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KEY OVERSEAS VISITOR MARKETS

2012 FACT SHEET

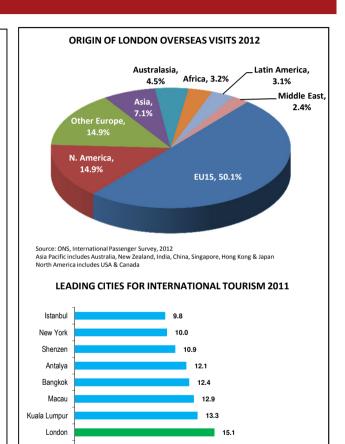
- Data from the IPS shows that in 2012. London welcomed nearly 15.5 million overseas visitors, 1.1% more than in 2011.
- Expenditure, buoyed by strong growth in the Olympics Q3, reached almost £10.1 billion, a 7% boost over 2011.
- There were nine markets generating visit numbers in excess of half a million, and these accounted for 57% of all overseas arrivals.
- The USA was London's largest international market, with 1.86 million visits. As London's highest value market, it generated £1.49 billion in receipts.
- The US market received a strong boost from leisure visits, the Olympic Games being a key factor behind this increase.
- Apart from the inclusion of Australia, the main economies of Europe dominated the remainder of London's Top 10 markets. Chief among these were France, followed by Germany, Italy and Spain.
- French visit numbers enjoyed a big Olympics-time boost, with ease of access to London being a key Games-time factor.
- It was a mixed picture elsewhere on the Continent. There was fallout in a number of Eurozone markets, but very positive growth from markets outside the Zone, most notably Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark and Poland.
- Asia Pacific continued to increase its footprint on London's visitor profile. Standout markets were the large increases from South Korea and Japan.
- In expenditure terms, ten markets yielded receipts in excess of £0.25 billion. While these were broadly London's largest volume markets, they also included Switzerland, UAE and Canada.

LONDON: TOP 30 OVERSEAS VISITOR MARKETS 2012 BY VISITS AND EXPENDITURE									
Visits (in thousands)	% change vs. 2011		Expenditure (in £million)	% change vs. 2011					
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France	1,681	5.0%	France	745	40.5% ^(*)
Germany	1,199	-1.3%	Germany	483	0.6%
Italy	963	-4.6%	Australia	470	-6.2%
Spain	796	-11.1%	Italy	453	-16.7%
Netherlands	638	1.1%	Spain	366	-16.2%
Australia	597	-12.4%	Switzerland	338	44.7%
Ireland	596	-3.9%	UAE	286	102.5%
Sweden	503	9.9%	Canada	271	2.0%
Belgium	470	15.7%	Netherlands	252	4.4%
Switzerland	425	8.6%	Kuwait	248	58.7%
Canada	403	-6.0%	Sweden	240	0.7%
Norway	397	3.8%	Norway	236	-0.6%
Poland	396	12.0%	Eire	225	-2.2%
Denmark	326	-4.3%	Saudi Arabia	203	15.6%
India	232	-1.6%	Denmark	183	14.5%
Other E. Europe	227	-2.1%	Brazil	183	-12.8%
Brazil	215	1.9%	Japan	182	64.1%
Japan	178	6.9%	India	177	5.9%
Russia	155	0.6%	Nigeria	176	8.7%
Austria	153	-7.2%	Russia	165	-29.6%
Portugal	153	-7.6%	Belgium	159	21.4%
Czech Rep.	145	33.0%	Other E. Europe	145	-7.0%
UAE	133	12.8%	China	142	59.9%
South Korea	131	20.9%	Poland	135	-3.6%
Finland	131	5.0%	Singapore	126	18.8%
South Africa	119	9.3%	Other Gulf States	119	25.9%
Nigeria	110	3.6%	South Africa	115	31.4%
Romania	110	-14.1%	Turkey	101	38.4%
Israel	108	-10.2%	Hong Kong	91	-12.6%
All London Visits	15,461	1.1%	All London Spend	10,075	7.0%

Source: ONS, International Passenger Survey, 2012

(*) The figure for France reflects the inclusion of an untypically high spending visitor, and is probably an over-statement of the genuine trend for France



Source: Euromonitor International's Top City Destinations Ranking, January 2013 NB. In the 2012 survey, changes to the method used for counting international visitors to Hong Kong (to include mainland China arrivals) and Singapore (now includes visitors from Malaysia) were introduced. This resulted in London being displaced from the top spot in these rankings, a position the city had held since the origin of the survey.

Overseas Visits (million)

10

15

Singapore

Hong Kong