## THE CHANGING FACES OF 130M CHINESE OUTBOUND TRAVELERS

POWERED BY ICLICK INTERACTIVE

### ICLICK IS #1 INDEPENDENT DIGITAL MARKETING TECHNOLOGY COMPANY IN GREATER CHINA

## INTERACTIVE

Founded in 2009, iClick is the largest digital marketing technology company in Greater China.

iClick is committed to helping global brands reach their target Chinese consumers through precise and effective crosschannel media marketing means. 450+

150+

No. of Staff

Fortune 500 Clients

2200+

Total Number of Clients

120+

Data, Tech & Product Experts

## HELP YOU LEVERAGE THE BEAUTY OF DATA FROM DIGITAL MEDIA PLANNING TO EXECUTION





Giving marketers insights by helping them identify relevant audiences



#### TECHNOLOGY

Cross-channel targeting through a single interface, premium inventory & China data



#### **PREMIUM NETWORK**

Affiliate partners with Google, Tencent & Baidu

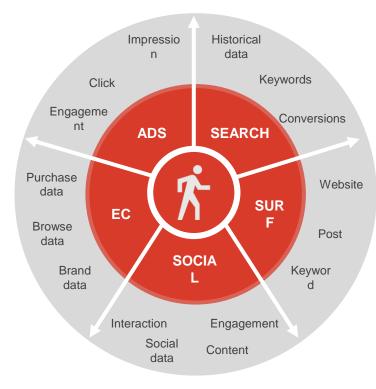


#### EXPERTISE

Proven track record in handling sizable digital campaigns



## BY GATHERING REAL-TIME DATA OF ONLINE USER BEHAVIOR



SEARCH 633.5 M+ search users / 1.5M search terms

SURF 400,000+ sites tracked/ reach 98.7% netizens

#### SOCIAL

**450M+** social users / Tencent & Sina Weibo partnerships

#### SHOP

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Branded ecommerce platforms data

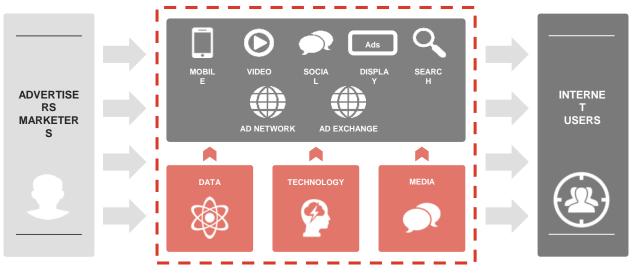


2000+ clients campaigns



## PROVIDE YOU WITH ONE-SINGLE PLATFORM TO AUTOMATE YOUR CAMPAIGN & DRIVE OUTCOMES

The one-stop platform that aggregates, bids and optimizes media inventory across different digital channels to maximize marketing performance.





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## **OUR METHODOLOGY**



#### **Data Mining**

With our ability to track and profile over 750 million active online users in China on a monthly basis, iClick is able to mine for Chinese Travel shoppers' online behavior through our proprietary market intelligence platform

iAudience



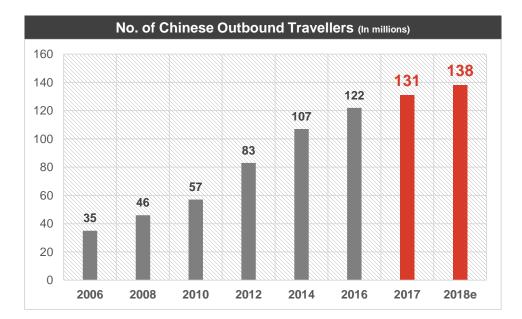
#### **Derive Behavioral Insight**

Analyze the behavioral results on iAudience, including audience demographics and interests, the topics and contents they pay attention to, to derive the behavioral insights for marketers.



