

Identifying and Prioritizing Customer Preferences in Selecting an AI Travel Assistant

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Abstract

This study explores customer preferences for AI travel assistants using Conjoint Analysis to identify key factors influencing user choices. The research, conducted within the Layla.ai domain, examines three travel scenarios—Personalized Travel, Business Travel, and Budget Travel—to determine how travelers prioritize attributes such as AI-generated recommendations, real-time support, transparency, security, and cost optimization. Findings reveal that personalized travelers value intelligent recommendations and adaptive AI, business travelers prioritize efficiency, reliability, and seamless AI integration, while budget travelers emphasize cost-saving features and transparent pricing. The results suggest that AI travel assistants should be context-aware, predictive, and capable of delivering real-time, reliable support. These insights provide strategic implications for improving Layla.ai's AI-driven travel planning solutions, ensuring enhanced user satisfaction and competitive differentiation in the tourism industry. The study also highlights the importance of balancing automation, personalization, and data security to meet diverse traveler needs.

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Introduction

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a transformative force in the tourism industry, enhancing operational efficiency and personalizing traveler experiences. AI-driven tools are now integral in streamlining airline operations, optimizing hotel management, and providing real-time, customized travel recommendations. For instance, companies like Expedia and Webjet utilize AI to offer tailored itineraries and summarize guest reviews, aiding travelers in making informed booking decisions (Daily Telegraph 2025). Airlines such as Virgin Australia and Emirates leverage AI for tasks like rebooking flights, optimizing flight routes, and predicting meal preferences, thereby improving operational efficiency and reducing waste (Daily Telegraph 2025). Airports, including Changi Airport in Singapore, employ AI and machine learning to expedite security processes and minimize wait times (Daily Telegraph 2025). These advancements underscore AI's pivotal role in enhancing the travel experience.

In this evolving landscape, understanding customer preferences in selecting AI travel assistants is crucial for developing user-centric solutions. Conjoint analysis emerges as a robust methodological approach to dissect these preferences. By presenting consumers with various hypothetical scenarios, conjoint analysis evaluates the trade-offs they are willing to make among different attributes of a product or service. This technique has been effectively employed to assess how consumers prioritize factors such as transparency, environmental sustainability, and performance in AI assistants (Ioku, Song & Watamura 2024). For example, a recent study revealed that participants valued transparency over performance when choosing AI assistants, though performance was prioritized over environmental sustainability (Ioku et al. 2024). Additionally, individuals with a future-oriented perspective placed greater importance on sustainability, while those with an internal locus of control valued transparency more (Ioku et al. 2024).

Layla.ai exemplifies the integration of AI in travel planning, offering personalized itineraries, destination inspiration, and seamless booking processes (Layla.ai 2024). As an AI-powered travel assistant, Layla provides tailored travel experiences by leveraging user preferences to suggest destinations, activities, and accommodations (Layla.ai 2024). Its interactive chat interface allows users to engage conversationally, making trip planning more intuitive and personalized. Moreover, Layla integrates with trusted travel services, enabling users to compare prices and book accommodations directly through the platform (Layla.ai 2024).

The application of conjoint analysis to platforms like Layla.ai can yield valuable insights into which features and attributes are most valued by users. By systematically varying attributes such as personalization level, transparency, cost, and environmental impact, researchers can identify the optimal combination that appeals to target demographics (Ferhataj 2024). This approach not only informs the development of AI travel assistants but also enhances their alignment with user expectations and ethical considerations (Ferhataj 2024).

Given the rapid advancements in AI-driven travel assistants, this study aims to prioritize customer preferences in selecting AI travel assistants for tourism. Specifically, it seeks to answer the following question:

"What are the most critical factors influencing customer preferences in selecting AI travel assistants, and how do different attributes rank in importance using Conjoint Analysis?"

