Post-Lockdown

# TRAVEL PREFERENCES





"The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Travel, Tourism & Hospitality Industry has changed the way Travel & Hospitality businesses have to function and manage their operations. We are looking at a tectonic shift in consumer behavior pattern and the way of travelling. The future of Travel, Tourism & Hospitality will be completely different with new set of rules laying more emphasis on Social Distancing, Safety, Health & Hygiene.

Through this consumer survey we have been able to identify a Travellers preferences & demands during this New Normal. Iam sure this survey will help the Policy makers & the Industry to innovate and re shape their strategies and help to Jump start the Travel & Tourism & Hospitality Sector."

Mr. Dilip Chenoy - Secretary General, FICCI







#### About the Survey

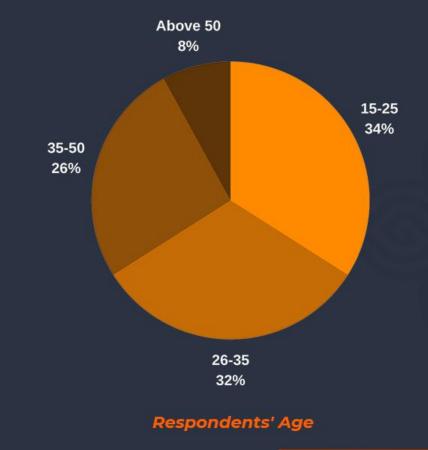
The survey was conducted In October 2020 to understand the post-lockdown preferences of travellers. This included their preferred accommodations, mode of travel, time for the first post pandemic trip, etc.

The survey has been responded to and completed by 5000 participants on the internet.





# Respondents' Persona







#### Key Take Aways

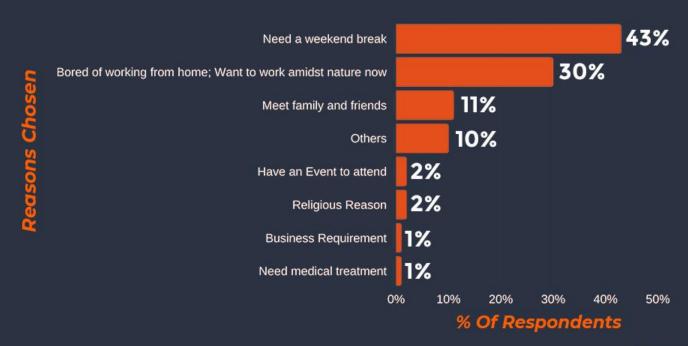
- 1. "Need a weekend break" came out to be the most popular reason for people to take the first trip post the pandemic.
- 2. More than 50% plan to travel in the next 2 months and 33% said in 2021, they would travel twice of what they did in 2020.
- 3. 75% said they will travel in their own closed group of friends or family.
- 4. 65% of respondents said they are comfortable travelling outside their states in flights or personal vehicles.
- 5. 40% of people are open to taking regular experiences and visiting monuments, parks and waterfalls.
- 6. 90% of respondents chose places away from crowds into the mountains, on the beaches, amidst nature, deep into jungles and smaller villages or towns.
- 7. Most respondents expressed little concern in travelling in flights and at airports.
- 8. Private and luxury accommodations are being preferred over shared ones.
- 9. 60% respondents said they were not really stressed about their safety while shopping or visiting monuments and parks.
- 10. 62% respondents expect the government to provide clear information, rules and also updates via a dedicated travel app.
- 11. 43% of respondents are ok to start travelling as soon as cases fall below 50k mark.





#### Reason For First Trip Post Pandemic

73% travellers are eager to take a weekend break or go for a workation amidst nature for their first post-pandemic trip.





