

Mapped Journeys, Meaningful Perks:

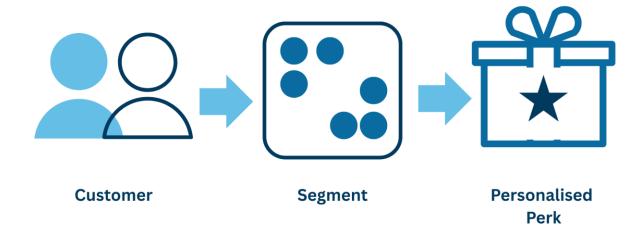
Segmenting for Retention

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The Mission

- Translate customer behaviour into insight
- Build segments that reflect real travel habits
- Recommend perks that earn loyalty, not just clicks





Approach

- Data Collection
 Combined user, booking, and session data
- Exploration & Features
 Identified patterns, engineered behaviours (e.g. cancellations, discounts)
- Clustering
 Grouped customers using booking behaviour & demographics
- Perk Strategy
 Matched segments to the perk most likely to drive loyalty





What's in the Base?



The Facts



Users 1,020,926



Trips **2,245,175**



Sessions 5,408,063





Users Who Booked 909,192



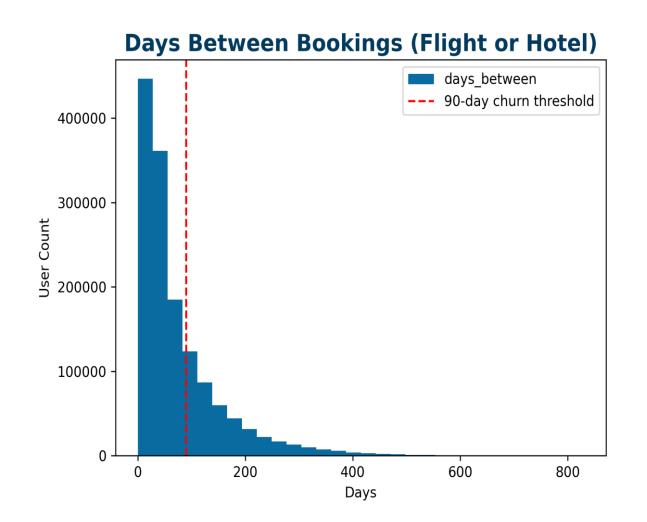
Hotel Bookings 1,964,984

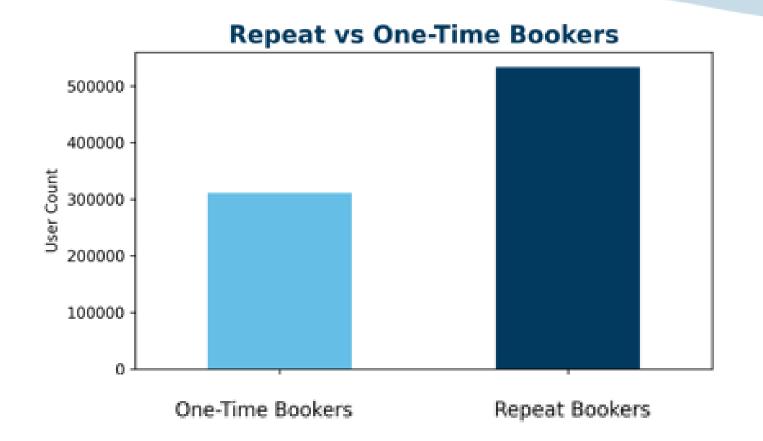


The who and the why?