### THE RISE OF THE CHINESE TRAVELER EXPECTED TO GROW TO 250M IN NEXT 3 YEARS





Ease of visa regulations on Chinese and the increased air routes in and out of China, have spurred the booming affluent and middle class Chinese to travel globally.

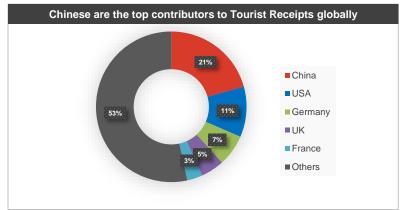
- During Chinese New Year Golden Week alone,
   Chinese outbound tourists recorded 6.15M
- China's overall outbound tourists have grown 2.5x within a decade
- Chinese traveler numbers have already achieved the size of Japan and is poised to become the world's 4th largest nation at 255M people in 2020.

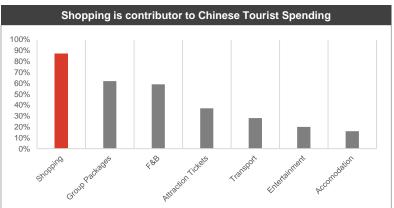


Source: Ctrip "2016 China Outbound Travellers Big Data Report, 2017"

## THE RISE OF THE CHINESE TRAVELER109.8B USD SPENT BY CN TRAVELERS IN 2016







## China's outbound travelers spent a total of 258B USD in 2017, and averaged 1,985 USD per person.

	China	US	France	Germany	UK
Average outbound spending	\$1,985	\$1,539	\$1,383	\$1,003	\$890
GNI per Capita	\$8,805	\$60,198	\$39,323	\$45,388	\$39,072

#### **KEY MOTIVATION TO SHOP OVERSEAS**

- **PRICE DIFFERENTIALS**: Opportunities to enjoy significant tax savings by buying overseas.
- QUALITY ASSURANCE: Overseas retail products are perceived as higher quality and more assurance they are genuine products.
- **UNIQUENESS**: Products which are unique to a particular destination.



## THE PROFILE OF THE CHINESE TRAVELER WHERE DO THEY GO?



#### 1H2018 Chinese Travelers Destinations Top 20

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1	Thailand	11	Philippines
2	Japan	12	Australia
3	Vietnam	13	France
4	Korea	14	UAE
5	Singapore	15	Turkey
6	Indonesia	16	Italy
7	Malaysia	17	Maldives
8	Russia	18	Germany
9	USA	19	Sri Lanka
10	Cambodia	20	United Kingdom

#### THE IMPACT OF CHINESE TOURISTS ON THAILAND

- In 1st half of 2018, Chinese tourists to Thailand have reached 5.94M visits, accounting for 30% of total Thai tourists arrivals.
- Total tourists receipts from Chinese Tourists amounted to 319 Billion THB (9.59B USD) in the 1st half, contributing to 32% of total tourist receipts in the same period.
- Average spending per tourist 1,615 USD



Source: CITM15

## THE 3 KEY TYPES OF CHINESE TRAVEL SHOPPERS

#1 The Dark Horse: The New Affluent from the New 1st Tier Cities#2 The Walking Wallet: The Luxury Overseas Shopper#3 The Awakened Generation: The Post-90s Explorers

## #1 THE DARK HORSE - THE NEW AFFLUENT FROM THE NEW 1ST TIER CITIES



- Traditional 1st tier cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Guangzhou were surpassed by 10 non 1st tier cities in terms of growth in outbound travelers in 2017.
- The new 1<sup>st</sup> tier cities with Xi'an in the first place due to a 323% increase of outbound travelers in 2017, followed by Changsha (232%), Wuxi, Taiyuan, Wuhan, Hefei, Chengdu, Nanjing, Harbin and Kunming.





