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Japan 日本





Geography:

Northeastern Asia between the North Pacific and the Sea of Japan. 377,873 square kilometers (Belgium: 30528km2), nearly equivalent to Germany and Switzerland together. four major islands, surrounded by more than 4,000 smaller islands.





Population:

128.056.000.

Place of inhabitance (%):

cities 91%

Tokyo: 10.3% / Osaka: 6.9% / Nagoya: 5.8% /

Hokkaido: 4.3%

Language:

Japanese

Religion

Most people consider themselves both Shintoist and Buddhist.





Japan is a democratic country:

The Constitution of Japan (1947), is based on the principles of popular sovereignty, respect for fundamental human rights, and the advocacy of peace.

The political system:

Constitutional democracy, In accordance with the principle of "separation of powers," The Diet is the core of Japan's system of governance, "the highest organ of state power."

The emperor:

The emperor appoints the prime minister and chief judge of the Supreme Court as designated by the Diet, and performs "only such acts in matters of state".







> third biggest world economy after the U.S and China

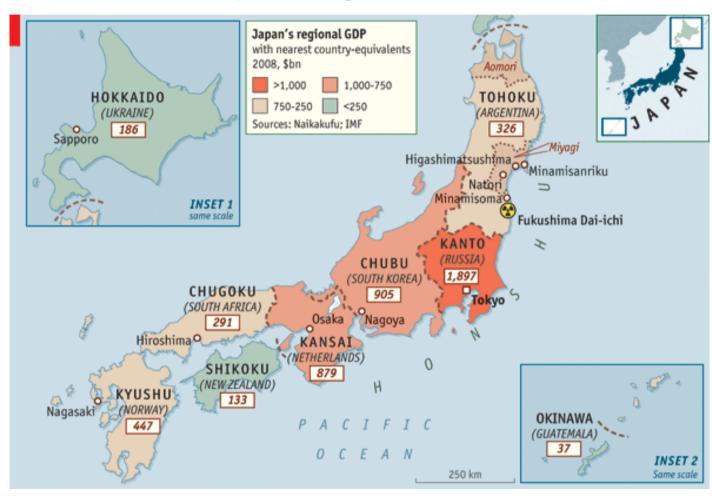
➤ annual GDP growth (2010): 3.9 % in real terms and 1.8 % in nominal terms (preliminary)

➤ Unemployment rate: April 2011 4.7% (3,090,000) May 2011 4.6 % (2,930,000)





Japan's Regional GDP



Tohoku has a GDP as big as the size of Argentina

Kyushu's economy is the same as Norway's economy.

Source the Economics 12062011

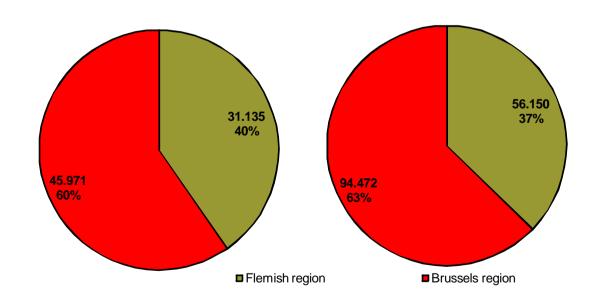


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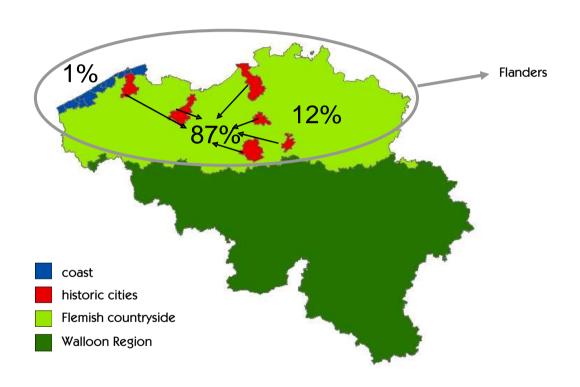
Total foreign and Japanese market in Flanders 2010

	Overall total	Japanese	% Japanese	Ranking Japanese	
	foreign travellers	travellers			
arrivals	6.027.265	77.106	1,3%	8th	
overnight stays	13.209.591	150.622	1,1%	10th	
length of stay (nights)	2,2	2,0	-	-	

The Japanese market in Flanders by region 2010 (arrivals (left) and overnights (right))

