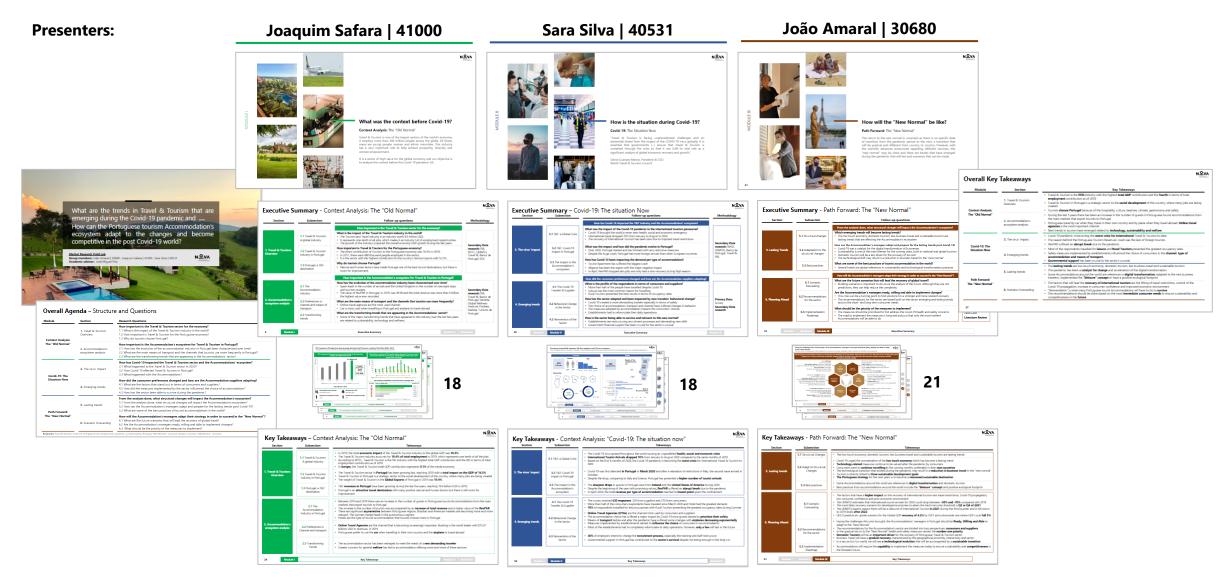
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What are the trends in Travel & Tourism that are emerging during the Covid-19 pandemic and ... How can the Portuguese tourism Accommodation's ecosystem adapt to the changes and become competitive in the post Covid-19 world?

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Abstract

What is the impact on the Portuguese Accommodation's ecosystem during Covid-19 and how can **N** they adapt to the new reality? – **Context analysis:** The "Old Normal"

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Section Subsection		Takeaways
1. Travel & Tourism: Overview	<b>1.1</b> Travel & Tourism: A global industry	<ul> <li>In 2019, the total economic impact of the Travel &amp; Tourism industry to the global GDP was 10.3%</li> <li>The Travel &amp; Tourism industry accounts for 10.4% of total employment in 2019, which represents one tenth of all the jobs</li> <li>According to WTTC, Travel &amp; Tourism is the 5th industry with the highest total GDP contribution and the 4th in terms of total employment contribution as of 2018</li> <li>In Europe, the Travel &amp; Tourism total GDP contribution represents 9.1% of the whole economy</li> </ul>
	<b>1.2</b> Travel & Tourism industry in Portugal	<ul> <li>The Travel &amp; Tourism sector in <b>Portugal</b> has been growing fast, reaching 2019 with a <b>total impact on the GDP of 16.5%</b></li> <li>Travel &amp; Tourism in Portugal is a strategic sector to the social development of the country, where many jobs are being created</li> <li>The weight of Travel &amp; Tourism in the <b>Global Exports</b> of Portugal in 2019 was <b>19.4%</b></li> </ul>
	<b>1.3</b> Portugal: a T&T destination	<ul> <li>T&amp;T revenues in Portugal have been growing during the last five years, reaching 18.4 billion EUR in 2019;</li> <li>Portugal is an attractive travel destination with many positive natural and human factors but there is still room for improvement</li> </ul>
2. Accommodation's ecosystem analysis	<b>2.1</b> The Accommodation Industry in Portugal	<ul> <li>Between 2014 and 2019 there was an increase in the number of guests in Portuguese tourist Accommodations from the main markets that export tourists to Portugal</li> <li>The increase in the number of tourists was accompanied by an <b>increase of total revenue</b> and a higher value of the <b>RevPAR</b></li> <li>There are significant <b>asymmetries</b> between Portuguese regions. Brazilian and American markets are becoming more and more relevant. The German market leads in the autonomous regions</li> <li>Hotels are the type of tourist accommodation that tourists choose more in Portugal</li> </ul>
	<b>2.2</b> Preferences in Channel and transport	<ul> <li>Online Travel Agencies are the channel that is becoming increasingly important. Booking is the world leader with \$15.07 billions USD in revenues, in 2019</li> <li>Portuguese prefer to use the car when travelling in their own country and the airplane to travel abroad</li> </ul>
	<b>2.3</b> Transforming Trends	<ul> <li>The accommodation sector has been reshaped to meet the needs of a <b>new demanding traveler</b></li> <li>Greater concern for general <b>welfare</b> has led to accommodation offering more and more of these services</li> </ul>

Keywords: Travel & Tourism, Covid-19, Accommodation, Portugal, the "Old Normal"

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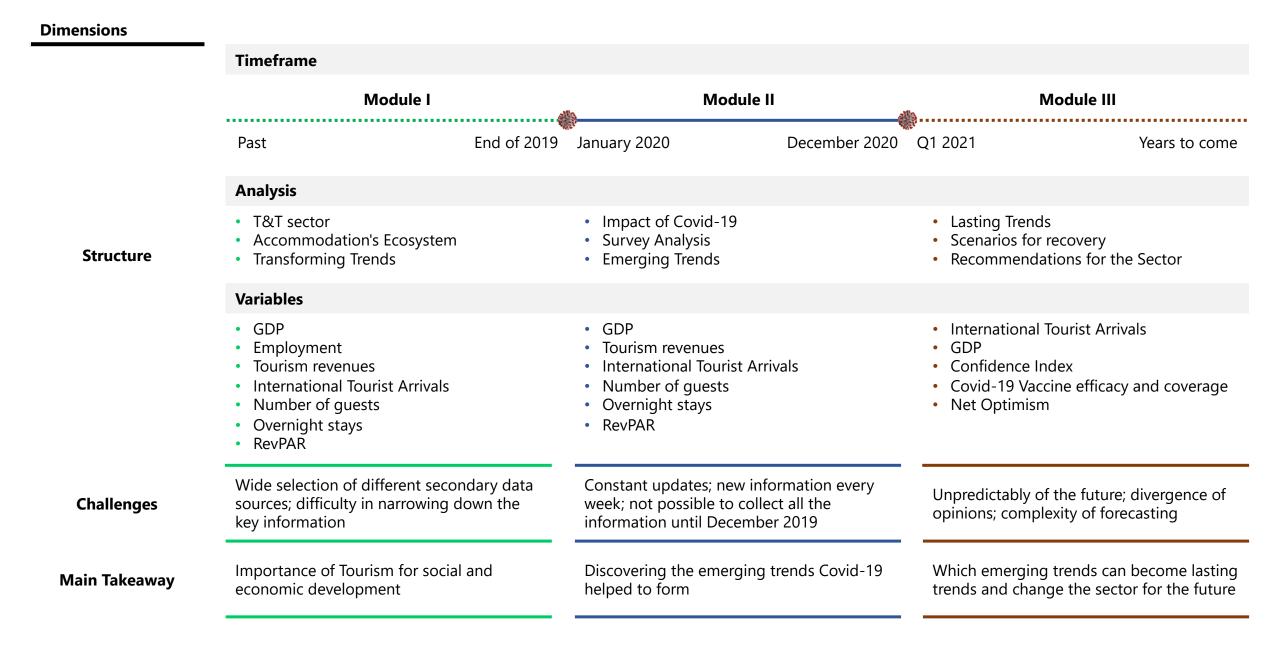
### **Overall Agenda** – Structure and Questions

