



# DUTY FREE SHOPPERS ON-BOARD CRUISES IN THE AMERICAS

Key Consumer  
Behaviour Trends







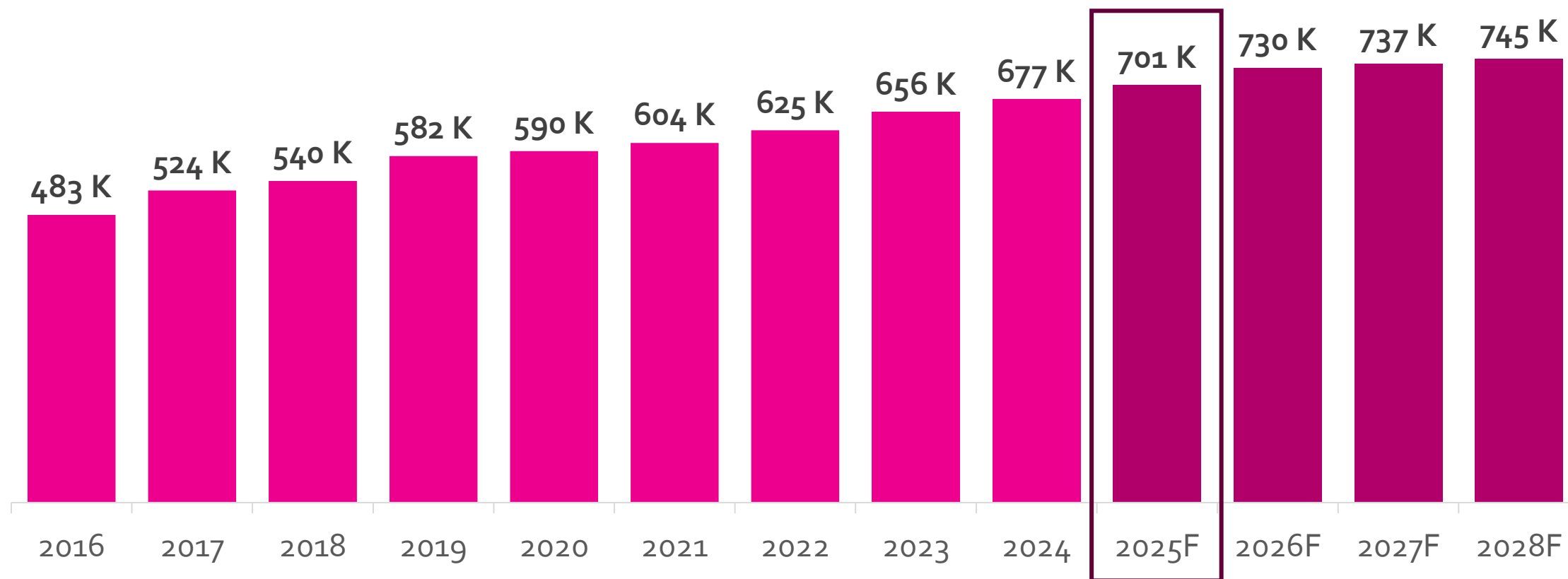
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# Cruise Market Outlook

# CRUISE UPDATE & FORECAST

Global cruise capacity is forecast to grow at least 10% from 2024 to 2028.

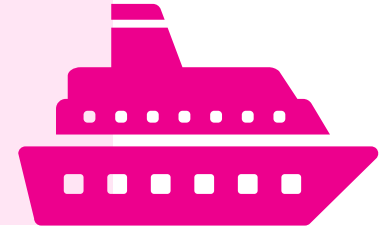
## Cruise Capacity Projection



## CRUISE: KEY GLOBAL TRENDS (1/2)

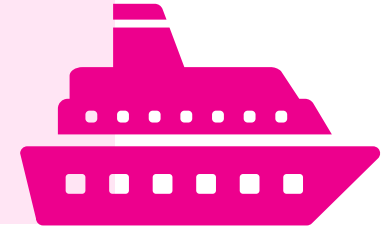
### Strong intent to cruise continues among forever cruisers and potential new cruisers

*82% of those who have cruised will cruise again and 71% of international travellers are considering taking their first cruise.*



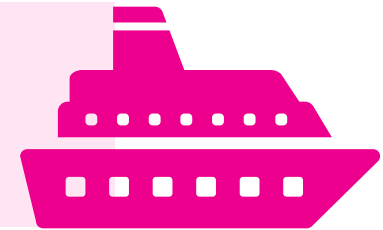
### A growing number of first-time cruisers are opting for a holiday at sea

*Over the past two years, 27% of cruisers were first-time travellers, marking a 12% increase compared to the previous two-year period.*



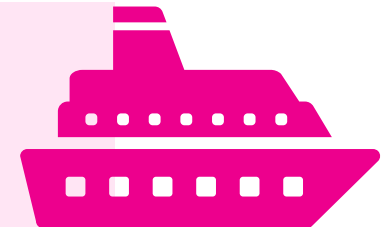
### Younger generations are the future of cruise, especially Millennials

*Millennials are the most enthusiastic cruise travellers, with 81% of those who have cruised before saying they plan to cruise again.*



### Solo cruise travel is on the rise, especially among Millennials and Gen Z

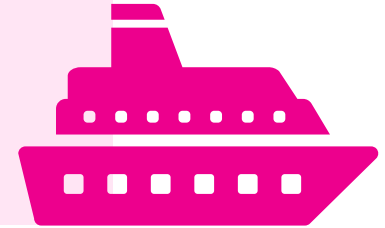
*8-13% of cruise travellers are travelling solo – 8% on average globally, 10% from the US ports and 13% from Canada ports.*



## CRUISE: KEY GLOBAL TRENDS (2/2)

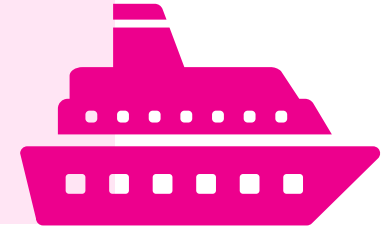
### Cruise holidays appeal to those looking for multi-generational travel options

