# I Travel on mobile / TR

Exploring how people use their smartphones for travel activities



#### About this study

**Background:** Mobile apps and sites are a vital channel for advertisers to engage with consumers. Google would like to be able to

provide advertisers with a strong understanding of behaviors on mobile apps and sites so that they can design the most

effective mobile strategy.

Objective: To help advertisers understand the Travel-related activities people use their smartphones for and how people find, use

and stay engaged with apps in this category.

Methodology	15 minute online questionnaire covering travel category.
Population	Smartphone users, 18-64, who used smartphone for travel in the past month
	Quotas set on enumeration data per vertical for age, gender, education, and Internet usage frequency.  To ensure vertical representation, a 'soft launch' based on the online population was conducted to determine the makeup of each vertical. After the soft launch was complete and each vertical's makeup was defined, quotas were set per vertical to match this universe. Weighting was applied on the back-end if needed.
Sample Size	N = 300 per vertical
Market(s)	TR (also available for UK, US, CA, FR, NL, SE, RU, IL, KSA)



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For travel activities, mobile websites are used slightly more than apps [slide 9]

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Range of features is key - with storage of preferences and secure sign in preferred [slide 26] Exclusive offers can lead some to re-engage [slide 30]

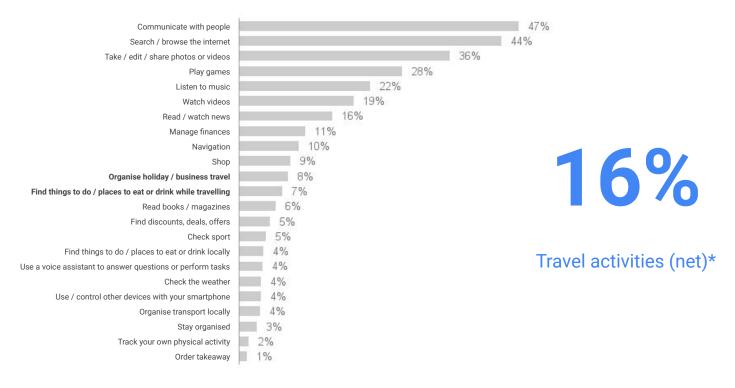
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# Smartphone activities

## Must have smartphone activities

Amongst those who use mobile for travel activities





## Frequency of travel activities on mobile

35%

64%

At least daily

At least weekly



#### Travel activities on smartphone

Past 30 day activities		Weekly	Daily
Looked for discounts or offers	42%	31%	16%
Looked at accommodation options	40%	23%	11%
Checked flight times	32%	17%	7%
Found address / contact information of a travel agency	32%	17%	7%
Looked at flight options	30%	17%	6%
Looked at things to do / tourist information before visiting	30%	18%	10%
Looked at things to do / tourist information while travelling	30%	19%	11%
Watched videos about accommodation or the local area	28%	19%	8%
Wrote a review for a destination	22%	14%	4%
Booked a flight	19%	7%	4%
Booked accommodation	18%	8%	4%
Looked at rental car options	18%	11%	5%
Used a digital ticket / boarding pass	16%	8%	3%
Checked into flight or accommodation	13%	7%	3%
Made a last minute booking	10%	5%	3%
Used a loyalty programme	6%	4%	1%



