





Measurement of the theme competence of your tourist destination

General interest potential of more than 40 holiday activities

Competitive comparison with all tourist destinations surveyed per source market

# **DESTINATION BRAND 18**

THE THEME COMPETENCE OF TOURIST DESTINATIONS

EXAMPLE: SOURCE MARKET **GERMANY** 

Report for the tourist destination Destination XY

**Note:** This sample report is based on the study year Destination Brand 18 and serves to illustrate the basic structure and contents of an individual report for the theme study within the Destination Brand study series based on a fictional example (see "Destination XY"). The individual reports of the theme study Destination Brand 21 are subject to change.

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# 1. Overview of the study series Destination Brand



# Brand value



# Profile / Image

Aim

 Customer-oriented evaluation of the brand value of tourist destinations

 Customer-oriented evaluation of the theme competence of tourist destinations (

 associations of the functional benefits of the destination brands)

Theme competence

 Customer-oriented evaluation of the **profiles / images** of tourist destinations (

 associations of the emotional-symbolic **benefits** of the destination brands)

Research focus

Four-dimensional brand funnel analysis:

- Awareness (supported and unsupported)
- Likeability
- Willingness to visit for future short trips and longer holiday trips within the next 3 years (and DB20: within the next 12 months)
- Visits in the past
- Impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the interest to visit
- Target group- and competitor analysis

- General (i.e., regardless of a specific destination) interest in holiday activities
- Supported theme suitability per destination (for 5 general themes and 5 specific themes)
- Theme suitability top of mind per destination
- Target group- and competitor analysis

#### Module 1 (M1):

- General relevance of destination attributes and characteristics for the destination selection (regardless of a specific destination)
- Supported evaluation of characteristics per destination (for 8 general attributes and 5 specific attributes)
- Target group- and competitor analysis

#### Module 2 (M2):

Spontaneous associations per destination

For all substudies

- Online survey in respective national language; quota sample (based on cross quota age/sex and regional origin)
- Representative of the respective population aged 14-74 years living in private households (basis for projection of absolute volumes)
- Comprehensive competitive comparison possibilities based on the relatively large destination pool
- Time comparison possibilities based on the consistent study design

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sub-study

Survey design

Source markets

Total number of respondents
Total number of destinations
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characteristics

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					5 gen. + 25 spec.	5 gen. + 50 spec.	6 gen. + 57 spec.	5 gen. + 28 spec.	6 gen. + 50 spec.	6 gen. + 56 spec.	8 gen. + 59 spec.	solely spontaneous associations

- In the study DB18 some destinations were surveyed in two or more source markets; distribution: DE = 45 | AT = 22 | CH = 33 | NL = 33.
- \*\* In the study DB19 some destinations were surveyed in two or more source markets; distribution: DE = 45 | AT = 8 | CH = 12 | NL = 8 | CN = 10.
- \*\*\* In the study DB20 some destinations were surveyed in two or more source markets; distribution: DE = 190 | AT = 10 | CH = 10 | NL = 10 | CN = 10 | FR = 20 | IT = 20 | ES = 12 | UK = 20 | US = 11.





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### As a unique feature,

each year the study series Destination Brand covers a substantial destination pool which allows the conduction of a comprehensive competitor analysis for each destination examined. In the upcoming study Destination Brand 21 about 150 (German & international) tourist destinations are planned for the source market Germany.

> In addition to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands and China, the DB21 survey will also be conducted in

France, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom and the USA.





## 2.1 Methods of the theme competence study Destination Brand 18

# Aim

 Study for the customer-oriented theme competence measurement of destinations in the source markets Germany (DE), Austria (AT), Switzerland (CH) and the Netherlands (NL)

## **Key issues**

General (i.e., regardless of a specific destination)
 interest in holiday activities of the respective source market

- Theme suitability per destination (supported and top of mind)
- Combination of touristic marketing themes and target groups as potential market segments



## Survey design

- 76 destinations (several destinations were surveyed in more than one source market;
   distribution among source markets: DE = 45 | AT = 22 | CH = 33 | NL = 33)
- Total sample size: 12,000; per destination: 1,000 (supported theme suitability)
   (distribution among source markets: DE = 4,000 | AT = 2,000 | CH = 3,000 | NL = 3,000)
- Online survey in the respective national language (remark: CH = German & French);
   quota sample based on cross quota age/sex and regional origin
- Representative for the respective population aged 14-74 years living in private households (DE = 61.94 m people; AT = 6.59 m people; CH = 6.02 m people; NL = 12.78 m people)

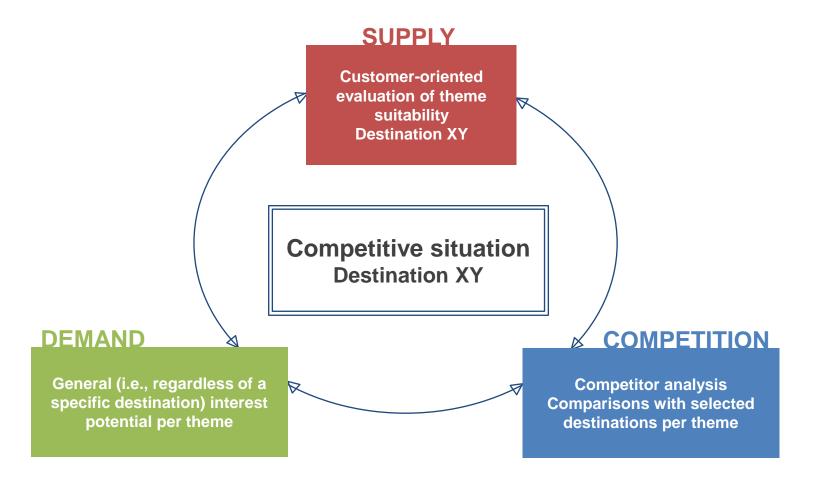
## Survey period

November / December 2018





2.1 Methods of the theme competence study Destination Brand 18 Three-dimensional theme competence analysis







# 2.2 Overview of the considered holiday activities

#### General themes

(examined for all destinations)

- Culinary
- Culture
- Nature
- **Sports**
- City break





## Specific themes

(individual selection for **Destination XY** is highlighted)

6.	Amusement parks	20.	Luxury
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- Castles Motorcycling
- Countryside Mountain biking
- Climbing fixed mountain routes Mountaineering
- Cycling
- Shopping 11. Events
- 12. Families
- 13. Football Sustainable holiday trip
- 14. Gardens / parks Swimming / beach
  - Health 29. Thalasso
  - Hiking
- Meeting indigenous peoples
- Industrial heritage
- Lively places

- Study / educational offers

Relaxation

- UNESCO world heritage sites
- Water sports
- 32. Wellness
- 33. Winter sports
- ▶ Note 1: For purposes of clarity, this overview shows the short versions of the holiday themes. A complete overview of the detailed descriptions of the holiday activities applied in the survey of the study Destination Brand 18 can be gained from the glossary (see chapter 9.2).
- ▶ Note 2: Last survey taken into consideration in November / December 2018

Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / IMT of the FH Westküste, 2018



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## 2.3 Overview of the considered destinations



