



TARIFFS AND TOURISM:

CHALLENGE OR OPPORTUNITY?

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# SPEAKERS



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# TODAY'S DISCUSSION

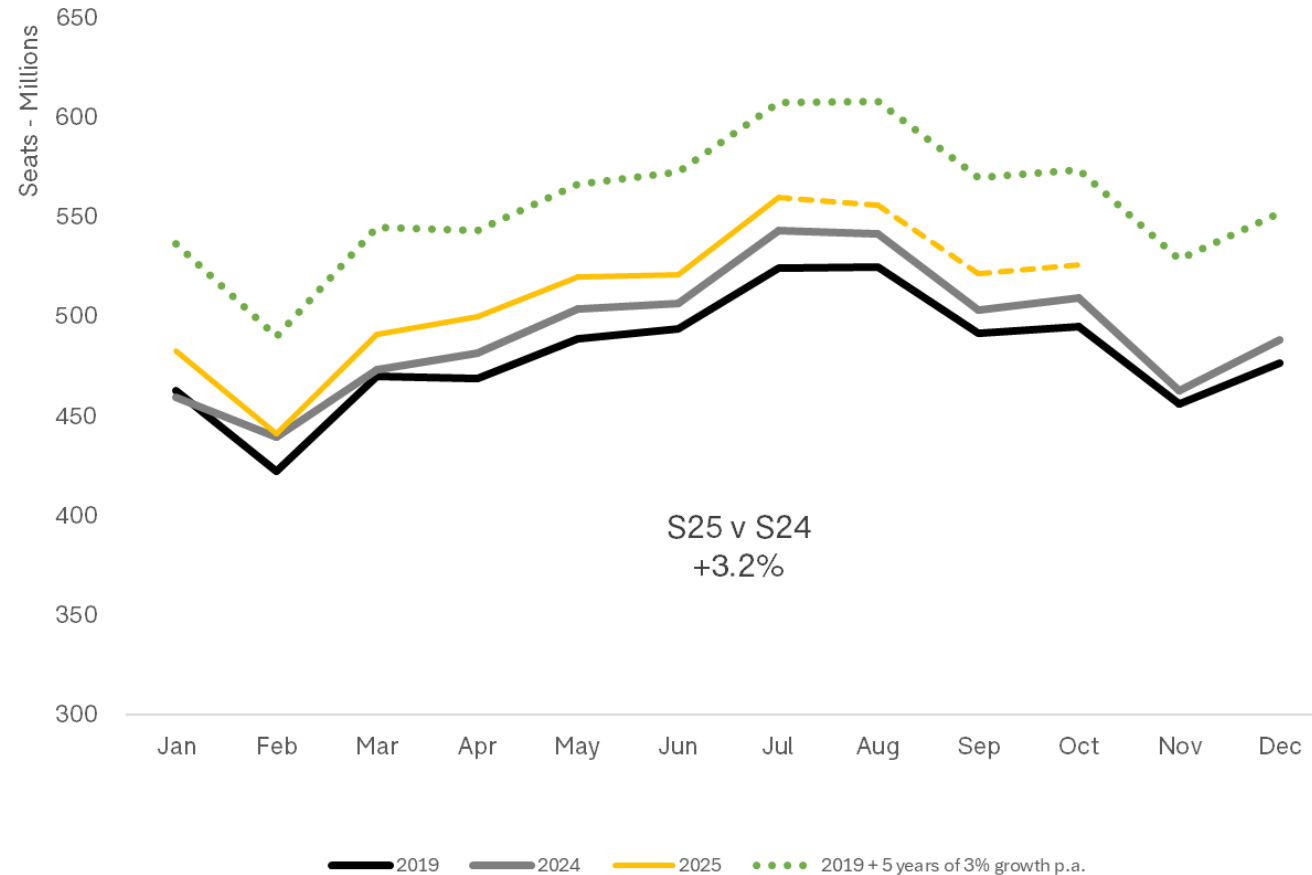
Join us as we take a look at tourism trends and consider the following:

- What impact, if any, might geopolitics and tariffs be having on tourism?
- Are tourism patterns changing? Where is everyone going this year
- With a flurry of new 2030 tourism targets being announced this year, where will we all be going in the next 5 years?

