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### Luxury Travel Research USA, China and Gulf

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## Objectives

- Understand current and potential luxury tourists to the UK and what Britain could and should offer to the luxury traveller
- Establish how Britain should reach this audience and how to strategically market to them in order to increase tourist visits and spending
- Understand the differences across markets and also the evolution / future direction of luxury travel trends covering high-end / high net worth luxury travellers as well as the affordable luxury / mass affluent segment



## Defining High Net Worth (HNW) and Mass Affluent (MA)

For the purposes of this study the following were used to define the two traveller groups



Mass Affluents

US\$150,000 - \$1 Million in liquid assets

### High Net Worth Individuals (HNWIs)



**\$1 Million plus in liquid assets** 

### 3 key luxury markets: USA, China, GCC

USA, China and the GCC have been identified among Britain's inbound markets as important for luxury travel opportunities.

The USA is ranked first globally by number of HNWIs, and this population is growing year-on-year. China's population of HNWIs has been booming in recent years, and there are now over 1.1 million such individuals. Finally, the GCC (or Gulf Cooperation Council) counts six countries where some nationals are among the richest in the world too: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Four GCC markets were in Britain's top 10 inbound markets by spend per visit in 2016, with Saudi Arabia being 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait feature in the top 25 source markets by volume of HNWIs. Overall, Saudi Arabia is the most populated country in the GCC (3-in-5 inhabitants) and UAE residents make up over 45% of GCC visits to the UK, which market both markets key in this area.

The USA is Britain's 1<sup>st</sup> inbound market in terms of spending, and inbound spend by Chinese visitors has more than doubled in the 5 years to 2016. China is also the most valuable international tourism market, and the USA ranks 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both markets are key for Britain's international tourism receipts.

	HN	N populat	ion		nal tourism diture	Recent visits	s to Britain	(2014-2016 averages)
MARKET	2016 HNWIs	2016 ranking	Growth on 2015	2016 spending	2016 ranking	Spend per visit	Spend per night	2016 ranking for total inbound spend
	4,795,000	1	8%	\$123.6 bn	2	£960	£111	1
**	1,129,000	4	9%	\$261.1 bn	1	£2,233	£118	12
Saudi Arabia (for GCC)	176,000	16	5%	\$18.7 bn	15	£2,886	£172	18 (GCC total would be 3 <sup>rd</sup> )

International Passenger Survey by ONS, UNWTO (January 2018, WTO Statistical Annex), Capgemini World Wealth Report 2017

### Sample structure

Kantar Millward Brown conducted in April 2017 a detailed qualitative study comprising of 30 depth interviews in total with 10 per market in US, Gulf and China. These interviews were conducted in order to gain more insight into Mass Affluent and High Net Worth individuals. Additionally, these results also fed into the design of a comprehensive questionnaire for the main part of the study which was conducted quantitatively.

The quantitative survey among 953 travellers was conducted between June and September 2017.

	Quantitative			Qualitative				
MARKET	HNWI	MASS AFFLUENT	TOTAL	HNWI	MASS AFFLUENT	TOTAL		
	53	400	453	5	5	10		
**	50	200	250	5	5	10		
2:008	50	200	250	5	5	10		

For more details, please refer to the appendix.

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### Summary and Recommendations

## Key summary

1	High awareness/consideration. Britain was been ranked in the top 3 for prompted awareness in every market for a luxury holiday, comes 1 <sup>st</sup> for Gulf and China; 3 <sup>rd</sup> for USA. Perceptions of Britain are positive with a view of being luxurious, committed to culture and the arts. There is a high importance of exclusivity. Britain stands for a lot of things to luxury travellers; most prominently 'historical', 'royal' and 'traditional' on a spontaneous level.
2	Nearly 60% believe <b>shopping</b> is usually an important component of their luxury holiday, and those in Gulf and China believe Britain largely meets their shopping needs.

- 92% have Britain in their bucket list. Half of the travellers we spoke to plan to visit Britain with in the next year or two, especially the Chinese. The time of the visit is most popularly between July to September, the peak summer holiday season.
- 4 Accommodation and authentic experiences are essential to any luxury holiday. Local food experiences are a key winner. 5-star hotels are the most popular accommodation facility used in Britain. Chinese also show a higher preference for stately homes and castles.
- 5 Part of the travel experience is the **joy of planning** for potential holiday destinations. Planning a holiday is a **meticulous process**, involving various steps. **Weather** and **accommodation** are the most important influences in decision making process.
- **Customisation** is critical. Cultural experiences, VVIP treatment, perhaps exclusive visits to football clubs and a touch of royalty are popular.

### Recommendations

**Be their guide** – All respondents are looking for inspiration and something **unique** (*Many cannot even articulate what 'unique' is, just want something unexpected*). Experiences that others didn't easily have access to so they can show off. Mention places less known and showcase experiences and opportunities to achieve this with travel in Britain.

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Opportunity to promote Britain prior to travelling but also whilst they are in Britain. Have as many **touch points** with ideas as possible within Britain too which showcase luxury and unique experiences including options of travelling to the location. There is overall a **lack of knowledge** on things to do in Britain.

Highlight areas of Britain which are secluded, exotic, off the usual tourist map and offering something different that is worth paying a lot of money to experience. Food and accommodation must be highly featured.
Emphasis on uniqueness and exclusivity in experiences, accommodation, travel options that are purely for the rich. Want to feel they are experiencing something truly genuine and unique and not accessible to everyone.

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Focus marketing appropriately to each region – see next slide for a summary of market differences. To **US**, Britain can be a luxurious destination for unique and authentic experiences. For **China**, the focus should be castles, royalty and culinary delights. For the **Gulf** travellers, extreme luxury and personal VVIP service at every touch point.

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Being able to **customise itineraries** is key. There is a need to showcase a high level of **flexibility**. Britain needs to showcase opportunities for a luxury experience which can cater to individual needs and offer something out of the ordinary which is **not accessible to all**.

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#### Key differences between markets

Uniqueness vs ultra-personalisation – All respondents are looking for relaxation and something unique. However Gulf respondents go further when looking for their next luxury destination and planning their trip: personalised tours and unique luxury experiences are essential.

**Image of Britain –** Both Chinese and US respondents associate Britain highly with classic, royal attributes. Nevertheless, the appeal of that image translates differently in each market: **Chinese** luxury travellers would be **interested in itineraries that include royal buildings** and exceptional experiences linked to these. They are also the **most likely to want to stay at historic houses or stately homes**, while the other markets might fear that those lack some attributes of modern comfort. The Chinese are also **more interested than others in the university cities**, which hold a luxury appeal to them.

**Shopping** – Each market has different shopping requirements: luxury travellers from the Gulf are more likely to prefer a personal shopping experience, where their extended group of travel can meet up together in a more private environment, while those from China are more likely to search for a bargain in a luxury outlet village, and those from the USA will prefer shopping in luxury department stores or flagship stores.