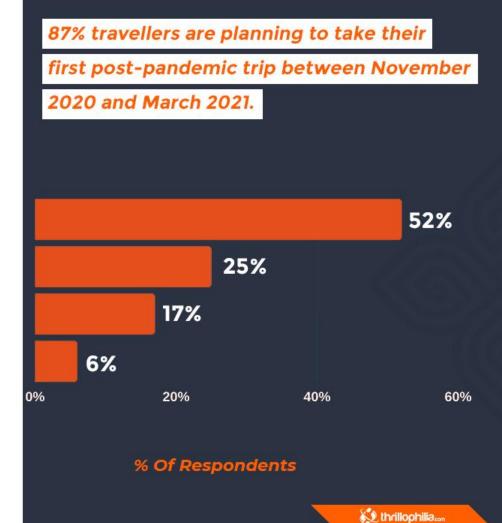


#### Preferred Time For The Trip

Nov - Dec 2020

Sep - Oct 2020

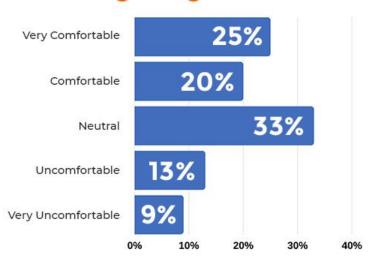
Apr - June 2021



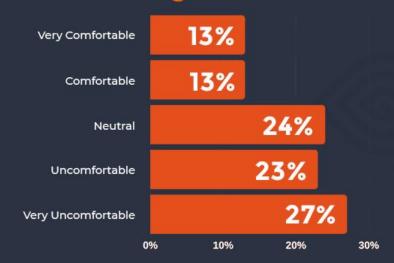


### Preferred Mode Of Transport

#### Taking A Flight:



#### Travelling In A Train:

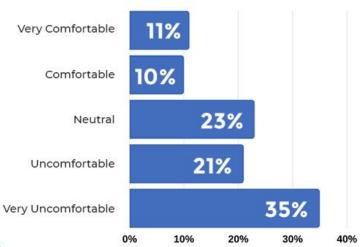






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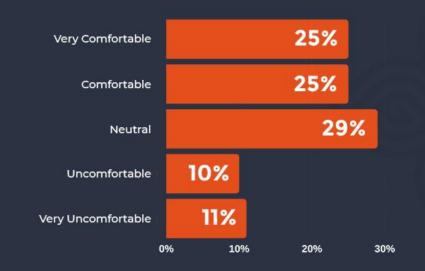
#### Travelling In A Bus:





comfortable taking flights or taxis

#### Travelling In A Taxi:

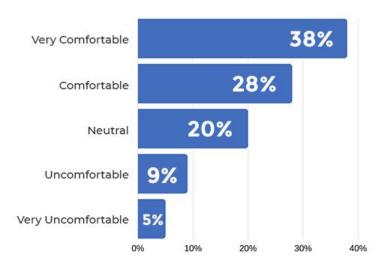




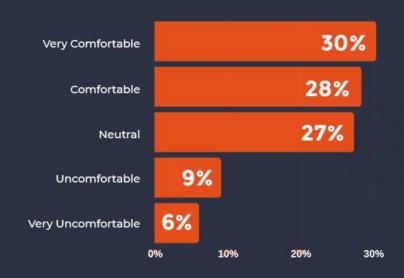


#### Preferred Activities

#### Staying At A Hotel



#### **Dining At A Restaurant**

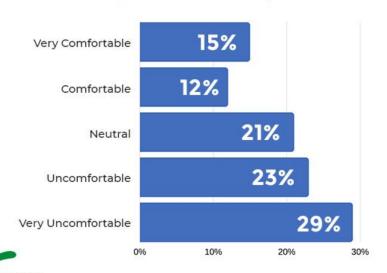








#### Attending A Concert Or A Sport Event

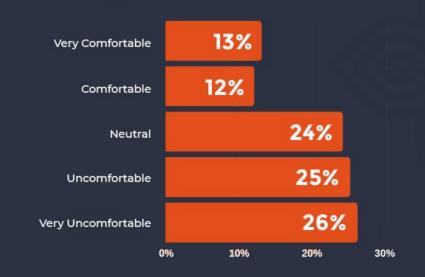


Around 60% of respondents said they are

comfortable at staying at a hotel or dining

at a restaurant

#### **Attending A Convention Or Trade Show**





#### The Changing Scenario Of Travel Industry

The preferred travel experiences and activities of travellers have changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Operators and agents have now shifted their focus on enhanced hygiene protocols, safety guidelines and outdoor activities that enable travellers to stay safe. It is only with this change, that the industry is able to slowly make a comeback.









#### Preferred Distance For The First Post-Pandemic Trip

65% of respondents said they are comfortable travelling outside of their states via flight or self driver or taxis







#### ❷Preferred Accommodation

Deluxe Category

Luxury Category

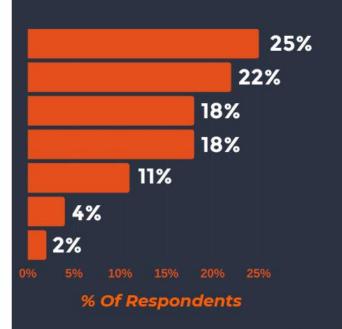
Boutique Villas - Entire unit to your group

Budget Category - 2 star or below

Shared Hostel

Others

Travellers are choosing private & luxury
accommodations like homestays, boutique
villas and luxury resorts which enable them
to stay safely away from the crowd.