Confirming the Retention Gap



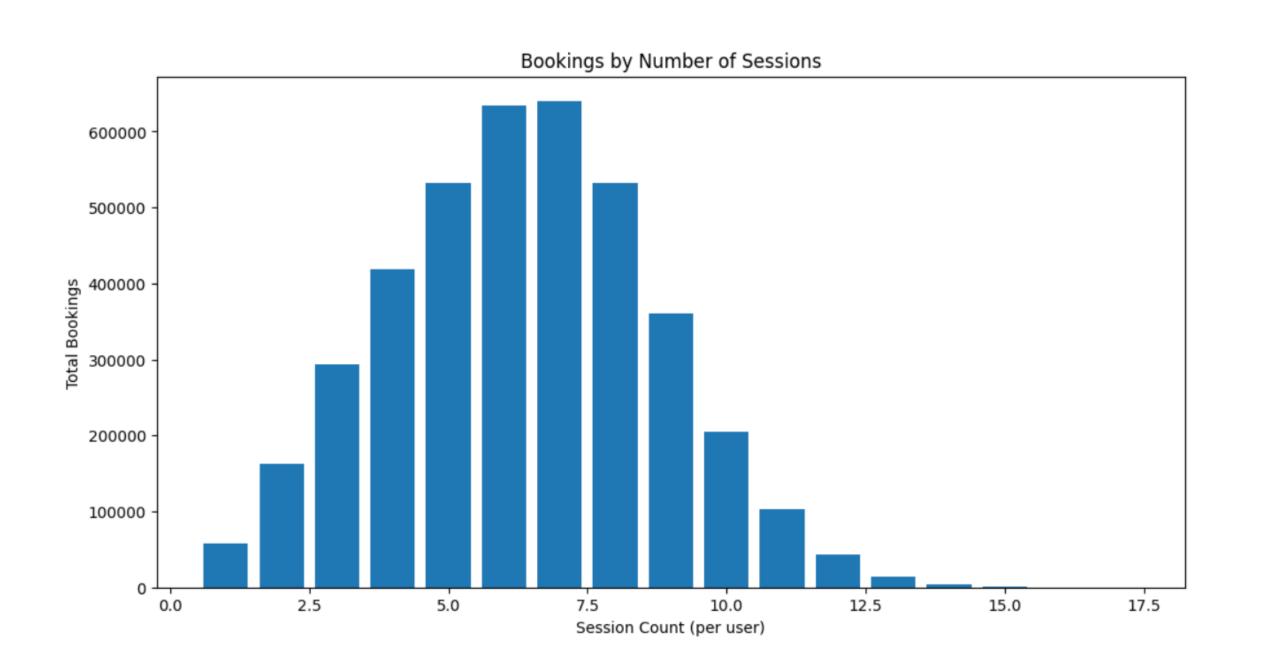


What was found:

- Most users book within 90 days We therefore used this threshold for further churn calculations and confirmation of cohort from 4th Jan 2023 29th Apr 2023
- Over one third of the users are one time bookers.
- Both these facts indicate a **clear retention risk** and opportunity







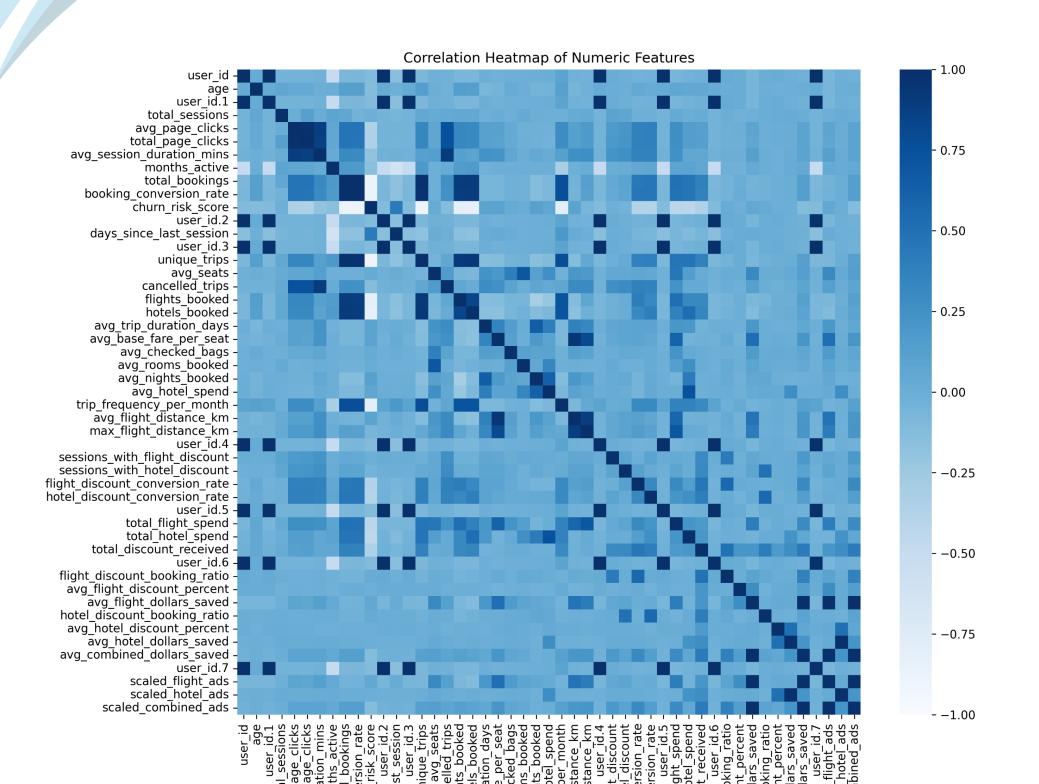
- Sessions are a reliable proxy for user engagement
- Booking peaks around
 5–7 sessions but 7+
 signals repeat usage
- Personalised rewards are most effective for high-intent users
- Segmentation focused on those most likely to rebook