*28% of cruise travellers are sailing with three to five family generations.*



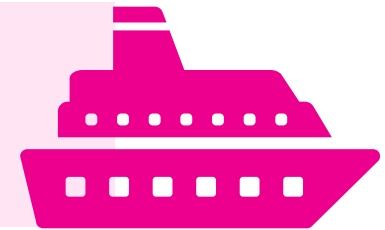
### Multiple destinations and value for money are the key reasons for choosing a cruise

*11% of travellers considered only cruises for their holidays this year.*



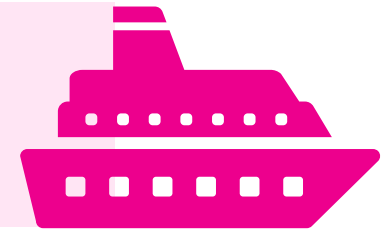
### Expedition and exploration cruises are the fastest-growing itinerary types

*The share of travellers sailing on expeditions itineraries has increased 71% from 2019 to 2023.*



### Private islands and beach clubs are the latest trend

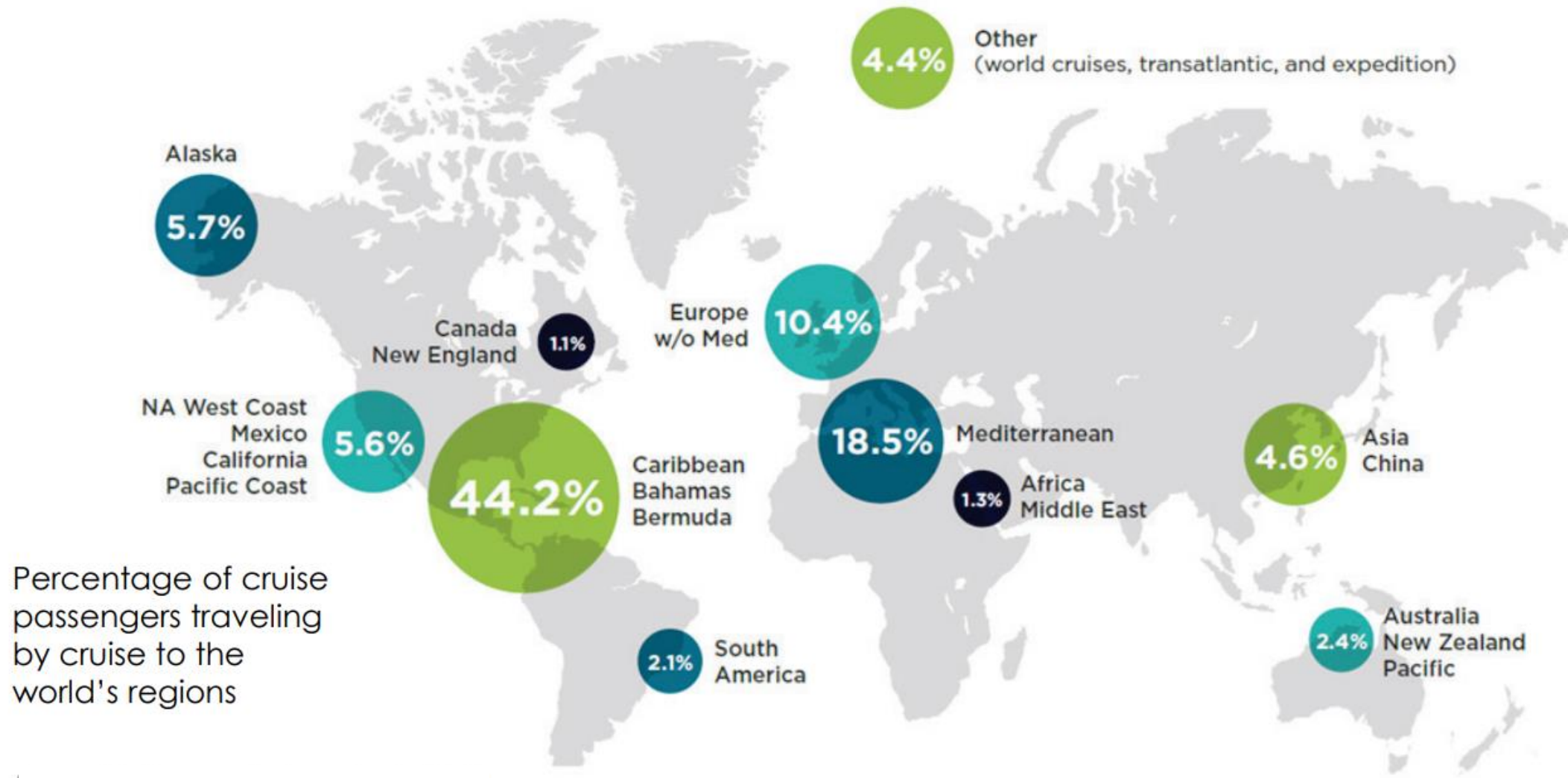
*Cruise lines are investing in private islands and beach clubs. 5 new private islands or beach clubs will open in the next two years.*





