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# **Executive Summary**

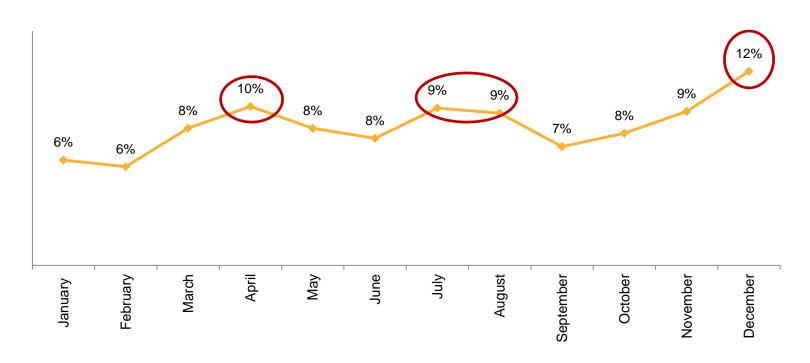
- Peak international travel to The Dominican Republic is in December and April. The lowest international travel is seen in January and February.
- The top origination markets for spend are the US, Venezuela, Canada, Germany, and Chile; dominated by the US which spends significantly more than any other country and where spend increased significantly versus prior year.
- While most spend comes from the United Status, visitors from Chile spend about 1.5 times more on average than US visitors
- All of the top 5 international countries show growth versus prior year indicating a potential increase in tourism overall. The largest increases from prior year are from the United States and Chile.
- The United States and Chile have the highest share of Hotel spend, followed by Canada and Germany.
- Germany over indexes on Restaurant spend while the US over indexes on Retail. Venezuela has a small share of spend in travel related categories, indicating many may be longer-term visitors (such as ex-pats).



### **Seasonality of International Spend**

International traveler spending in the Dominican Republic is significantly higher in December, with other peaks in April, July, and August. The month with lowest international traveler spend is February.

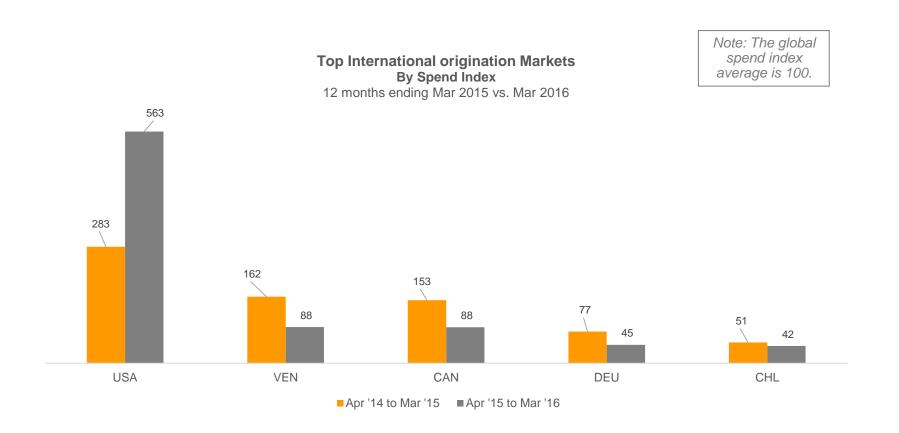
# International Customers' Monthly Spend Distribution Analyzed for the Past 24 Months through Mar 2016





## **Top 5 Origination Markets based on Spend Index**

The United States drives the most international spend in the DR, with a significant increase versus prior year. Other top countries are Venezuela, Canada, Germany, and Chile.



#### Note

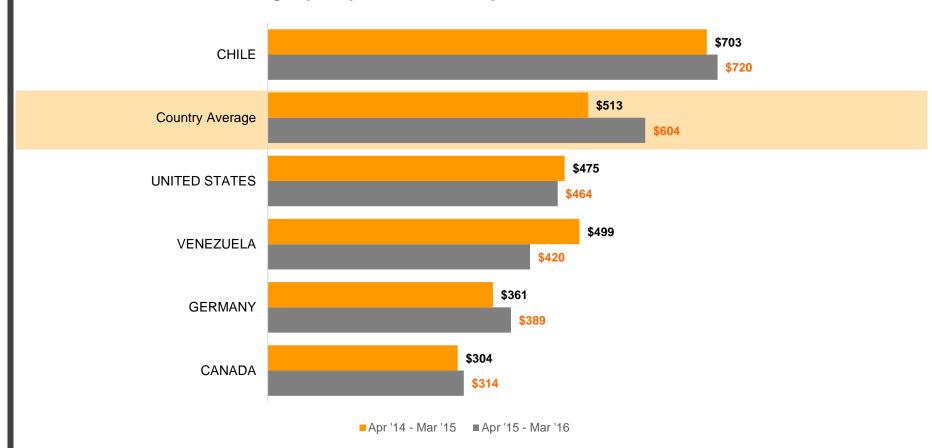
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#### **Average Spend per Account**