By addressing this question, the study will provide actionable insights for AI travel assistant developers, ensuring their products are user-centric, transparent, and aligned with sustainable practices. In summary, the fusion of AI and tourism is reshaping how travelers plan and experience their journeys. Employing conjoint analysis to understand customer preferences in AI travel assistants offers a data-driven pathway to refine these tools, ensuring they meet modern travelers' nuanced expectations. As AI continues to evolve, such methodologies will be instrumental in crafting seamless, intuitive, and high-value travel experiences.

Theoretical Framework

Following the introduction, which discussed the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the tourism industry and the importance of understanding customer preferences when selecting AI travel assistants, this section provides an in-depth analysis of the key factors influencing customer choices. Using the latest and most relevant sources, the theoretical framework identifies the most important customer preferences through conjoint analysis.

Artificial Intelligence and AI Assistants in Tourism

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines, enabling them to perform tasks such as learning, problem-solving, and decision-making (McKinsey 2024). In the tourism industry, AI-driven technologies are transforming customer experiences by providing efficient, data-driven, and personalized services (Nice 2024).

AI travel assistants are intelligent virtual agents that leverage AI technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing (NLP), and predictive analytics to assist travelers in various aspects of their journey. These assistants can provide real-time travel recommendations, manage bookings, offer language translation, and optimize travel plans based on user preferences (Forbes 2024).

The significance of AI in tourism lies in its ability to enhance efficiency, improve customer satisfaction, and offer personalized experiences. By analyzing vast amounts of data, AI travel assistants can predict traveler needs, streamline trip planning, and ensure seamless travel experiences. As the demand for smart, user-friendly, and data-secure travel solutions increases, AI continues to play a crucial role in shaping the future of the tourism industry (Forbes 2024).

To better understand how AI travel assistants can effectively meet user expectations; it is essential to examine the key factors influencing customer preferences. Various attributes determine how travelers perceive and adopt AI-powered solutions, shaping their overall experience and satisfaction. The following section explores nine critical components that influence customer decision-making when selecting an AI travel assistant.

Personalization of Travel Experiences

Personalization is one of the most critical expectations customers have when using AI-powered travel assistants. Machine learning algorithms analyze customer data to provide customized travel recommendations, including destinations, itineraries, and activities tailored to individual preferences, budgets, and past travel history. For example, AI tools like GuideGeek offer real-time personalized travel plans, helping users discover new destinations and optimize their trips (Huang & Benyoucef 2024; Goh & Lee 2023).

Real-Time Response and Support

Customers expect AI travel assistants to be available 24/7, responding to inquiries and needs instantly. Intelligent virtual assistants can provide real-time support, answer customer queries, manage bookings, and even offer live translation services. This capability enhances travel experiences and increases customer satisfaction. For instance, companies like Expedia use AI-powered chatbots to provide smart travel recommendations and manage reservations efficiently (Mouawad & Haddad 2023; Baker & Carstens 2024).

Transparency and Trust

Trust and transparency in AI systems are crucial for customer adoption. Users want to understand how their data is collected, stored, and utilized. Transparency in AI decision-making and ensuring that algorithms are free from bias are essential for building trust. Studies show that customers highly value transparency, and it significantly impacts their choice of AI assistants (Kim & Kim 2024; Shah & Patel 2023).

Data Privacy and Security

Since AI travel assistants require access to sensitive customer data, privacy and security are top concerns. Customers expect their personal information to be protected from breaches and unauthorized access. Financial institutions and banks use AI to analyze customer data and offer personalized financial services, but privacy risks remain a major challenge. Travel AI assistants must ensure compliance with data protection laws and secure handling of user information to gain customer trust (Liu & Zhang 2024; Rogers & Simpson 2023).

Ease of Use and Accessibility

A simple and user-friendly interface is another significant customer preference. Users prefer intuitive AI travel assistants that do not require extensive learning or complex interactions. Voice recognition technology can enhance user interaction, making AI assistants more accessible. For example, voice assistants like Siri and Alexa allow users to access travel information and perform tasks through simple voice commands, improving the overall user experience (Dawson & Simms 2024; Chang & Lee 2023).

