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ADVENTURE TOURISM

Adventure tourism is a type of niche tourism involving exploration or travel to remote areas, where the traveler should expect the unexpected.

- Adventure Cruises
- Hiking/Trekking
- Nature and Wildlife

- African Safari
- Paddling

Mountaineering

- Biking/Cycling
- Luxury Adventures
- Skiing/Snowboarding

Do-It-All

Multisport

Voluntourism

Adventure tourism is rapidly growing in popularity as tourists seek unusual holidays, different from the typical beach vacation.

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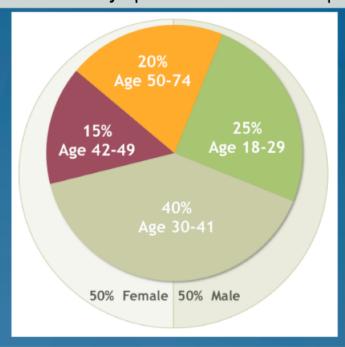
- creates some excitement by stepping out of your comfort zone
- requires significant physical or mental effort
- · may involve some kind of risk, be it real or perceived
- expectations vary depending on participants level of experience
- may have an element of physical danger

A recent survey by The George Washington University in partnership with The Adventure Travel Trade Association and Xola Consulting, gives factual information about the global adventure travel market. The survey respondents were 855 consumers from 6 countries in Latin America, North America, and Europe. These regions were especially selected because they represent 68% of all international departures and 73% of international travel spending. The survey was administered online, with a sampling error of +/- 3.3%.

Some of the key findings of the survey include the following,

- 26% of international travelers are engaging in adventure travel activities worldwide; this is about 150million departures for adventure travel each year.
- Adventure tourism generates at \$89billion in global spending. For reference, the entire tourism economy globally is valued at \$4 trillion.
- 16% of departures from Latin America, North America and Europe are for adventure travel.
- Adventure travel is growing at a rate of 17%, whereas mass travel grows steadily at a rate of about 4%.

Also included in the survey, is the chart below, which illustrates the demographic profile of American adventure travelers (based on a separate survey of 825 Americans and focus groups with adventure travel tour operators).



Within the United States, it was found that 15% of the US population fit the profile of an "eco-adventurer" - approximately 18.6 million people.

BUNGEE JUMPING

The famous "bungee jumping" adventure is increasingly popular over the past years on a global level.

Bungee jumping, basically, is a thrilling activity of jumping from a tall structure with a large elastic cord.



MOUNTAINEERING

Mountaineering is simply one of the finest adventure activities available to the lover of high places.

Every year thousand of tourists from all over the world come to Turkey for winter sports, mountains climbing.

In Turkey, the most important peaks are inactive volcanoes which are Mount Ararat (5.137m) in Agri and Mount Erciyes (3.917m) in Kayseri. Other well-known mountains are Mount Kackar (3.937m) and Aladag Mountains (3.756m).



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TREKKING

- Trekking is a long journey be undertaken on foot in areas where there are usually no means
 of transport available.
- Trekking is not necessarily mountaineering; it is walking for a number of days, usually on uncharted paths, in challenging environments which are likely to be hilly or mountainous.



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This picture was taken from a trekking tour in Turkey, of an international adventure travel agency, called "X-plore Travels and Expeditions"

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