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## Report Coverage

- This report covers the global online travel market for accommodation booking. It takes into account a wide definition of accommodation, including hotel rooms, hostels, apartments, private rooms and others. While the focus is on leisure and unmanaged travel, some sources cited in this report might also include business travel.
- Besides sales figures, penetration and rankings, this report also reveals important market trends, such as the rise of mobile bookings and peer-to-peer services.
- All global regions are covered in this report, including Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and North America, while data availability varied by country.

## Report Structure

- The global chapter opens the report, including an overview of global market developments, trends, regional and country comparisons.
- The rest of the report is divided by regions. The regions are presented in the order of descending total online travel sales.
- Within each region, regional information is included first, where available, and the countries are also presented in the order of descending online travel sales. Where no comparable sales figures were available, other related criteria such as total E-Commerce sales, online shopper and Internet penetration were applied.
- In the country sections, the following information is covered, where available: online accommodation booking sales, channels used for booking accommodation, devices used to book accommodation online, share of consumers booking travel accommodation online and the rank of this category among other categories purchased online, and top websites used to book accommodation. Not all types of information mentioned are provided for each country due to varying data availability.
- For the global and regional sections, also information about overall online travel sales was included as a context for the development of the online accommodation booking segment.

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The following expressions and definitions are used in this market report\*:

- **ONLINE TRAVEL SALES** the sales of leisure and unmanaged business travel services (e.g. transportation tickets, accommodation, holiday tours) transacted online; usually refers to gross online travel bookings.
- **ONLINE ACCOMMODATION BOOKING** booking of accommodation for domestic or overseas travel; includes hotel rooms and other types of lodging
- **DIRECT BOOKING CHANNELS** channels for booking accommodation directly from a supplier, such as a hotel
- **ACCOMMODATION BOOKERS** individuals who booked accommodation services via different channels (e.g. online travel bookers if booked via the Internet), usually refers to individuals who booked within the previous 12 months.
- **ONLINE TRAVEL AGENCIES** abbreviated as OTAs, travel websites which act as intermediaries between suppliers and buyers, allowing to book various travel services, such as flight tickets, train tickets, hotel rooms and others.
- **TRAVEL WEBSITES** websites with a focus on travel content, such as travel information websites, travel review websites and travel booking websites.
- **PEER-TO-PEER SERVICES** technology-based networks that facilitate transactions between private individuals enabling them to rent assets from other individuals, such as accommodation sharing portals, ride hailing, etc.
- **ACCOMMODATION SHARING PORTALS** services for individuals to book private rooms, apartments and other accommodation from other individuals, e.g. Airbnb