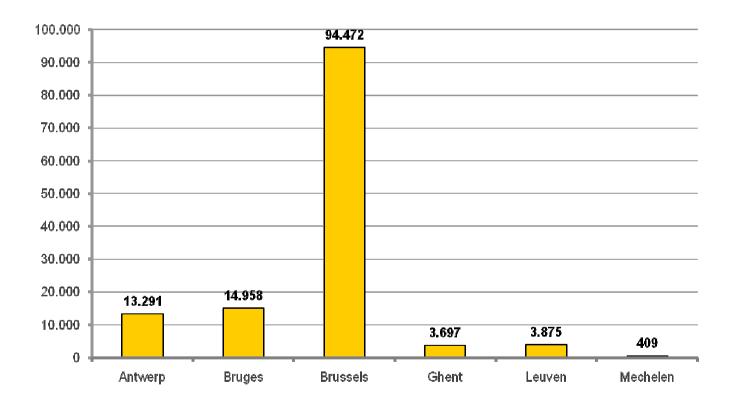


Japanese overnights in Flanders 2010



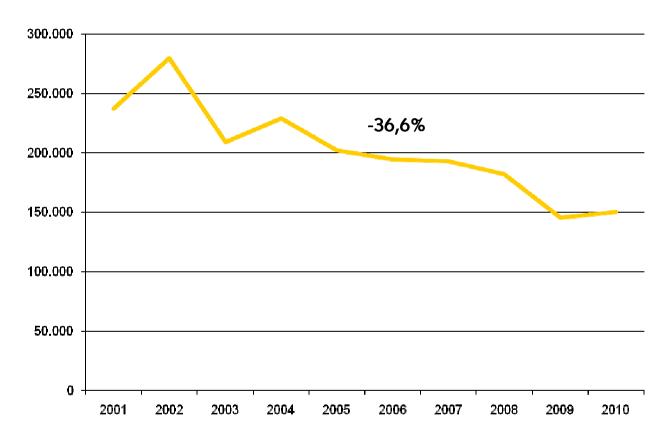


Japanese overnights in the historic cities 2010



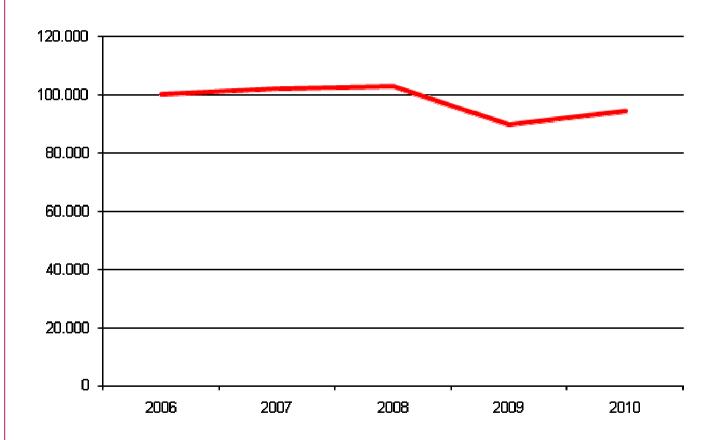


Trend of Japanese overnights in Flanders 2001-2010



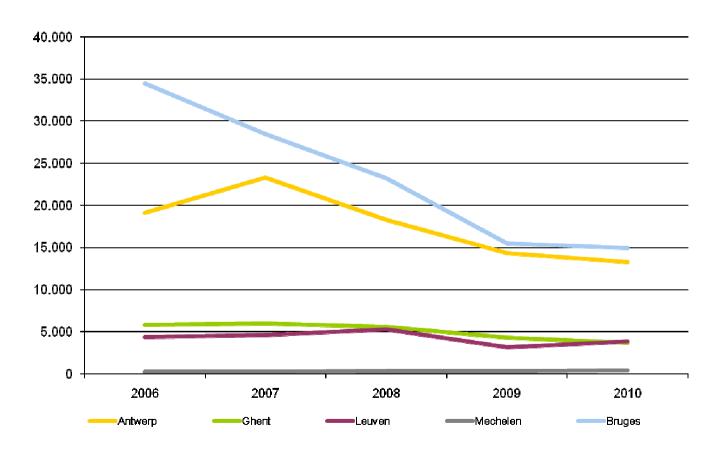


Trend of Japanese overnights in Brussels 2006-2010



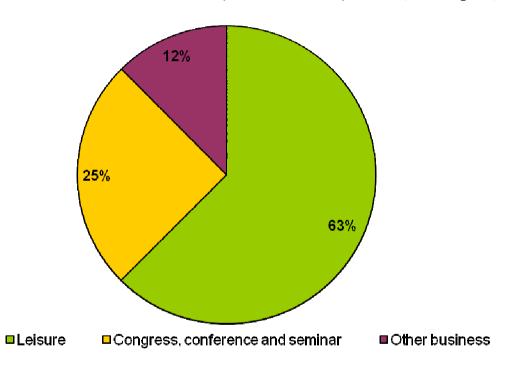


Trend of Japanese overnights in Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Leuven, Mechelen 2006-2010