**Independence vs guidance –** The American luxury travellers are more likely to book the elements of their luxury trips separately, with flights and accommodation directly booked directly with the providers, while Chinese and Gulf travellers are more likely to buy a package: they need more guidance and reassurance. While US travellers are open to following the advice of locals they meet during their trip, Chinese travellers will heavily rely on their local guide for tips. Concierge services are the most essential item defining a luxury trip for wealthy Gulf travellers, who are also the more likely than other to follow friends' and family's recommendations, as well as suggestions from their travel agency or the official tourist centres for legitimate and trustworthy information sources.

**Booking patterns –** US and Chinese travellers are more likely to book their luxury trip themselves online whereas Gulf travellers are more likely to use a personal assistant and confirm their booking over the phone: those different communication channels have to be taken into account when choosing trade partners, as well as what they might book before or after their trip. US travellers are earlier bookers than most and the Chinese book closest to the date of travel.

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#### Key differences between Mass Affluent and High Net Worth segments

Luxury definitions – All respondents are looking for unique experiences that show the authenticity of their luxury destinations. However, their conceptions of luxury differ slightly. The **MA group tend to define a luxury trip by the uniqueness of their activities** and the place they stay at, they need to relax and unwind and so factors such as the weather are very important to them. However, **HNWs look for a more holistic experience** where everything should be of premium quality from their five star hotel they stay at and their facilities, to their transport and food options: they are seeking a (V)VIP experience that goes beyond their expectations.

**Britain appeal and opportunities –** HNWs tend to associate Britain with a luxury trip more than they would France, when prompted, while MA respondents tend to pick the latter more often. The types of British events that appeal to both groups is also quite different: Wimbledon appeals more to HNWs than the MA travellers who would prefer events marketed to a larger audience and are based on experiences, such as the Edinburgh Festival or Taste of London. HNWs also intend to stay longer in Britain and there seem to be more opportunities for marketing places outside of London, and visiting in the shoulder seasons for this group than for MA.

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**Shopping –** MA and HNW travellers are not looking for the exact same shopping experience: HNWs have a slightly higher propensity to visit luxury department stores and to search for personal shopping experience, while MA holidaymakers are more likely to go shopping in high-street stores and outlet villages. In Britain, HNWs are also more interested than others in buying niche articles, such as antiques or art pieces, but also clothing and footwear, especially for men.



**Independence vs guidance –** Both luxury segments' choice for their next luxury destination is highly influenced by word of mouth, or direct recommendations. This is even truer for the HNW group. Once that choice is made, however, they do not look for information and inspiration in the same way. If both use website and apps, HNW holidaymakers might follow word-of-mouth by trusting advice from locals met at destination, while MA tourists will rely more on their hotel concierge and the people they travel with.

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**Some different booking preferences –** Some similarities exist in the holiday booking patterns of both MA and HNW groups. For example, both are more likely to book online themselves than through another method. Nevertheless, HNWs are more likely to book by phone or through their personal assistant (1-in-5 or more for each) than the MA travellers (fewer than 1-in-5 for each). HNWs are also more confident than MA travellers in booking the main elements of their trip separately, and slightly later on average.



Accommodation and authentic experiences are essential to any luxury holiday. Local food experiences are a key winner.



Amazing **experiences** and luxurious **relaxation** which goes beyond the expected. Luxury means everything feels **seamless**, with no hitches in the way and nothing to worry about in order to have a truly relaxing experience.



**Relaxed & hassle-free** 

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Exclusive and highly meaningful experiences which reflect the country's **culture**. Tailored and **small groups** with a Chinese speaking guide allowing them to experience **high level comfort** when travelling. Experiences Premium food & drink



**Personal high level exclusive service** at every touchpoint. Private tours and shopping trips are a must. Genuinely lavish and **VIP experiences** with no queues and exclusive access. Travel must encompass extremely **personalised tailor made** service.

Source: Qualitative research, HNW and MA interviews from USA, China and Saudi Arabia/UAE

# Experiences

Relaxed & unique

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A relaxing hassle free experience closely followed by unique, VIP and premium treatments are the **top traits of a luxury trip**.

			*	2620 A	HNW	MA
Relaxing and hassle free experience	52%	56%	48%	48%	54%	52%
Unique/ exclusive experiences	50%	53%	49%	46%	53%	50%
Premium food/ drink experiences	50%	54%	59%	33%	57%	49%
VIP treatment/ excellent service	50%	51%	57%	39%	58%	48%
Accommodation that will astonish	46%	49%	50%	38%	48%	46%
Time to enjoy/ literally lose myself	42%	37%	49%	44%	48%	41%
Exclusive passage	38%	33%	42%	40%	41%	37%
Premium/ Exclusive brands	37%	40%	46%	24%	38%	37%
Gain deep understanding/ immerse in culture	34%	33%	40%	28%	44%	32%
Tailor made experiences/ packages	33%	29%	48%	26%	37%	32%
Activities representing destination authenticity	33%	34%	25%	40%	35%	33%

L1. Which of the following define 'luxury trip' for you? Please select as many as you like. Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) 14 Only items picked by over 30% of all respondents are shown here.

Accommodation takes the prime position as being an **important element for a luxury travel experience**, resonant across all markets and segments, although transportation is significantly more important to the HNW group than the MA one.



L2. When travelling, thinking about different elements that go into your luxury travel experience, how important are the following to you. Top box = Very important Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800)

#### Luxury accommodation is all about superior service and a unique offering.

- The hospitality industry's hotel star ratings are a good start to finding accommodation but with social media, respondents find even this can be misleading and confusing. Online reviews quickly reveal that even some five star hotels can let service, food or facilities slip.
- HNW and MA are seeking accommodation which has a sense of personality, a feeling of intimacy, a connection to the country visiting and most importantly **superior** service and **attention to detail.**
- Essentially the accommodation needs to **encourage complete relaxation** and every whim to be taken care of smoothly.

It's all about the details when I stay in a hotel. The service needs to be meticulous and given I live normally close to a 5 star hotel, I expect so much more when I travel. Things in the hotel -universal electric adaptors, accessories case, iPhone charger. *HNW – US, Male, 47, West* 



Authentic experiences by far top the list for a **luxury holiday essential**... although concierge services are higher up for Gulf travellers.

5 star accommodation and access to airport lounges are more important for HNWIs.

			*	15703	HNW	MA	
Authentic experiences/ activities	72%	63%	85%	74%	73%	71%	
Tailor-made itinerary for most days but available days for spontaneous activities	53%	41%	76%	52%	59%	52%	
Hotel concierge or other concierge services	52%	33%	62%	75%	56%	51%	
5 star or above accommodation	52%	34%	75%	60%	69%	48%	
Access to airport lounges	50%	30%	64%	71%	68%	47%	
Short transit	48%	29%	70%	60%	52%	47%	
Private local guide	43%	21%	56%	70%	48%	42%	
Michelin star restaurant	43%	24%	65%	<mark>56</mark> %	60%	40%	
Business class travel	42%	38%	34%	59%	58%	39%	
Local destination advisor	41%	27%	56%	52%	47%	40%	

Essential %

L3. When thinking about luxury travel, which of the following do you find essential? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) **17** Only items picked by over 40% of all respondents are shown here.

