

Digital distribution guidebook

Guidebook for Visit Finland partners

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2016

12%

Travel trend to Nordics is growing with 5% CAGR



Denmark Iceland Norway Finland

2022

10%

Key takeaways:

- U.S. outbound travel to Nordic countries growing with a CAGR of 5%
- Finland seen as a summer • destination with 39% of overnight stays in 2022 taking place over the summer
- U.S. travelers utilize both online distribution channels and offline channels e.g. travel agents and advisors, especially within higher-end customers

2018

10%

2017

11%

Source: Simon-Kucher; Visit Finland: Nordic countries share of yearly and monthly overnights by target markets; Expert Interviews

2019

10%

Finland's share of overnight stays in the Nordics (%)

2020

16%

2021

9%

Typical traveler from U.S. falls in the higher-income segment

Source market: United States

U.S. Travel market

- Finland is a niche remote destination for U.S. travelers and competing against other more known European destinations
- Target and current customers are in the higherincome segment
- Expanding and building up the middle-income segment seen as an objective for the U.S. market
- Majority of online sales through OTAs, Expedia has the most annual visits out of OTAs in the U.S. market
- Expedia Group and Booking Holdings with ~92% OTA market share in the U.S

Higher-income segment

Travel agents and advisors

- Higher-income customers are familiar and accustomed to using travel agents and advisors for planning their trips
- Benefits for travelers include saving time and effort with the planning

Example: American Express Travel

- Amex Travel offers variety of travel agent services to its members
- Members enjoy benefits like booking hotels through Amex and room upgrades etc. based on status
- Amex Travel service is highly utilized and reaches over 29M annual website visits
- Amex travel have partnerships with both hotel brands and GDSs like Sabre and Amadeus

Key takeaways:

- Majority of online sales through OTAs, especially important with younger generations
- Digital channels such as OTAs are potential for the middleincome segment
- Higher-income segment utilizes offline channels such as travel agents and travel advisors
- GDSs have an important role for bookings through travel agents and advisors



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Digital landscape: Digital channel grid with the key players in each channel

Source market: United States

Digital distribution channels (accommodation)								
Social media	Search engines	OTAs	Travel aggregators / Metasearch	Bedbanks	GDS	Online tour operators		
 Youtube 	 Google 	 Airbnb 	 Tripadvisor 	 Hotelbeds 	 Sabre 	 Gate 1 travel 		
Facebook	 DuckDuckGo 	 Expedia 	 Google Hotels 	 HotelsPro 	 Amadeus 	 GoAheadTours 		
Twitter	 Bing 	 Booking.com 	 Kayak 	 WebBeds 	 Travelport 	 Intrepid 		
 Instagram 		 Vrbo 	 Skyscanner 	 Bonotel 		 Trafalgar 		
Reddit		Priceline	 Rome2Rio 			 Gadventures 		
 Discord 		Hotels.com	 Trivago 			Collette tours		
Linkedin		 Travelocity 	 Momondo 			 Kensington tours 		
 Pinterest 		Orbitz						
Tiktok		Hotwire				 Ricksteves (No Finland offering) 		
Legend: Companies ranked in desce annual website visits	ending order by	 Agoda HomeToGo eDreams Tourradar (Package tours offering) 				Nordic specific: • 50 degrees North • Scandinavian travel		

Landscape scoring: OTAs with the highest score – Aggregators and GDSs performing well in the U.S. market

Source market: United States

CAC Market growth Market size Market fit Average score Rank Channels 4.25 1 OTAs Travel aggregators / 2 4.00 Metasearch 3 Acc GDS 3.00 om mo dati 3 **Search engines** 3.00 on seg me 5 Social media 2.50 nt 6 2.00 Online tour operators 7 **Bedbanks** 1.75

> Legend: 1 2 3 4 5 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest score

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OTA providers: Airbnb and Expedia hold the most visits in the U.S. market – but how relevant are they to Finland?

Source market: United States

							OTAs						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Measurements	Airbnb ¹	Expedia	Booking. com	VRBO	Priceline	Hotels. com	Trave locity	Orbitz	Hotwire	Agoda	Home ToGo	eDreams	Tour Radar
Property listings FIN	~400	~3200	~2900	~300	~300	~1800	~3100	~3100	~200	~800	~300	~3000	~100 (tour
Property listings SWE	~800	~4000	~2700	~100	~400	~3800	~4000	~4000	~300	~500	~200	~2700	<100 (tour
Property listings NOR	~700	~2300	~1800	~100	~200	~2100	~2300	~2300	~100	~300	~200	~1800	~200 (tours
Total yearly visits visualized													
Total yearly visits	920.7M	920.7M	748.0M	456.9M	383.3M	301.3M	115.5M	74.7M	49.0M	48.8M	28.7M	21.6M	7.7M
	920.7M 76.2M	920.7M 76.7M	748.0M 62.3M	456.9M 38.1M	383.3M 38.1M	301.3M 25.1M	115.5M 9.6M	74.7M 6.2M	49.0M 4.1M	48.8M 4.1M	28.7M 2.4M	21.6M 1.8M	7.7M 641k
Total yearly visits Monthly visits Monthly unique visitors													