We'll be taking questions as we go. Please use the chat function to ask your questions



# GLOBAL GROWTH TRENDS

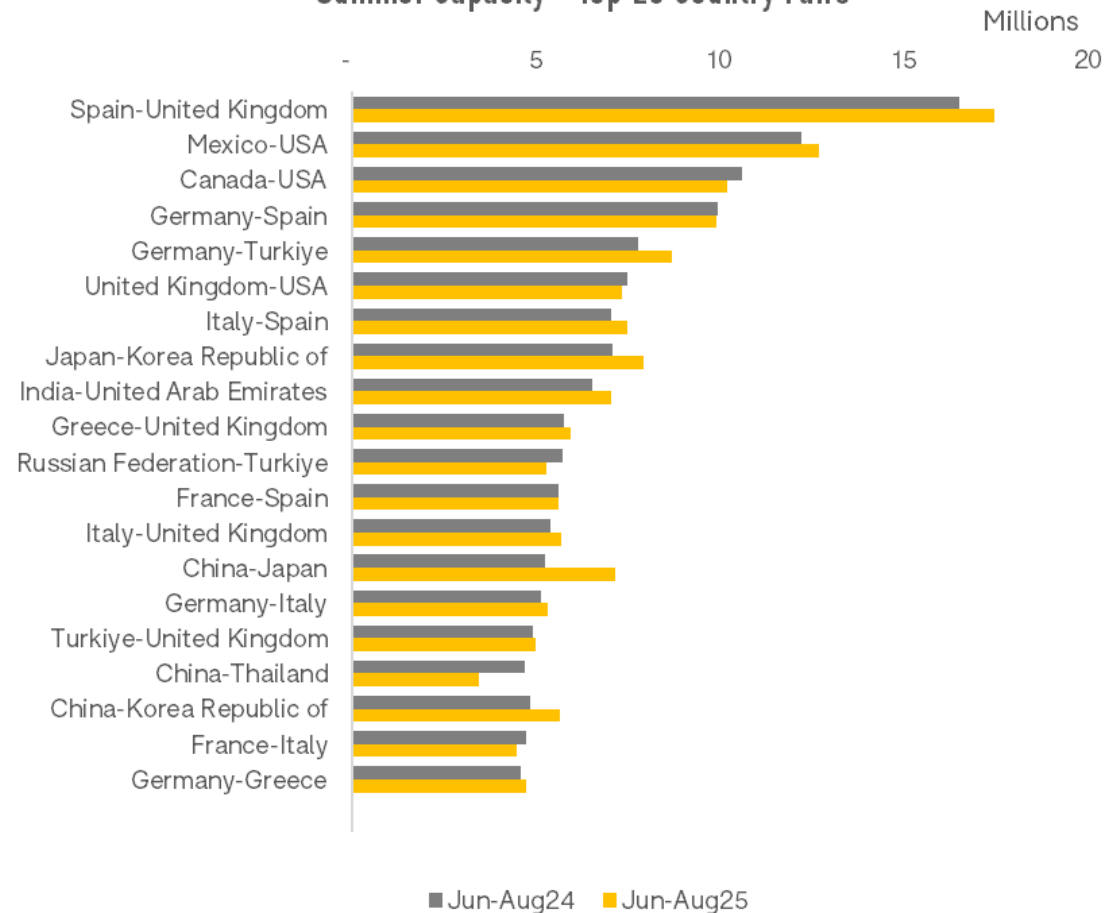


- Capacity for this summer is expected to be 3.2% ahead of 2024, a little slower than we expected last month.
- For the year to date so far (Jan-Jun25), capacity is 3.2% ahead of the same months in 2024.

