

# Northern Ireland (2016)

## How many they are and how much do they spend?



|                                      | Northern Ireland | UK        | Canary Islands |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Tourist arrivals (> 16 years old)    | 118,207          | 4,228,042 | 13,114,574     |
| Average daily expenditure (€)        | 133.1            | 133.2     | 135.9          |
| . in their place of residence        | 91.2             | 95.8      | 98.0           |
| . in the Canary Islands              | 42.0             | 37.4      | 37.9           |
| Average length of stay               | 9.1              | 8.8       | 9.4            |
| Turnover per tourist (€)             | 1,147            | 1,073     | 1,141          |
| Total turnover (> 16 years old) (€m) | 156              | 5,132     | 16,579         |
| Share of British tourists            | 2.8%             | 100%      | --             |
| Share of British turnover            | 3.0%             | 100%      | --             |

## What do they book at their place of residence?



|   | Northern Ireland | UK           | Canary Islands |
|---|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Flight only                               | 6.0%             | 7.7%         | 8.7%           |
| Flight and accommodation (room only)      | 38.3%            | 31.1%        | 25.6%          |
| Flight and accommodation (B&B)            | 5.3%             | 6.6%         | 8.0%           |
| Flight and accommodation (half board)     | 17.1%            | 16.0%        | 20.2%          |
| Flight and accommodation (full board)     | 2.4%             | 2.3%         | 4.3%           |
| Flight and accommodation (all inclusive)  | 30.2%            | 35.6%        | 32.6%          |
| <b>% Tourists using low-cost airlines</b> | <b>60.7%</b>     | <b>57.8%</b> | <b>46.0%</b>   |

## How do they book?



| Accommodation booking         | Northern Ireland | UK    | Canary Islands |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tour Operator                 | 45.0%            | 48.6% | 39.0%          |
| Accommodation                 | 19.1%            | 16.0% | 13.6%          |
| Travel agency (High street)   | 14.2%            | 9.7%  | 18.9%          |
| Online Travel Agency (OTA)    | 11.0%            | 12.6% | 15.2%          |
| No need to book accommodation | 10.8%            | 13.1% | 13.3%          |
| Flight booking                |                  |       |                |
| Tour Operator                 | 53.9%            | 54.1% | 44.6%          |
| Airline                       | 31.9%            | 28.1% | 24.8%          |
| Travel agency (High street)   | 10.6%            | 9.3%  | 19.1%          |
| Online Travel Agency (OTA)    | 3.7%             | 8.5%  | 11.5%          |

## Where do they stay?



|   | Northern Ireland | UK    | Canary Islands |
|---|------------------|-------|----------------|
| 4-5* Hotel                                | 45.2%            | 47.5% | 46.7%          |
| 1-2-3* Hotel                              | 11.2%            | 10.7% | 14.6%          |
| Apartment                                 | 38.3%            | 33.7% | 31.5%          |
| Others (privately-owned, friends, family) | 5.3%             | 8.1%  | 7.2%           |

## Who are they?



| Gender                              | Northern Ireland | UK    | Canary Islands |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------|----------------|
| Percentage of men                   | 46.4%            | 43.7% | 48.5%          |
| Percentage of women                 | 53.6%            | 56.3% | 51.5%          |
| Age range                           |                  |       |                |
| 16-44 years old                     | 33.3%            | 42.6% | 45.6%          |
| Over 44 years old                   | 66.7%            | 57.4% | 54.4%          |
| Occupation                          |                  |       |                |
| Business owner or self-employed     | 23.0%            | 31.8% | 23.1%          |
| Upper/Middle management employee    | 29.2%            | 25.4% | 36.1%          |
| Auxiliary level employee            | 17.1%            | 15.3% | 15.5%          |
| Unemployed/Students/unpaid dom.work | 4.3%             | 5.6%  | 7.4%           |
| Retired                             | 26.4%            | 21.8% | 18.0%          |
| Annual household income level       |                  |       |                |
| €12,000 - €36,000                   | 49.9%            | 37.1% | 37.2%          |
| €36,001 - €60,000                   | 29.4%            | 31.5% | 31.5%          |
| €60,001 - €84,000                   | 12.3%            | 15.5% | 15.4%          |
| More than €84,000                   | 8.5%             | 15.8% | 15.8%          |

## Which island do they choose?



| Tourists (> 16 years old) | Northern Ireland | UK    | Canary Islands |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------|----------------|
| Lanzarote                 | 44.6%            | 26.5% | 17.8%          |
| Fuerteventura             | 5.6%             | 11.0% | 14.6%          |
| Gran Canaria              | 13.3%            | 15.7% | 27.9%          |
| Tenerife                  | 36.6%            | 45.4% | 37.3%          |
| La Palma                  | 0.0%             | 0.7%  | 1.7%           |

## How do they rate the destination?



| Impression of their stay       | Northern Ireland | UK    | Canary Islands |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|----------------|
| Good or very good (% tourists) | 82.2%            | 81.1% | 78.9%          |

## How many are loyal to the destination?

| Repeat tourists of the Canary Islands | Northern Ireland | UK    | Canary Islands |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------|----------------|
| Repeat tourists                       | 92.4%            | 83.9% | 77.8%          |
| At least 3 previous visits            | 61.4%            | 51.3% | 48.7%          |

## Why do they choose the Canary Islands?



| Aspects influencing the choice | Northern Ireland | UK    | Canary Islands |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|----------------|
| Climate/sun                    | 95.2%            | 93.1% | 89.8%          |
| Tranquillity/rest/relaxation   | 38.3%            | 32.6% | 36.6%          |
| Beaches                        | 22.9%            | 26.3% | 34.5%          |
| Price                          | 15.6%            | 19.2% | 12.7%          |
| Ease of travel                 | 15.1%            | 17.0% | 8.9%           |
| Scenery                        | 14.2%            | 14.8% | 21.9%          |
| Quality of the environment     | 10.8%            | 8.7%  | 6.5%           |
| Visiting new places            | 8.1%             | 13.2% | 14.6%          |
| Active tourism                 | 2.7%             | 2.7%  | 5.1%           |

\* Multi-choice question

## What did motivate them to come?



| Aspects motivating the choice         | Northern Ireland | UK    | Canary Islands |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------|----------------|
| Previous visits to the Canary Islands | 83.8%            | 70.2% | 63.6%          |
| Recommendation by friends or relative | 33.7%            | 36.1% | 34.3%          |
| Tour Operator's brochure or catalogue | 7.4%             | 8.8%  | 7.9%           |
| Recommendation by Travel Agent        | 8.8%             | 5.3%  | 9.7%           |
| Information obtained via the Internet | 22.0%            | 25.0% | 25.6%          |
| Others                                | 6.5%             | 9.4%  | 11.7%          |

\* Multi-choice question

## Main cities:

Belfast  
Londonderry

## Main airport:

Belfast International

