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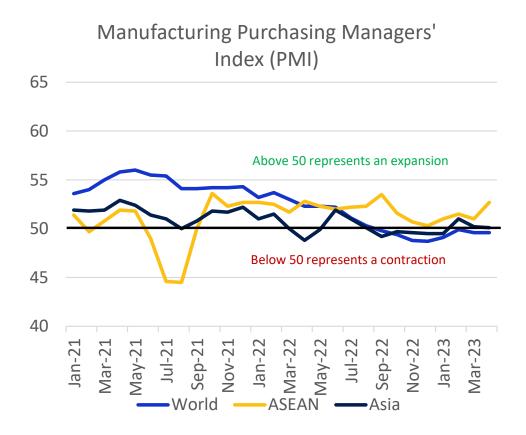
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Overall, manufacturing business activity in Asia is still holding up

However, within Asia, there are still pockets of weakness



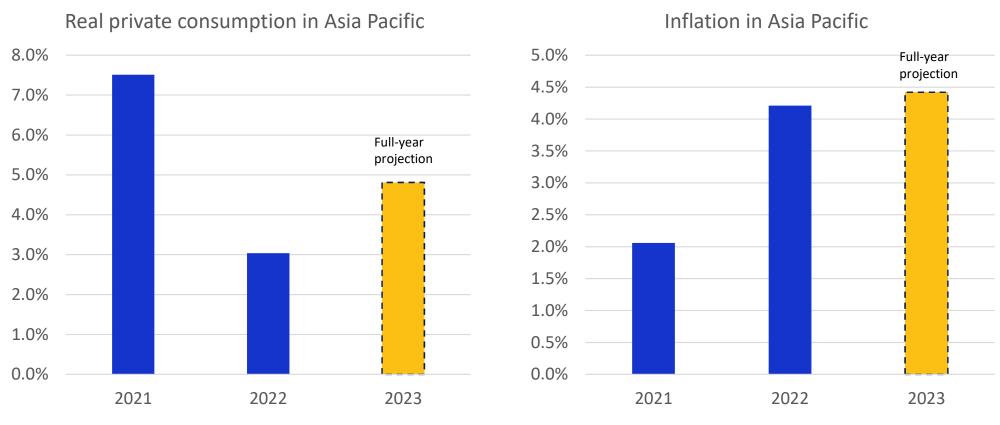




Source: CEIC, S&P Global

Private consumption in Asia Pacific is likely to improve this year in part due to Mainland China's re-opening

While inflation has peaked for most Asia Pacific economies, it is likely to remain elevated this year

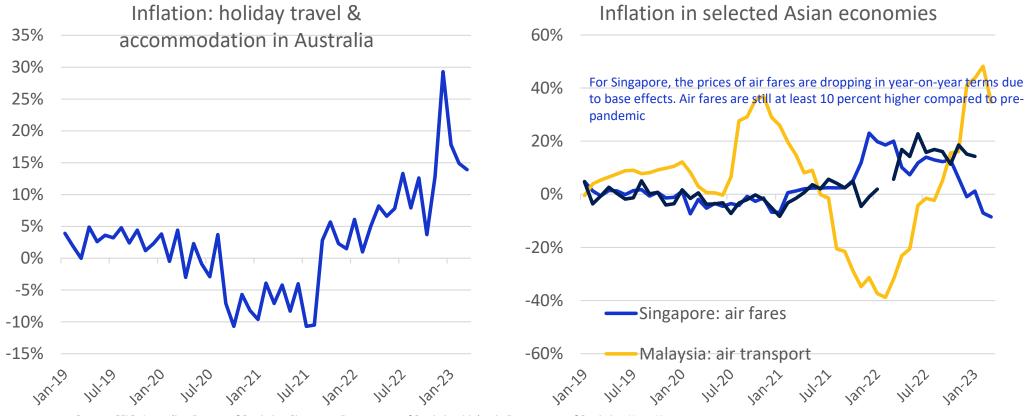




Source: Oxford Economics

As borders re-open, prices of air travel and hotels have increased

They are likely to stay elevated for some time given the pent-up demand for travel