# GLOBAL GROWTH TRENDS – TOP 20 COUNTRY PAIRS

	Jun-Aug24	Jun-Aug25	Change
Spain-United Kingdom	16,496,619	17,456,842	6%
Mexico-USA	12,214,589	12,672,382	4%
Canada-USA	10,599,626	10,209,763	-4%
Germany-Spain	9,950,914	9,897,386	-1%
Germany-Turkiye	7,771,199	8,680,416	12%
United Kingdom-USA	7,475,125	7,344,911	-2%
Italy-Spain	7,057,005	7,468,477	6%
Japan-Korea Republic of	7,080,057	7,926,827	12%
India-United Arab Emirates	6,544,799	7,042,636	8%
Greece-United Kingdom	5,754,497	5,957,958	4%
Russian Federation-Turkiye	5,746,848	5,293,801	-8%
France-Spain	5,622,730	5,627,604	0%
Italy-United Kingdom	5,407,676	5,700,009	5%
China-Japan	5,269,223	7,168,822	36%
Germany-Italy	5,144,707	5,322,138	3%
Turkiye-United Kingdom	4,930,511	4,983,103	1%
China-Thailand	4,685,801	3,474,039	-26%
China-Korea Republic of	4,859,855	5,660,134	16%
France-Italy	4,747,680	4,486,236	-6%
Germany-Greece	4,605,904	4,726,740	3%

Summer Capacity - Top 20 Country Pairs



# GEOPOLITICS AND AVIATION – TURBULENT TIMES

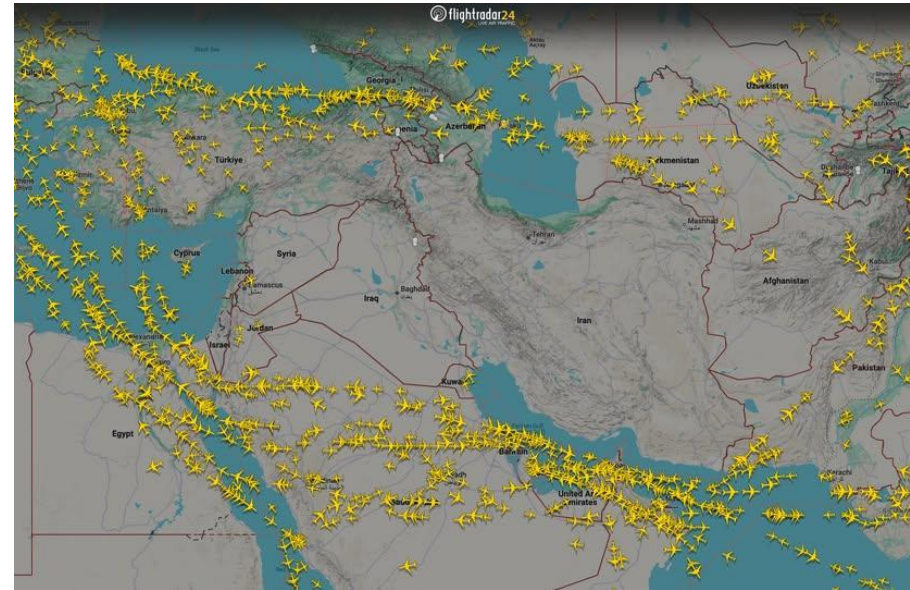
- In the last two months alone the industry has been impacted by a number of geopolitical events including
  - Ongoing Russian – Ukraine war
  - Ongoing conflict in Gaza
  - India – Pakistan conflict
  - Escalating tensions between Israel & Iran resulting in the closer of airspace in a number of neighbouring countries.
- Whilst the industry navigates unpredictable events such as short notice airspace closures, and makes decisions about whether to fly to areas where conflict may escalate, what is the lasting impact on consumer sentiment and decisions to fly?





