





### What Overseas Tourism Brands Can Learn from China's Recovery

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Some of Dragon Trail's Clients





# Introduction: China's Domestic Tourism Recovery

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### China's Domestic Tourism Recovery

- As of the end of March, average hotel occupancy in China was 31.8%, up from a low of 7.4% at the start of February, according to <u>STR</u>.
- Domestic tourism recovery started as early as the Qingming Festival in early April. The least popular national holiday period for tourism, Qingming weekend saw a 60% year-on-year decrease in tourist numbers, and an 80% decline in revenue.
- Chinese tourists made 115 million trips over the May Labor Day holiday, a 41% decrease from the 195 million who traveled domestically in 2019.
   Domestic tourism revenue was down nearly 60%.
   However, numbers were significantly higher than the pre-holiday estimate of 90 million.





### China's Domestic Tourism Recovery

- ForwardKeys forecasted in August that China's domestic air travel would fully recover by the start of September. Bookings were already at 98% of 2019's numbers by mid- to late August.
- The country is gearing up for a surge in domestic travel for the National Day and Mid-Autumn Festival holiday from 1-8 October, with many high-speed train tickets sold out almost as soon as they went on sale at the start of September.
- Haikou Airport in China's island province of Hainan plans to add more than 1,500 flights during the holiday period to meet demand.





### OTAs and Travel Websites: Restarting from Scratch

## Ctrip/Trip.com Group





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### Other OTAs





### Mafengwo's Live Streaming Platform











# Airlines

### Live Streaming





### All-You-Can-Fly Deals





### All-You-Can-Fly Deals: Promotion



Promotion with: OTAs, travel blogs/accounts, KOLs, credit cards





### Hotels During the Crisis



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"医疗队每位医护人员都非常阳光,大部分都是 年轻九零后,其中很多人都为这场战役'削发明 志',他们的大爱和无畏深深震撼了我们所有 人。在向他们喊出'武汉加油'的一刻,我不禁热 泪盈眶,因为我看到了一群来援救我们的人, 看到了生命的力量和希望。"

> ——武汉光谷希尔顿酒店 运营总监 杨波





- Communications, support, and assurances
- Giving back to the community
- Developing new revenue sources
- Engaging online through short video and live streaming



### Hotels Emerge from the Crisis

Hotel started promoting deals from mid-March, and really got going in April.

In addition to their own marketing channels, numerous hotels have also worked with KOLs and OTAs.

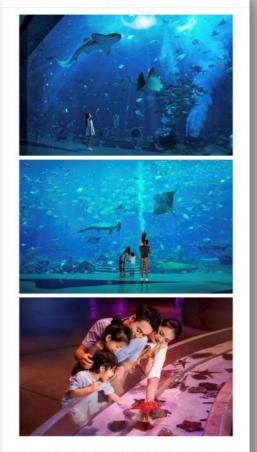
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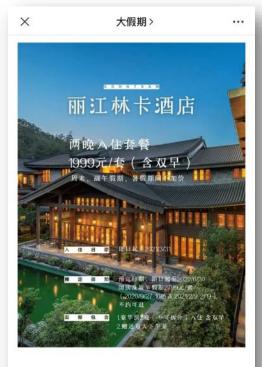




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### **Deals and Discounts**

- Atlantis Sanya: Early/mid-April – plane tickets from selected cities are included in the hotel room price.
- Accor: All-you-can-stay weekend deal from 3,999, from end of August through the rest of 2020.
- Marriott: "Eat your room rate"





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## **Promotion and Marketing**

- Partnerships with OTAs
- Live streaming
- KOL promotions: Sales and creative marketing

