

Northern Tasmania: A Demand Update

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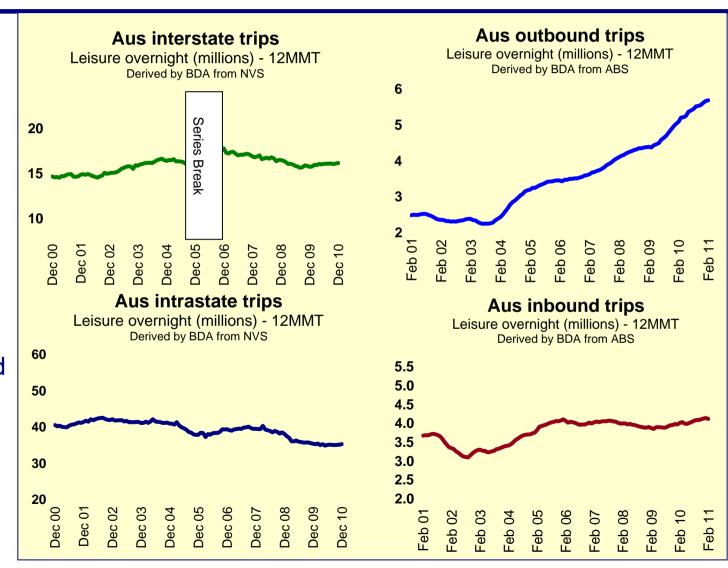
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National tourism demand

Market recovering

- Demand lifting with improving economy
- -Interstate +3% in 2010
- Interstate is losing share though to very strong outbound travel
 - More than doubled in past 7 yrs& up another +12% in last year
- Intrastate trips continue to ease gradually
- Inbound demand has lifted in past 2 years
 - Though relatively steady overall since 2005

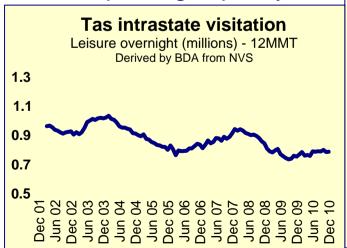


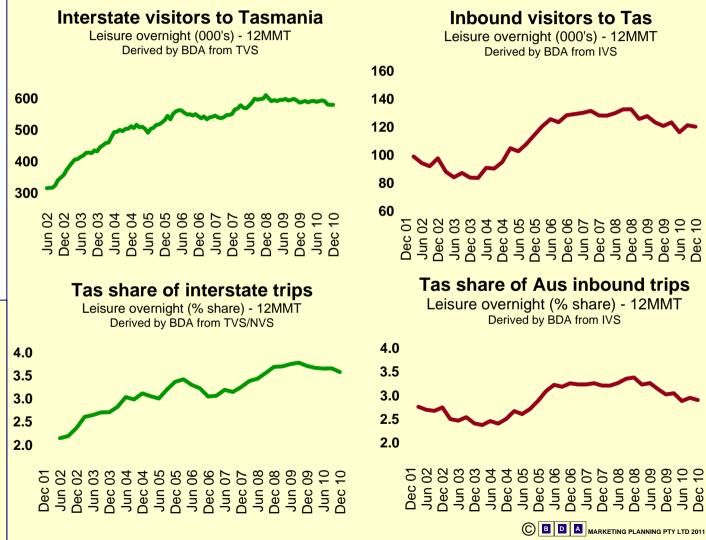


Tasmanian tourism demand

Tas demand steady

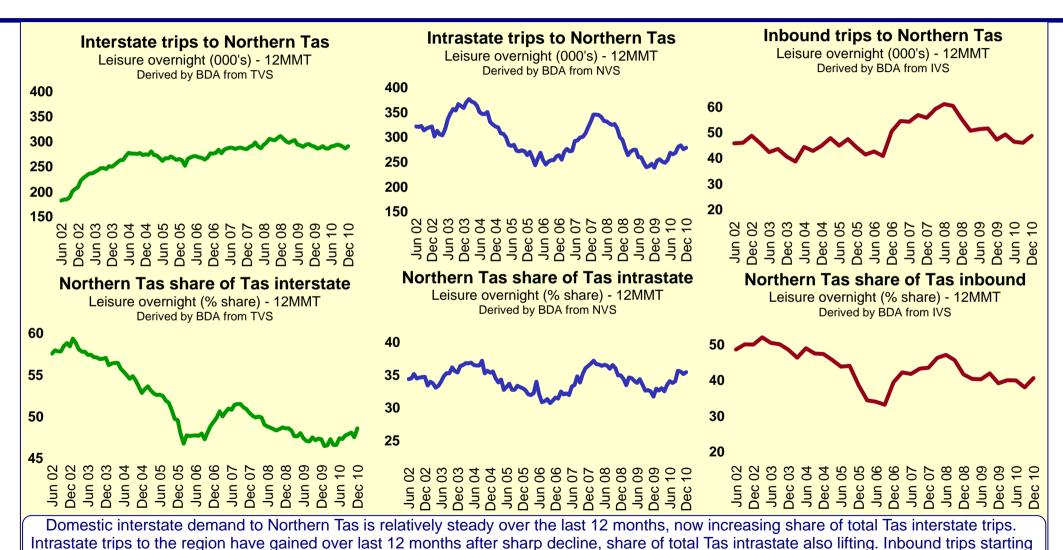
- Interstate trips slip slightly
 - With weaker Holiday demand
 - Share of recovering Aus Inter trips slides as a result..
 - ..after many strong years
- Inbound now steady though down in recent yrs
- Intrastate has struggled but improving in past year







