

# Essential Ingredients for Tourism Recovery

## The 3Ms Framework

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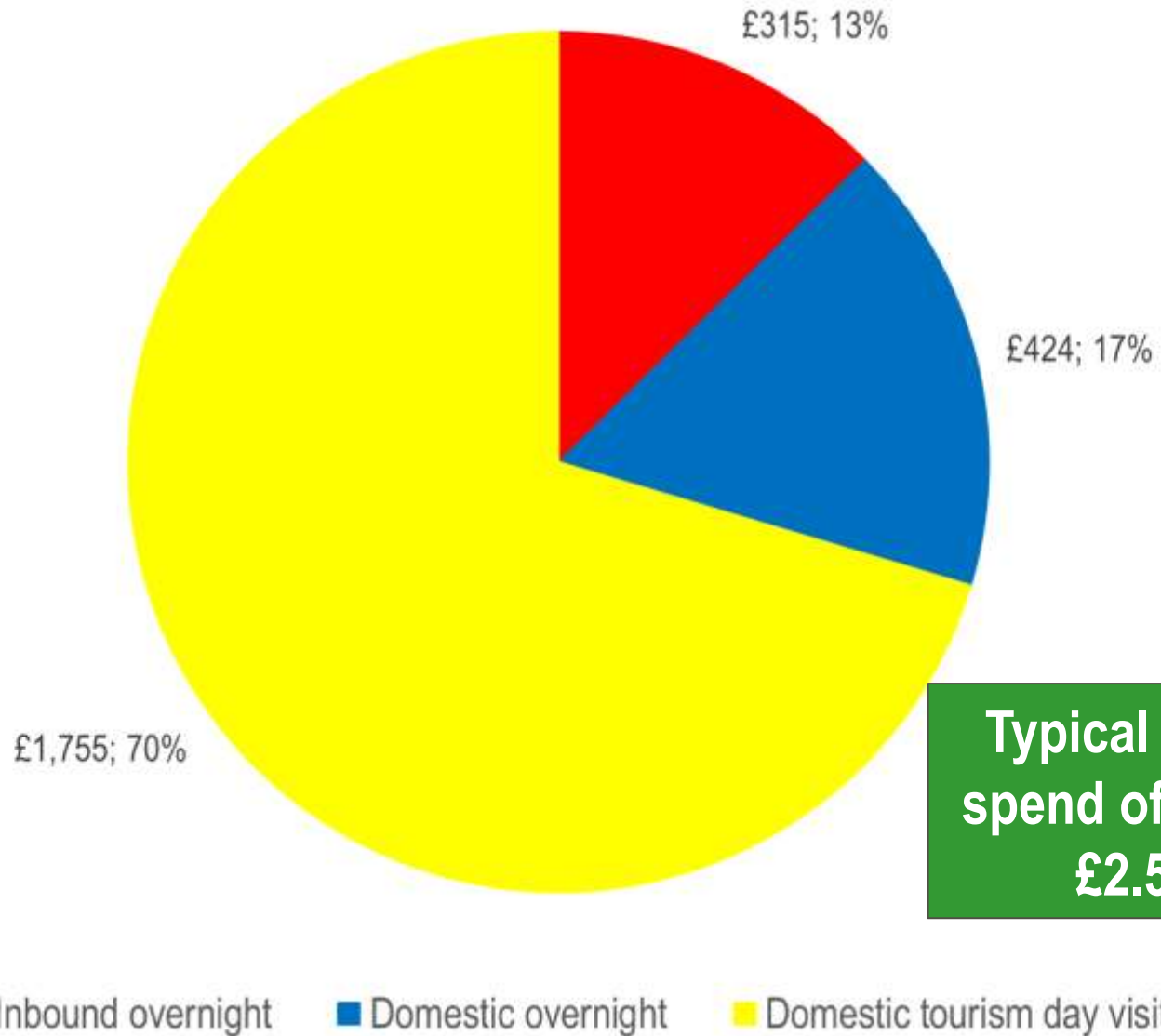