		DE	AT	СН	NL			DE	AT	СН	NL			DE	AT	СН	NL
1.	Argentina		711	-	1112	27.	Holstein Switzerland		711	-		53.	Schladming		711		
2.	Austria					28.	Italy					54.	Schladming-Dachstein				
3.	Baden-Württemberg					29.	Kassel					55.	Schleswig-Holstein				
4.	Bavaria					30.	Kingdom of Fife					56.	South Africa				
5.	Berlin					31.	Ljubljana					57.	South America				
6.	Black Forest					32.	London					58.	South Tirol				
7.	Bratislava					33.	Lower Austria					59.	Spain				
8.	Budapest					34.	Lower Saxony					60.	SPO				
9.	Burgenland					35.	Lusatian Lake District					61.	St. Peter-Ording				
10.	Carinthia					36.	Luxembourg					62.	Stuttgart				
11.	Chiemsee - Chiemgau					37.	Magdeburg					63.	Styria				
12.	Chile					38.	Mecklenburg Lake District					64.	Swabian Alb				
13.	City of Otto					39.	Mexico					65.	Taunus				
14.	Colombia					40.	Munich					66.	Thuringia				
15.	Croatia					41.	New Zealand					67.	Tirol				
16.	Dachstein					42.	Norderney					68.	Trentino				
17.	Darmstadt					43.	North Rhine-Westphalia					69.	Uckermark				
18.	Dubrovnik					44.	Paris					70.	Upper Austria				
19.	Düsseldorf					45.	Peru					71.	Upper Lusatia				
20.	Eifel					46.	Prague					72.	Usedom Island				
21.	Flanders					47.	Rhineland-Palatinate					73.	Vienna				
22.	France					48.	Rügen Island					74.	Vorarlberg				
23.	Germany					49.	Ruhr Valley					75.	Wadden Island Ameland				
24.	Greece					50.	Salzburger Land					76.	Wadden Island Texel				
25.	Hamburg					51.	Sauerland										
26.	Hesse					52.	Saxony										

Note 1: The source markets are marked in green, if the respective destination was surveyed there in the course of the study Destination Brand 18.

Note 2: Last survey taken into consideration November / December 2018





Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / IMT of the FH Westküste, 2018





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The unsupported theme suitability (top of mind) provides information about which tourist destinations are considered particularly suitable for the respective holiday activity.

> Tourist destination brands which rank among the top 10 occupy a predominant position in the minds of the respondents.

Within the scope of the Destination Brand 21 study, the unsupported theme suitability is surveyed uniformly across all source markets for a total of 5 holiday themes, which are selected in advance by inspektour (international) GmbH on the basis of their current relevance.





## 3.1 Unsupported theme suitability (top of mind) – Competitor analysis Destination XY

Please imagine that you intend to go on a [here theme inserted] holiday.

Which tourist destinations (countries, cities, regions etc.) within Germany do you consider particularly suitable for this purpose? (max. 3 responses)

#### ■ Destination XY

Source market: Germany

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**Number of respondents:** Number of responses:

min. 765

Base: All respondents (valid responses)

	DESTINATION BRAND 18						
Unsupported theme competence of tou	% of respondents*	% of responses	number of responses	rank			
for a culinary journey	Destination XY	2.8%	1.3%	12	16.		
for a cultural journey / holiday	Destination XY	X.x%	X.x%	Xx	Xx.		
for a nature-based holiday	Destination XY	X.x%	X.x%	Xx	Xx.		
for an active sports holiday	Destination XY	X.x%	X.x%	Xx	Xx.		
for a city trip	Destination XY	X.x%	X.x%	Xx	Xx.		

<sup>\*</sup> Multiple answers possible.









# 3.2 Unsupported theme suitability (top of mind) – Competitor analysis Top 10 destinations

Please imagine that you intend to go on a culinary journey.

Which tourist destinations (countries, cities, regions etc.) within Germany do you consider particularly suitable for this purpose? (max. 3 responses)

#### ■ Culinary

Source market: Germany

**Number of respondents:** 436 **Number of responses:** 952 **Base:** All respondents (valid responses)

	Unsupported theme su "Culinary journey" – To	% of respondents*	% of responses	number of responses		
1	Bavaria			31.0%	14.2%	135
2	Berlin	The DB21 reports contain the top 10 rankings		14.9%	6.8%	65
3	Hamburg	for a total of 5 holiday themes,		14.7%	6.7%	64
4	Munich	each on the base of "all respondents", and depending on the number of cases:	14.2%	6.5%	62	
5	North Sea / North Sea Coast	on the base of respondents being "interested in the theme" and, in the case of		12.8%	5.9%	56
6	Black Forest	international tourist destinations from the		10.1%	4.6%	44
7	Baltic Sea / Baltic Sea Coast	perspective of the respective source market, on the base of respondents with a		9.6%	4.4%	42
8	Thuringia	"distinct intention to travel abroad".		8.3%	3.8%	36
9	Moselle			7.6%	3.5%	33
10	Palatinate			5.7%	2.6%	25

<sup>\*</sup> Multiple answers possible.

Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / IMT of the FH Westküste, 2018





<sup>▶</sup> Note: Similar terms with identical destination reference (e.g., North Sea - North Sea Coast - North Sea Region) were assigned to each other and clustered.





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Within the framework of the Destination Brand theme study, the analysis of the potential demand is based on the measurement of the general interest (i.e., regardless of a specific destination) of the respective represented population in various holiday themes.

In the course of the study Destination Brand 21, the general interest potential is surveyed uniformly across all source markets for approx. 40-45 holiday activities.

For a better interpretation of the results, you will also receive time comparisons with all predecessor studies of the DB theme study, in which the general interest potential of the respective holiday activity in the source market in question was already surveyed.





# 4.1 Demand: General interest potential – All considered holiday activities

## Ranking of the considered holiday activities with regard to the general interest potential (Mean = 34%)

Source market: Germany

Base: All respondents   Number of respondents: 4,000  Top-two-box on a scale from "5 = very interested" to "1 = not at all interested"												
		% of respondents	projection*			% of respondents	projection*					
1	Relaxing and resting	75%	46.7 m	18	Spending holidays in the countryside (e.g., on the farm or vineyard)	31%	19.4 m					
2	Enjoying nature	68%	42.0 m	19	Cycling (not mountain biking)	28%	17.4 m					
3	Swimming and being at the beach	62%	38.6 m	20	Using family offers	27%	16.9 m					
4	Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities	60%	37.3 m	21	Being active and involved in sports	27%	16.6 m					
5	Taking a city break	59%	36.8 m	22	Using thalasso services (e.g., therapy with sea water, algae, sand)	25%	15.3 m					
6	Visiting castles, palaces and cathedrals	52%	32.2 m	23	Using health services (self-paying, not a prescribed visit to a health spa)	23%	14.5 m					
7	Visiting gardens / parks	49%	30.5 m	24	Using luxury offers	22%	13.8 m					
8	Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services	45%	28.1 m	25	Visiting industrial heritage sites (e.g., factories, (coal) mines, museums of industrial heritage)	21%	13.2 m					
9	Using wellness services	43%	26.4 m	26	Practising water sports (not sailing)	20%	12.3 m					
10	Hiking	42%	26.1 m	27	Using study / educational offers	18%	11.3 m					
11	Visiting UNESCO world heritage sites	39%	24.3 m	28	Practising winter sports (e.g., cross-country skiing, downhill)	17%	10.8 m					
12	Shopping	39%	24.1 m	29	Mountaineering (e.g., mountain and summit tours)	17%	10.5 m					
13	Experiencing lively places (e.g., trendy shopping districts, festivals, alternative cultural circles, night life)	35%	21.7 m		Attending football matches and visiting stadiums as well as other attractions/events related to football	17%	10.3 m					
14	Meeting the indigenous (native) peoples	34%	20.8 m	31	Mountain biking	14%	9.0 m					
15	Undertaking a sustainable holiday trip (nature preserving / environmentally friendly, economically and socially fair)	33%	20.3 m	32	Climbing fixed mountain routes (Via ferrata)	12%	7.2 m					
16	Visiting amusement / theme parks	32%	20.1 m	33	Motorcycling	11%	7.0 m					
17	Attending events	31%	19.4 m									

<sup>\*</sup> Projection of the absolute volume of the prospective interest potential (number of people).





Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / IMT of the FH Westküste, 2018

<sup>▶</sup> Note: Last survey taken into consideration in November / December 2018





## 4.1 Demand: General interest potential – Destination-specific holiday activities

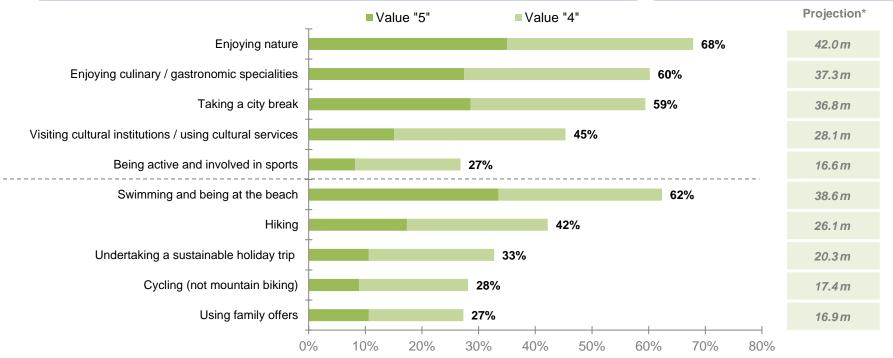
## General interest potential of the destination-specific holiday activities

- > The following question is about your <u>general</u> interest in touristic holiday activities, i.e., <u>regardless</u> of a specific tourist destination. How interested are you in pursuing the following touristic holiday activities in your holiday with at least one overnight stay?
- > Top-two-box on a scale from "5 = very interested" to "1 = not at all interested" (in % of respondents)

■ Holiday activities of Destination XY in comparison

Source market: Germany Base: All respondents

Number of respondents: 4,000



<sup>\*</sup> Projection of the absolute volume of the prospective interest potential (number of people).



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In this second central focus of the study Destination Brand 21, it is surveyed to which extend the represented population considers the respective tourist destination to be suitable for the holiday activities investigated (regardless of one's own interest in the activities).

Each destination is assessed on its suitability for a total of ten holiday activities, consisting of the five general themes "Culinary", "Culture", "Nature", "Sports" and "City break" (are surveyed uniformly for all tourist destinations) as well as five additional specific themes (can be selected from a predefined pool of themes).

#### Supplementary time comparisons:

If your destination was already surveyed in the previous studies of the DB theme study in the relevant source market, you will receive a supplementary time comparison of the supported theme suitability of your destination on the base of "all respondents" to the respective previous study years for a better interpretation of the results.

The data preparation of the time comparison is independent of whether you had booked an individual report for your destination in the respective predecessor study.

You can find out the survey status of your destination in the previous study vears from us.





# 4.2 Supply: Supported theme suitability

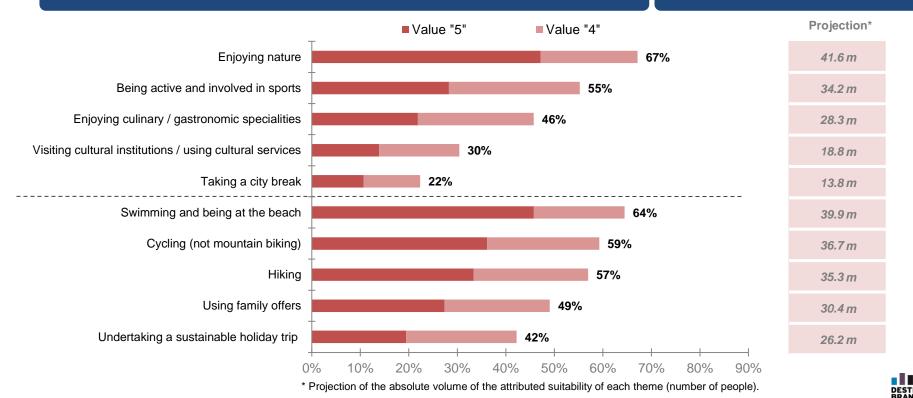
## Supported theme suitability of the respective holiday activities

- > In your opinion, to what extent is the following tourist destination <u>in Germany</u> suitable for the holiday activities below (regardless of your own interest in the holiday activities)?
- > Top-two-box on a scale from "5 = very suitable" to "1 = not at all suitable" (in % of respondents)

#### ■ Destination XY

**Source market:** Germany **Base:** All respondents

Number of respondents: 1,000









# 4.2 Supply: Supported theme suitability – General themes by subgroups

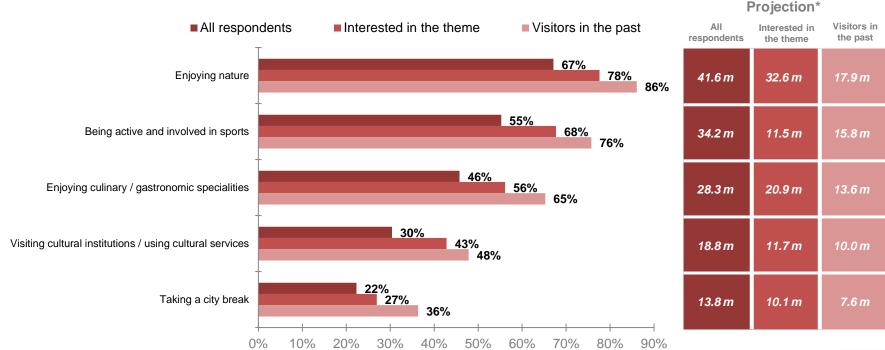
## Supported theme suitability of the general themes

- > In your opinion, to what extent is the following tourist destination <u>in Germany</u> suitable for the holiday activities below (regardless of your own interest in the holiday activities)?
- > Top-two-box on a scale from "5 = very suitable" to "1 = not at all suitable" (in % of respondents)

#### ■ Destination XY

**Source market:** Germany **Base:** All respondents

Number of all respondents: 1,000 Number base by subgroups: varying



<sup>\*</sup> Projection of the absolute volume of the attributed suitability of each theme (number of people).









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Besides a comparison to all considered destinations, the individual reports in the source market Germany will also include a competitor analysis in one of the following additional categories: "regions in general", "small cities", "medium-sized cities" and "large cities" If your tourist destination additionally falls into one of the categories "coastal destinations" and "(low / high) mountain ranges", the competitor analysis will be carried out for these as well. Depending on the concrete destination pool in the source market Germany, further categories could be offered if appropriate.





# 4.3 Supported theme suitability - Competitor analysis: All considered destinations Source market: Germany

DESTINATION BRAND 18 Source market: Germany Category: All considered destinations											
Destination XY (N = 1,000)	Number of		Base All respon			Base: Respondents with interest in the theme					
	destinations in category	ow	n value	mean	rank	ow	n value	· mean	rank		
	g,	in %	projection*	mean	Idik	in %	projection*	illean	Talik		
Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities		46%	28.3 m	34%	Xx.	56%	20.9 m	42%	Xx.		
Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services	45	30%	18.8 m	30%	Xx.	43%	11.7 m	41%	Xx.		
Enjoying nature		67%	41.6 m	40%	Xx.	78%	32.6 m	47%	Xx.		
Being active and involved in sports		55%	34.2 m	32%	Xx.	68%	11.5 m	43%	Xx.		
Taking a city break		22%	13.8 m	29%	Xx.	27%	10.1 m	35%	Xx.		
Swimming and being at the beach	10	64%	39.9 m	41%	Xx.	72%	27.7 m	46%	Xx.		
Using family offers	21	49%	30.4 m	27%	Xx.	57%	9.6 m	34%	Xx.		
Undertaking a sustainable holiday trip	13	42%	26.2 m	25%	Xx.	59%	11.5 m	39%	Xx.		
Cycling (not mountain biking)	23	59%	36.7 m	34%	Xx.	74%	12.6 m	46%	Xx.		
Hiking	31	57%	35.3 m	42%	Xx.	67%	17.4 m	54%	Xx.		