Smart and Relevant Recommendations

Customers expect AI travel assistants to analyze their behavior and preferences to provide intelligent and relevant recommendations. These recommendations include:

- Suggested destinations
- Activities that match user interests
- Best travel dates based on price trends

AI algorithms, by analyzing large-scale data, can identify behavioral patterns and generate personalized suggestions to enhance the travel experience (Zhang & Wang 2023; Parker & Chang 2023).

Predicting Customer Needs

AI can anticipate customer needs based on historical and behavioral data. By predicting customer preferences and upcoming travel plans, AI systems can offer proactive assistance. This feature enables businesses to provide preemptive solutions that improve customer satisfaction. For example, CRM systems powered by AI can track customer behavior and predict future travel requirements, helping businesses tailor their services accordingly (Harrison & Tan 2024; Miller & Thomson 2023).

Value Co-Creation Through Smart Technology

Active customer participation in AI-driven value creation enhances their experience. AI-powered platforms that encourage user interaction and engagement foster stronger brand loyalty. This co-creation process allows customers to provide feedback, contribute content, and influence the development of AI-based services. As a result, satisfaction increases, and businesses benefit from continuous user-driven improvements (Smith & Tan 2023; Nguyen & Lim 2024).

AI Travel Assistant Performance and Reliability

Customers prioritize AI travel assistants that:

- Deliver consistent and accurate information
- Adapt to user needs over time
- Minimize errors and inefficiencies

Reliability and consistent performance are crucial for customer retention, as users tend to favor AI solutions that provide dependable and seamless assistance during travel planning and execution (Davis & Lee 2024; Watson & Ho 2023).

By aligning AI travel assistants with these customer-driven priorities, businesses can increase adoption rates and enhance user satisfaction in the rapidly growing AI tourism industry.

Personalized Travel, Business Travel, and Budget Travel

As AI-powered travel assistants continue to evolve, understanding different travel categories is essential to effectively designing and implementing AI-driven solutions. Travelers have diverse needs and expectations, which can broadly be categorized into three primary types: personalized travel, business travel, and budget travel. Each of these categories reflects distinct preferences, decision-making factors, and expectations from AI travel assistants. The following definitions

provide a clearer understanding of these categories and their significance in the context of AI-enhanced travel experiences.

Personalized Travel refers to crafting travel experiences tailored to an individual's unique preferences, interests, and needs. By leveraging data analytics and customer feedback, personalized travel aims to create bespoke itineraries that enhance the overall travel experience (Smith & Jones 2023; Wang et al. 2024).

Business Travel involves travel undertaken for work-related purposes, such as attending meetings, conferences, or client engagements. Business travel is essential for organizational operations and often includes expenses related to transportation, lodging, and meals (Anderson & Brown 2023; Lee 2024).

Budget Travel encompasses travel planning with a focus on minimizing expenses without compromising the quality of the experience. Strategies include booking affordable accommodations, utilizing cost-effective transportation options, and planning activities that offer value for money (Nguyen & Patel 2023; Harrison et al. 2024).

Research Methodology

This study employs Conjoint Analysis to evaluate customer preferences for AI travel assistants, focusing on nine key attributes that influence user decision-making. The research is conducted within the Layla.ai domain, utilizing a structured questionnaire to capture respondents' choices based on varying feature combinations. This method allows for an in-depth examination of customer trade-offs when selecting an AI travel assistant, helping to identify the optimal AI design that best meets user needs.

Survey Design and Data Collection

The study follows a structured data collection process using an online survey distributed across multiple social media platforms, including Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, TikTok, and Pinterest. The sampling method employed is non-probability sampling (convenience sampling), targeting users who are actively engaged with AI-powered travel assistance or frequently seek digital travel solutions. The research method used in this study is descriptive and survey-based.

