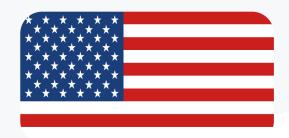
## International online purchasing trends **American Shoppers**



Consumers in the USA want better prices, the latest products and unique items and they are no longer limited to local markets. For businesses wanting to expand their customer base, seeking opportunities in the USA this is an ideal opportunity to attract and retain shoppers. This fact sheet delivers an overview of our research findings and will provide businesses with insight into American customer habits, expectations and concerns.

#### \$419,879m

**USA's estimated** ecommerce revenue in 2020<sup>2</sup>

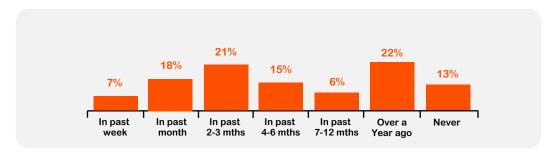
USA is a huge marketplace due to the total size of its population and as a developed and mature marketplace 1

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### Frequency of purchases





87% of shoppers in America had made an online purchase from abroad in the last 12 months



46% having made a purchase in the last 3 months



# Advantages and disadvantages of cross border purchase



Among the customers who buy from abroad, 62% do so to take advantage of better prices, 51% to access a unique product and 50% to gain a product not available locally.



66% of international shoppers in America were concerned about longer delivery times,

55% about receiving low quality or fraudulent goods and 45% about complex return procedures.



### American purchasing habits

The majority of shoppers have purchased an item from:



**China** (66%)



Canada (23%)



UK (23%)

Over half of American international customers purchased fashion items such as clothing, shoes & accessories.



51% - clothing, shoes & accessories.



30% - electronics & telecoms



19% - beauty & personal care





14% - entertainment products

# The most popular retailer websites & payment options in America

- 1. Amazon (67%)
- 2. eBay (30%)



- 1. Credit card (53%)
- 2. PayPal (45%)
- 3. Debit card (13%)





### **Expectations and concerns**

Although 66% claim that longer delivery times are a disadvantage of shopping abroad, Americans are quite tolerant with longer delivery times. On average 15.7 days for delivery is acceptable.



17% of American customers cited the cost and complexity of import and custom taxes as a disadvantage of international buying.



45% said a complex returns process was a concern when purchasing from abroad but only 25% check the return policy.

USA may have a lower percentage of total online shoppers but with the second highest number of cross-border online shoppers in the world it is a formidable marketplace<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> https://www.statista.com

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