

#### ANTOR Tourism EDB Seminar BRITAIN

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#### Agenda



• About VisitBritain

Travel Statistic

About Britain

• Strategy and Marketing

Sustainability

#### History of VisitBritain



 British Tourist Authority (BTA) was created by the Development of Tourism Act in 1969. Aim to encourage people living overseas to visit Britain and people living in Britain to take domestic holidays.

 At the same time, the Scottish, Wales, English Tourist Boards were formed. As Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB) was already established in 1948, BTA was charged to promote Northern Ireland at the request of NITB

 In 1998, tourism was devolved to Scotland and Wales and BTA designated as a cross border authority.

 In 2003, BTA and the English Tourist Board merged to form VisitBritain- the trading name for British Tourist Authority

#### About VisitBritain



 Active in 35 markets worldwide. Divided into 3 regions: Americas, Europe, Asia Pacific Middle East and Africa (APMEA)

 The APMEA head office is in Singapore and Hong Kong is regional office for North Asia covering HK, Japan, Korea and China

 Hong Kong office opened in 1985. Other offices in region include Japan, Australia, Singapore, India, Dubai and representatives in China, Korea, New Zealand and South Africa



## **Travel Statistics Updates**



#### **Inbound Tourism to Britain**



 In 2007, Britain welcomed 32.8 million visitors who spent £16.6 billion. Record visitor number but a decline of 0.3% in spending. Top source markets for Britain are US, France, Germany, Irish Republic and Spain.

 In 2008, there was a decrease of 2% in visitor numbers. Decrease began in last quarter of 2008 with the biggest decrease from USA. There was increase from Eastern European countries and no change from Asia.

Spend however increased by 3%



 In 2007, Britain ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the International tourism earnings after USA, Spain, France, Italy and China

## Hong Kong Market to Britain



 HK immigration department showed 238,014 visits were made to Britain by HK residents in 2005

 IPS showed 136,000 visitors in 2007 spending £900 per visit. 1% increase from HK in the last year

 5 carriers fly 10-11 non stop flights to London from HK daily



## Hong Kong Market to Britain



Holiday

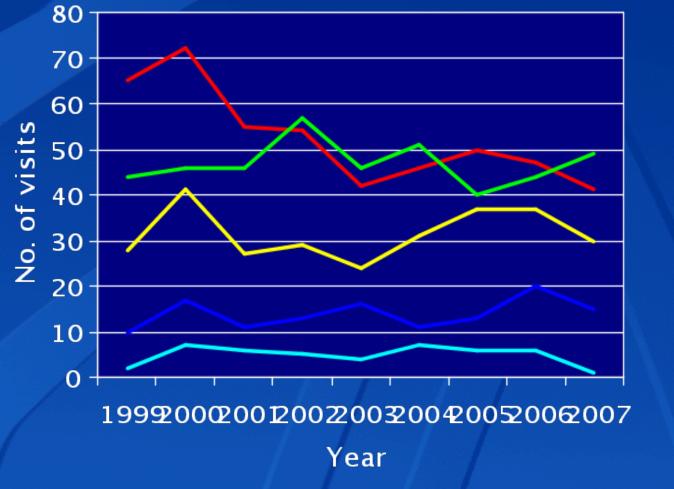
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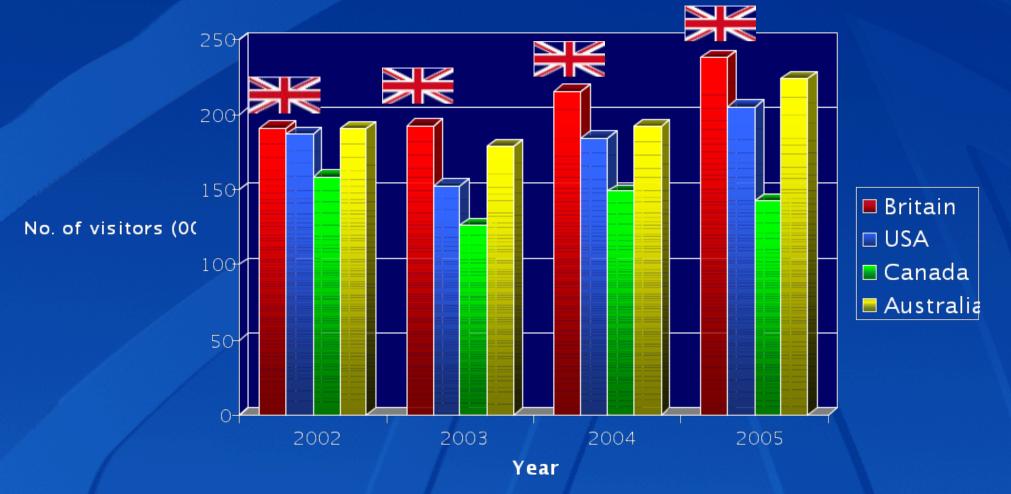
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## Hong Kong Market to Britain