From Clusters to Personas

Refining the Metrics That Matter

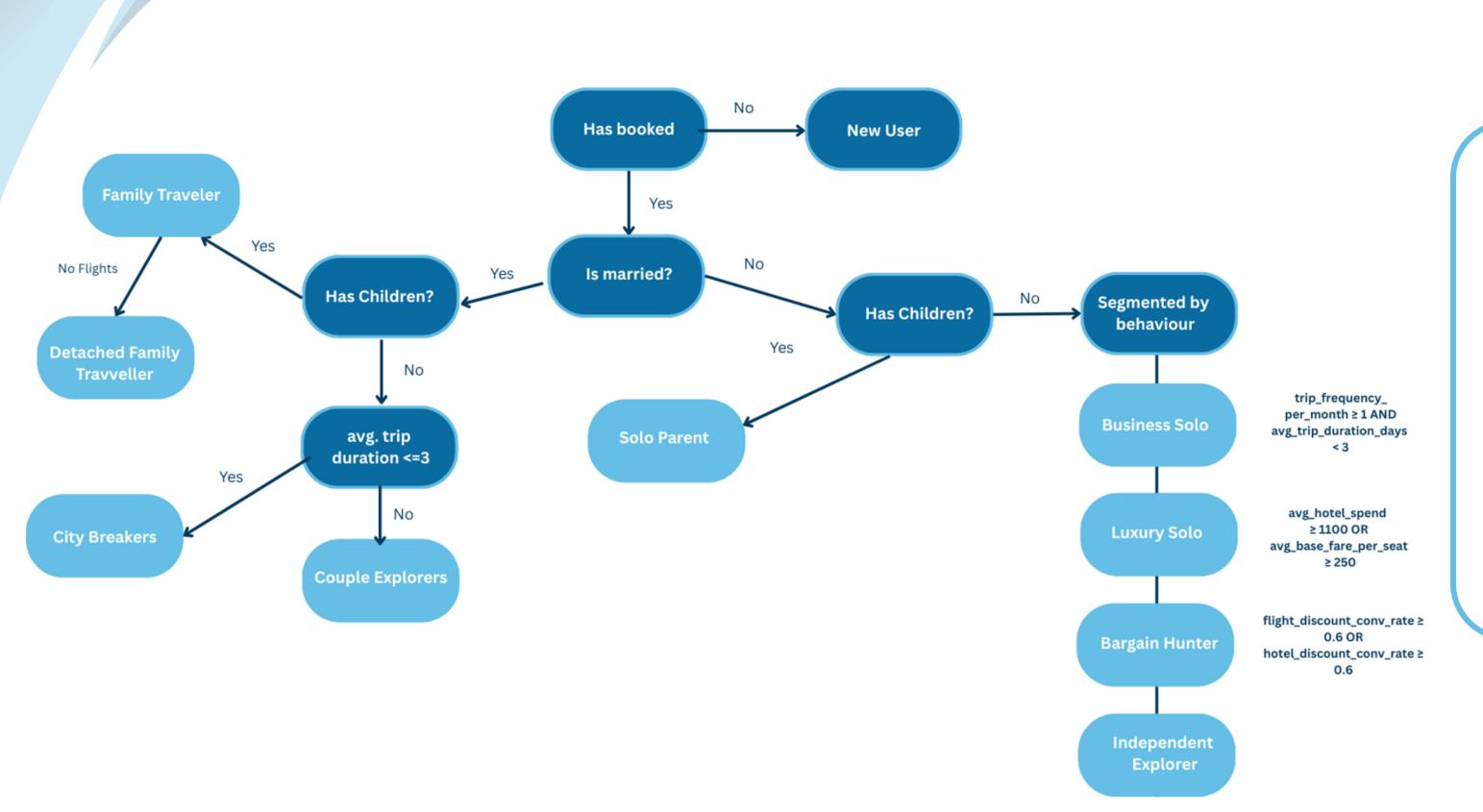




- Analysed 50+ engineered metrics
- Checked for redundancy and correlation
- Identified signals linked to behaviour
- Informed our decision tree logic
- Built a lean but powerful segmentation base