# CRUISE DESTINATIONS: 2019 and 2022 Passenger Volume

The Caribbean remains the top destination for cruise travellers



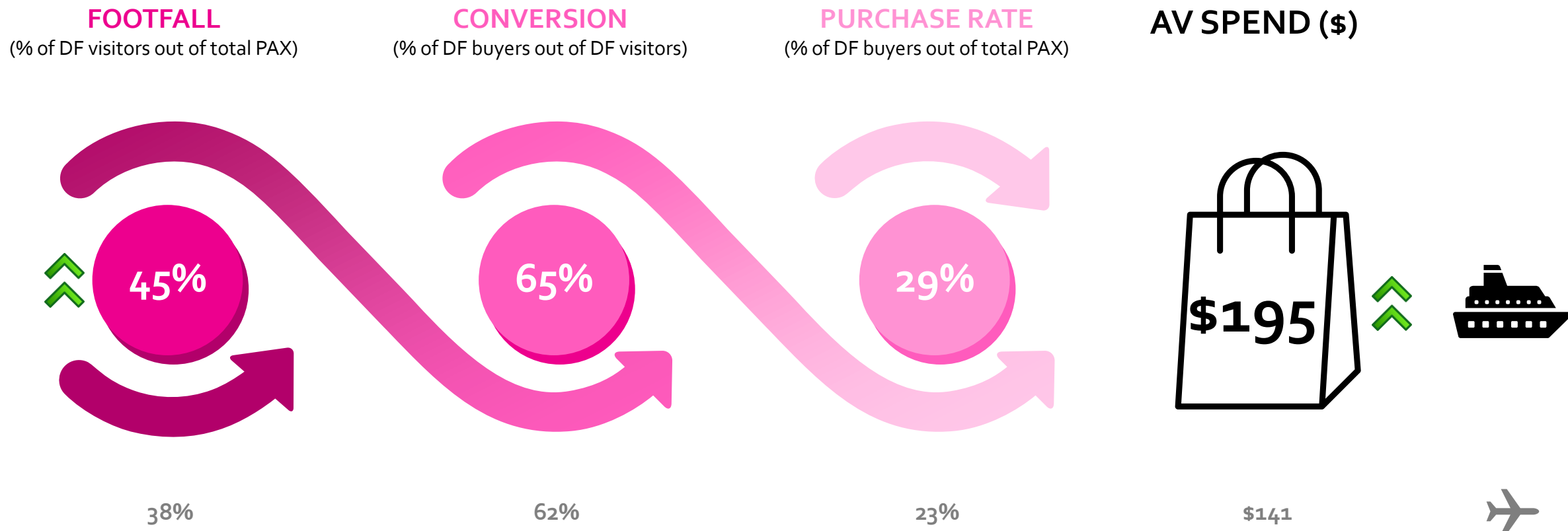


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How likely are Cruise travellers in the Americas to visit and purchase in DF?

# CRUISE DUTY FREE SHOPPING KPIS – 2024

Conversion is in line in Airport and Cruise DF shopping, but Cruise DF stands out with significantly higher footfall and average spend per buyer!





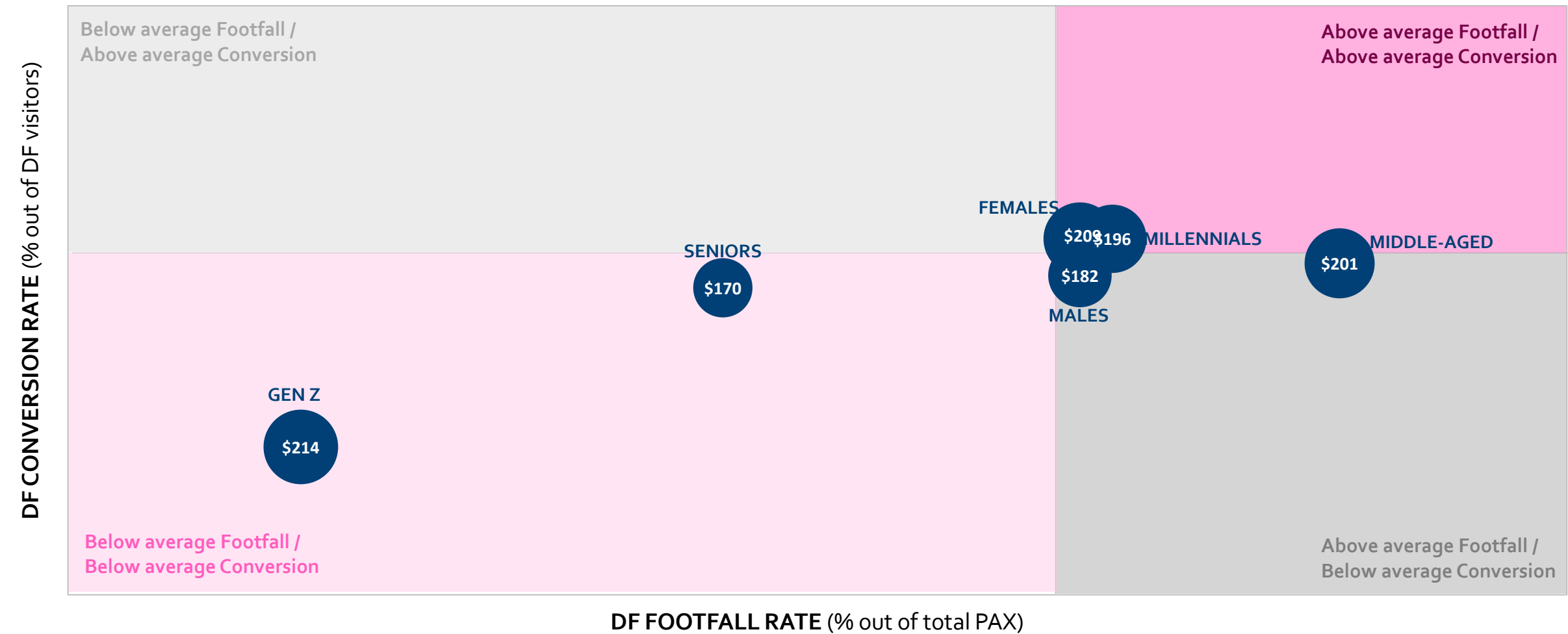


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Which demographic groups have the highest potential for DF shopping on cruises?

# AMERICAS CRUISES DF SHOPPING KPIs: COMPARISON ACROSS DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS

Millennials and especially Middle-Aged show the highest potential for Cruise DF shopping, driven by the strong footfall.  
Gen Z buyers are instead the least likely to browse and to convert, yet the highest spenders.







