# INTERNATIONAL MARKET FOCUS UNITED KINGDOM (UK)

Fall 2023





### **MARKET SIZE**

- The UK remained Ontario's largest source country for overseas visits in 2019, with **459,500 tourist visits to Ontario** (+13% over 2018).
- UK tourists stayed **10 nights** per overnight Ontario visit, on average, in 2019.
- The UK accounted for **13% of all overseas visits to Ontario** in 2019.



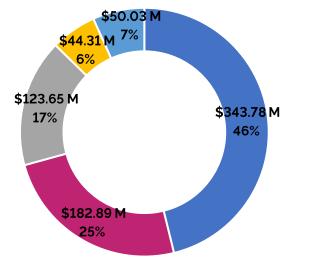
#### UNITED KINGDOM VISITS IN ONTARIO

DESTINATION ONTARIO

Source: Statistics Canada, Visitor Travel Survey

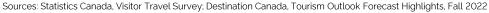
# **VISITOR SPENDING**

- Visitor spending in Ontario from the UK totalled **\$744.7 million** in 2019 (+14% from 2018).
- The UK accounted for 13% of overseas visitor spending in Ontario.
- UK tourists spent an average of \$1,621 per visit in Ontario in 2019 7.3 times more than the average spend per visit in Ontario. The largest share of visitor spending was on transportation (46%).
- Destination Canada has estimated that it may take until 2025 for UK tourism spending in Canada to recover to 2019 levels.



#### **UNITED KINGDOM SPENDING BY CATEGORY: 2019**

- Transportation
- Accommodation
- Food + Beverage
- Recreation/Entertainment
- Retail/Other





### THE VALUE OF THE UK TRAVELLER

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF VISITOR SPENDING FROM THE UK IN ONTARIO (2019)

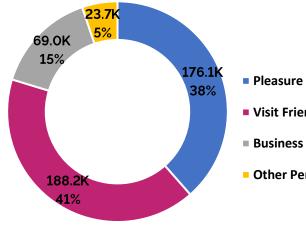


Source: Statistics Canada, Visitor Travel Survey (2019) and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's Tourism Regional Economic Impact Model



# **TRIP CHARACTERISTICS**

• **41%** of tourist visits from the United Kingdom to Ontario were taken to visit friends or relatives

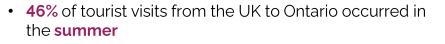


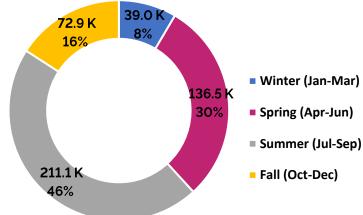
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#### MAIN PURPOSE OF UK VISIT: 2019

Visit Friends or Relatives (VFR)

Other Personal





**UK SEASON OF VISIT: 2019** 



### **TRIP CHARACTERISTICS**

### TOP TRIP ACTIVITIES IN ONTARIO (2019)

### TOP TOURISM REGIONS VISITED (2019)

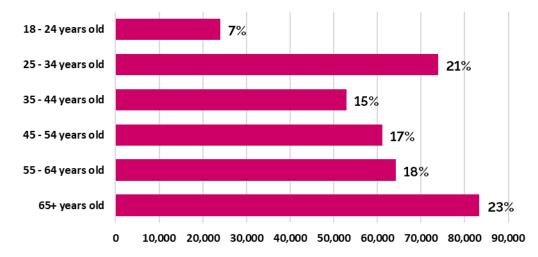
TRIP ACTIVITY	% UK VISITS IN ONTARIO	TOURISM REGION	% UK VISITS IN ONTARIO
Restaurant, bar or club	90%	Region 5: Greater Toronto Area	64%
Sightseeing	76%	Region 10: Ottawa and Countryside	34%
Shopping	70%	Region 2: Niagara Canada	33%
Visit friends or family	53%	Region 9: Southeastern Ontario	9%
Historic site	51%	Region 3: Hamilton, Halton, Brant	6%

Source: Statistics Canada, Visitor Travel Survey



### DEMOGRAPHICS

- The largest share of tourist visits from the UK to Ontario was from those aged 65+ years old (23%) in 2019. The average age of a UK tourist to Ontario was 48.
- 10% of UK travel parties to Ontario had children travelling with them in 2019.
- Of those who stated their gender, slightly more than half (53%) of UK visits to Ontario were taken by men in 2019.

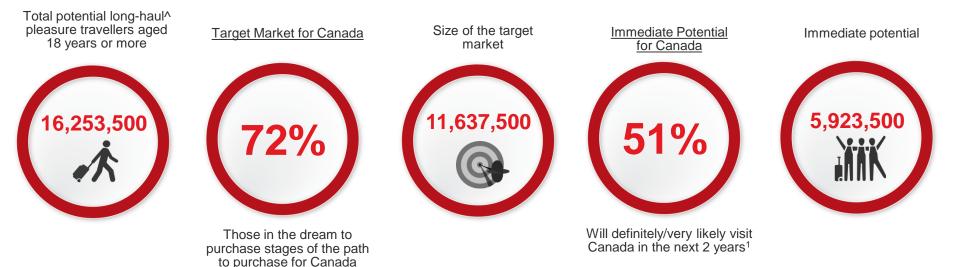


#### UK VISITS TO ONTARIO BY AGE STATED (18+): 2019



### POTENTIAL MARKET SIZE FOR CANADA





Source: Destination Canada 2022 Global Markets Traveller Incidence & Market Sizing Update

^ Long-haul = outside of Europe, North Africa and the Mediterranean |<sup>1</sup> Includes respondents likely to visit Canada for a trip of 1 to 3 nights, or a trip of 4 nights or more.