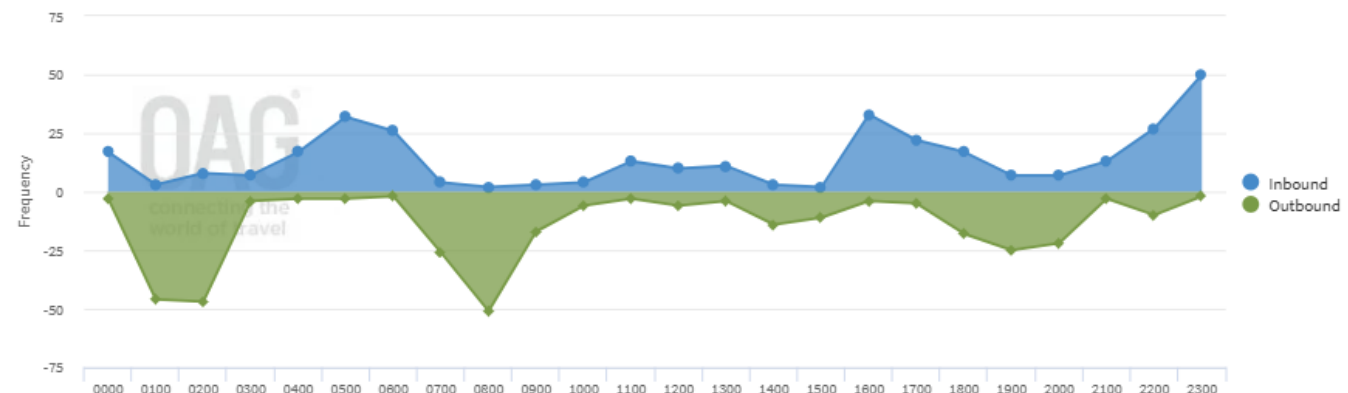
# AIRSPACE CLOSURES IMPACT MIDDLE EAST HUBS

- Overflight and airspace around the Middle East region is being impacted currently due to the escalation of the Israel/Iran conflict
- Carriers are adjusting flight routes and some are suspending flights to and from the region.
- On Monday this week, both Qatar and the UAE had to close airspace for a number of hours as Iran carried out retaliatory strikes on a US air base in Qatar.
- On Monday, DOH had 672 planned flights scheduled, and approximately a third of these were disrupted with an 8 hour closure. That disruption will also take 2-3 days to resolve from a crew and aircraft perspective



Source: Flightradar24 Image from 01:45 UTC 22 June.

Doha (QA) (DOH) - Hub Hour by Frequency



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# TARIFF IMPACTS... LATEST US VISITOR STATISTICS

**Table B: (Preliminary)\***

Top Twenty Overseas Tourist-Generating Countries  
May 2025 and Year-to-Date

Country of Residence	May 2025			Country of Residence	Year-to-Date 2025	
	Number of Arrivals	% Change from 2024	Rank		Number of Arrivals	% Change from 2024
United Kingdom	364,071	2.4%	1	United Kingdom	1,567,307	2.7%
India	263,108	(0.0%)	2	India	880,688	(0.2%)
Brazil	159,149	(3.7%)	3	Brazil	788,692	3.4%
Germany	154,171	(18.7%)	4	Japan	714,051	3.5%
Japan	138,389	3.7%	5	Germany	678,015	(10.1%)
China, PRC	131,528	(2.2%)	6	China, PRC	636,616	4.9%
France	130,157	(8.8%)	7	France	632,866	(8.4%)
South Korea	129,729	(11.1%)	8	South Korea	621,299	(11.3%)
Australia	91,191	0.7%	9	Italy	419,848	9.9%
Colombia	86,043	(3.9%)	10	Australia	382,421	(0.0%)
Italy	80,197	10.0%	11	Colombia	359,575	(3.2%)
Argentina	68,945	20.7%	12	Argentina	338,748	24.6%
Spain	65,148	3.6%	13	Spain	325,502	2.2%
Netherlands	52,049	(11.6%)	14	Netherlands	231,375	(4.3%)
Dominican Republic	43,392	2.8%	15	Ireland	194,804	(0.6%)
Ecuador	42,581	(9.2%)	16	Dominican Republic	172,838	(1.8%)
Ireland	39,683	1.2%	17	Israel	170,464	16.8%
Israel	37,118	4.3%	18	Ecuador	165,946	(16.6%)
Taiwan	36,815	6.1%	19	Taiwan	161,108	9.6%
Peru	35,679	3.4%	20	Chile	149,112	(10.3%)
<b>Total Top 20 Overseas Countries</b>	<b>2,149,143</b>	<b>(2.1%)</b>		<b>Total Top 20 Overseas Countries</b>	<b>9,591,275</b>	<b>(0.2%)</b>

\* Preliminary (no Canada, no Mexico land arrivals)

Source: <https://www.trade.gov/i-94-arrivals-program?anchor=content-node-t14-field-lp-region-2-1>



