

ACCOMMODATION TRENDS TO WATCH 2025-26

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COM	MERCIAL & PRICING VISIBILITY	
Trends		
1	Hotels increasingly justify price increases using inflation, but corporates are challenging this rationale.	
2	Suppliers are reducing Last Room Availability (LRA) allocations in many markets.	
3	Dynamic pricing is being pushed more aggressively, sometimes across entire brands.	
Thinking points		
	Have you mapped out your mix of fixed vs. dynamic rates for 2025–26?	
	Do you track how inflation-linked increases compare to market averages?	
	Have you reviewed whether shorter contracts or onboarding challenger properties could work in your markets?	
TRAV	ELLER SAFETY & INCLUSIVITY	
Trends		
1	Many hotel programmes still prioritise rate discounts over safety and inclusivity criteria.	
2	Female travellers, LGBTQ+ travellers, and those with visible/non-visible disabilities often face different risk profiles even in standard business destinations.	
3	Accessibility desks and new tools are emerging from major TMCs to meet these needs.	
Thinking points		
	Do you request and capture information on basic safety standards (e.g., fire checks, secure entry, 24/7 reception)?	
	Have you built in a process for travellers to feedback concerns, with escalation routes if needed?	
	Are inclusivity and accessibility questions part of your RFP template?	
PROG	RAMME DESIGN, DATA & EMERGING AREAS	
Trends		
1	Meetings and transient travel sourcing are converging — giving some corporates more leverage.	
2	Demand for lifestyle hotels and serviced apartments is growing as blended travel expands.	
3	Sustainability criteria, from EV charging to evidence-backed questionnaires, are becoming baseline in Europe.	
Thinking points		

Have you assessed whether combining meetings and transient spend would strengthen negotiations?
Are lifestyle and long-stay accommodation options visible in your channels where demand exists?
Do you have a simple process to capture sustainability responses and integrate them into selection?