Authentic experiences and activities which are stress-free and personalised.

Must haves	Why
Tailored experiences	Ability to customise itinerary to personal taste
Tours must be in small groups (or individual for HNW)	No rush – want to enjoy and prefer private guide
Tours should include high end activities	No queueing – need to feel as a VIP
Develop new knowledge and experience self growth	Desire to learn about other cultures, customs, sports and the arts
Hotels would offer suites for some be 5 star minimum	Genuinely lavish and all-round superb hotel
Hotel with good concierge who refer to them by name i.e. very personal service	Ability to book private travel and achieve restaurant reservations when full to general public
Knowledgeable guide must speak their language	Guide to be well versed in the country, flexible, professional and keen to give them a good experience

Luxury holidays usually include indulging experiences that allow travellers to either pursue their passions and interests, or to relax and unwind. Only US travellers seem to prefer active luxury holidays to a visit to the spa, a cruise or a shopping session. Iconic cultural experiences stand out for HNWs.



L4b. What types of experiences do you like including on a luxury holiday? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) Only items picked by about 25% or more of all respondents are shown here.

When considering **food and drinks on a luxury holiday**; local food experiences definitely tops the list for US and China. Michelin-star restaurants being on top for Gulf, as well as for HNW, for which a private chef experience is also more popular than for MA.



L4a. When thinking about food and drinks, what would you like on a luxury holiday. Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800)

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#### Exquisite dishes made by some of the finest chefs in the world.

- Decadent dining events, Michelin-star and luxurious drinks experiences are highly sought after and favoured by all respondents
- Expectation when booking a holiday is that there will be an opportunity to experience award winning restaurants and exquisite dishes made by leading chefs which can cater to individual dietary needs without too much trouble
- Gulf respondents in particular emphasise the fine dining experience to be delivered by private chef for them only
- Cuisine is very important with Chinese respondents and many like to photograph and show their friends back home what local food they eat on holiday

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I like to try different cuisine when I travel and enjoy when the dish is as beautiful to look at as well as delicious to eat. *HNW– China Female, 25 East Shanghai* 



I like to have a private chef for my family so we can enjoy a meal catered exclusively for our taste. *HNW – UAE, Gulf , Male 50* 

When **prompted with a list of destinations**; France is at the top of the luxury destination list at 53% (largely driven by US respondents), closely followed by Britain at 50%.



L6. And which, if any of the following destinations/ countries would you consider as luxury travel destinations? Total (n=953)

Britain even comes first of the destinations that are most commonly perceived as luxury destinations for Chinese and Gulf respondents.

HNW travellers are also more likely to consider Britain a luxury destination than France.

			*	\$\$#918	HNW	MA
France	53%	58%	58%	38%	54%	53%
Britain (i.e. England, Scotland, Wales)	50%	42%	61%	54%	59%	48%
Italy	48%	58%	39%	38%	46%	48%
Australia	40%	40%	47%	35%	39%	40%
Switzerland	39%	40%	41%	35%	46%	38%
United States of America (USA)	38%	30%	44%	<b>48%</b>	48%	37%
Spain	31%	32%	18%	<b>43%</b>	36%	31%
Maldives	30%	26%	32%	34%	29%	30%
Caribbean	29%	36%	8%	<b>39%</b>	26%	30%
Greece	28%	35%	18%	<b>26%</b>	25%	29%

L6. And which, if any of the following destinations/ countries would you consider as luxury travel destinations? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800). Only top 10 items picked by all respondents are shown here.

#### Among **US travellers**, France and Italy top the list.

#### **Spontaneous Mentions**



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#### France 58% Italy 58% Britain 42% Australia 40% Switzerland 40% Caribbean 36% Greece 35% Spain 32% USA 30% UAE 28%

Prompted mentions

L5. When, thinking about luxury travel for leisure, what destinations/ countries come to mind, and why? USA (n=453)

Hawaii

Icelan

America

Singapore

Among **Chinese travellers**, Britain and France feature on top of the list spontaneously. Spontaneous Mentions

Asia

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Greece

Luxembourd

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Caribbean

Brazil

Pacific Bali

#### **Prompted mentions**



### VisitBritain KANTAR MIIWARDBROWN UK and US are the top 2 destinations mentioned for luxury travel by the Gulf travellers. Spontaneous Mentions

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Prompted mentions

#### Latin Brazil Malaysia Hawaii Peru India L5. When, thinking about luxury travel for leisure, what destinations/ countries come to mind, and why? Gulf (n=250)

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### Planning for holiday



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#### Part of the travel experience is the joy of planning for potential holiday destinations.



Love exploring by themselves, researching to the best of their abilities using travel magazines, blogs and word of mouth for inspiration. Recommendations from family and friends feature highly in location decisions. All about having an exciting experience and vital to have convenience getting around as well. At the forefront of all plans is to have the feeling of being relaxed



Enthusiastic readers of National Geographic, Conde Nast Travel magazines, Ctrip, Trip Advisor and numerous forums and online travel blogs for inspiration. Safety concerns make small intimate group tours appealing and look towards ability to customise to meet their expectations



Gulf travellers appreciate customisation and meticulous planning especially around family needs. They wanted to be treated like a king on their holiday. Tech savvy and plan all their holiday requirements online. The actual booking may or may not be completed online Recommendations from friends, family places a key role in choosing a destination.

# Relaxed

Recommendations

# **Enthusiastic**

**Customise tours** 

# Endorsements

Customised

**Inspiration** is usually driven by word of mouth and direct recommendation across the board; China does feature a higher social media influence.

Direct recommendations on social media are also significantly more important among the MA group compared to the HNW one.

Word of mouth/ direct recommendations	51%	50%	51%	54%	55%	51%
Recommendations on social media'	42%	39%	44%	<mark>46</mark> %	33%	44%
Travel websites and apps	41%	46%	43%	30%	44%	40%
Pictures/ experiences shared on social media?	36%	30%	46%	36%	35%	36%
Previous visit in the destination	35%	46%	13%	37%	40%	34%
Travel magazines	35%	39%	34%	28%	33%	35%
Loyalty/ reward programmes	30%	34%	23%	27%	25%	30%
Luxury/ lifestyle/ shopping magazines	29%	23%	34%	33%	33%	28%
Travel guide books	28%	35%	19%	26%	31%	28%
Films/ movies	24%	21%	34%	20%	23%	24%

P1. Which of the following sources, if any, would inspire you for your next luxury travel? Please choose as many as apply – Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800). Only top 10 items. \*Recommendations on social media are a direct inspiration rather than pictures/ experiences that were shared are a more passive way to inspire travellers and influence their destination choice.

