

Whitepaper highlights

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WHY THIS RESEARCH?

Business travel is evolving. Professionals increasingly seek a better balance between work and personal time. This whitepaper explores how destinations and event organisers can respond to these changing needs through the concept of bleisure. A mixed-method survey was conducted among 125 MICE professionals and business travellers.

KEY FINDINGS

Delegates value culture, culinary options, and relaxation

Average importance score for relaxation 4.06/5

60% are satisfied with their work-leisure balance

76% say personal time during a trip is important

An inspiring environment is the top reason to extend

24-48
hours is the preferred extension length

95% of 26–35-year-olds are willing to extend their stay

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE MICE INDUSTRY

- Bleisure is a growing expectation, not a niche trend
- ◆ Delegates are motivated by personal ease, not incentives
- ◆ Short, meaningful extensions are more common than long stays
 - ◆ Life stage and traveller profile matter: tailor your approach

TAKEAWAY FOR DESTINATIONS AND ORGANISERS

Create space, literally and figuratively, for delegates to slow down. Offer short extensions, cultural experiences, and clear options to unwind. Make bleisure simple, personal, and inspiring.

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