

CHINESE FIT BUILDING VALUE

Operators Overview Workshop 2016







REGIONAL OPERATOR WOKSHOP OUTLINE

		THE PROGRAMME OUTLINE	:	
The FIT Opportunity	Some Fast Wins	Telling Your Story	Refining & Developing Your Offer	Building Connections
WHO Your target	VALUE Building	WHY Unique relevant story	WHAT Building Outstanding Experiences	Networking Driving Sharing
Where is the opportunity	Driving Sharing Being seen • Activating signage • QR Codes Product audit • Group thinking • Welcomes • Branding	The emotional connection	Zero distance immersion Layering and personalisation Something for a group	Digital & Online Being Seen
Targeting Plan	Fast Plan	Story Action Plan	Product Development Plan	Digital & Communication Plan



WHERE ARE WE AT?



CHINESE FIT: WHERE ARE YOU ON THE JOURNEY?

Where are you at? - Chinese FIT development





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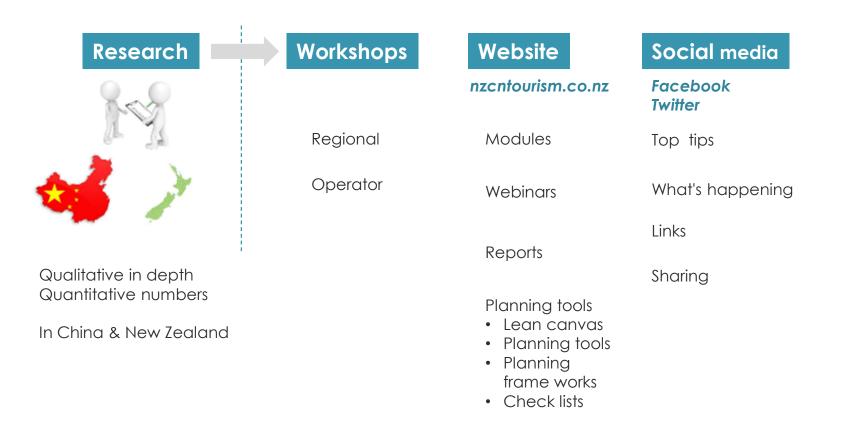
THE PROGRAMME OUTLINE



THE PROGRAMME

Build value in the New Zealand visitor sector

to and from each Chinese visitor to New Zealand





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- Resources on the website
- Chinese FIT Qualitative Report
- Chinese Food Insights Report
- Golf Research Report
- Top Tips Year of the Monkey
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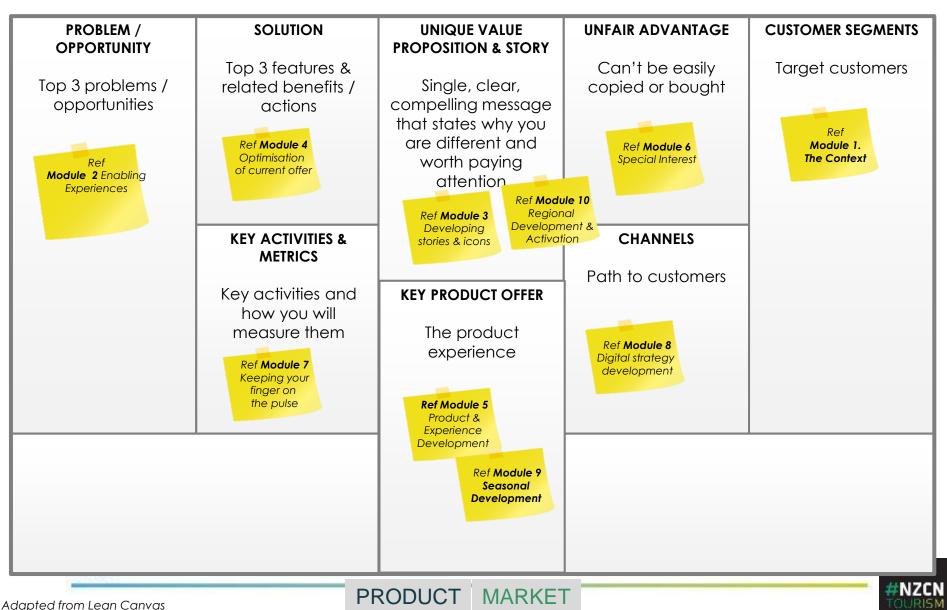
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NAVIGATION	CHINESE FIT AND THEIR NEEDS	DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONNECTION		
OF MODULES Ten modules focusing on diverse topics are being developed to share the findings for the Insights and Enablement Programme.	 Meeting cultural needs 1. The Context: Understanding needs and attitudes to better deliver value 2. Enabling experiences 	Opportunity for connectivity and building reputation 8. Digital Strategy Development Getting your message in front of the China FIT Digital planning and building Strategies for content dissemination Sharing – tools needed Other digital considerations – resourcing and management How to		
	 Developing stories and icon experiences Developing and delivering unique stories relevant to #NZCN Optimisation of current offer Product and experience development Building value Special interest Activating Chinese interest and delivering regionally Keeping a finger on the pulse Understanding how to optimise relevance and delivery Activating value DELIVERING RELEVANT PRODUCTS AND ACTIVATING VALUE 	Construction 9. Seasonal development and activation 10. Regional development and activation Targeting Sector enablers Enabling growth and development opportunities GEARING UP THE SECTOR FOR VALUE MAXIMISATION		

BUILDING A PLAN ON A PAGE AN END TO END APPROACH

My Canvas:





THE CHINESE FIT OPPORTUNITY



WHY is the Chinese Traveller market important?

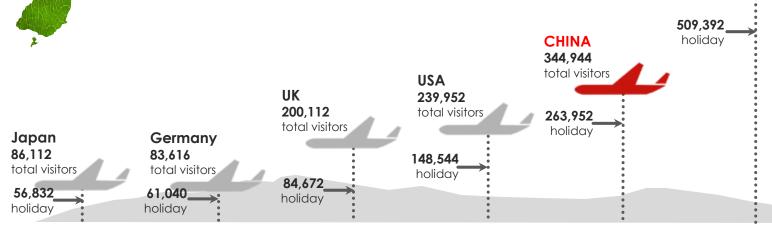


CHINESE TRAVELLERS REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY

Chinese travellers are the **second largest** visitor market to New Zealand.



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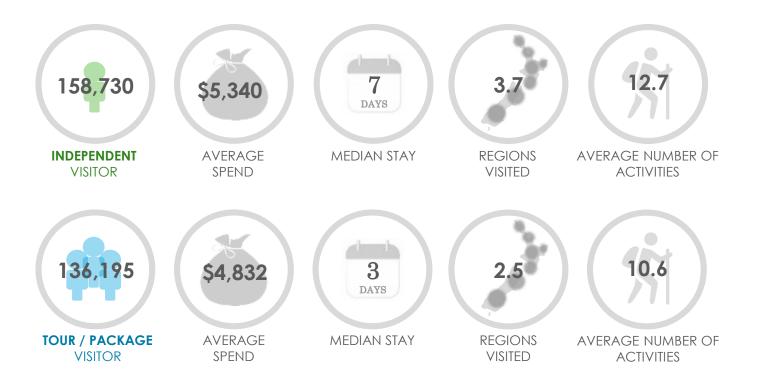


Source: Statistics New Zealand – International Travel & Migration: YE Nov 2015



CHINESE FIT REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY

Chinese travellers are rapidly changing their travel patterns, The Independent visitors are staying longer, visiting more regions and taking on more activities.





Source: Statistics New Zealand – International Visitor Survey: YE Jun 2015

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It is only at the beginning for this high value market



CHINESE TRAVELLERS WILL CONTINUE TO DRIVE SIGNIFICANT FUTURE GROWTH



Source: China National Tourism Administration – 2015

CHINESE INTERNATIONAL OUTBOUND TRAVELLERS

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CHINESE FIT ARE COMING BACK

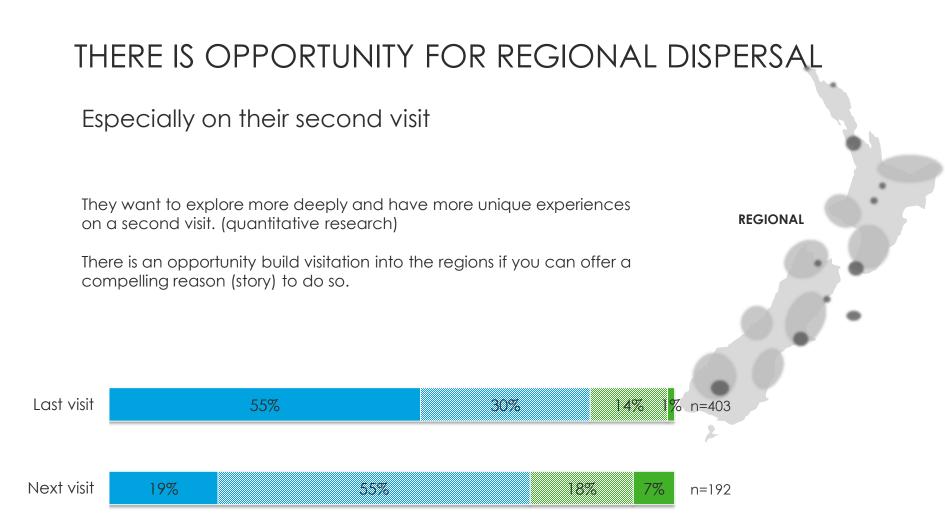
Our experience is delivering very well

Around 65% of Chinese FIT are considering another holiday in New Zealand Around 25% sampled had been before to New Zealand more than once

