# Turtle Mountain Tourism Summit



## About Travel Manitoba

Travel Manitoba is the only public/private non-profit tourism marketing organization that provides a province-wide platform to promote Manitoba as a premier travel destination.

Travel Manitoba is a Crown corporation whose role is to provide leadership by collaborating with tourism businesses, communities, destination marketing organizations and governments to realize the full potential for tourism in Manitoba.





## VISION

Manitoba is a must-visit four season destination generating sustainable economic growth by delivering inspiring & authentic experiences in its unique urban, rural & wild settings.



## MISSION

Travel Manitoba will support the recovery of tourism's contribution to the provincial economy and will stimulate long term growth by leading the marketing of Manitoba as a tourism destination and by fostering a competitive and sustainable tourism industry.

## Target: Grow visitor spending 50% by 2030

**2019 LEVELS** 

10.6 million visitors

\$1.6 billion in visitor spending





2030 LEVELS

12.8 million visitors

\$2.5 billion in visitor spending

## Goals

- Lead Brand and Market Positioning
- Advance Destination Management
- Foster Collaboration and Build Support for Tourism



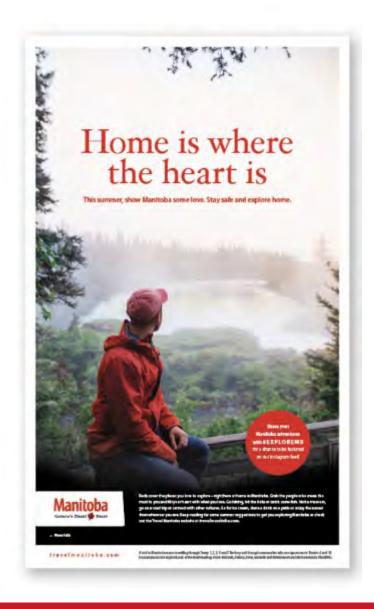
## State of the Industry



## Overview

- COVID had a devastating impact on the tourism economy.
- We focused on responding, rebuilding and recovery.
- Travellers have new expectations and tourism businesses will need to adapt.
- Manitobans now understand what tourism means to their communities.
- Some tourism businesses saw unprecedented attendance throughout the pandemic.



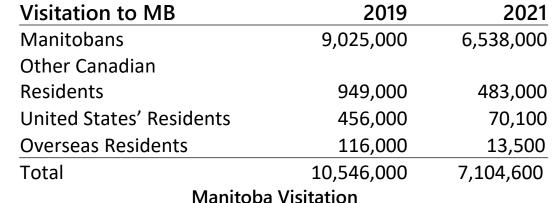


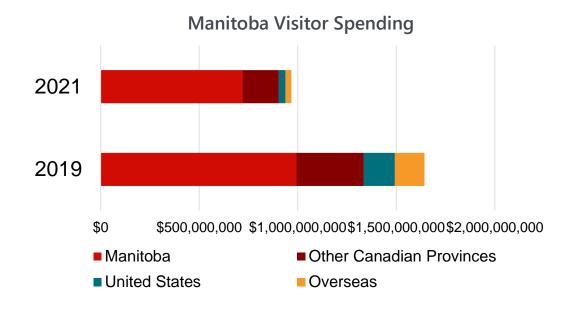
## **Industry Support**

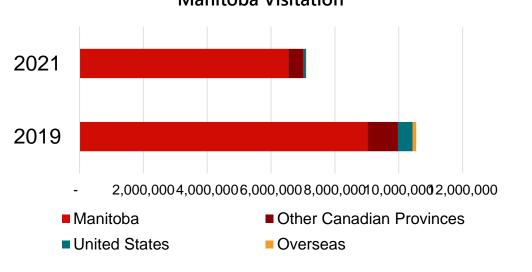
- Travel Manitoba mitigated the impact of the pandemic by aggressively marketing the "Home is where the Heart is" campaign and providing development support to businesses and communities.
- Provided \$1 million to support experience enhancement and creation.
- Secured a total of \$2 million in federal funding to support experience development and industry training

### Gauging Recovery: 2021 Achieved 59% of 2019 Visitor Spending

Visitor Spending in MB	2019	2021
Manitobans	\$993,600,000	\$720,000,000
Other Canadian Residents	\$340,500,000	\$184,600,000
United States' Residents	\$158,600,000	\$32,800,000
Overseas Residents	\$150,100,000	\$30,200,000
Total	\$1,642,800,000	\$967,600,000





