## **Canada Market Presentation**







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## **Current Landscape**



#### **Political**

- Elections in May 2025 Prime Minister Mark Carney, Liberal Party of Canada
- Promising discussions between Canadian prime Minister and British Prime Minister earlier in May and now for G7 in June
- Positive impact of King Charles's recent visit to Ottawa

#### **Economic**

- Tariffs: Retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods
- Unemployment Rate: As of May 2025, Canada's unemployment rate rose to 7%
- GDP Growth: Canada's GDP grew at an annualized rate of 2.2% in the first quarter of 2025
- Currency exchange: GBP 1 CAD 1.84

#### **Social**

- Canada's relationship with the monarchy is useful as it helps set us apart from our neighbours to the south
- National parks and historic sites available for free this summer a move that comes as many Canadians alter their plans to travel to the U.S.

#### **Tourism**

- Excluding the US, Canadian outbound trips are forecast to grow
   8% this year benefiting European destinations\*
- Air Canada, announced an expansion of its European network, operating new routes and gateways.
- 71% of Canadian travellers are concerned about the impacts of overtourism





## Where Canadian visitors to the UK reside (2022)

#### Top provinces by visitors to UK:

#1 Ontario – 418,000 (47%)

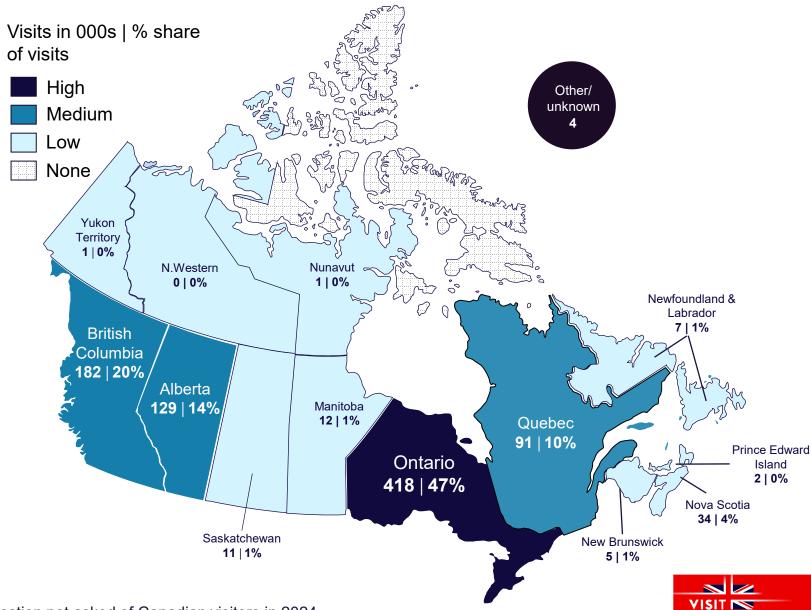
#2 British Columbia – 182,000 (20%)

#3 Alberta – 129,000 (14%)

#4 Quebec - 91,000 (10%)

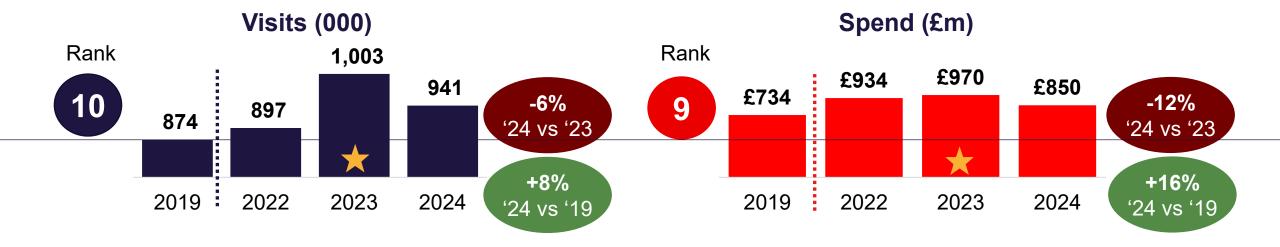
#5 Nova Scotia – 34,000 (4%)

- Almost half of visitors to the UK are from Ontario.
- Ontario and British Columbia represent 2 in 3 visits to the UK.



Source: International Passenger Survey by ONS, 2022. Question not asked of Canadian visitors in 2024.