When **considering a luxury destination**, weather is a top priority for US travellers and it is equally important for MA and HNW groups, whereas HNWs, Chinese and Gulf respondents prefer destinations that offer the facilities they want with their accommodation.

			*1	#2018	HNW	MA
Weather in destination	59%	69%	49%	51%	59%	59%
Accommodation facilities (pool, spa, stores)	58%	49%	71%	<mark>62%</mark>	65%	57%
Restaurants – wide range of food options	51%	54%	65%	<mark>33%</mark>	56%	51%
Good range of accommodation to choose from	50%	56%	40%	50%	56%	49%
Availability of direct flights to destination	49%	51%	48%	47%	52%	48%
Restaurants – attractiveness of food on offer	47%	48%	64%	30%	51%	47%
Museums and art galleries	39%	38%	40%	38%	45%	37%
Live entertainment	35%	25%	47%	43%	37%	35%
Visa application process	34%	22%	44%	<mark>46%</mark>	33%	34%
Sports events	19%	9%	14%	41%	25%	17%

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#### Weather and accommodation are the most important influences in decision making process.

- All respondents plan around seasons and the need for good weather and activities which reflect time of year.
- Chinese and Gulf respondents prioritise extravagant accommodation, then it's closely followed around the weather at the destination and how it reflects the best things to do in the desired country.
- Britain lower on list of immediate priorities as many have previously visited, some see luxury as more beach holidays and weather is not perceived as optimum most months. However all do feel a pull to see more of Britain and what it has to offer.
- Chinese and Gulf respondents prioritise extravagant accommodation, then it's closely followed around what is the weather at the destination.

Planning my travel is connected with the weather in the location. I don't want bad seasons to ruin our experience and I want to enjoy our lavish surroundings so I consider these things when booking. *HNW – KSA.Gulf* 

For me, it is the destination and season which defines the travel, and mostly, travel season should be as per the local countries best weather to visit, I will always check on the internet best time to visit. and what activities you can do there at those times. *MA – UAE,Gulf* 

Britain must do more promotions in China and let us know best time to travel weatherwise. I don't know much at all about Britain.

HNW – (East)Shanghai,China

Obviously I wouldn't take a cruise or go maybe to London when it's always raining, or something of that sort. I'd like the weather to be good for me, and as I have no children, I like to travel when the kids aren't out of school. *MA* –*USA* (*West*)

The **most popular companion** on luxury travel tends to be a spouse/ partner. Travelling with children is more common among Gulf travellers. Many would also travel with friends.



Top 2 boxes: always/ sometimes

P3. Who do you usually travel with when going on a luxury holiday? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800)

#### Overall, just under 1 in 3 book their flights 3+ months in advance.

Americans plan a lot further in advance than China and Gulf, overall luxury travellers tend to book in advance compare to the general travellers because they want to make sure what they want will be available<sup>\*</sup>, especially the MA group.



I like to plan....70% of items should be booked already in China. The remaining 30% may be done within the destinations via the official websites of the specific attractions or via the help provided by the hotel staff. I always use 2 months to plan ahead of a travel. Even we go for group tour, I would also like to plan 2 months ahead to see which tours can be available I don't want to have to compromise.

HNW – China (23years) East (Shanghai) Female\*

P4. How far in advance do you tend to book your flights for your long-haul luxury holiday ? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) 33 \*From qualitative research

US travellers **usually book their travel and accommodation separately**; whereas in Gulf and China it tends more to be a package deal with other elements added on. There is little difference between HNW and MA travellers on the method of booking, but MA would prefer a package to just booking airline and accommodation together, while HNW seem to be looking for more flexibility.

	Total		<b>唐</b> 記 (1)	\$\$\$\$\$	HNW	MA
Transport and accommodation separately	49%	69%	31%	31%	54%	48%
Package - Airline, accommodation, other elements	36%	16%	48%	60%	31%	37%
Airline and accommodation together	34%	21%	42%	49%	37%	33%

I would try to make all the possible bookings via internet when I am in China before departure. However, such planning may sometime cause issues because we are not really familiar with the local situation of the destination. For example, in our last trip to Australia, I underestimated the time to be spent in travel and we missed staying in a hotel for one night - we used the whole night for travelling! Therefore, we really need to check carefully about the feasibility of our original planning with local guidance. I find package deal if I customise is the best solution and most relaxing way to plan. *HNW - South Central (Guangzhou) China\** 

P5. How do you usually book your holidays? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) \*From qualitative research

In US and more so in China, the **booking is made by the respondent themselves.** Gulf travellers would more likely get help from their personal assistants; HNW travellers will also be significantly more likely than MA to book their trip through them.



#### **Gulf HNW\***

Booked via reputable high end agencies via their personal assistant or home office staff. Customisable experiences are very important and they do not want to mix with any other travellers. It is all about personal adventures and shopping and book to cater for these.

#### **Gulf MA\***

Self-booking online via reputable travel websites and companies. Usually booked by partner. Brands are very important and actively sourced when booking the trip.

P5a. Who usually makes the booking? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) \*From qualitative research

A direct booking is preferred in US. In China, a luxury travel agent is the most popular mode of booking. Gulf travellers use a mix of modes: luxury travel agent, specialist local agency or a corporate travel agent are all popular.

There is very little difference between the HNW and MA groups on the booking mode.

	Total		*	25893	HNW	MA
Directly with accommodation/ transport	39%	69%	20%	5%	37%	40%
Through a luxury travel agent	25%	10%	46%	32%	25%	25%
Through a corporate travel agent	12%	4%	12%	27%	12%	12%
Through a local or specialist agency in their area	13%	4%	15%	28%	15%	13%
Through another travel agent	6%	6%	3%	7%	7%	6%
Online is the **most popular booking mode** in US and China; Gulf travellers prefer the phone. Booking via the phone is also significantly more popular among the HNWs in comparison to Mass Affluents, but both groups would still most likely book online their next trip.



Most luxury travellers always prefer to plan their holiday itinerary in advance of travelling, but in the Gulf where travellers tend to sometimes plan it beforehand.

Before the trip: % of respondents that would	Total		*	1620.19	HNW	МА
Always prefer to plan their holiday itinerary	57%	57%	82%	31%	59%	56%
Sometimes prefer to plan their holiday itinerary	40%	42%	18%	60%	39%	40%
Do not prefer to plan their holiday itinerary	3%	2%	1%	9%	2%	4%

While I enjoy discovering while I am there, I also like to know that I wont be having any pitfalls ahead of time because everything has been planned well. I do the research with my wife and then we put our trust in an agent *MA* – *USA North West, Male, 29*\*

I've made my pre-agenda of what I'm intending to hit, ...difference between good and great is that good would mean I did everything I anticipated; great would mean I did even more, or had some really spectacular experience that I wasn't expecting. *HNW – USA, Midwest, Male, 50*\* If we going for 10 days we will have a planned itinerary for 6-7 days and the rest would be to explore something new I haven't seen or heard about before *HNW – Gulf, UAE, Male, 41*\*

P6a. Would you usually prefer to plan your holiday itinerary in advance of travelling? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250) ), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) \*From qualitative research

All the accommodation is **booked in advance** for the majority of travellers, as is transfer from the airport to accommodation for the Gulf travellers, and internal transport among the US ones. Restaurant bookings and day trips are more commonly booked during the trip. Over a third of respondents did not plan on booking a chauffeur-driven car or hiring a luxury car.