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- Mainly "popular must do destinations"
- Some "popular must do destinations" and some less well known places
- Mainly travelled less well known places
- Choose a smaller area and explored in-depth

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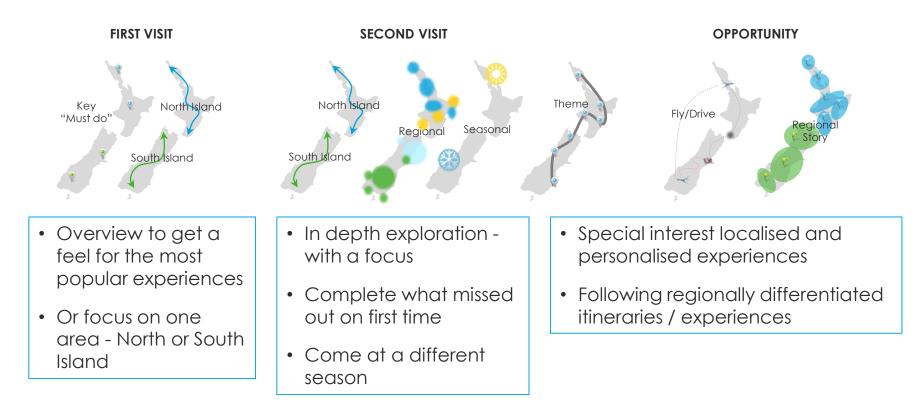
FORWARD Insight & Strategy | Chinese FIT Quantitative Research February 2016



REGIONAL VISITATION

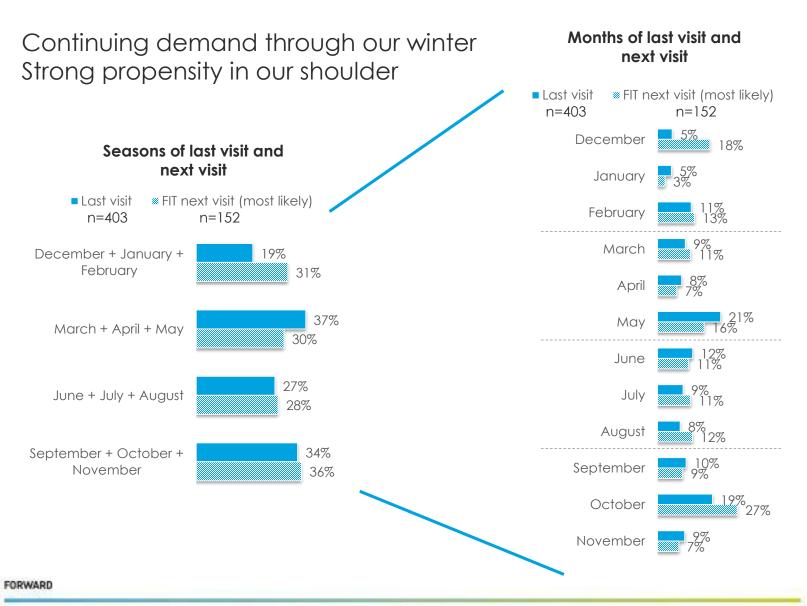
Travel planning is very different on the first and subsequent trips.

2nd + trip: need = In depth, special interest, exploration, discovery time to explore and experience.





THERE IS 12 MONTH DEMAND



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Who is coming?



SOPHISTICATED, EXPERIENCED, CONFIDENT TRAVELLERS











Chinese - The FIT Active Considerer

- Travel is an extremely important part of life. Planning, experiencing, sharing
- They have had many different and varied travel experiences
- Confident to plan and book independently all aspects of the trip on line
- Increasingly time rich and will spend within a (generous) budget
 - Look for and appreciate deals from airfares, to add on experiences
- Travel companions and fellow-planners are important planning, others reviews, travelling with others, sharing, connecting
- Live their lives online and through social media mostly via smartphones







HOLLYWOOD









CHINESE FIT OFTEN TRAVEL TOGETHER BEING TOGETHER AND SHARING IS KEY – IT'S AN ETHOS









A group can be anywhere between 4 to 20





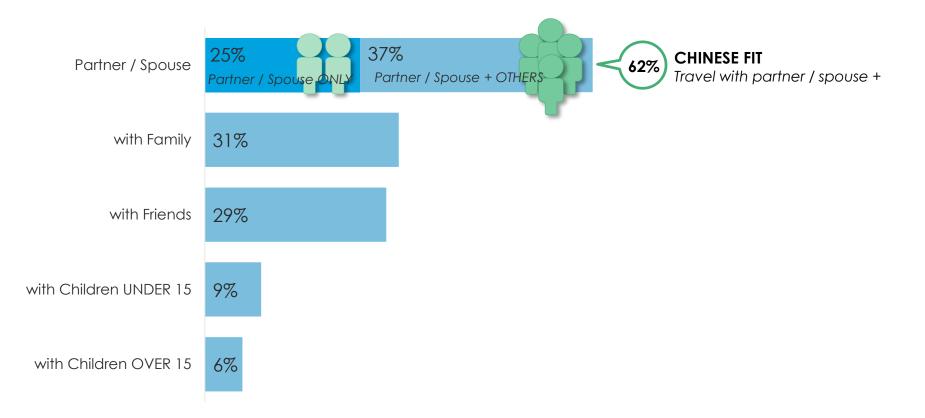
Can you deal with last minute bookings for a group, Can you process groups quickly Is there layered experience for different members of the group Is there a contingency plan if someone is not happy How can you keep groups together

FORWARD Can some members watch - is there somewhere for them to wait and be engaged



WHO ARE THEY TRAVELLING WITH?

- 62% of Chinese FIT holiday arrivals travel with partner / spouse
- Many Chinese FIT are travelling with others



Adults travelling with partners and friends is the main current visitor base While families with children under 12 are less frequent, they may be of interest to some operators FORWARD

Source: Tourism New Zealand | International Visitors Survey December 2015

FAMILIES

Currently families with children make up 15%

Source IVS year end Dec 2015

– (9% with children under 15, 6% with children older than 15)

There are many experiences in New Zealand that work very well for Chinese families who are especially interested in our winter season

- Safe adventure enabling children to challenge themselves and make decisions
- Everything close variety and contrasts within a short distance and for short durations
- Relaxed time together easy

While this group is relatively small, Chinese families offer a potential opportunity for businesses that can deliver well to families





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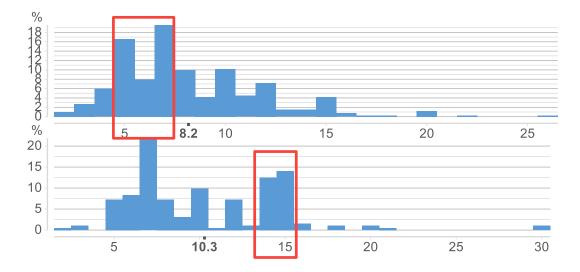
CHINESE FIT ARE PLANNING TO STAY LONGER NEXT TIME

Second time visitors are a key target for regions.

They will also revisit if they like it or missed out first time

Longer stay visitors have more time for serendipity and immersion, they can go to more places and are also interested in less main stream experiences

There are opportunities to communicate to current Chinese visitors for their next trip



Last visit

Average: 8.2 days Most only stayed 5-7 days n=403

Next visit

Average: 10.3 days About 30% are considering 2 weeks n=192



CHINESE FIT – WHAT THEY NEED TO KNOW

Regionally:

- WHY What there is to do
- How to get around
- Will people be **welcoming**
- What are our seasons like
- Is it safe

What do ACs want to know more about before choosing New Zealand?	Dreaming	Planning	Booking
1 How safe it is to participate in adventure activities?	39%	47%	39% 🔻
2 How safe is it from crime?	48%	52%	36%
3 The length of time required to fly to NZ	29%	33%	33%
4 How often does it rain?	36%	41%	30%
5 Will I be able to buy the type of food I like to eat?		28%	30%
6 How easy is it to travel around?	32%	31%	30%
7 Whether it gets too hot in summer?	33%	30%	29%
8 How long does it take to travel between the main attractions?	31%	31%	28%
9 Driving on the left hand side of the road			27% 🔶
10 What is the driving behaviour / etiquette of locals like?			27%
11 What is the length of time needed to experience NZ properly?	33%		
12 Whether there is a broad variety of things to see and do?	28%		
13 How welcoming are the locals to tourists from my country?	33%	33%	
Are the things to see and do unique, unlike anything I can do at home		28%	
= ranks higher with dreaming than with booking			Significantiy hi lower than oth segments at 9.
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The relative importance of Chinese FIT



WHY – What do Chinese FIT have to offer your business?