Module Section		Research Questions		
Context Analysis: The "Old Normal"	<b>1.</b> Travel & Tourism: Overview	How important is the Travel & Tourism sector for the economy? 1.1 What is the impact of the Travel & Tourism industry in the world? 1.2 How important is Travel & Tourism for the Portuguese economy? 1.3 Why do tourists choose Portugal?		
	<b>2.</b> Accommodation's ecosystem analysis	How important is the Accommodation's ecosystem for Travel & Tourism in Portugal? 2.1 How has the evolution of the accommodation industry in Portugal been characterized over time? 2.2 What are the main means of transport and the channels that tourists use more frequently in Portugal? 2.3 What are the transforming trends that are appearing in the Accommodations' sector?		
Covid-19: The Situation Now	<b>3.</b> The virus' impact	How has Covid-19 impacted the Travel & Tourism sector and the Accommodations' ecosystem? 3.1 What happened to the Travel & Tourism sector in 2020? 3.2 How Covid-19 affected Travel & Tourism in Portugal? 3.3 What happened with the Accommodations?		
	<b>4.</b> Emerging trends	<ul> <li>How did the consumer preferences changed and how are the Accommodation suppliers adapting?</li> <li>4.1 What are the factors that stand out in terms of consumers and suppliers?</li> <li>4.2 How did the measures implemented by the sector influenced the choice of accommodation?</li> <li>4.3 How has the sector been able to survive during the pandemic?</li> </ul>		
Path Forward: The "New Normal"	<b>5.</b> Lasting trends	<b>From the analysis done, what structural changes will impact the Accommodation's ecosystem?</b> 5.1 From the analysis done, what structural changes will impact the Accommodation's ecosystem? 5.2 How can the Accommodation's managers adapt and prepare for the lasting trends post-Covid-19? 5.3 What are some of the best practices of tourist accommodations in the world?		
	<b>6.</b> Scenario Forecasting	How will the Accommodation's managers adapt their strategy in order to succeed in the "New Normal"? 6.1 What are the future scenarios that will lead the recovery of global travel? 6.2 Are the Accommodation's managers ready, willing and able to implement changes? 6.3. What should be the priority of the measures to implement?		

Keywords: Travel & Tourism, Covid-19, emerging trends, lasting trends, pandemic, accommodation, Portugal, "New Normal", structural changes, scenarios, "Old Normal", consumer



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# **MODULE |**









### What was the context before Covid-19?

#### Context Analysis: The "Old Normal"

Travel & Tourism is one of the largest sectors of the world's economy, it employs more than 300 million people across the globe. Of those, many are young people, women and ethnic minorities. This industry has a very important role to help achieve prosperity, diversity and women empowerment.

It is a sector of high value for the global economy and our objective is to analyze the context before the Covid-19 pandemic hit.



### **Executive Summary** - Context Analysis: The "Old Normal"

Section	Subsection	Follow-up questions	Methodology	
		How important is the Travel & Tourism sector for the economy?		
1. Travel & Tourism: Overview	<b>1.1</b> Travel & Tourism: A global industry	<ul> <li>What is the impact of the Travel &amp; Tourism industry in the world?</li> <li>The Tourism and Travel industry is an industry worth 8.9 trillion USD;</li> <li>It represents one-tenth of all jobs, which makes it an industry full of employment opportunities;</li> <li>The growth of the industry outpaced the overall economy GDP growth during the last years.</li> </ul>	Secondary Data	
	<b>1.2</b> Travel & Tourism industry in Portugal	<ul> <li>How important is Travel &amp; Tourism for the Portuguese economy?</li> <li>The direct contribution of Tourism to the Portuguese economy was 16.5% in 2019;</li> <li>In 2017, there were 488 thousand people employed in the sector;</li> <li>It is the sector with the highest contribution to the country's Service Exports with 52.3%.</li> </ul>	<b>research:</b> INE, WTTC, UNWTO, Travel BI, Banco de Portugal, EOC	
	<b>1.3</b> Portugal: a T&T destination	<ul> <li>Why do tourists choose Portugal?</li> <li>Natural and human factors have made Portugal one of the best tourist destinations, but there is room for improvement.</li> </ul>		
		How important is the Accommodation's ecosystem for Travel & Tourism in Portugal?		
2. Accommodation's ecosystem analysis	<b>2.1</b> The Accommodation industry	<ul> <li>How has the evolution of the accommodation industry been characterized over time?</li> <li>Spain leads in the number of arrivals and the United Kingdom in the number of overnight stays and tourism receipts;</li> <li>The value of RevPAR in Portugal, in 2019, was 49.5€ and the total revenue was more than 4 billion, the highest value ever recorded.</li> </ul>	<b>Secondary Data research:</b> INE, Travel BI, Banco de	
	<b>2.2</b> Preferences in channel and transport	<ul> <li>What are the main means of transport and the channels that tourists use more frequently?</li> <li>Online travel agencies are becoming increasingly important;</li> <li>Car is most used when travelling in Portugal and airplane to travel abroad.</li> </ul>	Portugal, Deloitte, Global Wellness Institute, Pordata, Statista, Turismo de	
	• Some of	<ul> <li>What are the transforming trends that are appearing in the Accommodations' sector?</li> <li>Some of the major transforming trends that have appeared in the industry over the last few years are related to sustainability, technology and wellness.</li> </ul>	Portugal	

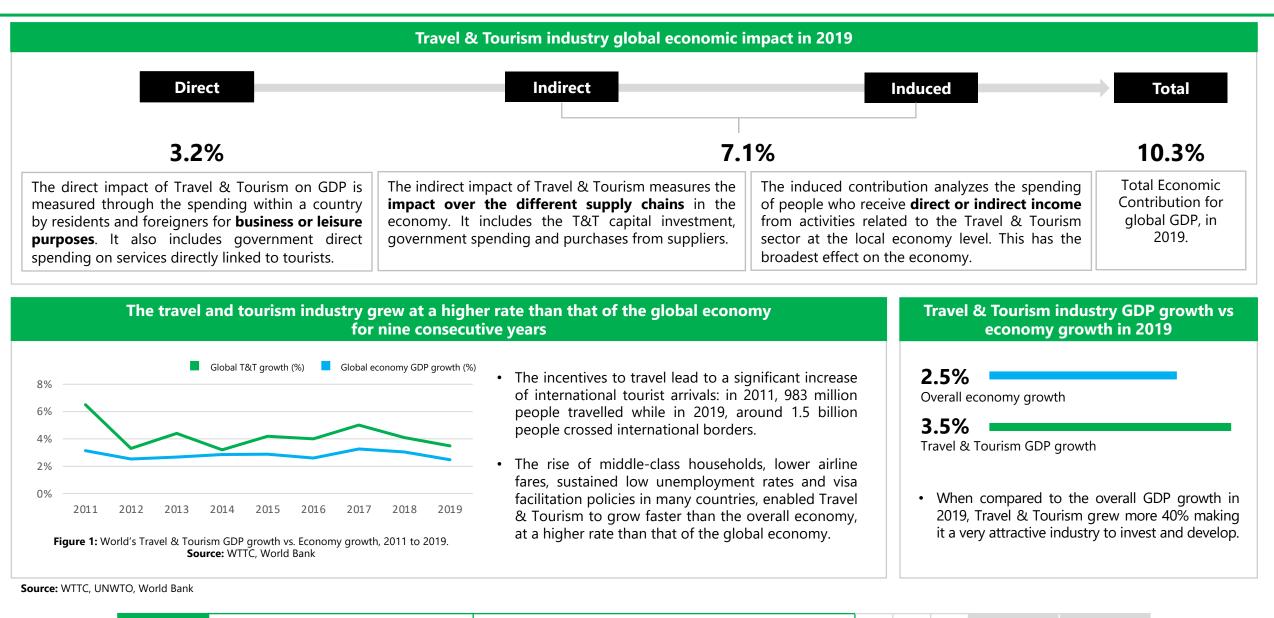
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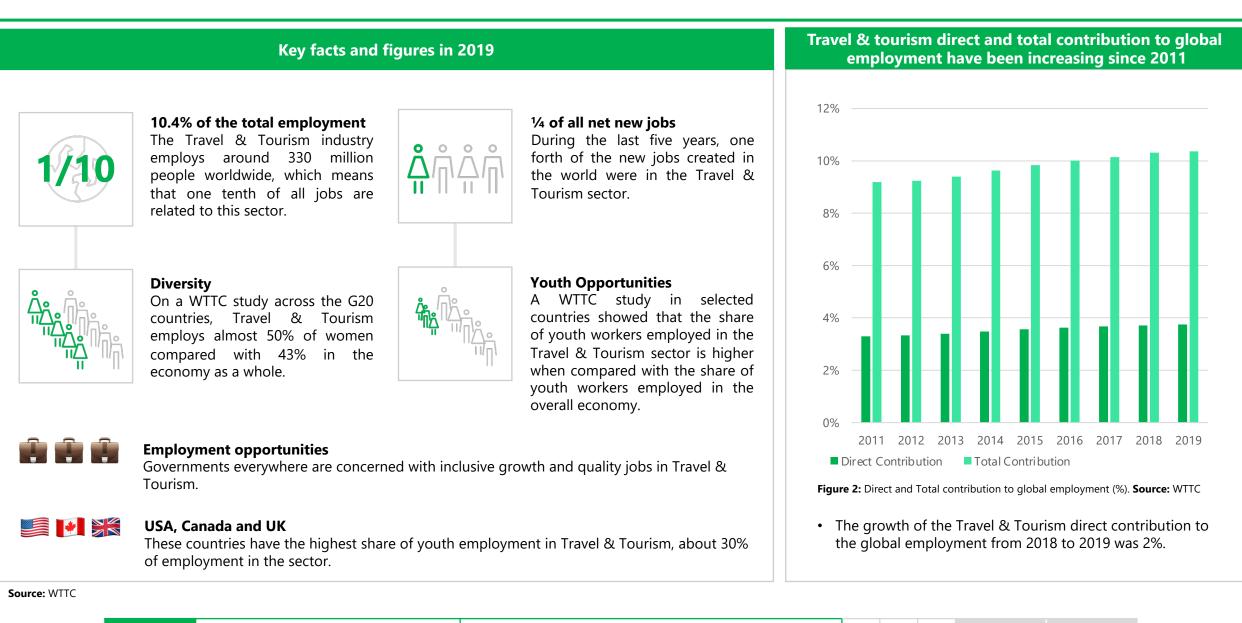
The travel and tourism industry grew at a higher rate than that of the global economy for nine consecutive years