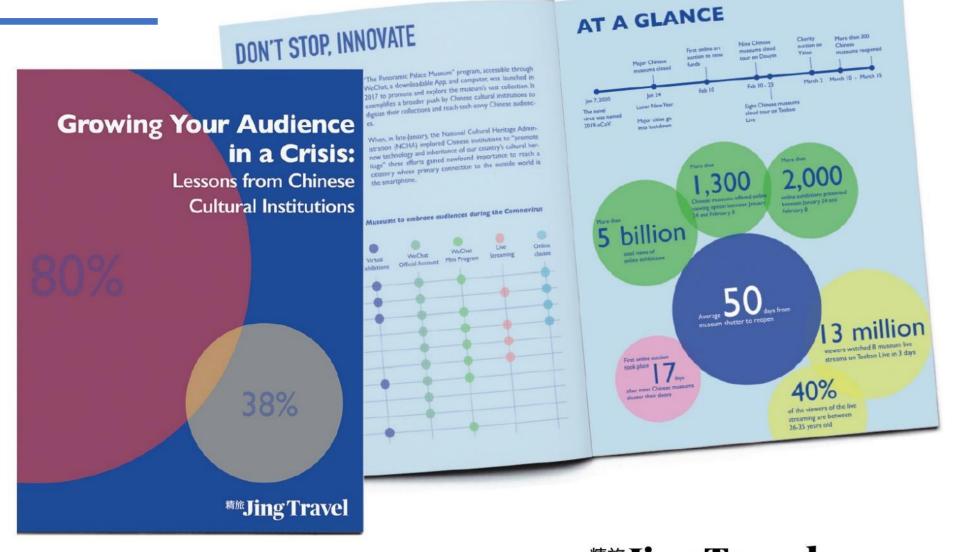




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# **Cultural Institutions**



精旅Jing Travel THE BUSINESS OF CHINESE CULTURAL TOURISM

# DON'T STOP, INNOVATE

Engage your audience through online exhibitions, virtual reality, and gamification.



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#### FIGHT COLLABORATIVELY

Build cross-industry partnerships to expand reach and deepen impact.

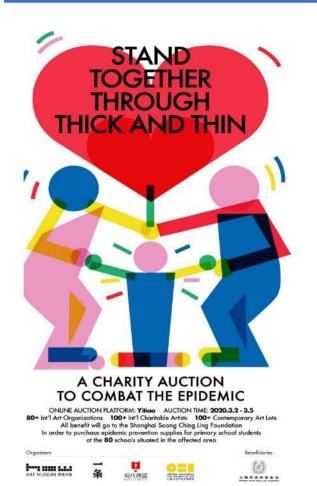


### THINK VIDEO. THINK LONG-TERM

Express brand personality to attract your future audience through live-streaming.



### Collaborations











### Live Streaming









### **Revenue and E-commerce**









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# **Destination Marketing**



## Dongcheng District, Beijing

- Live streaming: "Cherish the Beauty of Spring Online with with the Heart of Beijing"
- "Feel at Home with the Heart of Beijing" tourism product page with Ctrip
- Art and design competition with 100 universities
- KOL fam trip
- Short video competition





### Suzhou

In late April, the Suzhou Government joined forces with OTA Tongcheng on the "Spring Travel Season in Suzhou" initiative.

- Half-price tickets to 53 attractions
- 50,000 tourism gift packages given out to people from outside Suzhou, valid until 31 August. The prizes included a travel card, a visit to a choice of seven gardens, buyone-get-one-free boat tours, admission to a live performance, and a local specialty product.



### Qingdao

In July, the Qingdao Ministry of Culture and Tourism launched the "Go with the Flow" (青岛带节奏) campaign, aimed at young people, and linking to the *daka* tourism trend.

- Music video promoting Qingdao tourism (<u>watch</u>)
- Interactive online checklist of 30 top activities and places
- Posters/visual marketing assets for online promotion







# Takeaways for Overseas Brands

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### Live Streaming



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### **Outbound Promotions**

#### The Chinese travel industry is gearing up for the return of outbound travel. Are you?

OTAs have been applying the same strategies to outbound promotions for months already, starting in June and July. Ctrip live streaming has sold hotel room nights in Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, and Dubai. Tuniu has partnered with the Tourism Authority of Thailand.

Spring Airlines started to push Southeast Asian routes for 2021 in July.





## Influencer Marketing

Some Chinese KOL accounts have already started promoting outbound travel, similar to OTAs.

Beyond paid sales promotions, a recovery strategy should ideally include inviting Chinese KOLs for a fam trip. You can get an early start on this by working with locally based Chinese KOLs.

