

# CHINA MARKET BRIEFING



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# **GLANCE AT 2017 CHINA MARKET**

#### CHINA MARKET SIZE

- -2017 population: 1.38 billion, up 0.43%
- -18.7% of the world's population
- -58% urban-up from just 26% in 1990

#### **CHINA'S GDP GROWTH**

- 6.8 % growth in 2017
- Beat market expectations of 6.7%
- Well above official target of 6.5%
- 2018 growth target: 6.5%

#### CHINA RETAIL MARKET New!!

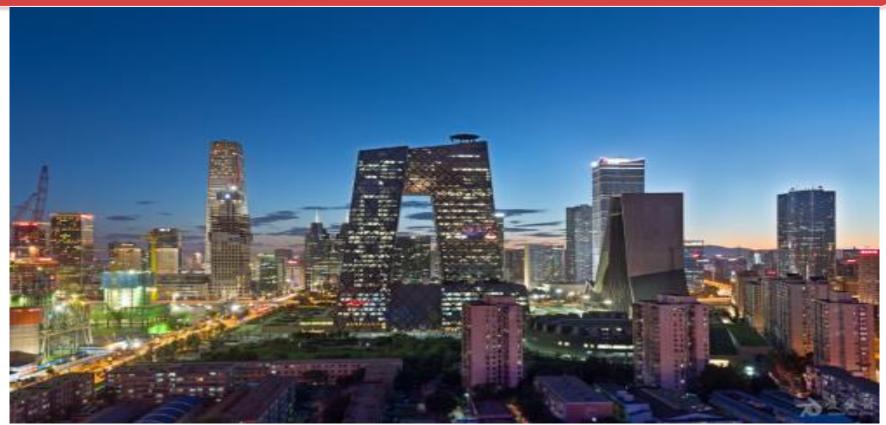
- China's retail market was smaller than the USA in 2015 but now rapidly pulling away
- 2017 China e-commerce sales: \$1.1 trillion, nearly half of worldwide ecommerce
- E-commerce accounts for 23% of all China retail sales
- Projected to increase to 41% by 2021
- 75% of e-commerce sales via mobile

#### RISING DISPOSABLE INCOMES:

- China Disposable incomes grew 7.8% in 2016 and 7.5% in 2017\_New!!
- Upper middle & high-income class set to make up 30% of the population by 2030, triple today's level



# CHINA MARKET UPDATE



## **Chinese Outbound Travel to U.S.**

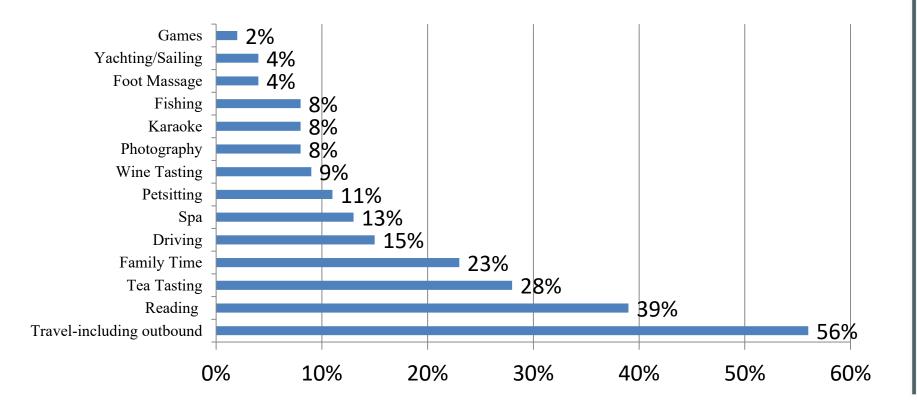
- **2009:** half a million Chinese visitors
- **2010:** up 53%
- **2011:** pass the million mark for 1st time
- **2012:** 30%+ increase
- **2013 & 2014:** growth still above 20%
- 2015: first time growth dips below 20%
- **2016:** end of Golden Decade of growth

# THE USA RANKED #1 IN 2017 FOR INTENT TO TRAVEL

2017 Ranking Destination		Percentage of Chinese Travelers	
1	USA	18%	
1	France	18%	
3	Australia	16%	
3	Canada	16%	
5	Germany	12%	
6	Maldives	11%	
7	Japan	10%	
7	New Zealand	10%	
7	Singapore	10%	
7	Thailand	10%	
7	UK	10%	