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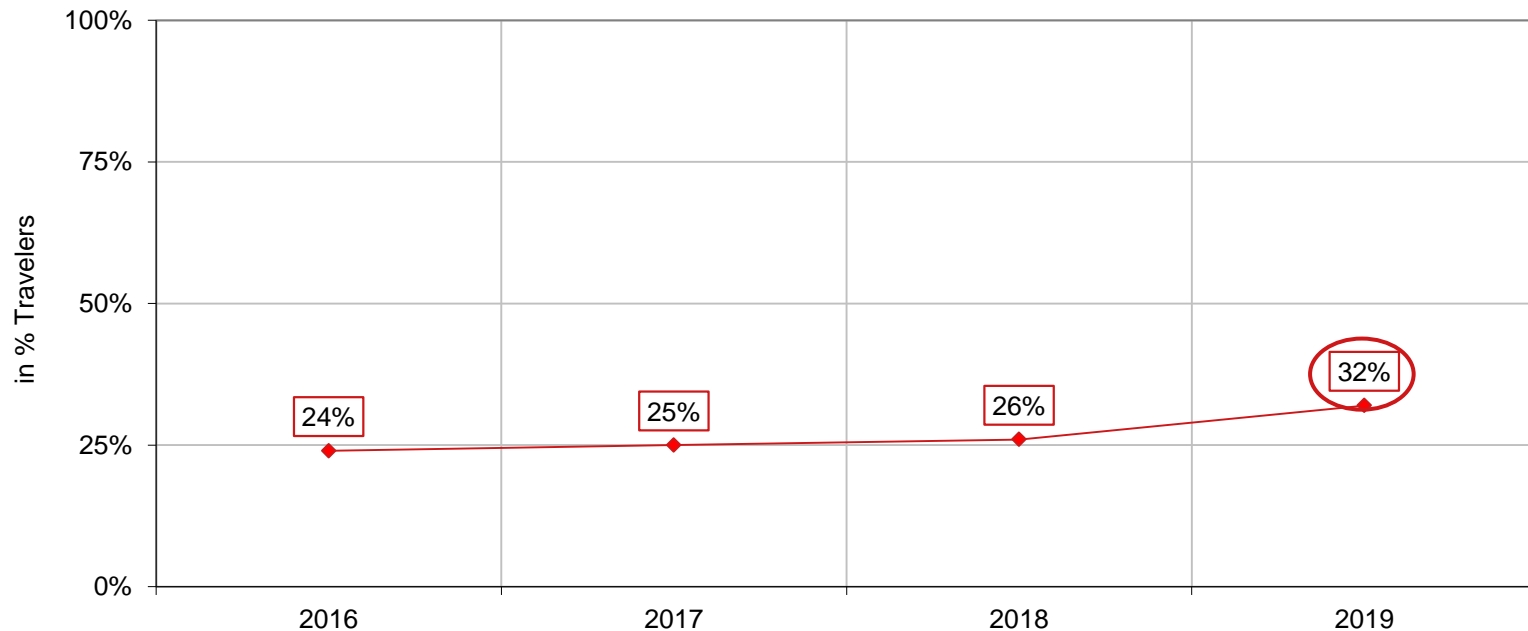
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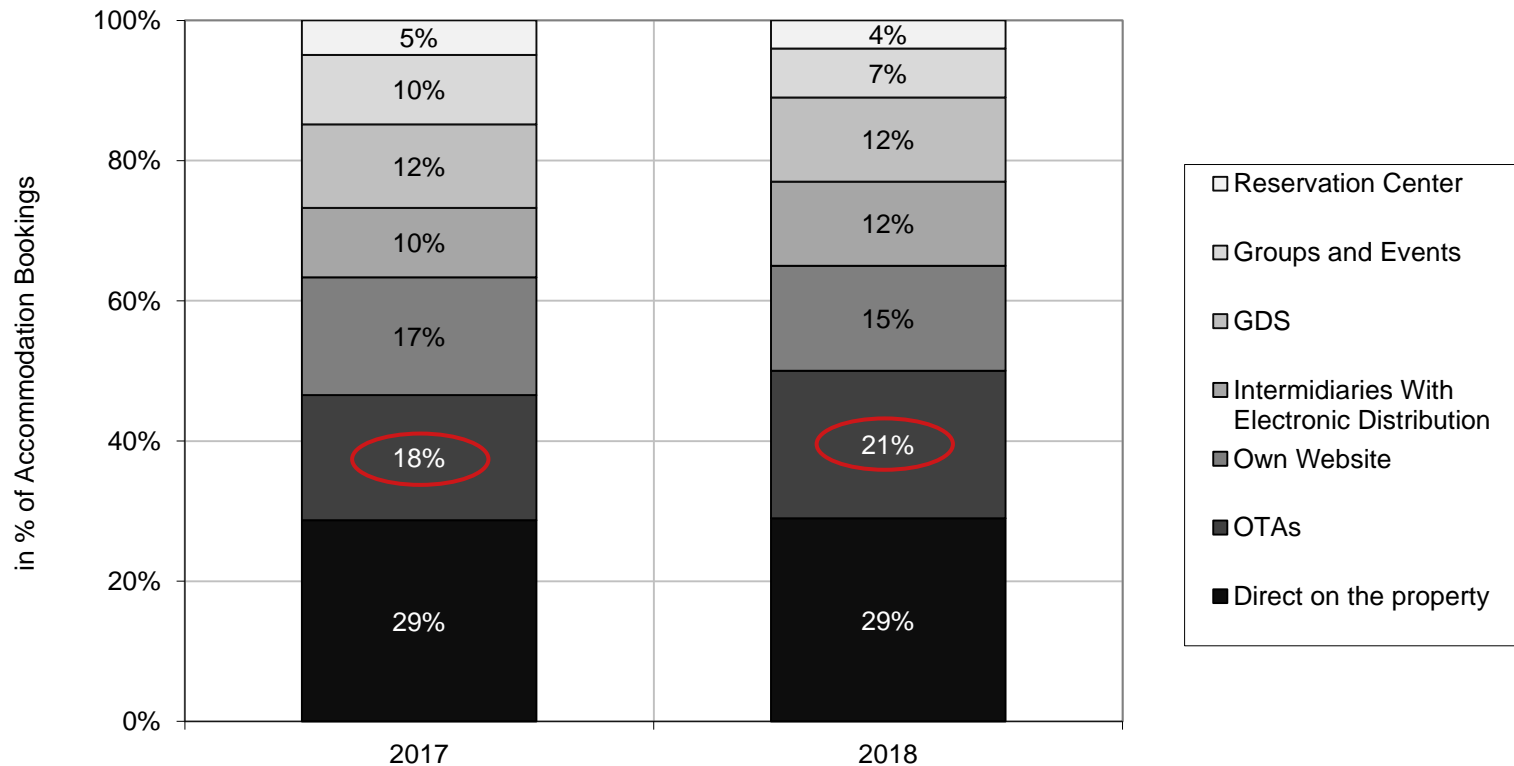
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Note: share of respondents who said they or most likely would independently search and book accommodation for their next holiday via specialized websites  
Survey: based on a survey of 1,600 respondents in 140 locations, conducted in March 2019; ages 18+  
Source: NAFI, May 2019

## In Brazil, OTA's share of accommodation bookings increased from 18% in 2017 to 21% in 2018.

Brazil: Breakdown of Accommodation Bookings by Channel, in %, 2017 & 2018



Note: may not add up to 100% due to rounding  
 Survey: based on a survey of 596 projects and 105,872 accommodation units from 16 associated networks in Brazil  
 Source: FOHB, July 2019



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