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## Hong Kong Market



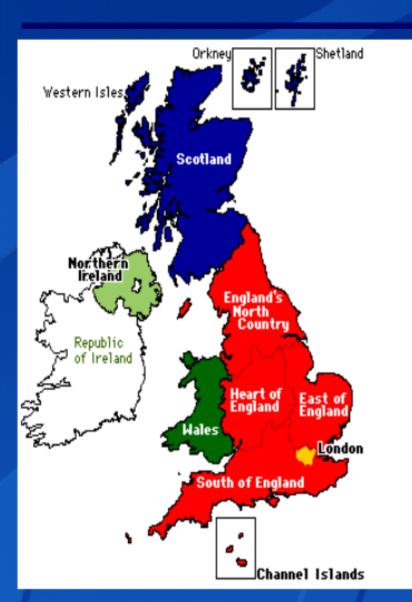
- 7 million population- 70% have passports, high propensity to travel, 60% travel overseas
- The Hong Kong economy expanded by 2.5% in 2008, after growing by 6.4% in 2007. The GDP for 2009 is forecast as 3%
- 70-77 non stop flights to London per week on 5 airlines. More than to any other European city and from any Asian city.
- 80% repeat visitors to Britain. Spend £908 per trip, stay 8 nights on average
- Interest in heritage, culture, shopping and eating out. Enjoy new and authentic food experiences
- No barriers to travel. No visa requirements. Most can use English language.
   Familiarity due to previous colonial history

#### **About Britain**





## Geography – United Kingdom/ Great Britain



England
Scotland
Wales
Northern Ireland



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## London

#### 1579 km

7.5 million population 60% British

1.12% Chinese

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300 languages spoken



## **Major Attractions**

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#### ENGLAND





## Stratford-upon-Avon – Shakespeare's birth place





#### Scotland



#### **Edinburgh Castle**

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Glasgow Cathedral

St Andrew's Golf Course

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## Edinburgh Festival 愛丁堡藝術節



#### Wales



Castles
Farm Stay
Steam Trains
Welsh Folk Museum
Sports – Walking / Fishing
National Country Parks



## **Steam Train**





## **Unique Culture**



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A new baby. Good luck and happiness. Together forever. Support, Affection.

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## **Marketing Strategy**



#### **3 Lifestyle campaigns for APMEA region**

#### Classic Britain

Traditional Britain, focus on quality and experience with a quirky modern twist. Target middle and new middle class segments

#### • Dynamic Britain

Contemporary Britain, focus on challenging perceptions. Music, football, fashion, film with out of ordinary and irrelevant look and feel. Target young or young mind set segment

#### • Journeys of a Lifetime

Unique and unforgettable experiences. Refined, exclusive, sophisticated, money cannot buy experiences. Target High Net Worth individuals e.g. stay in a Castle, play golf in world most famous course

## Marketing Strategy





## Classic Britain– Britain- Be Inspired





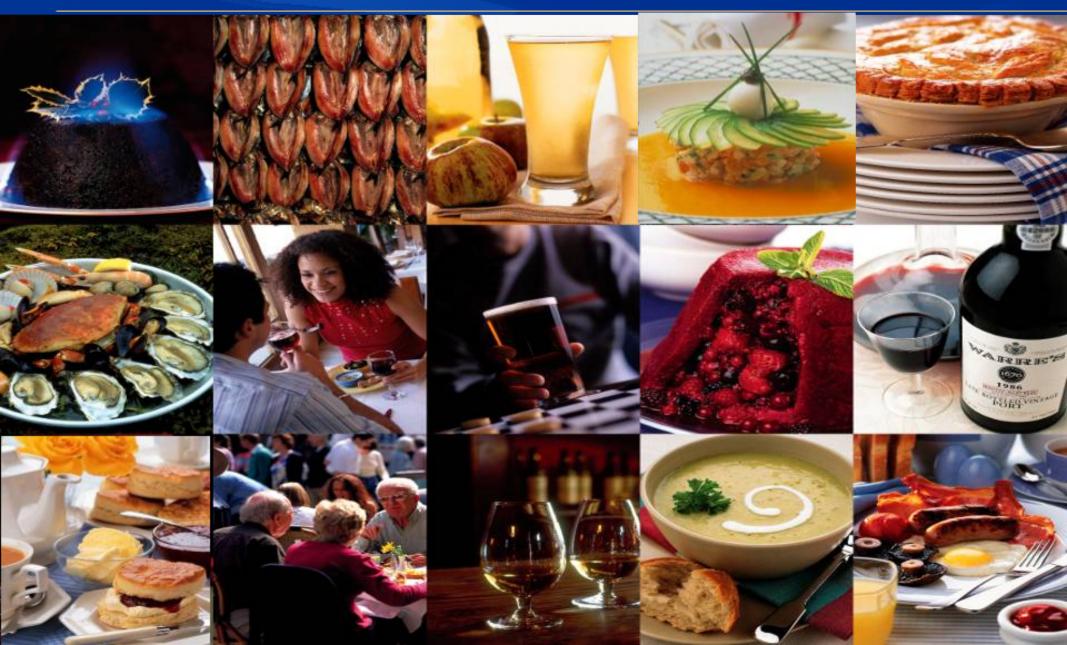
- Britain- Be inspired website
- Britain- Be inspired brochure
- Competition to win a trip to Britain
- International Travel Expo