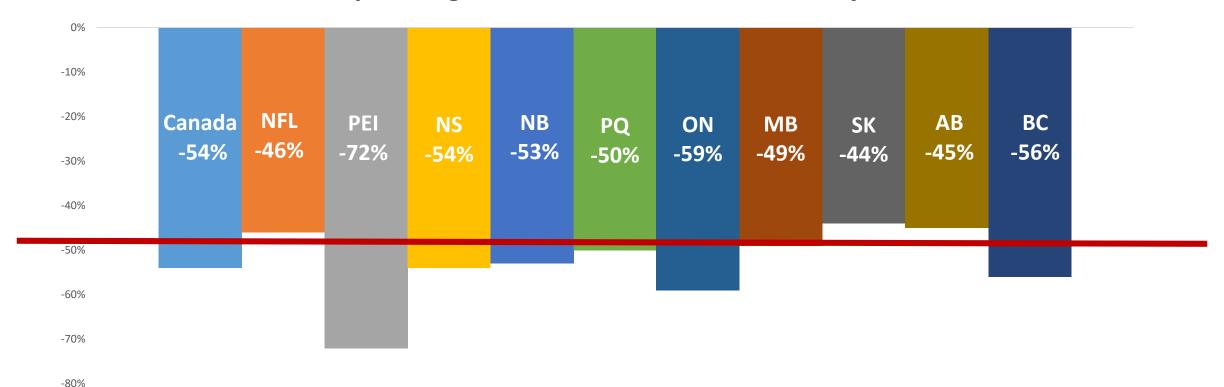


Source: National Travel Survey and Visitor Travel Survey, Statistics Canada

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## **COVID Impact: Manitoba Weathered the Storm Better** Than Most Other Jurisdictions in Canada

#### **Visitor Spending Losses in 2020 versus 2019 by Province**

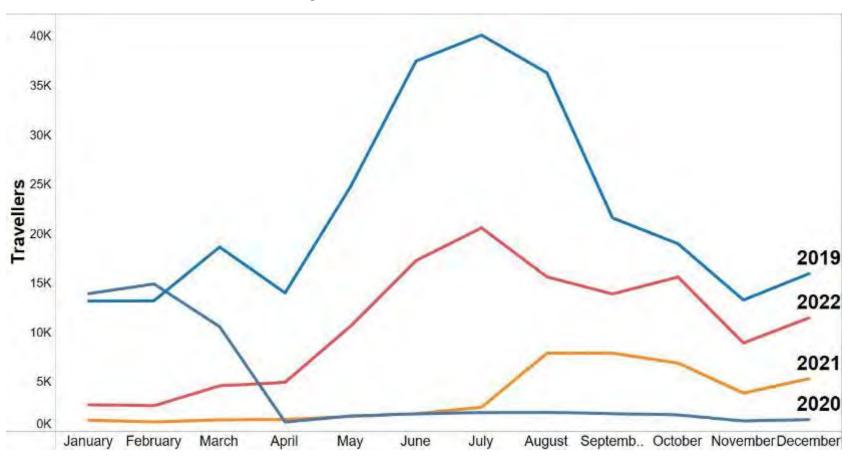


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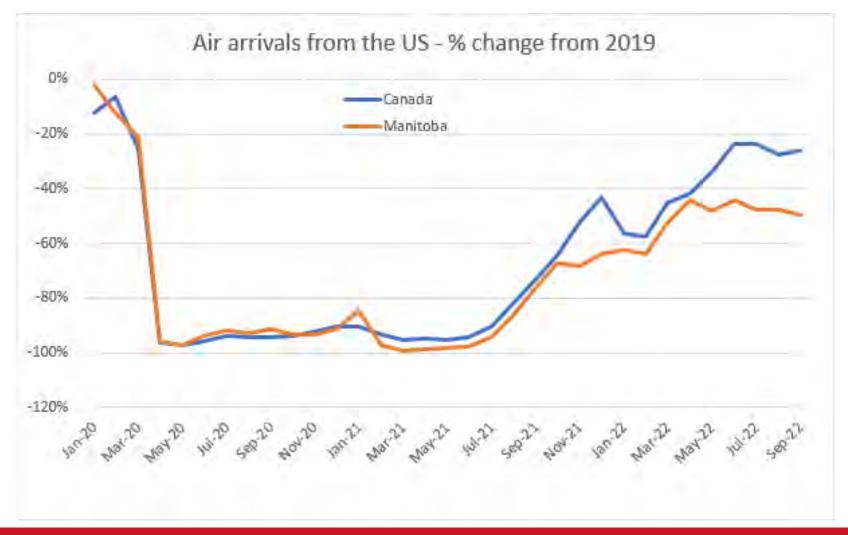
## U.S. Residents Entering Canada at Manitoba Land Borders