<sup>\*</sup> Projection of the absolute volume of the attributed suitability per theme (number of people). ▶ Note: Last survey taken into consideration in November / December 2018

All the achieved competition placements of the tourist destination are summarised in this table.









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The three-dimensional theme competence analysis is visually summarised using a "quadrant analysis":

- 1. Dimension "Demand": The greater the general (i.e., regardless of a specific destination) interest in the respective holiday activity, the further to the right the theme is placed on the axis.
- 2. Dimension "Supply": The larger the "theme circle", the higher the approval of suitability by the respondents for the theme.
- 3. Dimension "Competition": The better Destination XY performs in the competitive comparison per holiday activity, the higher the respective theme is placed in the quadrant.



## 4.4 Quadrant analysis



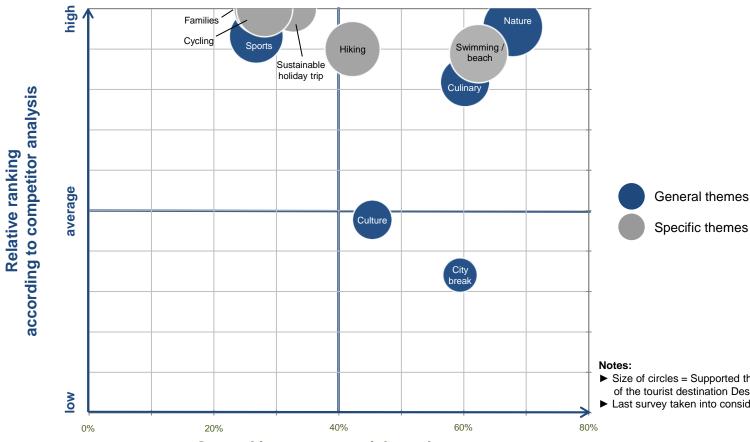
## **Quadrant analysis Destination XY**

> Category for relative ranking according to competitor analysis: All considered destinations (up to 45 tourist destinations per theme)

#### ■ Destination XY

Source market: Germany Base: All respondents

Number of respondents: 1,000



- ► Size of circles = Supported theme competence of the tourist destination Destination XY
- ▶ Last survey taken into consideration in November / December 2018

General interest potential per theme

(top-two-Box)







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## 5. Demand: General interest potential – Holiday activities in detail

## Interest potential of the holiday activity:

## "Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities"

> The following question is about your general interest in touristic holiday activities, i.e., regardless of a specific tourist destination. How interested are you in pursuing the following touristic holiday activities in your holiday with at least one overnight stay?

> Share values (in % of respondents)



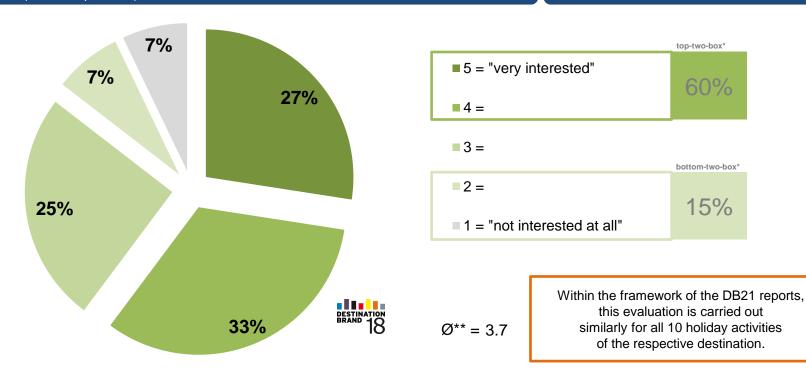
Source market: Germany Base: All respondents

Number of respondents: 4,000

top-two-box\*

bottom-two-box\*

15%



<sup>\*</sup> Possible deviations of 1% from the sum of the individual values are due to rounding

\*\* Scale from "5 = very interested" to "1 = not interested at all" Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / IMT of the FH Westküste, 2018





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# 6.1 Supply: Supported theme suitability – Results of univariate analysis

Supported theme suitability for the holiday activity:

"Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities"

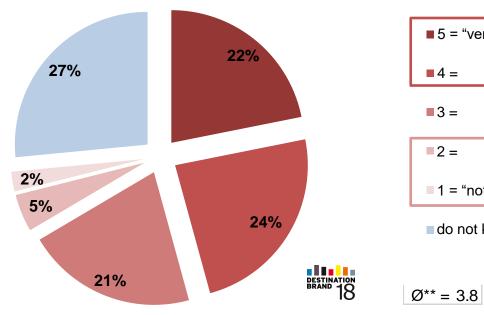
> In your opinion, to what extent is the following tourist destination in Germany suitable for the holiday activities below (regardless of your own interest in the holiday activities)?

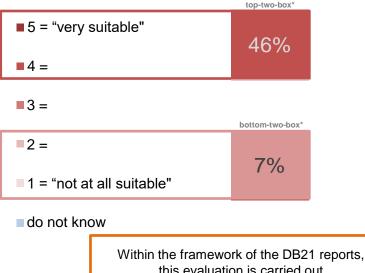
> Values (in % of respondents)



Source market: Germany Base: All respondents

Number of respondents: 1,000





this evaluation is carried out similarly for all 10 holiday activities of the respective destination.



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<sup>\*\*</sup> Scale from "5 = very suitable" to "1 = not at all suitable"





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In addition to the target group analysis, the individual reports for Destination Brand 21 include further bivariate evaluations of your tourist destination. in which the supported theme suitability of your tourist destination is differentiated according to the following 8 socio-demographic criteria:

Sex, age groups, formal education, household size, number of children under 14 years in the household, net household income, town size and regional origin.

These evaluations provide a comprehensive basis

for identifying further attractive market potentials.





# 6.2 Supply: Supported theme suitability – Sociodemographic differentiation

## Supported theme suitability of the general themes

- > In your opinion, to what extent is the following tourist destination <u>in Germany</u> suitable for the holiday activities below (regardless of your own interest in the holiday activities)?
- > Top-two-box on a scale from "5 = very suitable" to "1 = not at all suitable" (in % of respondents)

#### ■ Destination XY

Source market: Germany Sociodemography: Age group

Base: All respondents

Number of respondents: 1,000

Compared the man				Significance*				
General themes	total	14-24 y.	25-34 y.	35-44 y.	45-54 y.	55-64 y.	65-74 y.	(Kruskal- Wallis-test)
Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities	46%	36%	28%	39%	55%	54%	61%	sig.
Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services	30%	20%	23%	23%	37%	35%	43%	sig.
Enjoying nature	67%	57%	55%	65%	72%	75%	77%	sig.
Being active and involved in sports	55%	44%	43%	55%	59%	65%	65%	sig.
Taking a city break	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	n.s.

Within the framework of the DB21 reports, this evaluation is carried out similarly for all 8 sociodemographic criteria of the respective destination (both for the general themes and the specific themes).





<sup>\*</sup> Level of significance min. 0.05 (abbreviations: sig. = significant / n.s. = not significant, for further information see glossary).





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The number of respondents for all considered destinations with regard to the supported theme suitability is at least 1,000. This comprehensive sample size generally permits the execution of more detailed and statistically secured analyses.

In the course of the standard target group analysis of the individual reports the evaluation of the theme suitability of your tourist destination is differentiated by up to 6 individually selected target groups.