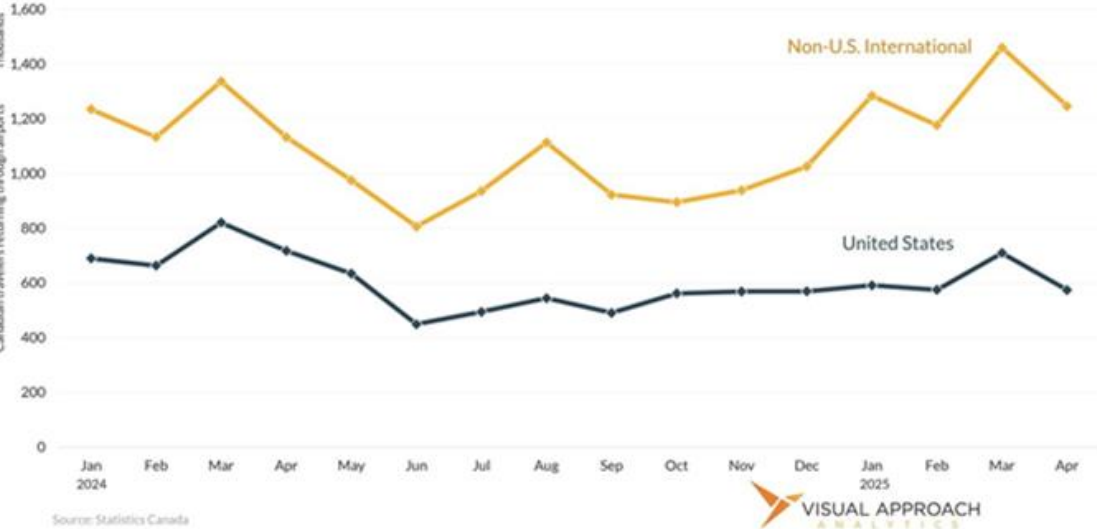
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- Latest US visitor statistics (preliminary results for May 2025) show a fall in arrivals from the Top 20 countries, with big reductions from Germany, France, the Netherlands, South Korea and Ecuador.
- This time last year (May 2024) year on year growth for the top 20 visitor markets was + 12.4%, with strong growth from all of the above countries.
- Year to date position shows that 11 of the Top 20 markets are flat or contracting



# TARIFF IMPACTS – VISIBLE CHANGES?

**Canadian travelers are shifting to other international destinations**  
(Canadian residents returning by air from U.S. vs other international destinations)



- WTTC reports that the US economy could face a hit of \$12.5bn in lost tourism revenues this year – may be overstated
- Tourism Economics have scaled back their forecast of foreign visitors from 79 million down to 66 million
- A recent Skift survey found a significant drop in travel intent to the US



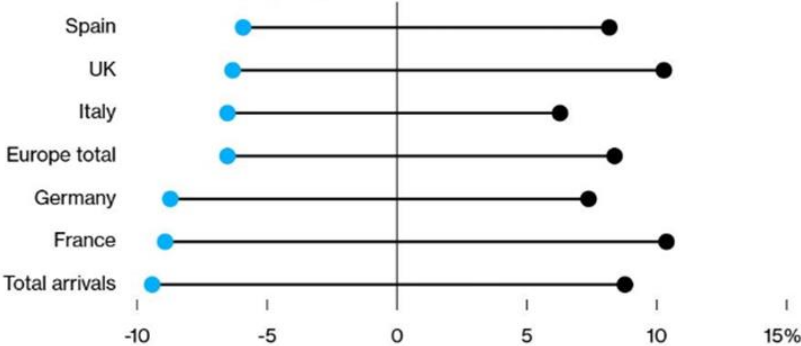
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## Bleak Outlook

Tourism Economics lowers its forecast for 2025 inbound travel to the US

● December 2024 forecast ● April 2025



Source: Tourism Economics  
Note: Forecast for inbound visitors to US for 2025

## Canada, Germany, and the UK Show the Sharpest Drop in Travel Intent to the U.S.

Share of Respondents Less Likely to Visit the U.S. in the Next 12 Months Due to Trump's Presidency, by Country

