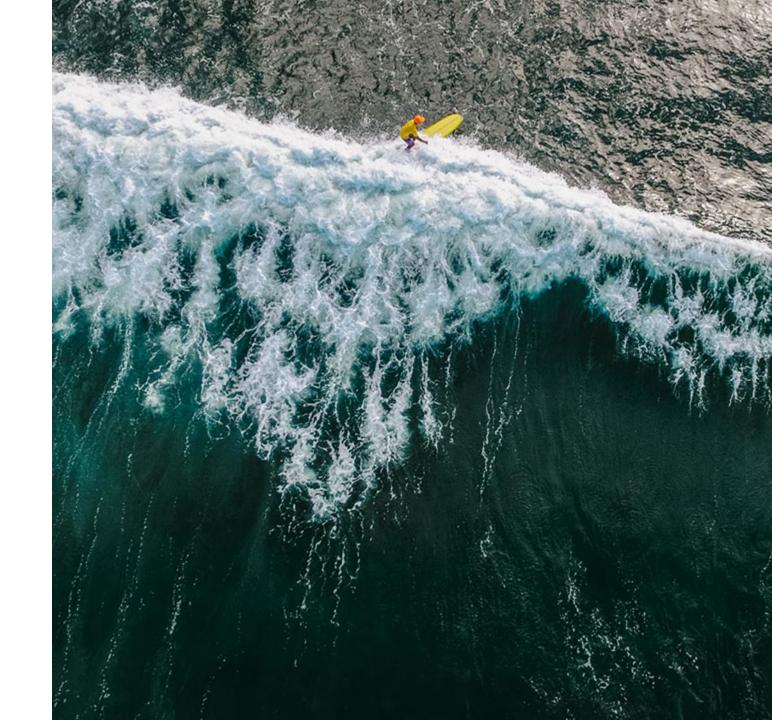


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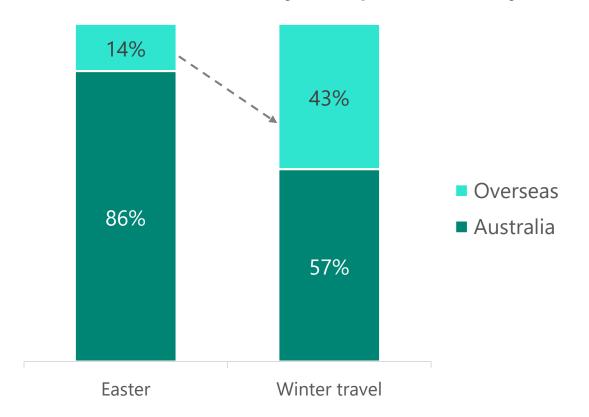
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## More people are going to travel abroad this winter

What's the destination where you'll spend most of your break?





## People are researching more and overwhelmed by choices



60+

Countries



280+

Cities



2.7

Destinations per user





### Brands have an opportunity to help travellers resolve their intent

39%

abandon a travel purchase because they had more research to do<sub>1</sub> 50%

more likely to book with brands that provide, easy-toread, relevant information<sub>2</sub>

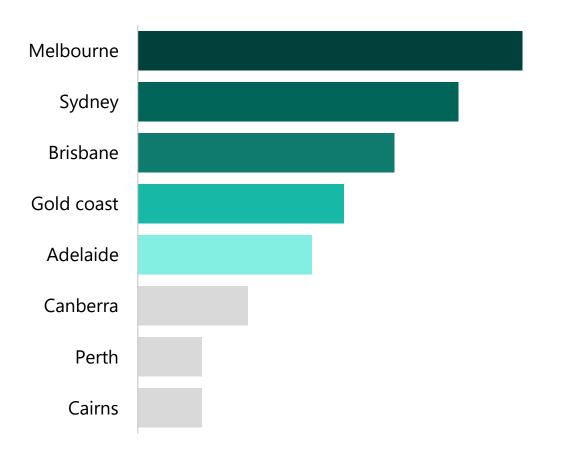


 Ensure your winter travel campaigns are relevant to what and when people are searching is the key to win the competition.