Cost structure	Service fee	Commission %	Commission %	Commission %	CPC,								
Cost amount	3% for host	~15-20%	~15-20%	~8-14%	~10-20%	~10-15%	~10-20%	~10-15%	~10-20%	~10-20%	~8-14%	~10-20%	Inventory from tour operators

Note: 1) For Airbnb listings capitals (Helsinki, Stockholm & Oslo) used;

fisit Finland Property listings rounded to nearest 100; For vendors that don't give specific listing numbers for the whole country, combination of largest cities used to make the estimate Source: Simon-Kucher; Similarweb (United States, Feb 2022 – Jan 2023); property listings median taken from dates 1/4/23, 1/7/23, 1/10/23, and 27/12/23

OTA providers: Booking.com, Airbnb, and Expedia are all strong performers

Source market: United States

					Scoring n	neasurements		
Focus	#	Company	Annual visits	Property listings	Keyword visibility	Website behavior	Average score	Cost
	1	Booking.com					4.50	~15-20%
	2	Expedia					4.33	~15-20%
	3	Hotels.com					3.17	~10-15%
	4	Travelocity					2.75	~10-20%
Hotels	5	Orbitz					2.33	~10-15%
	6	eDreams					2.08	~10-15%
	7	Priceline					1.92	~10-20%
	8	Agoda					1.67	~10-20%
	9	Hotwire					1.33	~10-20%
	1	Booking.com					4.50	~15-20%
acation	2	Airbnb					4.42	3% for host
entals	3	Vrbo					2.67	~8-14%
	4	HomeToGo					1.33	~8-14%
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Aggregators: Tripadvisor with the most yearly visits from the travel and tourism industry websites in the U.S.

Source market: United States

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Measurements	Google Hotels ¹	Tripadvisor	Kayak	Skyscanner	Rome2Rio	Trivago	Momondo
Property listings FIN	~3200	~3000	~2200	~2100	~2900	~600	~3100
Property listings SWE	~6500	~3000	~2100	~1800	~2700	~1000	~2300
Property listings NOR	~3900	~3000	~1100	~1400	~1800	~800	~1200
Total yearly visits visualized							
Total yearly visits	N/A	1.2B	379M	80.9M	72.7M	68.0M	20.9M
Monthly visits	N/A	99.5M	31.6M	6.7M	6.1M	5.7M	1.7M
Monthly unique visitors	N/A	61.0M	17.5M	3.4M	4.7M	4.0M	1.0M
Yearly Change	N/A	•	0	0	•	•	O

Cost structure

Cost structure largely based Cost-per-click (CPC) and Cost-per-acquisiton (CPA) models

Travel aggregators / Metasearch

Note: 1) Google Hotels data not separately available;

/isit Finland Property listings rounded to nearest 100; CPC = cost-per-click vary depending on region, seasonality, and competition and can be operated within a bidding model Source: Simon-Kucher; Similarweb (United States, Feb 2022 - Jan 2023; property listings median taken from dates 1/4/23, 1/7/23, 1/10/23, and 27/12/23)

Aggregators: Based on the average scores, Google Hotels and Tripadvisor comes out with the highest potential

Source market: United States

		Scoring measurements						
#	Company	Annual visits	Property listings	Keyword visibility	Website behavior	Average score		
1	Google Hotels ¹						4.83	
2	Tripadvisor						4.00	
3	Kayak						3.33	
4	Skyscanner						2.75	
5	Momondo						2.33	
6	Rome2Rio						2.08	
7	Trivago						1.33	

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1.2. Accommodation, GDS

Three major GDS players listed with Sabre having the largest presence in North America

Source market: United States

		Ranking measurements							
#	Company	Market share in North America	Market share in Europe	Number of hotels in the network	Global presence by # of countries	Cost			
1	Sabre	1	3	1	3	4-12 USD per booking			
2	Amadeus	3	1	2	1	2-8 USD per booking			
3	Travelport (Galileo, Worldspan, Apollo)	2	2	3	2	4-12 USD per booking			

Additional monthly / annual fees on top of the booking fee

Three major GDSs Amadeus, Sabre, and Travelport are the key players in the market with Sabre having the largest presence in North America – Travelport owns Galileo, Worldspan, and Apollo GDSs

Legend: Ranking from 1 to 3, where 1 is the best performing vendor



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Digital landscape: Channel grid is split by awareness & visibility platforms, and online booking providers

Source market: United States

Activities/Excursions a	nd Attractions segments				
Awareness & Visibility platforms (marketing)	Online booking providers				
Search engines	 Aggregator/Metasearch 				
 Google & Google Things to do 	 Tripadvisor 				
DuckDuckGo	 Tourscanner (listings through partner OTAs) 				
Bing	OTAs				
Social media	 Viator (Tripadvisor) 				
Youtube	GetYourGuide				
Facebook	 Tigets 				
Twitter	 Klook 				
 Instagram 	Civitatis				
Reddit	 KKday 				
Linkedin	 Musement 				
Pinterest	 Familydaysout (currently offering only US, Canada, Australia) 				
Tiktok					
Information guides of Things to do	 Global vendors with things to do 				
Travelerdreams	(more applicable to accommodation):				
Travelandleisure	Expedia				
Thepointsguy	Airbnb Experiences				
Atlasobscura	 Booking.com 				
The Culture Trip	 Hotelbeds (Beyond the bed) 				
Planetware	Legend:				
 Touropia 	Companies ranked in				
 Local travel sites e.g. Visit Finland, different destination and regional sites like Visit"" 	descending order by total visits (12 months)				