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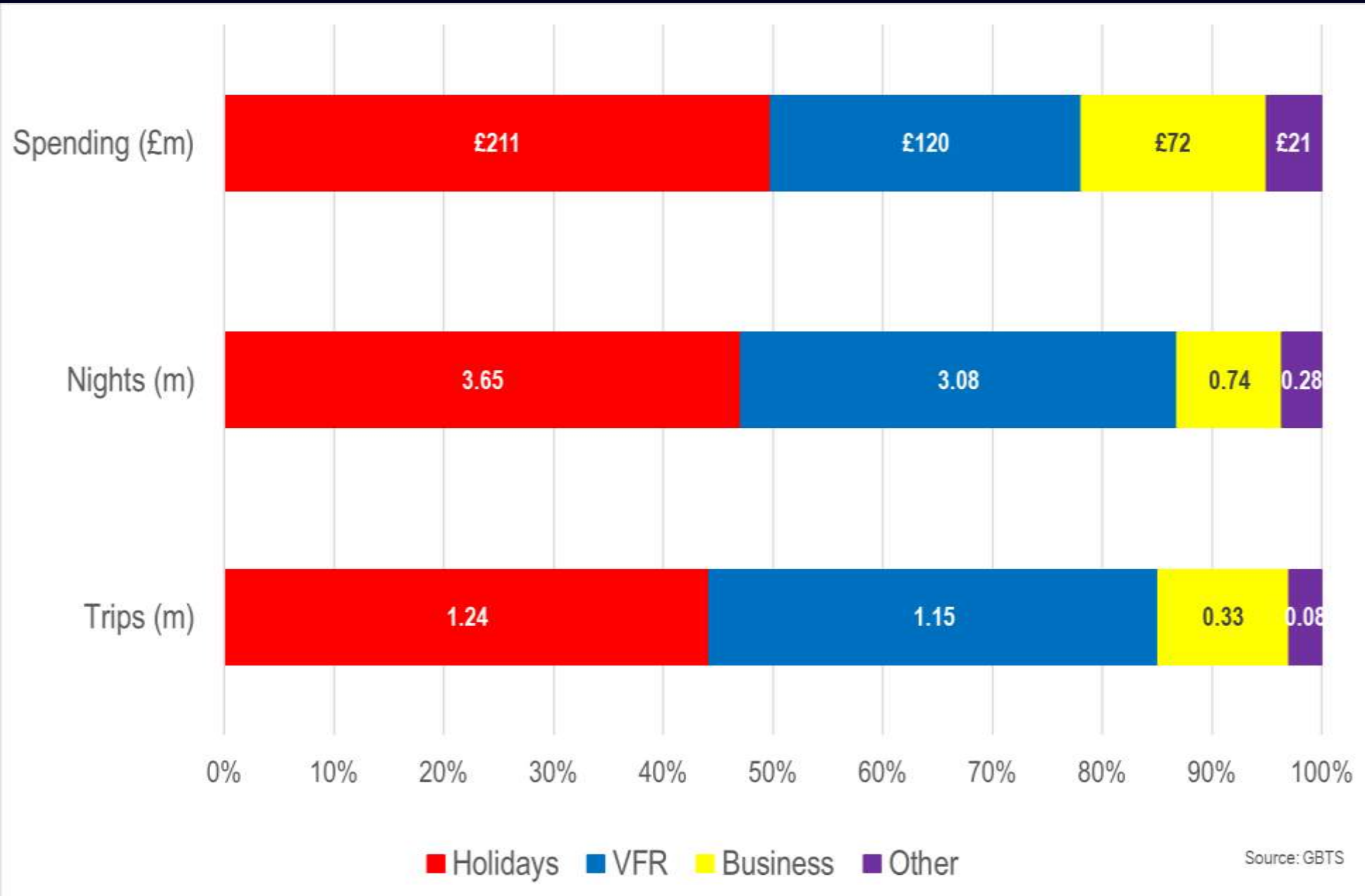
# Our journey will cover...