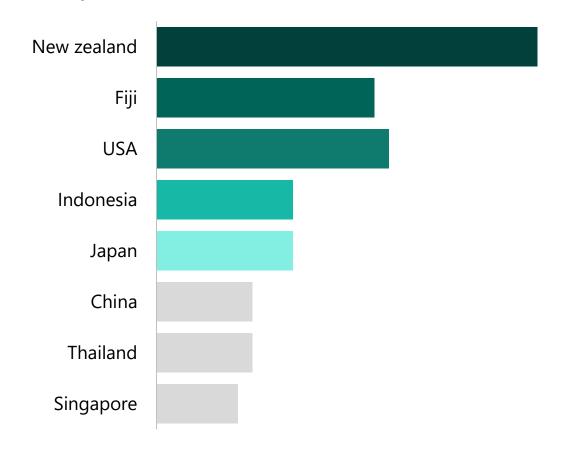


## Watch out for the most popular travel destinations this winter

Top domestic destinations for winter travel

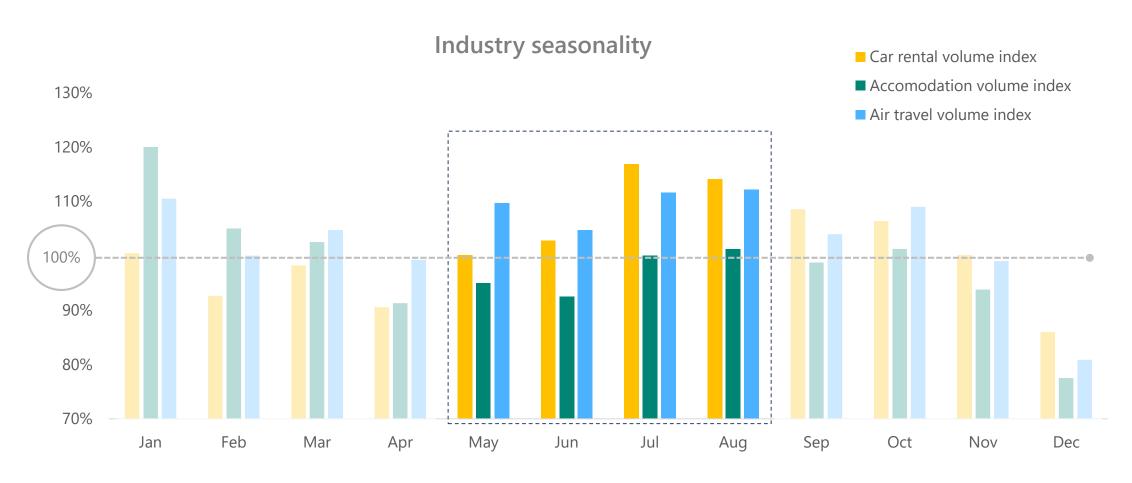


Top international destinations for winter travel





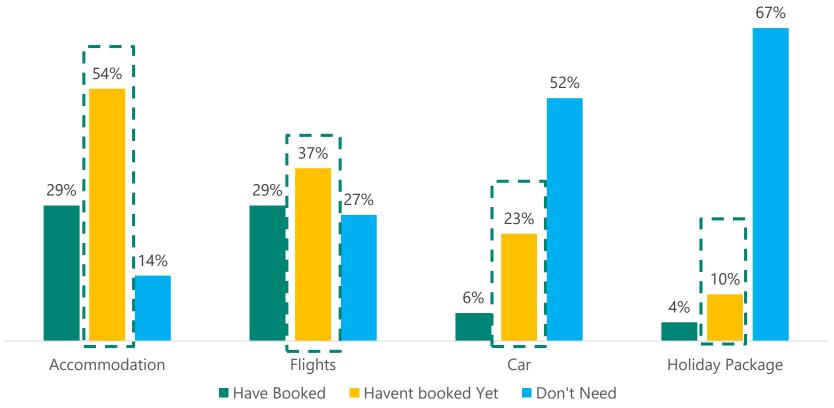
# Air travel and Car rental are the most responsive categories to winter travel





