

Winter Insights

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#### A tale of two realities

## People can't wait to travel this winter

## People are afraid to travel this winter

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Pent-up demand for major purchases, such as vacations and traveling, have only been increasing over time. [...]
This trend is even further compounded by the severity of the COVID-19 outbreak. Residents of states with the highest level of confirmed cases per capita are the most likely to travel within the next 4 months.

- The Harris Poll Revenge Travel is Real. May 6-8, 2020 n=2,508 US adults 18+.



### Travel is due to come back with a vengeance.

#### 'Revenge travel' is the phenomenon that could bring back tourism with a bang

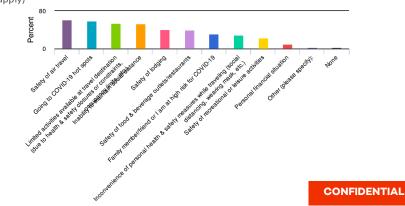
Experts predict travelers are eager to get back out there – though others caution revenge may not be so sweet.



**Revenge Travel is Real** Travel Insight Briefs



8. What would be your biggest concerns about traveling, if any? (Check all that apply)



Source: Jackson Hole Mountain Traveler Sentiment Survey 2020

#### ...Or is it?

Only **44.5%** of people would be excited by a free getaway in the next month.

Source: Destination Analysts, *Coronavirus travel sentiment index report*. N=1,124 US adults 18+, Jul 31-Aug 2 2020.

#### **58%**

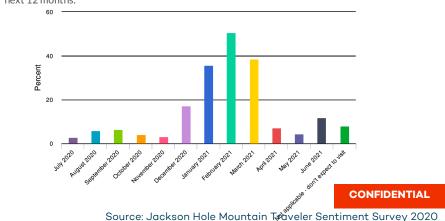
of consumers are not planning to travel for the holiday season (equal to **31M fewer travelers** vs. 2019)

> Source: Zeta Global survey, n=44,000 US adults aged 18+, as qtd by CNN Aug. 11 2020

#### Ski resorts will do well

Ski resorts – and other indoor locales – will struggle

13. If you visit Jackson Hole Mountain Resort in the next 12 months, what month(s) would you most likely visit? Please select all that apply for one or more trips in the next 12 months.



Mintel forecasts a strong interest in outdoor destinations and experiences through the end of 2020.

Source: Mintel, *Global COVID-19 Tracker* – US, May 28-June 4, 2020 **72.1%** 

said mountain destinations/resorts (incl ski resorts) are first on their list for a leisure trip when they feel it's safe to travel.

> Source: Jackson Hole Mountain Traveler Sentiment Survey 2020

#### Ski resorts will do well



#### "The Caribbean is big for us... Interestingly, domestic ski destinations haven't been as popular."

- Karen Magee SVP, Supplier and Adviser Engagement at Protravel and Tzell Travel



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#### Sentiment amongst skiers & snowboarders is mixed

**69%** of skiers believe that Cv-19 restrictions will negatively impact next season

**24%** of skiers/ snowboarders expect to ski less frequently 33% of skiers/ snowboarders expect to travel less than usual.

#### However there are some things we know for sure.

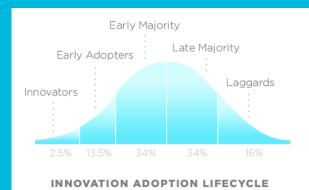
#### Chance everyone is masked in five random encounters



July 2 July 4 July 6 July 8 July 10 July 12 July 14 New York Times analysis of Dynata survey data A NYT study showed the chance of people wearing masks in random encounters was near 50% in mid-July.

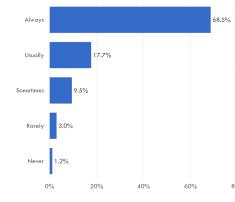
> Source: New York Times, A detailed map of who is wearing masks in the US. Jul 17, 2020





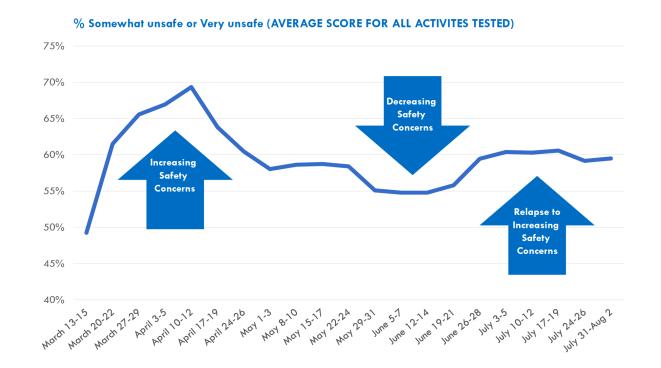
#### **86.3%** of people say they 'always' or 'usually' wear a <u>mask in p</u>ublic

Source: Destination Analysts, *Coronavirus travel sentiment index report*. N=1,124 US adults 18+, Jul 31-Aug 2 2020.



#### Safety remains a key – and rising – concern.

Question: At this moment, how safe would you feel doing each type of travel activity?



(Base: All respondents, 1,201, 1,200, 1,201, 1,216, 1,263, 1,238, 1,208, 1,204, 1,200, 1,212, 1,223, 1,257, 1,214, 1,214, 1,205, 1,231, 1,365, 1,213, 1,200, 1,206 and 1224 completed surveys. Data collected March 13-15, 20-22, 27-29, April 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, May 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31, June 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28, July 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, and July 31-Aug 2, 2020)



#### Travelers crave more detailed trip-planning information.

Travelers are turning to Reddit for advice, travel updates, proactive preparation, stories & future predictions.

Source: Seer Interactive, Reddit scrape reveals 5 themes among audiences with Covid-19 concerns. Apr 14 2020

#### **62.4**%

want a clear picture of what it's like to visit the destination given the virus.

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Source: Jackson Hole Mountain Traveler Sentiment Survey 2020

# Right now, the travel industry is not meeting those demands.

#### We ignore these traveler needs at our own risk.

### New research reveals that leaving these **needs** unmet will more likely deter a booking than **price**.



#### Covid-19 has already changed how we travel

Flexibility in bookings is now a must. And travel insurance purchases are on the rise. We're getting away for **longer**. Short-term accommodation rentals are averaging 8.5-9 day stays, vs 3.5-5 days prepandemic.

More people are turning to travel advisors (agents) to help them **maximize plans** for future trips.

#### • There are no certainties when it comes to Winter 2020 volume predictions

- Interest in travel is high, but so are nerves
- We're finally adjusting to masking, social distancing
  - Reminding vs. enforcing
- Most of all, travelers crave safety and savviness
  - They want to feel like they're making the right decision, reducing risks, and getting the most out of their travel experience
  - All of this is key to getting people to book

#### **Thought Starters**

#### Is now the time to switch gears? From managing to driving?

- Average winter tourism ranges between 150-300,000 vs. 3-5M in summer
- It seems likely we could get fewer visitors this year
- IF we switch gears to drive mode...
  - How do we keep it safe for the community & guests?
    - **Diversification**: Package alternate experiences under "The Last Real Mountain Town" platform to diversify awareness of activities, lessen burden on skiing
    - **Visitor Preparedness:** Optimize our time now to build out/make "Know before you go" as robust as possible