Decision Tree Segmentation

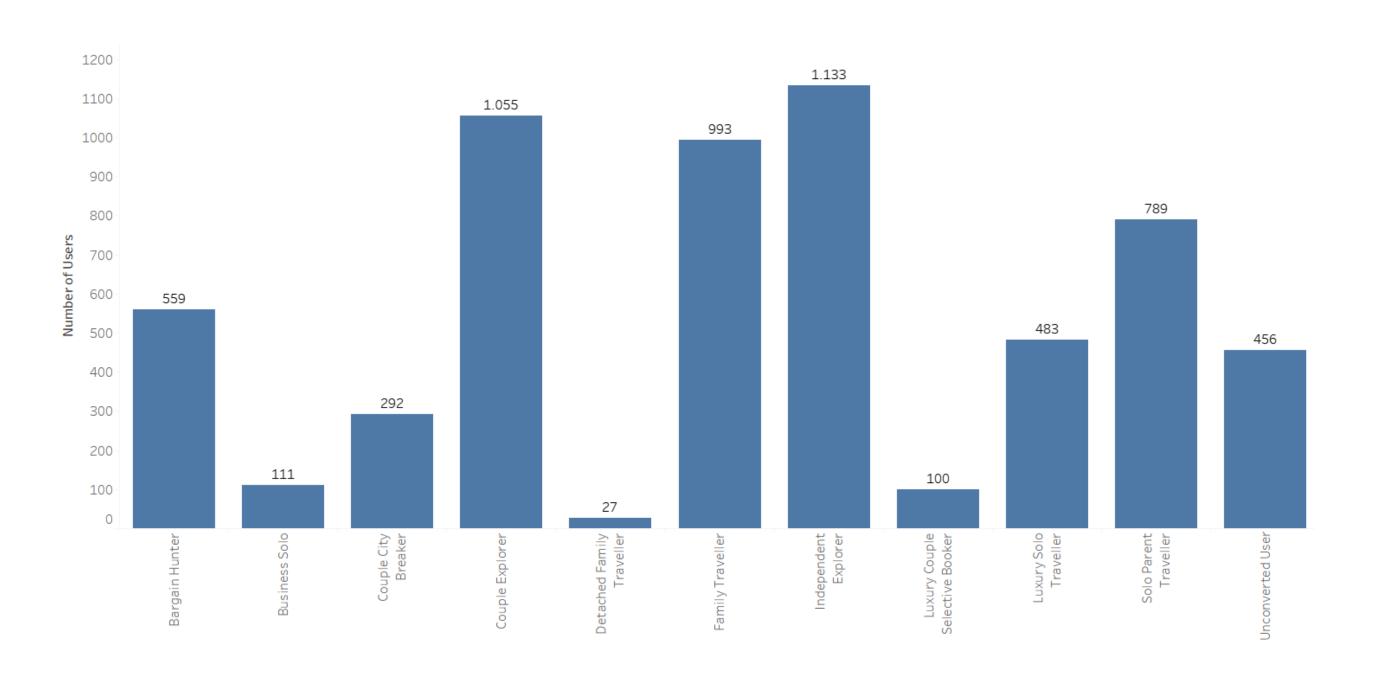




- Segments based on demographics and behaviour
- Focus on family, frequency and spend.
- Easy to target with clear perks
- Transparent actionable rules



The Segmentation Landscape



Independent Explorers & Couple Explorers dominate
— together they represent

the largest user base.

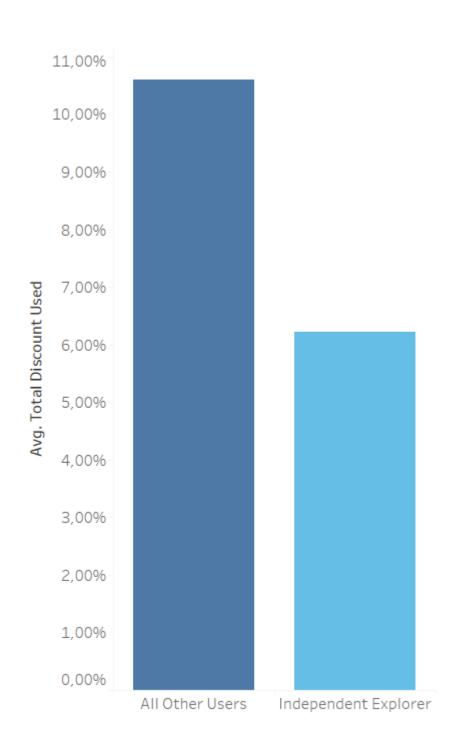
- Smaller segments like
 Business Solo or Luxury
 Couples still offer high
 strategic value due to spend
 patterns.
- All segments over 100
 users were used ensuring
 viability for personalised
 reward strategies.



Personas



Independent Explorer



- Independent solo travellers who book at their own pace
- ~19 % of our active users fall into this category
- Often take longer to plan and review options before booking
- Price is not a key driver they respond the least to discounts
- Typically choose both flights and hotels, but without urgency
- Key Metrics
 - Sessions per Booking: 3.9
 - Priority Ranking = 4

