

# Saudi Tourism Assessment Report



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### **About Study**

Our comprehensive research study, 'Saudi Tourism Assessment Report (STAR)' is a groundbreaking resource designed to empower businesses, policymakers, and industry professionals with a deep understanding of the Saudi Arabian tourism market

This study goes beyond surface-level insights to provide an **invaluable toolkit** even on tourist segments and categories for success in one of the world's most promising tourism destinations

STAR provides subscribers with a **strategic direction**, **enabling them to make informed decisions**, seize lucrative opportunities, and excel in the dynamic and promising Saudi Arabian tourism market. This comprehensive report delves into the level of interest tourists have in visiting the Kingdom, **uncovers motivators and barriers** to visiting or not visiting KSA, explores **opportunities and challenges** they encounter within the country, and examines the **categories and brands they engage** with during their journeys







## STAR - Gazing Illuminating Saudi Tourism Insights

#### Benefits can be sought from this study:

- Inform Decision-Making: Provide valuable insights for informed decision-making by government, tourism authorities, and brands operating under the targeted categories
- **Enhance Tourism Strategy**: Tailor strategies to specific traveler segments, optimizing experiences and offerings
- Improve Marketing Efforts: Optimize marketing channels and messages based on identified sources of information
- Mitigate Barriers: Address obstacles to travel, such as visa processes, safety concerns, and misconceptions

- Increase Revenue: Boost local businesses and the economy through visitor spending
- Foster Cultural Exchange: Promote cultural exchange and understanding between Saudi Arabia and other countries
- **Promote Sustainable Development**: Balance tourism growth with environmental and cultural preservation







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#### **Core Objectives of the Study**



Categorize potential tourists into distinct segments based on their travel behavior and resources



Determine the sizing of the segments



**Understand the triggers** and motivation to travel to Saudi Arabia, including cultural, historical, business, and religious factors



Examine the challenges and obstacles faced by tourists, such as visa processes, safety concerns, misconceptions, and financial constraints

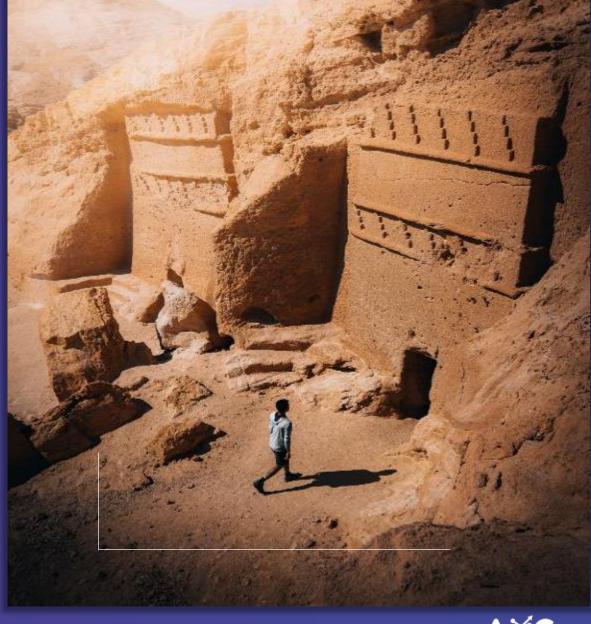


**Identify** the **primary** sources of information, that influence tourists' decisions about Saudi Arabia, such as online platforms, social media, recommendations, and official government channels



**Explore** the targeted categories' interaction and experience







#### Breaking Boundaries: A Pioneering Study Spanning 12 Countries on 4 Continents, the First of its Kind in Saudi Arabia, Capturing Insights Beyond Our Borders



Plan to travel to KSA in the next 1-2 years

#### Study Coverage:

USA, UK, France, Turkey, Egypt, Kuwait, Qatar, UAE, Pakistan, India, Indonesia and Malaysia



**Data Collection** Technique: Online

interviews

Sample Size: 2,400 (200 per country except for

Kuwait and Qatar which was

100 each)