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#### The Travel & Tourism industry accounts for 10.4% of total employment in 2019, which represents one-tenth of all the jobs

The sector remains a powerful job creation engine around the globe as the total contribution to the employment keeps rising



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# According to WTTC, Travel & Tourism is the 5th industry with the highest total GDP contribution and the 4th in terms of total employment contribution as of 2018



Travel and Tourism industry has seen continued expansion over time, showing that it is a resilient and strong sector

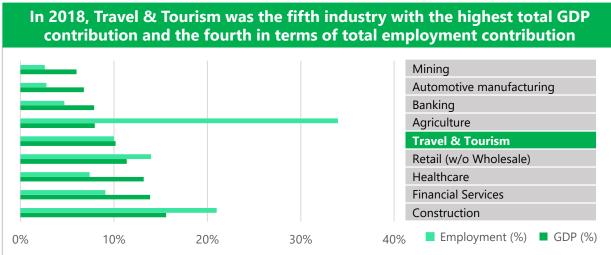


Figure 3: T&T total GDP contribution and total employment contribution by sector (%) in 2018. Source: WTTC

Among the sectors analyzed by WTTC, Travel & Tourism total GDP contribution was 1.7x higher than Mining and 1.5x higher than Banking and Automotive Manufacturing. The GDP contribution was below that of Construction, Retail, Financial Services and Healthcare.

The total impact of a sector on the GDP is calculated based on the degree of connectiveness among supply chains and the induced impact it has. Travel & Tourism plays a unique role because of the wide network of domestic supply chains it affects. For example, an international tourist buying local products such as food and beverages and using local recreation services.

In terms of total employment contribution, Agriculture is still the sector that employs more people around the world, followed by Construction. Travel & Tourism has a higher contribution than the Financial Services and Healthcare sectors.

## T&T total GDP contribution grew on average 4.4% per year during 2010-2018, outpaced only by the automotive manufacturing industry

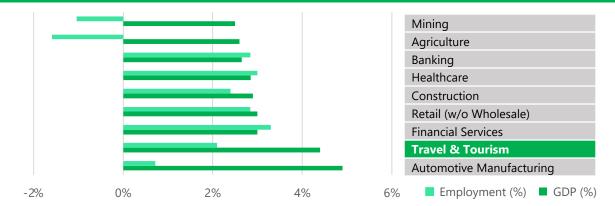


Figure 4: T&T total GDP contribution and total employment contribution growth by sector (%), 2010-2018. Source: WTTC

- Travel & Tourism total GDP contribution grew on average 4.4% per year (from 2010 to 2018), only surpassed by the Automotive Manufacturing industry. The growth was supported by the following factors:
  - Increase in holidays' frequency, more independent travelers and higher demand for air travel;
  - Favorable economic environment (low interest rates, stable exchange rates);
  - Relaxation of visa policies;
  - Changing consumer travel behaviors and experiences (travel to "change", to "show", to achieve a healthier lifestyle, among others).
- Digitalization, automation and capital investments are increasing productivity and replacing humans. This process is highly visible on the most traditional sectors as Agriculture and Mining (growth rates average to negative values).

Travel & Tourism total employment contribution was lower than the GDP contribution (2.1% vs 4.4%) but it was the fourth sector in the analysis that grew more.

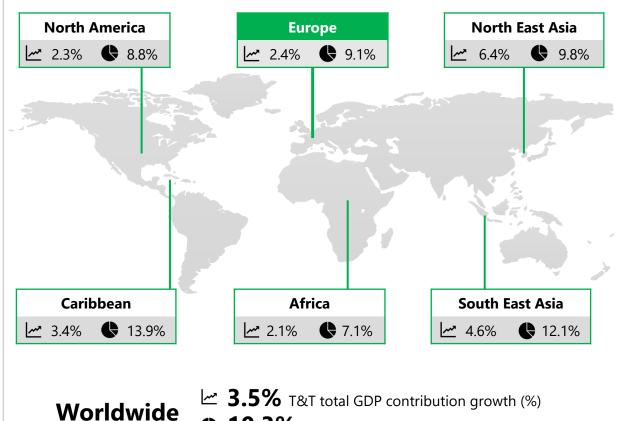
Source: WTTC

#### In Europe, the Travel & Tourism total GDP contribution represents 9.1% of the whole economy



The Travel & tourism sector in Europe has a lower relative impact than in other regions but it remains the region of the world that has more international visitor spending

In 2019, Travel & Tourism had a stronger total economic impact in Caribbean and South East Asia regions. The biggest T&T growth was in North East Asia



€ 10.3% Contribution to whole economy GDP (%)

Figure 5: Travel & Tourism total GDP contribution growth (%) and contribution to whole economy GDP (%) by world regions in 2019. Source: WTTC

#### **Travel & Tourism highlights in Europe during 2019**

#### 2.4% (Travel & Tourism GDP growth)

The Travel & Tourism industry total GDP contribution grew 2.4% while the European overall economy GDP grew only by 1.3%

#### **37%** (International Visitor Spending)

Europe is the largest region of the world in terms of international visitor spending

#### **37.1 million** (Total contribution to employment)

Europe as a region employs 8.89% of the total Travel & Tourism jobs in the world

#### Southwestern and Mediterranean European countries' best practices

Top country in Europe and third worldwide in terms of international visitor spending (86.8 billion USD). Had a growth of 1.8% of total T&T GDP contribution.





Greece shows the biggest growth of total T&T GDP contribution in Europe (**12.1%**). The country implemented supportive

- implemented supportiv government policies in order to:
- Overcome seasonality
- Spread tourists to less travelled regions.