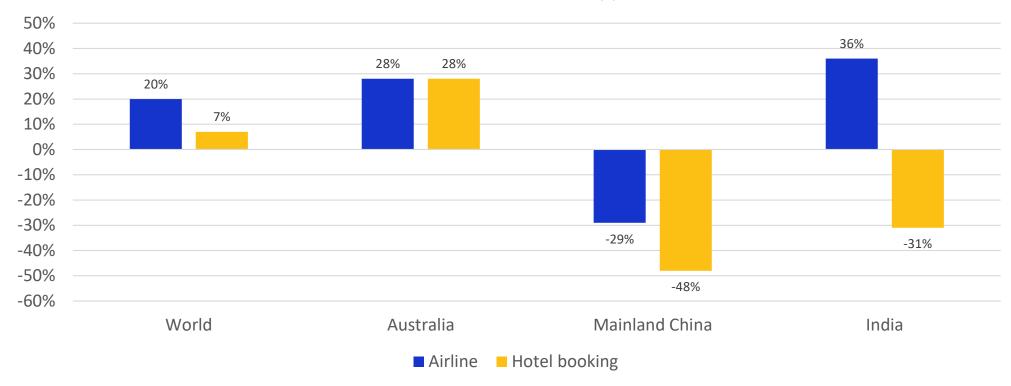


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In general, the downloads of travel-related apps globally have risen compared to prepandemic

However, the downloads of travel-related apps within Asia Pacific have varied significantly

Growth in downloads of travel-related mobile apps between 2019 and 2022





Source: data.ai

https://www.data.ai/en/go/state-of-mobile-2023/

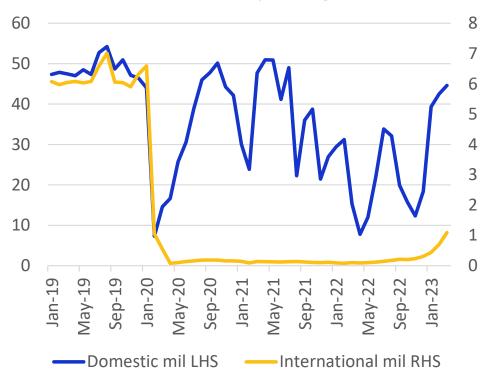
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Note: Downloads are across iOS and Google Play; China is iOS only.

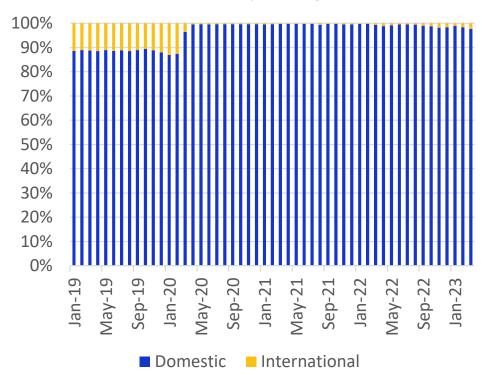
Since the lockdown, the Chinese have leaned towards domestic tourism

International air passenger traffic should see a sharp uptick in the coming months based on current momentum





Share of total air passenger traffic

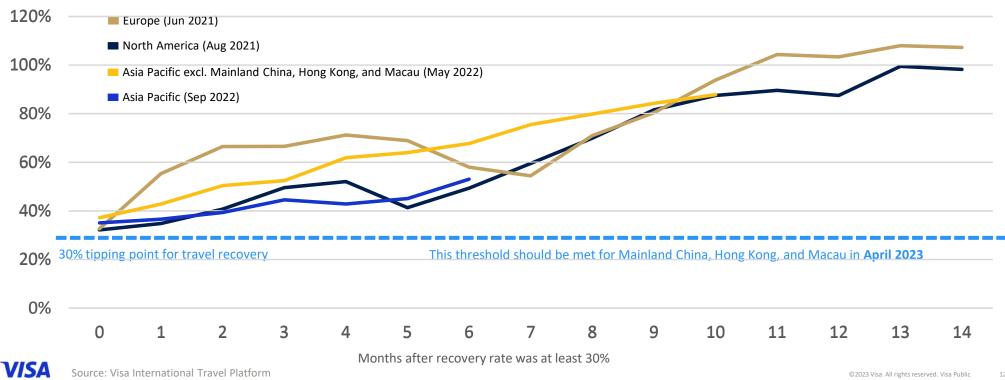




A 30 percent recovery rate has formed the base for forward momentum

That threshold was reached in Asia Pacific a full year later than either North America or Europe.