## Usage of apps and sites for travel activities

Travel activities in past 30 days

50%

Used an app

58%

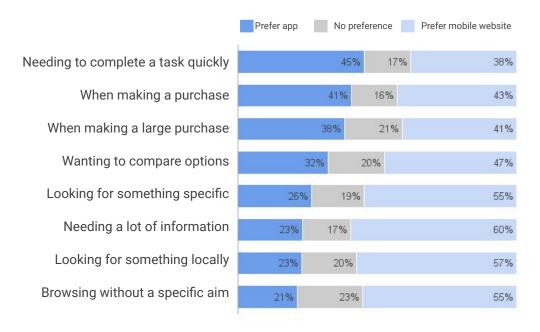
Used a mobile website

#### **Preferences for top travel activities**

Among those who have done activity in past 30 days



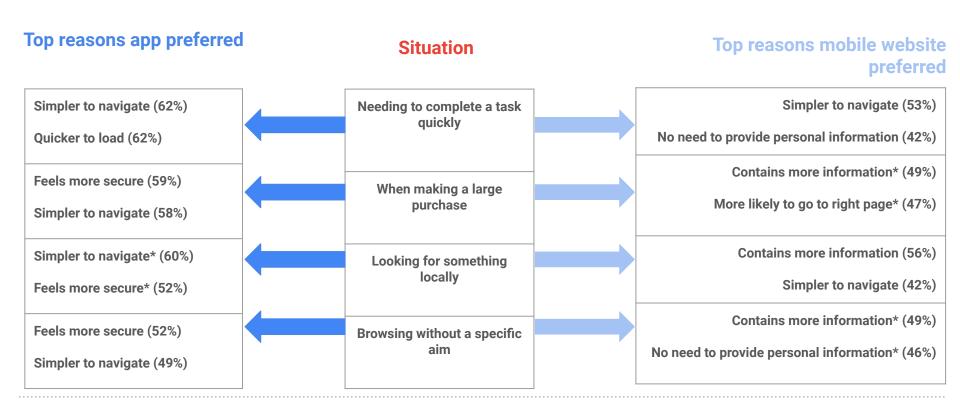
#### Platform preferences for travel situations



- Apps are generally preferred for quicker tasks
- There is not a strong preference either way for making purchases
- For all other travel situations, mobile sites tend to be preferred



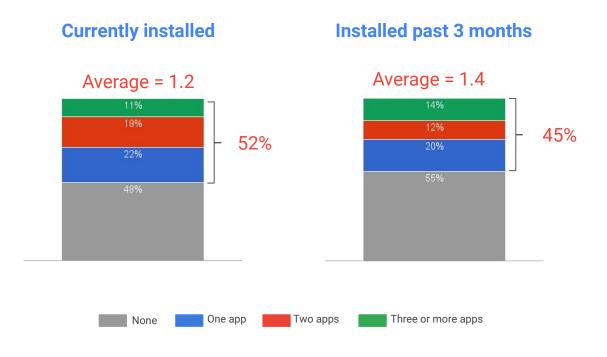
## Top reasons for app vs mobile site preference





# App repertoire

#### Number of travel apps installed





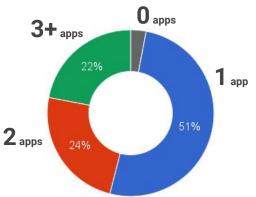


## Lifecycle of new travel apps

Among those who installed a travel app in the past 3 months, an average of **3.1 apps were installed** in the past 3 months...

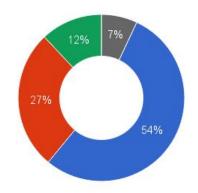
#### 2.0 were ever opened

on average



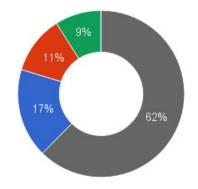
1.8 were still in use

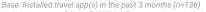
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#### 0.8 were uninstalled

on average



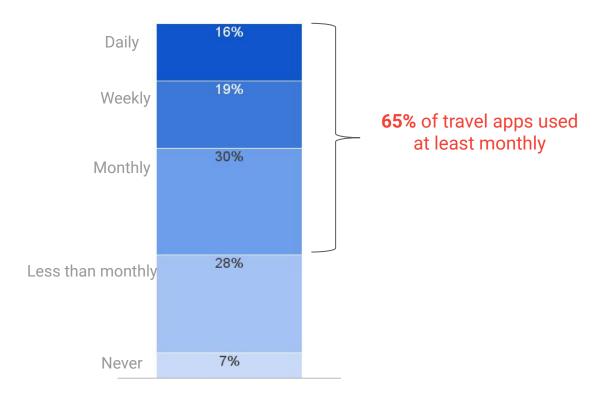


Q19. How many of those [VERTICAL] apps you've installed in the past 3 months have you opened at least once since installing?