# Preferred Leisure Activities of China's Upper Classes



Source: Brand USA research

## **Chinese Overseas Travel Expenditures**

2015

2016

2017(f)

Continued to soar an additional 23%

48% of Chinese outbound tourists indicate they plan to increase travel spend

60%will spend over \$1,500 for each trip

China overtakes the U.S. as the #1 BUSINESS travel market in the world, generating 20% of global business travel spend

Overseas tourism spend reaches \$242 billion, up 20% over 2015 level

Spending reaches a new high of \$266 billion, up 10% Shopping spending while abroad decreases while spending on entertainment, culture, experiences and healthy-lifestyle products soars

By 2020, Overseas spending is expected to reach \$ 429 billion

Source: Brand USA China research; South China Morning Post; Jing Daily



# New China-U.S. Flight Launches in 2018

Destinations	Routes	Airlines	Frequency	Remarks
Los Angeles	Xiamen-Los Angeles	Tianjin Airlines	3X Weekly	Plan in December
	Zhengzhou-Los Angeles	Tianjin Airlines	3X Weekly	Plan in December
Atlanta	Shanghai-Atlanta	Delta Airlines	Daily	Launch in July
Boston	Chengdu-Boston	Sichuan Airlines	3X Weekly	Launched in May
Chicago	Chengdu-Chicago	Hainan Airlines	3X Weekly	Launched in June

## China Airlift to the U.S.

### 16 China Non-Stop Gateways to the U.S

#### 14 U.S. NON-STOP GATEWAYS TO China

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- ➤ Beijing ✓ Shenyang
- ➤ Shanghai ✓ Shenzhen
- ➤ Guangzhou ✓ Qingdao
- ➤ Chengdu ✓ Fuzhou
- ➤ Wuhan ✓ Chongqing
- ➤ Nanjing ✓ Jinan
- ➤ Hangzhou
  ✓ Tianjin
- ➤ Changsha ✓ Zhengzhou(new2018)

- Los Angeles
- San Francisco
- New York
- Honolulu
- Seattle
- Washington D.C.
- Boston
- Las Vegas

- Chicago
- Houston
- Dallas
- Detroit
- Saipan
- Atlanta (New 2018)

-China has 206 airports and is now building another 66 major new airports –a **32% increase** in number of airports in China in just the coming 5 years

Source: Airlines

<sup>-</sup>Current annual seat capacity stands at 5,130,183 regularly-scheduled seats, a capacity jump of over 500,000 seats in the last 6 months alone

# **China-USA Airlift Soaring**

- Direct non-stop airlift between China and the USA has more than quadrupled in the last decade
- Chinese airlines have increased market share at the expense of U.S. airlines and now account for over 60% of annual seat capacity from China to the USA

#### ANNUAL SEAT CAPACITY



Source(s): Airlines

## 2017 -18 Key Trend-Mobile

#### **CONTINUE SHIFTING TO MOBILE**

- •Mobile Internet: Increased number on mobile phone owners use their mobile to access the Internet from 685 million to 753 million people; 50%+ 4G
- •Mobile Payment: 87% of Chinese consumers used mobile payments in 2017, up from 69% in 2016; majority of new users come from 2nd and 3rd tier cities

#### MEDIA CONSUMPTION

- •Dominant Channel: news and entertainment in China are primarily consumed on mobile
- •TV: 71% of Chinese watch TV on their mobiles several times a day versus 27% in the U.S.
- •News: phone-based news apps have become the #1 source of information for Chinese; social media is now the #2 source of information, mainly driven by WeChat which has over 1 billion registered users

#### MOBILE IN TRAVEL PURCHASE

- •Travel search & planning: over half of destination search & planning is done on mobile
- •Bookings: 72% of online bookings on Top 5 OTAs are done directly via mobiles; 81% of online hotel bookings are made on mobiles
- •Booking apps: OTAs lead the way, with traditional TO/TAs playing catch up



# **2017 Online Booking& OTAs Update**

#### **GROWTH IS FOUND ONLINE:**

- •20% growth in online purchases of travel in 2017 New!!
- •Over \$800 billion in tourism products bought online in 2017 New!!
- •Online tools are key in both the destination selection and actual booking
- •Online platforms are the China outbound travel purchasing channels of the future