The target groups can be defined on the basis of sociodemographic criteria, the general (i.e., regardless of a specific destination) interest in various holiday activities, the intention of the respondents to travel abroad / domestically as well as a combination of these aspects.

Concerning the source market Germany, additional comprehensive options of the target group analysis can be ordered as an add-on comprising the following renowned target group segmentations:

- the "Sinus Milieus® Germany" and the "Sinus-Meta-Milieus®", which provide a realistic depiction of the socio-cultural diversity in societies by accurately describing people's attitudes and orientations, values, lifestyles and life goals as well as social backgrounds and positions
- the "BeST types of holiday makers", which are based on the beliefs and benefit expectations of the German population and thus serve to gain a better understanding of the demands on a holiday and the customeroriented interpretation of supply-related holiday topics (developed by the German Institute for Tourism Research (DITF) of the FH Westküste in the year 2020)







# 6.3 Supply: Supported theme suitability – Standard target group analysis Examples for possible target group definitions

"Families with children"

At least 1 child younger than 14 years living in the household

"Best Ager"

Age of respondents: 55 to 74 years and

No children younger than 14 years living in the household

"Singles and couples without children from large cities"

- Household size: 1- and 2-person households and
- No children younger than 14 years living in the household and
- Town size: min. 100,000 inhabitants

"Young people"

- Age of the respondents: 18 to 34 years and
- No children younger than 14 years living in the household and
- Net household income dependent on the household size:
  - 1-person household: 1,000 euros and above or
  - 2-person household: 2,000 euros and above or
  - 3 and more persons in household: 3,000 euros and above





# 6.3 Supply: Supported theme suitability - Standard target group analysis Examples for possible target group definitions

"Interested in nature and being active" General (i.e., regardless of a specific destination) interest in the holiday activity "Enjoying nature" and

(top-two-box on a scale from "5 very interested" to "1 = not at all interested")

- General (i.e., regardless of a specific destination) interest in at least 1 of the following two holiday activities:
  - "Cycling (not mountain biking)" and
  - "Hiking"

(top-two-box on a scale from "5 very interested" to "1 = not at all interested")

"Interested in relaxation, health and wellness"

- General (i.e., regardless of a specific destination) interest in the holiday activity "Relaxing and resting" and (top-two-box on a scale from "5 very interested" to "1 = not at all interested")
  - General (i.e., regardless of a specific destination) interest in at least 1 of the following two holiday activities\*:
    - "Using health services (self-paying, not a prescribed visit to a health spa)" and
    - "Using wellness services"

(top-two-box on a scale from "5 very interested" to "1 = not at all interested")





# 6.3 Supply: Supported theme suitability – Standard target group analysis Overview test of significance\*

Examined themes  Destination XY (N = 1,000)	Families with children	Best ager	Singles and couples without children from large cities	Young people	Interested in nature and being active	Interested in relaxation, health and wellness
Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities	not significant	significant	not significant	significant	significant	significant
Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services	not significant	not significant	not significant	not significant	not significant	significant
Enjoying nature	not significant	significant	not significant	significant	significant	significant
Being active and involved in sports	not significant	significant	not significant	significant	significant	significant
Taking a city break	significant	not significant	significant	not significant	significant	significant
Swimming and being at the beach	significant	significant	not significant	significant	significant	not significant
Using family offers	not significant	not significant	not significant	not significant	not significant	significant
Undertaking a sustainable holiday trip	not significant	significant	not significant	not significant	significant	significant
Cycling (not mountain biking)	significant	significant	significant	not significant	not significant	significant
Hiking	not significant	significant	not significant	significant	significant	significant

<sup>\*</sup> Applied test method: Kruskal-Wallis-Test; level of significance min. 0.05 (for further information see glossary).









# 6.3 Supply: Supported theme suitability - Standard target group analysis

## Supported theme suitability for the holiday activity:

"Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities"

- > In your opinion, to what extent is the following tourist destination <u>in Germany</u> suitable for the holiday activities below (regardless of your own interest in the holiday activities)?
- > Top-two-box on a scale from "5 = very suitable" to "1 = not at all suitable" (in % of respondents)

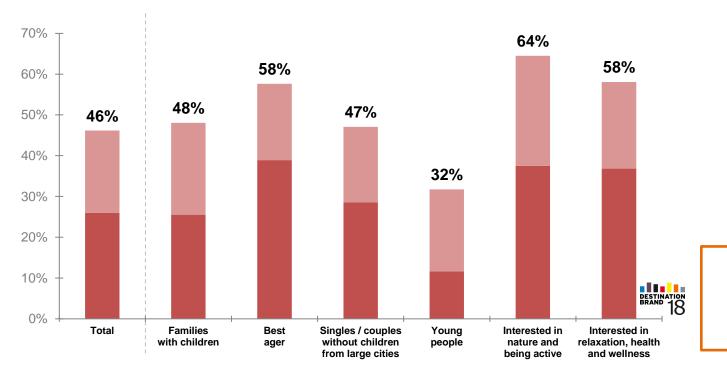
#### ■ Destination XY

Source market: Germany

Segmentation: Exemplary Target groups

Base: All respondents

Number of respondents: 1,000



Within the framework of the DB21 reports, this evaluation is carried out similarly for all 10 holiday activities of the respective destination.

Value "4"

■ Value "5"







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## 7. Supported theme suitability – Competitor analysis: All considered destinations

### **Brief explanation:**

In addition to the brief overview of the competitor analysis shown in chapter 4.3, the individual reports of the study Destination Brand 21 will also contain detailed rankings covering all considered destinations.

The individual reports of the study Destination Brand 21 will contain the rankings for all 10 holiday activities for which the supported theme suitability was surveyed for your tourist destination (each on the base of "all respondents", the respondents being "interested in the theme" and, in the case of international tourist destinations from the perspective of the respective source market, on the base of respondents with a "distinct intention to travel abroad").

These rankings list the names and positions of all the destinations examined, while the underlying percentages are displayed exclusively for the destination that commissioned the individual report.

"Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities"  Source market: Germany  Top-two-box on a scale from "5 = very suitable" to "1 = not at all suitable" (in % of respondents)  Base: All respondents  Ranking in category: All considered destinations (mean = 34%)						
1	Destination 1		24	Destination 24		
2	Destination 2		25	Destination 25		
3	Destination 3		26	Destination 26		
4	Destination 4		27	Destination 27		
5	Destination XY	Xx%	28	Destination 28		
6	Destination 6		29	Destination 29		
7	Destination 7		30	Destination 30		
8	Destination 8		31	Destination 31		
9	Destination 9		32	Destination 32		
10	Destination 10		33	Destination 33		
11	Destination 11		34	Destination 34		
12	Destination 12		35	Destination 35		
13	Destination 13		36	Destination 36		
14	Destination 14		37	Destination 37		
15	Destination 15		38	Destination 38		
16	Destination 16		39	Destination 39		
17	Destination 17		40	Destination 40		
18	Destination 18		41	Destination 41		
19	Destination 19		42	Destination 42		
20	Destination 20		43	Destination 43		
21	Destination 21		44	Destination 44		
22	Destination 22		45	Destination 45		
23	Destination 23					

▶ Note: Last survey taken into consideration in November / December 2018

Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / IMT of the FH Westküste, 2018 (visualisation example with fictional values)







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# 3.1 Unsupported theme competence (top of mind) - Competitor analysis destination xy

Please imagine that you intend to go on a [here theme inserted] holiday.