## Food & Drink







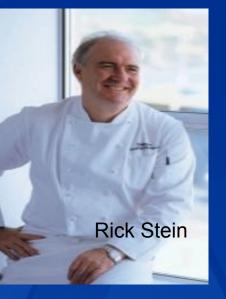




#### **Famous British Chefs**









Nigella Lawson



Gary Rhodes

Gordon Ramsay

## British Airways Value Campaign



11 Feb – 11 Mar 2009

TV advertising Jade, Pearl Star NOW Print advertising Paid -Apple, Oriental, Next, Eastweek, SCMP, Standard Free- AM730, Metro, Headline Online Advertising Apple, Lonely Planet, SCMP, Ming Pao, Yahoo!HK, Trip Advisor







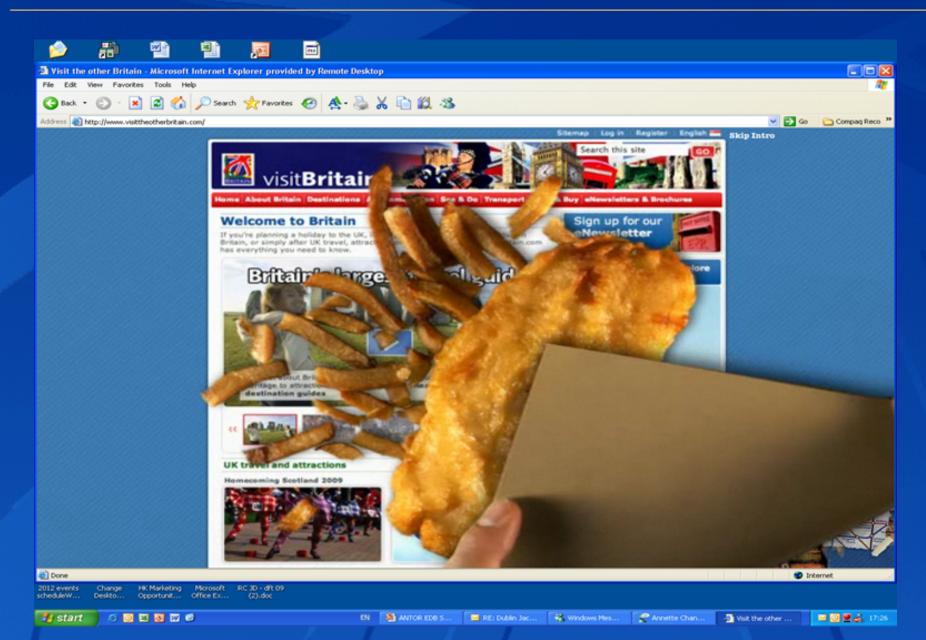


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Through the ages

Beatles, Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin
 Elton John, Rod Stewart, Pink Floyd

 Blur, Coldplay, Spice Girls, Oasis, Robbie Williams



• Lily Allen, Arctic Monkeys, Amy Winehouse James Blunt, Radiohead, Susan Boyle

Glastonbury and Brighton Music Festivals every year





- Research in 2003 showed that 1 in 5 people are inspired to visit a destination after seeing it on film or TV
- Recent research indicates that as many as 40% of potential visitors to Britain would be very likely to visit places seen in films or TV programmes
- Films showcase a destination's rich culture, landmarks as well as historic and contemporary characters.
- Many locations featured in movies experience a 50% increase in visits, even up to five years after a film release.

