



USA

Vacation travellers from the USA are attracted to Newfoundland and Labrador by its nature and wildlife, seeking experiences in a destination they have always wanted to visit. More than any other market, this market is also interested in experiencing the province's hunting and fishing opportunities.

The US is NL's second-largest source market after Canada, accounting for



of all vacation visits

WHERE THEY COME FROM



of US vacationers are from the New England 18% and Mid-Atlantic 17% states, making these states key for NL within the US market, but visitors come from all corners of the US.

New York 9% Florida 8% Massachusetts 7% California **6%** Pennsylvania 6%

WHEN THEY VISIT

of US vacation visits occur from July to













WHO THEY ARE





have a post-secondary education



have a household income of >\$100,000



76% are first-time visitors

CHARACTERISTICS OF THEIR TRIP

While most American visitors travel to the province by air, the drive market is strong among US vacationers, with more travelling by car at 36% compared to vacation visitors overall at 28%

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36%





72% of travellers stay in hotels/motels

46% travel as couples with no children

Average spend is US vacationers stay 10 niahts

DESTINATION CANADA'S EXPLORER QUOTIENT

The Explorer Quotient provides tourism businesses with valuable insights into why and how different people like to travel. Going beyond traditional market research, it takes a deeper look at individuals' personal beliefs, social values, and worldviews. From this data, we glean why different types of travellers seek out entirely different travel experiences.

US travellers are primarily made up of Older Authentic Experiencers:

- Older couples and families largely aged 55+.
- Well-educated empty nesters that work in (or retired from) white-collar careers.
- They tend to own their homes and earn above-average incomes.
- They plan their trips in advance requesting literature prior to their trip and are more likely to visit in the summer months.
- Older Authentic Experiencers consume print media and TV at high rates and are receptive to outdoor advertisements. Although less engaged on social media, this group is comfortable with planning and booking travel online.





WHY THEY CHOSE NL



23% Nature & Wildlife



18% Bucket List



16% Specific





12% Hunting / Fishing



People Culture Heritage

TOP EXPERIENCES

OUTDOOR



Walking In and **Around Communities**

79% HIKING







SEABIRD

VISITING

NATIONAL

WILDLIFE

CULTURAL



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TRIP PLANNING

American visitors prefer to plan online but still value traditional/ offline resources such as the NL Traveller's Guide and personal recommendations.

On average, Americans begin planning their trip

6.2 months in advance



TOP TRIP PLANNING SOURCES USED PRIOR TO TRAVELLING

- 1. Destination websites
- 2. Local accommodation websites
- 4. Attraction websites
- 5. Review websites
- 6. NewfoundlandLabrador.com

TOP SOURCES FOR SELECTING **ACCOMMODATIONS**



ACCOMMODATION WEBSITES



ONLINE HOTEL SEARCH/ **BOOKING SITES**



TRIP ADVISOR



of travellers use Visitor Information Centres (VICs)



VICS ARE IMPORTANT FOR **US AUTO TRAVELLERS**



75% USED A VIC



USED A VIC SPECIFICALLY FOR TRIP PLANNING ASSISTANCE



TOP TRIP PLANNING SOURCES USED DURING TRAVEL

- 1. Local residents
- 2. Local service personnel
- 3. Printed brochures
- 4. Destination websites