Things to consider:

- Listing into Google things to do to have visibility and optimizing the content for better search results
- Social media presence to raise awareness of attraction or activity
- Online booking platforms give additional visibility and are used in research, which leads to direct and offline sales
- Out of activity and attractions specialized vendors Viator is clearly the biggest with ~131M annual visits

Awareness & visibility: Important to have presence in marketing channels to raise awareness and reach travelers

Source market: United States

Awareness & Visibility channels								
Vendor Focus		Comments						
Google things to do	Things to do, attractions	Free to sign-up, easy to use, and great visibility in Google searches						
Social media channels	Not specific	Free to use, content sharing for raising awareness and visibility, paid options available within ads and influences marketing						
Search engines	Not specific	Search engine optimization (SEO) is important for better search result visibility						
Travel guides & Things to do articles	Destination guides, Things to do in the destination	Websites with information about destinations and lists of things to do						

Travel+Leisure	Lifestyle Travel	Provides information on (luxury) travel experiences including hotels, resorts, and spas as well as dining and cultural experiences
Atlas Obscura	Offbeat travel	Features offbeat, unusual destinations and experiences, including hidden landmarks, peculiar museums, and unique cultural events
Culture trip	Cultural Travel	Highlights art, culture, and food experiences in various destinations around the world, with a focus on local insights and experiences

Things to consider:

- Visibility in different channels is a key part of marketing efforts
- Channels are used for research before and after arriving to the destinations
- Social media offers a great opportunity by building up a following and creating quality content
- Depending on the niche there are opportunities within all-travel related websites and more specific sites such as Atlas Obscura with speciality in unique destinations
- Different destination guides such as Traveldreams and Planetware also offer recommendations including key attractions, landmarks, etc.

Presence in major channels like social media should be a priority – finding the right audience to attract is the key for successful marketing results

Online booking providers: Viator is the clear leader within the activities and attractions specialized vendors – visibility boosted by Tripadvisor ownership

Source market: United States

				Online booking providers				
	#	Vendor	Annual visits	Global content	Offering	Customer experience	Overall score	Cost
	1	Viator					4.75	~20-25%
	2	Tripadvisor					4.50	~15-25%
	3	GetYourGuide					3.25	~20-30%
Activity /	4	Musement					2.50	~15-25%
Excursion & Attraction	4	Klook					2.50	~15-25%
	4	Civitatis					2.50	~15-25%
	7	Tiqets					2.00	~15-25%
	8	Kkday					1.50	~15-25%

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Provides deep dive into each vendor within the key segments

Click on a vendor to take you to the catalogue page for them

A	ccommodation provide	Activity/Excursions and Attraction providers		
1. OTA	2. Aggregator/ Metasearch	3. GDS	4. Awareness & Visibility	5. Booking Provider
Booking.com	<u>Tripadvisor</u>	<u>Amadeus, Sabre,</u> <u>Travelport</u>	Google Things' to do	<u>Tripadvisor</u>
<u>Expedia</u>	Kayak		Search engines	Viator
Hotels.com			Social media	<u>Get your guide</u>
<u>Airbnb</u>		Ω		

Booking.com

Source market: United States

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Business model facts					
Commission model	% off end price	Core product	Hotels		
Typical commission rate	15-20%	Secondary products	Flights, packages & excursions		
Price parity requirement	Yes, with provider's direct website	Cancellation policy	Flexible		
Additional fees	Processing credit card payments, providing premium listing placement	Real-time inventory	Yes		
Payouts	Booking.com sends an invoice for the commission at the end of each month.				

KPIs				
# of Finnish properties (seasonal median)	~2900	Device distribution	Desktop	33.6%
Total yearly visit	748M	Device distribution	Mobile web	66.4%
Monthly visits	62.3M		18-24	15%
Monthly unique visitors	31.6M		25-34	26%
Yearly change	e	Torget cogmont (c.g.)	35-44	24%
Visit duration	7:23 min	Target segment (age)	45-54	17%
Pages per visit	7.31		55-64	12%
Bounce rate	35.3%		65+	7%

Accommodation Segment

Booking.com

- Part of Booking Holdings that owns several online travel brands such as Priceline and Agoda – Booking Holdings have a total of \$17B+ in revenue
- Globally strong OTA with a good performance in the U.S. market, 3rd most annual visits out of OTAs in U.S.
- Known for its user-friendly design and features such as free cancellation options, real-time availability, and instant confirmation
- The commission rates typically climb up to 20% excluding additional services such as premium listing placement

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Note: Seasonal median calculated from availability on dates 1/4/23, 1/7/23, 1/10/23, and 27/12/23 Source: Simon-Kucher; Booking.com; Similarweb (United States, Feb 2022 – Jan 2023)

Expedia

Source market: United States



Business model facts					
Commission model	% off end price	Core product	Hotels		
Typical commission rate	15-20%	Secondary products	Flights, packages & excursions		
Price parity requirement	Yes, with provider's direct website	Cancellation policy	Flexible		
Additional fees	Credit card, providing premium listing placement	Real-time inventory	Yes		
Payouts	youts Commissions are being collected by Expedia at the end of the month				