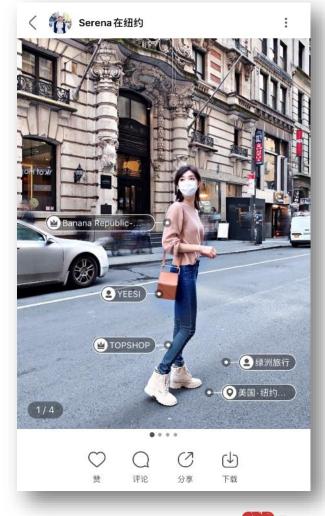


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Club Med在国内有两家滑雪度假村,分别是北大壶和 亚布力。这次这两家有一个早鸟连住的4晚55折的政 策。

同时,日本北海道的两家滑雪度假村(Tomamu和 Sahoro),也有早鸟连住的4晚7折的政策。 而且,你可以继续叠加上面7%的折扣券,以及飞猪的 满减券。







### **Creative Promotions**



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TIMEOUT.COM Pret launches 'all you can drink' coffee subscription for £20 a month

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Guests of many of the capital's hotels who pay for 2 overnight stays will be eligible to receive a 3rd one free of charge

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Upcoming Events & Additional Resources

### Beijing Culture and Tourism Online Strategic Forum

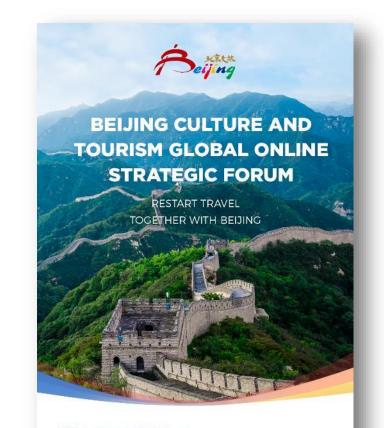
Restart Travel, Together with Beijing 22-23 September, 2020

**Asia & EMEA Region:** September 22 16:00-19:00 China | 9:00-12:00 UTC

Americas & Pacific Region: Sept. 22, 20:00-23:00 EST | 17:00-20:00 PST Sept. 23, 8:00-11:00 China | 10:00-13:00 AEST

Beijing Municipal Culture and Tourism Bureau's two-part online forum series aims to empower attendees with a practical understanding of how Beijing is tackling the most important issues facing international tourism right now, and looking ahead to the future, by embracing new technology, creative solutions, and learning from past experience.

Event details and registration: http://traveltrade.visitbeijing.com.cn/forum



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### Next Webinar: 21 October, 2020

### Sustainable Tourism from China in the Post-COVID Era

Date: Wednesday, 21 October, 2020

Time: 9am London; 4pm Beijing

In Dragon Trail's October webinar, we speak to industry leaders about the awareness of and commitment to sustainable tourism within the Chinese market, and what steps can and are already being taken to make international travel more sustainable on both an environmental and social level.



Registration and details: <u>https://dragontrail.com/resources/events/webinar-sustainable-tourism-from-china-in-the-post-covid-era</u>

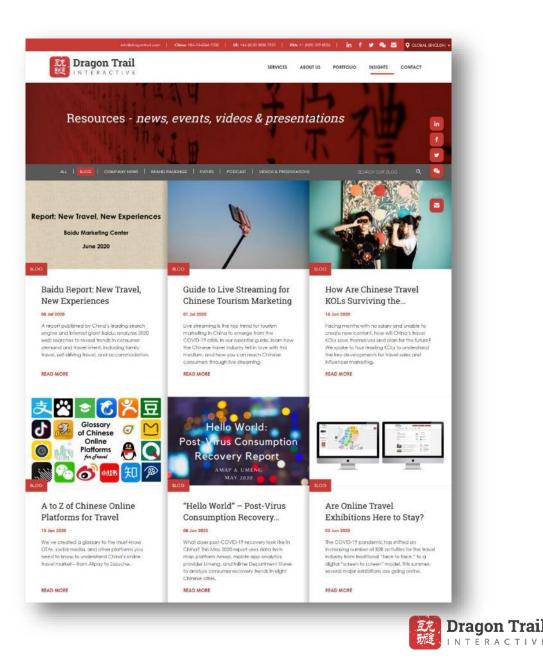


### **Additional Resources**

Visit <u>www.dragontrail.com</u> for further information on Chinese digital platforms, tourism marketing, and the latest trends in Chinese outbound travel. You can also watch the China Outbound Travel Pulse video series, sign up for our monthly webinar and newsletter, follow our weekly WeChat rankings and more.

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