Questionnaire Structure

The Conjoint Analysis Questionnaire consists of three distinct travel scenarios, each simulating a different travel context:

1. **Personalized Travel** – Designed for leisure travelers seeking AI-based personalized recommendations.
2. **Business Travel** – Focused on AI efficiency, real-time support, and productivity-enhancing features.

3. Budget Travel – Prioritizing cost-effectiveness and essential travel assistance functionalities.

Each scenario presents respondents with three AI travel assistant options, each incorporating varying combinations of the nine key attributes:

- Personalization
- Real-time Support
- Transparency & Trust
- Data Security & Privacy
- Ease of Use & Accessibility
- Smart & Relevant Recommendations
- Customer Needs Prediction
- Value Co-Creation
- AI Performance & Reliability

Participants are asked to select the AI travel assistant that best suits their travel needs in each scenario. By analyzing these selections, the study aims to quantify customer preferences and the relative importance of each attribute.

Data Analysis Approach

The sample size for this study consists of 384 respondents, ensuring a sufficiently robust dataset for statistical analysis of user preferences. The data analysis process follows these steps:

1. Preference Distribution Analysis – The percentage of respondents selecting each AI travel assistant option per scenario is calculated to determine the most and least preferred choices.
2. Mean Preference Scores Calculation – The average importance score of each attribute across all respondents is computed to identify which factors have the greatest impact on AI travel assistant selection.
3. Comparative Analysis Across Scenarios – By comparing selection percentages and mean scores across the Personalized Travel, Business Travel, and Budget Travel scenarios, key insights are extracted regarding user priorities under different travel circumstances.

This structured Conjoint Analysis approach allows for the quantification of attribute importance, guiding the development of an optimal AI travel assistant design for Layla.ai users. The following section presents a detailed breakdown of these findings, highlighting the most influential features and their impact on user decision-making.

Scenario 1: Choosing an AI Travel Assistant for Personalized Travel Planning

Imagine you are planning a vacation, and you need an AI travel assistant to help you with recommendations, bookings, and customer support. Below are three different AI assistants with different features. Please select your preferred option.

Feature	Option A	Option B	Option C
Personalization	Recommends general destinations	Provides tailored suggestions based on past trips	Fully personalized based on preferences and past behavior
Real-time Support	Email support (24-48 hours response)	Chatbot with automated responses	Live chat with human + AI assistant 24/7
Transparency & Trust	No clear details on how AI makes decisions	Basic transparency in AI-generated recommendations	Full transparency with user control options
Data Security & Privacy	Shares data with third parties	Data encryption but limited user control	High privacy protection with user-controlled data sharing
Ease of Use & Accessibility	Basic mobile and web interface	User-friendly app with voice command	Fully integrated with voice, AR, and mobile
Smart & Relevant Recommendations	General travel recommendations	AI-driven relevant recommendations	Fully personalized AI travel suggestions
Customer Needs Prediction	Reactive recommendations	AI predicts travel preferences	AI predicts needs and proactively suggests solutions
Value Co-Creation	No interaction with user input	Users can adjust preferences manually	AI learns and adapts continuously based on feedback
Performance & Reliability	AI experiences frequent glitches	AI functions well but has occasional delays	AI is highly reliable and consistently accurate

☒ Which option would you choose?

☐ Option A

☐ Option B

☐ Option C

Scenario 2: AI Travel Assistant for Business Travelers

You frequently travel for business and need an AI assistant that ensures smooth and efficient planning. Below are three AI assistants with different features. Please select your preferred option.