KPIs				
# of Finnish properties (seasonal median)	~3200	Device distribution	Desktop	43%
Total yearly visit	920.7M	Device distribution	Mobile web	57%
Monthly visits	ts 76.7M		18-24	17%
Monthly unique visitors	41.3M		25-34	25%
Yearly change	¢	Target segment (age)	35-44	22%
Visit duration	6:13 min	raiget segment (age)	45-54	16%
Pages per visit	6.91		55-64	12%
Bounce rate	35.96%		65+	7%

Accommodation Segment

Expedia

- Part of Expedia Group that owns several online travel brands such as Hotels.com and Trivago

 Expedia Group have a total of \$11B+ in revenue
- Mobile-app which makes it easy for customers to plan and book their travel itineraries. Expedia also offers customer support services, travel insurance, etc.
- The commission rates typically climb up to 20% excluding additional services such as premium listing placement

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Hotels.com

Source market: United States



Business model facts					
Commission model	% off end price	Core product	Hotels		
Typical commission rate	~10-15%	Secondary products	Resorts, vacation rentals		
Price parity requirement	Yes, Best Price Guarantee	Cancellation policy	Flexible		
Additional fees	Display Advertising solutions	Real-time inventory	Yes		
Payouts N/A					

KPIs				
# of Finnish properties (seasonal median)	~1800	Device distribution	Desktop	38.9%
Total yearly visit	301.3M	Device distribution	Mobile web	61.1%
Monthly visits	25.1M		18-24	15%
Monthly unique visitors	14.3M		25-34	26%
Yearly change	•		35-44	23%
Visit duration	6:27 min	Target segment (age)	45-54	17%
Pages per visit	7.33		55-64	12%
Bounce rate	35.96%		65+	7%

Accommodation Segment

Hotels.com

- Part of Expedia Group that owns several online travel brands such as Expedia and Trivago – Expedia Group have a total of \$11B+ in revenue
- Known for reward program where customers can earn a free night for every 10 nights booked on the platform
- Offers display advertising solutions designed to enhance the travel shopper's journey for any marketing budget and objective

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Note: Seasonal median calculated from availability on dates 1/4/23, 1/7/23, 1/10/23, and 27/12/23 Source: Simon-Kucher; Hotels.com; Expedia group; Similarweb (United States, Feb 2022 – Jan 2023)

Airbnb

Source market: United States



Business model facts					
Commission model	% off end price	Core product	Vacation rentals		
Typical commission rate	3% for host, 11% from customer	Secondary products	Boutique hotels, activities		
Price parity requirement	No	Cancellation policy	Flexible		
Additional fees	No	Real-time inventory	Yes		
Payouts about 24 hours after your guest's scheduled check-in time					

KPIs				
# of Finnish properties (seasonal median)	properties (seasonal median) 4000+		Desktop	49.4%
Total yearly visit	920.7M	Device distribution	Mobile web	50.6%
Monthly visits	76.7M		18-24	18%
Monthly unique visitors	29.6M		25-34	29%
Yearly change	e	Target segment (age)	35-44	22%
Visit duration	8:49 min		45-54	15%
Pages per visit	19.66		55-64	10%
Bounce rate	25.7%		65+	6%

Accommodation Segment

Airbnb

- Best performing vacation rental OTA in U.S. known for acting as a link connecting hosts to travelers looking for accommodation
- Most annual visits in the U.S. market with (tied with Expedia)
- Additionally, Airbnb offers a variety of experiences and activities to enhance traveler's experience
- Compared to other OTAs, the commission rates are very affordable for the host, as majority of the commission is charged from the customer

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Tripadvisor

Source market: United States



Business model facts				
Commission model	CPC & Commission model	Core product	Travel reviews	
Typical commission rate	CPC & ~15-25% (commission)	Secondary products	Accommodation, Activities, Attractions	
Price parity requirement	No	Cancellation policy	Flexible	
Additional fees	No	Real-time inventory	Yes	
Payouts Depends on the channel (Flipkey, Holidaylettings, TripAdvisor) and commission pe model- 24 hours after the check-in stated / At the end of each month, a booking reconciliation report is generated, which Tripadvisor uses to calculate the invoice and				

KPIs				
# of Finnish properties / activities	3000 / 5000		Desktop	34.8%
Total yearly visit	1.19B	Device distribution	Mobile web	65.2%
Monthly visits	99.5M		18-24	14%
Monthly unique visitors	61.1M		25-34	41%
Yearly change	0	Target segment (age)	35-44	25%
Visit duration	3:27 min 4.5		45-54	12%
Pages per visit			55-64	5%
Bounce rate	53.6%		65+	4%

Accommodation & Activity/Excursion & Attractions Tripadvisor

- Tripadvisor is known from travel reviews as a metasearch channel offering products from accommodation to activities, attractions, and information on even restaurants
- Large reach within travel industry and used in both research and booking phases
- The commission rates typically around 15-25% excluding additional services such as premium listing placement

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Source: Simon-Kucher; Tripadvisor; Similarweb (United States, Feb 2022 - Jan 2023)