		Total	USA	China	Gulf	HNW	MA
All accommodation	Pre	81%	88%	80%	68%	78%	81%
	During	15%	7%	16%	27%	17%	14%
Transfor from simple to cocommodation	Pre	<b>69%</b>	71%	54%	79%	71%	68%
Transfer from airport to accommodation	During	22%	16%	34%	21%	20%	23%
Transport of destination	Pre	67%	75%	54%	65%	69%	67%
Transport at destination	During	26%	15%	40%	34%	28%	26%
Come of the accommodation only	Pre	59%	64%	46%	61%	64%	58%
Some of the accommodation only	During	29%	19%	42%	36%	25%	30%
Activities	Pre	45%	41%	45%	51%	42%	45%
Activities	During	47%	45%	49%	47%	47%	47%
Dev tring to specific logotions	Pre	44%	42%	34%	56%	45%	43%
Day trips to specific locations	During	<b>50%</b>	50%	56%	44%	51%	50%
Chauffeur-driven car	Pre	37%	26%	32%	63%	46%	36%
Chauneur-driven car	During	28%	18%	45%	31%	24%	29%
	Pre	32%	25%	31%	44%	37%	31%
Luxury car hire	During	32%	18%	45%	44%	25%	33%
Table at specific restaurants	Pre	29%	23%	25%	44%	35%	28%
	During	51%	54%	56%	42%	48%	52%

P6b. Which, if any, of the following do you plan to book, and when? Total (n=952), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250) ), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800)

**Before travelling**, travel website and apps are the most popular sources of information in the USA and China, but word of mouth and direct recommendations will be preferred in the Gulf and among the HNW group in general; Gulf travellers are also more likely to listen to information from their traditional travel agency.

Travel websites and apps	59%	68%	66%	35%	58%	59%
Word of mouth/ direct recommendations	56%	51%	57%	63%	65%	54%
Recommendations on social media	45%	39%	47%	52%	44%	45%
Travel guide books	42%	51%	38%	30%	45%	42%
Travel magazines	33%	35%	33%	31%	30%	34%
Online travel agency	31%	18%	54%	31%	27%	32%
Luxury/ lifestyle/ shopping magazines	25%	17%	26%	38%	24%	25%
Brochures	23%	27%	17%	20%	23%	23%
Social media influencers in destination	21%	14%	28%	26%	18%	21%
Television/ radio programmes	20%	18%	20%	24%	17%	21%
Social media influencers in their own country	20%	11%	28%	27%	16%	21%
Traditional travel agency	18%	13%	17%	28%	18%	18%

P7. After deciding on the destination and before travelling, which, if any, of the following sources of information do you use to find out information about your destination? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800)

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In the destination, online sources are still popular sources of information; but tourist information centres and friends/family with knowledge of destination are also used.

			*1	162918	HNW	MA
Apps or websites providing recos.	47%	48%	54%	37%	51%	46%
Friends/ family who know the destination	43%	46%	43%	38%	42%	43%
Tourist information centre	43%	39%	40%	56%	43%	44%
Local guide	42%	44%	48%	34%	44%	42%
Locals met during your trip	40%	53%	13%	43%	44%	39%
Concierge	40%	45%	37%	35%	35%	41%
Other travellers met at destination	34%	37%	28%	34%	33%	34%
People with whom you are travelling	34%	34%	27%	40%	28%	35%
Local driver/ chauffeur	28%	25%	24%	38%	31%	28%
Travel agency representative	26%	16%	26%	45%	29%	26%
Social media influencers in destination	18%	11%	28%	22%	16%	19%
Social media influencers in their own country	18%	9%	25%	27%	18%	18%

P8. When on holiday, how do you find out information? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=249), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800)



### Opinion of Britain

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Britain needs to showcase opportunities for a luxury experience which can cater to individual needs and offer something out of the ordinary which is not accessible to all.



**Privacy** and **exclusivity** with attention to detail in all touch points. Like the castles and royal elements to Britain as well as the history all offer appeal to the US respondents. *" I want different food not stereotypical fish and chips and overall a cultural, historical experience linked to modern day" HNW* 



**Royal & historical** 

#### \*

Love all things **historical** and **Royal**. Britain perceived positively as being **grand** and **luxurious**.

"I want to experience its nobles' history/enjoyment, life of royal family, castles as well as butler-styled services." MA

# Luxurious

Noble & grand

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Desire to try something **new**, something **innovative**, something **unexplored** and yet **luxurious**. Not a lot of knowledge of Britain – mainly aware of London. Would like to see more information.

"Britain should focus more on outside London; I think when we think of Britain, London is the first and last thing that comes to my mind. In a way it is good and bad" HNW

# Experiences

#### **M VisitBritain** KANTAR MI

# Britain **stands for a lot of things** to luxury travellers; most prominently 'historical' and 'traditional' on a spontaneous level.

#### Spontaneous

steenary Marmificient MODERATE Provocative Dreathtaking uncomplicated ecreational Convenience adventūrous poor Unique Rich Authoritative ental ideal familiar liscriminatory FUT Countrysides Relaxed tourist europe Elegant far charming Delicious Fantastic Easeful Inexp Safety Upscale ling Profoun vironment Exclusive natural sational Prosperous Otteen Match Palace Regal a ghtseeing NO Gentle Great city lots Moder Enjoyable style ioide **Ouality** Conventional international Royal Fasi accomodatio Luxury esque hotels English Trustwo Castle Amusing Countryside Europeal monuments terrorists Professional clubs kindham\ ttractive Mysterious Magnificent classic Institutional authentic ing expensive de t Fascinating Classi Tolerant tural Pleasant Beau speaking Inforgettable Hospitality tylish Lively excellent fland Alluring at guing Conventent Espec nonolita Green t Starched museums Peaceful the utlandish Polite Quaint chilly accessible Entertaining f ate Distinguished Sta under riety Gentlemanly Happy landscapes Vibrant food Astonishing Well Re geous culturural Conformable Special Impressive dangerous H Cultured Decorous ation Arcitectrual Delighting Prop. Surprising Exotic Royalty awesome Gentleman Rain

#### **WISITBRITATION KANTAR MILWARDBROWN**



On a prompted level, '**historical**', '**classic**' and '**royal**' are the top three words picked to describe Britain.