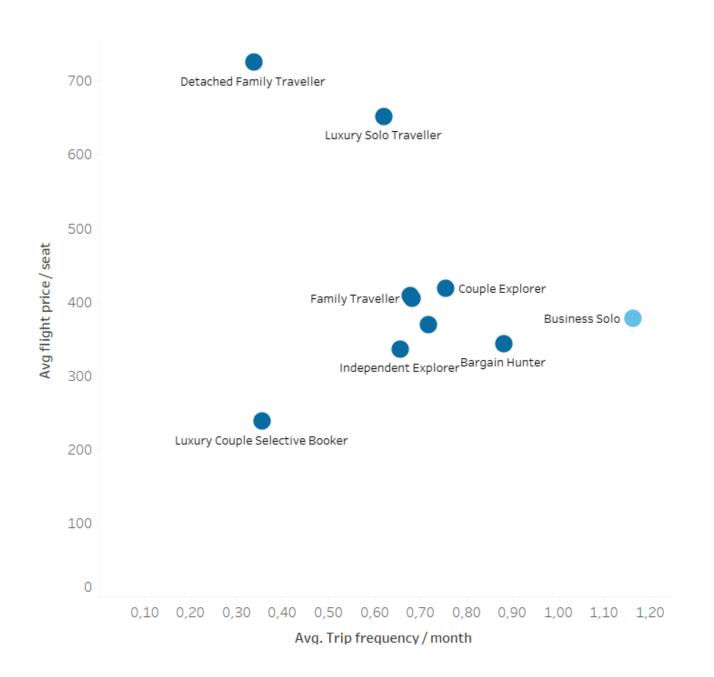


Perk: Late Hotel Check Out





Business Solo



- Independent users who fly regularly for work, typically travelling alone
- ~2% of our active users fall into this category
- Primarily in their **30s and 40s**, often booking short trips across Europe
- Key Metrics
 - Avg Flights per Month: 1.2
 - Repeat Booking Rate: 3.47
 - Priority Ranking: 8

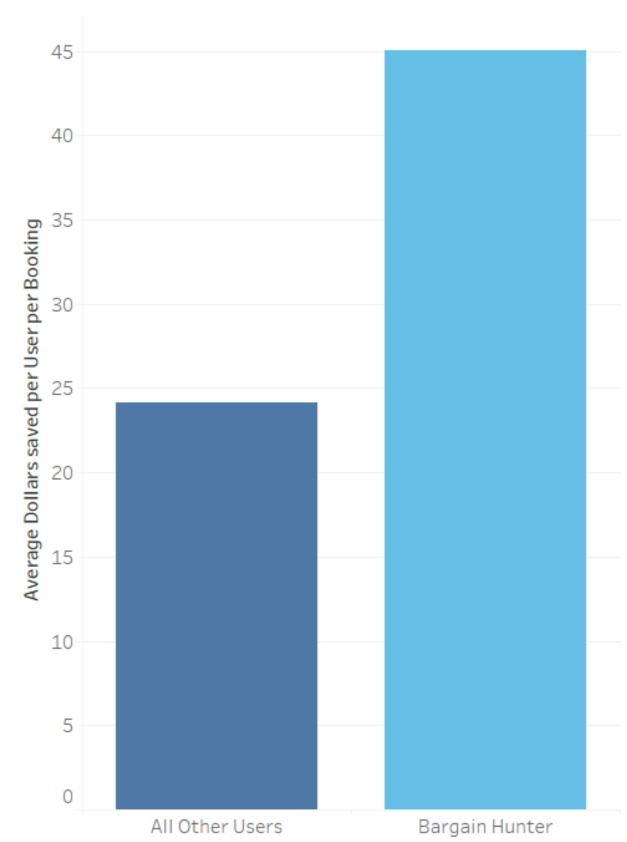


Perk: Upgrade to Business Class on next flight





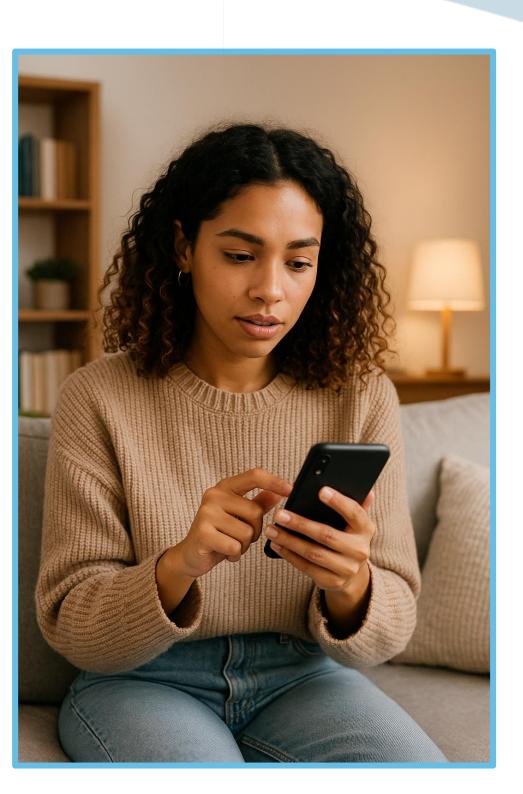




- Active users who book only when a discount is available
- ~9% of our active users fall into this category
- Majority are **Millennials**, travelling solo
- Often book both hotel and flight as a bundle
- Highly engaged: average of 8 sessions per trip before booking
- Key Metrics
 - Hotel Discount Conversion: 78.1%
 - Avg Dollars Saved per Booking: \$45.01
 - Priority Ranking: 6

