# DESTINATION EUROPE

## LONG-HAUL TRAVEL BAROMETER

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The Long-Haul Travel Barometer monitors the travel sentiment among potential travellers from Brazil, China, India, Japan, Russia and the United States (US). Results shed light on preferences, motivations and barriers related to travel to Europe. Findings are based on 1,000 interviews conducted in each market every four months.

The words 'respondents', 'travellers' and 'tourists' are generally used interchangeably; when they have been used, for no other reason than to add variety to the language



## **POSITIVE SIGNALS FOR EUROPEAN TOURISM** FROM MAJOR LONG-HAUL MARKETS

Evolution of long-haul travel sentiment. Index base= 100 (>100=expansion, <100=decline) \*

The travel sentiment index in Brazil and Russia is on the rise! 4 in 5 respondents who plan to travel long-haul in September-

December, intend to visit a European destination. Improving

air connectivity between Brazil and European countries and

Russians' interest in off-peak seasons are some of the factors

contributing to this positive trend. The sentiment index stays

positive in China, owing to the popular travel period around the

Golden Week (October 2019) and trade tensions, which may

The first survey results from India reveal a firm intention for

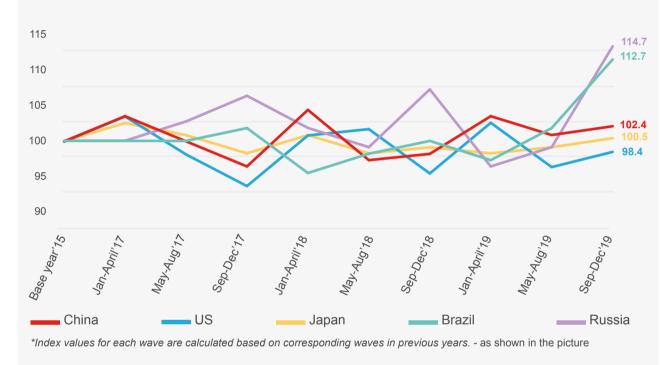
overseas travel in the last months of 2019. The majority of

respondents (70%) expressed interest to visit a European

destination, 3% have plans to visit other overseas destinations,

result in market share gains for Europe.

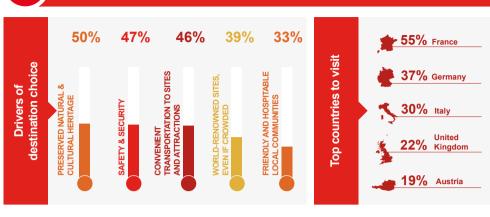
while 23% have no plans to travel.





US and Japan are the only exceptions from the positive trend. The sentiment index for travelling to Europe is weak in both markets. Concerns about the frequently shifting trade environment and frail consumer confidence seem to negatively impact the travel sentiment in these markets.









SITES AND CULTURAL EVENTS THE MAIN REASON TO VISIT EUROPE THIS AUTUMN/WINTER SEASON



\* "Slow" adventure refers to experiencing local life and cultures, engage with locals, road trips, backpacking, etc. \*\* Creative arts refers to music, film or literature festivals, photography or painting workshops, etc.

The Long-Haul Travel Sentiment Survey & Index captures people's intention to travel abroad, their motivations barriers to travel, as well as key characteristics of their trip. It monitors travel sentiment in five key and extra-European markets: Brazil, China, Japan, India, the Russian Federation and the USA. The survey is not meant to quantify prospect demand levels. More information: www.etc-corporate.org

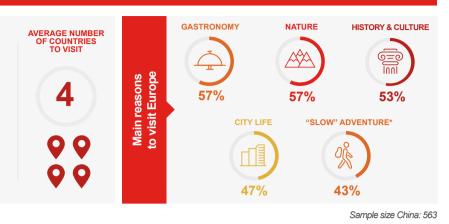
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#### CHINESE TRAVELLERS ARE INTERESTED IN DESTINATIONS THAT PRESERVE THEIR NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ARE PERCEIVED SAFE. GASTRONOMIC EXPERIENCES AND NATURAL SCENERIES ARE WHAT WILL BRING CHINESE TO EUROPE THIS AUTUMN/WINTER SEASON.



#### BRAZILIANS LOOK FOR DESTINATIONS WHERE THEY CAN SEE OLD MONUMENTS, CHURCHES, CASTLES AND OTHER OBJECTS OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, EVEN IF CROWDED. THIS SEASON, THEIR INTEREST IS MAINLY FOCUSED ON 5 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES - PORTUGAL, FRANCE, ITALY, SPAIN AND GERMANY.

# RUSSIANS LOOK FOR DESTINATIONS THAT ARE REASONABLY PRICED AND ARE PERCEIVED AS SAFE. BESIDES EUROPE'S RICH CULTURE AND HISTORY, RUSSIANS SEEK "SLOW ADVENTURES" THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO IMMERSE INTO THE DESTINATION'S LIFE AND CULTURE AND ENGAGE WITH LOCALS.

SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE SELECTION OF A HOLIDAY DESTINATION. INDIANS CONSIDER EUROPE'S LANDSCAPES. HISTORICAL