Kayak

Source market: United States



Business model facts			
Cost structure	CPC & CPA (bidding operated)	Core product	Flights, Accommodation
Real-time inventory	Yes	Secondary products	Package travel, car rental
Payouts		N/A	

KPIs				
# of Finnish products	~2200	Device distribution	Desktop	50.1%
Total yearly visit	379M	Device distribution	Mobile web	49.9%
Monthly visits	31.6M		18-24	8%
Monthly unique visitors	17.5M		25-34	22%
Yearly change	0	Target segment (age)	35-44	20%
Visit duration	5:12 min	raiger segment (age)	45-54	20%
Pages per visit	5.87		55-64	14%
Bounce rate	31.5%		65+	17%

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Kayak

- Kayak is part of Booking Holdings with brands like Booking.com, Priceline, Agoda etc. – Booking Holdings have a total of \$17B+ in revenue
- Kayak operating with other wellknown travel metasearch engines such as Cheapflights and Momondo etc.
- Available in over 18 languages

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Three of the biggest GDS vendors have approximately 99% of the market share between them

Source market: United States



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Cost structure	Per booking fees	Core product	Reservation system tool
Typical fees	~2-12USD (can differ and be %- based)	Secondary products	Analytics, intelligence, payments, advertising
Additional fees	GDS fee (monthly/annual)	Real-time inventory	Yes
Payouts		N/A	

KPIs	Amadeus	Sabre	Travelport
# of markets	190+	160+	180+
Revenue 2021 (USD)	2.94B	1.69B	2.5B in 2018
Number of hotels in network	~770k	~1M+	~650k
Number of travel agencies & tour operators	~101k	~65k	~90k
Approximate costs of GDS (per booking)	2-8 USD	4-12 USD	4-12 USD
Additional fees	All GDSs a	also have additional fees in monthly/an	nual basis

Accommodation Segment

GDS vendors:

- Three of the biggest GDS vendors combine approximately 99% market share between them
- All have strong presence in global markets with a large network of hotels and travel agencies
- Sabre is largest in the American market, Amadeus in European
- Serves several industries including airlines, OTAs, travel DMOs, metasearch & Travel media, tour operators etc.

As all of the GDS vendors have a strong presence in the markets, the fit can depend on preferences and even come down to things like customer or user experience

1.4.4. Awareness & visibility:

Google Things to Do offers an opportunity for raising awareness of the destination and being seen by researching travelers



Top attractions by interest



Google Things to do:

- Allows travelers to find information on things to do in terms of attractions and activities
- Large number of reviews build the trust and allows travelers to see first-hand experiences of others
- Part of research process for travelers before and after arriving to the destination
- Listing is free and boosts visitors and direct traffic as it allows to search web results related to chosen attraction

Search engine optimization/marketing and data insights drive more conversion and help with targeted marketing



Search engines:

- Optimizing the website and focusing on SEO-efforts allows better rankings in search results
- Search engine marketing (SEM) such as bidding on relevant keywords and optimizing landing pages help attracting potential customers searching information directly
- Knowing the customer allows to tailor target audience e.g., through location, device, and search intent
- Analytics data e.g., in search volumes, click-through rates, or conversions deepen customer understanding and enables even better digital marketing efforts

Social media for inspiring potential customer through content creation, direct engaging, targeted advertising, and user-generated content



Visit Finland Source: Simon-Kucher; Instagram, TikTok



Social media marketing opportunities:

- Allows creating and sharing engaging content to reach potential customers who may not otherwise hear about the property, attraction, etc.
- Enables engaging directly with the customers, respond their queries, and provide timely, personized customer service
- Reaching the right audience with a content that inspires people in specific travel communities
- Platform enables users to create and share experiences e.g., through reviews, photos, and videos to build trust and credibility for future customers

Tripadvisor

Source market: United States



Business model facts			
Commission model	CPC & Commission model	Core product	Travel reviews
Typical commission rate	CPC & ~15-25% (commission)	Secondary products	Accommodation, Activities, Attractions
Price parity requirement	No	Cancellation policy	Flexible
Additional fees	No	Real-time inventory	Yes
Payouts		14-31 days	

KPIs				
# of Finnish properties / activities	3000 / 5000	Device distribution	Desktop	34.8%
Total yearly visit	1.19B	Device distribution	Mobile web	65.2%
Monthly visits	99.5M		18-24	14%
Monthly unique visitors	61.1M		25-34	41%
Yearly change	O	Torget accoment (age)	35-44	25%
Visit duration	3:27 min	Target segment (age)	45-54	12%
Pages per visit	4.5		55-64	5%
Bounce rate	53.6%		65+	4%

Accommodation & Activity/Excursion & Attractions Tripadvisor

- Tripadvisor is known from travel reviews as a metasearch channel offering products from accommodation to activities, attractions, and information on even restaurants
- Large reach within travel industry and used in both research and booking phases
- The commission rates typically around 15-25% excluding additional services such as premium listing placement

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Note: Seasonal median calculated from availability on dates 1/4/23, 1/7/23, 1/10/23, and 27/12/23, CPC = cost-per-click vary depending on region, seasonality, and competition and can be operated within a bidding model

Source: Simon-Kucher; Tripadvisor; Similarweb (United States, Feb 2022 – Jan 2023)

