The imminent return of the Chinese Market

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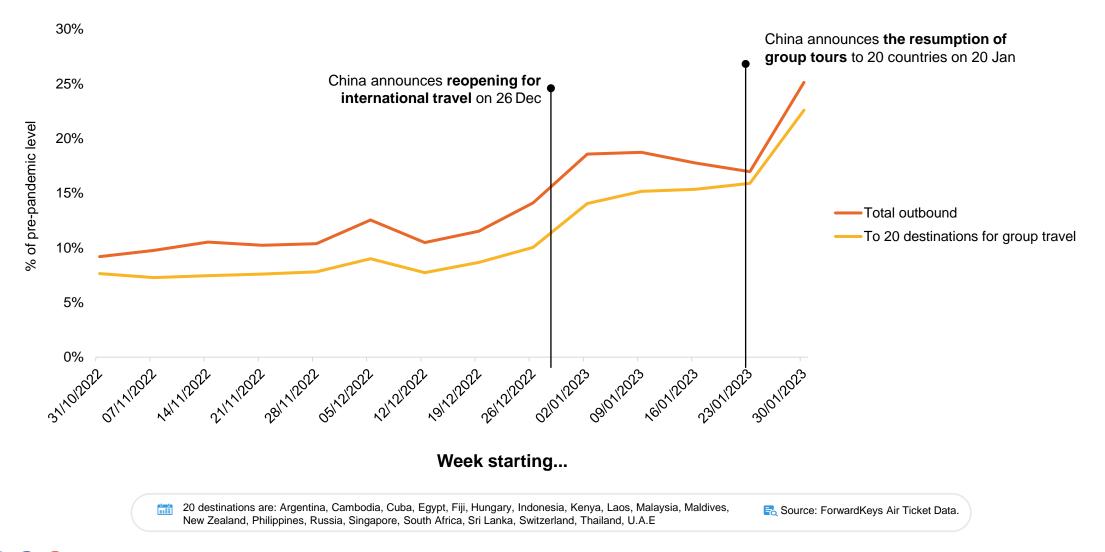
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The relaxation of travel restrictions triggered the surge in flight bookings for China outbound travel

Tickets issued up until 5 Feb 2023, for any future outbound China travel; % of pre-pandemic (2018/2019)'s level

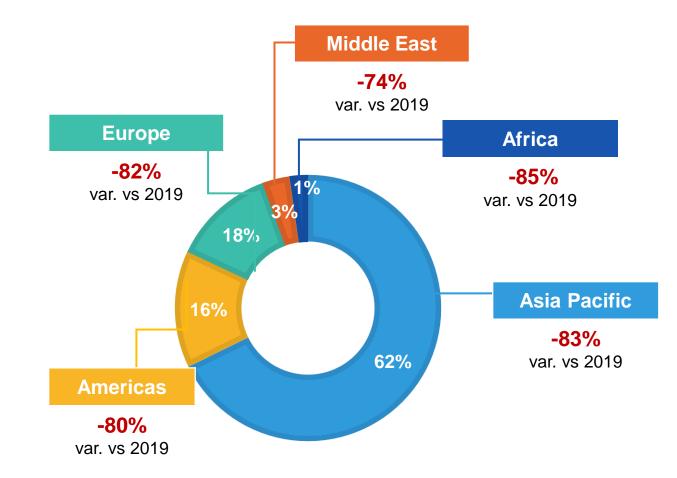


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Intra-regional destinations are the most popular for Chinese travellers



Booked international departures from China between March and May 2023, as of 7 Feb 2023; vs 2019 levels



A quick recovery is not expected to major destinations in the next three months



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| Rank | Most resilient destinations in Europe | % of 2019's level |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 st | United Kingdom | 29% |
| 2 nd | Finland | 28% |
| 3 rd | Germany | 25% |
| 4 th | Sweden | 23% |
| 5 th | Hungary | 20% |
| 6 th | Switzerland | 19% |
| 7 th | France | 18% |
| 8 th | Netherlands | 18% |
| 9 th | Denmark | 16% |
| 10 th | Italy | 15% |
| | TOTAL | 18% |