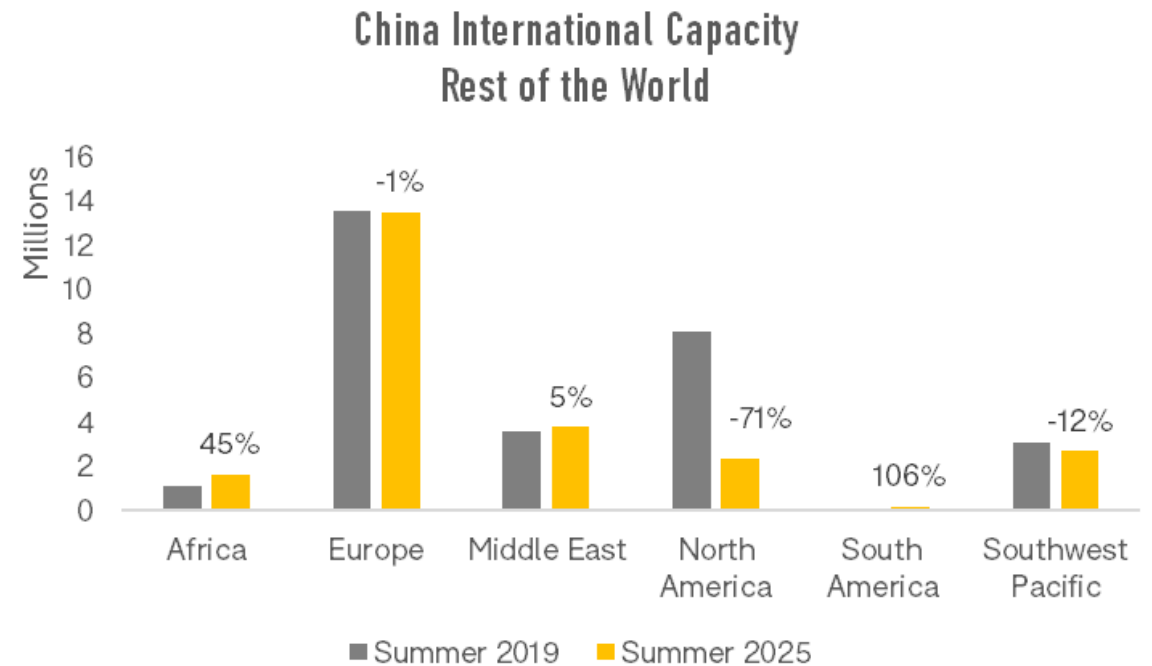
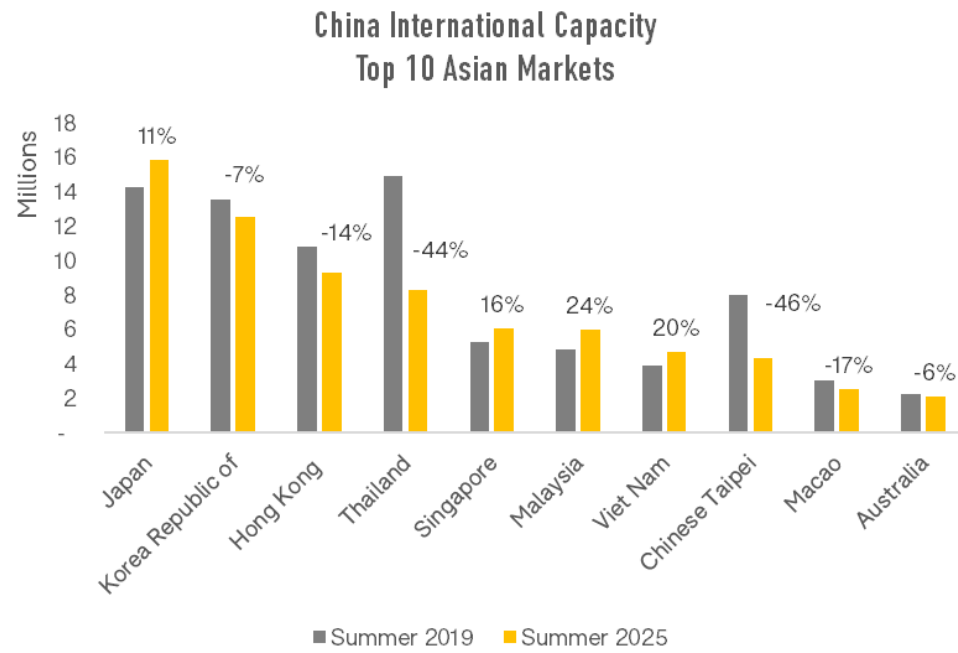