# 58% of travellers still haven't booked anything yet. Time to capture them now

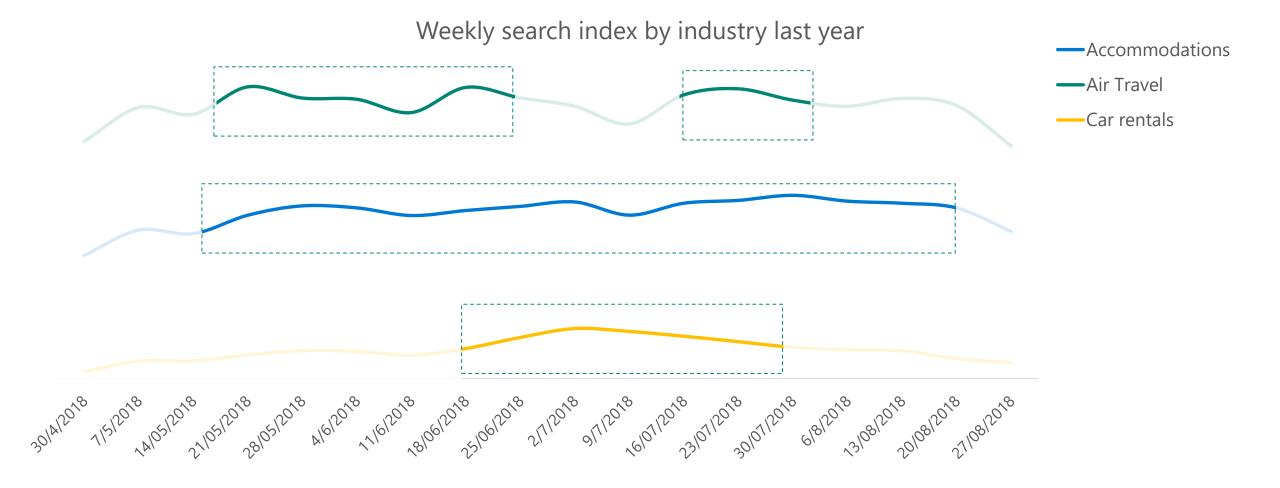
**Travel Planning and Booking by Products** 



Use <u>in-market</u> audience feature to engage people who are active in searching related products

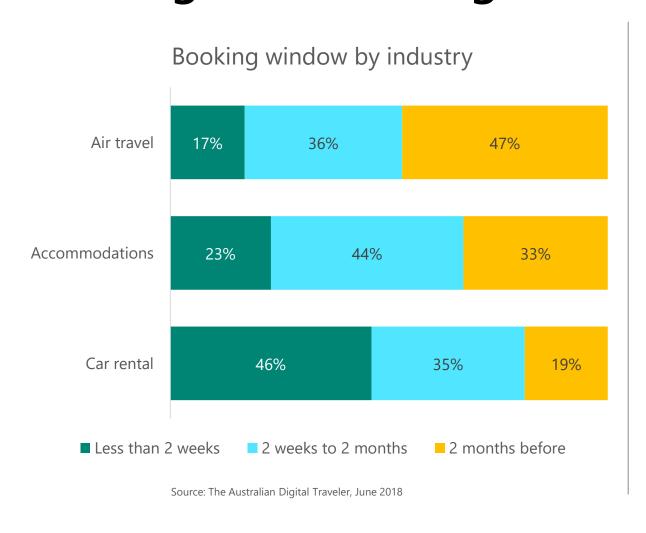


### Adjust your biddings to capture search spikes

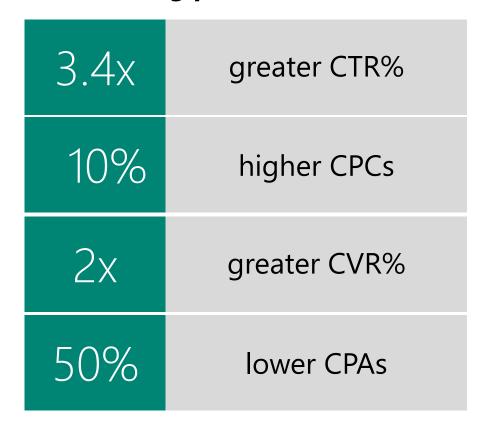




## Use remarketing to stay connected with your searchers during their booking windows



#### **Remarketing performance**



Source: Microsoft Internal Data, Jan 2018 - Dec 2018.