Northern Tas tourism demand



to lift after decline through 2008 & 2009.



Interstate Northern Tas visitors

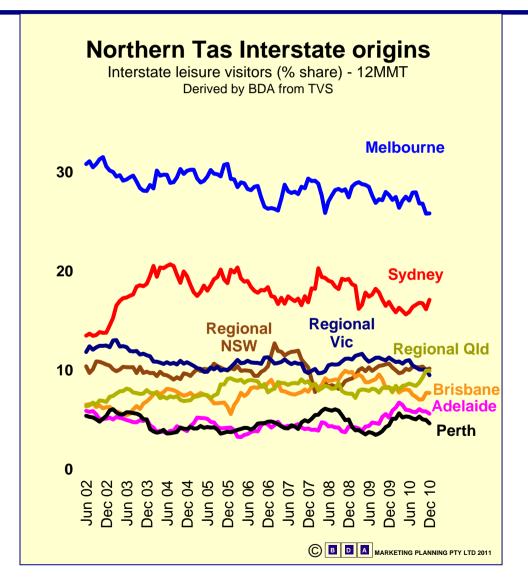
- Profile
- Holiday needs
- Information seeking
- Holiday behaviour
- Visitor satisfaction
- Outlook



Where do they live?

Melbourne the #1 market

- Provides 26% visitors
 - Though share is now falling
- Sydney the other key market
 - ► Has lost share gradually over the past 2 years but lifting in last 6 months
- -Some growth from regional Qld



What kind of people are they?

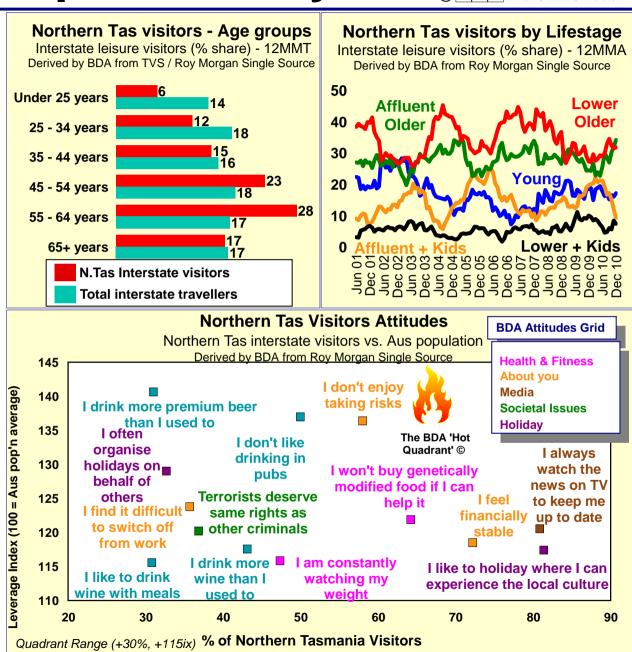


Older, 'Empty Nesters'

- Well above Aus interstate average for 45-65 age brackets
 - Lifestage trend indicates the Older groups are also gaining share