#### **OTAS GAINING MARKET SHARE:**

- •2018 Chinese New Year OTA bookings up 60% v. overall outbound market up 10%
- •3 OTAs dominate: C-Trip, Qunar and Tuniu--over 80% of China's OTA sector
- •Air tickets (#2 after OTA booking) and accommodations (#3) are increasingly being booked on service providers' websites directly
- •Fly & Drive and car rental are soaring in popularity

# TRAVEL TRENDS



# **Booming FIT and Family Travel**

#### **China's FIT SEGMENT BOOMING**

- -Growing 10-20% per year, outperforming China's overall outbound market
- -In certain States, FIT represents 40% of China travel and rapidly rising
- -Semi-FIT (air/hotel packages) represents an additional 40% of the market

#### END of ONE-CHILD POLICY RESHAPING CHINA'S TRAVEL INDUSTRY:

- -The new law has resulted in 8.83 million new-born second children in 2017
- -51% of all babies in 2017 were 2<sup>nd</sup> children for the first time ever
- -Family travel is estimated to be up 168% in 2017
- -3-generation travel(Boomers, Millennial, Babies) booming
- -1/4 of Chinese Millennial plan to travel with their parents and their children
- -Even with children, 58% of Chinese travelers choose Fly & Drive options
- -Educational tourism(family with college-age children) booming
- -Theme park visitations with younger children benefiting from the trend



## **Powerful New OTAs Emerging**

### New OTAs Shaking Up the Travel Market\_New!!

- **-Zuzuche.com** now dominates the online car rental market, going from 200,000 bookings to 4 million U.S. car rental bookings in less than 3 years
- **Fliggy.com** the online travel brand of e-commerce giant Alibaba, has gone from zero to 200 million users in less than 3 years and is now a key partner for many destinations
- MaFengWo the "TripAdvisor" of China launched in 2010 originally as a social travel website/blog, and has now transformed itself into a travel booking app which is key to reach Chinese FITs



# **MEDIA TRENDS**



## **Social Media**

#### Social Media Channels in China New!!

- Most social media channels we are familiar with are blocked in China
- e.g. Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google
- In China, the people mainly use its own homegrown social media channels
- e.g. Weibo(Twitter), WeChat (smart phone apps like Facebook), Youku(YouTube)
  - Wechat, QQ, and Weibo are the top 3 social media platforms, with extraordinary penetration rates of 84%, 66%, and 39% of China's population, respectively.

#### WeChat

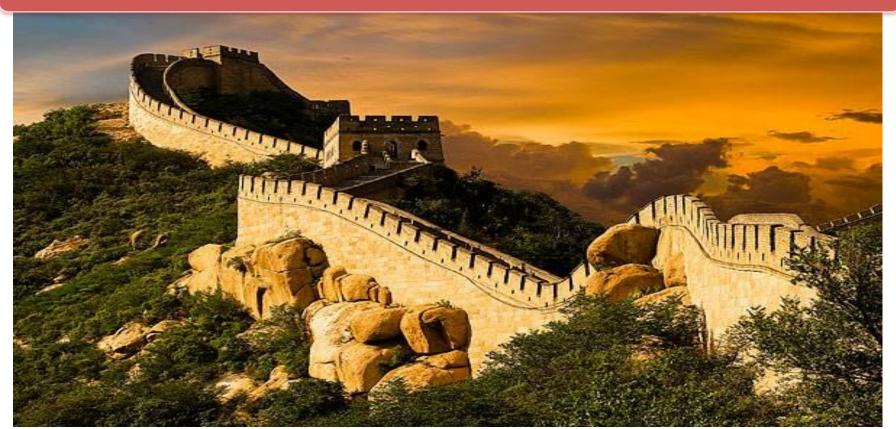
- WeChat, Tencent's take on WhatsApp, had more than 900 million active users worldwide by September 2017 and has become the top social media platform in China. Because of official censorship, Weibo is losing appeal as a forum where relatively uncensored news can be shared.

#### Weibo



-The primary platform to post news and is a great channel for users to connect with celebrities and brands; it has the highest engagement among trend-setters, with 150 million monthly active users across a wide demographic in China.