Viator

Source market: United States

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Business model facts			
Commission model	% off end price	Core product	Activities and attractions
Typical commission rate	~20-25%	Secondary products	N/A
Price parity requirement	No	Cancellation policy	Flexible
Additional fees	No	Real-time inventory	Yes
Payouts		14-31 days	

KPIs				
# of Finnish products	~900	Device distribution	Desktop	34.5%
Total yearly visit	130.9M	Device distribution	Mobile web	65.5%
Monthly visits	10.9M		18-24	10%
Monthly unique visitors	6.8M		25-34	36%
Yearly change	O	Torget cogmont (cgo)	35-44	24%
Visit duration	3:51 min	Target segment (age)	45-54	16%
Pages per visit	3.55		55-64	7%
Bounce rate	42.1%		65+	8%

Activity/Excursion & Attractions

Viator

- Viator owned by Tripadvisor holds majority of the market in the North America, but has also presence in Europe
- By listing into Viator, supplier get listed to Tripadvisor exposing to a larger market
- The commission rates are typically around 20-25% excluding additional services such as premium listing placement

GetYourGuide

Source market: United States



Business model facts			
Commission model	% off end price	Core product	Tours, activities, experiences
Typical commission rate	20-30%	Secondary products	N/A
Price parity requirement	No	Cancellation policy	Flexible
Additional fees	No	Real-time inventory	Yes
Payouts	Payments are released	on the 5th and 20th of e	very calendar month

KPIs				
# of Finnish products	~350	Device distribution	Desktop	33.9%
Total yearly visit	57.3M	Device distribution	Mobile web	66.1%
Monthly visits	4.8M		18-24	7%
Monthly unique visitors	3.4M		25-34	17%
Yearly change	¢	Torget accoment (age)	35-44	18%
Visit duration	3:07 min	Target segment (age)	45-54	22%
Pages per visit	3.42		55-64	16%
Bounce rate	48.7%		65+	21%

Activity/Excursion & Attractions

GetYourGuide

- GetYourGuide has the second most website visits after Viator, in activities & attractions specialized booking providers in the U.S.
- GetYourGuide has a strong presence globally, but considered bigger in European market than North American market
- The commission rates are typically around 20-30%



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China market

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Chinese travelers utilize mobile apps significantly more compared to the websites of the vendors

Source market: China

China travel market

- Leading OTAs and other travel-related vendors have apps as well as websites, but the apps have significantly more traffic
- Registering into a travel app typically required for browsing and booking an accommodation, e.g. Fliggy (part of Alibaba Group) requires a login through Weibo or Alipay

8	Account Name/Email/Mobile Nu	umbe
•	Please enter your password	
	Log in	

Mobile apps

- Utilization of the mobile apps can be analyzed with different metrics, e.g. Monthly active users (MAU), overall registered users, app downloads etc.
- WeChat, which is Chinese multipurpose app with social media, instant messaging, payment functions etc. has over 1B MAUs
- Travel specific apps e.g. Ctrip (the leading OTA) in China market has around ~56M MAUs, other Chinese travel vendors Qunar ~23M and Fliggy ~7M



Key takeaway:

options

in bookings

Chinese travel market differs from other markets with

heavy utilization of mobile

 Utilization of apps explains the lower amount of website visitors

Out of global and local OTAs,

active users as well as utilization

Ctrip dominates the China market with the most monthly

local/China specific vendors and


China market

2.1. Market overview

2.2. Accommodation landscape

2.3. Activities & Attractions landscape



Digital landscape: Digital channel grid with the key players in each channel

Primary source market: China

	Digital	distribution channels (accom	nmodation)		
Social media Searc	ch engines OTAs	Travel aggregators / Metasearch	Bedbanks	GDS	Online tour operators
 WeChat Alipay Sogou Weibo Douyin Baidu Tieba Youku 	 Ctrip (Trip.com Group) Meituan Fliggy (Alibaba Group) eLong Ly.com Airbnb Booking.com Agoda 	 Qunar (Trip.com Group) Travel reviews and aggregated booking options: Mafengwo Qyer Lower relevancy in China: 	HotelbedsTBO HolidaysWebbeds	 Travelsky Usage more limited in China market: Sabre Amadeus Travelport 	 Fosun Tourism Uzai Tuniu
Legend: Companies ranked in descending order combination of size and usage Bolded names = regional/China specific companies		KayakSkyscanner			

OTA providers: Ctrip is the leading OTA in China market

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Measurements	Ctrip (Trip.com)	Meituan	Booking.com	Agoda	Fliggy	LY.com	Airbnb ¹	eLong
Property listings FIN	~300	N/A	~2900	~800	N/A	~800	~400	~800
Property listings SWE	~400	N/A	~2700	~500	N/A	~500	~800	~800
Property listings NOR	~300	N/A	~1800	~300	N/A	~400	~700	~500
Total yearly visits visualized								
visualized	11 414	8.214	5 2M	1.404	1.2M	0471	600/	575k
	11.4M	8.3M	5.3M	1.4M	1.3M	947k	690k	575k
visualized Total yearly visits (website) % of consumers that mentioned using this vendor for	11.4M	8.3M 48%	5.3M 10%	1.4M 9%	1.3M 37%	947k 27%	690k 17%	575k 16%
visualized								