- Reminder of 'normal' tourism in Kent
- The 3Ms framework
- The actors that will shape the future
- What this might mean for different market segments
- Q&A

# Tourism spending in Kent (annual average 2016-18, £m and % share)



# Domestic Overnight Tourism in Kent (annual average 2016-18)



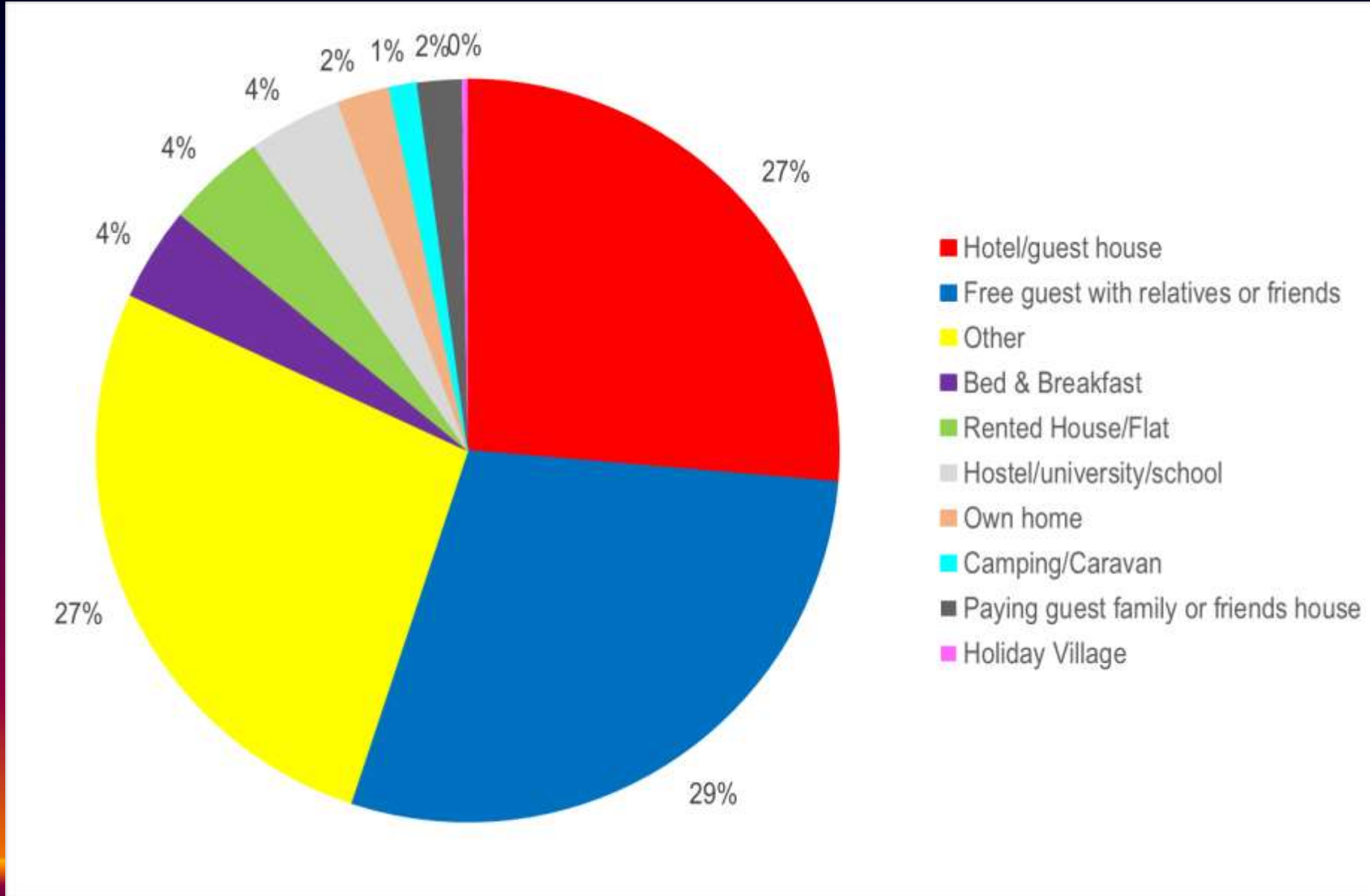
# Domestic Tourism Day Visits in Kent (annual average 2016-18)

