

14 percent have to work over National Day holiday



Photo taken on Oct. 1, 2017 shows flower parterres in Beijing, capital of China. Beijing is decorated with ornamental flower beds to add festive air of China's National Day, which fell on Sunday. (Xinhua/Li He)

Almost 14 percent of employees will have to work during the National Day holiday, according to a survey by enterprise app Maimai and home-sharing site Xiaozhu.com.

It shows 13.7 percent of 357,218 respondents have to work during the holiday, most of them in sales positions.

Yet 91.7 percent have made holiday travel plans, with Sichuan, Jiangsu, Yunnan, Chongqing and Zhejiang the most popular destinations. Over 42 percent said they will visit parents over the holiday too. But about 8 percent choose not to travel due to worries about traffic congestion or big crowds of tourists.

Among travelers, over 70 percent prefer bed and breakfast accommodation offered by families. As for what makes a good trip, 42 percent said they care most if their partners will join them, followed by humanistic interests in the destination for 26.4 percent and 14.2 percent who most appreciate nature.

The survey also showed people working in the financial industry, telecommunications and educational training are more interested in travelling abroad.

Another clear finding is that over 98 percent like to travel on their own rather than in an organized tour.

In addition to hotels, more people are interested in staying with local families. About 64 percent said they will choose home-sharing services and 44 percent want to try featured hostels.

Beijing, Chengdu, Chongqing, Shanghai and Nanjing reported the highest orders for home-sharing over the holiday, with average rents starting from 290 to 330 yuan per night. Homes with one or two bedrooms are most popular among tourists.