Sophisticated lifestyle

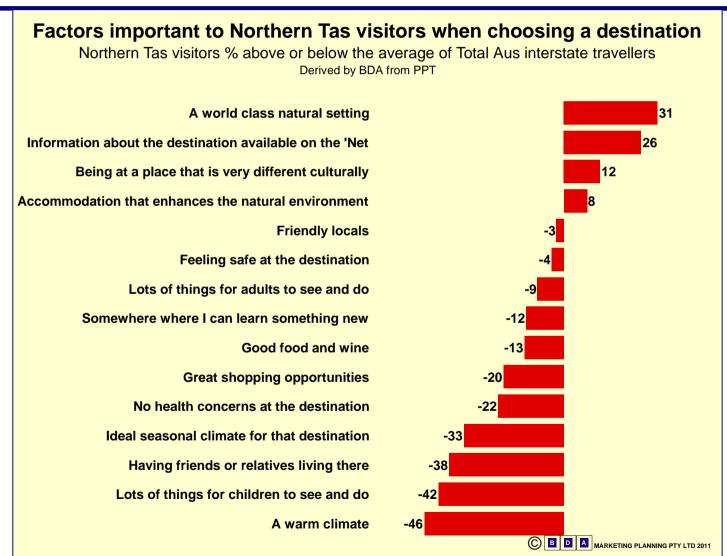
- Financially stable now with career remaining a focus
 - Like to enjoy life but without too many undue risks
- More likely now to indulge in a wine or premium beer
 - Though lifestage dictates that health is also a key concern
- Holidays an important part of life
 - Like to organise holidays and experience the local culture





Reconnecting with nature key

- World class natural setting stands out
 - With accommodation that enhances the environment
- Availability of information also important
- Family activities less important..
- ..and weather not a factor





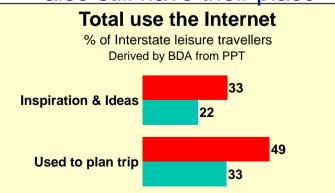
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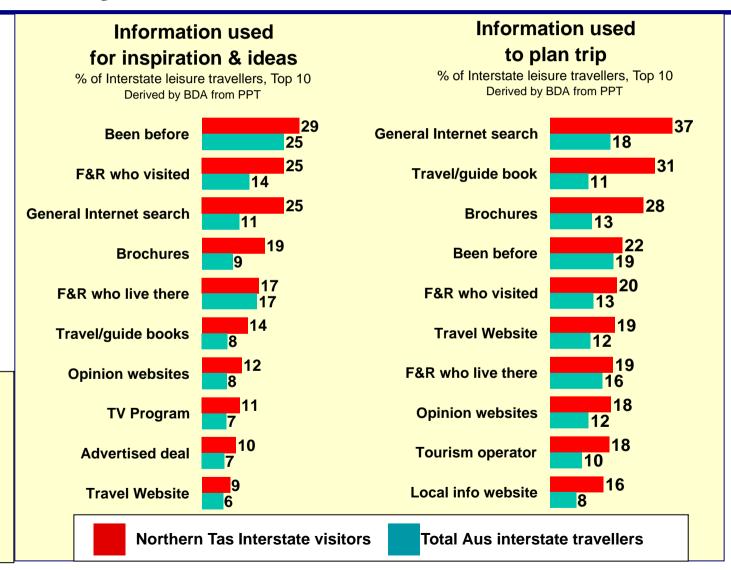
Ideas & Inspiration

- Wide range of sources
- Previous travel & Word of Mouth top the list
- Internet and brochures also widely used

Planning differs

- Internet the main source when planning trips
- Brochures & travel books also still have their place





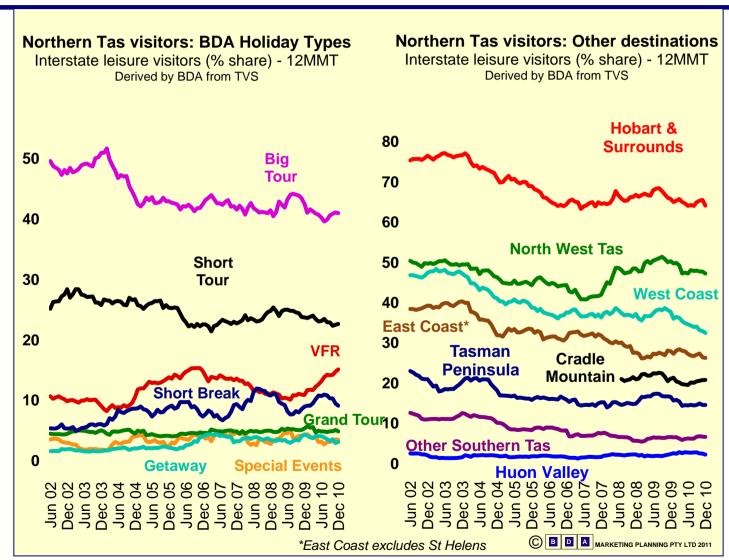


BDA Holiday Types

- -Big Tour
 - ▶ 1-3 weeks touring, mostly by car
- Short Tour
 - Up to one week touring holiday
- -VFR
 - Low cost holiday staying all nights with friends & relatives
- -Short Break
 - ► 1-3 night break
- Others relatively low