Asia's outbound travel recovery relative to the recoveries in Europe and North America (Monthly travel volumes relative to the same month in 2019)



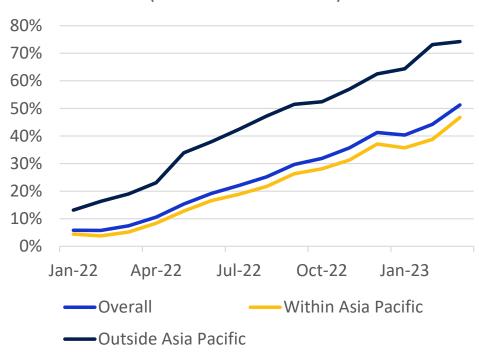
Asia Pacific monthly outbound travel could match its 2019 levels as early as the third quarter of 2023

Inter-regional travel from and to Asia Pacific is recovering at a much faster pace





Asia Pacific inbound travel recovery (share of 2019 levels)



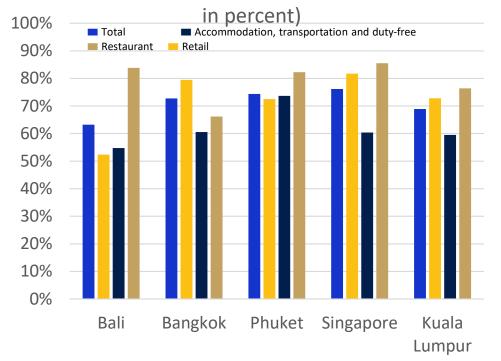


Source: Visa International Travel Platform

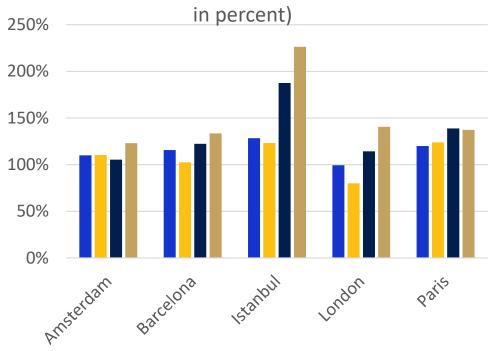
Using Visa-branded credentials in popular cities, recovery in tourism spend was rather fast

Tourism spend on restaurants was generally comparable or higher than retail spend in these cities in part due to higher food inflation and demand for experiences

Tourism spend in top cities in Asia Pacific (Share of spend in 2022 relative to 2019



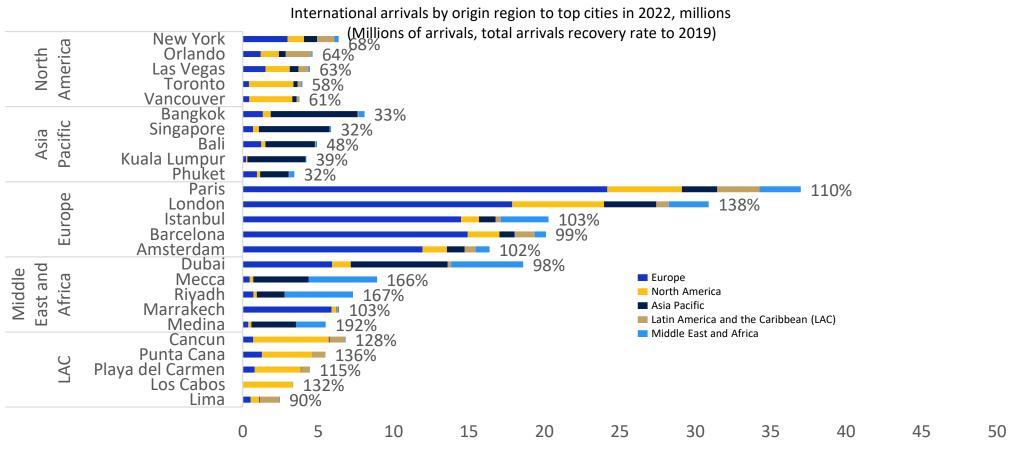
Tourism spend in top cities in Europe (Share of spend in 2022 relative to 2019





Reshuffling of travel destinations is underway

Tokyo, which ranked as the ninth most popular destination globally in 2019, saw its global rank fall to 93 and recovered only 16 percent of its 2019 visitor volumes





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- Pent-up demand for travel is still strong
- Travel preferences are changing post-pandemic



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