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#### **#NEW AFFLUENTS**

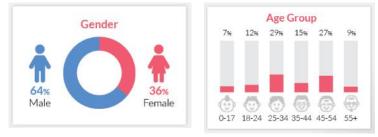
- BEGINNING TO ENJOY THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE
- ABOVE AVERAGE DISPOSABLE INCOME 30,000 USD -45,000 USD annual household income
- 45-54 y.o. segments prefers packaged tours; 25-34 prefers more hands on DIY approach

#### **#MAINSTREAM FOLLOWERS**

- Likes to "Go with the Flow"
- Prefers NEARBY DESTINATIONS popular among other Chinese to AVOID "RISK"
- Still familiarizing with famous luxury brands, and desire well established and RENOWNED BRANDS & PRODUCTS

#### **#COST EFFICIENCY**

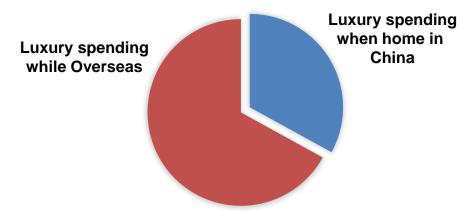
- Seeks COST SAVINGS
- PRICE DIFFERENTIALS are big lure to purchase luxury items overseas
- IN DEPTH RESEARCH In depth research on Duty Free policies in destination countries





## #2 THE WALKING WALLET – THE LUXURY OVERSEAS SHOPPER

• Chinese consumer luxury spending is expected to account for 44% of the total global market by 2025.



 In other words, ~30% of global luxury would be consumed by Chinese Travel Shoppers!





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#### #WEALTHY CHINESE

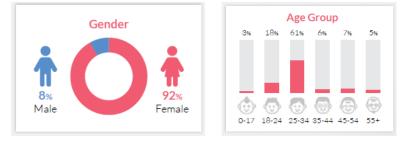
- **UPPER MIDDLE CLASS FEMALES** with high spending power (over USD 45,000 household annual income)
- REPETITIVE LUXURY BUYERS with diverse interests
   across various luxury brands and product categories
- JETSETTERS, traveling frequently (3-4 times/year) for pleasure and business

#### **#PREMIUM CUSTOMIZATION**

- Avid adopters of customized luxury tours
- LUXURY TRAVEL: Business/First class, 5/6/7 starred hotels or luxury boutique hotels
- LONG HAUL destinations suitable for shopping, Europe, Middle East & Africa

#### **#QUALITY FIRST**

- Sophisticated and discerning in luxury products
- Seeks QUALITY & AUTHENTICITY and go for Top
  premium luxury
- Pursues **UNIQUE ITEMS** not available in China, as well as the premium shopping **EXPERIENCE** overseas



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## **#3 THE AWAKENED GENERATION** - THE POST-90S EXPLORERS



- The "Post-90s" which refers to Chinese who were born from 1990 to 1999 is one of the most special consumer groups in China.
- They are the first generation of digital natives in China, to whom the smartphone is almost an inseparable "organ" to their body.
- They are constantly learning about the outside world through multiple online platforms and are also eager to go abroad to explore that world for themselves.





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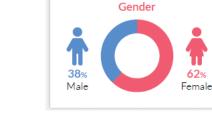
 The "ME" Culture: Seeking to distinguish themselves from others (the ME TOO crowd)

#### **#EXPERIENCE ORIENTED**

- Relaxation and experiencing local culture is more important than shopping
- Deep immersions and "SHAREABLE EXPERIENCES"

#### **#SHOPPING FOR UNIQUENESS**

- No apparent brands occupying top of mind, and contrived with **DISCOVERING NEW BRANDS** and products to show off
- Positions themselves as "THOUGHT LEADERS" amongst peers