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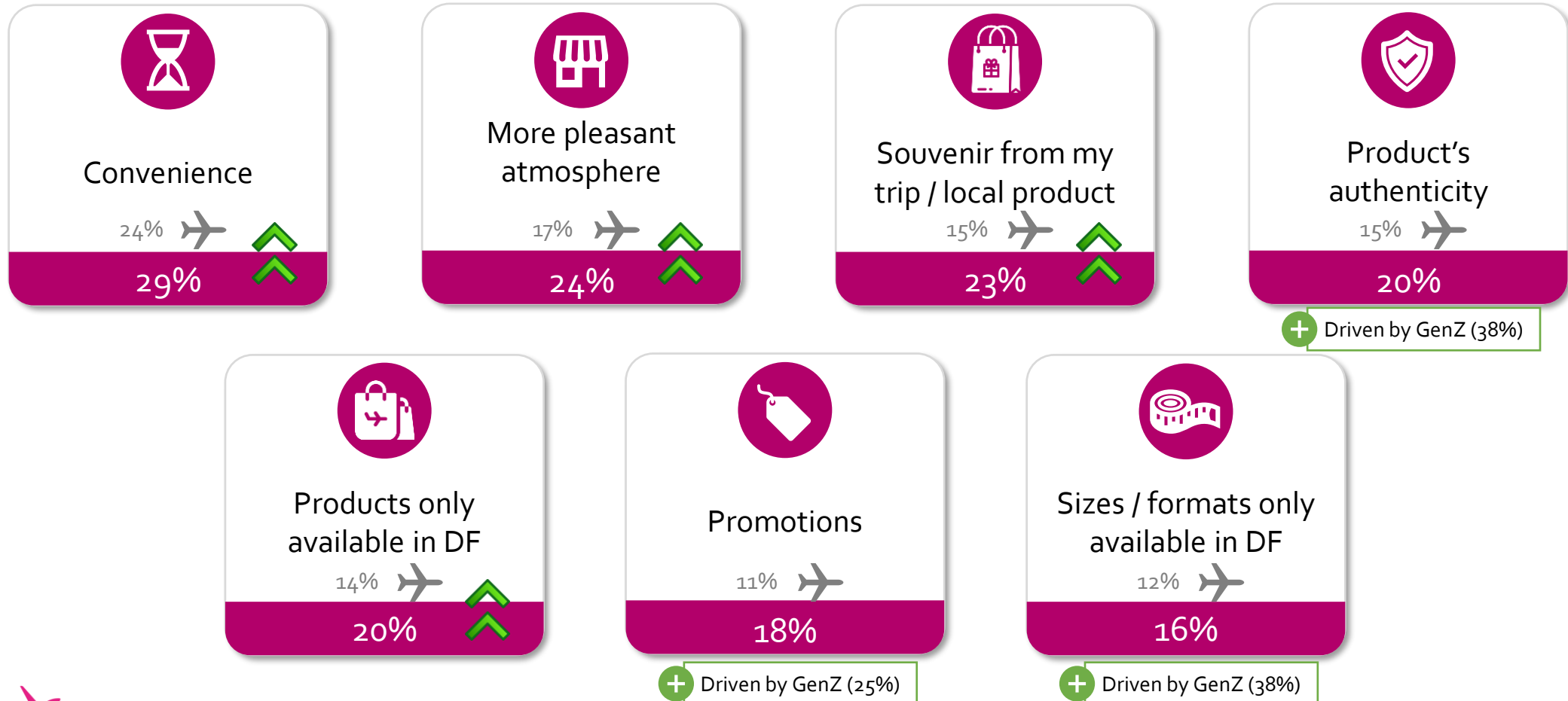
What are the key appeal factors of  
Cruise DF shopping in the Americas?

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# CRUISE DF SHOPPING APPEAL FACTORS - 2024

Convenience is the #1 appeal factor for cruise DF shopping. Store atmosphere, local authenticity and exclusivity play a more significant role in cruise DF vs Airports.