Growth of 10.1% of total T&T GDP contribution, while economy only grew by 0.1%. T&T growth due to:

- Security improvements
- Infrastructure development
- Currency depreciation

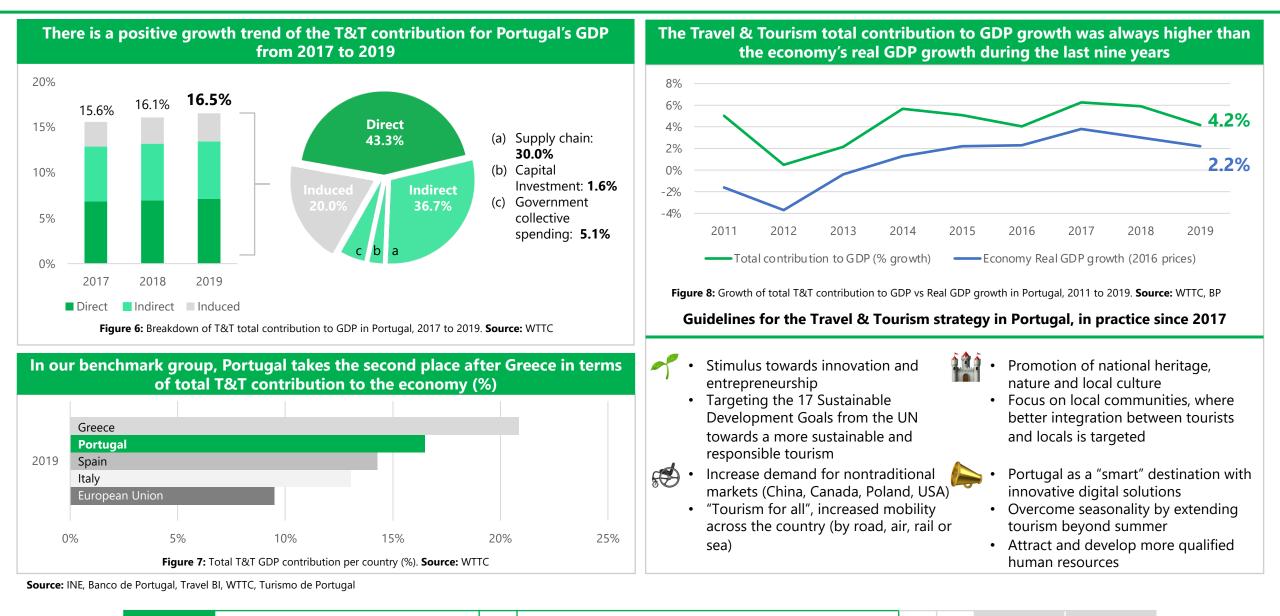
**Antalya** and **Istanbul** were the top 2 fastest growing city destinations of 2018.

Source: WTTC

#### The Travel & Tourism sector in Portugal has been growing fast, reaching 2019 with a total impact on the GDP of 16.5%

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Government policies helped boost the Travel & Tourism sector in Portugal which has been growing above the economy's GDP over the past nine years



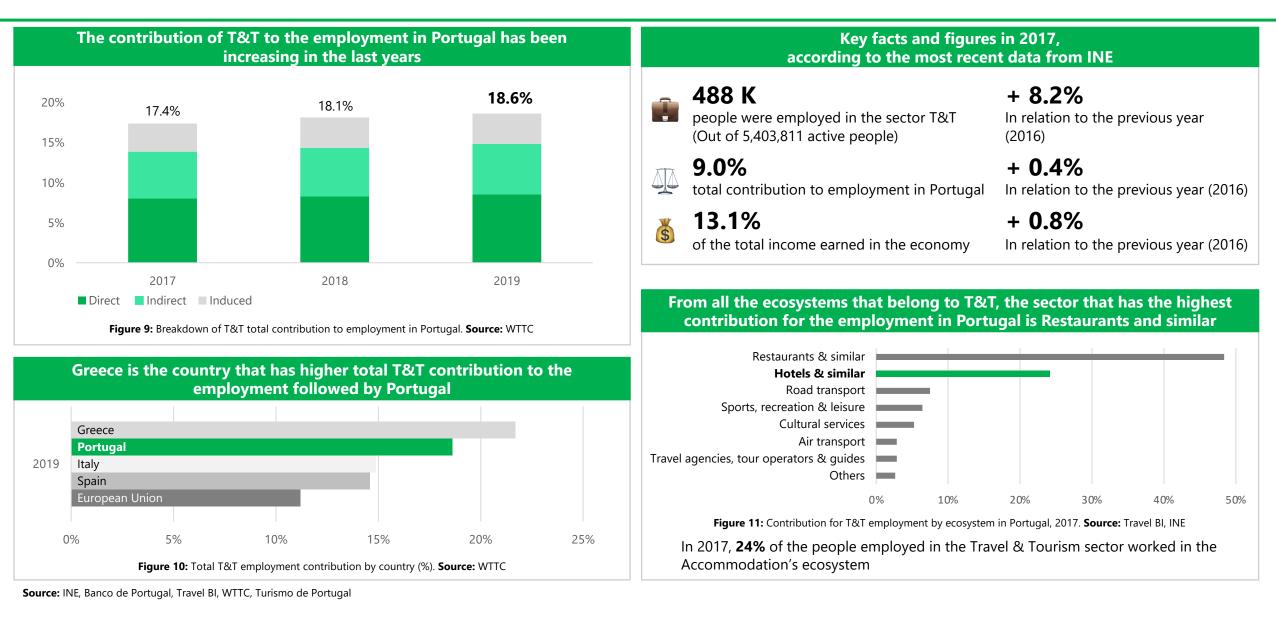
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#### Travel & Tourism in Portugal is a strategic sector to the social development of the country, where many jobs are being created

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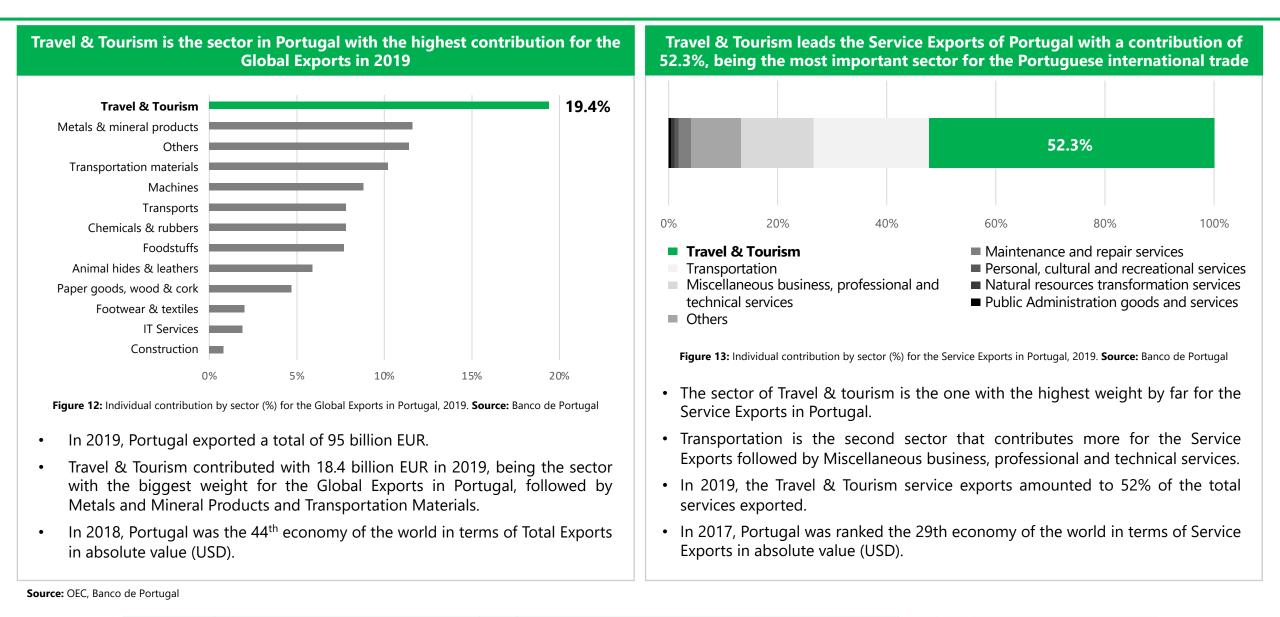
Data from INE shows us that T&T, in 2017, contributed to 9.0% of all the jobs in Portugal, and from those almost one quarter are in the accommodation's ecosystem