			*	26909	HNW	MA
Historical	58%	68%	50%	47%	63%	57%
Classic	51%	56%	52%	42%	53%	51%
Royal	48%	50%	59%	33%	50%	47%
Elegant	41%	35%	54%	37%	39%	41%
Noble	36%	31%	49%	30%	37%	35%
Luxurious	32%	22%	42%	41%	33%	32%
Multi-cultural/diverse	31%	28%	35%	32%	30%	31%
Comfortable	29%	17%	33%	48%	36%	28%
Fascinating	28%	24%	34%	32%	27%	29%
Exciting	28%	23%	28%	36%	25%	28%

Prompted

B9. What words do you think best describes Britain? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=250), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) Only items picked by over 25% of all respondents are shown here.

### **WISITBRITAIN KANTAR MILWARDBROWN**

Perceptions of Britain are positive with a view of being luxurious, committed to culture and the arts all favourable to respondents.

The culture is very similar to Los Angeles, in my opinion, besides the fact that it's raining all the time over in Britain. But, yeah I definitely felt like it met what I expected it to be. Some of the food places, if you don't plan where you're going to eat, I feel like a lot of places are tourist traps because the food's not that good. But they also have their restaurants that are substantially better than an average restaurant too MA – USA (West)

The first thing if I close my eyes and think about Britain is the Queen – the aristocracy, luxury, grand, it's all royalty which comes to my mind MA – UAE, Gulf

The city of London itself we find to be a luxurious city, just because of all the history, the culture, the architecture, the language of the people. We just love the British accents. We think they're great. We're big fans of the Savoy hotel. The food, it's not Paris, but we just love the theater. We love walking the city, the shopping, the culture, the museums, the art galleries. In the totality those are the things we look at. It's also a very walkable city. We like to walk. It's also easy to get cabs. The public transportation is pretty good there which is fun HNW – USA(West)



Britain is a good place, famous place for tourists. London Eye, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey are some of the attractions for the travellers. The country has rich cultural and tradition. I perceive the country is known for its old castles, dating back to ancient sites and royal palaces MA – UAE, Gulf



Britain - for me - it is a very historical country - it is embedded with many luxury traditions e.g. Scottish whisky is so famous. Also, the Queen and royal family can be found in this country. These royal members are still very respectable among the people. London should be one of the top financial centers in the world so that I expect to see many rich people over there

MA - South Central (Guangzhou) China



I have a guite favorable perception of Britain which has certain well-known attractions e.g. Buckingham Palace, British Museum, St. Paul Cathedral and the two famous universities -Oxford and Cambridge. I look forward to my next visit and hope to see a lot more HNW - East (Shanghai) China

Spontaneously weather, terrorism, visa regulations and safety concerns are list as the top barriers for visiting Britain, but majority of travellers do not have any barriers.

Spontaneous



**Exchange rate and long flights** are some of the main things that stand out for US travellers *"It can take quite a while to get to the UK so I tend to plan more for the longer haul holidays"* 

#### \*1

State **language and visa** as main barriers. "A weakness of Britain - some service staff in London look quite arrogant and discriminating against the Chinese!"

**Political instability** (including Brexit) and **safety** concerns are voiced out in the Gulf *"I worry about the unstable government situation"* 



B2. Here is a list of possible places to visit in Britain. What destinations appeal to you for a luxury stay? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=250), Gulf (n=250)

Thinking of **sporting events**, football/ soccer is the most popular sport among US and China travellers; Gulf travellers are more likely to be attracted by tennis. Some marginal differences show between affluence groups: attending a game of football/ soccer or tennis is more appealing to the HNW group, whereas the MA one would prefer attending a rugby game or a golf event in Britain.

				<b>清</b> 節	2691A	HNW	MA
۲	Football/ soccer	40%	30%	60%	38%	45%	39%
O	Tennis	39%	26%	48%	54%	44%	39%
Rep	Horse races	28%	16%	40%	39%	27%	29%
	Golf	22%	16%	27%	29%	19%	23%
	Sailing	17%	11%	26%	17%	16%	17%
	Rugby	17%	15%	13%	23%	12%	18%
1	Polo	16%	13%	14%	22%	15%	16%
*	Rowing	14%	6%	26%	18%	16%	14%
£	Cricket	11%	11%	4%	18%	10%	12%

B3. Which of these sports events would you be interested in attending in Britain? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=250), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) Only items picked by about 10% of all respondents or more are shown here.

Looking at **cultural events**, unsurprisingly, Wimbledon is most popular among Gulf travellers. Chinese and US travellers put 'Taste of London' on the top of the list. HNW and MA groups will have the same difference in interests respectively. London fashion week also stands out in China.



B4. What British cultural events would you be interested in attending, if any? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=250), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) Only items picked by about 15% of all respondents or more are shown here.

Interests in British brands are very different from one market to the other: British shopping experiences are the most influential among Americans, fashion among Chinese respondents, and cars among Gulf travellers.

The latter two types of British brands are usually the most influential overall.



B5. Here are some luxury British brands. Would any of these have an influence on your visit to Britain? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=250), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800). Only main brand categories are shown here.

Majority believe shopping is usually an important component of their luxury holiday, and those in Gulf and China believe Britain largely meets their shopping needs.



Top 2 boxes

#### SAY SHOPPING IS USUALLY **AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT** OF LUXURY HOLIDAY





China and Gulf only, top 2 boxes

THINK BRITAIN CAN **MEET THEIR** SHOPPING NEEDS WELL

*1	262903	HNW	MA
85%	62%	85%	71%

B6. To what extent would you say that going shopping is usually an important component of your luxury holiday experience? B6x. How well do you think Britain can meet your shopping needs (China and Gulf only)? Scale from 1 to 5, top 2 boxes = 4 and 5

Total (n=953, and for B6x: n'=500), USA (n=453), China (n=250), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153, n'=100), MA (n=800, n'=400)

Their **shopping interests in Britain** include women clothing/footwear being the major driver for US and China. But in Gulf, antiques and art are more popular. Other items to buy in Britain such as toys or children clothing and footwear are also of interest to Gulf and Chinese luxury travellers.



B6a. What would you be interested in buying in Britain? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=250), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) Only items picked by over 20% of all respondents are shown here. \*This item was not shown in the Gulf.

When on holiday and going shopping, apart from the luxury departmental stores that are popular across the board, personal shopping experiences stand out for Gulf travellers and HNW travellers in general, while the MA would prefer visiting high-street shops.



### **WINTER MILLING KANTAR MILLING MARDBROWN**

5-star hotels are the most **popular accommodation type used in Britain**. US respondents would prefer any hotel accommodations, while Chinese and Gulf respondents would prefer other types of accommodation.