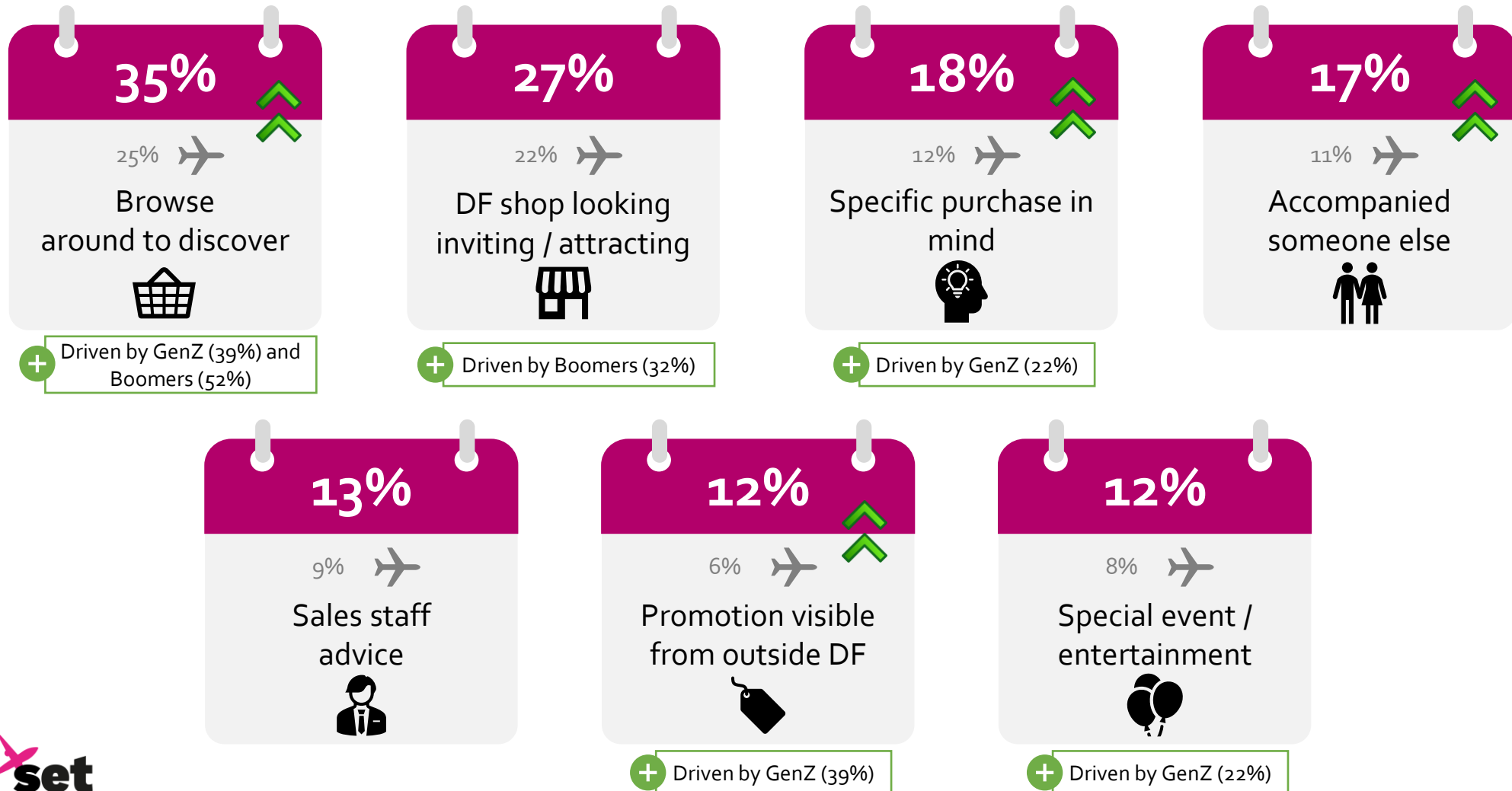


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Which aspects drive visits to the Cruise DF shops?

# CRUISE DF SHOPPING VISIT DRIVERS - 2024

Curiosity to discover is the most important driver to visit DF stores both in cruises and airports. However, on cruises, in-store experiences—such as shop ambiance, visible promotions, and special events—play a more significant role compared to airports, driven particularly by GenZ cruisers.







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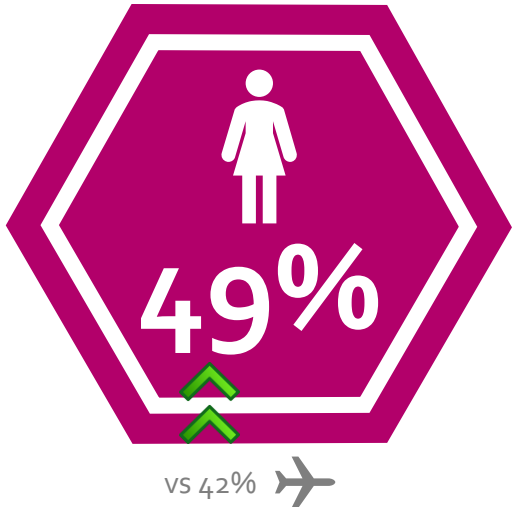
**Who are the Duty Free  
buyers on-board cruises?**

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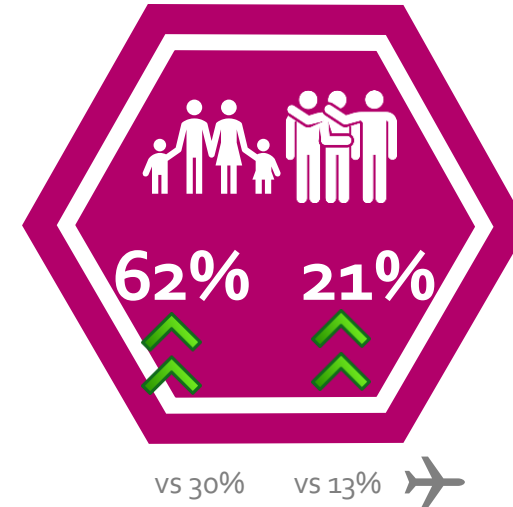
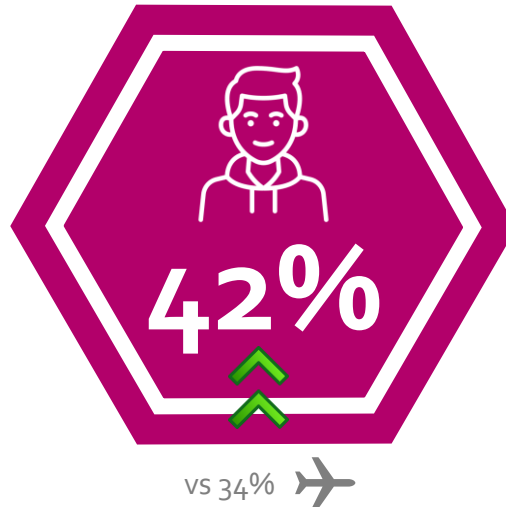
# CRUISE DUTY FREE BUYERS PROFILE - 2024

Duty Free shoppers on cruises in the Americas are younger, with a higher proportion of Millennials and women compared to Airport DF shoppers. They are also more likely to travel with their partner / family or friends.

**GENDER:**  
Higher share of  
Females



**AGE GROUP:**  
Higher share of  
Millennials



**TRAVEL  
COMPANION:**  
Higher share of  
cruises with **partners/  
family and friends**





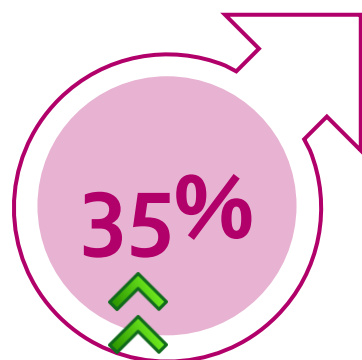
**7** Which categories are the most purchased on-board Cruises in the Americas?



# TOP CATEGORIES PURCHASED AMONG CRUISE DF BUYERS - 2024

Alcohol is the most purchased category in both cruise and airport Duty Free stores, though it has a higher purchase rate on cruises. Cruise DF shoppers are also more likely to buy fashion & accessories, jewellery & watches and souvenirs.