Northern Tas mainly Touring visitors

- Hobart & NW Tas top other destinations visited...
 - ...but many others are also often included on the same trip

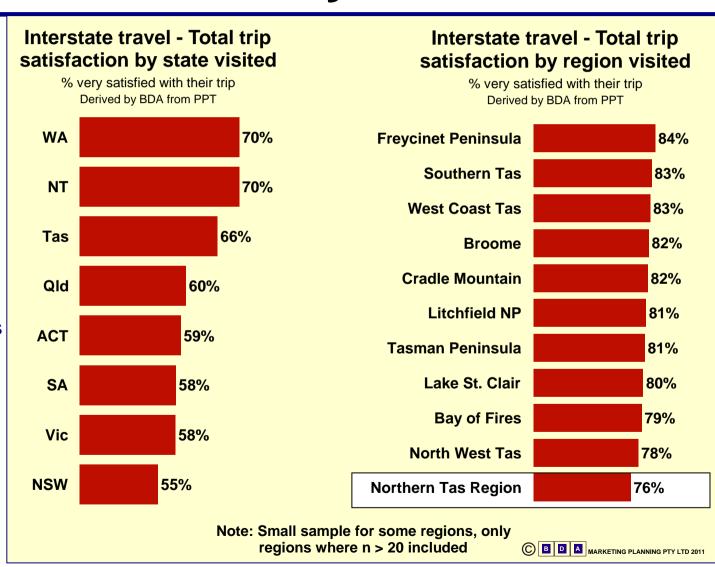


Tourism



How satisfied are they?

- Tas #3 in Aus for Very Satisfied visitors
 - Well ahead of larger states
- Tas regions perform strongly
 - 76% very satisfied with trip when visiting Northern Tas
 - Other Tas regions also feature highly..
 - ..in line with the appeal of the Tas Touring holiday





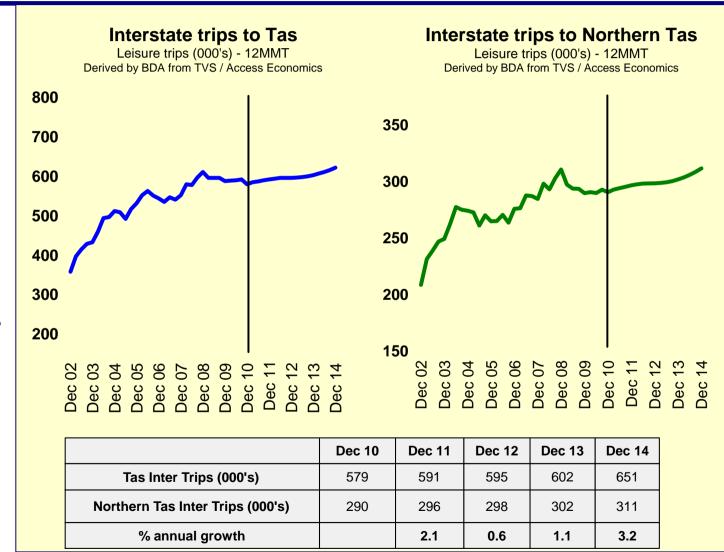
Interstate demand outlook

'Trend' forecast

- = expected growth if Tas holds current mkt share..
- -..and Northern Tasmania holds share of Tas
- Hence, this is the 'market opportunity' outlook

Steady outlook

- Growth of ~1-3% growthp.a. forecast in coming yrs
 - Improving but relatively modest due to outbound competition
- Further share gains by Northern Tas will provide stronger growth





Prospective visitors

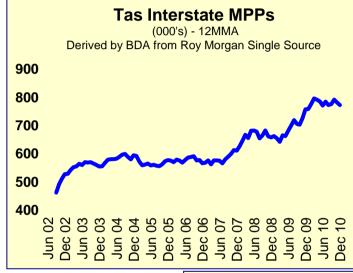


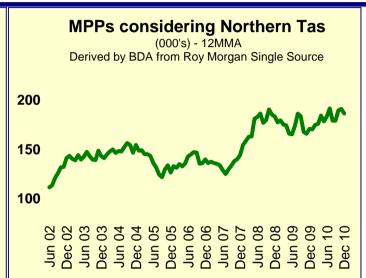
Tasmanian prospects

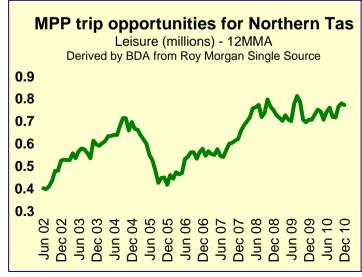
- Most Profitable Prospects for Tasmania = travellers who are considering Tas..
 - ..and are productive in terms of holiday expenditure
- -= ~800k mainland residents
 - ► Holding steady over last quarter