Which foreign tourist destinations (countries, cities, regions etc.) do you consider particularly suitable for this purpose? (max. 3 responses)

#### ■ Destination xy

Source market: Germany Number of respondents: min. 418 Number of responses: Base: All respondents (valid responses)

Unsupported theme competence as a i	DESTINATION BRAND 18				
onsupported theme competence as a r	oreign tourist desunation	% of respondents*	% of responses	number of responses	rank
for a culinary journey	Destination xy	1.8%	0.8%	10	21.
for a cultural journey / holiday	Destination xy	10.7%	4.8%	58	3.
for a nature-based holiday	Destination xy	0.7%	0.3%	4	42.
for an active sports holiday	Destination xy	1.9%	1.0%	8	20.
for a city break	Destination xy	15.0%	6.3%	92	4.

<sup>\*</sup> Multiple answers possible.

Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / IMT of the FH Westküste, 2018



unsupported theme competence of foreign tourist destinations is surveyed for the five general themes "Culinary", "Culture", "Nature", "Sports" and "City break".



The *percentages* are based on the total number of respondents as well as the total number of responses. Due to the possibility of multiple answers, the number of responses is greater than the number of respondents.



The destination's competitive position is demonstrated in the column 'rank'. In this example, the ranking takes into account all considered foreign destinations that were mentioned in the unsupported question - regardless of whether the supported theme suitability of the destination was tested or not. The ranking is based on the number of responses.

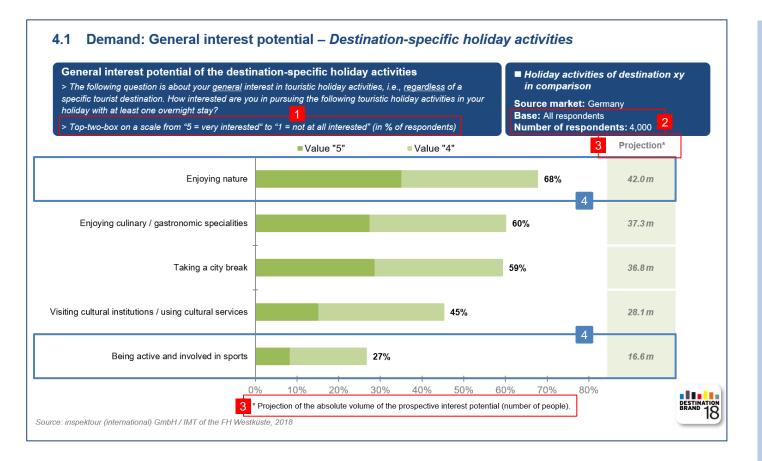
Central question: How often considers the represented population destination xy spontaneously to be a particularly suitable foreign tourist destination for the respective type of holiday? - Reading example: "to go on a cultural journey / holiday"

- ▶ In the unsupported question regarding particularly suitable foreign tourist destinations to go on a cultural journey / holiday, a total of 58 responses are attributed to destination xy. This corresponds to 10.7% of the 540 respondents respectively 4.8% of the 1,207 responses.
- ▶ Based on the number of responses given, destination xy achieves rank 3 among all mentioned foreign tourist destinations to go on a cultural journey / holiday.









Central question: How high is the general interest potential (i.e., regardless of a specific tourist destination) for the selected holiday activities (here the general themes) in the source market Germany? - Reading example: "Enjoying nature" and "Being active and involved in sports"

- ▶ 68% of the represented German population are generally interested in the holiday activity "Enjoying nature".
- ▶ This corresponds to 42.0 million people in the age of 14-74 years (living in private households, German-speaking).
- ▶ In comparison, the general interest potential of the holiday activity "Being active and involved in sports" is much lower. 27% of all respondents are interested in this holiday activity.

Values are expressed top-two-box values, i.e., the percentage refers to respondents that answered with "very interested" or value "4" for the respective theme.



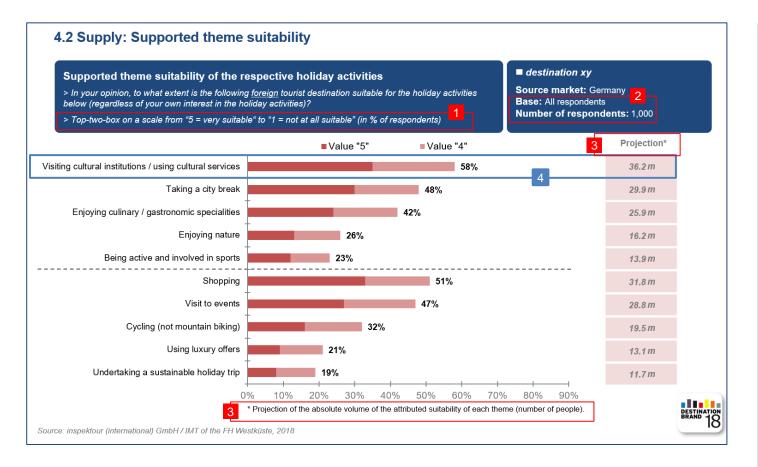
All respondents from the respective source market are considered in this question concerning the general interest (i.e., regardless of a specific tourist destination) in several holiday activities. In example representing source market Germany, the number of all respondents equals to 4,000.



The *projection* refers to the population represented in the study (14-74 years), which totals the following volume per source market: DE = 61.94 m people; AT = 6.59 m people; CH = 6.02 m people; NL =12.78 m people.







are expressed top-two-box values, i.e., percentage refers respondents that answered the question with "5 = very suitable" or the value "4".

In this example, all respondents are considered for the analysis of the supported theme suitability. In total, 12,000 people were surveyed online in the study Destination Brand 18. Various representative sub-samples were used to achieve a sample size of 1,000 per destination.

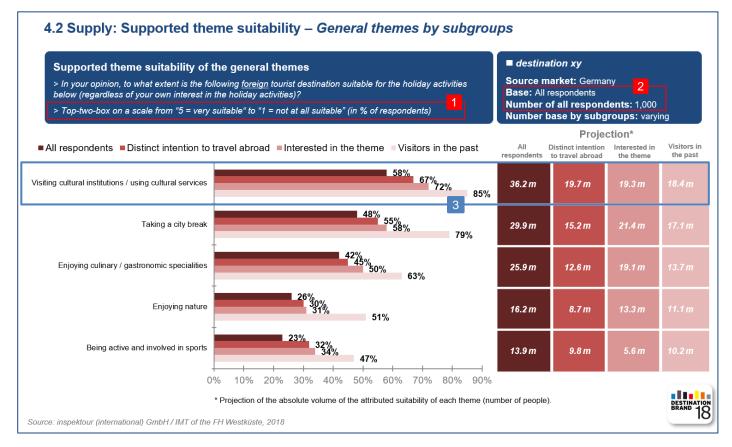
The projection refers to the represented population of the study (14-74 year-olds), which amounts to the following number of people per source market: DE = 61.94 m people; AT = 6.59m people; CH = 6.02 m people; NL = 12.78 m people.

Central question: What is the **theme suitability** of destination xy for the **considered theme portfolio** consisting of five pre-defined general themes and five additionally selected specific themes? - Reading example: "Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services"

- ▶ 58% of the represented German population consider destination xy as suitable for "visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services".
- ▶ This corresponds to a total of 36.2 m people of the represented German population (living in private households, German-speaking).







are expressed top-two-box values, i.e., percentage refers respondents that answered the question with "5 = very suitable" or the value "4".



The supported theme suitability is calculated based on the subgroups "distinct intention to travel abroad" (respondents who definitely intend to spend a short trip and / or a longer holiday trip abroad within the next 3 years), "interested in the theme" (respondents who are generally interested (i.e., regardless of a specific tourist destination) in the respective holiday activity) as well as "visitors in the past" (respondents who have already holidayed in the tourist destination with at least one overnight stay).

