# APAC Millennial Travellers

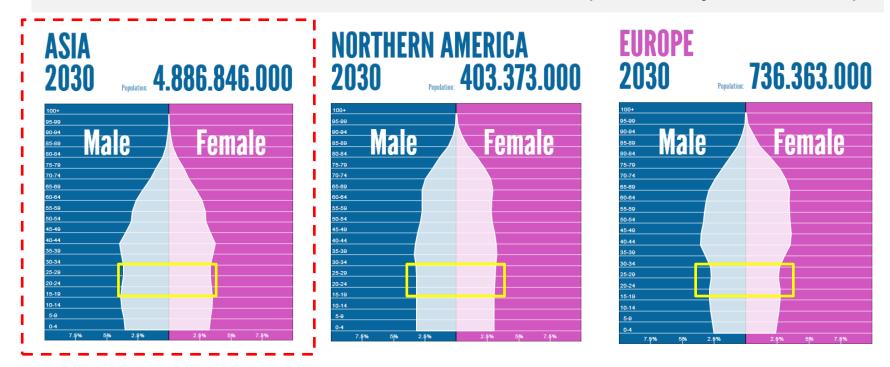
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#### Millennials will shape the travel industry in next 5-10 years especially in Asia

Millennials - Born 1980-1996 (18-34 years old)



# Approximately 60% of the world's millennials reside in Asia. - MCKinsey & Co

### China a microcosm of the millennial traveller

millennials in Ching by 2020 (27% of Asia's total!)

of the outbound travelers from Ching are millennials

#### Some myth busting

- Confident and adventurous
- Have strong **English** capability
- Prefer independent travel experience
- Prefer mobile to search and book
- Book both budget and luxury accommodation





## Millennials book travel a bit differently

81%

value speed and convenience over friendly service



42%

consult social media when planning a trip away



They love to look at reviews and are not afraid to share their experiences



## And engage with brands differently





more likely demonstrate strong brand loyalty than other generations





Value status, luxury, adventure, and excitement more than any other generation



More likely to broadcast negative experiences than positive ones

#### Millennials on travel are different too



They just can't stay away from their mobile devices!

93%

share their experiences and photos on social media while away



54%

spend the most money on shopping when abroad



#### What can we do to attract the millennials?

Design for multidevices & sharing experiences on Social media



Focus your product portfolio on "interest" cater to experiences

2 Make speed a core feature







#### What can we do to keep them coming

Invest in your brand & loyalty program



Connect to

local
environment & culture



Leverage mobile to maintain connection throughout the trip both "on-site" and "indestination"

#### Mobile + Social + Fun...





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