Has Donald Trump's presidency made you more or less likely to visit the U.S. in the next 12 months?  
Source: How Trump and U.S. Politics Are Shaping Inbound Tourism Sentiment in 2025; Canada n = 250; Germany n = 243; India n = 252; Mexico n = 250; UK n = 250. Data as of April 2025.

Source: Skift

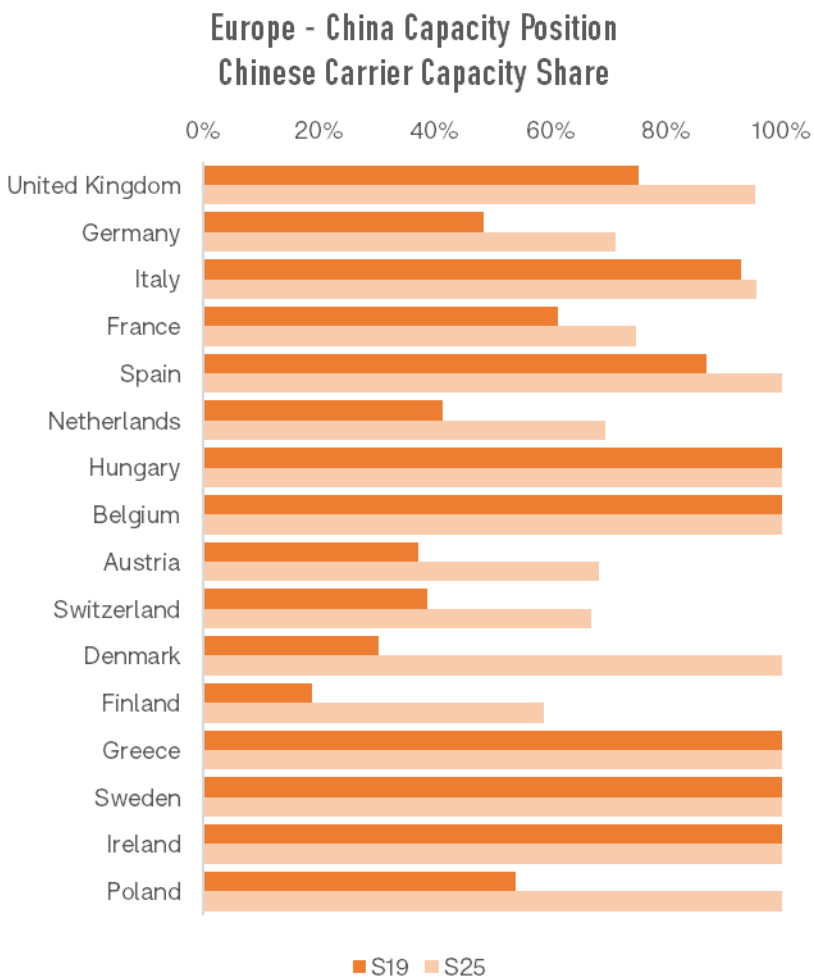
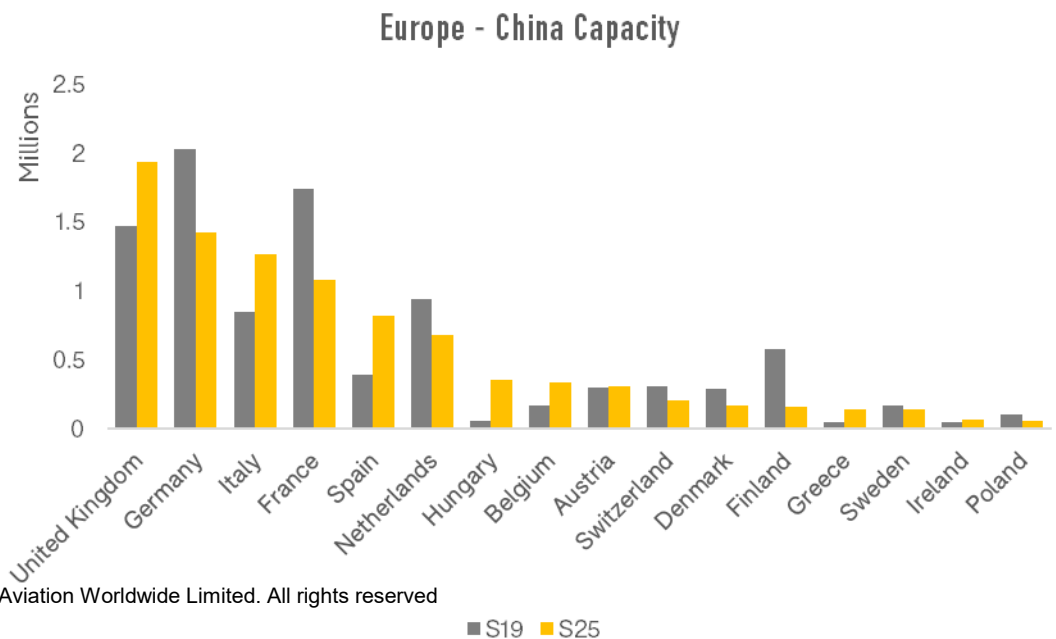
# CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL CAPACITY STILL LAGGING 2019

