# Time to tell your Story

### **Political issues**

- Updated US Travel Advisory for China: Will China tourism officials retaliate? | American Travel News |Jan 3, 2019
- China's Ctrip says US trade war discouraging tourism | Financial Times | Dec 17, 2018
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But, while the trade war was pretty "good news" for Canada visitation in 2018, Huawei is not good news for Canada

- 'We're suffering': China-Canada tourism may slow amid political drama | CTV News | Jan 17, 2019
- Political drama strains Canada-China tourism, worrying Victoria | Times Colonist | Jan 17, 2019
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- Canada stops running tourism ads in China after Huawei arrest | BNN |Dec 19, 2018
- Some fear for tourism as Huawei arrest strains Canada-China | CBC | Dec 16, 2018
- China tensions could chill tourism in both directions | Vancouver Sun |Dec 13, 2018
- Fear of Arrest After Huawei Incident Could Hurt Canadian Tourism | Jing Travel |Dec 13, 2018



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According to December 2018 data from Forward Keys showed that while Chinese travel bookings worldwide were up **10%** from Jan to Nov 2018, bookings to US were down **6.6%** and bookings to Canada were up **9.5%** during the same period.



#### Other issues that impact visitation - Currency

CNY to USD - 2018 Historical

Economic issues are also major factor in Chinese visitors decision process to book travel to the US and Canada.

Currency – the Chinese RMB fell almost 6% against the USD in 2018 making a visit to the US more expensive.
 The Chinese RMB was up to unchanged against the Canadian dollar in 2018.



CNY to CAD - 2018 Historical

US and Canadian policy decisions to issue fewer visas as well as the Chinese social credit system may limit the ability of Chinese citizens to travel and are also possible threats that could lead to decreased visitation. According to the US State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs, the US issued about 217,000 fewer visas to Chinese visitors in 2018.

#### Other issues that impact visitation - Competition

Based on online bookings data in the first half year of 2018 The **Top 10** most popular destination countries were:



# 2,188,000 Visitors

2018 Chinese Visitation to U.S.



The Total Spending



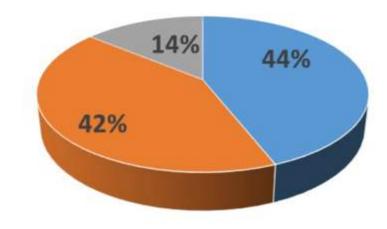
Data by NTTO

## No big drop, WHY?

#### Market changes

The Shift from group to FIT. According to the Chinese Outbound Tourism Research Institute (COTRI), the Chinese outbound travel market is "currently composed of approximately 42% FIT travelers, and 44% Group travelers. While group travel will remain a feature of the Chinese outbound travel market as increasing numbers of non Tier-1 city residents take their first overseas trips, growth in package tours to numerous destinations is stagnating or even decreasing.

#### The Proportion of Chinese Outbound Travelers in Terms of Travel Way (2017)



- Group Travelers
- Individual Travelers
- Other Travelers(Customized Travel, travel with Tour Guide, Private group travelers)

# The Challenges

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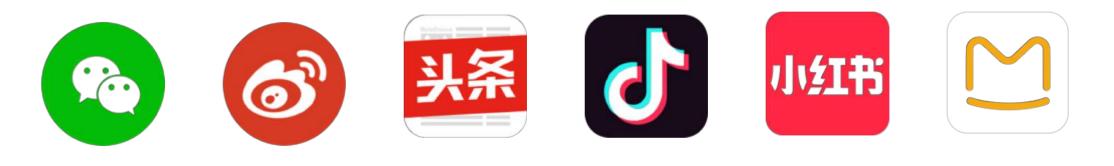
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Non Tier-1 Cities are the growth Markets in China - Your digital marketing and PR strategies should look more toward the non Tier-1 cities. These Non Tier-1 cities in China are becoming increasingly prominent as drivers of market trends in outbound tourism. According to Ctrip data, Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities dominated the list of the ten fastest-growing domestic markets, with Chengdu becoming the fourth largest overall customer base.

In addition, the collective number of Tier-2 city residents has contributed more to the total number of outbound Chinese travelers since 2016 than those from Tier-1 cities.

2018 Chi	nese Outbound Air Arrivals - Tier 1 Cities*	2018 Chinese Outbound Air Arrivals - Non-Tier 1 Cities*			
Origin City	Year over Year variance	Origin City	Year over Year variance		
Beijing	+13.0%	Nanjing	+35.4%		
Shanghai	+9.5%	Wuhan	+22.8%		
Guangzhou	+9.4%	Tianjin	+22.3%		

This development has been fueled by the increase in direct international flights and visa centers in smaller cities across China. These developments have facilitated opportunities for outbound tourism for hundreds of millions of potential new travelers who previously needed to travel to Tier-1 cities to process tourist visas and directly access flights to overseas destinations, like the US and Canada.