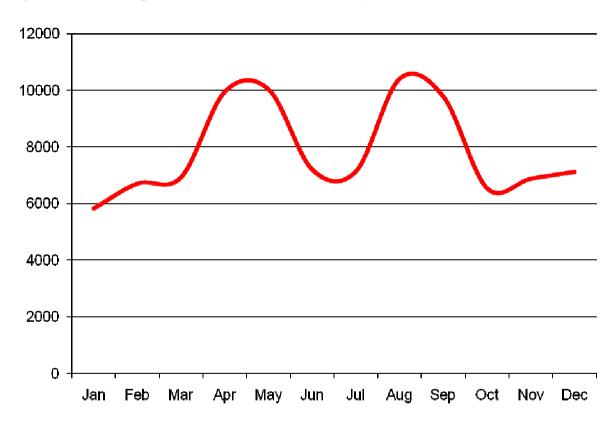


The Japanese market in Flanders by motive of stay 2010 (overnights)



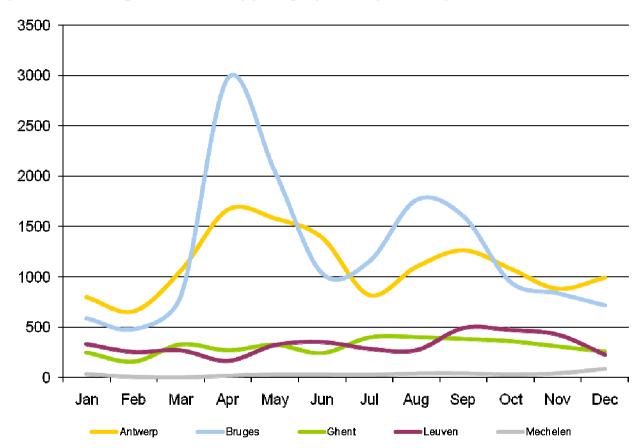


Japanese overnights in Brussels – seasonality 2010





Japanese overnights in Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Leuven, Mechelen – seasonality 2010



Seasonality:

The Best Season:

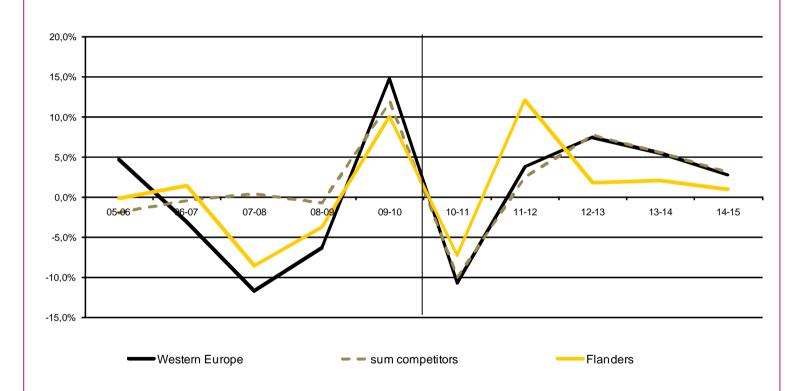
April - May

September- October

December: Christmas in Europe

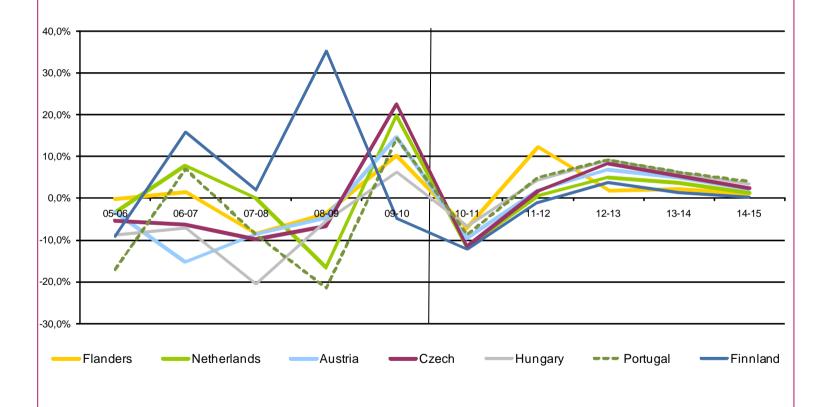


Trend and forecast of the Japanese market in Flanders, Western-Europe and competitive destinations (2006-2015, in arrivals)



