Cookery Class – Learning to cook traditional local specialities







VisitEngland Source: Experiences Research 2019

EXPERIENCE DASHBOARDS

A guide to using these dashboards and the data they contain

DEF Experiences Research 2018/19

Online survey in UK & 10 leading inbound markets Fieldwork January/February 2019

- 1000 interviews in each country (Norway/Sweden 500 in each)
- All sample non-rejectors of holiday travel to England
- UK leisure breaks of 2+ nights in England
- Australia, China, US Long-haul leisure travellers
- Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden – Short-haul leisure travellers

Learning from the exploratory qualitative research in Germany, Australia and US in Q4 2018 also included where applicable

Experience Dashboards

Individual dashboards for each of the 24 experiences tested Each dashboard provides

- insight into the appeal of the experience in England
- details of traveller behaviour with regard to the experience's influence on holiday decisions, the booking process, accommodation preferences and journey times
- An assessment of the opportunities and threats to the development of the experience in England for both the domestic and inbound markets

Learning from the individual experiences tested can be applied to other similar experiences that may be developed

Key Metrics Included



The ranks show on each page and in the summary table are based on the overall level of interest (done in the past, booked to do and interested in doing in future) compared to the other 23 experiences tested

The **'Share of Inbound Volume'** percentage is based on those interested in the experience in England as a percentage of the total volume of holiday visitors from each country visiting England in 2017 (source: IPS). The percentage shown is based on the total of the 10 inbound markets included within this research

EXPERIENCE SCORECARD

The **Experience Scorecard** shows how the experience performs on the key attributes that impact the potential for experience in England.

England Appeal – the level of interest in the experience in England

Experience Maturity – the extent to which the experience is established as a holiday leisure activity

 Star rating – low to high

 Image: Star

Authentic/Unique - elements of the experience that increase its appeal and value to tourism in England

History/Culture –.the extent to which the experience connects with England's heritage. The importance of this attribute will vary by experience type Influence on holiday decision – highlighting whether the experience will drive decisions or if it is seen primarily as an 'add-on' activity





COOKERY CLASS: SUMMARY

LEARNING TO COOK TRADITIONAL LOCAL SPECIALITIES



EXPERIENCE SCORECARD METRICS*



DEMOGRAPHIC SKEWS All ages

+ Females (domestic)

+ BuzzSeekers, Adventurers (Inbound) Family and friends activity

Similar Food & Drink Learning Experiences

(included in the research)

- Chocolate making class
- Cheese making class
- Baking school



See next slide for metrics used to define scorecard metrics

Qualitative / Quantitative Combined Summary Source: Experiences Research 2019



- From the qualitative research there are examples of the **breadth of potential experiences** that would be of interest e.g.
 - home cooking to learn a dish to take back home
 - cooking with celebrity chef such as Jamie Oliver or Heston Blumenthal
 - Indian cooking experience seen as authentic to England
 - Regional specialities a Lancashire hotpot cooking class in Lancashire or a seafood course in Cornwall

CHALLENGES

- No single country owns cookery but France and Italy currently are most popular
- Very limited journey times expected, with many expecting to stay where the class is. Currently this is assumed to be in London or other major cities

OPPORTUNITIES

- Generally associated with **other food experiences** and so could be combined into a food themed package
- Potential to build a very authentic and unique experience
- **Different types of experiences** can cater for the varied audiences, from short informal fun activities for families and children, through to more intensive, expert learning experiences





LEARNING TO COOK TRADITIONAL LOCAL SPECIALITIES

ENGLAND APPEAL / MATURITY	% Interest in doing experience in England	Ranking out of 24 experiences	Share of inbound Volume*
UK (Domestic)	59%	13	
All Inbound Markets	52%	8	100%
Australia	55%	9	6%
China	77%	10	3%
Germany	45%	9	15%
Spain	48%	11	11%
France	48%	7	18%
Italy	51%	8	9%
Netherlands	35%	8	6%
Norway	47%	7	3%
Sweden	37%	9	3%
United States	67%	7	26%

* Based on IPS 2017 FY data

Indicates where ranking is lower (+4 from inbound markets)



a)	ENGLAND APPEAL	/ MATURITY – PULL OF
	COMPETITOR DEST	

	Inbound	UK
More likely to book in another country	23%	9%
Other countries have better experiences	17%	11%
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CORE COMPONENTS OF EXPERIENTIAL Components experiential providers should emulate or amplify to

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	Inbound	UK
UNIQUE to England	12%	10%
AUTHENTIC to England	18% 🛧	13%
Immerse in CULTURE / HISTORY	18%	10%
Create distinctive MEMORIES	26%	16%
CHALLENGE - Something they can't do at home	15%	21%

✤ ↑ Significantly better than other experiences

✤ ↑ Significantly worse than other experiences



13/24

Domestic Rank

Inbound

8/24

Inbound Rank



- Main reasonSignificant influence
- Small influence
- No influence





✤ Significantly lower than other experiences





COOKERY CLASS: OPTIMISING THE POTENTIAL

LEARNING TO COOK TRADITIONAL LOCAL SPECIALITIES



BARRIERS TO ADDRESS

Expensive to do in England Not something I associate with England Not suitable for everyone in group Rather focus on other activities Worried about the quality Difficult to get to / a long journey Weather isn't good enough Might be too strenous / difficult





EXPERIENCE DURATION

8/24

Inbound Rank

13/24

Domestic Rank







VisitEngland

19%

19%

18%

15% 🛧

18%

UK

14%

14% 13%

10%

8% 🗸

6% 8%

5%

3%

LEARNING TO COOK TRADITIONAL LOCAL SPECIALITIES



RESEARCH CHANNELSInboundUKGeneral internet
search36%51%Traveller Review
Site27%23%



BOOKING METHOD

	Inbound	UK
Booked before leaving home	56%	70%
Booked in destination	30%	18%





Source: Experiences Research 2019

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LEARNING TO COOK TRADITIONAL LOCAL SPECIALITIES



Experience Attributes	Experience Performance	Consideration for action
Positioning as authentic and unique to England	Potential	Link to local produce/specialities boost the authenticity and uniqueness
Current country ownership of the experience	France	Build on international franchising of Masterchef and/or England's growing reputation for culinary excellence
Provide enrichment, fun, challenge or learning	Potential	Depending on the type of experience can be fun or educational
Create distinctive memories to keep and share	Potential	Particularly for the inbound travellers
Provide cultural or historical immersion	Potential	Use of local history of the speciality and/ or choice of location to increase connections
Expert-led or self-guided option	Expert-led	More personalised courses/famous tutor to command price-premium
Need to mitigate for the weather	No	Could be an alternative experience for weather-dependent ones
Established, known and understood experience	Yes	Clarity for each specific experience around level of skill needed, intensity etc.
Accessing the target audience	Mainstream	Targeting the 'right' audience for the specific experience will be important
Bookable product	Yes	Particularly for longer courses. Positive traveller reviews are important
Local promotion and in-destination bookings	Potential	As add-on experience or alternative for weather affected activities
Acceptable journey times	Short	Either at, or close to accommodation, currently seen as an urban activity
Fixed duration or variable length activity	Variable	Expectation of anything from half a day to 2 days or more
Packaging with other activities	Potential	Combine with other food & drink activities or premium dining experiences, or with other unique/cultural regional experiences





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