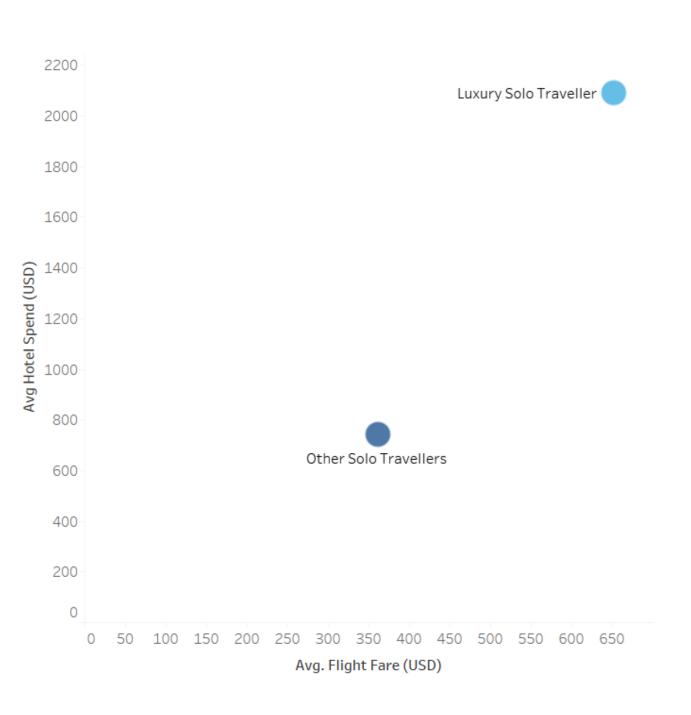


Perk: Early Access to Exclusive Deals





Luxury Solo Traveller



- Luxury SoloSolo travellers who take fewer but more premium trips
- ~8% of our active users fall into this category
- Show low price sensitivity and rarely use discounts
- **Spend more** on both flights and hotels compared to other solo travellers
- Value quality and comfort over deal-hunting or frequent travel
- Key Metrics
 - Avg Total Spend per Booking: \$980.50
 - Priority Ranking = 3

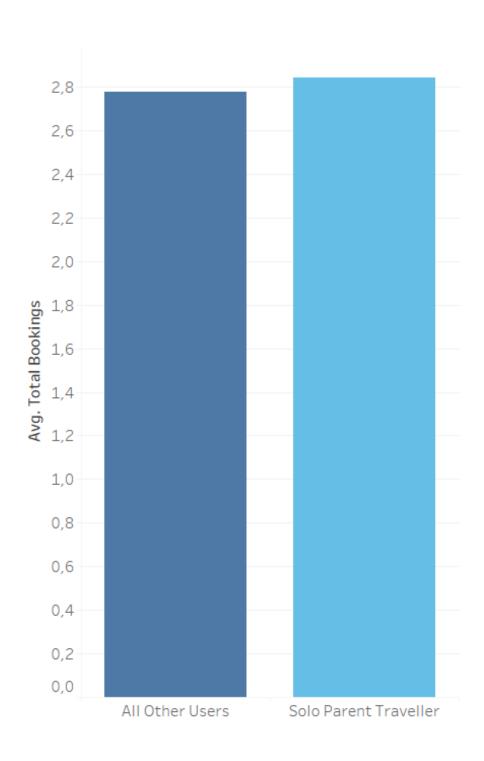




Perk: Lounge Access on Next Trip



Solo Parent



- ~1.7% of our active users fall into this niche group
- Books for more than one likely travelling with a child
- Mid-range spend and trip frequency
- Often books both hotel and flight
- Life stage defines the need, not high spend
- Key Metrics
 - Priority Rank: 5

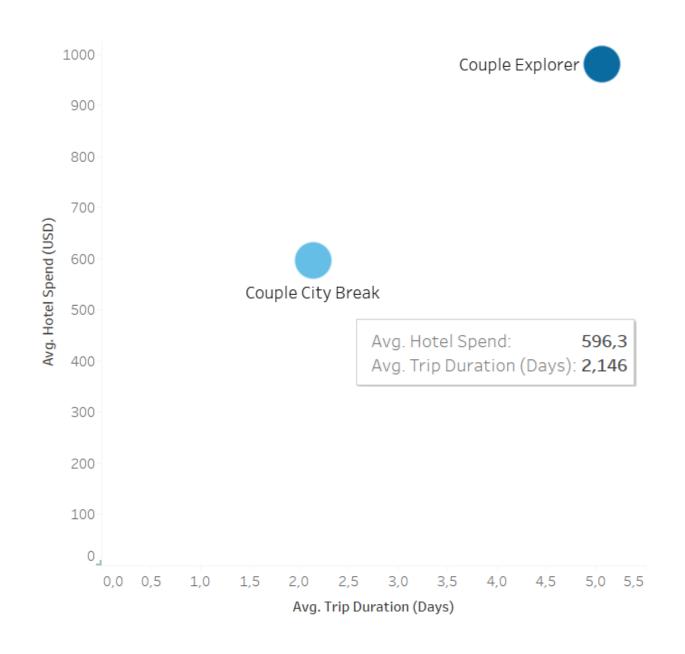




Perk: 10 % off Next Hotel Booking

Couple City Breaker





- Pairs who take short trips together, often for leisure and cultural experiences
- ~5 % of our active users fall into this category
- Typically in their late 20s to 40s, booking weekend getaways
- Prefer to book flight and hotel together for convenience
- Trips average just under 3 nights
- Key Metrics
 - Avg Hotel Nights per Trip: 3.0
 - Priority Ranking: 7