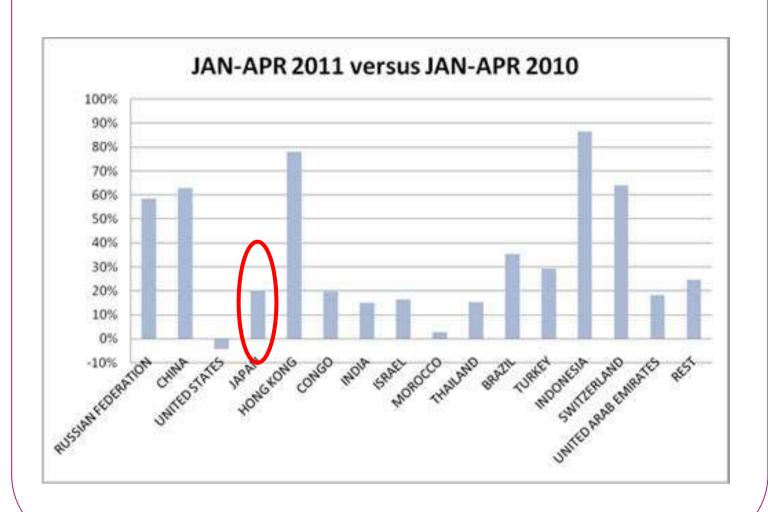


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The positive data of the Japanese market by Global Blue





Profile of the Japanese tourist

Who are they?



main market: senior market: 50's to 70's. Secondly: woman with income and high education. Mostly matured repeat travelers

honest / conscious for cleanliness (sanitary) / admiration for other cultures / loving fine food / hospitality granted minded/ security conscious / nature (season) lover / festival events / rich tradition of travelling, contemporary / traditional



Profile of the Japanese tourist





What are they looking for ?

- 1.something unique and authentic
- 2.experience the local touch, local shops and restaurants, local lifestyle.



Profile of the Japanese tourist

What are the characteristics of the destination Flanders for a Japanese tourist?

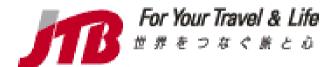
- 1. Authentic historical art cities.
- 2. Cities with market squares, waterways and flowers
- 3.Blend of medieval and contemporary city life
- 4. Everything is walk able on foot.
- 5.A lot of craftsmanship (fashion, beer, chocolate)
- 6.Full of greenery just one step outside the city





















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The way a Japanese tourist book a package tour/tour program

Source of information before booking the trip

 Newspapers, magazines, television, movies, novels, mouth to mouth, some influential persons, brochures of tour operators, posted ads, communication with friends (SNS, blogs)

Symptom: language problem to make direct bookings via the website and obvious preference of package



The way a Japanese tourist book a package tour/tour program

<u>Different products (packages, FIT, tailor made...) through different sales channels)</u>

Wholesale products are sold by retail travel agencies, branch offices of the wholesalers.

JALPAK – JALPAK / KNT Holiday / JTB world Vacations – Look JTB / Nippon Travel Agency – Mach, Best, Excellent / ANA Sales – Hallo Tours / Hankyu Express / Hanshin Travel – Friend Tours

Major media products

The media tour products are tour products sold through advertisement in the media_such as newspapers, magazines, TV and sold by a media agency

Hankyu Express – Trapics / Club Tourism – Club Tourism / JTB Media Retailing – Tabimonogatari / H.I.S. – Ciao, Impresso

Tour operators with specialized tour product

World Air and Sea Service / Global Youth Bureau / Nikko Travel / Eurasia / Asahi Travel /

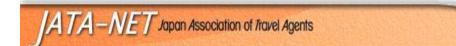
Website-products:

Booking engine: Rakuten travel, Expedia

Website of travel agencies, or directly through websites of hotels and airlines



Japanese Travel Trad e Travel agencies Type 1 and 2





Different sales channels

According to the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, there are **3,578 travel agents** registered as Type 1 and Type 2 agents (authorised to organize and sell <u>overseas</u> and domestic tours). Including the sub-agencies, there are **10,436 travel agencies** in Japan.

The sales of the 20 biggest companies account for over 80% of the total sales of overseas travel in Japan, and the top 50 stands for over 99% of the total sales.