	Volume (m)	Value (£m)
Ashford	5.3	£145
Canterbury	7.9	£289
Dartford	2.3	£71
Dover	2.9	£162
Gravesham	1.5	£26
Maidstone	5.6	£194
Medway	5.8	£165
Sevenoaks	3.8	£81
Shepway	3.8	£102
Swale	3.5	£125
Thanet	4.2	£140
Tonbridge And Malling	2.8	£130
Tunbridge Wells	3.5	£124
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>£1,755</b>

# Inbound Overnight Tourism in Kent (annual average 2016-18)

	Visits (000s)	Nights (000s)	Spend (£m)	Nights per Visit	Spend per Visit
Holiday	390	1,684	£122	4	£313
Business	355	1,058	£48	3	£136
VFR	311	2,575	£107	8	£345
Study	14	502	£17	37	£1,290
Other	50	465	£20	9	£404
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>6,285</b>	<b>£315</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>£281</b>

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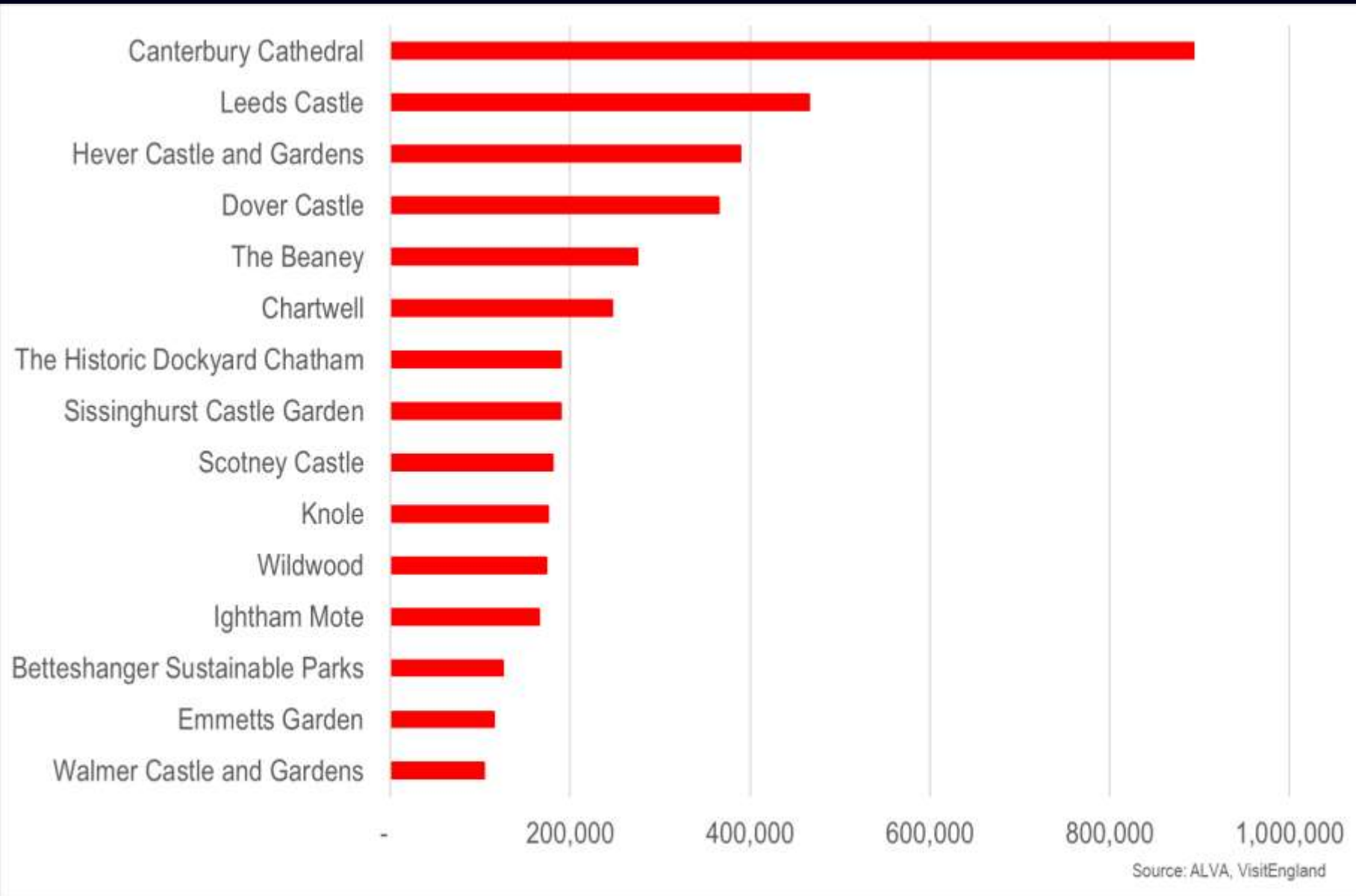