Feature	Option A	Option B	Option C
Personalization	General itinerary recommendations	AI adapts to past business travel patterns	AI optimizes business trips with customized schedules
Real-time Support	Automated FAQ chatbot	AI chatbot with basic query resolution	24/7 AI concierge with business travel support
Transparency & Trust	No detailed insights into AI decisions	Some transparency in AI recommendations	Full transparency with AI decision explanations
Data Security & Privacy	Shares user data with third parties	Basic security measures	Fully encrypted with user control settings
Ease of Use & Accessibility	Web-based service only	Mobile-friendly app	Integrated app with voice and calendar synchronization
Smart & Relevant Recommendations	Suggests random meeting locations	Recommends optimized routes and hotels	Provides highly customized business travel recommendations
Customer Needs Prediction	Requires manual inputs	Predicts business travel needs based on habits	AI proactively books and suggests changes based on live conditions
Value Co-Creation	No input from the user	Allows user feedback to refine suggestions	AI evolves dynamically with ongoing user input
Performance & Reliability	Often crashes during heavy usage	Stable with minor issues	Highly stable, efficient, and accurate

☒ Which option would you choose?

☐ Option A

☐ Option B

☐ Option C

Scenario 3: AI Travel Assistant for Budget Travelers

You are a budget traveler looking for an AI assistant to help you save money while ensuring a good travel experience. Below are three AI assistants with different feature sets. Please select your preferred option.

Feature	Option A	Option B	Option C
Personalization	No personalization	Recommends budget-friendly options	Fully optimized for cost-saving and personal preferences
Real-time Support	Email-only support	Chatbot with delayed responses	Instant chat support for budget travelers
Transparency & Trust	AI-based deals without transparency	Some transparency in pricing	Full transparency with cost breakdown

Feature	Option A	Option B	Option C
Data Security & Privacy	Shares travel preferences with advertisers	Standard data protection measures	High security with user-controlled privacy settings
Ease of Use & Accessibility	Basic website with limited options	Mobile app with some features	Fully integrated app with cost-tracking tools
Smart & Relevant Recommendations	Recommends general low-cost options	Suggests budget-friendly travel alternatives	Finds real-time best travel deals personalized for you
Customer Needs Prediction	Requires constant manual input	AI predicts budget travel preferences	AI optimizes spending and finds best savings opportunities
Value Co-Creation	No interaction with the user	Users can manually adjust budget settings	AI continuously adapts to feedback for better budget planning
Performance & Reliability	AI sometimes provides outdated deals	Works well but updates slowly	Provides real-time, up-to-date budget travel options

☒ Which option would you choose?

☐ Option A

☐ Option B

☐ Option C

Analysis of Conjoint Analysis Results for AI Travel Assistants

Overview of Scenario Results

The summarized analysis of customer choices across different travel scenarios reveals distinct preferences for AI travel assistants.

In Scenario 1 (Personalized Travel), the most preferred option was Option C (Highly Personalized AI), selected by approximately 45% of respondents, followed by Option B (Moderate Personalization with AI Adaptability) at 35%, while Option A (Basic Personalization and Support) was the least favored at 20%. These findings indicate that travelers seeking personalization prioritize AI-driven recommendations, proactive needs prediction, and real-time AI-human support.

In Scenario 2 (Business Travel), Option B (Efficient AI for Business Travel Planning) emerged as the most popular choice at 40%, with Option C (Highly Automated AI Assistant with Predictive Features) closely following at 35%, while Option A (Basic AI with Limited Predictive Capabilities) was the least preferred at 25%. Business travelers value AI reliability, optimization for business

trips, and seamless integration with travel tools, with a preference for a balanced approach between automation and user control (Option B) over full automation (Option C).

Lastly, in Scenario 3 (Budget Travel), Option C (Cost-Optimized AI with Proactive Budget Suggestions) was the most selected at 40%, while Options A and B had nearly equal selections at 30% each. Budget travelers prioritize AI capabilities that help maximize savings, provide transparent pricing, and actively monitor travel deals to ensure cost-effective travel planning.

Analysis of Scenario Results Based on Mean Preference Scores

Using the mean preference scores for each AI travel assistant attribute, we can refine the interpretation of customer choices beyond percentage-based selection. The results from the conjoint analysis survey indicate key factors that influenced preferences in each scenario.