- China's international capacity remains 15% below 2019, with some significant variations across key markets. Within Asia, Thailand, previously China's largest international market in capacity terms is almost half the size it was in 2019. The only markets showing growth of the Top 10 largest destinations in Asia are Japan, Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam.
- Further afield, China- US capacity has been badly impacted by the ongoing tariff war- down by 71%.



# ALTHOUGH CHINESE CARRIERS DOMINATE IN SOME MARKETS

- In Summer 2025, Chinese carriers will operate 83% of capacity between China and Europe, compared to 55% of capacity in Summer 2019. Overall total capacity is slightly down by 1%, but the distribution of capacity has changed with growth into the UK, Italy and some smaller markets.
- For some markets – the UK and Italy over 95% of capacity is operated by Chinese carriers
- For many more – Spain, Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Sweden, Ireland and Poland for example – the market is entirely served by Chinese carriers, reflecting the current imbalance in demand



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# GLOBAL TOURISM IN 2025 – A SNAPSHOT

## Global Trends

- UNWTO: International arrivals projected to reach 1.5 billion in 2025
- Asia-Pacific and Middle East leading recovery (10–15% YoY growth)
- Europe sees stabilization, but slower growth
- Shift toward second-tier cities and “off-the-beaten-path” destinations
- Rise in sustainable travel, experience-based tourism

## Top Growth Regions in 2025:

**Asia-Pacific:** Surging outbound Chinese, Indian, and ASEAN travellers

**Middle East:** Strong inbound recovery, new luxury hubs (e.g., Saudi Arabia’s NEOM)

**Africa:** Emerging as a new eco-tourism and adventure destination

## Key Destinations in 2025\*

Top Destinations - World
1. <a href="#">London</a> , U.K.
2. <a href="#">Bali</a> , Indonesia
3. <a href="#">Dubai</a> , U.A.E.
4. <a href="#">Sicily</a> , Italy
5. <a href="#">Paris</a> , France
6. <a href="#">Rome</a> , Italy
7. <a href="#">Hanoi</a> , Vietnam
8. <a href="#">Marrakech</a> , Morocco
9. <a href="#">Crete</a> , Greece
10. <a href="#">Bangkok</a> , Thailand

\*According to Tripadvisor



# RISE OF THE AMBITIOUS TOURISM TARGETS

- With 5 years to go until the end of the decade, a flurry of new 2030 tourism targets have been announced this year
- Morocco 26m by 2030 (17m currently)
- Egypt 30m by 2030 (15.7m currently)
- Japan 60m inbound by 2030 (37m currently)
- UAE 50 m by 2031 (from 28m currently)
- South Africa 15m 2030 (9m currently)
- Saudi Arabia Vision 2030 150m total (100m currently)





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