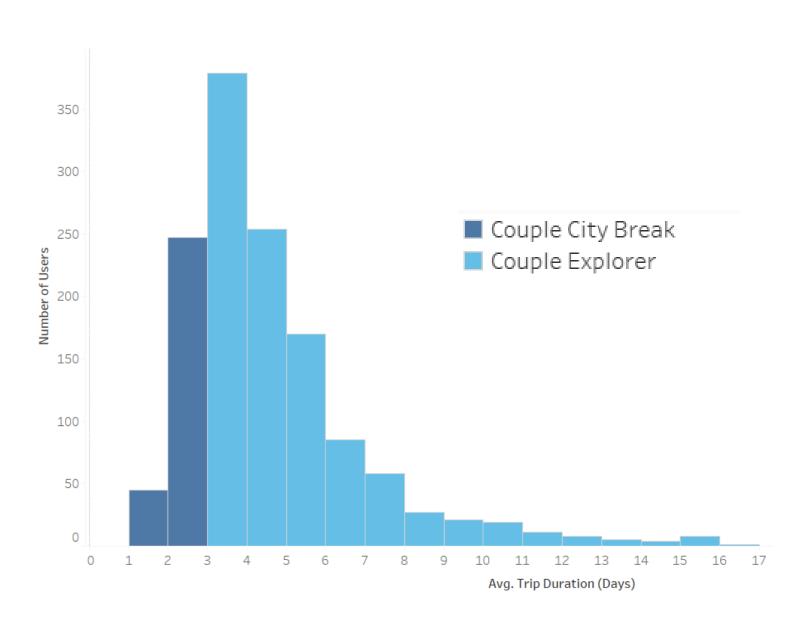




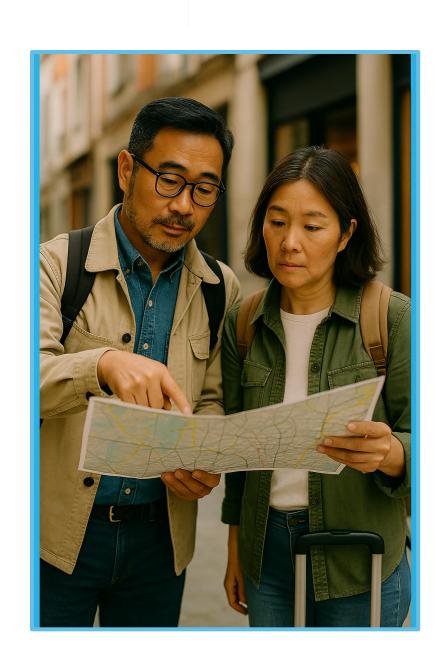
Perk: Free Hotel Breakfast



Couple Explorer



- Couples who take fewer but longer
 trips, often cultural or destination-based
- ~18% of our active users fall into this category
- Typically in their 40s to early 60s, travelling without children
- Book both hotel and flight, with longer stays and higher planning effort
- Value quality experiences over speed or savings
- Key Metrics
 - Avg Trip Duration: ~ 5 days
 - Priority Ranking: 2

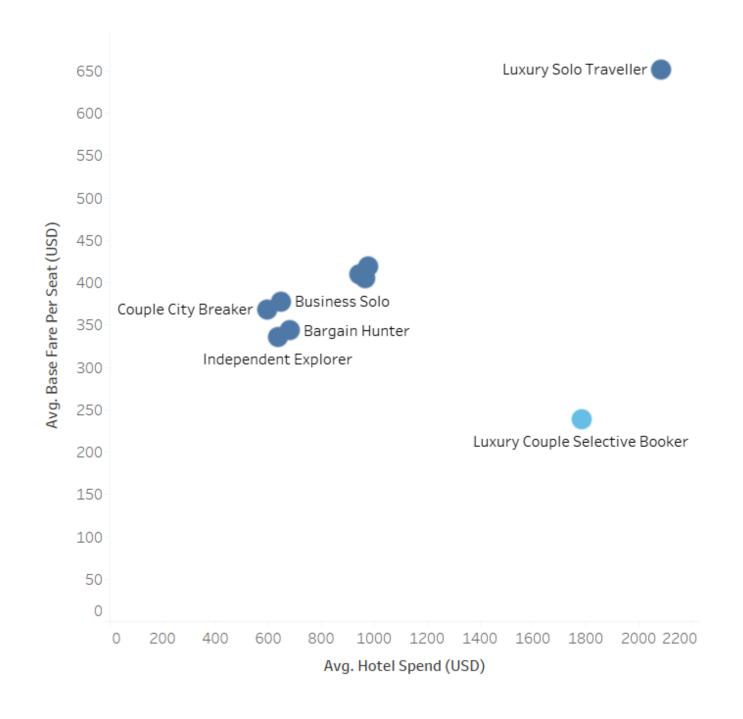




Perk: Free Room Upgrade on Long Stay



Luxury Couple



- ~1.7% of our active users fall into this niche group
- Book longer or multi-night hotel stays, often with higher per-night spend
- Travel less frequently than most segments but spend more when they do
- Show very low discount usage prefer flexibility and
- Likely to be dual-income travellers looking for immersive, stress-free breaks
- Key Metrics
 - Avg Nights per Hotel Stay: 7.8
 - Priority Rank: 9