\*2018 booking data from ForwardKeys

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- Build your information ٠ hubs
- Deliver your information ٠ via KOLs to target audience



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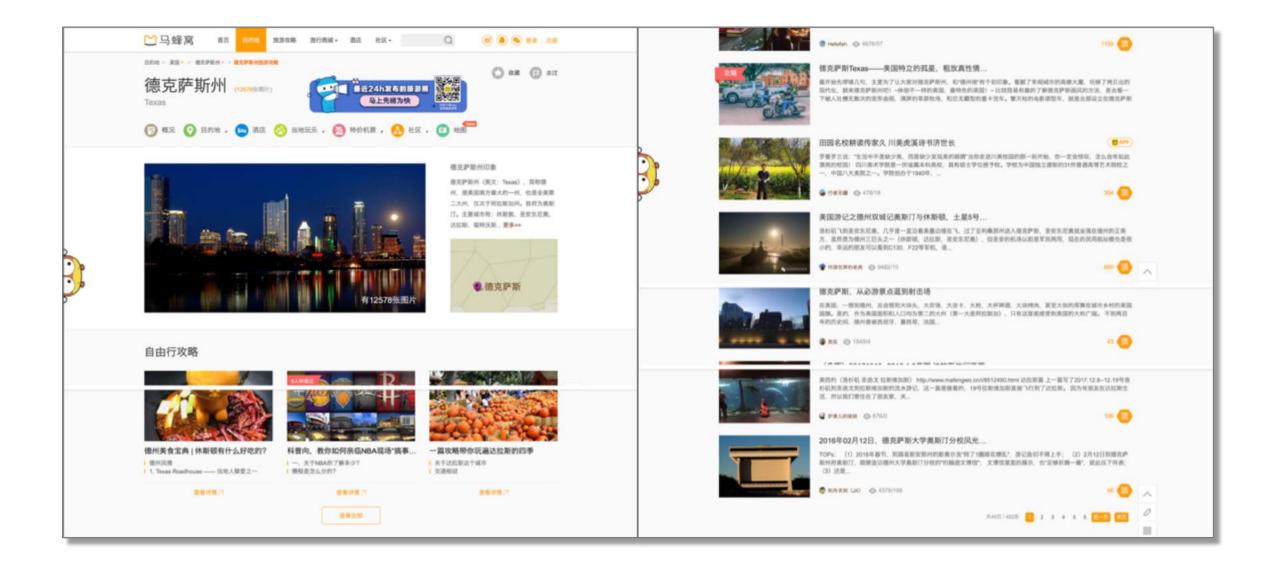


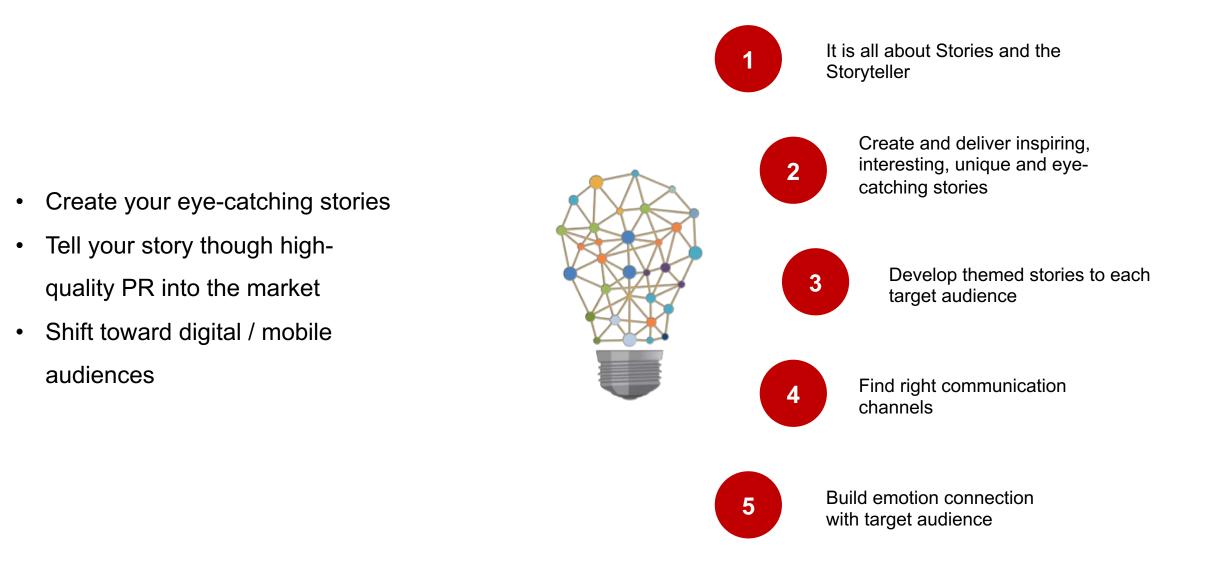
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#### Consumer Marketing Campaigns to help trade partners sell your products



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