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"There appears to have been a subtle shift in consumer and media perceptions over the past five years. The concept of a 'staycation', rather than a reluctant replacement for a 'proper holiday' (abroad) has acquired the connotation of a lifestyle choice and a marketing/PR tool used to lend domestic tourism extra cachet. The UK is now less likely to be seen as a 'second best' destination." John Worthington, Senior Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- How can domestic tourism capitalise on the shortening of holiday durations?
- What are the key opportunities in urban, coastal and rural domestic tourism?
- How can domestic tourism attract more visitors out of season?

Although now around two million trips below the 'staycation' peak of 2009, domestic tourism remains well ahead of its pre-recessionary levels. However, as the UK economy enters recovery the domestic market faces the prospect of renewed competition from holidays abroad.

A key strength and selling-point of domestic tourism is that, although it cannot compete with overseas destinations as regards to weather, it offers a greater range of holidays than the overseas market which tends to be dominated by 'fly and flop' beach breaks, and is ideally placed to meet the demands of a growing number of consumers for a regular varied diet of short leisure breaks.

This report analyses market trends, looks at leading operators and tourist board activity and includes consumer analysis including levels of domestic holiday taking and frequency of short breaks and longer holidays, regions visited, domestic tourism activities and future intentions to take holidays within the UK.

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