Central question: What is the theme suitability of destination xy for the considered theme portfolio (here the five pre-defined general themes) among the different subgroups? - Reading example: "Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services"

- ▶ 58% of the represented German population consider destination xy as suitable for "visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services" (s. the dark red bar at the top).
- ▶ In comparison to the overall represented population, the subgroups "distinct intention to travel abroad" (67%) and "interested in the theme" (72%) attribute a higher theme suitability to destination xy (s. the two red bars in the middle).
- Moreover, destination xy receives the highest theme suitability rating by the subgroup "visitors in the past" (85%).
- ▶ In addition, the table on the right hand side displays the projection of the absolute volume of the attributed theme suitability for each subgroup.





DESTINATION BRAND 18 So	ource market: German	y	Category 2	: All conside	red destinati	ons			
	Number of	Base: All respondents			Base: Respondents with interest in the theme				
Destination xy (N = 1,000)	destinations in category	ow	own value		_	own value			
	3	in %	projection*	mean	rank	in %	projection*	mean	rank
Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities	6	42%	25.9 m	5 34%	16.	50%	19.1 m	42%	17.
/isiting cultural institutions / using cultural services	0	58%	36.2 m	30%	3.	72%	19.3 m	41%	3.
Enjoying nature	45	26%	16.2 m	40%	35.	31%	13.3 m	47%	36.
Being active and involved in sports		23%	13.9 m	32%	32.	34%	5.6 m	43%	30.
Taking a city break		48%	29.9 m	29%	5.	58%	21.4 m	35%	4.
Visit to events	11	47%	28.8 m	25%	3.	60%	11.8 m	34%	3.
Using luxury offers	7	21%	13.1 m	17%	4.	27%	3.7 m	32%	5.
Undertaking a sustainable holiday trip	13	19%	11.7 m	25%	8.	32%	6.9 m	39%	7.
Cycling (not mountain biking)	23	32%	19.5 m	34%	13.	42%	7.1 m	46%	15.
Shopping	10	51%	31.8 m	32%	2.	63%	15.4 m	41%	2.

Central question: How can destination xy position itself per theme in the competitive ranking in the category "all considered destinations"? - Reading example: "Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities"

- ▶ 42% of the represented population consider destination xy as suitable for the holiday activity "Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities" (s. column "own value in %"). Compared to the average of 34% (s. column "mean"), destination xy positions itself above average and ranks 16th out of 45 (s. column "rank") in the category "all considered destinations" (s. left part of the table, base "all respondents").
- ▶ The right part of the table additionally displays the evaluation results based on the "respondents with interest in the theme". Even though destination xy receives a higher suitability rating for the theme "Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities" by this subgroup of 50% (s. column "own value in %"), the achieved rank (17th out of 45; s. column "rank") is a bit lower.



The results for the supported theme suitability can be compared based on different categories of competitors. In this example, the results refer to the category "all considered destinations".



This overview is based on "all respondents" and "respondents with interest in the theme".



total of 45 tourist destinations were investigated in the source market Germany. In the case of the specific themes, the number of considered destinations varies. needs to be taken into account in the interpretation of the results.



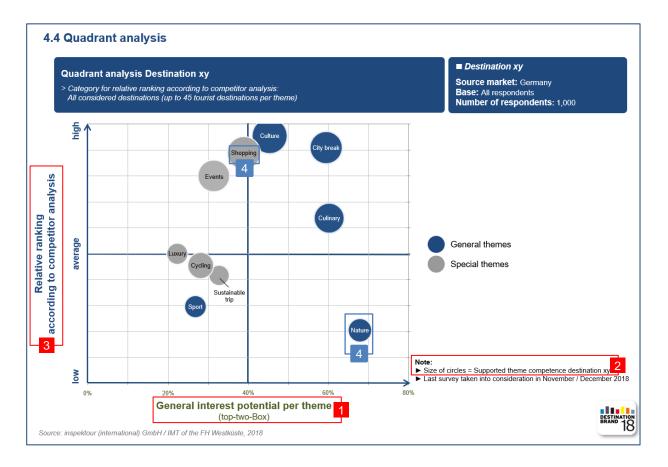
The rankings are based on the top-two-box values of the considered tourist destinations in the respective category. Only the values of destination xy are displayed here (column own value).



The average of the category is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the top-two-box values of all destinations included in this category.







Central question: How can the central results of the three-dimensional competitive analysis be visually summarised? - Reading example: "Nature" & "Shopping"

- ▶ The theme "Nature" has a very high general interest potential (see position far right on the X-axis). However, destination xy is attributed a relatively low theme suitability (see smaller "theme circle"), which means that destination xy positions itself below average in the competitor analysis (see position in the lower part of the Y-axis).
- ▶ On the other hand, the general interest potential of the German population for the theme "Shopping" is much lower (see position in the middle of the X-axis). Though, destination xy is considered as very suitable for the theme (see bigger "theme circle") and consequently achieves a high relative competitive ranking (see position in the upper part of the Y-axis).



"Demand": The general interest potential per theme is expressed by the theme's position on the X-axis (horizontal). The greater the interest in the respective holiday activity, the further to the right the theme is placed on the axis.



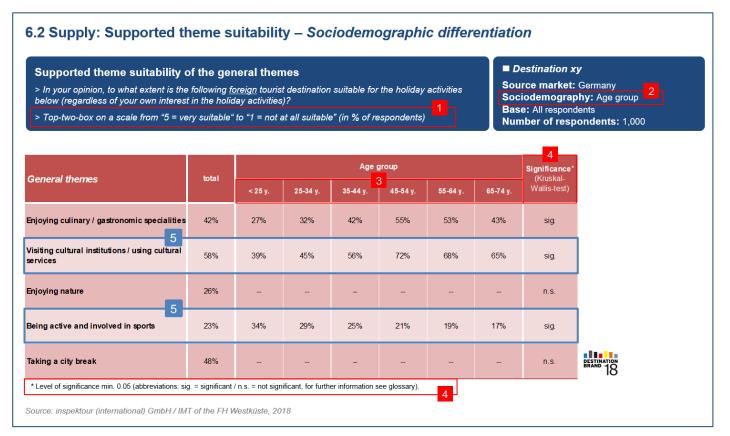
"Supply": The attributed theme suitability of destination xy is represented by the respective size of the "theme circle". The larger the "theme circle", the higher the approval of suitability by the respondents for the theme.



"Competition": The relative competitive ranking destination xy in the category "all considered destinations per theme" is depicted by the position of the respective theme on the Y-axis (vertical). The better destination xy performs in the competitive comparison per theme, the higher up the theme is placed on the axis.







Central question: What are the differences between age groups with regard to the theme suitability of destination xy?

- Reading example: "Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services" and "Being active and involved in sports"
- ▶ The results by age group are significant in the case of the holiday activities "Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services" and "Being active and involved in sports" (s. column "Significance"). Subsequently, the results can be applied to the general population.
- ▶ In the case of the theme "Culture" the approval rates regarding the theme suitability by the "45-54 year-olds" (72%) and the "55-64 year-olds" (68%) are clearly above the average of all respondents (58%), while only 39% of the "<25 year-olds" and 45% of the "25-34 year-olds" consider destination xy as suitable to visit cultural institutions respectively to use cultural services.
- ▶ The opposite tendencies are depicted in case of the holiday activity "Being active and involved in sports". In this example, destination xy is attributed the highest theme suitability by the younger age groups of the "<25 year-olds" (34%) and the "25-34 year-olds" (29%).

In each case, the top-two-box values are shown, i.e., the value refers to all respondents that answered the question with "5 = very suitable" or the value "4".

