

# INBOUND IN THE YEARS AHEAD TTI CONFERENCE 23RD SEPTEMBER 2021

# WHO ARE UKINBOUND?

The Trade Association for businesses involved in inbound tourism

## Over 300 members, including:

- Inbound Tour Operators
- Attractions
- Retailers
- Sightseeing Providers
- Professional Services

- Accommodation Providers
- Restaurants and Bars
- Transport Providers
- Ticket Agents
- Destination Marketing Organisations

# WHAT DOES UKINBOUND DO?

Growing our members' businesses:

- Networking events
- Seminars
- Annual Convention
- B2B speed networking
- Discover workshops
- Familiarisation trips
- Social media reach
- Marketing activity
- Lobbying Government
- Exhibitions



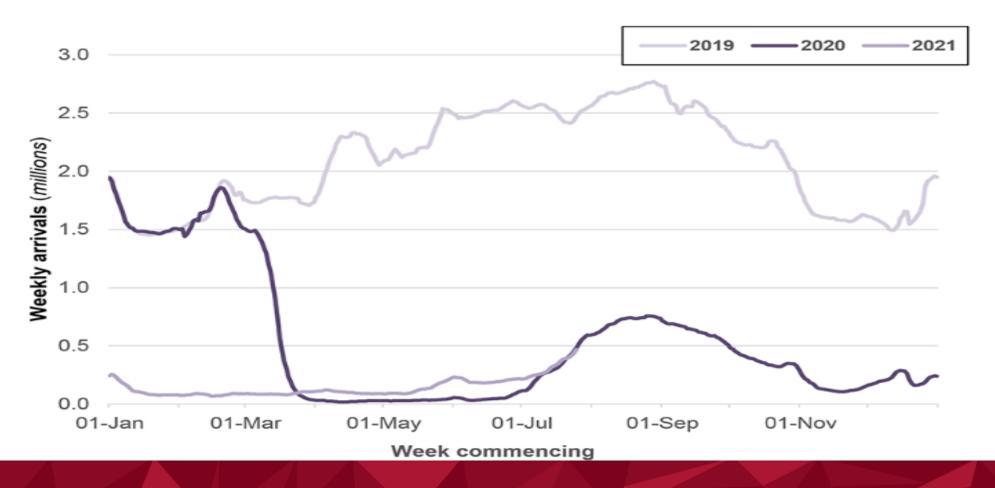
# WHY IS INBOUND TOURISM IMPORTANT?

- 41 million visitors to the UK in 2019
- Average spend 3x a domestic visitor
  - Spending £28.4 billion
- 5th largest export earner on par with the automotive and pharmaceutical industries
- Employs 3.3 million people (manufacturing 2.9m, construction 2.4m) 500,000 in inbound
  - Soft power lever impacting UK's image education, trade, investment

Source: VisitBritain, Office of National Statistics

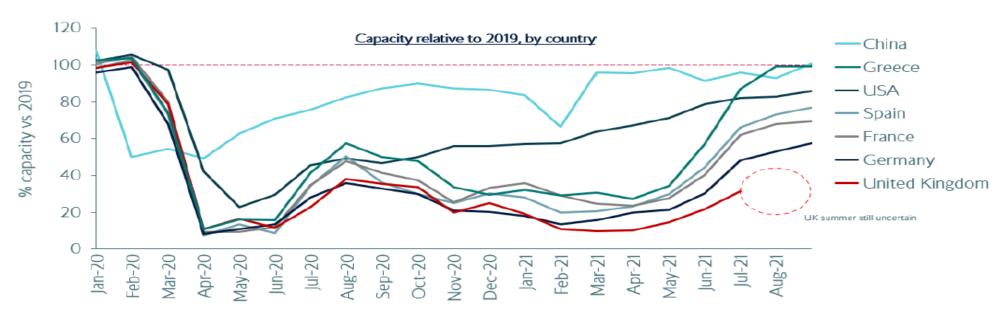
# **CURRENT STATE OF INBOUND**

Figure 1: Weekly air passenger arrivals to the UK, Jan 2019 - Jul 2021



# **COMPETITIVE POSITION**

UK aviation has fared particularly badly, relative to other major markets, and is now trailing other EU peers

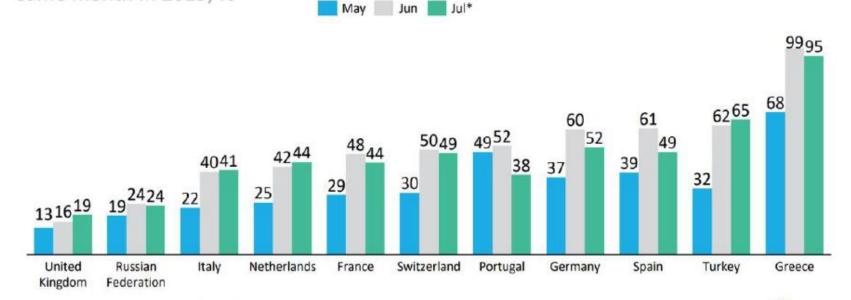


- Key aviation markets of China and USA have strong domestic capacity which has helped a steady recovery since the lows early on in 2020
- European peers that saw similar lows to the UK last year have been recovering in 2021, with recent EU
  developments on the travel pass feeding a summer surge that the UK lagged behind