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#### The weight of Travel & Tourism in the Global Exports of Portugal in 2019 was 19.4%

Travel & Tourism leads the Service Exports of Portugal with a contribution of 52%, being the most important sector for the Portuguese international trade



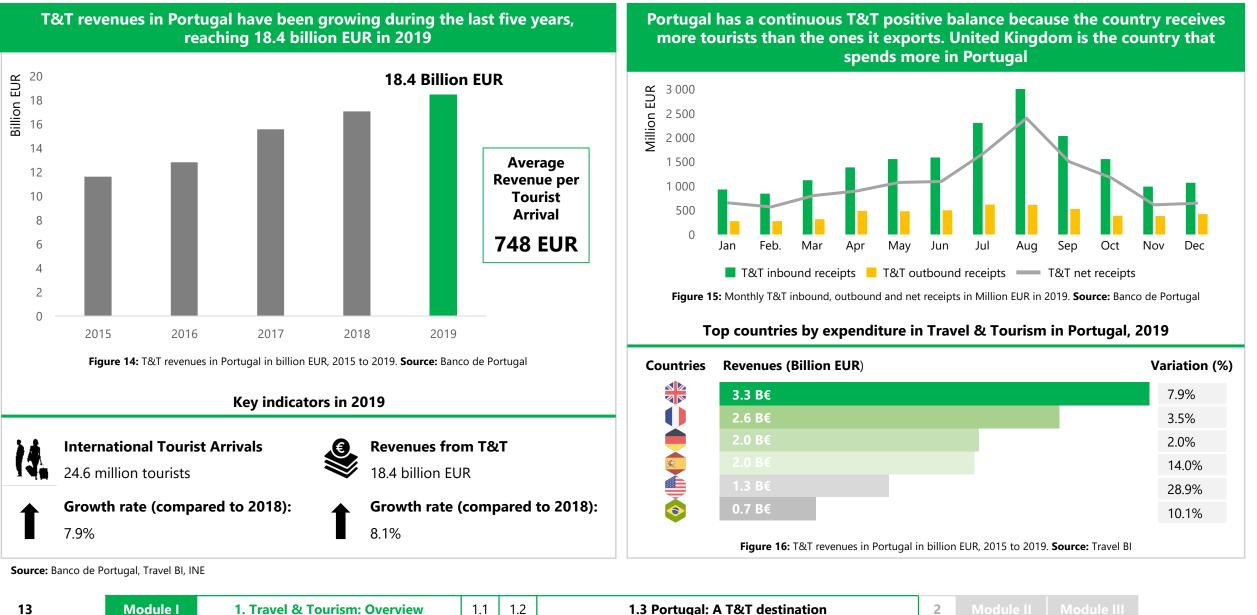
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#### T&T revenues in Portugal have been growing during the last five years, reaching 18.4 billion EUR in 2019

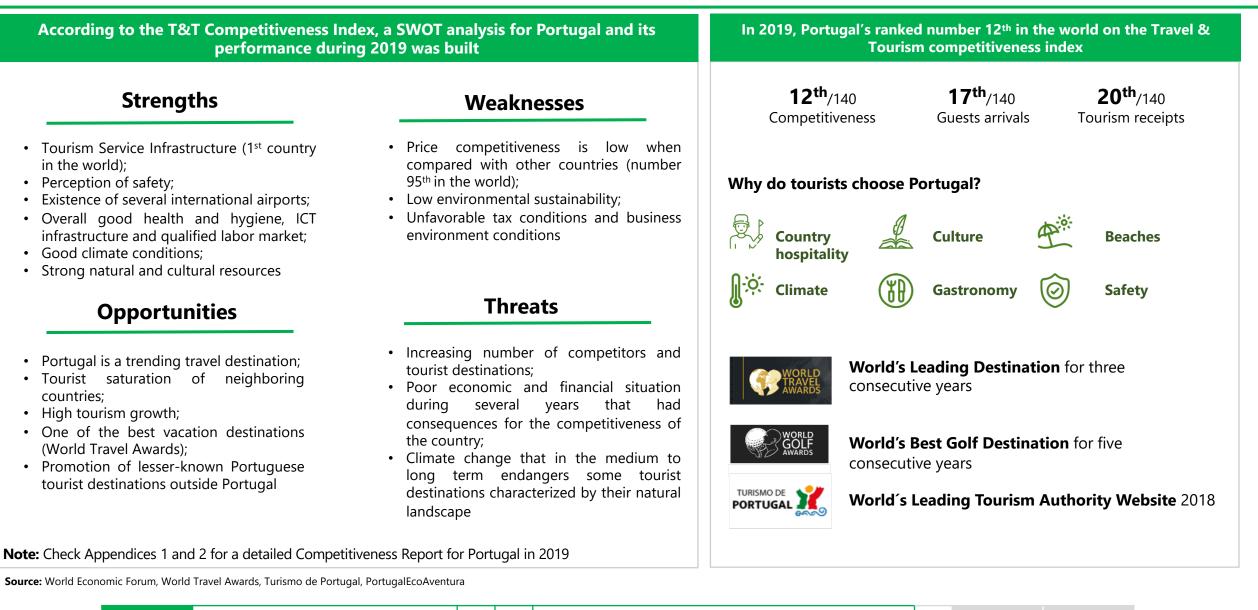
Portugal has a continuous Travel & Tourism positive balance. United Kingdom is the country that spent more in Portugal during 2019



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#### Portugal is an attractive travel destination with many positive natural and human factors but there is still room for improvement

In 2019, Portugal ranked number 12th in the world on the Travel & Tourism competitiveness index

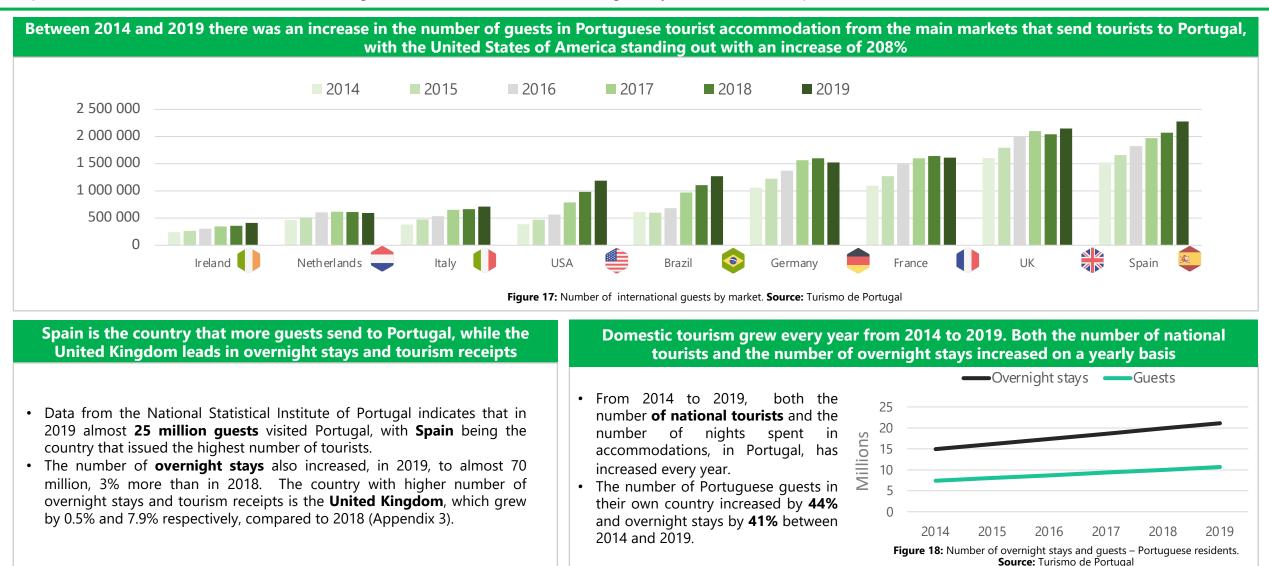


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# Between 2014 and 2019 there was an increase in the number of guests in Portuguese tourist Accommodations from the main markets that export tourists to Portugal