The travel agencies plan and produce the tour products and sell them to the consumers either directly or via sub-agencies.

The printed tour catalogues are still very popular in Japan.

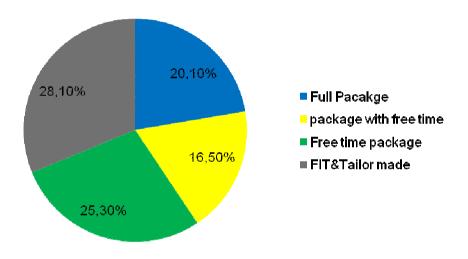
The 20 biggest Japanese companies

"the copying syndrom"

Ranking	Company Name	Sales (xJPY1000)	% in top 50 agencies
1	H.I.S.	262,800,983	13.6%
2	Hankyu Express International	218,129,718	11.3%
3	JTB World Vacations	191,952,797	9.9%
4	Kinki Nippon Tourist	122,631,652	6.3%
5	JTB Tokyo Metropolitan Corp.	106,010,179	5.5%
6	Nippon Travel Agency	102,730,844	5.3%
7	Jalpak	67,182,463	3.5%
8	Nippon Express	58,914,650	3.0%
9	JTB Western Japan	58,794,759	3.0%
10	JTB Traveland *	56,036,382	2.9%
11	Club Tourism	45,311,442	2.3%
12	JTB Chubu Corp.	36,926,129	1.9%
13	Travel Plaza International	35,357,064	1.8%
14	M.O. Tourist	33,821,410	1.7%
15	JTB Business Travel Solutions	32,635,999	1.7%
16	Nissin Travel Service	30,449,354	1.6%
17	KNT Tourist	29,373,022	1.5%
18	TopTour	28,120,887	1.5%
19	Hanshin Travel Service Co. Ltd.	27,075,414	1.4%
20	JTB Business World Tokyo Corp.	24,557,496	1.3%



Different products: packages, FIT or tailor made....



long haul destination: full package is preferred.
Nearly 70% of the travel is package travel.



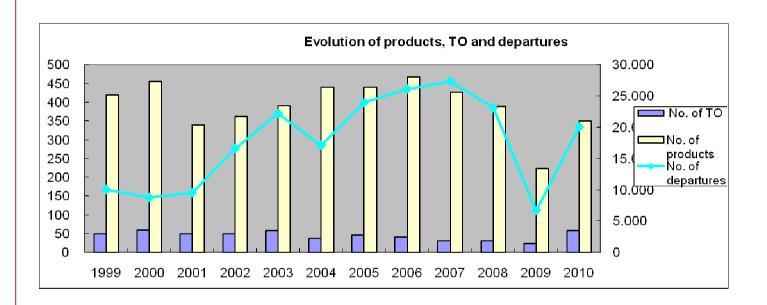
Travel arrangement per destination

		Europe	Northeast Asia	Southeast Asia	North America	Oceania	Hawaii	Guam/Saipan	Others	
Booking via	full Package	64.3	11.6	11.7	19.3	27.7	8.4	4.7	53	3.3
	Package (free & skeleton) and custom-made travel	22.7	73.4	65.9	48.6	58.8	7.0.9	82.5	37	7.8
direct booking		13.0	15.0	22.4	32.2	13.5	120.8	12.8	8	8.8

Source: JTB Foundation, 2011



Year by year evolution of the tour products which include Flanders-Brussels





The distribution system of the Japanese tour product How package tours are made and purchased by the Japanese travel companies.

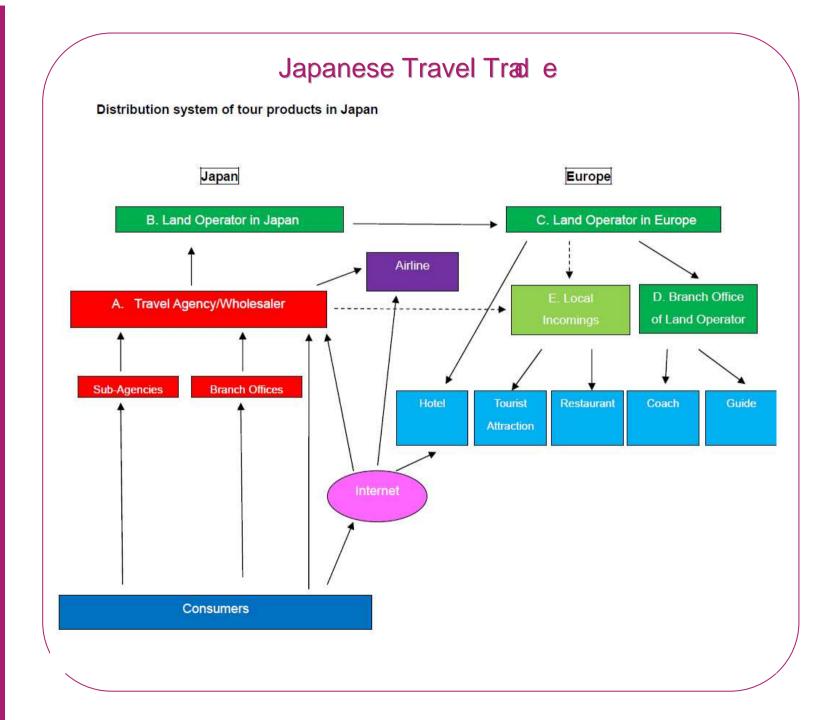
Different steps of the travel agent/wholesaler