# **CHINA READY**



### **Reduce the Barriers**

#### • Prepare a Destination Brochure, Video, Audio Guide in Chinese Language

- Shopping Center
- Attractions
- Tour activities/packages
- Official Website New!!

#### Upgrade WeChat into a new Level

- Official Chinese WeChat Account: increase followers; post destination information/updates *New!!*
- Use WeChat as a daily communication or interactive system with the Chinese travel trade/media partners

#### Payment System Trends\_New!!

- WeChat Pay and Alipay own the dominate market shares in China. They are expending the market shares into overseas. You can find them in the airport stores; attractions ticket boxes, even hotels and supermarkets in some short-haul destinations, such as Japan and Thailand.
- No need to have a lot of cash while travelling overseas.
- Brand promotions/discounts to drive the selling performance from time to time.



# A Summary of Chinese Holidays

#### -Traditional Holidays (3 days and 7 days) in 2019

- New Year's Day: December 30,2018-January 1,2019
- Lunar New Year: February 4-10,2019 *Long-haul travelling season*
- Tomb Sweeping Day: April 5-7,2019
- Labor Day: April 29-May 1,2019 Long-haul travelling season
- Dragon Boat Festival: June 7-9,2019
- Mid-Autumn Festival: September 13-15,2019
- National Day: October 1-7,2019\_*Long-haul travelling season*
- ✓ Chinese travelers usually takes 7 days plus annual leave for a long-haul destination travelling with friends or families.

#### -China School Breaks:

- Winter break: January 26- February 24,2019
- Summer break: July 13- August 31,2019
- ✓ Family travel and students camp(summer camp) high seasons

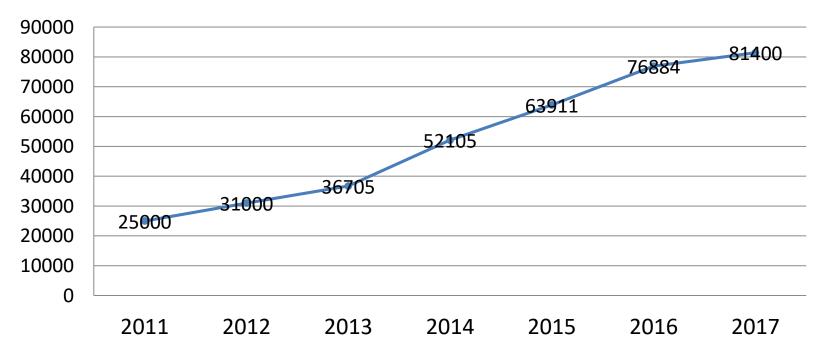


# ARIZONA IN CHINA



## **GROWTH ON VISITATION**

### **Visitation numbers\*China**





## Arizona's advantages

#### What we are now selling.....

- Iconic views
- Clean & Fresh Air
- Western Style and Cowboy culture along Route 66
- Warm Seasonal Weather
- Less Crowdedness
- More safety
- Shopping
- In-depth travel experience

#### What we can add on.....

- Soft outdoor adventures to embrace the natures
- Road trip fun
- Family travel



# **FY18-AOT China**

#### Continued New Product Developments

#### 1) Key Travel Trade Partners

- Utour International Travel Service
- American International Travel Service
- Galaxy Tours
- Ctrip.com
- Caissa Touristic

#### Marketing Co-operations

#### 2) Ctrip Online Flagship Store

- -Worked with Ctrip promoted the destination through landing page
- -Social media: WeChat Content Marketing and Weibo EDMs to key selected clients

Total impression:1,428,025





### 2) Travel Trade/Media China Sales Mission\_2018

- -The China mission was hold in Shanghai, Beijing & Chengdu for one week at March 11-17.
- -During the whole week, over 170 travel trade/media partners were invited to the luncheon for destination training and media interview.
- -Separate to the luncheon, AOT met 7 top travel agencies in each market and 9 media appointments with key media partners.



#### **China Sales Mission 2018 Media Track**



media meeting panels in Shanghai & Beijing for in-depth coverage opportunity.

Media Impressions

Generated: **7.2** million

AD Value: US\$ 0.5 million



video interview in Shanghai & Chengdu.









