

PhoCusWright study reveals key travel review trends

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# 24 Insights to shape your **TripAdvisor strategy**





of travelers are more likely to book hotels that won a TripAdvisor award.



of travelers use photos from other travelers to help them make decisions.



of travelers say that TripAdvisor's hotel price comparison feature has helped them:

**Save time** during planning

**51**%

Find the right hotel at the right price

**52**%



of travelers check TripAdvisor a few times a month or more.

"We won't go unless we know..."



of travelers won't commit to booking until they read reviews.



of travelers say TripAdvisor reviews make them more confident in their travel decisions.

77% usually or always reference reviews before choosing a hotel.



usually 50% or always reference reviews before choosing a restaurant.

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**44**% usually or always reference reviews before choosing an attraction.

### **Local fast facts**

#### **Hungry for** restaurant reviews?

Always or usually read TripAdvisor reviews before choosing a restaurant:



Italian travelers - 75% Spanish travelers - 60%

British travelers - 53%

American travelers - 46%



No reviews? No bookings.

Indian travelers are most likely to avoid hotels without any reviews.



No responses? No bookings, either.

7 out of 10 Brazilian travelers are more likely to book a hotel that responds to reviews.

#### **Must-know review findings**

80

of travelers are most interested in recent reviews that provide the freshest feedback.

Travelers who say management responses to reviews make them more likely to book:

80%

of travelers read at least 6-12 reviews before booking a hotel.

Travelers who have an improved opinion of a hotel after reading an appropriate management response to a bad review:

TripAdvisor users who read reviews because it helps them:

# Checking in after checking out.

Which travelers posted 5+ hotel reviews on TripAdvisor in the last year?



Italian travelers - 30%

Indian travelers - 29%



French travelers - 24%

British travelers - 24%



Pick the right hotel



Have a better trip



Know about attractions



Find better restaurants



A little pre-trip reading.

1 in 3 Spanish travelers read 11+ reviews before choosing a hotel.



Why?

of travelers ignore extreme comments when reading reviews.

Travelers who are less likely to book a hotel with aggressive. defensive responses to bad reviews:

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"The more engaged the property, the more likely travelers are to book." Barbara Messing, Chief Marketing Officer, TripAdvisor



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