### City trip, beaches and road trip are still the mainstream activities for AU travellers this winter

What are the main activities you might do on your holiday?



**70%** 

Sightseeing city trips



**50%** 

**Beaches** 



44%

Road trips



36%

Theme parks



21%

Hiking



**15%** 

Wine country



14%

Camping

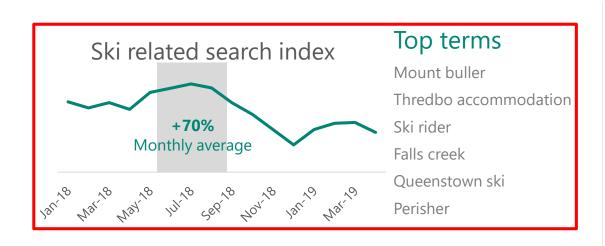


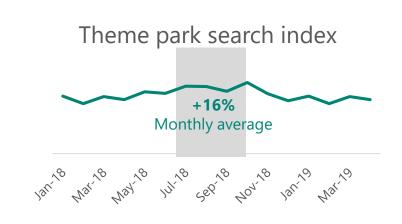
11%

Skiing



## However, 2018 search trends indicate ski as the favorite winter activity for Bing users





#### Top terms

Sea world resort

Disney on ice

Dreamworld

Universal studios Singapore

Movie world

Disney Paris



#### Top terms

Australia zoo

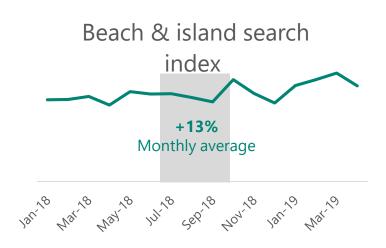
Taronga zoo

Melbourne zoo

Werribee zoo

Adelaide zoo

Taronga zoo tickets



#### Top terms

Fiji holidays

Cook islands holidays

Airlie beach accommodation

Thailand holidays

The star gold coast

Kangaroo island ferry

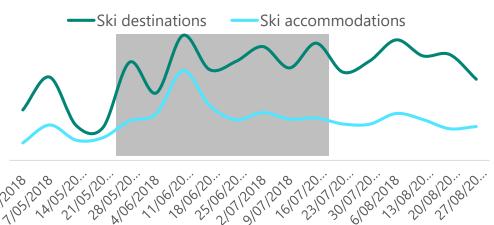


### Huge opportunity lies in engaging ski enthusiasts now

**70%+** Australian ski enthusiasts haven't started their bookings yet. (1)

Source: Winter travel survey, FieldAgent, AU, May 2019 | N = 500

#### Search volume trends last year



#### Top ski destinations

Domestic International

Mt Buller Queenstown

Thredbo Auckland

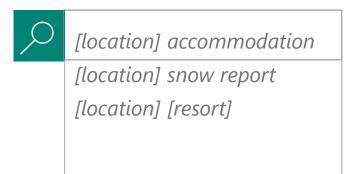
Jindabyne Christchurch

Bright Wanaka

Falls Creek Bern

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#### Top search patterns





### Key takeaways

### Plan for seasonality

 Plan your budgets according to the upcoming surge in travel searches this winter.

### Invest in top search terms

- Invest in top destinations terms. (slides 4)
- Invest in top activity terms. (slides 11)

### Engage with ski enthusiasts

 Plan your ski-related campaigns based on search trends, top ski destinations and search patterns.





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