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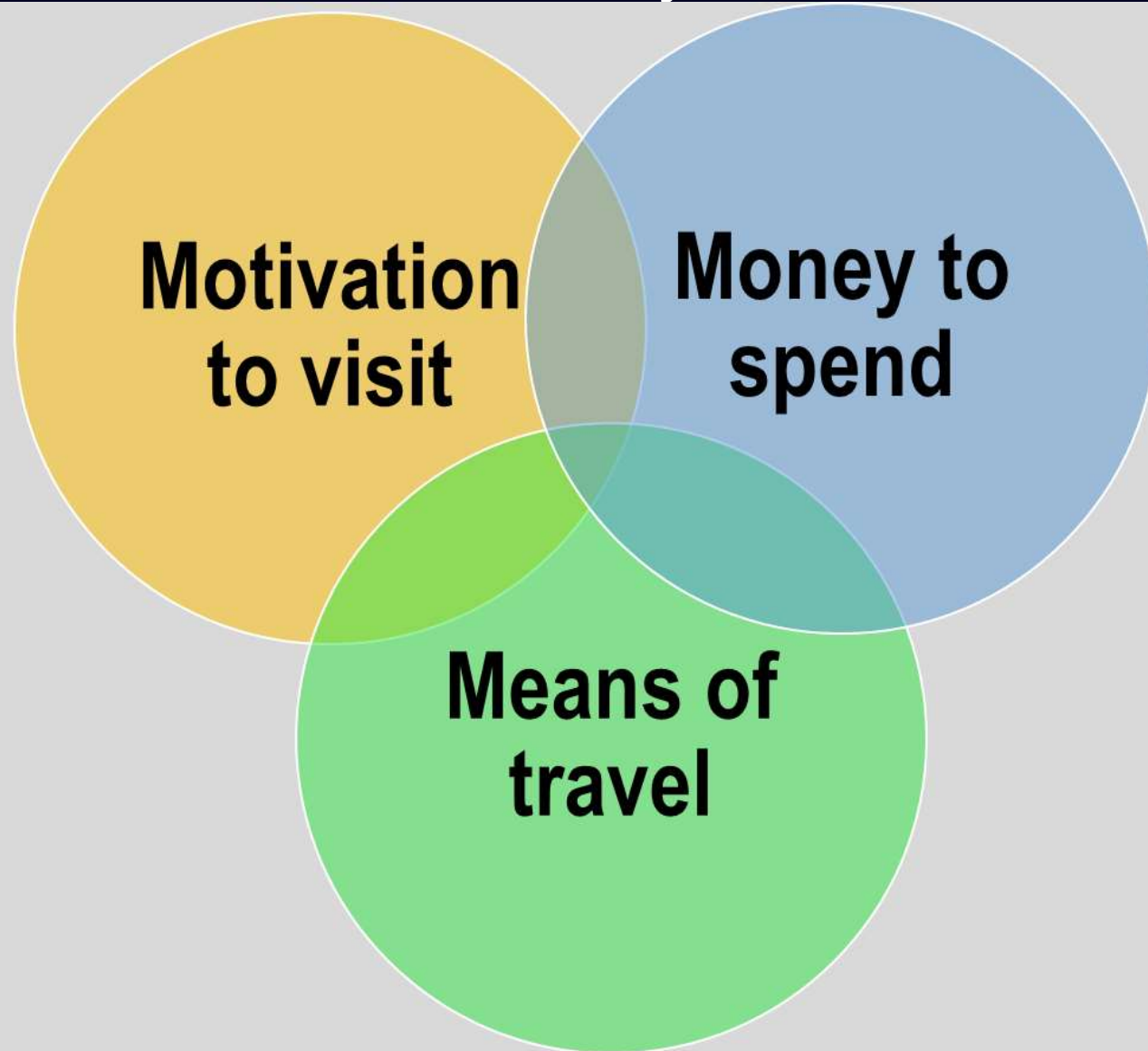
	Visits (000s)
Germany	173
France	125
Poland	94
Netherlands	92
Spain	70
Belgium	67
USA	57
Ireland	35
Australia	30
Hungary	29



