

DISCOVER THE EVOLVING TRAVELER'S JOURNEY

and the Great Acceleration

COVID-19 was the accelerator none of us saw coming. In 2020, the travel industry has been faced with adapting to new regulations and expectations at a pace none of us thought possible.

Through each step of the traveler journey, we've captured how sentiment and engagement has evolved so you can **make informed decisions about your strategy** as we move into 2021.

GLOBAL TRAVELERS SHARE A LATENT DESIRE FOR THEIR NEXT TRIP AND HAVE THE BUDGET TO TRAVEL¹

75%

would travel within **3 months** of restrictions being lifted

72%

would consider resuming **international travel**

60%

expect to take **1-3 trips** per year

70%

expect to have the **same or more budget** for their holidays

52%

say **visiting family and friends** is the primary reason for their next leisure trip

40%

would like to go **somewhere unfamiliar**

94%

will keep using **hotels** in the future

Converting intent into *action*

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Navigate the Evolving Traveler's Journey

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Inspire

REACH POTENTIAL GUESTS VIA MOBILE AND DIGITAL WITH TARGETED, PERSONALIZED COMMUNICATIONS

47%

increase in global **broadband data usage** during COVID-19 quarantine²

40%

increase in **mobile data traffic** Q2 2020³

74%

more likely to support brands with COVID-19 and social justice responses that align with their **values**⁴

67%

of Millennials and Gen-Zers expect offers from companies to be **personalized**⁵



Shop

COMMUNICATE HOW YOU'RE ADDRESSING COVID-19 WITH CLEANLINESS AND FLEXIBILITY. IT'S MORE INFLUENTIAL THAN PRICE¹



2/3

say COVID-19 prevention measures are very important to know before they **book a hotel**



The most critical factor for travelers to visit a hotel is **enhanced cleaning techniques**



47%

cited a COVID-19 related factor as the most influential criteria in choosing a **destination**



25%

say **price** is the most influential factor for selecting their next leisure destination



Book

ADAPT YOUR REVENUE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PROMOTIONS FOR LONGER STAYS AND SHORTER BOOKING WINDOWS

50%

are seeking stays of at least **14 days**¹

65%

of current year bookings are **less than 7 days out**⁶

50%

increase in **mobile internet bookings** from January to July⁷



Pre-Trip

ADAPT TO THE NECESSITY OF FLEXIBILITY, COMMUNICATING EVEN MORE FREQUENTLY

24 hours prior to arrival without fees is the new **cancellation window** set by large brands⁸



70%

want to receive **more information** related to their stay, such as amenities, prior to check-in⁹



On-Trip

DELIVER HIGH STANDARDS FOR CLEANLINESS AND SAFETY



70% **trust** their favorite brand's enhanced **cleaning policies**¹⁰

87% don't trust fellow peers to follow health & safety guidelines¹⁰

50%+ expect **hand sanitation stations** and **mask requirements** for both staff and guests¹¹

ENABLE CONTACTLESS COMMUNICATION, THEN USE THAT DATA FOR PERSONALIZATION

62%

would prefer to check-in/out through the **hotel app**¹²

61%

would like to use **voice assistant technology** if present in their rooms¹³

78%

are likely to trust companies with their data if it's used to **personalize the customer experience**¹⁴



Post-Trip

AGGREGATE DATA TO PERSONALIZE COMMUNICATIONS AND EXPERIENCES, CREATING LOYALTY¹⁵

79%

are more loyal to brands with **higher levels of personalization**

79%

agree the more personalization a brand uses, the **more loyal** they will be

77%

feel **brands could be doing more** to earn their loyalty

¹ Destination X

² OpenVault's Broadband Insights Report

³ Tefficient

⁴ Ketchum: Brand Reckoning 2020

⁵ Salesforce Research: Trends in Customer Trust

⁶ Amadeus Demand360, Oct. 9

⁷ h2C study

⁸ Conde Nast Traveler

⁹ Expedia Group

¹⁰ Oliver Wyman, Glimpses of Recovery: Traveler Sentiment Survey – edition 1

¹¹ Hotels by Day

¹² eHotelier

¹³ fitnews

¹⁴ Salesforce Consumer Trust Study

¹⁵ Formation, Brand Loyalty 2020