SOME FAST WINS Top Tips



Welcome

A smile is huge, and gets you on the right footing. A welcome is priceless The want to be accepted and must save face Encourage and reassure to break down reticence Create an invitation at every opportunity – "Give it a go"

Have a deal

Small deals acknowledge and show respect A saving for a large booking, a discount for 2 experiences, a free coffee... a free branded cap(not green)

Understand group needs and deliver

Something for everyone – even if they are waiting Make it equitable – if possible Enable flexibility and communicate this is available What is the option for those not participating

Watching can be as rewarding as participating

and the photo opportunity is equally important How can you add value here

The Chinese FIT are experienced and sophisticated travelers

They are used to great service and prefer 4 and 5 star accommodation But will accept a variety of offers – if they are informed. Managing expectations is important.

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You require and deserve to represent yourself with extraordinary imagery

They are and you need to The image is everything Be artistic and creative, reinforce your story Include your branding wherever possible

Encourage trade up

Develop a deal for multiple people – it only needs to be small Added purchase – buy 2 experiences + discount Make trade up offers and benefits clear Offer a personalised option if appropriate OR a free element (pick up, certificate, cap.....)



Explain the guidelines ... with respect

Build clarity of expectations People want to understand and follow the rules If it is important ensure it is translated

Warmth matters

Warm water Warm food A warm welcome

Make it challenging – but not difficult or strenuous

A story to tell with ease

Spend time with them and ask

What they liked What they didn't like What they would like more of What is important to them

Have a seasonal offer

Explain why it is important to come back – what can they do at different time of year Make the seasonal experiences differentiated if you can Link in with other operators if necessary



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New Zealand food experiences made easy

Build small sharing plates and platters into your menu Simple blackboard graphics of specials is attractive and informative Side walk blackboards QR code on the window

Have a "wet day" plan and option

There is often limited flexibility so make it work

- Raincoats, weather gear, hot drinks and umbrellas
- Alliances with other operators pass on experience
- Text alert still on, options

Have Union Pay card facility

Bedding

One and a half pillows





2 easy wins



A win that will add value to your business









STORYTELLING WHY







Share our treasure

WHY is this special Its all about.....

What is our regional story?

- the essence and at the heart of where we are

SHARE with your neighbor Write one core WHY word / statement







Evocative and Emotive in a way that shifts thinking and then behaviour

STORY TELLING AND STORY DOING

Stories make our Ordinary Extraordinary



" I want to do all those things... Every week my friend would tell me another story about what they did in New Zealand"

Our stories must start with the WHY





WHEN EXPLORING OPTIONS - 'STORY' IS CENTRAL

Often our Chinese visitors are telling our stories better than we are

- The 'must do' why this will deliver a great experience for me
- The story others tell what is it that they like, that is special
- What will I be able to say the story for me to tell and the story about me



- Improve our storytelling
- Encourage and enable our visitors to tell our story

what

Why visit? An icon of the Auckland landscape, Rangitoto Island has long been a favorite day trip and boating destination

RANGITOTO ISLAND

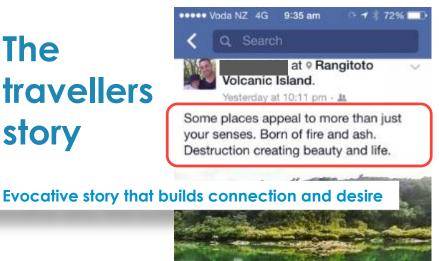
for Aucklanders and visitors alike.

Rangitoto Island sits majestically just off the Auckland coast, a short 25 minute cruise from downtown Auckland. Visible from Mission Bay to Cheltenham Beach.

The travellers story

why

Rangitoto, meaning sky with the colour of blood – is Auckland's youngest & largest volcano, rising from the sea only 600 years ago. The pristine home of the worlds largest pohutakawa forest, dramatic lava caves: a picturesque 25 min ferry cruise from down town Auckland









Alpine Lodge

WHY stories are images and words



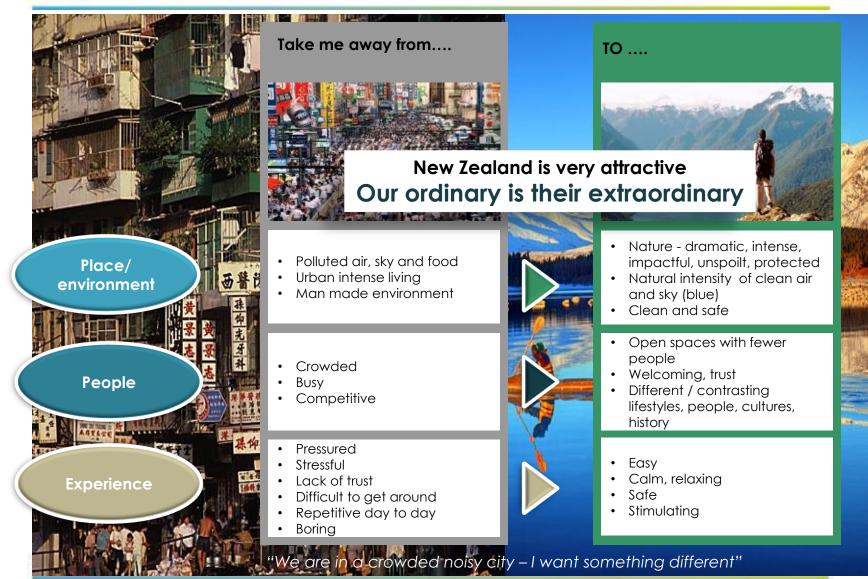






WHY NEW ZEALAND IS ATTRACTIVE TO THE CHINESE FIT VISITOR





STORY: OUR ORDINARY IS THEIR EXTRAORDINARY





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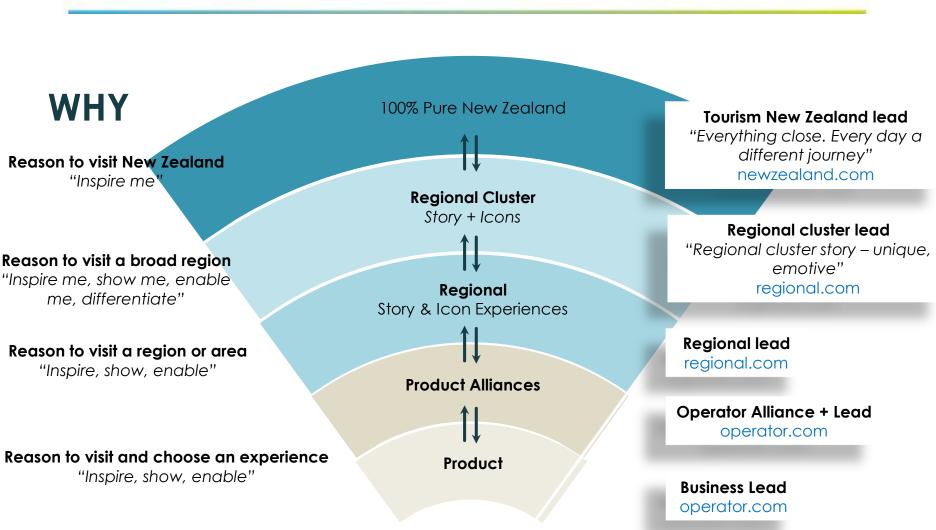
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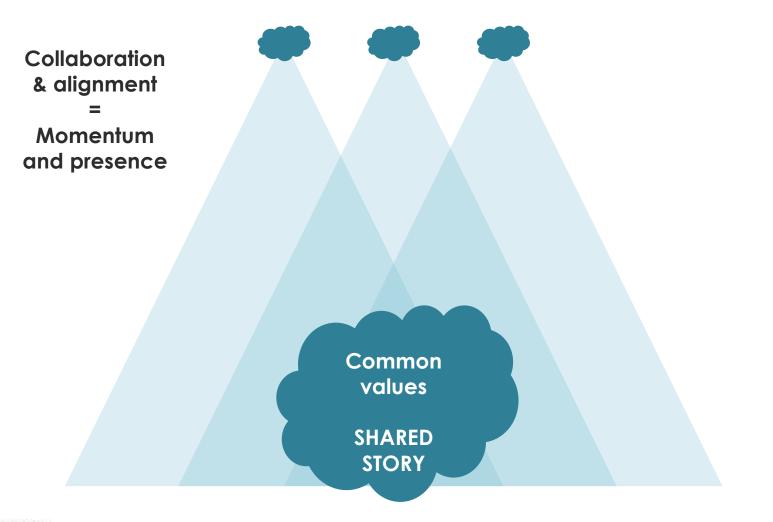
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OUR STORIES AND OFFERS BUILD ON EACH OTHER



THE POWER OF WORKING TOGETHER









FORWARD Ensure things to see and do are in close proximity. Consider how we enable & communicate this?

FOR CHINESE IT'S MORE THAN A STORY

A story is more than connection - it is integral to identity

Bragging rights

I am....