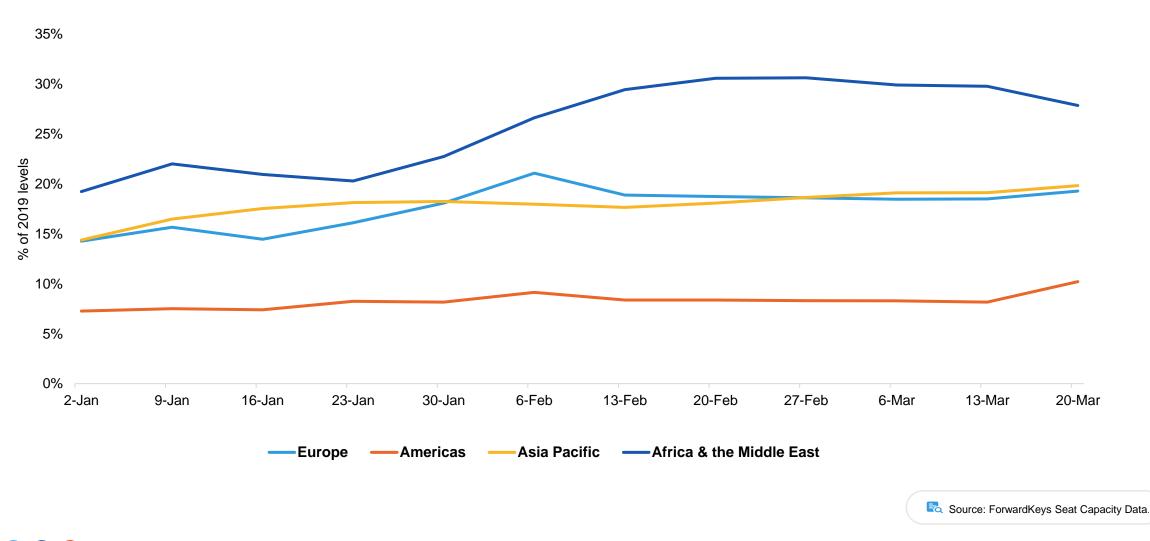
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Capacity for international departures remains limited in Q1

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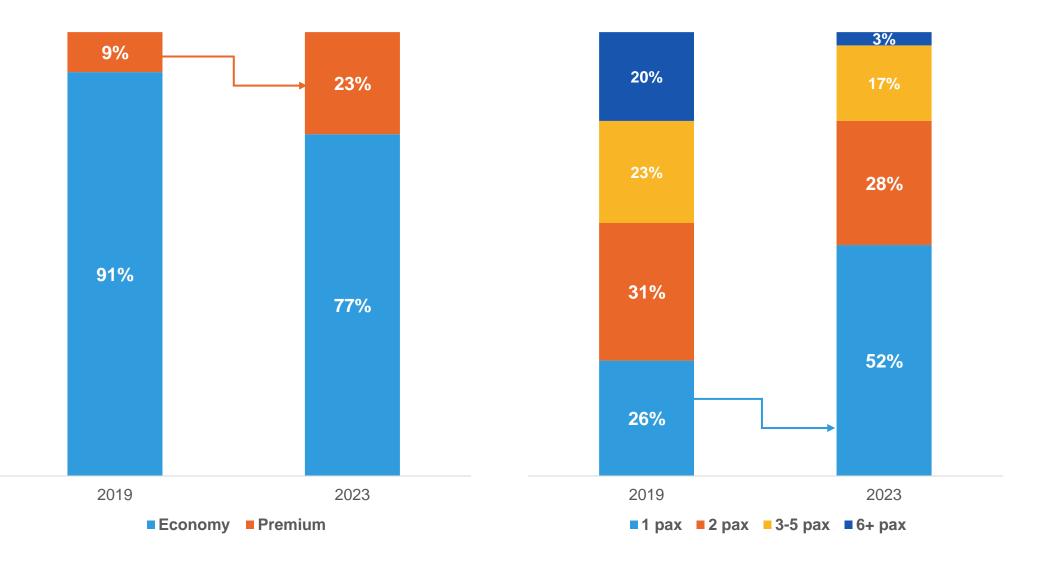
Capacity for international departures from China between 2 Jan and 26 Mar 2023, as of 18 Jan 2023; vs 2019 levels

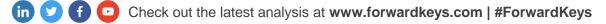


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Booking patterns for China travel to Europe

Bookings for return trip from China to Europe between March and May 2023, as of 7 Feb 2023; vs 2019







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