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Note: 1) For Airbnb listings capitals (Helsinki, Stockholm & Oslo) used; 2) Hotel / Private accommodation online bookings in the last 12 months, multiple choice options, N = 24,511 Source: Simon-Kucher; Statista, SEMrush (China, Feb 2022 – Jan 2023); property listings median taken from dates 29/4/23, 1/7/23, 1/10/23, and 27/12/23



China market

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Digital landscape: Channel grid is split by awareness & visibility platforms, and online booking providers

Source market: China

Activities/Excursion	ns and Attractions segments				
Awareness & Visibility platforms (marketing)	Online booking providers				
 Search engines Baidu Sogou Social media WeChat Alipay Weibo Douyin Baidu Tieba Youku Information guides of Things to do Lonely planet Tripsavvy Includes information & booking options Mafengwo 	 OTAS Klook Lvmama Kkday Aggregator/Metasearch Mafengwo Qyer OTAs with activity & attraction offering: Ctrip Fliggy LY.com 				
 Qyer Local travel sites e.g., Visit Finland, different destination and regional sites like Visit "" 	Legend: Companies ranked in descending order by combination of size and usage				

Things to consider:

- Landscape in China differs from other markets through local players and heavy mobile usage
- Both Mafengwo and Qyer offer travel reviews, guides, and information as well as some aggregated booking options
- Out of the activity and attraction specialized OTAs, Klook is a leading player in Asian markets



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India market

- 3.1. Accommodation landscape
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Digital landscape: Digital channel grid with the key players in each channel

Source market: India

	Digital distribution channels (accommodation)							
Social media	Search engines	OTAs	Travel aggregators / Metasearch	Bedbanks	GDS	Online tour operators		
 Youtube 	 Google 	 Makemytrip 	 Tripadvsisor 	 Hotelbeds Group 	 Amadeus 	 TravelTriangle 		
 Facebook 	 Yahoo 	 Booking.com 	 Skyscanner 	 TBO Holidays 	 Sabre 	 Akbar Travels 		
 Instagram 	 Bing 	 Agoda 	 Goibibo 	 Webbeds 	 Travelport 	 Veena World 		
Twitter	 DuckDuckGo 	Yatra	Cleartrip		 Travelsky 	 Kesari Tours 		
Reddit		EaseMyTrip	• Ixigo			 Riya Travels 		
Linkedin		Airbnb	 Trivago 			- SOTC		
		Hotels.com	 Kayak 			 Thomas Cook 		
		Trip.com						
		 Expedia 						
Legend: Companies ranked in desc annual website visits Bolded names = regional/ companies		Smaller amount of visits: Pick Your Trail Ebix Cash 						

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3.1. Accommodation

OTA providers: MakeMyTrip In the Indian market MakeMyTrip dominates in the annual website visits

Source market: India

		OTAs							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Measurements	MakeMyTrip	Booking.com	Agoda	Yatra	EaseMyTrip	Airbnb ¹	Hotels.com	Trip.com	Expedia
Property listings FIN	~200	~2900	~800	~800	~600	~400	~1800	~300	~3200
Property listings SWE	~300	~2700	~500	~600	~900	~800	~3800	~400	~4000
Property listings NOR	~200	~1800	~300	~600	~700	~700	~2100	~300	~2300
Property listings CHE	~1100	~3000	~600	~1600	~2700	~500	~1500	~400	~2100
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Total yearly visits visualized			-	_	_	_			
Total yearly visits	324.4M	141.3M	73.9M	58.8M	51.6M	32.9M	13M	12.8M	9.7M
Monthly visits	27.03M	11.78M	6.16M	4.90M	4.30M	2.74M	1.08M	1.07M	808k
Monthly unique visitors	14.71M	5.80M	3.35M	3.21M	2.19M	1.51M	483k	675k	617k
Yearly Change	0	0	0	0	•	•	0	0	•

Cost structure	Commission %	Service fee	Commission %	Commission %	Commission %				
Cost amount	~15-22%	~15-20%	~10-20%	~10-20%	~10-15%	3% for host	~10-15%	~10-25%	~15-20%

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Note: 1) For Airbnb listings capitals and/or largest cities (Helsinki, Stockholm, Oslo, and Zurich) used

Source: Simon-Kucher; SEMrush (India, Feb 2022 – Jan 2023); property listings median taken from dates 29/4/23, 1/7/23, 1/10/23, and 27/12/23

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India market

3.1. Accommodation landscape

3.2. Activities & Attractions landscape

3.2. Activities & Attractions

Digital landscape: Channel grid is split by awareness & visibility platforms, and online booking providers

Source market: India

Activities/Excursions a	nd Attractions segments					
Awareness & Visibility platforms (marketing)	Online booking providers					
 Search engines Google & Google Things to do DuckDuckGo Bing Social media Youtube Facebook Twitter Instagram Reddit Linkedin Pinterest Tiktok Information guides of Things to do The Culture Trip 	 Aggregator/Metasearch Tripadvisor OTAs Thrillophilia Viator Klook GetYourGuide Headout Global vendors with things to do (more applicable to accommodation): Expedia Airbnb Experiences Booking.com Cleartrip activities 					
 Planetware Lonelyplanet Atlasobscura Local travel sites e.g., Visit Finland, different destination and regional sites like Visit "" 	Legend: Companies ranked i descending order by visits (12 months)					