Q20. How many of those [VERTICAL] apps you've installed in the past 3 months are you still using now?

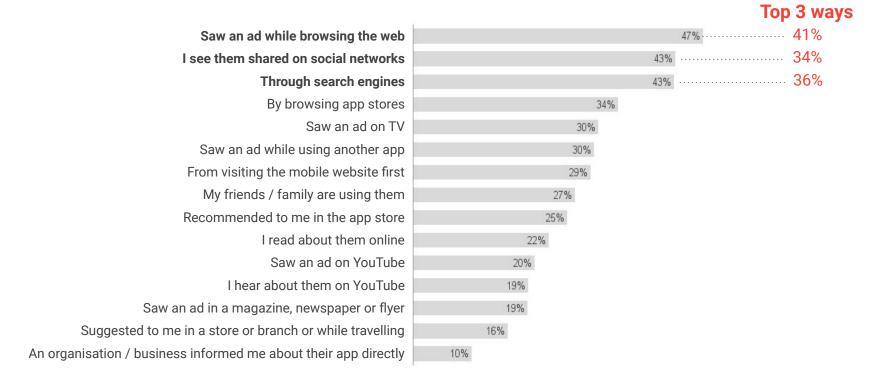


#### Average percentage of travel apps used



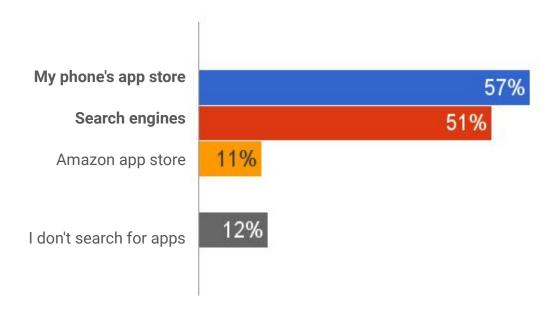


## Ways to find out about travel apps





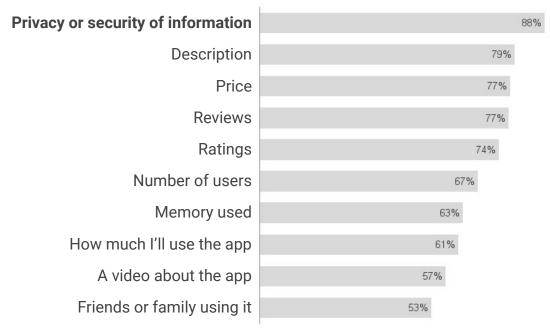
## Sources of finding travel apps





## App store download decision factors

#### **Extremely important / very important**





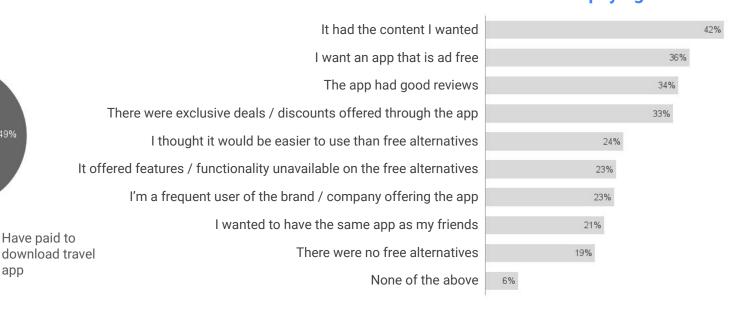
## Reasons for downloading travel apps





#### Reasons for paying for travel apps

#### **Reasons for paying**



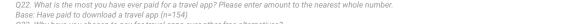


51%

Never paid to

download

travel app



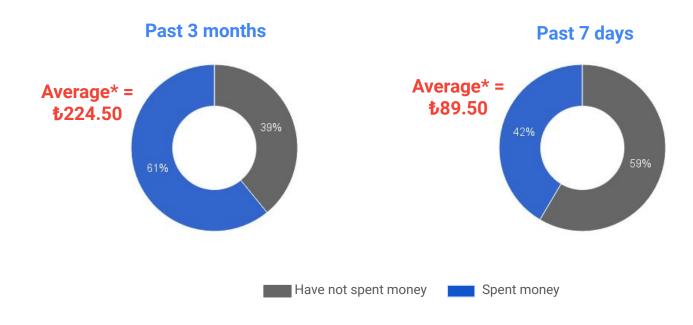


49%

app



#### Smartphone spending for products/services





## Frequency of paying for app upgrades/items





# Preferences

#### Favourite travel apps are.....

# Trip Advisor Google maps Seyahat.com

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Geziko Skyscanner

# Trivago BlaBlaCar Momondo Google

Yok Tatil sepeti Hostelworld Etstur Thy Booking.com

Pegasus



## Characteristics of favourite apps





#### Preferred features for travel apps



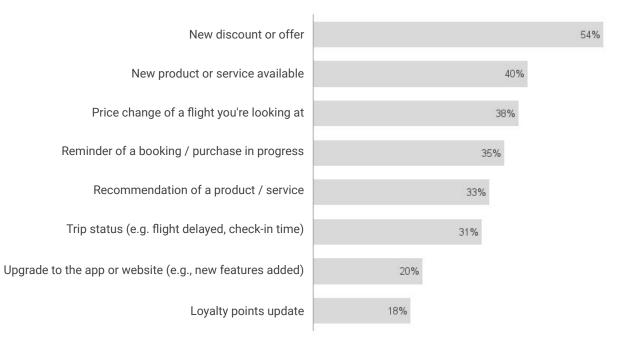