Interesting, adventurous, stylish, having fun, discerning, knowledgeable, bourgeoisie, worldly, real

'We travel not to escape life but for life not to escape us'



Telling our story



THE FORWARD STORY TEMPLATE

essence

why

The heart and soul of the matter emotional

Ask why 5 times To get to the heart of the matter

what

The unique and zero distance experiential

Describe the difference

how How to participate – easily functional Practical - Show the way



STORY: BUILDING FROM THE WHY



The ultimate New Zealand activity

Window to the universe



A triumph of imagination, architectural design and nature

WHY emotional Feeling	Achievement Embrace the fear Personal challenge	Discovery & awe. Immersion in the universe as few can, in one of the darkest, clearest and purest places on earth in the international dark sky reserve	Marvel and delight in the natural beauty of nature meeting design. Pure pleasure, unique experiences, an embracing welcome		
WHAT functional ThinkingSkydive over some of the most dramatic scenery in New Zealand – the Remarkables mountain range and Lake Wakatipu. One of the most beautiful places on earth		Experience the wonders of the universe with Earth & Sky. Learn astro star tracking photography See the moon and stars as only few can	Unique New Zealand accommodation, nested 30 feet (10metres) above the ground in the canopy of a native Manuka grove, each Tree House has spectacular views of Kaikoura's dramatic mountains and surf-washed Pacific coastline.		
HOW experience Doing	Tandem skydive With one of the top 11 places to skydive on the planet in 2016 FORBS	Mount John observatory with the University of Canterbury - Star gazing, observatory experiences not open to the public	Reserve a stay in one of the unique architecturally designed tree houses.		





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The heart and soul of the matter

Emotional Feeling



Special and unique connecting

- What is special?
- What is this about?
- What is at the essence and heart of the matter?
- This enables you to experience... To feel...
- This is special and compelling because...
- What is unique to the heart of this place, environment, experience?
- This is different because...
- In a nutshell this is about...

Ask why 5 times to get to the heart of the matter



STORY TELLING & STORY DOING



The story underpins everything we:

Do

Say

Show

Share

Deliver

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WHY: STORY DEVELOPMENT – THE FAST CHECKLIST

Your story - check you have mastered the Top 5 tips.

- 1. It gets to the heart and soul of the matter: You have asked WHY 5 times to get there
- 2. It's unique and special: Utilising adjectives
- 3. Its evocative: emotionally connecting and delivers a feeling
- 4. Focus on an experience that's immediately easy to understand.
- 5. Delivers a sense of Zero distance immersion feel it see it do it taste it touch it



STORY ACTION PLAN

Are we confident in our simple shared **WHY** stories?

The essence of our why story

Next steps in story telling – how do we take it to another level

SHARE





REFINING AND BUILDING YOUR OFFER

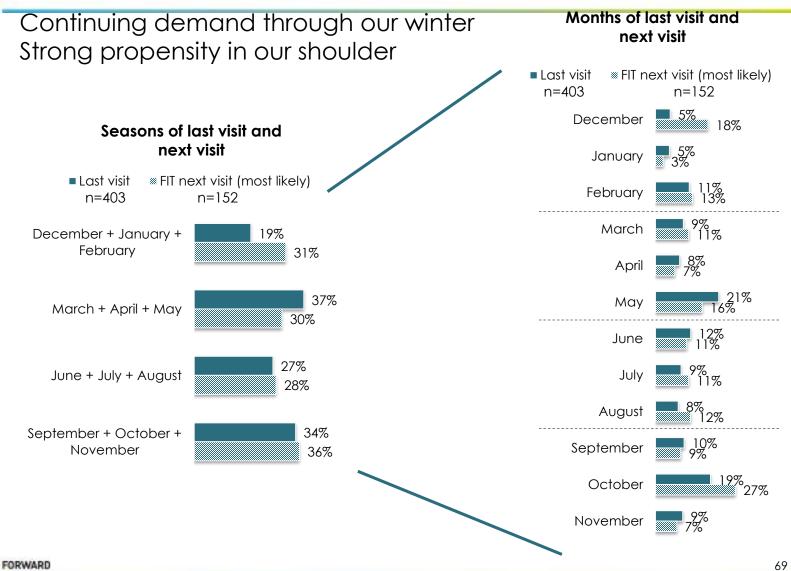


SEASONAL DEVELOPMENT

	THE CHINA NEED	D – Chinese FIT in CHINA	THE NEW ZEALAND OPPORTUNITY - for CHINA FIT in New Zealand to:				
	HOLIDAY TRIGGERS	ESCAPE FROM	REGIONAL	NATIONAL	IN	TEREST	
DEC – FEB			Enjoy temperate warm weather - Moving away from main tourist locations/crowds				
Winter	Chinese New Year (10 days) + Winter School Break (2 weeks) Combined = 1 month window of China FIT	Extreme Cold & Dark Days	 "Off the beaten track" – away from Chinese crowds Extend "must do" icon locations and activities – e.g. Taupo, and Top of the South, Kaikoura 	Warm, fresh, clear sky (compared with Europe)	 Adventure Sailing Flying Fishing Food Glamping Kayaking Trekking (day+) 	 Special interest – cycling, food 	
MAR – MAY			Independent t	ravellers – celebrate natural	beauty and sense of	freedom	
Spring	No National Holidays but a good time for Entrepreneurial / Self Employed to Travel outside of Chinese holidays Tier 2 Cities + GuangZhou FIT	Peak Travel Crowds	 Autumn beauty Photography Tranquillity Spectacular gardens 	 Settled weather – temperate Non Chinese experience – uncluttered, peaceful, relaxed Access it all – beach to mountain New Zealand at a relaxed pace 	 Hike/walk Camp/glamp Hot water beach Photography – light contrasts Food 		
JUN – AUG		A AN	Temperate co	ol beauty			
G Summer	School Holiday 1 June – 1 September (combined is an 8 week window of China FIT)	Soaring Heat, humidity & Pollution	 "Family" adventures and bonding fun Escape the heightened humidity heat and crowds Mountain, geo thermal, fiords, North Island temperate 	 Temperate cool season Outdoor freedom, peaceful, invigorating All year round activities Extended family experiences Good daylight 	 Hot pools/thermal Ski – play, learn, do Whale migration from Antarctica to the tropics Food 	• Snow, huskies, drive	
SEP – NOV		Mar Carrier (21)	Fresh rejuvenation – go where there are no crowds				
Autumn	National Day Holiday and Mid Autumn Festival (combined is about a 1 month window of China FIT)	Travel Crowds of other destinations	 Flowers / birds – (Manawatu/ Taranaki) Animals – (Kaikoura/ Marlborough) Photography Bird song (Wellington) North Island (Northland) 	 New growth Away from the "maddening crowds" – of Europe, Korea, South East Asia, North America) Immersion 	 Gardens Biking Golf Adventure Family Food 	68 FORWARD	

THERE IS 12 MONTH DEMAND





SEASONAL PRODUCT EXTENSION

Product

• **Promoting Winter, Spring, Autumn "only" experiences** that can not be done any other time can trigger "off season" travel e.g. whale migration, flowers/garden blooms, Southern lights, Bluff oyster season, summer produce harvest, scallops, seal pups at the waterfall, lambs and photography.

• Anchors of Understanding that help contextualise the seasons for Chinese FIT visitors are:

- Temperature ^OC
- Layers of clothing
- Sun rise and sun set times (photography and driving)
- Day and night
- Imagery in winter showing green grass (not just mountain snow), people outdoors
- Comparative photo collection GPS location.
- Chinese want to know what they can do and experience when they are thinking of coming what is good at that time:
 - Where is good to go
 - What is good to do
 - What is the experience like
 - What would be enjoyable.



Taupo Why Summer



Highlighting experiences at different times of the year enables clear understanding of what is available and great experiences. Currently, visitor generated itineraries are dong this well. There is an opportunity for this to be further generated from New Zealand to better steer understandings of options and build reputation.



NEW ZEALAND SHOULDER

Spring and Autumn in New Zealand's temperate climate is very attractive for the Chinese. The natural beauty that is only available at these times is appealing. The Chinese love color. It is an extraordinary and unusual world view. This is not seen much in China and they do not have a history of accessible rural gardens, or extensive city gardens with colorful leaves.