**Fieldwork Timelines:** 

Q4 2023





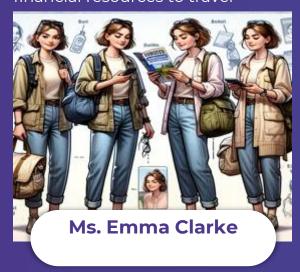
## **Segments Definition**

#### **Example Slides taken from report**

## High Potential Intenders (HiPos): Intend to travel and have financial resources to travel



## **Budgeted Explorers:**Intend to travel and do not have financial resources to travel



Non-intenders:

People who do not want to visit KSA



**Past Travelers:** 

People who have ever traveled to KSA

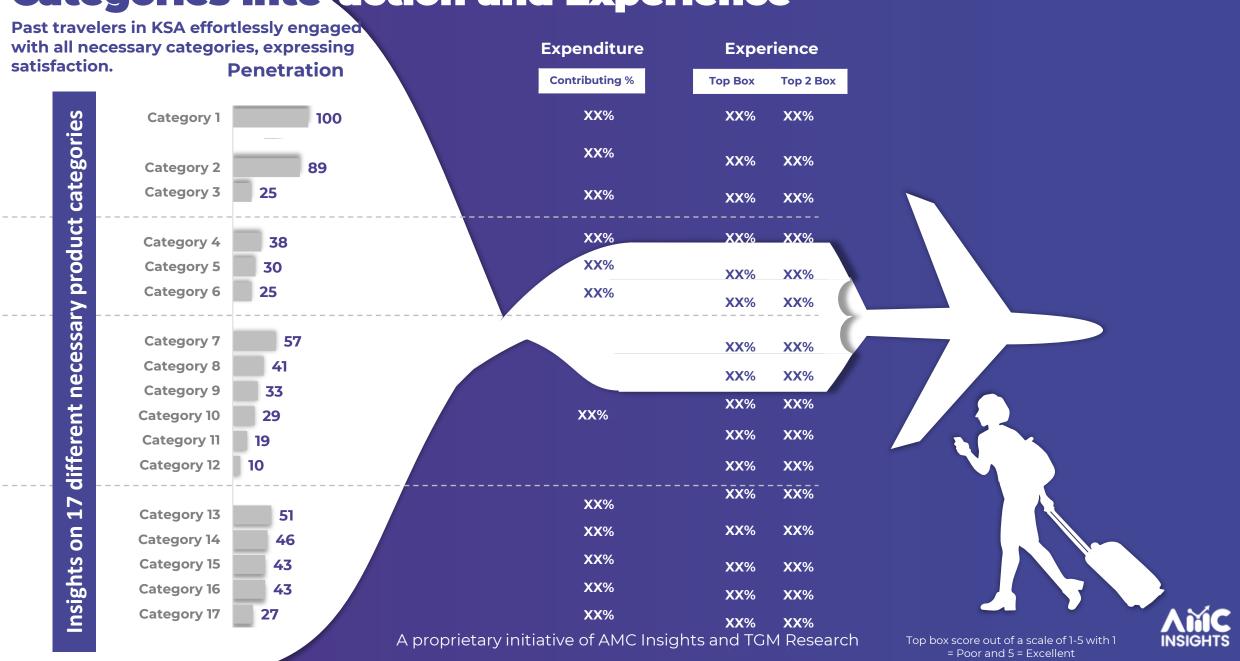


Understand all tourist segments, their sizes, and their respective profile to make more informed decision for lucrative opportunities





## Categories interaction and Experience



## **Awareness of Saudi Tourism - Campaigns**

**Sources of Campaign Awareness** 

**Top recalled Campaigns** 



are aware of any Saudi Tourism Campaign

XX% Muslims XX% Non-Muslims



YouTube



**Word of Mouth** (WOM)



**Facebook** 



Hajj & Umrah



Welcome to KSA



AlUla **Campaigns** 

**HiPos (XX% aware)** 





**Past Travelers** (XX% aware)

**Budgeted Explorers** (XX% aware)





Non-Intenders (XX% aware)







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