#### **January 2020 to December 2022**



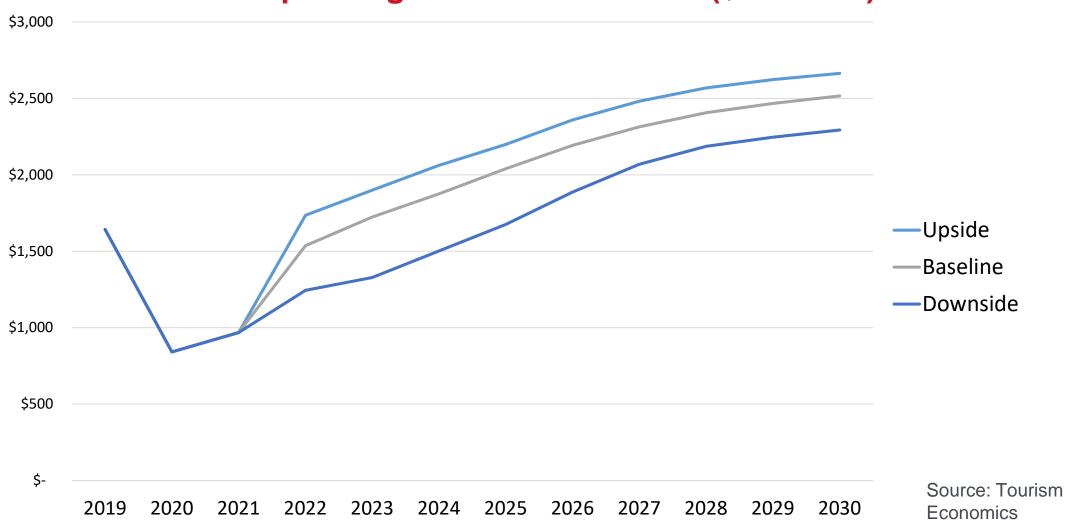
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## Manitoba's Direct Air Access Recovery Lags



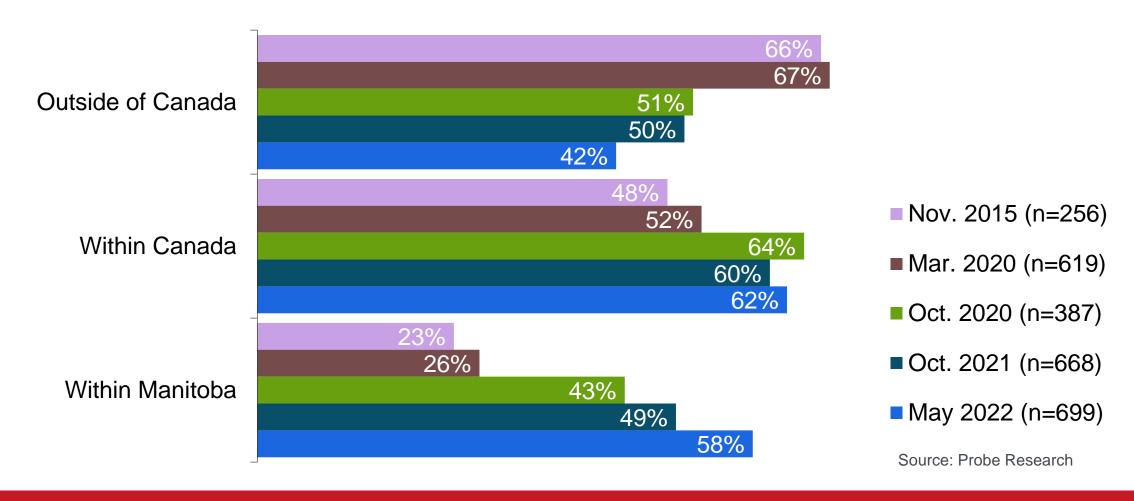
Source: OAG Analyser

#### **Visitor Spending in Three Scenarios (\$ Millions)**





## Interest in Traveling Within the Province Has Grown Throughout the Pandemic



## Target Markets – Domestic

#### **MANITOBA**

- Our largest market
- In-province marketing led to increased travel during COVID
- While Manitobans spend less per person than other domestic and international visitors, there is significant potential to increase spending and length of visit