- Step 1. planning
- **Step 2**. purchase of the air seats directly from the airlines
- **Step 3**. arrangement of the land elements (accommodation / meals / coach/ rail/ attraction entrance..)
- Step 4. pricing
- Step 5. bringing out in the market

Elements of an average Japanese package tour in Flanders

- average 3 4 days
- overnight stay mostly: Brussels / Brugge / Antwerp
- destinations: Brussels and the historic cities (Brugge / Antwerp / Gent)
- preferred themes: world heritage, art (famous artists), flowers, gastronomy, cutting edge craftsmanship, events







The distribution system of the Japanese tour products

The buyers are land operators based <u>inside Europe</u> (C/D). The suppliers in Flanders receive bookings from them.

The <u>original booking request</u> towards the land operators <u>inside Europe</u> comes from either the land operators <u>inside Japan</u> (B) or the travel agencies/wholesalers <u>inside Japan via the land operator inside Japan</u> (A).

The <u>decision</u> on a tour itinerary (**places to visit, cities, tourist attractions**) is made by the travel agencies/wholesalers in Japan (A). They decide the budget and the category of **hotels and restaurants**

The land operators in Japan and Europe (B and C) <u>decide</u> only about which hotel and which restaurant

The travel agencies/wholesalers (A) plan the tour and the land operators in Japan (B) make an original package of land arrangements while requesting booking to their counterpart in Europe.

There is an increasing number of travel agencies/wholesalers who make special requests on a specific hotel or restaurant (usually an unique and exclusive one) to the land operators as an added value to their tour products.



Land Operation companies in Europe:

	Company Name	function	Telephone	Fax	Address	country
1	Miki Travel Limited	Hotel contracting	+44 20 7398 5152	+44 20 7507 5199	Vintners' Place, 68 Upper Thames Street, London EC4V 3BJ	UNITED KINGDOM
2	Miki Travel Agency	attractions, meals, coach, local Japanese speaking guide	+32 2 217 2826	+32 2 217 2689	Rue de la Tête d'Or 5, 1000 Brussels	BELGIUM
3	ANA Sales Europe Ltd.	All land operation	+44 20 8846 02 61	+44 20 8846 0279	4th Fl. Hythe House, 200 Shepherds Bush Road, London W6 7NY	UNITED KINGDOM
4	Gullivers Travel Associates	All land operation	+44 20 3170 4084	+44 20 7251 8074	27 Goswell Road, London EC1M 7AJ	UNITED KINGDOM
5	H.I.S. Travel Netherlands	All land operation for H.I.S. Japan	+31 20 472 0444	+31 20 472 4080	Oranjebaan 13, 1183 NN Amstelveen	THE NETHERLANDS
6	Tumrale A/S	All land operation	+44 20 8237 1760	+44 20 8237 1707	3rd Floor, Horatio House, 79-85 Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8JA	UNITED KINGDOM
7	Japan Travel Bureau (Nederlands) BV	All land operation for Look JTB, etc.	+31 20 679 2963	+31 20 679 9978	World Trade Center (Tower B-11), Strawinskylaan 1133, 1077 XX Amsterdam	THE NETHERLANDS
8	Kintetsu International Express (Europe) BV	All land operation	+31 20 504 6600	+31 20 504 6611	Gebouw "Edison" Stroombaan 4, 1181 VX Amstelveen	THE NETHERLANDS
9	Kuoni Destination Management B.V.	All land operation for KNT Holiday	+31 (20) 627 00 60	31 (20) 422 69 69	Teleport Boulevaard 110, 1040 KH Amsterdam	THE NETHERLANDS
10	Jalpak International (France) SAS	All land operation for JALPAK	+33 1 4455 1662	+33 1 4455 1698	4 Rue Ventadour, 75001 Paris	FRANCE
11	Japan P.I.Travel S.A./N.V.	Incoming specialized in Japanese tours	+32 2 .510 0124	+32 2 51 0013	Rue de Stassart 100, 1050 Brussels	BELGIUM
12	Euro Express Travel Services S.A. / N.V.	Incoming specialized in Japanese tours	+32 2 627 1818	+32 2 644 9838	Chaussée de Vleurgat 167 - 1st floor 1050 Brussels	BELGIUM