SEASONAL DEVELOPMENT

Do we have a seasonal plan STORYTELLING WHY WHAT HOW PLAN

The one thing that will make the biggest difference to seasonal growth

Next steps



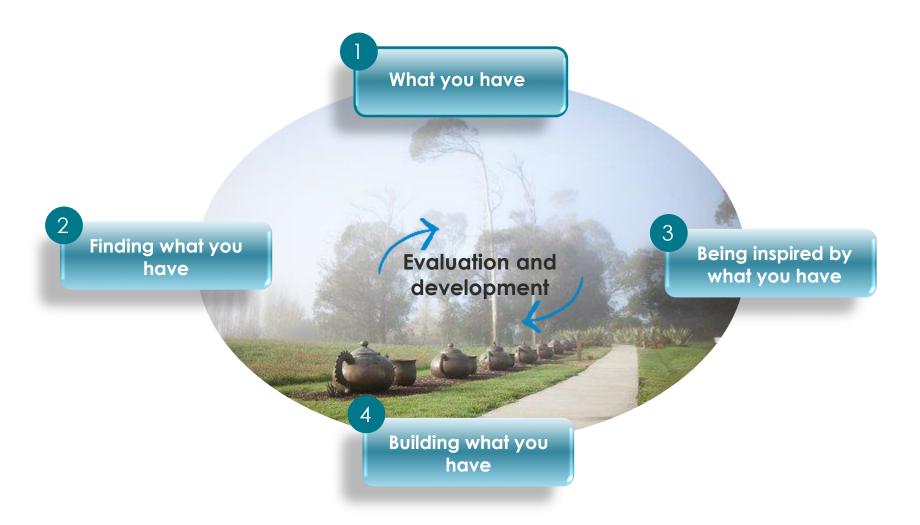




ENHANCING PRODUCT



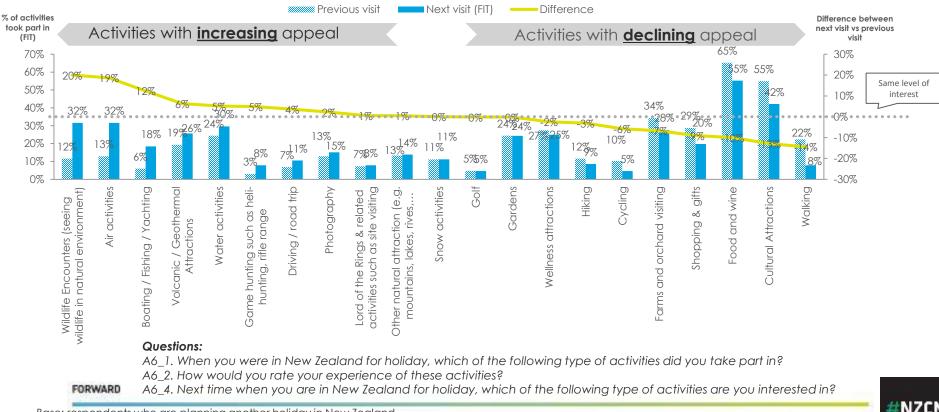
THE FOUR PRODUCT PILLARS





ACTIVITIES CHINESE ARE ENGAGING IN – Chinese FIT are finding out there are more activities to be experienced while in new zealand

- They want to experience <u>new</u> activities requiring more zero distance immersive participation than on their first trip to New Zealand.
- Walking, cycling and hiking are not really hitting the spot



Chinese FIT: What they plan to do next time

CHINESE FIT – THEIR EXPERIENCE KEY ACTIVITY: CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

- FIT respondents were most likely to include cultural attractions and experiences in their itineraries on their first visits to New Zealand, rather than in subsequent visits.
- Cultural and lifestyle experience s, such as farm stays, attracted the most interest when planning for subsequent visits.

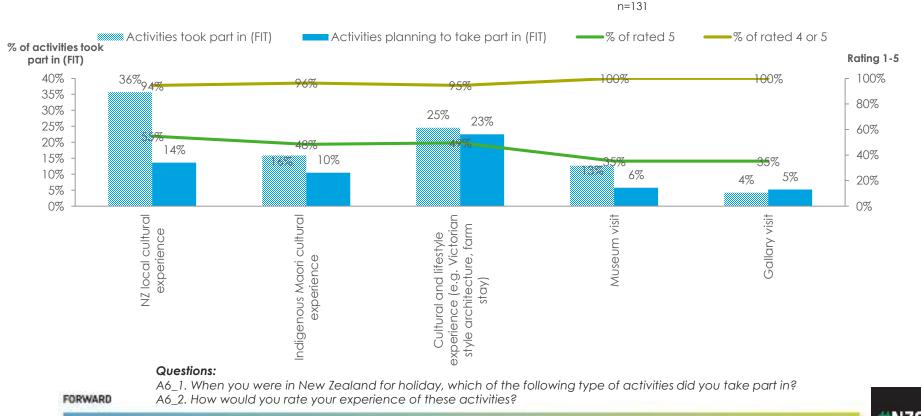
Chinese FIT: experience rating of the activities they took part in

(Cultural Attractions)

Base: respondents who are planning another

attractions during their previous visit

holiday in New Zealand and took part in cultural



SPECIAL INTEREST OPPORTUNITIES



The following illustrates the different special experiences of particular interest to Chinese FIT visitors.

A part of a New Zealand experience Anchor experience

Choices and options to experience on the New Zealand trip Planned or incidental, available throughout New Zealand Food: & wine seafood, fruit and produce, markets, fine dining, sharing platters, ice-cream Regional specialities Wildlife	 "Must do inclusion" + guides itinerary planning Single itinerary anchor, booked ahead Star gazing Whale watching Glacier walks Sky diving Bungee jumping Lord of the Rings "Village" Air activities – flying, Gliding, ballooning 	Niche interest - Guides the whole itinerary planning Major focus – multi day activity • Walking • Cycling • Photography • Gardens • Snow • Golf • Premium adventure			
Cultural activities Farm animals orchards Water activities Land and environment experiences Specific Why What When Where	 DEVELOPMENTAL Glamping Themed authentic accommodation e.g. star, tree house, Hobbit Cave Cliff walking Volcanic Air – eg learn to fly, gliding, ballooning Natural wildlife Gardens 	• Wildlife – scenic DEVELOPMENTAL Food			
 Support experiences Art galleries, experiences Museums + historic places New Zealand café culture, supermarket 	"SMALL" • Ice cream making • Sun rise watching • Oyster/ seafood experience • Sea/Paddock to plate				
Forward	Festival Future – Reputation Matariki star gazing/Aurora Snow / winter Whale migration	80			

Special interest theme experience:

Wildlife

Support experiences

- Art galleries, experiences ٠
- Museums + historic places ٠
- New Zealand café culture, sup ٠
- Festivals ٠

Building Value PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT ~ Everything Close ~

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DEVELOP EXISTING PRODUCT		EXTEND	EXTEND WITH WHAT WE HAVE			NEW PRODUCT DEVELOMENT		
AWARENESS	VALUE	EXPERIENCE	REGIONAL	SEASONAL	NATIONAL	FAMILY & FRIENDS	ADVENTURE	FOOD
Make it accessible invitation WHAT	Tell people why storytelling WHY	Layer and trade up options HOW	Our ordinary is their extraordinary in more places	Develop 'must do' for the changing seasons. Demonstrate that how we are 'all good' for 12 months of the year.	Special interest • Guided • Targeted • Enabled • With food • Learn to ski	Family & friend time Building memories	Enabled stimulation & personal chalenge	The best "must do"
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THE FOUR PRODUCT PILLARS



- 1. Chinese like serendipity How will you manage bookings v turn ups?
- 2. What is your cancelation policy? this is important it can be a barrier to booking
- 3. How will you manage trade ups and flexibility? an opportunity
- 4. How do you deliver easy challenges? with a story and potentially awards, prizes, acknowledgement
- 5. Does the experience offer variety of pace? exciting and contemplative
- 6. How can you add value with photography and memories? this is added pay value
- 7. Do you have a layered offer for different members of the group or to fit in with their schedule of the desire for short experiences? (1/2 hour for kids 2 hours)
- 8. How do you deliver a welcome and acknowledge business?
- 9. Deals a very small deal can make a big difference relationship & 'face'
 - For more people in the group
 - For a trade up opportunity
 - e.g. a free coffee, \$1 off in the shop, a bottle of water, a cap..... What is your deal offer
- 10. Safety how is this managed and communicated



PRODUCT CONSIDERATIONS

Independent travellers travel in clusters. The cluster is everything

Be confident to outline the rules with respect - Chinese do not want to offend

They are looking for support systems

There is currently a support gap in New Zealand Especially for the less confident independent traveller

- Personalised professional guidance
 - over $\frac{1}{2}$ want this NOW

- Is this right for your business
- i-SITE knowledge understanding and delivery
 - 85% of visitors who have been have no knowledge of this service
 - 91% want to use it when told about it
 - 69% want a mandarin language capability
- Opportunity for higher level of Mandarin speakers in tourism sector overall and more translated information
- The concierge role at hotels is very important



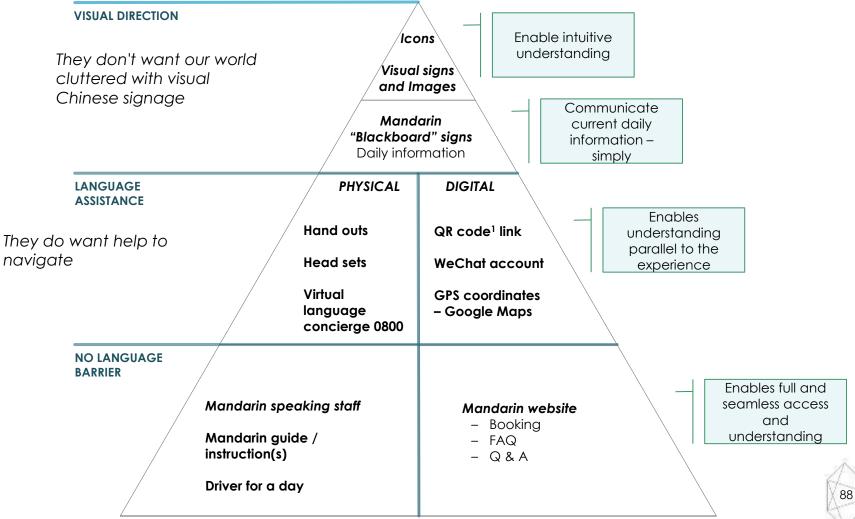






LANGUAGE IS CORE TO CONNECTION & THEN TO EXPERIENCE

Different ways of communicating deliver different levels of understanding



¹A QR Code is a machine-readable code consisting of an array of black and white squares, typically used for storing URLs or other information for reading by the camera on a smartphone.