## Useful notifications on phone

92%

find travel notifications on mobile **useful** 

#### Most useful notifications





# Abandonment & re-engagement

#### Reasons for abandonment

#### I no longer had a need for that particular app

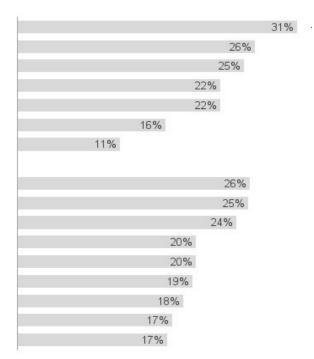
It wasn't as useful as I thought
I had a similar app that was easier to use
I needed to free up memory
I had a similar app that was more useful
I forgot I had the app
My friends stopped using it

Ads made the app harder to navigate

It was taking up a lot of memory
The app contained too many ads
I was receiving too many notifications from it

It had technical problems
It wasn't as described
It wasn't easy to use or navigate
It needed to be updated too often

Ads were not relevant to me



#### Why no longer needed?

Was using for one-off trip 52%

Other apps covered travel needs 42%

No longer customer of company 21%





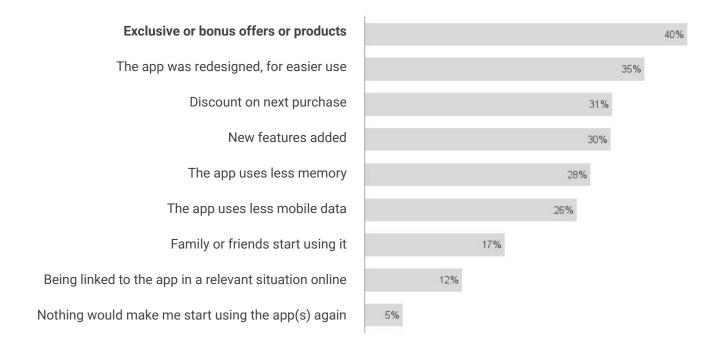
Q41. And have you stopped using travel apps on your smartphone for any of these reasons?

Base: No longer has need for a particular app (n=92)





#### Reasons to re-engage





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