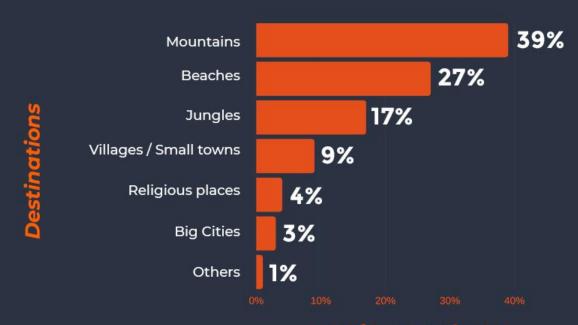




#### Preferred Destinations

90% of respondents chose places away from crowds into mountains,

beaches, villages or jungles for their first post pandemic trip









#### Preferred Travel Experiences

**Travel Experiences** 

Take Regular Local Experiences with safety precautions

Do Far from Crowd Adventure Activities, Water Sports, Mountain Hiking, Village Visits

Visit Regular Monuments and Waterfalls

Do Only Sightseeing In a private Vehicle

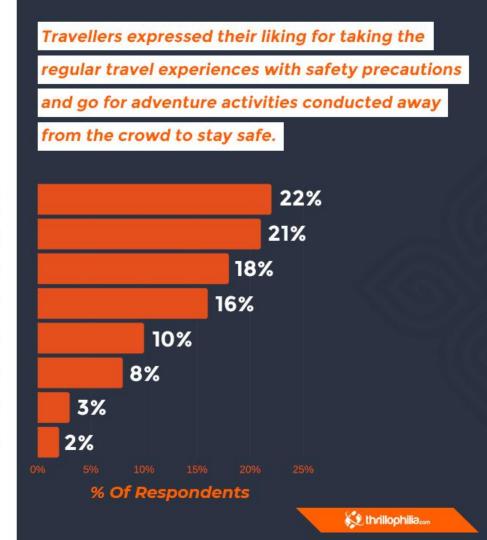
Take Ayurveda and Wellness Experiences

Restrict to the activities within the hotel permise

Do Religious Darshans

Others

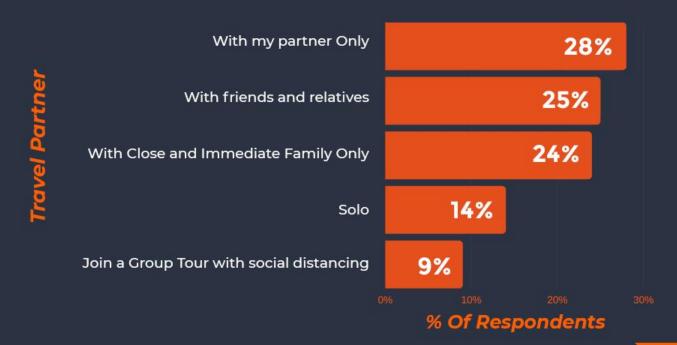






#### Preferred Travel Partners

77% of respondents said they will prefer travelling with their close group of family, friends or relatives





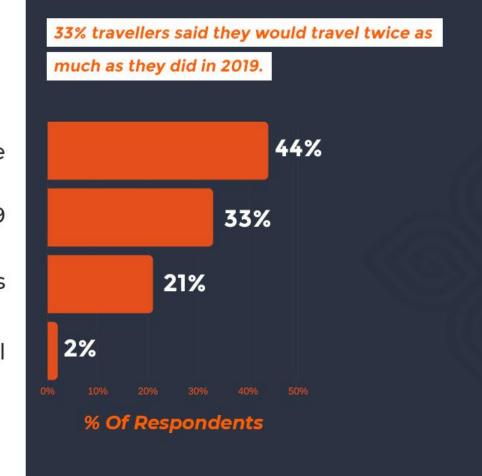


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Travel Twice as 2019

Less

Not Travel at All





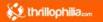


#### Mindful Travel On The Rise

Due to safety concerns, travellers are now preferring to travel to one destination and enjoy it to their fullest rather than rushing to cover several destinations in one trip. This has given rise and made everyone realize the importance of mindful travel.