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亚利桑那州旅游局副局长Becky Blaine (右)

亚利桑那州旅游局重返中国。目的是向中国旅游 业担任动态更新,介绍亚利桑那州的国家公园、多 丽的城市和西部小镇。亚利桑那州期待与中国旅游 行业探索更多商务机遇,但更重要的是发展和巩固 双边友谊。



### 3) Travel Trade/Media FAM Groups

- -American Airlines Key Tour Operators Southern China FAM\_ Sepetmber 11-16,2017
- -Post-IPW FAM\_Travel Trade and Media FAM\_May 24-30,2018







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• IPW Post-fam: (as of July 11, 2018)

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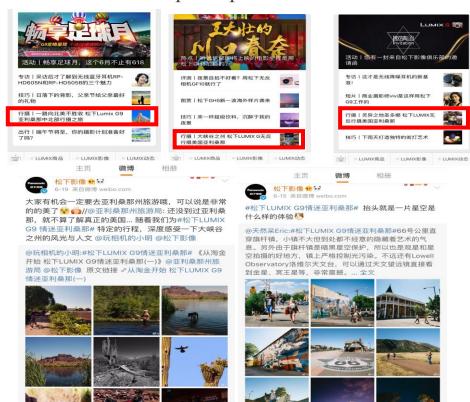




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Media Fam Group co-op with Panasonic LUMIX







- Individual Media Visit
- Media Publicity: AD Value US\$ **0.5** million
- Number of Impressions: **0.8** million





- Off-line Media Publicity: AD Value US\$ **3.2** million
- Number of Impressions: **11** million

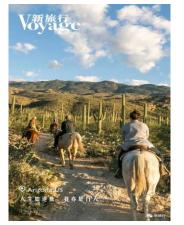




















- On-line Media Publicity: AD Value US\$ 1.7 million
- Number of Impressions: **100** million



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•一月的圣多娜



亚利桑那州的圣多娜(Sedona)以标志性的红岩石蓄称,又 是一座艺术家聚集的小镇。一月,这里气候凉爽,处于淡 季,最不可错过的原因还有这里是IDA认证的暗夜公园,小镇 到了天黑之后会熄灭所有灯光,特别适合观赏星空,至于在 星空下要做什么,你可以随意发挥啦。



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10条线路玩转美国公路

2018-01-15 漫旅生活

漢TRAVEL+ 淡LEISURE LOCATION 玩法&线路

没有比自驾车可以更好地了解美国了,沿途有非凡 的景色、迷人的小镇、海边的村庄、沙漠的天空, 以及数不胜数等待你发现的地方。准备好了吗,背 上行囊,发动汽车,准备穿越美国最有特色的景观 地游咖



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山地精酿啤酒之路 波尔森-凤凰城 距离: 4,441公里

啤酒狂信者的最爱——相比之下,那些寻访红酒酒 庄的自驾之旅简直弱爆了——从蒙大拿一路喝到亚 利桑那,沿途有着美国最棒的精酿啤酒和令人惊叹 的红色岩山,还有会让你认为世界上只剩你一个人 的沙漠公路。 进来,跟你讲一个84岁的美国老人 与"美国大街"的故事

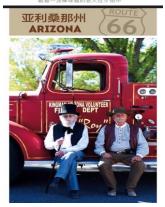
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A LEADING MULTIMEDIA TRAVEL CONTRAT AND SERVES PROPERTY



这是亚利桑那州一个名叫塞利格曼的小镇的下午, 一位穿着宽松卡其外套,





Travel Blogger/Digital Influencers Engagement:
Total impressions are 24 million; AD Value is US\$ 2.2 million









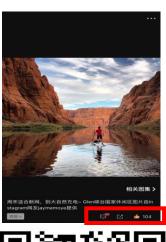




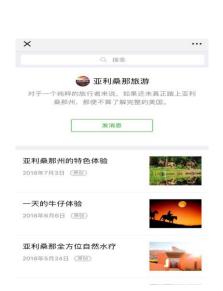
- AOT official Sina weibo: **62%** increase of followers in FY 18;
- Total **39,198** followers as of July 11, 2018;
- Year-to-date impressions are **1.3** million



• AOT official WeChat: Launched in March 2018 with bi-weekly posts every month, total attracted **1,803** followers Year-to-date impressions are **12,491** 









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