# Think you know Staycations?

## Think again!



# 2021 - Year of the Staycation







## Staycation

"A holiday that someone spends in their own country, or at home, rather than travelling somewhere else"

Cambridge English Dictionary





# We're all staycationers!

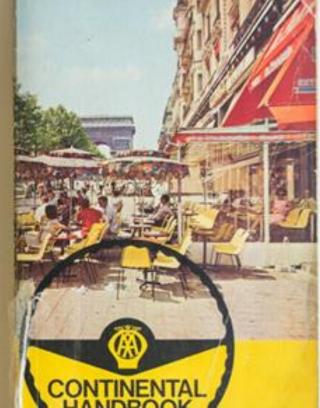
## It all started here...





#### MEMBERS' HANDBOOK 1972/73

See back cover for breakdown information



Staycations - it's the only game in town this year!



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#### THE STAYCATION MARKET

- Supply & Demand Trends
- Staycation Triggers
- Market Segmentation
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- Planning & Processes
- Price & Place
- Promotion



# Trends - so what do we know?



#### Operationally

Covid-rules

Covid good practice and the Guest Journey

Vaccination rollout

Fast adoption of new & touchless tech

Outdoor, Health & Wellness

Flexibility of booking and cancellation

Remote working/workcations

Self-catering is on the up – but so are more hotels

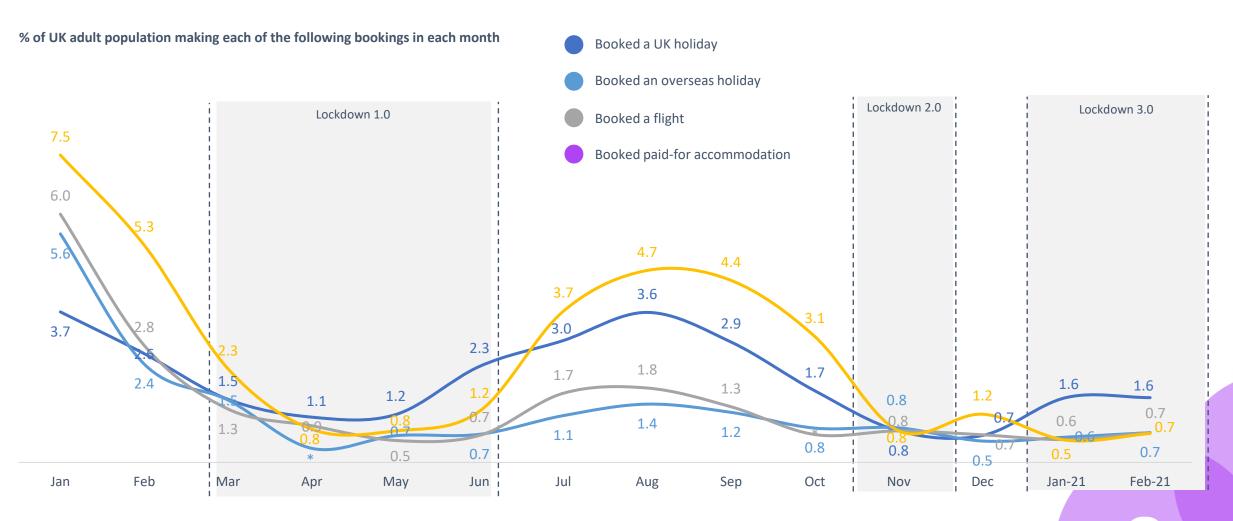
### The Market & Marketing

- Direct bookings have grown at the expense of OTAs
- Coast and country are "in", urban isn't (yet)
- Spikes in demand (but 500%?) cover the 'phones!
- Lead times are polarised
- Average daily rates up
- Average length of stay up
- Ancillary spend up
- Localisation & VFR



## Name your price!

The uptick in UK holiday booking activity reported in January, has consolidated (but not accelerated) in February. Flight and accommodation bookings remain at negligible levels.



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\* = >0.5% of the population

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When you travel again, are you more likely to seek new destinations or revisit old favourites?

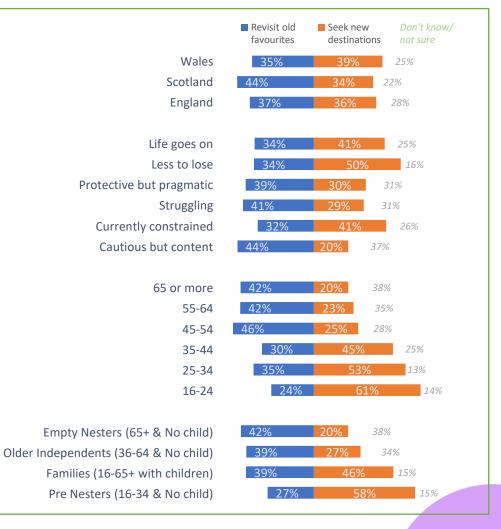


With travel messaging normally focused around seeking new adventures and experiences, it seems that at present, just as many people are likely to seek out the comfort of old favourites when able to travel again.

Whether fuelled by nostalgia or just general conservatism, there seems to be a strong pull towards revisiting old favourites amongst the older and more cautious segments of the population, with the age of 45 seemingly the point at which the pattern reverses.

Amongst the attitudinal segments, those for whom *life goes on* and who have *less to lose* are eager to seek new experiences. They also have the smallest proportion of those who currently are not sure. The more *pragmatic* respondents tend towards old favourites, while the *cautious but content* segment does so significantly.

There is no real difference between the thoughts of residents in England and Wales, but those in Scotland tend ever so slightly towards the old favourites.