Things to consider:

y total

- Listing into Google things to do to have visibility and optimizing the content for better search results
- Social media presence to raise awareness of attraction or activity
- Online booking platforms give additional visibility and are used in research, which leads to direct and offline sales
- Thrillophilia with the most website views out of the activity and attraction specialized vendors

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Japan market

- 4.1. Accommodation landscape
- 4.2. Activities & Attractions landscape

Digital landscape: Digital channel grid with the key players in each channel

Source market: Japan

	Digital distribution channels (accommodation)							
Social media	Search engines	OTAs	Travel aggregators / Metasearch	Bedbanks	GDS	Online tour operators		
Youtube	Google	• JTB	Google Hotels	 Hotelbeds 	 Amadeus 	 Tabikobo 		
Twitter	 Yahoo 	 Booking.com 	 4Travel 	 TBO Holidays 	 Sabre 	 Travelwith 		
 Instagram 	 Bing 	• H.I.S	 Tripadvisor 	 Webbeds 	 Travelport 			
 Facebook TikTok Reddit Linkedin Pinterest Legend: Companies ranked in descannual website visits Bolded names = regional/companies 		 Agoda Trip.com Expedia Hotels.com Airbnb Most visits, but no Finland offering: Jalan Rakuten Travel Ikyu 	 Travel JP (Offering includes aggregated tours) Travel Book Travelko Trivago 		 Travelsky 	OTAs with tours in their offering • JTB • H.I.S		

OTA providers: In the Japanese market, regional OTAs outperform competitors significantly in the annual website visits

Secondary source market: Japan

		OTAs									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Measurements	Jalan	Rakuten Travel	lkyu	JTB	Booking .com	H.I.S	Agoda	Trip.com	Expedia	Hotels.com	Airbnb
Property listings FIN	N/A	N/A	N/A	~300	~2900	~100	~800	~300	~3200	~1800	~400
Property listings SWE	N/A	N/A	N/A	~200	~2700	~200	~500	~400	~4000	~3800	~800
Property listings NOR	N/A	N/A	N/A	~200	~1800	~200	~300	~300	~2300	~2100	~700
Total yearly visits visualized											
Total yearly visits	445.8M	209.3M	141.1M	59.7M	46M	36.2M	28.1M	23M	18.8M	10.1M	7.2M
Monthly visits	37.15M	17.44M	11.76M	4.98M	3.82M	3.02M	2.34M	1.92M	1.57M	0.84M	0.6M
Monthly unique visitors	19.58M	10.48M	6.65M	3.07M	2.54M	1.84M	1.50M	1.42M	1.12M	0.66M	0.38M
Yearly Change	0	0	C	C	•	0	0	•	•	0	•
Cost structure	N/A	N/A	N/A	Commission %	Commission %	Commission %	Commission %	Commission %	Commission %	Commission %	Service fee

~15-20%

~10-20%

~10-20%

~10-25%

~15-20%

~10-15%

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Cost amount

Note: Most visited OTAs in Japan (Jalan, Rakuten Travel, and Ikyu) with only domestic/Asian offering

N/A

N/A

N/A

Source: Simon-Kucher; SEMrush (Japan, Feb 2022 – Jan 2023); property listings median taken from dates 29/4/23, 1/7/23, 1/10/23, and 27/12/23

~10-20%

~3% for host



Japan market

4.1. Accommodation landscape

4.2. Activities & Attractions landscape

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4.2. Activities & Attractions

Digital landscape: Channel grid is split by awareness & visibility platforms, and online booking providers

Source market: Japan

Activities/Excursions	and Attractions segments					
Awareness & Visibility platforms (marketing)	Online booking providers					
Search engines Google & Google Things to do Yahoo Bing DuckDuckGo Social media Youtube Twitter Instagram Facebook Tiktok Reddit	 Aggregator/Metasearch Tripadvisor OTAs KKday Klook Viator Lower relevancy in Japanese market GetYourGuide Thrillophilia 					
 Linkedin Pinterest Information guides of Things to do Retrip Arukikata Holiday Local travel sites e.g., Visit Finland, different destination and 	 Global vendors with things to do (more applicable to accommodation): Expedia Booking.com Legend: Companies ranked in					
regional sites like Visit ""	descending order by t visits (12 months)					

Things to consider:

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- Social media presence to raise awareness of attraction or activity
- Online booking platforms give additional visibility and are used in research, which leads to direct and offline sales

Appendix – The Scoring Metrix



Accommondation segment – Channel scoring

Each digital channel is scored against 4 key parameters to determine its relevancy





Note: Metrics used to score may differ between channels Source: Simon-Kucher

Accommondation segment – Vendor / brand scoring

Each vendor/brand is scored against 4 key parameters to determine its relevancy





Note: 1) Keywords given weight based on the result and visibility, e.g. top 1 result equals 5 points, top 2 equals 4 points up till top 5 results. Source: Simon-Kucher

Activities & Attractions - Online booking providers

Each vendor/brand is scored against 4 key parameters to determine its relevancy