Important:

JTB in Japan may use, not only JTB Europe, but also other land operators. The Europe based land operators <u>may use incomings of Belgium to do partial booking such as restaurants, Japanese speaking guides, coaches.</u>



Japanese Travel Trad e Some particularities

* Wholesalers and land operators with the same name but with different functions, some wholesalers have in - house land operators.

JTB World Vacations (A. Wholesaler) often uses JTB Europe as a land operator, which has offices both in Japan (Tokyo and Osaka) and Europe (Budapest for hotels and Amsterdam for other land arrangements) to make bookings.

- * A few travel agencies (A) make direct contact to local incomings (E), often hoping to book unique and quality restaurants/hotels which are not used by other travel agencies.
- * There are cases that local land operators in London (C), for example, which do not have a subsidiary office in Flanders, use local incomings (E) for booking restaurants etc.



Hankyu Express – Trapics Media product





Look JTB prod uct





Kintetsu -Hold ay





JTB Med ia - Tabimonogatari





Global Youth Bureau – it is not a tour company specializing in youth products. Speciality are mid scale, high quality tour products





Tour with events -Nippon Travel Agency 2011





Tour with events -Autumn, Christmas (GYB)

ベルギー、フランス クリスマス紀行 9日間

心温まるベルギーのクリスマスと 華麗なるパリのイルミネーションを楽しむ





ルギーのクリスマスを満喫 選河の街ブルージュ、ベルギー最古の大学 の街ルーヴェン、首都ブリュッセル、そして "世界一小さな町" デュルビュイ。クリスマス ムードあふれる各地をめぐります。

間部ゲントに2連泊

中世以来の歴史をもつ由緒ある御ゲント。 かつて交易で振わいを見せた河辺沿いのギ ルドハウスを改装したホテルに2連泊し、クリ スマスシーズンの古都を満物します。夜は両 岸に広がるライトアップされた街並みをクル 一ズ船からご覧いただきます。

グリスマスムード一色のパリ

何度訪れても魅力的なパリを、イルミネーシ ョンが美しいクリスマスシーズンに訪れま す。最終日の夕食はセーヌ川のディナークル ーズをしながら、両岸に広がる夜景を堪能し ます。このシーズンならではの一般能やかな パリをお楽しみください。

▲落ち着いた雰囲気が漂うベルギーのクリスマス

ヨーロッパ各地でイルミネーションが輝き、クリスマス市で振わいを見せる中、ベルギーのクリスマスは町を、人々を、盗かな光で包み込むような不思議な魅 力があります。クリスマス市に限らず、何のあちこちにクリスマスの飾り付けがあふれ、より身近にクリスマスを感じていただけることでしょう。クリスマス市 では可愛らしい飾りや小物を買ったり、クリスマス用クッキーやベルギーチョコレート、オイスターバーの食べ歩きなど、思い思いにお過ごしください。





◆華麗なムードに包まれるバリ

豚の纏めくくりはパリ、シャンゼリゼ通りやブティックなどが競い合うかのように関しく彩られます。





写真はすべてイメージです。年により飽り付け、イルミネーションは異なります。





Tour with events –JTB Media Tabimonogatari Autumn, Christmas 2011

Belgium mono product





Tour with events -Nippon Travel Agency 2011





Tour with events -Look JTB 2011





Cooperation Toerisme Vlaanderen – NBTC - KLM





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80% of the sold travel products were already a combination of Holland/Flanders tours.

a lot of similarities between Holland and Flanders:

- *share history & language
- *linked by land & water
- *both countries are located next to each other
- *both are small & B-destinations (Holland ranked 10th as European destination and Belgium 11th) for the Japanese market

To promote Flanders in a more efficient way TVL and NBTC set up a partnership (Feb 2011). KLM joined the strategic partnership through NBTC (June 2011)

Instead of competition, they now join marketing forces (joined marketing plan) resulting in a bigger market share

Important notice: Still space for 100% Flanders products and events



Cooperation Toerisme Vlaanderen – NBTC - KLM

The best win win situation is promoting Flanders and Holland together on the Japanese market as the best combination package countries, as there are in Western Europe.