While most spend comes from the United Status, visitors from Chile spend more on average than US visitors. Average spend per account from Venezuela has declined versus prior year.

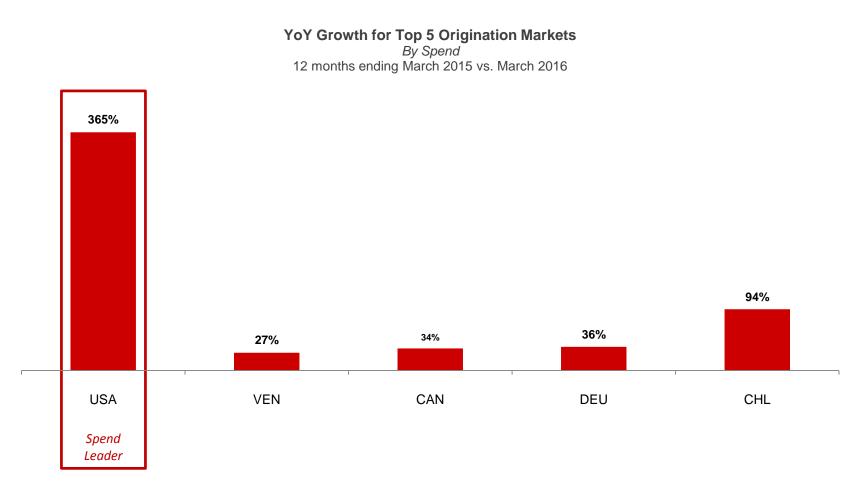
#### **Average Spend per Account for Top 5 Merchant Source Markets**





## **YoY Spend Growth for Top 5 Origination Markets**

All of the top countries show an increase in spend vs prior year indicating a potential overall increase in tourism. The largest increases are from the United States and Chile



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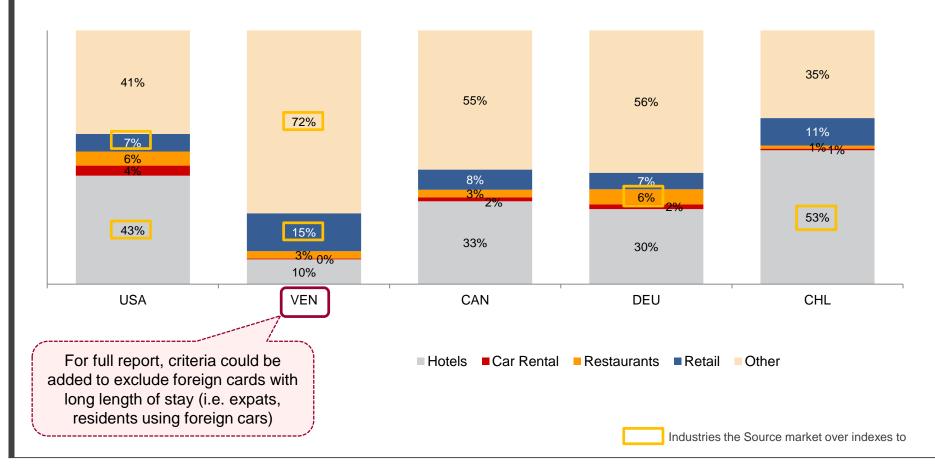
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#### **Cross Category Spend by Source Market**

The **United States and Chile** have the highest share of **Hotel** spend. **Germany** over indexes on **Restaurant** spend while the **US** over indexes on **Retail**. **Venezuela** has a small share of spend in travel related categories, indicating many may be longer-term visitors (such as ex-pats).

#### **Travel-Related Cross Spend Categories for Top Source Markets**





The following standard country codes are used in this report:

Code	Country
USA	UNITED STATES
VEN	VENEZUELA
CAN	CANADA
DEU	GERMANY
CHL	CHILE