Spain leads in the number of arrivals, United Kingdom leads in the number of overnight stays and tourism receipts



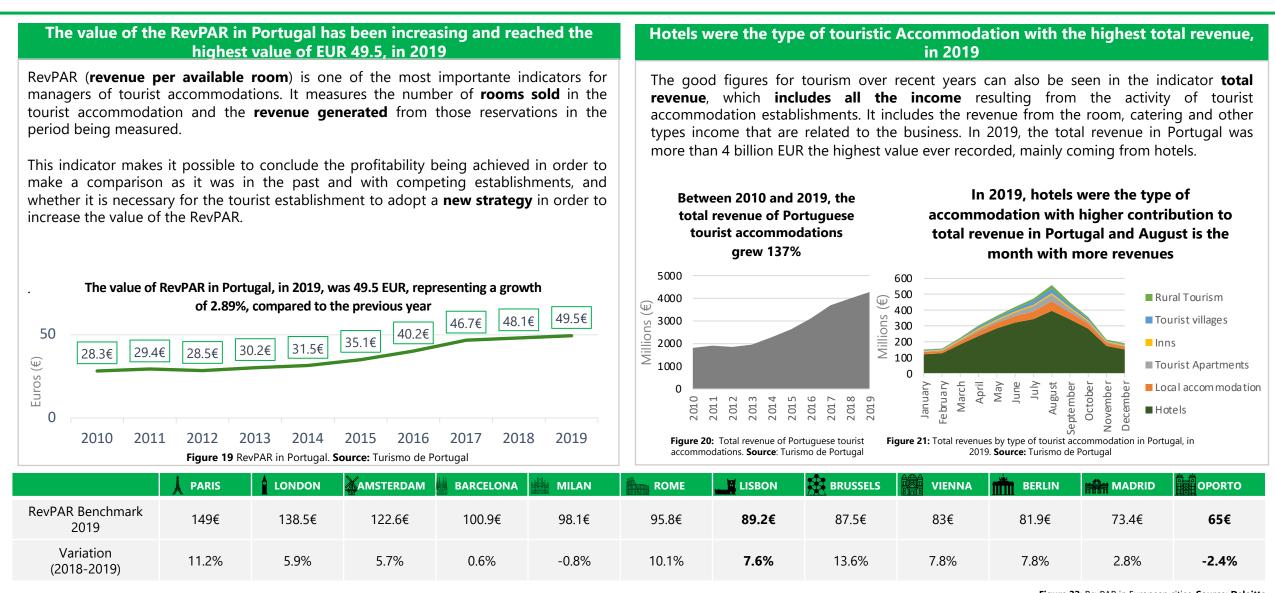
Source: INE, Turismo de Portugal

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#### The increase in the number of tourists was accompanied by an increase of total revenue and a higher value of the RevPAR

RevPAR in Portugal reached its highest value of 49.5€ and total revenue from Accommodations was more than 4 billion EUR, in 2019



Source: Deloitte, Turismo de Portugal

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Figure 22: RevPAR in European cities. Source: Deloitte

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There are significant asymmetries between Portuguese regions Brazilian and American markets are becoming more and more relevant. The German market leads in the autonomous regions



<ul> <li>The lack of cohesion between regions is one of the main problems of Portuguese tourism identified in the "2027 Tourism Strategy"</li> <li>In 2017, a strategy was drawn up with the objectives to be achieved in Portuguese tourism by 2027, the 2027 Tourism Strategy. To better understand the opportunities for growth, five focus groups were set up to better understand the tourist profile of each of these nationalities, what were weaknesses and strengths of Portugal. One of the challenges identified is the lack of cohesion between Portuguese regions.</li> <li>When the value of the RevPAR by region is compared, there is still a big difference between the value of the Lisbon Metropolitan Area and the Center. In 2019, the difference between the aforementioned regions was 49.22 EUR.</li> <li>Furthermore, the total revenue is in line with the conclusion presented above, since Lisbon is the region that recorded a higher value of total revenue.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The same happened with the American market that was the second most important market in Lisbon Metropolitan Area and Azores, and the third in Alentejo.</li> <li>These two markets are becoming more relevant and sending more guests to Portugal than countries that have been among the most important to Portugal</li> </ul>			
RevPAR per region and variation 2014-2019 Total revenue per region in Portugal, in 2019	2019         North         Center         Lisbon         Alentejo         Algarve         Azores         Madeira           Guests         5 826 532         4 121 391         8 108 884         1 586 146         5 073 867         774 434         1 482 643           Main international market         Spain         Spain         Spain         Spain         Spain         Spain         Germany         Germany           % of total         22%         15%         30%         6%         19%         3%         5%           Overnight stays         10 720 425         7 100 615         18 425 019         2 879 101         20 953 422         2 285 454         7 466 012           % of total         Spain         Spain         Spain         Spain         UK         Germany         UK           % of total         15%         10%         26%         4%         30%         3%         11%			
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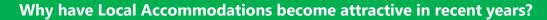
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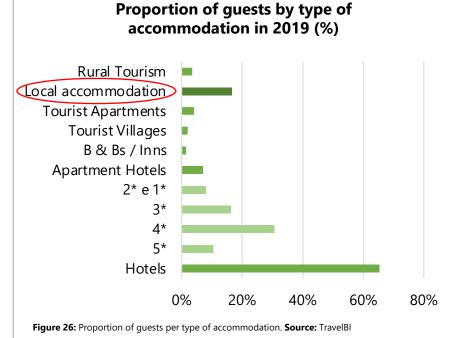
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### Hotels were the most preferred choice in 2019, but Local Accommodations have been gaining some space in the market

Followed by the North, Lisbon is the most touristic region in the country welcoming 30% of the guests, in 2019









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#### The feeling of being at home

When making the reservation, the guest looks for a place that fits more his personal style.

It could be a cheaper option Specially when travelling with kids and big groups, it is a more comfortable and safer option.

#### The possibility of saving some money in meals (\$`

Perfect for people that enjoy cooking even during their holidays and to avoid spending extra money.

#### Local experience

Guests end up having a closer and more realistic experience of the destination chosen.

#### Activities available in the propriety

The owners of the propriety offer some type of entertainment such as books or board games.

#### **Flexibility of Schedules**

The non-obligation to comply with schedules makes the experience less stressful and more enjoyable.

Depending on the area of Portugal, there are certain types of accommodation that vary in popularity among tourists since each area has a unique tourist environment and experience.

- In the North and Alentejo, the second type of accommodation most sought after by tourists are Inns. These regions are for tourists that seek comfort and peace in a more natural environment. Privacy, leisure, entertainment options and hospitality are also considered for those looking for this type of accommodation.
- In Lisbon, Center and Algarve, Apartment Hotels are a popular option, since this type of accommodations offers both convenience of an apartment as well as the facilities of a hotel.

Hotels are the main type of touristic accommodation in Portugal. The main hotel chains in terms of the number of accommodations, as well as the number of beds, in 2019, were the **Pestana** group, followed by **Vila Galé** and **Accor Hotels.** 

Source: Deloitte, TravelBI.

ΝΟνλ Online travel agencies are becoming increasingly important. Booking is the world leader with 15.07 billion USD in revenues, in 2019 The guests' experience begins way before the check-in



Travel agencies are companies that **sell or offer** for sale to the final customer package tours/ travel packages.



Tour operators may also be referred to as organising travel agencies. These are the companies that make package tours/ package tours and sell or offer them for sale directly to the end customer or through a travel agency.

**Direct reservation** is the type reservation that can be made directly with the establishment to which the person intends to go through three main means: the hotel's telephone number. the hotel's own website or make the reservation physically at the establishment through contact with one of the employees.

