



# UK Market Highlights – Facts at a Glance

Almost 5 million UK long-haul pleasure travellers intend to visit Canada in the next two years.

## 2017 Performance





801K (\ddagger44%)

\$1,262

- While 2017's arrivals fell short of 2016's outstanding performance, the UK continued to be Canada's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest source of international tourists.
- This performance was underpinned by softening consumer confidence since May 2017, declines in purchasing parity, growing concerns over the future of the economy amidst Brexit negotiations, and tepid growth in air capacity.

# Market Insights



In 2017, Canada was ranked 3rd on UK travellers' list of long-haul countries to visit.<sup>5</sup>



In 2017, around 38% of UK tourists visited for the purpose of pleasure and recreation, while 42% visited to see family and friends.<sup>2</sup>



Ontario and British Columbia, followed by Alberta, represent the Canadian provinces that UK travellers say they will visit in the next two years.<sup>5</sup>

# 2018 Forecast

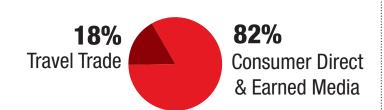


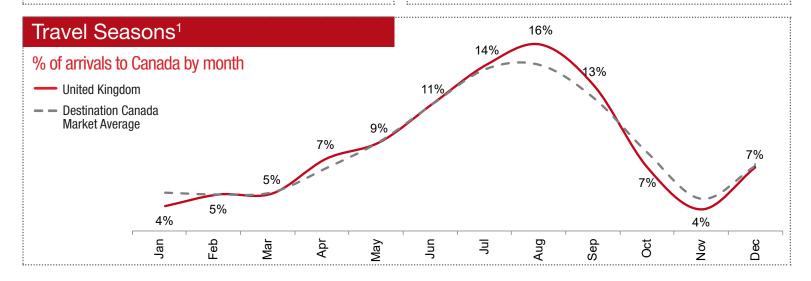






### **Channel Investment Mix**





# Market Potential5



Canada's target market



are definitely/very likely to visit Canada in the next 2 years



Canada's immediate potential

# Top Drivers<sup>5</sup>

The main features that British travellers desire in a destination are...

- People are friendly and welcoming
- Proud to tell people I have visited
- Cities are great for exploring and soaking in the atmosphere
- Great shopping
- 5 Touring around to multiple destinations
- Spend quality time with friends and/or family
- Good value for money
- Allows me to de-stress
- Beautiful outdoor scenery and landscapes
- Cities have a lot of great attractions

# Target Audiences



# Free Spirits 25-34

They are defined by the places they have travelled to and their experiences there. They want to visit cool places that will elevate their status.

## **Key Themes**

Inspire with iconic and niche experiences that will make their experience in Canada unique and share-worthy.



## Uncovering hidden gems

Discovering the lesser-known attractions and activities that will make their experience in Canada unique and share-worthy.



### Discovering epic Canada

Building travel credibility by experiencing epic and unique things that can only be found in Canada.



#### Experiencing vibrant cities

Experiencing urban icons interspersed with local, niche experiences that take place both in and out of the cities.



# Learners 55+

They want to expand their world view by experiencing the world's natural beauty, and immerse themselves in new cultures and environments.

#### **Key Themes**

Showcase itineraries that connect UK travellers to lesser known experiences and destinations that let them live like locals.



## Connecting with the locals

Experiencing local culture and authentic foods related to the surrounding landscapes and Canadian culture.



#### Experiencing Canada's natural beauty

Feeling wowed by beautiful landscapes and scenery; Seeing wildlife in its natural habitat.



### Exploring regions, not singular destinations

Touring multiple destinations through fly-drive experiences connecting urban and outdoor adventure.



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<sup>2</sup>Destination Canada Research estimates, using Statistics Canada preliminary Q1-Q3 ITS, Frontier Counts and e311 adjusted data (April 2018) 3 IATA SRS Analyzer Data, March 2018

5 Global Tourism Watch 2017

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