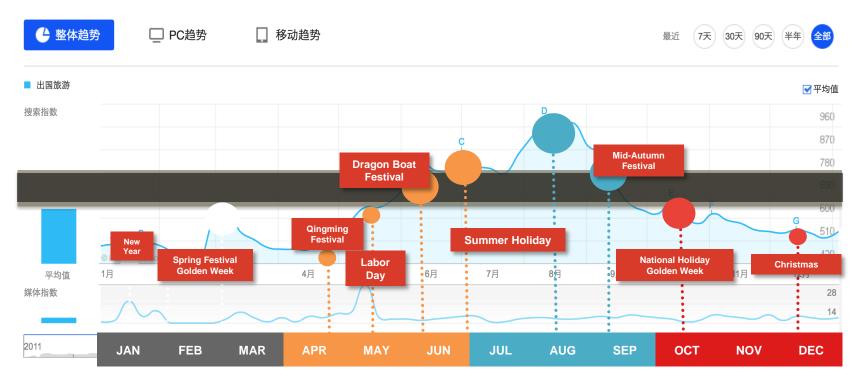


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## THE PROFILE OF THE CHINESE TRAVELER KEY CHINESE TRAVELER CALENDAR



Source: Baidu Travel Report 2016

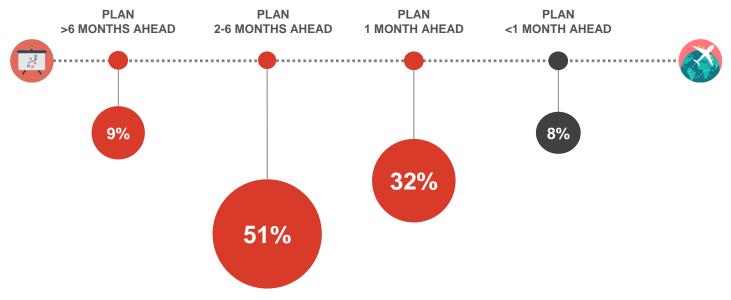
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## THE TRAVEL BEHAVIOR 92% OF CN TRAVELERS PLAN OVER 1 MONTH IN ADVANCE



#### Chinese Travelers typically plan their trips early with most people planning 2-6 months ahead.

For destinations they are more familiar with the planning period will be shorter; Younger demographics also tend to have shorter planning cycles of usually a month.

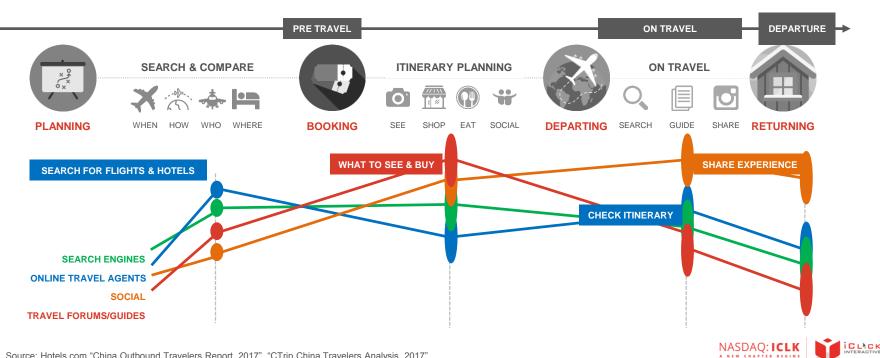


Source: Hotels.com "China Outbound travellers report, 2017"



## THE KEY TO ENGAGE CHINESE TRAVELER UNDERSTAND THEIR TRAVEL PLANNING BEHAVIOR

In their travel planning process, there are different media touchpoints in different phases. •



Source: Hotels.com "China Outbound Travelers Report, 2017", "CTrip China Travelers Analysis, 2017"



### THE TRAVEL BEHAVIOR MAIN TOUCHPOINTS WITH THE CHINESE TRAVELER





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## **IMPLICATIONS FOR MARKETERS**



#### THINK HUGE, THINK GRANULAR

ENGAGE TRAVEL SHOPPERS IN THE RIGHT MOMENT SHORTEN THE GAP THROUGH TRAVELER PRE-ORDERS

China is one big concept that needs to be broken down into bite size pieces.

Leverage data to identify the would be travelers before their plans and shopping carts have been finalized. Engage in new retail experiences to convert the user before the hustle and bustle of travel.





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