#### **Online travel agencies (OTAs)**

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- In recent years online travel agencies have become increasingly important as the **digitalisation of** channels has become a priority. Most of the world's leading online travel agencies began to emerge at the end of the 20th century and have grown ever since.
- Consumers are increasingly looking for online travel agencies, reflected in the growth of major online travel agencies over the years, since it has several advantages such as being able to read the **reviews of other quests** who have already stayed in a certain accommodation which allows a better comparison and, consequently, better decision making when it comes to choosing. (Appendix 4).
- Moreover, the evolution has also taken place at the level of the devices used for search and booking, as mobile plays an increasingly important role.
- Euromonitor predicted that:

#### 80% of 2019 hotel bookings by travellers **under 30** years made online

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The predicted percentage of digital bookings in 2020

44%

Online travel agencies	Year of foundation	Country	2019 revenues in billions USD
Booking.com	1996	The Netherlands	15.07
expodia group	1996	U.S.A.	12.07
Ctrip	1999	China	5.1
tripadvisor	2000	U.S.A.	1.56
trivago 2005		Germany	0.94
., eDreams 1999		U.S.A	0.63

Figure 27: Main online travel agencies by revenue in 2019. Source: Statista

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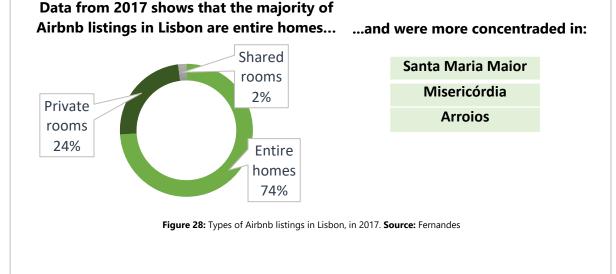
### Portugal is the 10<sup>th</sup> country in the world and the 5<sup>th</sup> in Europe where Airbnb had the biggest impact on the national economy

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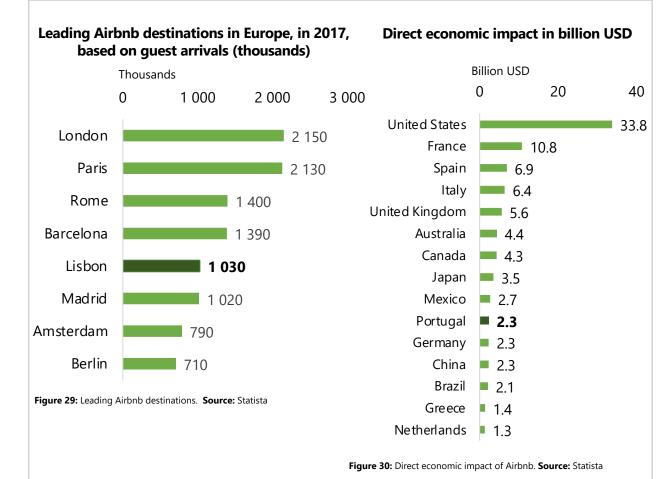
Lisbon is one of the European leading Airbnb destinations

### Portugal has seen an increase in the number of Airbnb listings over the last few years

- Accommodation's platforms began to emerge and gained greater prominence as the **Airbnb** platform which was founded in 2008, in the United States of America. It allows their guests to travel and continue with the feeling of being with a private house, in cases where the house is not shared with other guests, which happens in the majority of the cases.
- The impact on the national economy is of great importance and should not be ignored. since Portugal is the **tenth country** in the world where this platform created in California has the greatest impact and the **fifth**, **if only Europe is considered**.



### Lisbon is one of the cities that more Airbnb guests received, and Portugal is one of the countries with the highest direct economic impact



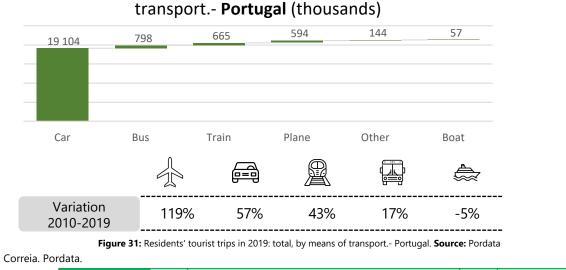
Source: Fernandes, Statista.

#### Portuguese prefer to use the car when travelling in their own country and the airplane to travel abroad

Sustainable transport alternatives have emerged over the past few years

#### Portuguese prefer to use the car when travelling in their own country and the airplane to travel abroad

- During the holidays in Portugal, Portuguese prefer to choose the **car** as a means of transport, a trend that has gradually increased over the last few years. As far as trips abroad are concerned, the **airplane** is by far the preferred means of transport and, over the last few years, it has increasingly stood out with an increase in numbers and a greater distance from the second most chosen means of transport, the car.
- The evolution of the number of people who choose the airplane as a means of transport to travel outside Portugal can be justified by the various advantages that this means of transport presents in relation to the alternatives, since for distant destinations the duration of the trip is much shorter, for some destinations it is not even possible to use some means of transport, such as natural barriers. The price of travel is also very low on low-cost airlines and when compared also with the alternatives, unlike low-cost airlines, premium airlines have focused on the **comfort** that customers can enjoy during the flight.
- Over the years, greater environmental concern has grown whose impact is also felt on means of transport. Electric cars, hybrids, and other more sustainable options have emerged and more people are looking for environmentally-friendly alternatives. According to the European Federation of Transport and Environment, Portugal is the fifth European country where most electric vehicles are sold.



Residents' tourist trips in 2019: total, by means of

#### Residents' tourist trips in 2019: total, by main means of transport - International (thousands)

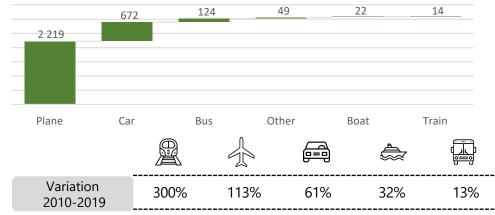


Figure 32: Residents' tourist trips in 2019: total, by means of transport.- International. Source: Pordata

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#### The accommodation sector has been reshaped to meet the needs of a new demanding traveler

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The new traveler is increasingly changing overtime: evolving ways of traveling, greater customer demand or the need to adapt quickly to new technologies

#### A new demanding traveler is looking for more Sustainability...

Being sustainable is good for the planet, but also to attract the "guests of today". The new generation – **Millennials** – has consuming habits emerging towards sustainability and are **willing to pay more** for products and services of companies committed to **society** and the **environment**.

MAIN GOAL: Achieve in 2023 an increase of 50% in tourism enterprises with energy efficiency, water and waste management systems. In addition, the plan points out that tourist accommodation units, with a rating of four and five stars, eliminate 50% of single-use plastics.



Top measures adopted by Accommodations in Portugal

#### To reduce water waste:

- Low consumption flushing toilets
- Guests invited to report any water losses
- Change of sheets and towels at guests request
- Flow reducers in taps and showers
- Timers on taps

#### To reduce energy waste:

- Class A (or higher) equipment
- Thermal and acoustic insulation of windows and water tightness of frames
- Energy saving lamps
- Climate control systems with adjustable intensity by the customer
- Card driven lighting system

Source: Statista, TravelBI.