# Top attractions in 2018



# Ingredients essential for recovery



# Motivation to visit

- We will continue to value our leisure time
- “Having fun and laughter” is a key motivator, but now tempered by anxiety
- Changed perception of risk versus reward may impact:
  - Destination choice
  - Accommodation choice
  - Activities participated in
- A changed holiday experience will influence advocacy

# Money to spend

- Economically the worst is yet to come
- Any lessons from 2009?
- Refund worries may dissuade booking 'big trips'
- A minority will have benefited from lower outgoings

# Means of travel

- Private versus public transport choice
- Trimmed airline networks and frequencies
- Fares with fewer flights and fewer passengers
- A changed long-haul customer experience
- Practical and psychological barriers (Government advisories, border virus tests, quarantine on outbound or inbound journey, access to travel insurance, risk getting stranded)
- Transport “at” as well as “to/from” the destination
- Public transport viability

# 3Ms cast of actors



# The virus

- It's not going away
- Vaccine uncertainty
- The rise and fall of “R” and case numbers
- Effective treatments
- Attitude towards risk versus reward
  - Government
  - Business
  - Society

# Government: National, Regional, Local

- Lockdowns
- Consistency
- Longevity of economic support schemes
- Higher borrowing or higher taxes, or both?
- Renewed pressure on all tiers of public spending



# International Community

- Not its finest hour
- Pressure on internationalism
- Coordinated or scattergun travel protocols?
  - Government advisories
  - Temperature checks / virus tests
  - Apps / Immunity Passports
  - Quarantine
  - Face coverings



# Economic Activity

- Fewer businesses
- Higher unemployment
- Inflationary pressure?
- Paradox of thrift
- Homeworking versus commuting
- Step change in use of virtual meeting technology

# Visitor Economy Businesses

- Lower demand
- Restricted supply
- **Operational challenges** (Timed ticketing, queue management, signage, one-way systems, elevators, food & beverage, PPE, cashless transactions, cancellation policy, marketing comms)
- Economic viability
- Different, or differently behaving, customers
- Reputational issues
- Skills need updating
- Short-term opportunity to diversify

# Local Residents

- Income pressure narrows travel horizons
- Apprehension narrows travel horizons
- Eat-in or take-away or home delivery?
- Attitude towards visitors

# Visitors

- Seek less crowded destinations (feature)
- Accommodation preferences reassessed (feature)
- Transport options reassessed (feature)
- Still want value for money (benefit)
- Still want a warm welcome (benefit)
- Still want a great experience (benefit)

# UK Consumer confidence



# The fourth M: Market segments

	Summer 2020	Autumn 2020 to Spring 2021	Summer 2021	
Local day-trip	↑	↑	↑	Most Promising
Longer distance day-trip	↗	↑	↑	
Day trip for an event	↓	→	→	
Short-break for a holiday	→	→	↗	
Short-break for an event	↓	→	→	
Short-break to visit friends or relatives	↗	↑	↑	
Longer holiday (4+ nights)	→	→	→	
Destinations perceived as crowded	↓	↓	↘	
Destinations perceived as uncrowded	↗	↗	↑	
Indoor activities	↓	↘	→	
Outdoor activities	↗	↗	↑	Least Promising
Easy access by car / easy to park	↗	↗	↗	
Public transport provides best access	↘	↘	→	
Requires short-haul flight	↘	↘	→	
Requires long-haul flight	↓	↓	↘	
Younger visitors	→	↗	↑	
Older visitors	↘	↘	→	
Families	→	↗	↗	
Tour groups	↓	↓	↘	
Self-catering	↗	↑	↑	
Full-service accommodation	↓	↘	→	
Cruise	↓	↓	↘	
MICE	↓	↘	→	



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