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OTA Photo Count Comparison

Booking.com and Expedia.com

RESEARCH SUMMARY

This study compares the number of hotel photos displayed on Booking.com and Expedia.com. It covers 285 Berlin hotels in the 3-star, 4-star and 5-star categories. Hotel names are not shown.

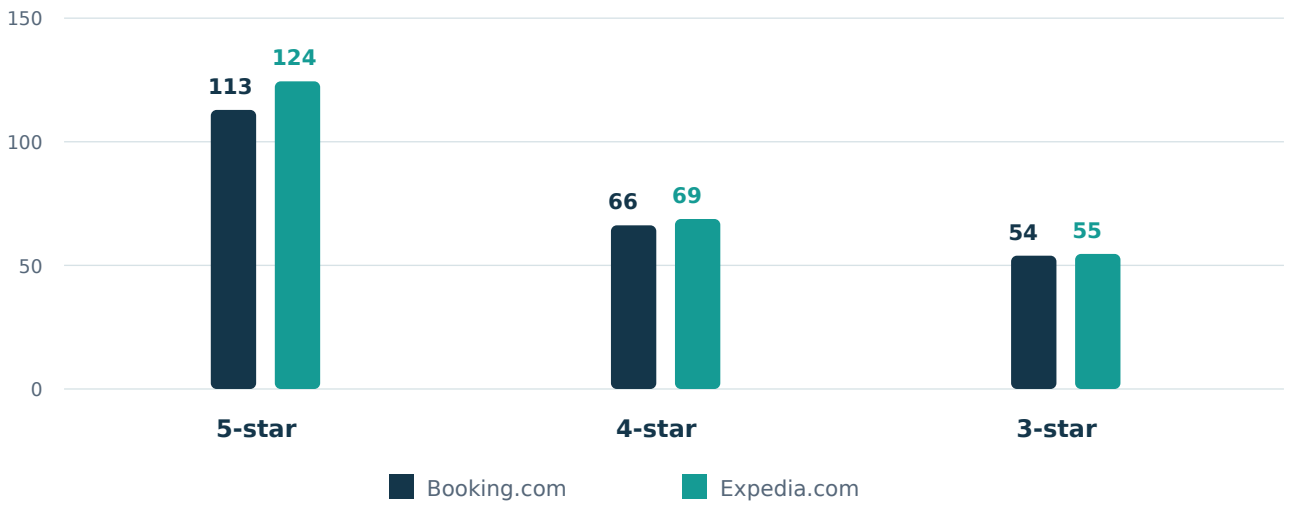
285
hotels reviewed

281
two-channel comparisons

57.3%
above 10% photo-count gap

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PHOTOS

All available channel records



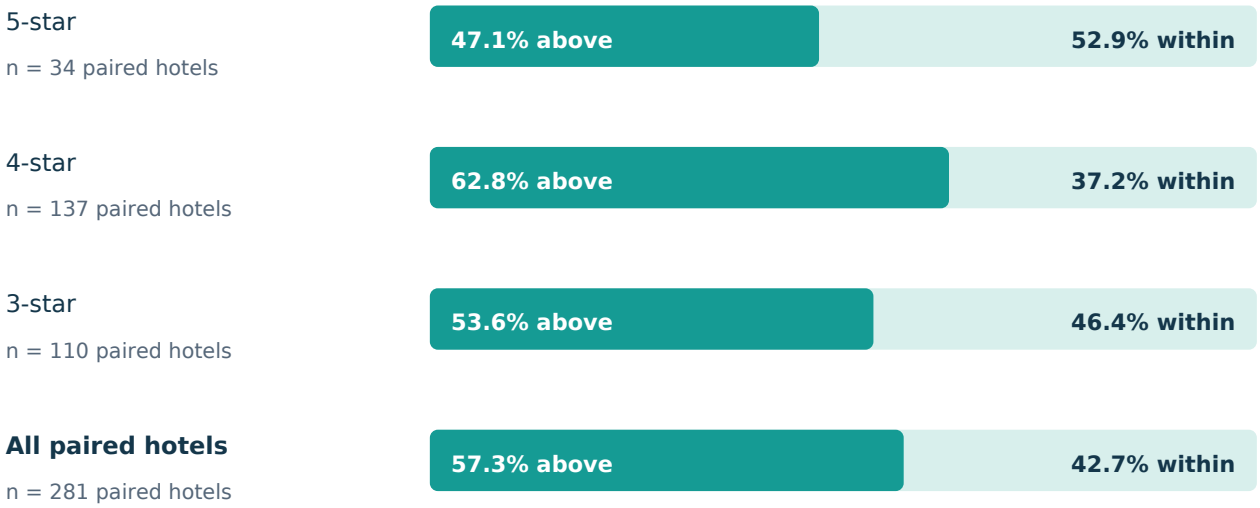
HOW TO READ THE 10% THRESHOLD

Berlin Hotel Lab uses a photo-count difference above 10% as a signal for further review. It may be useful to check whether both channel galleries are up to date. A difference in counts alone does not prove that photos are missing or incorrect.

Key finding: Photo counts are higher on average in the 5-star group. In the hotels with two available counts, 57.3% exceed the Berlin Hotel Lab review threshold.

Photo Count Gaps by Hotel Category

The chart shows the share of hotels with a photo-count gap above 10% and the share at or below the threshold.