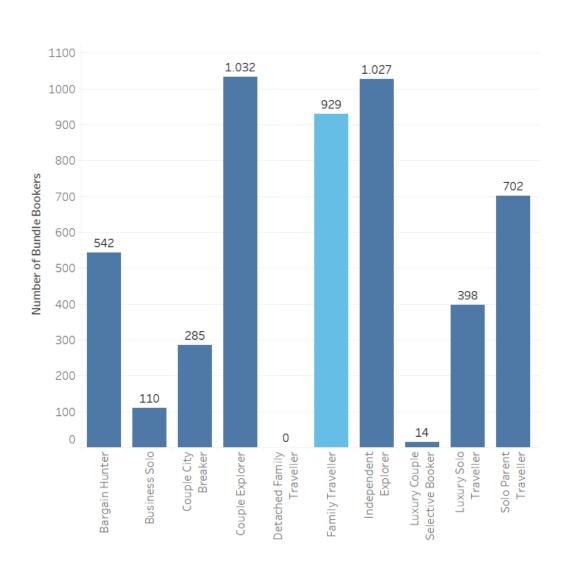




Perk: Free hotel meal



Family Traveller



- Families who take multiple holidays
 per year, often during school breaks
- ~17% of our active users fall into this category
- Typically married with children, consistently booking both flight and hotel
- Hotel spend is high, and trip patterns are reliably repeatable
- Key Metrics
 - Total bundle bookings: 1,629 Users
 - Priority Ranking = 1





Perk: Free Night with Flight Booking



Summary & Next Steps



Summary

Segment	Assigned Perk	Avg Churn Risk	Segment Priority	Priority Rank
		Score	Score	
Family Traveller	Free night with Flight Booking	0,23	851979,19	1
Couple Explorer	Free Room Upgrade on Long Stay	0,21	849163,37	2
Luxury Solo Traveller	Lounge Access on Next Trip	0,23	608312,08	3
Independent Explorer	Late Hotel Check Out	0,23	572476,69	4
Solo Parent Traveller	10% off Next Hotel Booking	0,23	549925,99	5
Bargain Hunter	Early Access to Exclusive Deals	0,19	378992	6
Couple City Breaker	Free Hotel Breakfast	0,22	150674,69	7
	Upgrade to Business Class on next			
Business Solo	flight	0,39	137707,75	8
Luxury Couple Selective Booker	Free hotel meal	0,26	50597	9

- Priority score combines segment size, average churn risk, and user value
- Perks were matched to travel style, engagement patterns, and motivations
- Segments ranked 1–5 are the strongest candidates for immediate targeting
- Lower-ranked segments are niche or low-risk, but remain visible for future campaigns

^{*}Priority Rank is based on each segment's total priority score: a combined measure of churn risk and total spend across all users in the segment.



Next Steps:

- A/B test perks for top-priority segments
- Deploy targeted reward campaigns
- Monitor retention uplift by segment
- Integrate segments into future CRM activity
- Extend segmentation to new or legacy users
- If campaigns prove successful think about implementing a rewards based scheme / loyalty programme

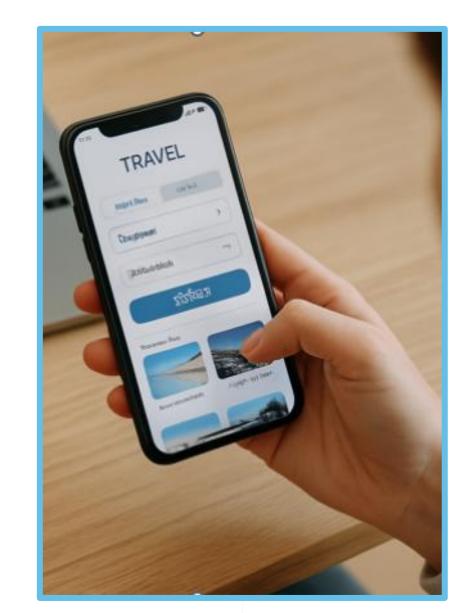


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Unconverted User



- ~7.6% of our active users fall into this unconverted group
- Frequently explore both flight and hotel options without completing a booking
- Often engage with discount offers but leave them unused
- Show repeat session behaviour, indicating interest but low follow-through
- Likely value-conscious browsers who need stronger reasons to convert





Perk: 10 % off Next Hotel Booking