		Total		<b>*</b> 1	262713	HNW	MA
	Luxury hotel, 5-star hotel and over	48%	38%	52%	65%	56%	47%
84%	4-star hotel	37%	49%	21%	30%	29%	38%
04/0	Boutique hotel	30%	32%	26%	31%	27%	31%
	Mid-range hotel	15%	21%	10%	11%	10%	16%
	Castle	34%	27%	42%	38%	46%	32%
	Stately home or historic house	32%	17%	52%	40%	38%	31%
High-	end Guest House/ Bed and Breakfast	27%	27%	28%	24%	33%	25%
	erviced apartment/house/cottage/villa	25%	18%	32%	30%	22%	25%
75%	On a boat	15%	8%	16%	28%	22%	14%
	Glamping	14%	5%	16%	29%	11%	15%
S	Self-catered accommodation or house	12%	9%	4%	24%	11%	12%
	Privately rented house	9%	NA**	14%	20%	10%	9%

B7. Where in Britain are you most likely to stay for a luxury holiday? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=250), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800); 'Other' accommodation 56 was not selected by more than 1% of respondents of each market and segment. \*Not asked in the USA.

**Transport needs** vary by market: trains or luxury trains are usually high up on the respondents' list of preferred transports to get around in Britain, however Gulf travellers would prefer a private chauffeur, and most of US visitors would not hesitate to use public transports.

						HNW	MA
ġ	Train/Luxury train	47%	39%	50%	59%	57%	45%
	Private chauffeur	36%	21%	37%	61%	47%	33%
	Public transport	35%	41%	24%	33%	31%	35%
2	Rental cars	33%	29%	37%	36%	35%	33%
Ĵ <mark>ċ</mark> Ĺ	Escorted tour	32%	22%	26%	55%	30%	32%
R	Internal flights	29%	16%	28%	55%	29%	29%
	Boat/yacht	29%	9%	41%	53%	30%	29%
	Taxi	28%	32%	20%	30%	22%	29%

**Compared to other destinations**, resonant with Britain's perceptions earlier, history and cultural heritage stand apart. London also makes a strong impression.

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	Worse	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	6%	4%	3%	7%	5%	5%	4%	8%	4%	7%	14%	8%	12%	8%	3%	5%	4%
	Don't consider	3%	2%	5%	5%	6%	3%	7%	3%	2%	5%	3%	7%	11%	9%	9%	12%	8%	2%	6%	7%	15%	10%	6%	56%
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HNW	Worse	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	8%	7%	5%	8%	4%	6%	5%	9%	5%	7%	14%	8%	11%	5%	4%	6%	0%
	Don't consider	5%	3%	9%	6%	9%	3%	8%	8%	2%	12%	5%	11%	15%	11%	13%	13%	12%	2%	7%	11%	20%	9%	8%	77%
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	Better	60%	58%	48%	47%	43%	42%	41%	41%	38%	39%	38%	35%	33%	32%	32%	32%	31%	30%	27%	29%	28%	27%	26%	13%
	Same	37%	38%	47%	46%	50%	53%	50%	52%	57%	54%	53%	53%	52%	56%	52%	52%	56%	55%	58%	53%	50%	61%	63%	30%
MA	Worse	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	6%	3%	3%	7%	5%	5%	3%	7%	4%	7%	14%	8%	12%	8%	3%	5%	5%
	Don't consider	2%	2%	4%	4%	5%	3%	7%	2%	2%	4%	2%	6%	10%	8%	8%	12%	7%	2%	6%	7%	14%	10%	6%	53%
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B10. Compared to other destinations you would consider for a luxury holiday, how would Britain compare on...? B11. Among the aspects you said Britain compared well or similarly to other destinations, which would actually make you book a holiday to Britain?

Total (n=953, and for B11, when different: n'=948), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800, n'=795)

\* Based on those who selected 'Better' or 'Same' at B10 only. \*\* Only asked to US respondents

**Compared to other destinations**, resonant with Britain's perceptions earlier, history and cultural heritage stand apart. London also makes a strong impression.

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	Worse Don't	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	4%	4%	8%	5%	6%	13%	5%	8%	5%	12%	6%	11%	26%	13%	21%	3%	4%	6%	4%
	consider	3%	2%	5%	5%	5%	6%	8%	4%	3%	7%	6%	6%	21%	12%	13%	23%	10%	3%	8%	14%	26%	15%	8%	56%
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China	Worse	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	6%	4%	3%	4%	6%	5%	5%	3%	4%	6%	4%	7%	
	Don't consider	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	0%	<1%	1%	1%	2%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	3%	
Ability to influ to Bri		56%	44%	29%	22%	31%	41%	26%	26%	37%	27%	37%	15%	28%	40%	18%	30%	28%	33%	14%	24%	16%	11%	15%	
	Better	37%	37%	38%	22%	30%	54%	37%	33%	29%	28%	46%	22%	38%	30%	27%	31%	24%	30%	27%	35%	12%	25%	35%	
0.11	Same	58%	60%	53%	66%	56%	45%	50%	58%	66%	64%	53%	60%	58%	58%	62%	64%	64%	70%	58%	60%	63%	66%	56%	
Gulf	Worse	<1%	0%	2%	4%	3%	<1%	2%	4%	3%	<1%	1%	4%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	5%	3%	18%	1%	2%	
	Don't consider	5%	3%	7%	8%	12%	1%	11%	5%	2%	7%	0%	14%	2%	11%	9%	4%	10%	<1%	10%	2%	7%	8%	7%	
Ability to influ to Bri		36%	39%	20%	23%	23%	43%	30%	20%	35%	22%	42%	18%	42%	21%	21%	30%	23%	27%	20%	39%	14%	27%	14%	

B10. Compared to other destinations you would consider for a luxury holiday, how would Britain compare on...? B11. Among the aspects you said Britain compared well or similarly to other destinations, which would actually make you book a holiday to Britain?

USA (n=453, and for B11: n'=448), China (n=250), Gulf (n=250)

\* Based on those who selected 'Better' or 'Same' at B10 only. \*\* Only asked to US respondents

### **WINTER MILLING KANTAR MILLING BROWN**

Customisation is critical. Cultural experiences, VVIP treatment, exclusive visits to football clubs and a touch of royalty are the need of the hour.



#### Elegant food service, room with view, being met at airport and driven to destination, private tour of houses and gardens; spa type bathroom. *HNW - USA*



Private tour guide accompanied by private drivers driving high-end cars. *MA - China* 

Customised travel options & accommodation. Royal treatment at the places where we chose to stay. *HNW - East (Shanghai),Gulf* 

A private or semi private tour through the countryside offering information on the history and development of the area. *MA - USA* 



Visit the wealthy football club and star. *HNW - China* 



Wherever I go, whatever places I visit, I prefer to have VVIP treatment. Also, if am going to watch a game. I want my seat to be in the most premium stand. *HNW - Gulf* 

Everything inclusive. All we have to do is show up and prepare to have a good time.

MA- USA



Private luxury accommodation, Michelin recommended restaurants, luxury shops. *MA - China* 



It should cover site seeing, travel, authentic special food and complete entertainment. It should give full value. *HNW - Gulf* 

## KANTAR MILWARDBROWN

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Visiting Britain

The feeling of 'royal' is believed to be very unique and something they can only find in Britain if visiting English-speaking countries.