Online translate is being used – you can too

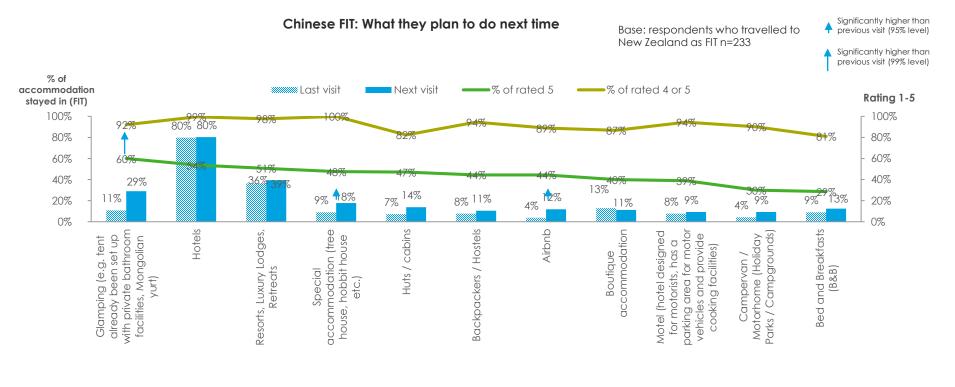
Use locals – and reverse translate

ACCOMODATION



ACCOMMODATION

- The overall level of satisfaction is high
- There is desire to continue using hotels in future visits (in particular 5 start hotels)
- Chinese FIT experience of staying at glamping (luxury camping) and speciallist accommodation (e.g. tree house) are highly rated and more Chinese FIT intend to stay in this style of accommodation during their next holiday in New Zealand they are open to the idea oaf unique experiences in terms of accommodation.
- Motels, campervan accommodation and B&B are not delivering as strongly but are acceptable.



Questions:

FORWARD

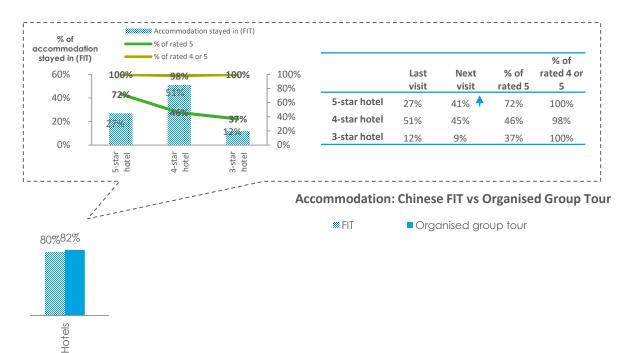
- A7_1. What type of accommodation did you use during your last visit?
- A7_2. Were you satisfied with the accommodation you stayed?

A7_4. Next time when you are in New Zealand for holiday, what type of accommodation will you use?



CHINESE FIT – WHERE DID THEY STAY

• Chinese FIT were satisfied with hotels (especially 5-star hotels), resorts/luxury lodges/retreats and glamping in New Zealand.







4 & 5 star plus... the experiential

ACCOMMODATION















A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO ACCOMMODATION

Preference for 4 & 5 star but high satisfaction with other offers if we manage expectations Desire for unique experiences

Overall Chinese are looking for:





A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO ACCOMMODATION

 Accommodation is not the focus of the trip – sightseeing, activities and food are more important, will save on accommodation if they can. Cheaper accommodation styles with self catering suit the group travel style: Be aware \$\$ is not a main driver for choice and they will pay for value. 		
 Will travel with groups from 4 – 20+: We need to understand and cater to groups Provide directions to experiences and food / restaurants that cater to groups well. 		
 Sharing and being together is preferred: Providing flexibility and options with clear payment instructions is essential. 		
 Pre-booking is greater for shorter, first time and heavy booking holiday seasons. The with longer more flexible itineraries often are not pre-booking: Build awareness if pre-booking is required to ensure availability Incentives can be used to secure pre-bookings. 		
Is this an opportunity or to be avoided?		
• A clear cancellation policy is important to ensure bookings are maintained.		
Ideally in a central area with walk to shops and town – up to 20 minutes from a main activity. Clear signage to indicate the accommodation location with GPS co-ordinates.		
Prefer gas cooking. Enough utensils for sharing across rooms – we need to work this out. Respectfully outline how we would like facilities left The pantry box to make simple meals easy – Asian flavours and meat & seafood pack options		



A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO ACCOMMODATION

Socialising can get noisy	Separate socialising space
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PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT – THE FAST CHECKLIST

To deliver and effectively communicate new product development check you have mastered the Top 5 tips.

- 1. It's unique and special
- 2. It's visual and visceral not wordy and clearly explaining the experience
- 3. It's highly social and set up for sharing
- 4. Focus on the experience that's immediately easy to understand. What will they experience?
- 5. Is it challenging but easy?
- 6. Build some flexibility into it as to how they may choose to experience it

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and.	
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CHINESE FIT WINS

Share a win you have had with your group

What did you do?

What difference did it make?







PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Product development opportunity

ONE key action



SHARE





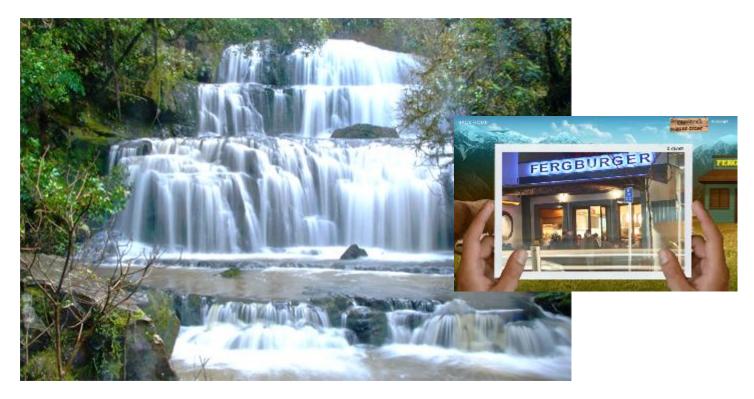
BUILDING CONNECTIONS Digital



THE CHINESE FIT OPPORTUNITY



A drop can turn into a waterfall



If you have salience and reputation

CHINESE FIT BUILDING REPUTATION & ACTIVATION IS DIFFERENT

Group

Intermediary

- Families
- Trade shows
- Commissions
- Market visits and agent relationships
- Set itineraries
- Iconic product



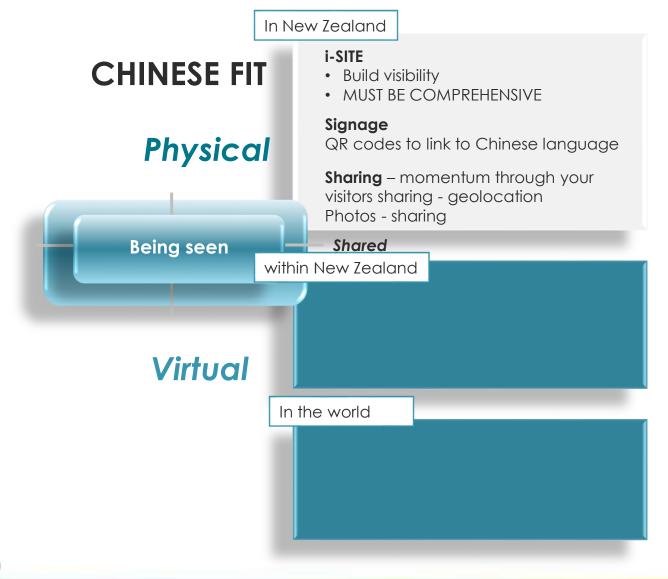
More Direct

More a direct relationship with the consumer This is achieved through.....

- Shared reputation
- KOL
- Digital
- Social media
- Options
- Discovery

Utilise both

ARE YOU ONE HAND CLAPPING?





GET PEOPLE TO YOUR BUSINESS: TO BUILD SHARING

- Chinese New Zealand students and their families
- Group tourists if relevant
- Work with others who are having success
- KOL who is a key opinion leader for you?
- Be seen and be in the top 10.....