## ALCOHOL



vs 23% ✈️



+ Driven by Boomers (53%)

## PERFUMES

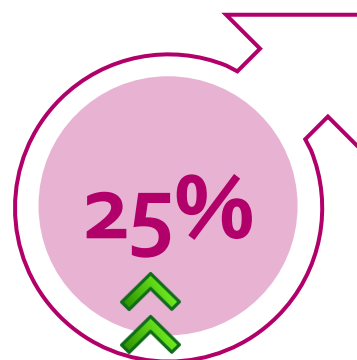


vs 23% ✈️



+ Driven by Millennials (31%)

## FASHION & ACCESSORIES

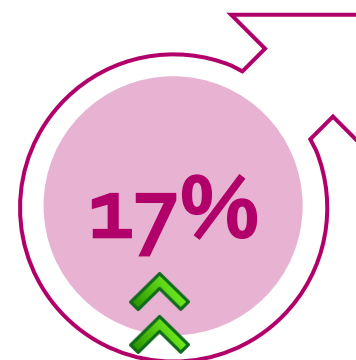


vs 8% ✈️



+ Driven by Boomers (31%)

## JEWELLERY & WATCHES

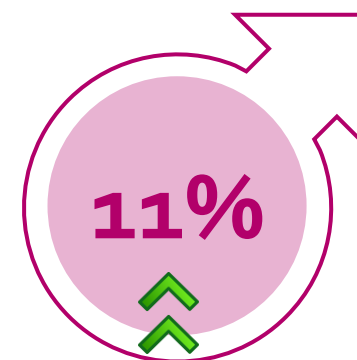


vs 5% ✈️



+ Driven by GenZ (25%) and GenX (20%)

## SOUVENIRS



vs 5% ✈️



+ Driven by GenZ (25%) and Boomers (23%)



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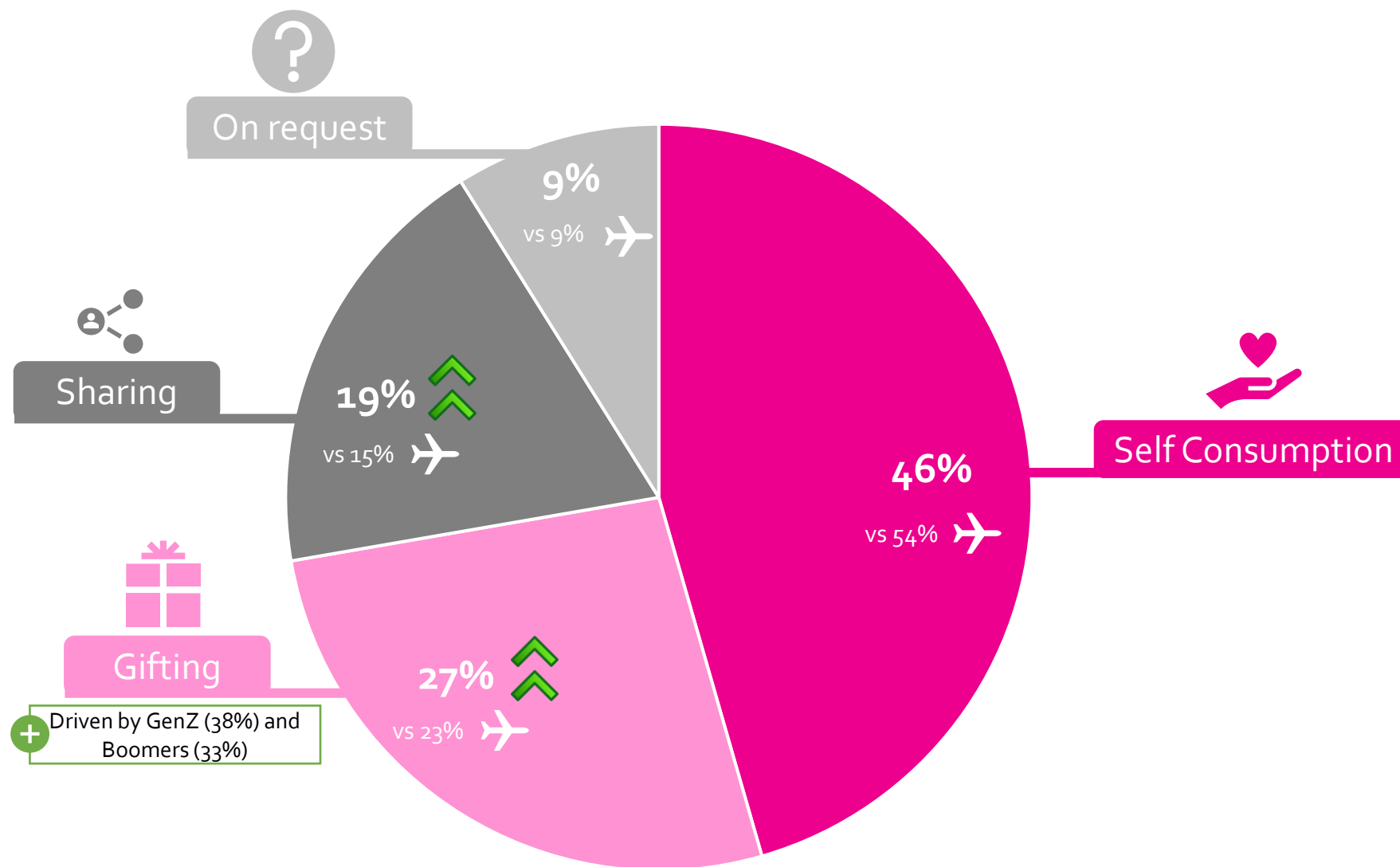
For which purpose do Americas  
Cruise DF shoppers purchase?

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# PURPOSE OF PURCHASE IN CRUISE DF - 2024

While self consumption is the #1 purpose of purchase in both Cruise & Airport DF, gifting and sharing is of much stronger importance for Cruises.