#### ... and Technological development

• The new traveler already expects that establishments can keep up with the **technologic development.** 

Travelers are more demanding when it comes to providing information about a given space. **Prices, services, schedules and all other information must be easily accessible.** This makes the Accommodation ecosystem suffer a major pressure to deliver that information quicker than the competition. The optimization of the guest experience and the guarantee of meeting his expectations are constantly evolving challenges for hoteliers. Therefore, the **technological development is key.** 

### How does tech help travellers ?

67% SAVES TIME

54% TECH GIVES ME MORE OPTIONS

**36%** PREVENTS ME FROM HAVING TO TALK TO A PERSON ON THE PHONE 54% SAVES MONEY

**32%** PROVIDES BETTER CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

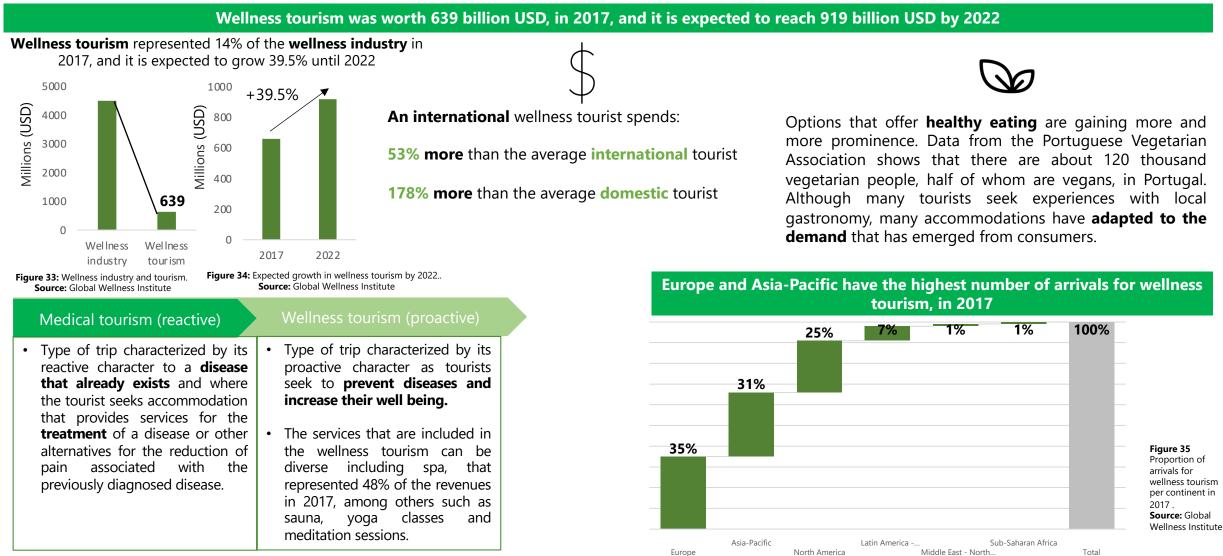
**2%** I DO NOT LIKE BOOKING TRAVEL ONLINE OR VIA APPS

#### 2% OTHER

Technology has helped **reduce costs, enhance operational efficiency, and improve services and customer experience**. Both customers and businesses can benefit from improved communication, reservations, and guest service systems.

#### Wellness tourism was worth 639 billion USD in 2017 because there is increasing accommodation offering of these services

An international wellness tourist spends 53% more than the average international tourist and 178% more than the average domestic tourist

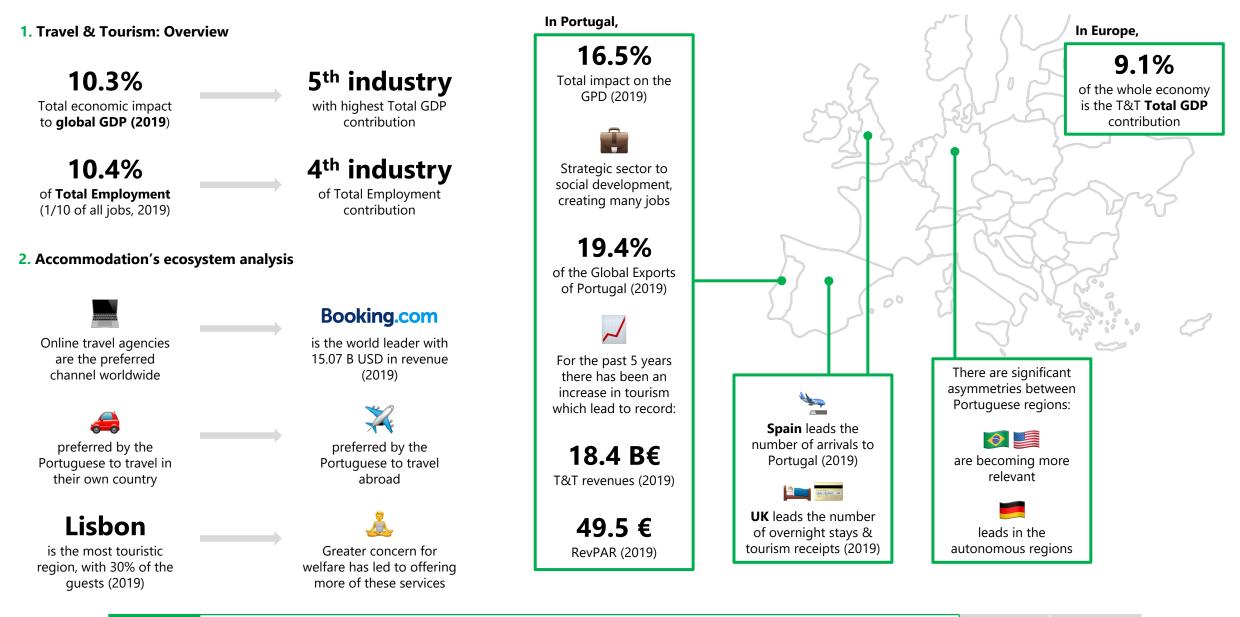


Source: Global Wellness Institute. Martins.

2.3 Transforming trends



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## Key Takeaways – Context Analysis: The "Old Normal"

Section Subsection		Takeaways
1. Travel & Tourism: Overview	<b>1.1</b> Travel & Tourism: A global industry	<ul> <li>In 2019, the total economic impact of the Travel &amp; Tourism industry to the global GDP was 10.3%</li> <li>The Travel &amp; Tourism industry accounts for 10.4% of total employment in 2019, which represents one tenth of all the jobs</li> <li>According to WTTC, Travel &amp; Tourism is the 5th industry with the highest total GDP contribution and the 4th in terms of total employment contribution as of 2018</li> <li>In Europe, the Travel &amp; Tourism total GDP contribution represents 9.1% of the whole economy</li> </ul>
	<b>1.2</b> Travel & Tourism industry in Portugal	<ul> <li>The Travel &amp; Tourism sector in <b>Portugal</b> has been growing fast, reaching 2019 with a <b>total impact on the GDP of 16.5%</b></li> <li>Travel &amp; Tourism in Portugal is a strategic sector to the social development of the country, where many jobs are being created</li> <li>The weight of Travel &amp; Tourism in the <b>Global Exports</b> of Portugal in 2019 was <b>19.4%</b></li> </ul>
	<b>1.3</b> Portugal: a T&T destination	<ul> <li>T&amp;T revenues in Portugal have been growing during the last five years, reaching 18.4 billion EUR in 2019</li> <li>Portugal is an attractive travel destination with many positive natural and human factors but there is still room for improvement</li> </ul>
	<b>2.1</b> The Accommodation Industry in Portugal	<ul> <li>Between 2014 and 2019 there was an increase in the number of guests in Portuguese tourist Accommodations from the main markets that export tourists to Portugal</li> <li>The increase in the number of tourists was accompanied by an <b>increase of total revenue</b> and a higher value of the <b>RevPAR</b></li> <li>There are significant <b>asymmetries</b> between Portuguese regions. Brazilian and American markets are becoming more and more relevant. The German market leads in the autonomous regions</li> <li>Hotels are the type of tourist accommodation that tourists choose more in Portugal</li> </ul>
2. Accommodation's ecosystem analysis	<b>2.2</b> Preferences in channel and transport	<ul> <li>Online Travel Agencies are the channel that is becoming increasingly important. Booking is the world leader with \$15.07 billions USD in revenues, in 2019</li> <li>Portugal is the 10<sup>th</sup> country in the world and the 5<sup>th</sup> in Europe where <b>Airbnb</b> had the biggest impact on the national economy</li> <li>Portuguese prefer to use the <b>car</b> when travelling in their own country and the <b>airplane</b> to travel abroad</li> </ul>
	<b>2.3</b> Transforming Trends	<ul> <li>The accommodation sector has been reshaped to meet the needs of a new demanding traveler</li> <li>Wellness tourism was worth 639 billion USD in 2017 because there is increasing accommodation offering of these services</li> </ul>

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