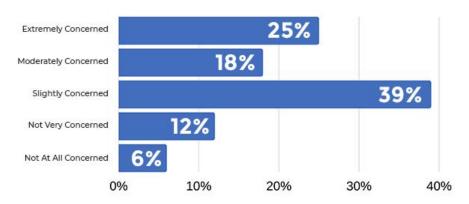




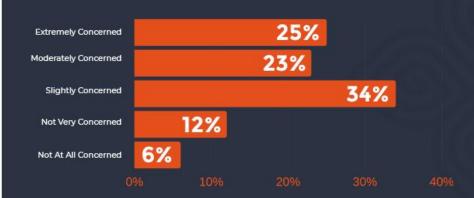


#### Safety Concerns Regarding Transport

#### **At Airports**



#### In Airplanes

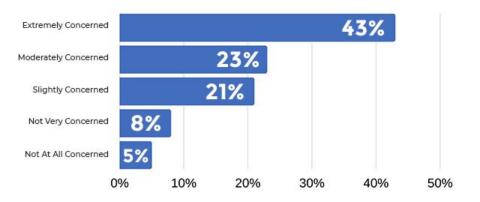






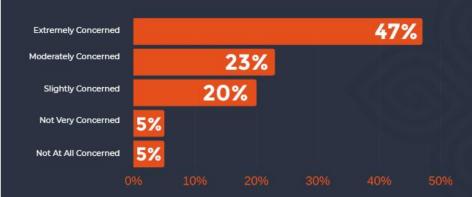
#### Safety Concerns Regarding Transport

#### In trains



Most of the respondents expressed very little concern in travelling in flights or being at the airports as compared to travelling in trains or buses

#### In Roadway Buses

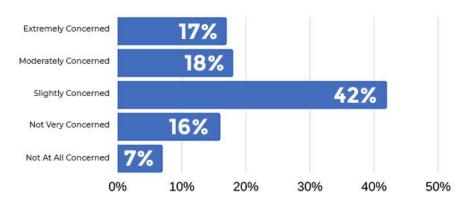






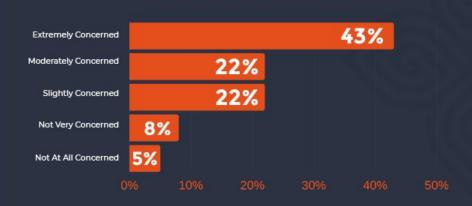
## Safety Concerns Regarding Travel Activities

#### **Eating At Restaurant**



A majority of travellers are only slightly concerned about their safety while eating at a restaurant but majorly concerned while eating in the streets.

#### **Eating In The Streets**

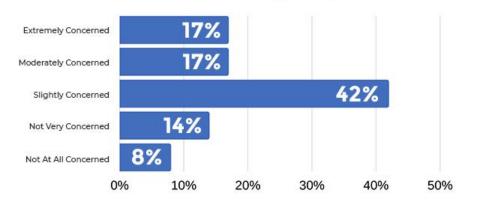






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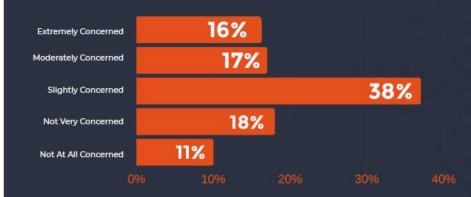
#### While Shopping



Over 60% travellers said they were barely stressed about their safety while shopping,

visiting monuments, attractions and parks.

#### Visiting Attractions, Monuments & Parks









#### Expectations From The State Government

62% travellers expect the government to provide clear information, specify

rules & updates on a website or a dedicated travel app.





% Of Respondents



#### Recovery Of The Industry

As travel restrictions are being eased up across the country, travellers are now resuming their travel plans in the new normal. Various resorts, monuments and tourist attractions have also reopened for travellers with strict adherence to safety measures and guidelines.







## Resumption Of Travel Based On Number Of Cases

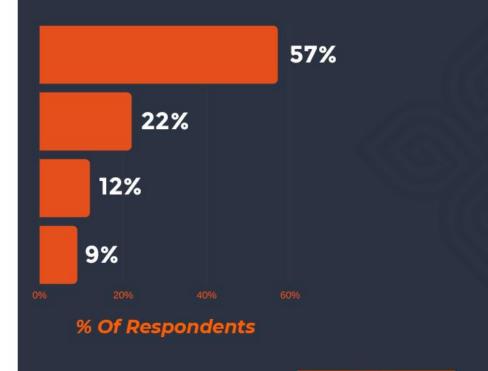
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30K-50K

50K-80K

80K-100K

43% travellers are okay to resume travelling as cases in the country drop somewhere around 50k

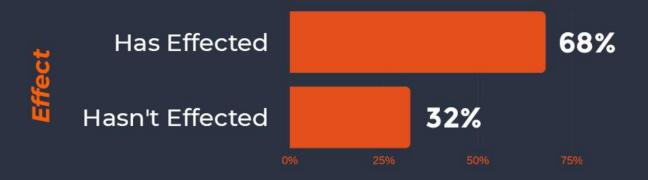


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#### Effects Of COVID-19 On Financial Ability To Travel

A vast majority of travellers have been effected financially by the COVID-19 pandemic which has effected their ability to travel.



% Of Respondents





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