## Target Markets – Domestic

#### **CANADA**

- Manitoba's second largest tourism market
- Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta visitors spend the most
- North west Ontario and Saskatchewan are priority markets
- Winnipeg and resort areas are key draws



## Target Markets – U.S.

- Close geographic proximity, affluence and awareness
- Individual states contribute more revenue than countries like Germany, Australia and the UK
- Short haul markets Minnesota and North Dakota
- Long haul markets California and Texas



## Target Markets – International

- Leverages Destination Canada's awareness building in Germany, United Kingdom and Australia
- Aligns efforts with Destination Canada's strategy to:
  - Target high value guests using new global partnerships
  - Attract new media partners
  - Tighten integration with airlines and high value trade partners



## Lead Brand and Market Positioning



#### **Refreshed Brand**

# CANADA'S HEARTIS CALLING



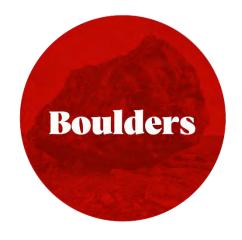






## **BOULDERS, ROCKS AND PEBBLES**

- Destination Canada's Explorer Quotient is overlayed with Environic's Prizm platform
- Allows for hyper-targeting of audiences and moves them from inspiration to visitation.
- Unique approach to categorizing the extensive travel experiences Manitoba offers.



Iconic experiences for which visitors may come from another country



The "dont miss", interest-based groupings that may draw visitors from another province



Singular experiences that you might suggest a visitor see while they're here

## **Current Marketing Campaign**

- Multi-channel: print, digital, social, traditional TV and OTT
- Creates awareness about the new Manitoba brand and creates excitement to travel



When your heart needs to race







When your heart needs wild

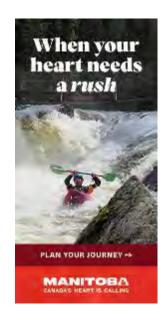
## **Campaign Creative**

#### **Content Pillars**

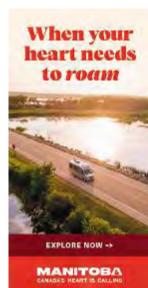
- Road Trips
- Indigenous Experiences
- Stunning Stays
- Urban Escapes
- The North
- Festivals, Events & Arts























# Advance Destination Management



## **Advance Destination Management**

- Gap Analysis and Destination Area Assessments done for 12 rural communities
- Objective: To identify experience development opportunities that would have a significant and transformational impact on visitor spending in Manitoba



























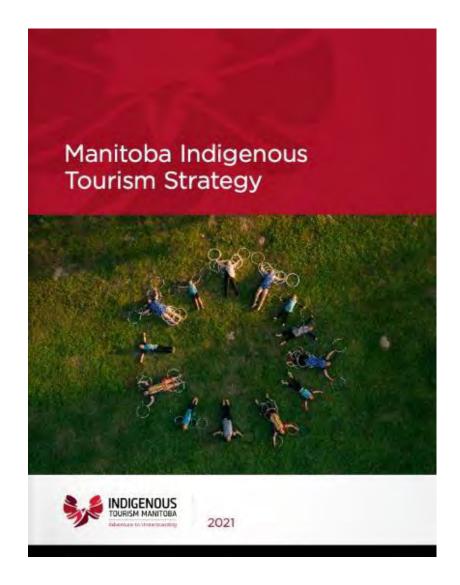
## **Probe Research**

- Conducted 12 Destination Area
   Assessments to serve as the foundation for our new Destination Management Plan
- Invest in strengthening community and regional development by working with communities to implement key recommendations outlined in the assessments

























# Foster Collaboration and Build Support for Tourism



## Value of Tourism

- Job creation and retention, residential tax savings, innovation and education, infrastructure improvements and improvements to our quality of life.
- Tourism is a key employer and offers a dynamic career.

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