# **COMPETITIVE POSITION**

# Passenger bookings are picking up in most European countries, with Greece almost reaching pre-crisis levels

Number of international ticket sales to/from selected countries in May-July 2021, as % of same month in 2019, %



<sup>\*</sup> First 15 days of July covered in both 2019 and 2021



## **COMPETITIVE POSITION**

GTT announcement 17 Sept

(for fully vaccinated)

- Removal of pre-departure testing
- Removal of day 2 PCR test
- Introduction of day 2 lat flow
- Removal of traffic light system
- Additional markets off red (Japan, S Korea, Israel)

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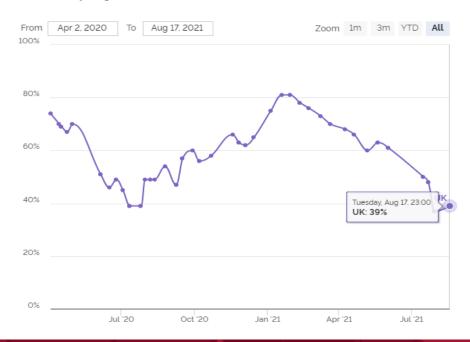
- Still not competitive
- Questions on
  - Cost
  - Process
  - Reporting
- Vaccination recognition

# **PUBLIC SENTIMENT**

#### YouGov

# YouGov COVID-19 measures supported tracker: quarantining all inbound airline passengers

% of people in each market/region who say they would support their government: quarantining all passengers on all flights coming into country/region

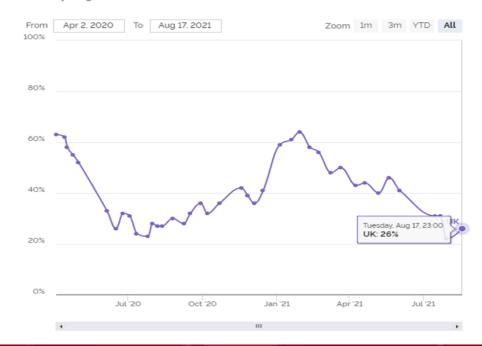


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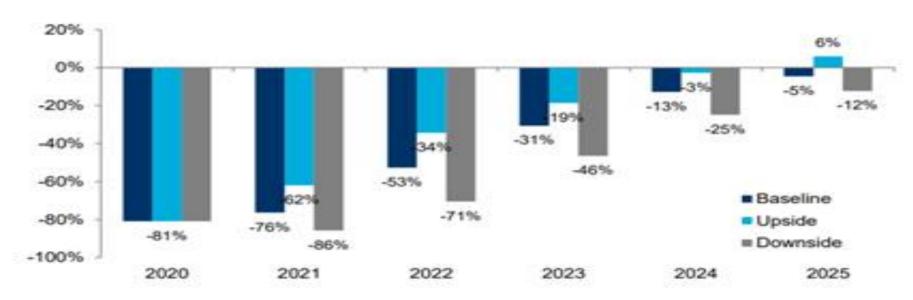
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# INBOUND PROJECTIONS

#### Int'l spend by scenario, UK

Relative to 2019 levels



Source: Tourism Economics

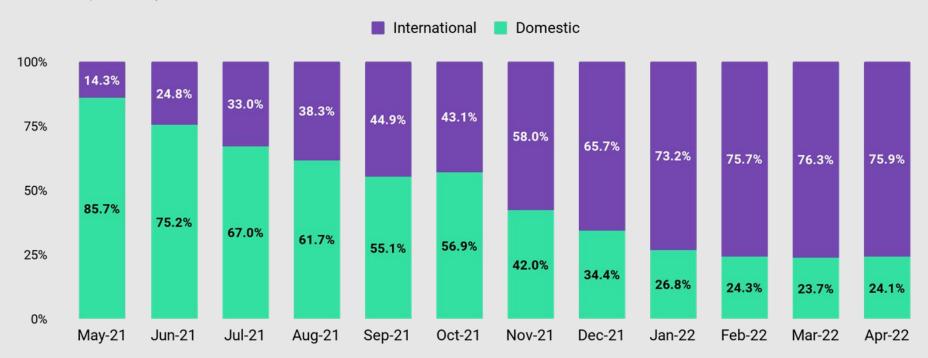


# The majority of travel being booked for 2022 travel dates is for international destinations

More than 75% of the travel planned for 2022 is for international getaways

#### Distribution of Travel Intent by Check In Month: Domestic vs International

Global IPs | Week 20, 2021



**Check In Month** 

## **ISSUES**

When the tide goes out, you can see who's not wearing swimming trunks.

The darkest hour is before dawn.

Success can be holding on when others let go.

## **PRIORITIES**

- Sector specific support
  - Tourism Export Recovery Fund
  - Furlough
- Global Travel Taskforce Review
  - Testing day 2 testing removed for fully vaxxed
- Staffing
- Group Welcome Charter
- Sustainability
- Keeping members informed on Government guidance & industry legislation





## ADDITIONAL ADVOCACY ISSUES

- Visas
- APD
- VAT
- Labour shortages
- Removal of ID Cards
  - Collective passports
- Package Travel Regulations