Appeal around **relaxation**, **luxurious** offers such as horse riding, diving, hot air ballooning and outdoor activities and warm weather all appealing. Outdoor activities and enjoying landscape of Britain appeals.

# Relaxation

Luxurious & adventurous

#### \*

Offers a lot of cultural activities and opportunities to learn about **history** and **Royalty and luxury.** Castles and the Queen are unique and viewed as a great endorsement to travel to Britain. Britain thought to have a lot of wealthy people residing here so shops and restaurants would be appealing.

Cultural

**Royal & historical** 



Combination of **Royal, noble and historical** combined with **relaxation** makes the perfect stay in Britain. Exclusive tours and experiences which reflect Britain's **distinctiveness** appeal greatly.

**Exclusive** 

**Royal & relaxing** 

#### Britain as their future holiday destination – in summary...



- Total (n=789) for B13a, B14, B15 and B16 (those who will visit Britain at some point)



- USA (n=453), China (n=250), Gulf (n=250) for B13

- USA (n=344), China (n=246), Gulf (n=199) for B13a, B14, B15 and B16 (those who will visit Britain at some point)

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91%	99%	85%	95%	91%		*1	<b>激詞</b> 詞	HNW	MA
					57%	90%	56%	65%	65%
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B13. When would you be likely to visit Britain, if at all? Total (n=953), USA (n=453), China (n=250), Gulf (n=250), HNW (n=153), MA (n=800) Only items picked by over 40% of all respondents are shown here. \*All respondents but those answering 'do not plan to visit at all' and 'don't know'.

Time	Month	On its own	London and others	Holiday length
Half of the travelle	ers we spoke to <b>pla</b>	n to visit Britain	with in the next year	or two,

especially the Chinese.

			*	\$\$\$\$\$18 	HNW	МА
3% <sup>5%</sup> 13%	Within the next few months	11%	26%	2%	21%	11%
9%	Within the next year or two	31%	58%	28%	35%	38%
	Within the next three or four years	15%	6%	26%	9%	17%
17%	I definitely plan to visit Britain but I don't know when	19%	8%	24%	18%	17%
37%	Do not plan on visiting Britain in the near future	15%	1%	<mark>6%</mark>	12%	8%
15%	Do not plan on visiting Britain at all	5%	0%	3%	1%	4%
	Don't know	4%	1%	12%	5%	6%

# VisitBritain KANTAR MINWARDBROWN Time Month On its own London and others Holiday length

Favourite **time to visit is** between July to September, the peak summer holiday season. HNW travellers would consider the shoulder season more than MA, especially winter.



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Time	Month	On its own	London and others	Holiday length	

# 60%

#### WOULD VISIT BRITAIN ON ITS OWN...



B14. Do you think you would visit Britain as a trip on its own, or that it would be part of a trip including stops in more than one country? Those who will visit Britain at some point Total (n=789), USA (n=344), China (n=246), Gulf (n=199), HNW (n=127), MA (n=662).



B14a. What countries would you also visit in the same trip as Britain? Those who would combine with another country Total (n=317), USA (n=153), China (n=68), Gulf (n=96), HNW (n=47), MA (n=270). Only items picked by over 25% of all respondents are shown here. \*Ireland refers to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. \*\*Reduced sample size, information is indicative only.

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Time	Mon	th	On its	own	London and others		Holiday length
London would be the	ir <b>prefe</b>	rred loca	tion to s	<b>tay</b> , with			
Gulf also choosing of	ther cition	es more p	rominent	ly.			- Min-
Place of stay	Total			35000	HNW	MA	
London	88%	85%	91%	88%	87%	88%	
Other cities	48%	44%	35%	70%	47%	48%	
Rural area/ countryside	35%	39%	33%	31%	37%	35%	
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Take day trips from …							
London	75%	73%	84%	68%	78%	75%	
Other cities	40%	40%	16%	70%	44%	39%	
Rural area/ countryside	28%	36%	15%	29%	29%	27%	S Callenses

B15. Which of the following places would you stay at during a holiday visit to Britain? B15a. And would you take any day trips from? Those who will visit Britain at some point:

- Total (n=789), USA (n=344), China (n=246), Gulf (n=199), HNW (n=127), MA (n=662) for B15

- Total (n=782), USA (n=337), China (n=246), Gulf (n=199), HNW (n=127), MA (n=655) for B15a (not including those who will not take any day trips)

# VisitBritain KANTAR MullWARDBROWN Time Month On its own London and others 60% would stay for longer than a week; this being much higher for the Gulf and HNW travellers in general. Holiday length





## Appendix

#### Sample profile - quantitative



Market	HNWI	Mass Affluent	Total
	53	400	453
*)	50	200	250
#500M	50	200	250

Travel abroad	Last trip	Next trip
Within the last 3 months	32%	27%
4 - 6 months ago	30%	38%
7 - 12 months ago	25%	26%
13 - 18 months ago	8%	8%
18 months – 3 years ago	4%	1%

Travel destination	Last 3 yrs	Next 12-18m
Oceania	35%	32%
North and central America	70%	63%
Asia	58%	44%
Middle east	19%	12%
Europe	71%	69%
South America	24%	21%

#### Sample profile - quantitative

Travel to Britain	Leisure	Business
Once	35%	16%
Two to four times	29%	19%
Five times or more	7%	10%
Never	30%	54%

Classify trips as luxury	Leisure	Business
All	25%	8%
Most	40%	20%
Some	24%	22%
A few	10%	13%
None	1%	37%

#### Demographics

		18 to 24	4%
0	0	25 to 34	21%
$\square$	Λ	35 to 44	29%
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U	U	55 to 64	14%
63%	37%	65+	8%

Avg. number of adults in HH	2.8
Avg. number of children in HH (under 18)	1
Avg. number of trips abroad in L12M	2.7
Avg. number of leisure trips abroad in L12M	1.8
Avg. number of business trips abroad in L12M	1.1

#### Sample profile - qualitative



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Male	
Female	

	60
18 to 24	1
25 to 34	4
35 to 44	10
45 to 54	10
55 to 64	4
65	1



China	10
Gulf (Saudi Arabia and UAE)	10
USA	10



We are using the following definitions in terms of liquid assets:

**50% HNW** =\$1 Million plus

**50% Mass Affluent** = US\$150,000 - \$1 Million

#### Additional resources

Visit Britain have dedicated research and insights available which include:

- Luxury segment to Britain
   <a href="https://www.visitbritain.org/luxury">https://www.visitbritain.org/luxury</a>
- Planning, decision-making and booking cycle of international leisure visitors to Britain <u>https://www.visitbritain.org/understanding-international-visitors</u>
- Gateways in England, insights on overseas visitors to England's regions, participation in leisure activities, multidestination trips and more <u>visitbritain.org/visitor-characteristics-and-behaviour</u>
- Food & drink research visitbritain.org/inbound-food-drink-research

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