THE EFFECTS OF DISASTERS AND TIMING ON U.S.A TRAVELLING

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IF YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW, WHERE WOULD IT BE?

MAYBE HERE...

On the cliffs of Maui



Source: Wikimedia

MAYBE HERE...

Along the river in Paris



Source: Pexels

OR MAYBE HERE...

In the heart of Tokyo



Source:Wikimedia

TRAVELING IS A LARGE INDUSTRY

In 2012, there were over a record **1 Billion** tourists worldwide

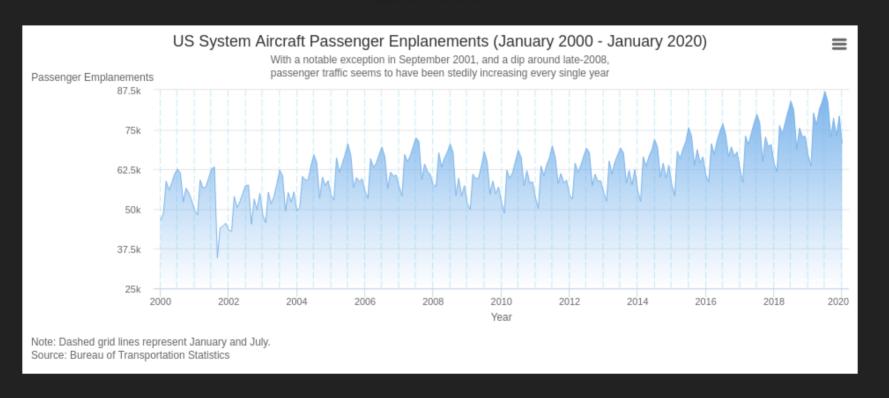
Source: UNWTO

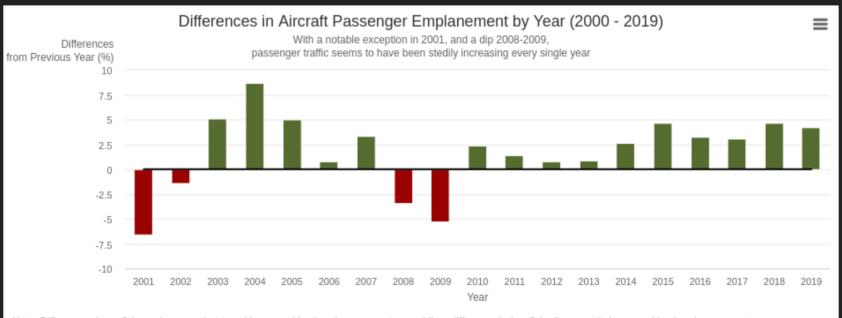
The U.S. Travel and Tourism industry generated over \$1.6 trillion in economic output in 2017 ... [and] accounted for 11% of all U.S. exports and nearly 1/3 U.S. services export.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

PEOPLE LOVE TO TRAVEL

Given the massive distruption that is going on a result of the pandemic, it is worthwhile to look at the tourist trends and see how previous world events impacted travel.





Note: Difference above 0 (green) means that travel increased by the given percentage, while a difference below 0 (red) means it decreased by the given percentage. Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

- Large Drop Occured in September 2001: 9/11
- Decrease in 2008: 2007-2009 Great Recession
- Decrease in 2009: H1N1 Pandemic

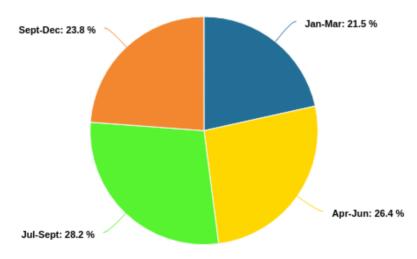
- Despite all of these hardships, travel has become increasingly popular
- The industry seems to be able to quickly recover from devastating events

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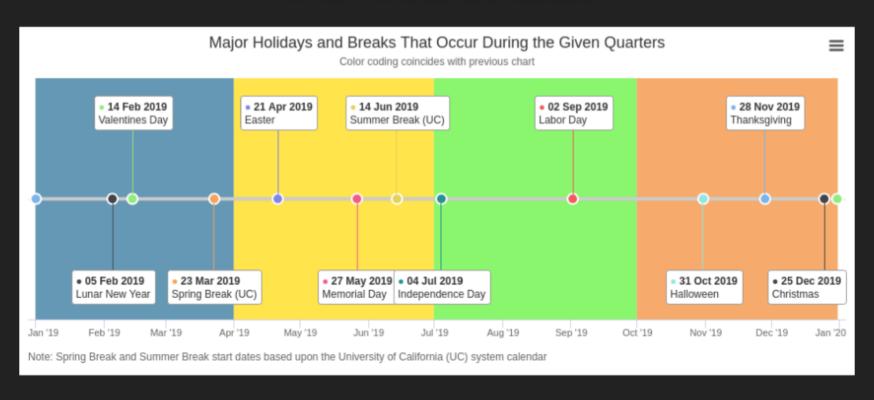
Quatertly U.S. Outbound Tourism, 2018

Unsupringly, the summmer months (Jul-Sept) were the most popular, beating the winter months (Jan-Mar) by around 7% Suprisingly though, the gap between the seasons is much smaller than I originally anticipated.



Source: U.S. ITA National Travel and Tourism Office

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Region	% of Travellers
North America (exc. USA)	63.2%
Еигоре	21.9%
Asia	7.7%
Middle East	3.0%
South America	2.6%
Oceania	1.1%
Africa	0.5%

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WHERE DO AMERICANS TEND TO TRAVEL?

WITHIN NORTH AMERICA:

Region	% Of NA Travellers
Mexico	58.4%
Canada	22.7%
Caribbean	13.8%
Central America	5.1%

Source: U.S. ITA National Travel and Tourism Office

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- We are quickly approaching the busiest time of year for travel (as of June 2020)
- Yet many of the afformentioned locations are currently restricting tourist traffic

SOURCES

US D.O.T Bureau of Transportation Statistics https://www.transtats.bts.gov/TRAFFIC/

U.S. ITA National Travel and Tourism Office https://travel.trade.gov/view/m-2018-O-001/index.html

DATA PROCESSING

Data Processing was done using Python and Pandas

See Project Files

See Python Files