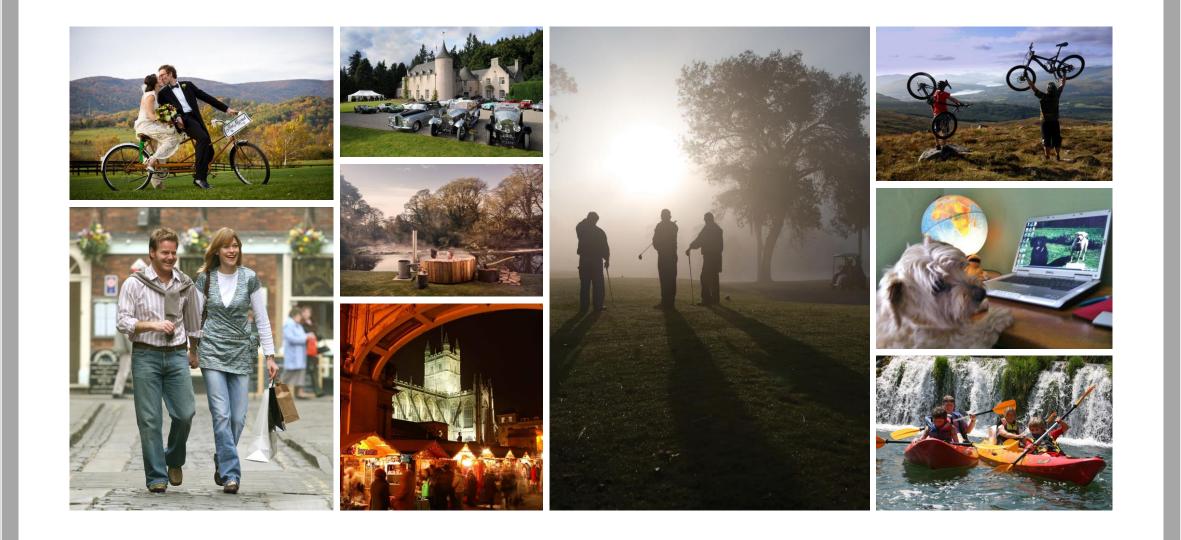
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# The top staycation triggers

#### "Discover, Enjoy, Explore, Relax"

- Main Holidays
- Short Breaks
- Getaway
- Romance
- Celebration
- VFR
- Activities
- Attractions & Events in the area



## The science of Segmentation

Repeat or new

Group/party size (couples, families)

Age or Lifestage

Wealth/spend (total spend) Time of year for travel

Geographical location, travel times and mode of transport

Centred or touring

Reason for staying

Activities and interests

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## **Only a third of businesses** completely understand marketing

Despite the importance of marketing, marketers feel there is a lack of understanding about the job they do.

By Charlotte Rogers 10 Jan 2018 2:39 pm



## The Old Focus of Marketing...



## ... Has Changed Forever





## THE TOP 20 P's OF STAYCATION MARKETING









Product Product Positioning Promise Processes People Packages





**Promotion** Promotion Personalisation Persuasion Partnerships

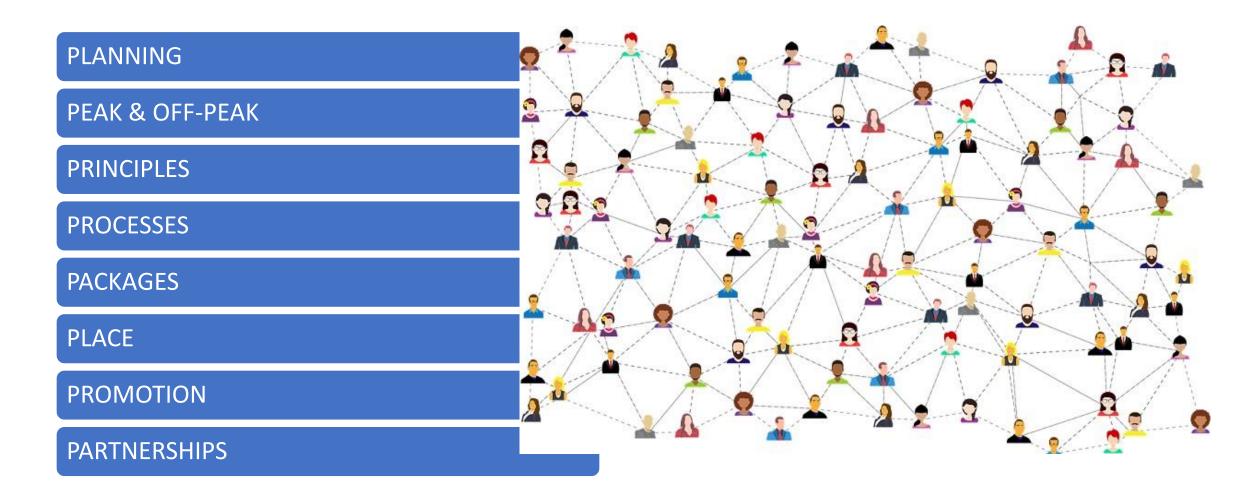




#### Profit



# A flavour of the Top 20...



# RUGBY LEAGUE

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## Supporting UK tourism..

#### 2021

- European Football Championships  $11^{th}$  June to  $11^{th}$  July
- School Holidays July & August
- All potential UK staycationers vaccinated end July
- **Tokyo Olympics** 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> August
- Rugby League World Cup 23<sup>rd</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> November
- Christmas & New Year winter is coming!

#### 2022

- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Commonwealth Games Birmingham 27<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August
- The Overseas Fight Back all year and into 2023!





## Thank-you

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