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Covid-19 and the Tourist Industry: Trends in China and Beyond

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COVID-19 has massively affected and changed the global economy, and consequently many industries. One particular industry has been affected more than anything else. Tourism's basic requirement is that people can freely and easily travel. Tourism also ties into local economies by combining accommodation, food and beverage services, recreation and entertainment, transportation and travel services, as well as other industries. While tourism has seen a massive hit, China has fared a bit better than most, due its large domestic market. We're also seeing changes in people's travel behavior, choice of destinations and a shift of focus in how tourism is being marketed. Will the industry be forever changed, and what are recent trends we expect to survive after COVID?

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