## **Volume and value of visitors to the UK – trends**





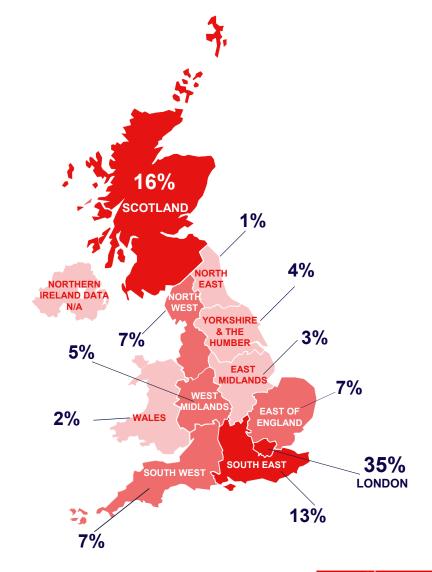




## Nights spent in the UK by region (2024)

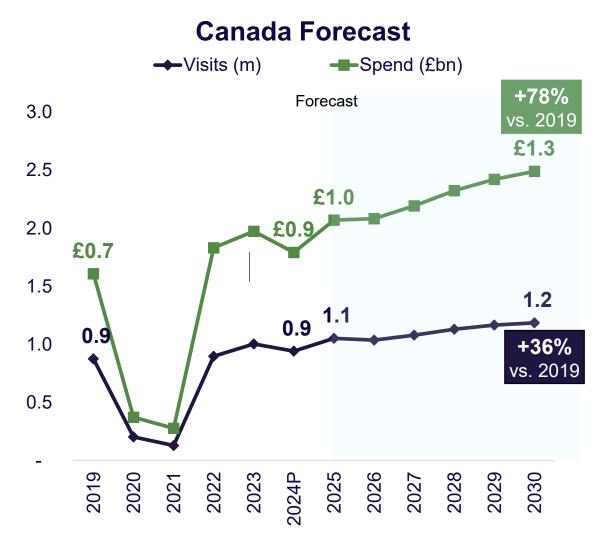
% Share of nights spent in the UK

Based on visitor nights	UK inbound average (2024)	Canada (2022, 2023, 2024)
London	41%	35%
Rest Of England	46%	46%
- Southern England	20%	19%
- England's North Country	12%	11%
- Central England	14%	15%
Scotland	11%	16%
Wales	2%	2%





## Market Forecasts – visits and spend to the UK to 2030





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## **Key Trade Account Locations**



## **Travel Trade Trends**



#### BOOKINGS

- ➤ Mix of long-lead bookings and shorter booking period
- ➤ Increase in last minute bookings
- Growing Autumn period
- ➤ Increase in smaller groups of 16-18 pax
- South Africa, Japan and Southeast Asia are on a boom
- ➤ London still prominent, rising demand for other cities across England like Bath and Bristol

#### AVIATION

- ➤ Increase in airline capacity
- > Departures from 7 CA airports to 5 UK airports
- ➤ New: Virgin Atlantic Toronto London; Porter (Air Transat Alliance) Toronto London Gatwick
- Relaunch Air Canada Ottawa London seasonal service & Montreal – Edinburgh seasonal
- British Airways increased capacity out of Vancouver





## **Opportunities and Challenges**

### Opportunities to capitalise on

- 10<sup>th</sup> ranked inbound market for the UK for 2025
- Improved perceptions of the UK as per NBI 2024 Rank 3
- Increased regional spread: share of Canadian nights -London 35%; 47% in RoE
- Stay longer: 10 nights typically
- Repeat visitors: Second highest rate of returning holidaymakers of the region
- Aviation investment: increased airline routes & seat capacity
- Starring GREAT Britain in Canada: Approx. 70% of Canadian travellers are interested to visit film & TV locations with some or no influence included

#### Challenges to bear in mind

- CA UK currency exchange rate
- Cost of living: tariffs, high unemployment rate, looming recession ahead to slow down economy
- Accommodation availability: challenges between May-Oct,
- Competition & Investment: from European markets (France, Portugal, Italy, Ireland) and USA
- Seasonal: challenges for Christmas departures
- Multi-country trips: 69% go on European multi-country trip





## **Insights & Consumer Behaviour**

#### **Key Insights**

- Repeat visitors and keen to explore beyond London and Edinburgh
- Strong regional spread of travel and growing
- Robust interest in curated & experiential
- Longer nights and value conscious
- Steady increase in 60+ clientele along with the 35+ clientele. Multi-gen travel.
- Extended shoulder season (April October)
- Mixed market feedback on bookings for summer 2025

#### **Forecasted Consumer Behaviour**

- Current economic turmoil
- Rise in changing demographics from immigration
- Steady growth in holiday travel compared to VFR
- Summer 2025 72% of Canadian leisure travellers excited to explore international travel & plan to spend more than 2024
- Family travel on the rise along with curated experiential travel



## **Activity Highlights 25/26**

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- DBNA 2025 Mexico
  - CA Buyers
  - o Trade Media
- Trade Workshops October 2025
  - Calgary, Alberta
  - o Edmonton, Alberta
  - Mississauga, Ontario
- Dedicated Webinars for UK partners
  - o Reach 1500 CA trade subscribers
- Travel Agent FAM with Airline Partnership
  - Dates TBC
- BIM with Tour Operator FAM
  - January / February 2026
- Ongoing: KAM, industry partner/stakeholder engagements, monthly newsletters