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Strategy

- stimulate the Japanese TO to have a bigger share of
 - Holland/Flanders products in their program
- educate travel trade to increase knowledge on
 - Holland/Flanders classics product
- ° Inclusion of website hollandflanders.jp where poss ible
- Examine joint promotional activities around the Du tch and
 - Flemish events in Japan
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- Inclusion of website (holland.jp / visitflanders.j p /
 - hollandflanders.jp) where possible
- On-line campaign with hollandflanders.jp
- o Monthly E-Newsletters
- SNS Facebook Flanders , Twitter Holland, Twitter

Hollandflanders to be considered. Joint study tours and

trade actions



Cooperation Toerisme Vlaanderen – NBTC - KLM

Major joined activity for the Flemish trade in 2012

•Road Show: Japan & China

May 28-29: Beijing

May 30 – June 1 Osaka & Tokyo



Dovetail with the princely economic Mission (2-8 June)







The recovery is expected from the summer onwards

- The two regions most affected (Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures) have a GDP around US\$200 billion, 4% of the Japanese total
- * Less consumer spending in the aftermath of the disaster, but the mentality gradually changing



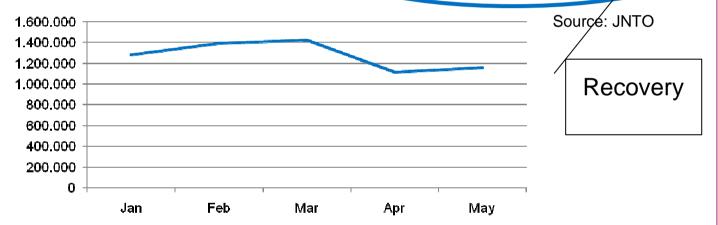


- Japanese travelers are notably reactive to crises.
- Life is getting back to normal stage in Tokyo
- The general mentality: "self restraint" and "feeling guilty to enjoy" trend is changing towards: "spending makes the recovery" & "go overseas to show that Japan is strong".
- The Japanese government repeats the above message towards the people, the municipalities..
- A strong (partial) recovery is expected in 2012 as the economy and travel confidence rebounds. Full recovery prospected to be realized in 2013.



◆overseas travel 2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
total Dept.	1,282,348	1,391,193	1,420,584	1,114,900	1,156,000	1,274,600
change %	+1.4%	+7.9%	-9.1%	-8.1%	-8.4%	-3.4%

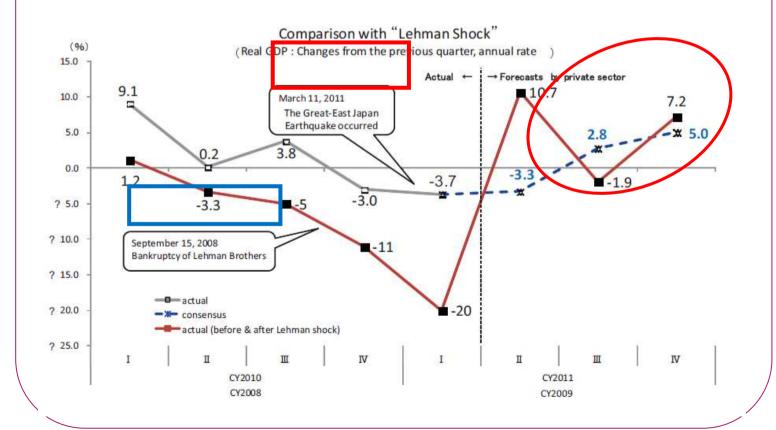


- ◆Arrival Belgium by Japanese Jan.-Mar.2011: -1.6% (source: TVL)
- **◆**The AB-Road, travel product site, survey of the users Effect of 3.11:
- •79.2% Already went to overseas travel & wish to go
- •ONLY 4% of the users have decided not to travel this year due to 3.11.
- •The survey was conducted right after the 3.11, shows that effect to motivation to travel was very little.



According to private sector forecasts, Japan's economy will grow in Q3 and Q4 2011. The degree of the slowdown is expected to be much less than after the "Lehman Shock(2008)."

(Source: National Accounts (Cabinet Office), Monthly Survey of Japanese Economic Forecasts)





Thank you for your kind attention