CATEGORY SUMMARY

Category	Hotels	Booking	Expedia	>10% gap	Reviewed
5-star	34	113	124	47.1%	34
4-star	137	66	69	62.8%	137
3-star	114	54	55	53.6%	110

Data and method

Source and period. Booking.com and Expedia.com photo counts recorded in September 2026 in the supplied Berlin hotel spreadsheet. The sample contains 34 five-star, 137 four-star and 114 three-star properties.

Definition. Gap = absolute difference between the two counts divided by the larger count. Hotels with a gap greater than 10% are marked for review.

Missing values. Four three-star hotels have a count missing on one OTA. They remain in the 285-hotel sample, but are excluded from the paired-gap calculation. Channel averages use available records: Booking.com n=284; Expedia.com n=282.

Interpretation. Counts do not measure photo quality, relevance or whether both platforms display the same images. Percentages may differ slightly from 100% due to rounding.

Global 5-Star Hotel Comparison

Q3 2025 / 50 city or market groups / about 2,200 hotels

96 Booking.com average photos

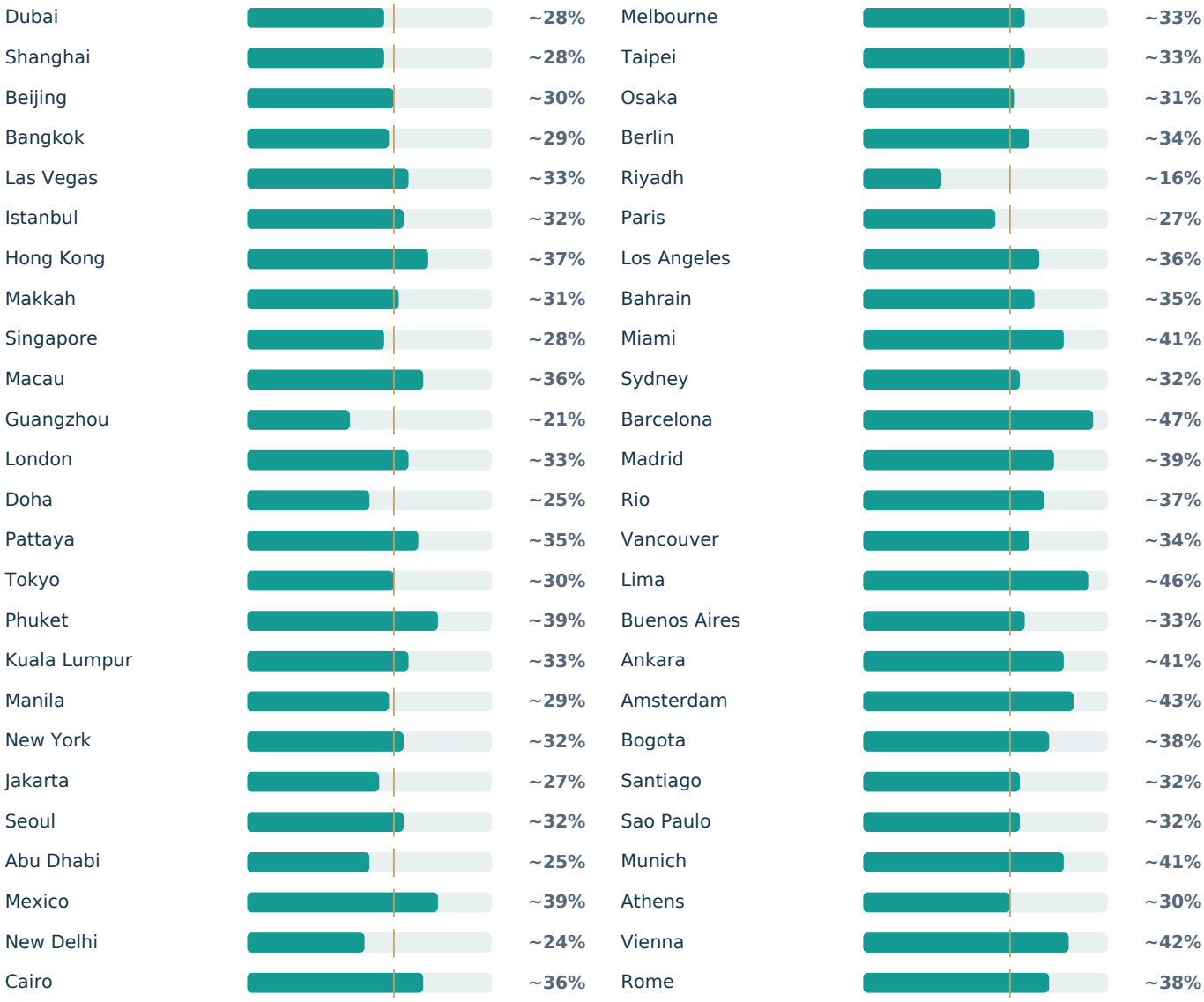
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Full Global OTA Q3 2025 report: www.berlinhotellab.com

The earlier Berlin Hotel Lab study found similar average photo counts across the two OTAs for its global 5-star sample. The chart below shows the approximate share of hotels in each city or market group whose photo counts differed by no more than 10%.

HOTELS WITH A PHOTO-COUNT GAP OF 10% OR LESS

Approximate values from original chart



Reading note. The source figure has no city-level numeric labels; percentages above are approximate readings of the provided line chart. Several groups fall below 30%, while many sit around 30%-45%. The 2025 global and 2026 Berlin samples differ in time and scope and should not be read as a direct like-for-like trend.

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