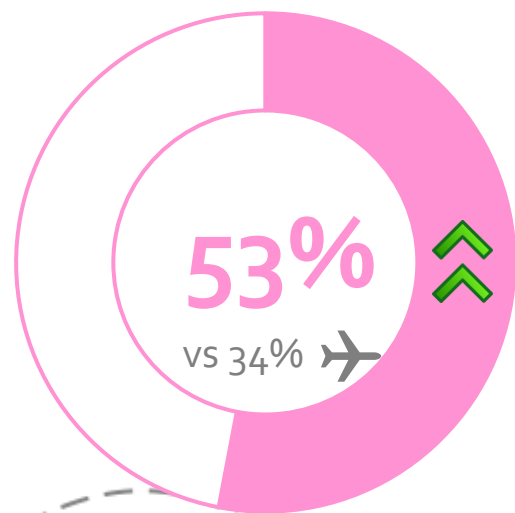
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To which extent do Americas Cruise  
DF shoppers plan their purchases?

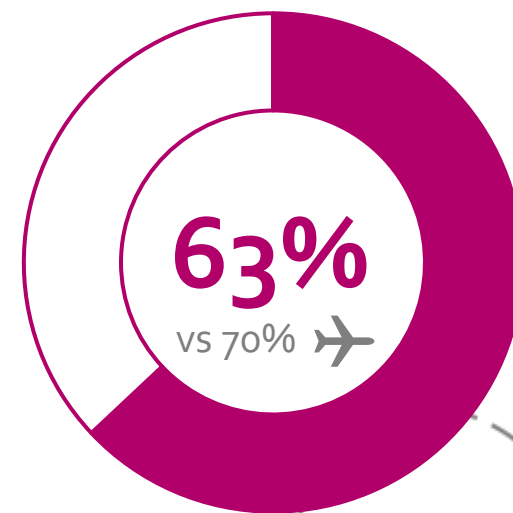


# PLANNING LEVELS OF VISITS AND PURCHASES IN CRUISE DF - 2024

Cruise Duty Free visits are more planned compared to airports, as shown by the higher footfall rate. However, most final purchase decisions are made only once on-board – highlighting the importance of experiential retail in driving conversion.

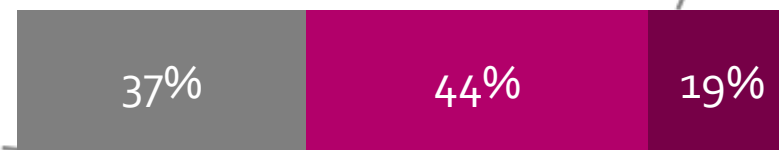


OF DF VISITS ARE PLANNED



OF DF PURCHASES ARE PLANNED

(at least to some extent)



Specific  
Planners

(at the brand / product level)

Undecided  
Planners

Impulse  
Buyers

vs 30%

vs 44%

vs 26% 





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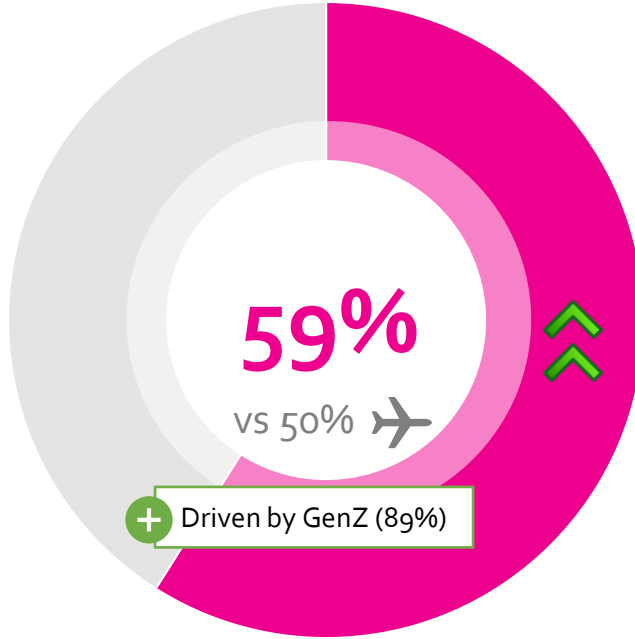
What is the role of  
sales staff?

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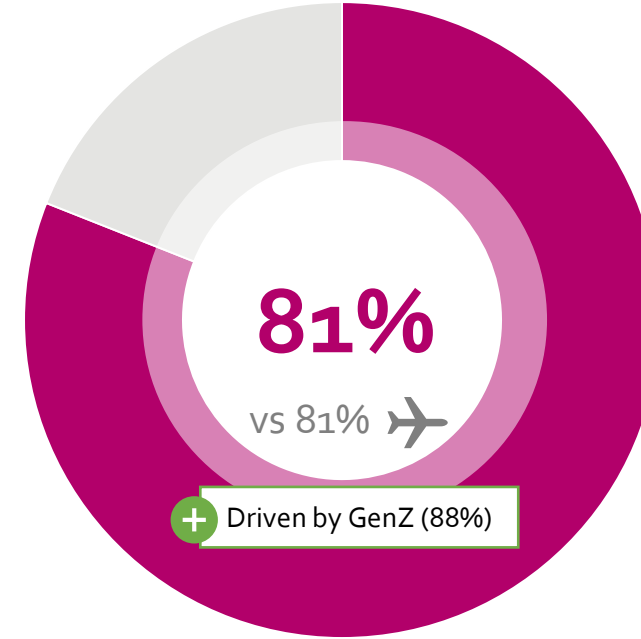


# IMPORTANCE OF THE SALES STAFF IN CRUISE DF - 2024

Interaction of staff on-board cruises is major – significantly higher vs airport DF. Interaction on-board have a higher likelihood of persuading travellers to purchase something different from their original plans.



OF DF VISITORS APPROACHED  
THE SALES STAFF



OF DF BUYERS WERE INFLUENCED  
BY THE SALES STAFF

(among those who interacted)



Cruise travellers are more likely to **purchase something different than planned** after interacting with the **staff** (43% vs 27% for Airport DF)

# IMPACT OF THE SALES STAFF ON AVERAGE SPEND - 2024

Interaction with the sales staff is associated to a +57% increase in average spend.