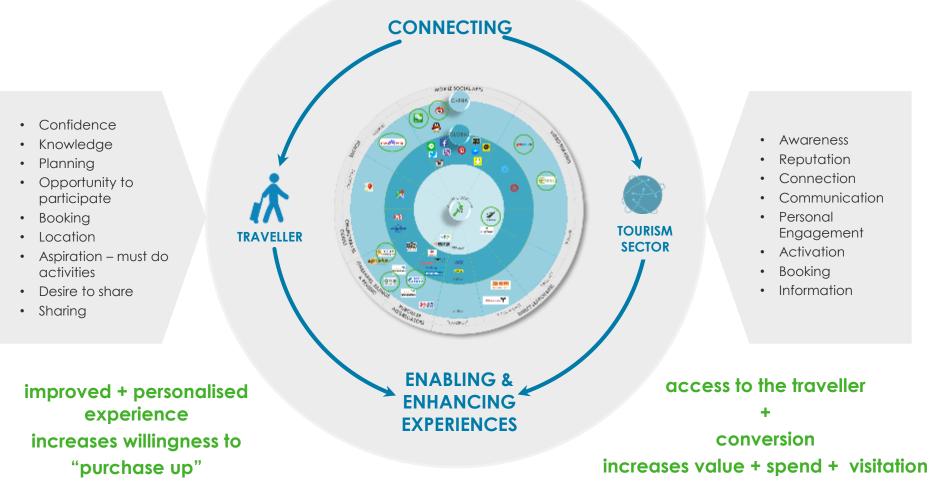
• Activate and encourage sharing



The digital plan



DIGITAL DELIVERS VALUE FOR ALL



This is the heart of communication for your business with Chinese FIT

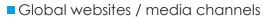


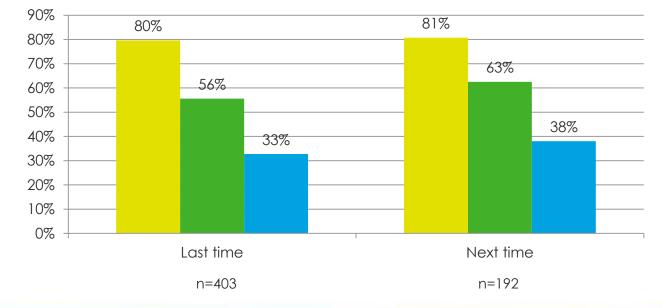
DIGITAL: THEY ARE PREDOMINANTLY USING CHINESE SITES to build itineraries

- Connecting to Chinese platforms strongly
- Our links must be on multiple global sites
- New Zealand sites also have a role especially for second time visitors

Chinese websites / media channels

New Zealand websites / media channels







The digital landscape

MOBILE SOCIAL APPS

The digital scape has multiple functions **CHINA** People are: INTERNET Sharing JIDEO SHARING Searching Downloading functional apps SEARCH Searching specific sites GLOBAL Looking at on line travel guides Going to sites that specialise in • ratings and search LOCATION Utalising purchase aggregators ٠ The Chinese are utilising: CHINA Chinese ٠ NZ platforms mostly ONLINE TRAVEL Increasingly GLOBAL GUIDES OFFICIAL global travel platforms Some direct New NZ IIINER ARIES PATINGS Zealand sites and platforms PRODUCT DIRECT SEARCH SITES ECOMMERCE AGGREGATORS There are opportunities for us to get involved and have a 111 TRANSPORT presence at multiple levels FORWARD

The digital landscape

MOBILE SOCIAL APPS

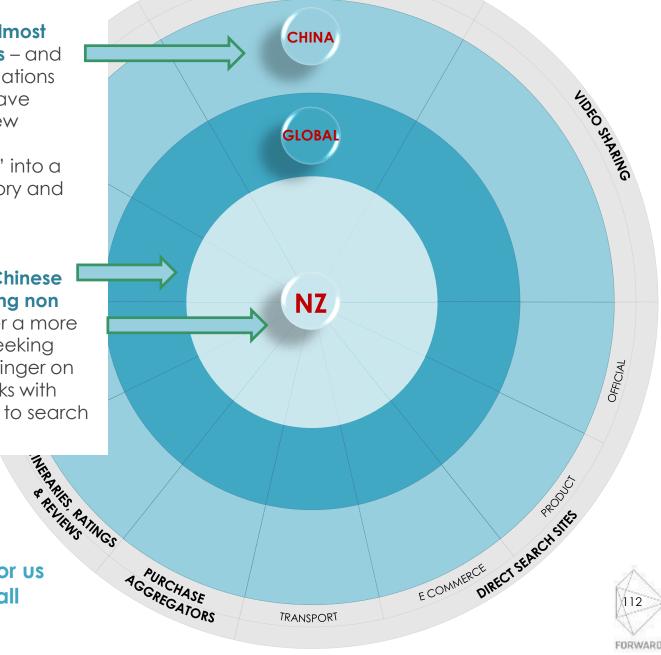
Less experienced travelers almost always use only Chinese sites – and

rely on personal recommendations from Chinese who already have experience or expertise in New Zealand travel.

They therefore may only 'dip' into a New Zealand site for regulatory and visa type information.

More experienced, worldly Chinese travelers are increasingly using non Chinese sites – i.e. they prefer a more independent global reach seeking perhaps newer information, finger on the pulse and more direct links with New Zealand. They are keen to search for the best value and deals.

There are opportunities for us to choose, or be across all



KEY PLATFORMS

Key Relevant Platforms in Chinese Digital Social Media

WeChat Social mobile app

WEIBO

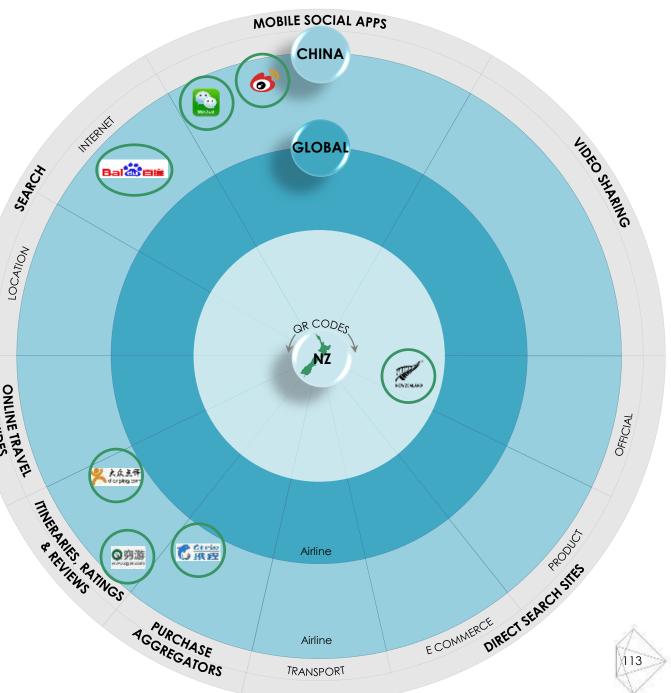
China's equivalent of Twitter and Facebook

Ma Feng Wo /Qiong You

Equivalent to Trip Advisor on steroids. Multiple features and engaging with itinerary planners, rich integrated content and downloadable apps.

C-trip Travel aggregator

Booking.com Travel aggregator



THE ACTION PLAN



THE DIGITAL PLAN

There is no one way – there are options

Your business Where are you at?

Your digital development

Where have you got to?

Your resources Where are you at?

Your priorities

What will make the biggest difference?

Develop programmes that are sustainable resourced and achievable for your business



THE DIGITAL PLAN

Get people sharing Go into their world and Get active About you be found Others spreading the word \checkmark With great material Chinese language In a way you can be found \checkmark On a platform that Geolocation works for you and **QR** codes them Push notifications Be linked and present in the right places \checkmark **Bookings** Active sharing \checkmark Downloading Dialogue Q&A Safety guidelines We Chat FORWARD





spreading

the word

✓ Others

GET OTHERS SHARING ABOUT YOU

Ask them to share – Chinese are OK with this

- If you have developed an interaction or they have told you they love it ask them politely if they would share
- Ensure you treat your guests so they will want to so something kind for you offer a small gift or discount for sharing
- Let guests know you would appreciate them sharing
- ask them to share it with their friends
- Set up photoshoots (best angle shots) that they can share with your branding
- Ask if they would like you to take their photo

If you have a website

- Have a QR code link to your website and top images that can be uploaded
- Put a QR code up where it can be seen
- Send a thank you email with a link to images and ask them to share
- Encourage reviews
- Add a referral Widget on your website
- Run a top image competition and share on your website

If you have a photo memories product

- Ensure uploads are easy to share
- Build the unique story through images

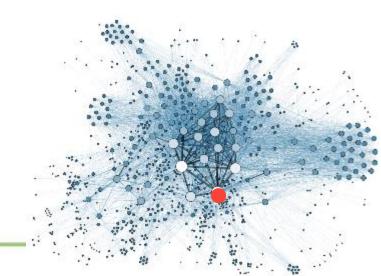


GET OTHERS SHARING ABOUT YOU

✓ In a way
 you can
 be found

Be found

- Ensure you will be geotagged on image shares by registering your business on key mapping sites:
 - <u>Google</u> maps
 - Foursquare (used by WeChat)
 - This will help ensure your location can be tagged with any photos taken
 - Build your branding into best images if possible HIGH VISABILITY
 - Make sure your story is unique and special WHY worth sharing



Connection through image sharing & geolocation



Our Chinese travellers are outdoing us in terms of imagery. They are telling our story often much better than we are.