#### **Visit Britain Movie-Maps**



• Seven movie map series (96-04); Generic movie map 1996 featuring 200 UK film locations from 60 years of British film history.





#### **The Da Vinci Code**

#### The Book...

- The World's fastest selling book of all time!
- Over 43 million copies sold
- 94% awareness of the book in the UK

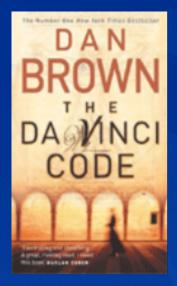
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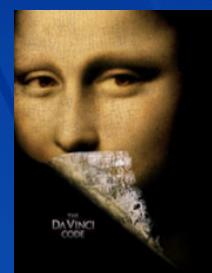
- Opening weekend worldwide box office of US\$224 million, the second highest in motion picture history.
- Massive hype and publicity partly due to its sensitive nature

#### **Worldwide Competition**

 Win a trip to London, Edinburgh and Paris to visit the Da Vinci Code film sites







#### Hong Kong Travel Trade Promotion



 9 travel agent partners launched Da Vinci Code tours and packages

 20,000 Promotional Flyers printed

**Distribution channels:** 

- 2 cinemas showing DVC movie
- VB & MdIF information counters
- International Travel Expo
  - Website presence

DVC link on the home page of both VB & MdIF which to this promotion flyer page and with hyperlinks to those travel agent partners' page on DVC packages.











# Fashion



#### Ben Sherman promotion



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# **Shop for Brands**







#### 9-Day Britain Itinerary Planning Contest

#### • Missions:

- Tap into dynamic youth segment to arouse their interests in Britain
- Demonstrate to travel trade some creative itineraries which can be adapted as sellable tours and products

#### • Major partners:

- HK Travel & Tourism Training Centre
- Air New Zealand

#### • Targets:

• Age 14-18 (F.3-F.7) full-time students



# **Itinerary Competition**



3 of following themes:

- History and HeritageFestivals and Events
- Outdoor adventures
- Food and Drink

- People and Culture
- Shopping
- Landscape and countryside
- Famous cities





# Virgin Atlantic Value Campaign



21 April – 27 May 2009

#### Messages

Promote England, Scotland, Wales and London
The pound sterling exchange is low
Virgin is offering a special low fare
Football season is reaching the finals

# **Advertising Channels**



- TV Advertisements NOW and Cable
- Radio Advertisements- CR2
- Print Advertisement- Apple, Headline, Sun, Oriental Daily
- Online media- Atnext, EsdLife, Adfactor
- E newsletter to VB and VS database
- Online game on VB website and ESDLife websites
  Office building TVs

#### **Print advertising**





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# Olympics 2012





# VisitBritain's vision for 2012



- To grow the UK visitor economy faster than would otherwise be possible
- To spread the economic benefits throughout the UK
- To boost both international and domestic tourism
- To create a truly **world class** tourism industry
- To secure a lasting legacy through sustained growth after 2012
- The 2012 Tourism Opportunities
- Align and develop the Britain **brand** to appeal to emerging and younger markets
- Raise the profile of Britain and enhance awareness of the diverse tourism offering
- Win more **events**, conferences and conventions
- Attract new partners and sponsors to the tourism sector
- Improve the visitor welcome and the overall quality of the tourism product
- Increase skills and productivity



# Sustainability- Impact of Tourism

- Worth £85.6 billion to the economy
- Over 2 million jobs 7% of workforce
- 180,000 businesses of which 130,000 small and medium sized enterprises
- Redistributes wealth from urban to rural and seaside areas
- Generates a positive impression of Britain overseas

# **Sustainability**



 VisitBritain aims to be at the forefront of sustainability within travel and tourism, providing leadership to the domestic and inbound industry. The strategy VisitBritain is developing is focused on "promoting sustainable businesses and encouraging responsible visitors".

#### • Greening VisitBritain

To be able to show that VisitBritain has its "house in order", this entails reducing our environmental impact and raising awareness of sustainable issues amongst the team.

#### • Marketing

To integrate sustainable messages into all of VisitBritain's marketing campaigns and communications thus promoting sustainable businesses and encouraging visitors to be responsible.

#### • Industry Engagement

To encourage sustainable businesses who work with VisitBritain through the quality agenda and best practice advice for destination managers. **Support Government** 

To actively contribute to the Government's sustainable development commitments.

# Map of World Heritage Sites in the UK



#### Total 28 sites

- City of Bath
- Canterbury Cathedral
- Giant's Causeway
- Hadrian's Wall
- Edinburgh old and new town
- Castles and town walls of King Edward in Wales
- Tower of London
- Westminster Abbey



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