In Scenario 1: Personalized Travel, the Highly Personalized AI Assistant (Option C) received the highest mean score (3.09), followed closely by Moderate Personalization with AI Adaptability (Option B) at 3.07, while Basic Personalization and Support (Option A) had the lowest mean score (2.95). The most influential factor was Smart & Relevant Recommendations (Mean = 3.09), emphasizing that travelers highly value AI-driven, tailored suggestions. Real-time Support (Mean = 3.07) ranked second, highlighting the importance of instant AI-human assistance. AI Performance & Reliability (Mean = 3.05) also played a critical role, demonstrating the need for consistent and dependable AI functionality. Additionally, Customer Needs Prediction (Mean = 3.03) indicated that travelers appreciate AI that can proactively anticipate their preferences, while Value Co-Creation (Mean = 3.01) suggested that users prefer AI that adapts based on their feedback, making interactions more dynamic and personalized. Overall, the insights reveal that travelers seeking personalization prioritize AI systems that offer intelligent recommendations, real-time support, and proactive need prediction over factors like transparency and security, which were deemed less influential compared to AI efficiency and personalization.

In Scenario 2: Business Travel, the most preferred AI assistant was Option B (Efficient AI for Business Travel Planning) with a mean score of 3.07, followed by Option C (Highly Automated AI Assistant with Predictive Features) at 3.03, while Option A (Basic AI with Limited Predictive Capabilities) had the lowest score (2.95). The most influential factor was Real-time Support (Mean = 3.07), highlighting that business travelers require 24/7, immediate assistance for seamless travel management. Smart & Relevant Recommendations (Mean = 3.09) remained a top priority, reflecting the need for optimized travel routes, meeting location suggestions, and trip efficiency. AI Performance & Reliability (Mean = 3.05) was also crucial, indicating that business travelers depend on a stable and functional AI assistant to prevent disruptions. Customer Needs Prediction (Mean = 3.03) further emphasized that business users prefer AI systems that can anticipate their requirements rather than requiring manual inputs. However, Value Co-Creation (Mean = 3.01) was ranked lower compared to personal travelers, suggesting that business users prioritize automation and optimization over extensive customization. Overall, business travelers value efficiency, real-time support, and AI reliability, with less emphasis on interactive customization (Value Co-Creation). Unlike personal travelers, their focus is on stable, accurate, and predictive AI functionalities that streamline business-related travel tasks.

In Scenario 3: Budget Travel, the most preferred AI assistant was Option C (Cost-Optimized AI with Proactive Budget Suggestions) with a mean score of 3.03, while Options A and B received equal selection, both scoring 3.00. The most influential factor was Smart & Relevant Recommendations (Mean = 3.09), indicating that budget travelers highly value AI that can identify the best deals and savings opportunities. Customer Needs Prediction (Mean = 3.03) was also crucial, as these travelers prefer AI that can proactively track price changes and find real-time discounts. Compared to other scenarios, Transparency & Trust (Mean = 2.95) held slightly higher importance, as budget-conscious users require full visibility into pricing and AI-based deals. Data Security & Privacy (Mean = 2.96) showed moderate importance, reflecting the expectation that AI should balance personalization with strong data protection measures. Ease of Use & Accessibility (Mean = 3.00) remained a relevant factor, as budget travelers need an intuitive and user-friendly interface to simplify cost-tracking. Overall, budget travelers prioritize AI functionalities that maximize savings, ensure transparent pricing, and actively monitor travel deals. Unlike business travelers, they place greater emphasis on proactive price tracking and transparency over AI performance alone.

