRIOR TO DECIDING ON YOUR FINAL DESTINATION, HOW MANY OTHER DESTINATIONS DID YOU CONSIDER VISITING?, Among Total CA Online Travel Bookers (n=815), Millennials (n=275)



### MILLENNIALS CONSIDER MANY DIFFERENT DESTINATIONS;

HOWEVER, MEXICO IS STILL A TOP BOOKED DESTINATION FOR THIS GROUP

#### **OTHER DESTINATIONS CONSIDERED**

#### **DESTINATION BOOKED**









### MILLENNIALS HAVE A HIGHER TENDENCY TO NOTICE TRAVEL ADS FOR TRAVEL PACKAGES AND CAR RENTALS COMPARED TO BABY BOOMERS

#### **Advertising Awareness**

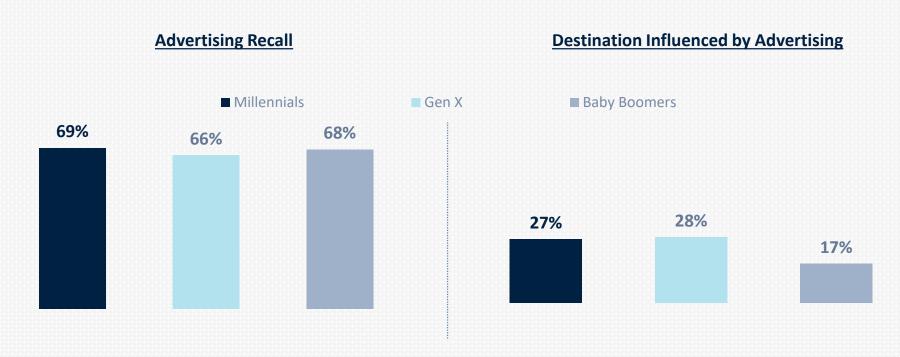




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# MILLENNIALS AND GEN X TRAVELERS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN BABY BOOMERS TO HAVE THEIR DESTINATION INFLUENCED BY ADS



Data Source: comScore Survey, ADRECALL. % YES - IN THE PAST 30 DAYS, HAVE YOU SEEN OR HEARD ADVERTISING FOR SPECIFIC TRAVEL DESTINATIONS?, Among Total CA Online Travel Bookers – By Age DESTINATIONAD. % YES - DID ANY ADVERTISING INFLUENCE YOUR DECISION TO VISIT?, Among Total CA Online Travel Bookers – By Age A/B/C letters indicate a significant difference between groups at a 95% confidence level.

# THANK YOU

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