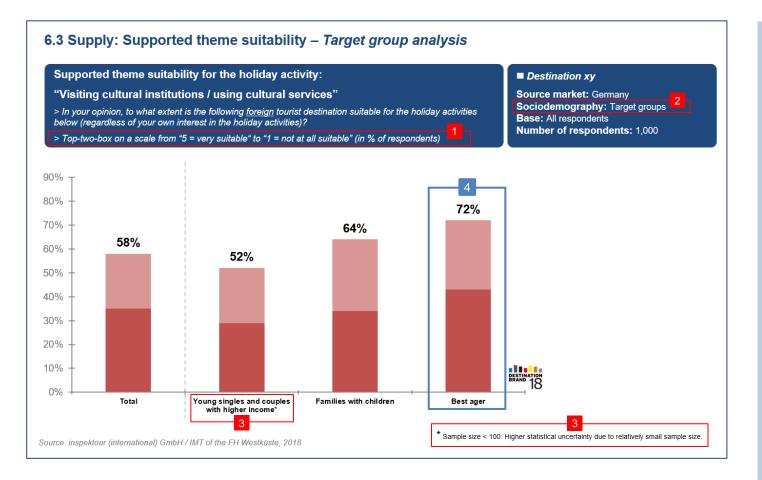
In addition to the univariate evaluation results. several bivariate analyses are part of the report. Among others, the approval rates regarding the theme suitability differentiated by eight sociodemographic factors, in this example "age group".

In case of the criterion "age group" the approval rates can be differentiated by six age cohorts.

significance test of indicates whether the results can applied to the overall population or not. A minimum confidence level of 95% required for results to significant. If the results are not significant, they are not reported due to the statistical uncertainty.







Central question: Among which target group does destination xy achieve the highest approval regarding the theme suitability for the holiday activity "Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services"?

- ▶ In this example, the three target groups "Young singles and couples with higher income", "Families with children" and "Best ager" are considered.
- ▶ Among the three target groups, the "Best ager" (72%) awarded destination xy the highest theme suitability for the holiday activity "Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services". Their approval rate is clearly above the average of all respondents (58%).

For each target group, the top-two-box values are shown, i.e., the values refer to all respondents that answered the question with "5 = very suitable" or the value "4".

In addition to the univariate evaluation results. several bivariate analyses are part of the report. Among others, the approval rates regarding the theme suitability can be differentiated by target groups. In the case of the study Destination Brand 18, target groups can be defined based on different socio-demographic factors considered in the study and the general interest in several holiday themes.

In the case of the target group "Young singles and couples with higher income", the number of cases is below 100, which means that a higher level of statistical uncertainty needs to be taken into consideration.





# 9.2 Glossary – Content of the theme competence study

Content of the theme competence s	tudy
General interest potential	The proportion of the represented population that is generally interested (i.e., regardless of a specific tourist destination) in the respective holiday activity (responses of the top-two-box on a rating scale for assessment of the general interest potential)
Supported theme suitability	The proportion of the represented population that considers the tourist destination to be suitable for the respective holiday activity – regardless of one's own interest in the holiday activity concerned (responses of the top-two-box on a rating scale for assessment of the theme suitability)
Unsupported theme suitability (top of mind)	The proportion of the represented population that spontaneously considers the tourist destination to be particularly suitable for the respective type of holiday without being provided answer options
Sub-groups	
Suitability assessor	Respondents who consider the tourist destination to be suitable for the respective holiday activity (top-two-box value) – regardless of their own interest in the holiday activity concerned
Distinct intention to travel abroad	Respondents who definitely (top value) intend to spend a short holiday trip (with $1-3$ overnight stays) and / or a longer holiday trip (with 4 or more overnight stays) abroad within the next 3 years
Interested in the theme	Respondents who are generally interested (i.e., regardless of a specific tourist destination) in the respective holiday activity (top-two-box value)
Visitors in the past	Respondents who have already holidayed in the tourist destination (with at least one overnight stay)

Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / IMT of the FH Westküste, 2018







# 9.2 Glossary – Description of holiday activities

	Description of holiday activities per question (part 1 of 2)						
No.	Short version in report	General interest potential per holiday activity  > Original description according to questionnaire	Unsupported theme suitability (top of mind) > Original description according to questionnaire	Supported theme suitability per destination  > Original description according to questionnaire			
1	Culinary	Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities	To go on a culinary journey	Enjoying culinary / gastronomic specialities			
2	Culture	Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services	To go on a cultural journey / holiday	Visiting cultural institutions / using cultural services			
3	Nature	Enjoying nature	To go on a nature-based holiday	Enjoying nature			
4	Sports	Being active and involved in sports	To go on an active sports holiday	Being active and involved in sports			
5	City break	Taking a city break	To go on a city break	Taking a city break			
6	Amusement parks	Visiting amusement / theme parks		A visit to amusement / theme parks			
7	Castles	Visiting castles, palaces and cathedrals		A visit to castles, palaces and cathedrals			
8	Countryside	Spending holidays in the countryside (e.g., on the farm or vineyard)		Spending holidays in the countryside (e.g., on the farm or vineyard)			
9	Climbing fixed mountain routes	Climbing fixed mountain routes (Via ferrata)		Climbing fixed mountain routes (Via ferrata)			
10	Cycling	Cycling		Cycling			
11	Events	Attending events		Attending events			
12	Families	Using family offers		Using family offers			
13	Football	Attending football matches / visiting stadiums as well as other attractions / events related to football		Attending football matches / visiting stadiums as well as other attractions / events related to football			
14	Gardens / parks	Visiting gardens / parks		A visit to gardens / parks			
15	Health	Using health services (self-paying, not a prescribed visit to a health spa)		Using health services (self-paying, not a prescribed visit to a health spa)			
16	Hiking	Hiking		Hiking			
17	Indigenous peoples	Meeting the indigenous (native) peoples		Meeting the indigenous (native) peoples			

▶ Note: Last survey taken into consideration in November / December 2018

Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / IMT of the FH Westküste, 2018







# 9.2 Glossary – Description of holiday activities

	Description of holiday activities per question (part 2 of 2)						
No.	Short version in report	General interest potential per holiday activity  > Original description according to questionnaire	Unsupported theme suitability (top of mind)  > Original description according to questionnaire	Supported theme suitability per destination  > Original description according to questionnaire			
18	Industrial heritage	Visiting industrial heritage sites (e.g., factories, (coal) mines, museums of industrial heritage)		A visit to industrial heritage sites (e.g., factories, (coal) mines, museums of industrial heritage)			
19	Lively places	Experiencing lively places (e.g., trendy shopping districts, festivals, alternative cultural circles, night life)		Experiencing lively places			
20	Luxury offers	Using luxury offers		Using luxury offers			
21	Motorcycling	Motorcycling		Motorcycling			
22	Mountain biking	Mountain biking		Mountain biking			
23	Mountaineering	Mountaineering (e.g., mountain and summit tours)		Mountaineering (e.g., mountain and summit tours)			
24	Relaxation	Relaxing and resting		Relaxing and resting			
25	Shopping	Shopping		Shopping			
26	Study / educational offers	Using study / educational offers		Using study / educational offers			
27	Sustainable trip	Undertaking a sustainable holiday trip (nature preserving / environmentally friendly, economically and socially fair)		Undertaking a sustainable holiday trip (nature preserving / environmentally friendly, economically and socially fair)			
28	Swimming / beach	Swimming and being at the beach		Swimming and being at the beach			
29	Thalasso	Using thalasso services (e.g., therapy with sea water, algae, sand)		Using thalasso services (e.g., therapy with sea water, algae, sand)			
30	UNESCO world heritage sites	Visiting UNESCO world heritage sites		A visit to UNESCO world heritage sites			
31	Water sports	Practising water sports (not sailing)		Practising water sports (not sailing)			
32	Wellness	Using wellness services		Using wellness services			
33	Winter sports	Practising winter sports (e.g., cross-country skiing, downhill)		Practising winter sports (e.g., cross-country skiing, downhill)			

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