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THE DIGITAL PLAN





With great material

GO INTO THEIR WORLD & BE FOUND

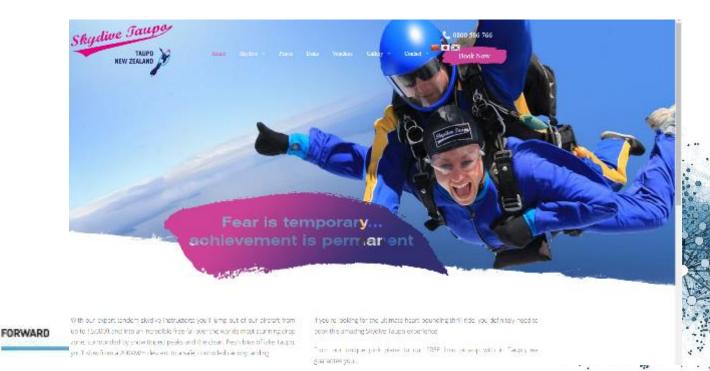
Audit your material – is it good enough

- A compelling WHY story see Module 4 on Storytelling on the website
- Outstanding imagery see the full report on the website
- Differentiated WHAT remarkable because.....

Responsive website

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Displays well on multiple devices including mobiles



GO INTO THEIR WORLD & BE FOUND

\checkmark On a platform that works for you and them



Website

- Tells your story: Your WHY experience and offer
- Provides information
- It may enable booking, feedback, references
- Platform for Chinese language links e.g. a menu via QR code
- Can be invisible unless very well linked
- Unlikely to come up on a Chinese Baidu search unless optimised
- Can be too much work to visit



WECHAT

- China's most active social platform
- Used by 83% Chinese FIT while in New Zealand
- Multi functional
- Enables sharing, a dialogue, links to your information, offers, purchasing, searching
- Can be geolocation enabled
- Requires active management & interaction – this can be in English but is optimised in Mandarin





A platform that:

Has limited capability –
 primarily social

Public / Official Account

A platform to:

- Post content you manage what your story is
- Promote events, special highlights
- Manage risk traffic requirements, weather events
- Send geo-located push notifications
- Generate ratings and reviews
- Enables and facilitates sharing of your content of your site
- Facilitate online bookings and payments
- Discounts and promotions vouchers to be redeemed, offers
- And more... as it rapidly evolves

How to:

Set up

• Engage with a company who can set up an official account in China – similar to an ISP provider (see the enablement partnership list as a start)

• You will then have an official account and it will be linked to a QR code (existing or new)

Set up the content and have a content plan

- Content similar to the website or linked to the website
- You can manage this yourself or engage a partner to manage it for you
- You can then encourage sharing competitions, awards, good news, new news, must dos
- Provide information that is able to be shared and uploaded





WE CHAT DEVELOPMENT

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Be in touch in English

- Great images
- Short sharp messages and offers in English



Mandarin

- Assisted
 regular posts
- Contracted



Mandarin

 Regular posts by a Chinese speaking team member

Your connection to the Chinese FIT tourism world



	GO INTO THE	EIR WORLD & B	E FOUND	
R 52	✓ Be linked and pres	sent in the right places Be seen		see Module 2 on Enablement
	ou must be present on ar hoose what to invest in –	nd linked to other sites to be a to optimise visibility	seen	
Region	Regional tourism site Regional geolocation apps e.g. Skoot, GeoZone or another that suits your business Have a QR code link on marketing material Collaborate to develop comprehensive regional platform, event geolocation material			
New Zealand	d Tourism New Zealand - newzealand.com			
	Specialist geolocation Skoot Special interest Zomato, Yelp			
Global	Trip Advisor Condé Nast traveller Lonely Planet	Plus China special interest Accommodation Golf	Plus Chinese sec Ma Feng Wu Qiong You	arch and itinerary sharing
FORWARD	Forbes Urban List Concrete Playground	Gardens Hiking		

GET ACTIVE

Chinese language	Make the investment: 1)Content translated and posted in Chinese 2)Chinese language speaker Collaborate if this is not affordable		
✓ Geolocation	Use geo coordinates – more important than address Be present in geolocation push apps like Skoot and GeoZone		
✓ QR codes	QR code is easy to create – and can link to chines language translations on your web or we chat platform		
✓ Push notifications	QR code is easy to create – and can link to chines language translations on your web or we chat platform		
✓ Bookings	Bookings can be enabled on we chat and web page Best in Mandarin. My require Chinese language Q&A		
✓ Active sharing	Start sharing – What is on, WHY, what is new, special offers. Images		
✓ Downloading	Enable downloads of the top Pics		
✓ Dialogue Q&A	A current relevant interaction with visitors is the ultimate. Responsive. May require a Mandarin speaker		
✓ Safety guidelines	 QR code a great link to safety guidelines and protocol information 		

EXAMPLES OF PUSH NOTIFICATIONS - GEO LOCATIONAL APPS



Traffic – take care

REGIONAL APP

- What you can do there
- Where
- How to get there, distance
- Opening hours for goods and services

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• Cost

Learn more

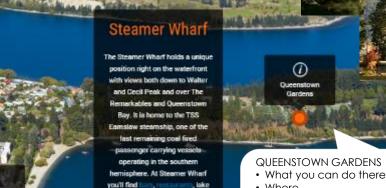
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Photo opportunities

QR code links

In Mandarin



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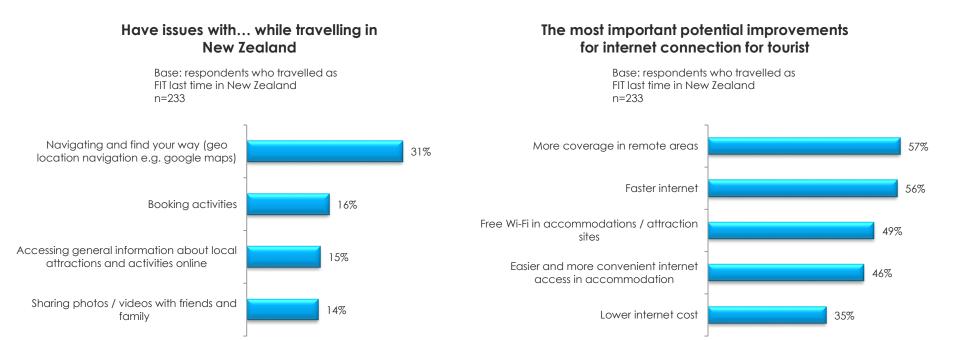
- Where
- · How to get there
- Hours
- Cost
- Photo opportunities





INTERNET CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES

• There is scope to improve the coverage, connectivity and speed with the internet service provided for Chinese FIT's.



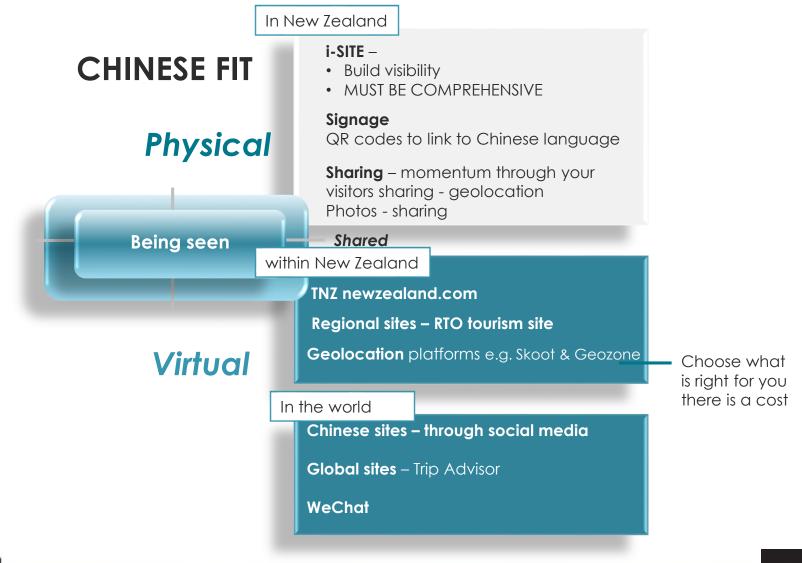
Questions:

A17. Did you have issues with any of the following while travelling in New Zealand?

FORWARD A18. What are the most important potential improvements for internet connection for tourist in New Zealand?



ARE YOU ONE HAND CLAPPING?



OURISM

CHINESE FIT BUILDING REPUTATION VISIBILITY & ACTIVATION PLAN ON A PAGE

FIT

Direct

More a direct relationship with the consumer This is achieved through.....

- Digital
- Social media
- Shared reputation
- KOL
- Options
- Discovery

National

- How ae you working with Tourism New Zealand and feeding great content to Tourism New Zealand?
- Feeding into *newzealand.com*?
- Integrating with national special interest e.g. golf?
- Considering geolocation push capability?

Regional

• Are you posting, sharing, collaborating under the regional brand and identity?



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Local

- Do you have a **WeChat** account to build your network and more?
- Are you using QR codes to link into your website and Chinese Language info?
- Are you geo-located on Foursquare?
- Do you have exceptional material and images?
- Do you accept China Union Pay?
- Do you have free WiFi?
- Are you asking visitors to share incentives?
- Are you working with consolidators to enable online bookings and payment (paid)?
- Are your platforms mobile first Enabled for mobile?
- Do you have a coordinate location address?
- Have you considered geolocation push notifications e.g. SKOOT (paid)?
- Are you on global review sites e.g. Trip Advisor & Yelp....



COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

How 'China ready' are your digital platforms?

- New Zealand
- China connected

What are the three biggest opportunities / priorities?

Prioritised next step





OPPORTUNITY: CHINESE FIT

A key insight that will add value

What are the three biggest development opportunities / priorities ?

Prioritised next step





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