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China Market Recap: Alignment of Key Factors

- Market Size: Massive market size of 1.3 billion
- Market Growth: China's population has grown by the entire population of Australia in 5 years
- **Economic Growth:** Second largest economy in the world after the U.S. with willingness to spend on travel soaring
- **Disposable Incomes:** Chinese incomes growing at 10% per year
- FX Rate: RMB pegged to the U.S. dollar
- Chinese Desire to Travel: Travel is the most desired leisure pursuit for 56% of middle and upperclass Chinese
- Willingness to Spend: Chinese are the No. 1 spending international visitors to the U.S. with 19% of disposable incomes spent on travel on average
- China Outbound Travel Growth: 120M outbound in 2015—world's No. 1 outbound market
- Potential: Less than 9% of China's population is traveling overseas—versus 25% for Korea
- **Growth:** Number of Chinese outbound travelers is projected to more than double in the next 5 years to 250 million



Key Factors Driving Chinese Arrivals to the U.S.

- Miniscule U.S. Market Share: 0.15% of China's population and 2% of Chinese travelers to U.S.
- **US Destination Satisfaction**: The U.S. tops list of most satisfying destinations for Chinese
- Positioning: The U.S. has the highest intent to visit of any long-haul destination
- Streamlined US Visa Interview Process: Under 5 days with 10-year visa now available
- Growth in Airlift: 35% increase in lift from China to the U.S. in 2015.
- Booming Online and Social Media Channels: 688M online netizens with 594 million via mobile
- Exploding Secondary Markets: Over 100 cities with populations of over 1 million
- **Booming FIT**: With massive growth potential beyond the traditional U.S. gateways
- Rapid Growth of MICE Market: Perfect China (7,000 pax) Amway (9,000 pax)
- Huge Growth in Niche Travel: Golf, ski, study abroad, real estate, medical tourism etc.
- **Spend:** Per visitor per day already leads all overseas markets
- Arrivals: No. 1 overseas market for the U.S. within 5 years
- U.S. China Year of Tourism 2016: Unique opportunity to activate all travel agents nationwide

U.S.-China Tourism Year

- ☐ Announced by Presidents Obama and Xi in September
- ☐ Led by the Department of Commerce and the China National Tourism Administration







- ☐ Aims to effectively position the United States and China for increased trade in travel services by focusing on:
 - ☐ Enhanced travel and tourism experiences
 - Enhanced cultural understanding
 - ☐ Enhanced appreciation of natural resources



U.S.-China Tourism Year

☐ Brand USA efforts focused on:

- **Educating** (China Readiness Programs, USA Discovery Program, Training Events)
- Promoting (USA Campaign, Co-op Programs, MegaFams, Sales Missions)
- Sharing (Best Practices)







☐ Key Events:

- > Opening Gala in Beijing in conjunction with Brand USA China Sales Mission
- > Shanghai Disney opening celebration
- 2016 U.S.-China Tourism Leadership Summit: September 8-12, 2016; Ningxia, China
- Closing Event in late November
- > And more!