AVERAGE SPEND IN CRUISE DF ...





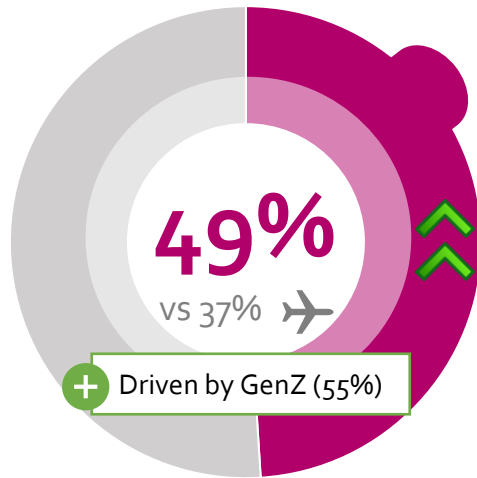


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What is the role of touch points?

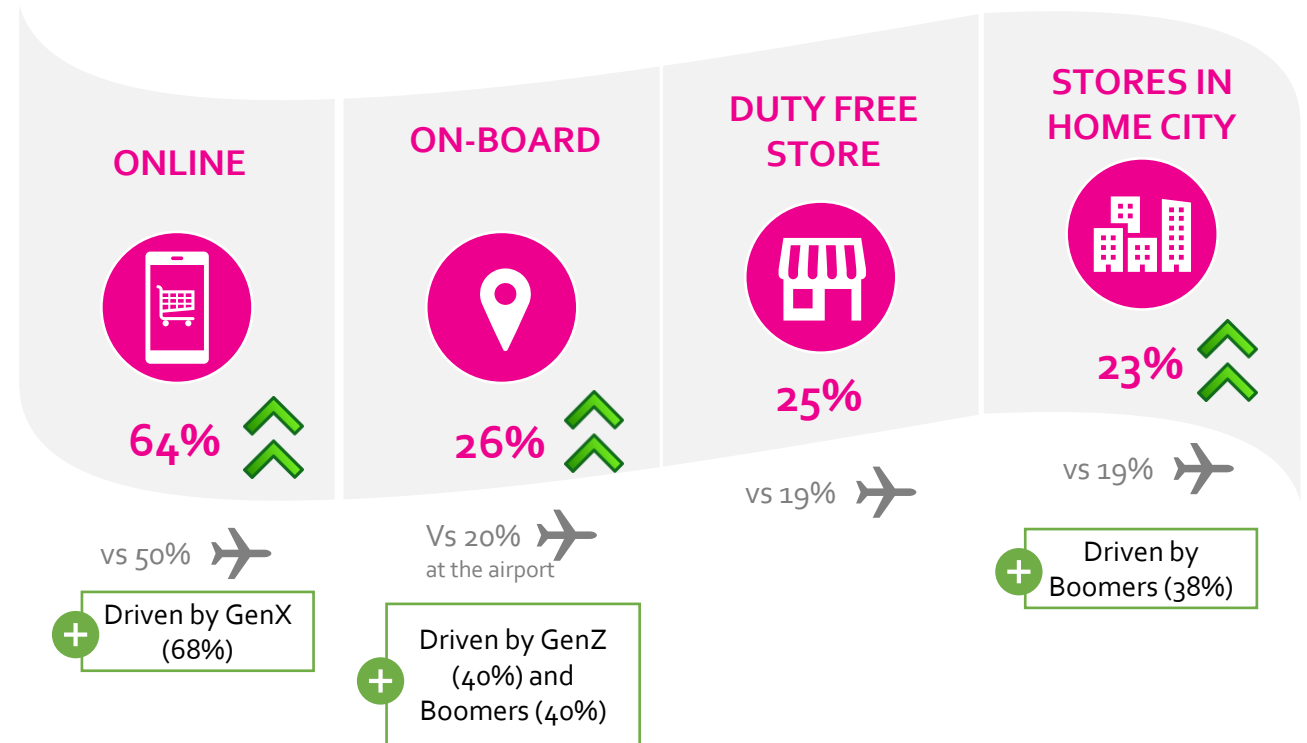
# EXPOSURE TO TOUCHPOINTS PRIOR TO CRUISE DF SHOPPING - 2024

Exposure to touch points is much higher among Cruise vs Airport shoppers, particularly online.



OF CRUISE DF SHOPPERS  
NOTICE TOUCHPOINTS BEFORE  
ARRIVING TO THE STORE

Amongst those exposed to touch points



# IMPACT OF EXPOSURE TO TOUCH POINTS ON AVERAGE SPEND - 2024

Exposure is associated to a +17% increase in average spend.

AVERAGE SPEND IN CRUISE DF ...







# Overview of Key Findings

# OVERVIEW OF KEY FINDINGS – AMERICAS CRUISES DF SHOPPING

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## HIGHER FOOTFALL, PURCHASE RATE AND AVERAGE SPENT ON-BOARD

Significantly higher vs Airport DF, thanks to multiple shopping occasions, and driven by Millennials and Middle-Aged travellers.

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## CONVENIENCE, EXPERIENTIAL RETAIL, LOCAL AUTHENTICITY AND EXCLUSIVITY ARE KEY CRUISE DF APPEAL FACTORS

Significantly higher vs Airport DF.

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## HIGH PLANNING OF DF VISITS, YET MOST FINAL PURCHASE DECISIONS ARE MADE ON-BOARD

Higher exposure to touch points vs Airport DF, especially online.  
Importance of experiential retail and exclusivity in driving conversion.

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## HIGHER PURCHASES FOR GIFTING AND SHARING

However, purchases for self consumption remain the primary purpose of purchases.

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## SALES STAFF INTERACTIONS ARE MORE FREQUENT ON-BOARD VS AIRPORTS

Furthemore, staff is more likely to persuade travellers to buy something different than planned.

# Thank You!

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