MPPs considering Northern Tasmania

- Accounting for ~1/4 of Tas Interstate MPPs
 - Northern Tas prospects take 4 trips per year on average..
 - ..providing around 770k trip opportunities per year





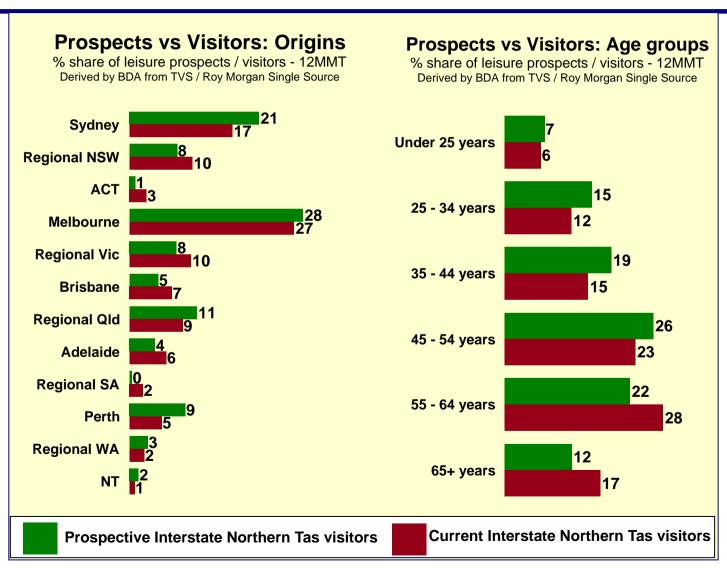




Prospective visitors compared

Prospects vs Visitors

- Similar demographic profile
- Half of prospects live in Melbourne or Sydney
- Prospects provide some leverage with Younger
 - ► Majority are still 45+..
 - ..but prospects more likely to be in younger age groups

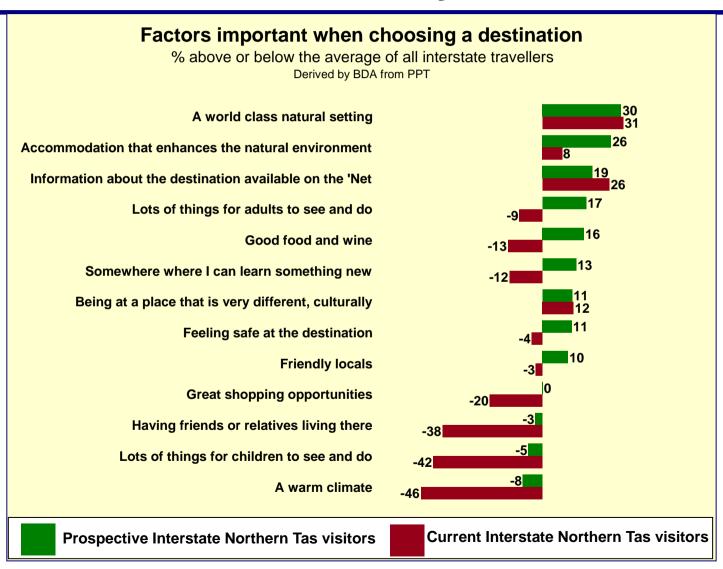




Prospective visitor holiday needs

Top factors the same

- Nature, appropriate accommodation and online info still key
- Prospects are more demanding however
 - With more factors above average for importance
- Prospects seek more new and different things to do
 - ► Food and wine more of a focus





Key Point Summary

Tourism market improving

 More national opportunity, with Tas now steady after strong share gains in recent years

Northern Tas generally performing well

- Gaining share of Tas interstate and intrastate leisure visitors
- Satisfaction by visitors to the region is high at 76%
- Strongest appeal with older, empty nest couples
 - Natural attractions are the key draw along with complimentary quality accommodation

Further growth opportunity exists

- Demand outlook is improving
 - ► Further share gains for Northern Tas will drive stronger growth than the 'Trend' outlook
- Large number of available trips taken by a well aligned group of prospective visitors is indicative of further potential for the region

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