Overall Insights and Strategic Implications

By using mean preference scores instead of just percentages, we gain a deeper understanding of why certain AI travel assistant options were preferred in each scenario:

- Smart & Relevant Recommendations consistently ranked as the most critical factor across all three scenarios (Mean = 3.09).
→ Layla.ai should focus on AI-driven travel suggestions, optimizing route planning, and providing relevant recommendations.
- Real-time Support (Mean = 3.07) was highly valued, particularly for business travelers.
→ AI travel assistants must offer immediate, 24/7 support, with both chatbot automation and human assistance.
- AI Performance & Reliability (Mean = 3.05) was important across all scenarios.
→ Ensuring stability, minimal errors, and high-speed AI processing will increase user trust and satisfaction.
- Customer Needs Prediction (Mean = 3.03) was essential, particularly for budget travelers.
→ AI must proactively anticipate user needs, whether for cost savings (budget travelers) or optimized scheduling (business travelers).
- Value Co-Creation (Mean = 3.01) mattered most in personalized travel but less in business travel.
→ AI assistants should offer interactive and adaptive features for leisure travelers but more automation for business users.

- Transparency & Trust (Mean = 2.95) was more important for budget travelers.
→ AI models must clearly explain pricing structures, cost breakdowns, and avoid hidden fees.
- Data Security & Privacy (Mean = 2.96) was moderately important but more valued by business travelers.
→ AI travel assistants should implement strong encryption, ensure data protection, and give users control over data sharing.
→ Business travelers, in particular, require high levels of security due to the sensitive nature of business travel data.
- Ease of Use & Accessibility (Mean = 3.00) was important for all users, particularly for budget travelers.
→ AI systems should feature intuitive interfaces, seamless navigation, and cross-platform compatibility (mobile, desktop, and voice assistants).
→ Budget travelers prefer AI assistants that simplify cost tracking and offer user-friendly booking experiences.
- Personalization (Mean = 2.95) was essential in personalized travel but less critical in business and budget travel.
→ AI assistants should offer dynamic personalization, adjusting recommendations based on past behaviors and preferences.
→ While leisure travelers prioritize deep personalization, business and budget travelers focus more on efficiency, automation, and cost-effectiveness.

These insights confirm that AI travel assistants should balance personalization, security, usability, and transparency based on their target audience's needs.

Attribute	Mean Preference Score
Smart & Relevant Recommendations	3.094
Real-time Support	3.070
AI Travel Assistant Performance & Reliability	3.057
Customer Needs Prediction	3.034
Value Co-Creation	3.016
Ease of Use & Accessibility	3.005
Data Security & Privacy	2.961
Transparency & Trust	2.958
Personalization	2.956

Discussion and Conclusion

The findings from this Conjoint Analysis provide key insights into how travelers prioritize different attributes when selecting AI travel assistants. The results indicate that AI travel assistants must be intelligent, reliable, and capable of real-time, interactive support to effectively cater to diverse traveler needs.

Key Findings and Strategic Implications for Layla.ai

1. Personalized Travelers:

- Seek smart AI-driven recommendations and real-time support.
- Expect AI assistants to provide context-aware, proactive, and tailored travel experiences.

2. Business Travelers:

- Prioritize efficiency, reliability, and seamless AI integration with business tools.
- Require stable AI performance to avoid disruptions and optimize scheduling.

3. Budget Travelers:

- Demand cost-saving AI tools that offer transparent pricing and proactive price tracking.
- Prefer AI that helps them find real-time deals and budget optimization strategies.

By leveraging these insights, AI travel assistants like Layla.ai can develop customized solutions tailored to different traveler segments, ultimately enhancing customer satisfaction and competitive advantage in the market.

Summary of Key Findings

Attribute	Personalized Travel (Scenario 1)	Business Travel (Scenario 2)	Budget Travel (Scenario 3)	Overall Importance
Smart & Relevant Recommendations	Highly Preferred	Highly Preferred	Highly Preferred	Most Important
Real-time Support	Very Important	Essential	Important	Top 3 Factor
AI Performance & Reliability	Important	Essential	Important	Top 3 Factor
Customer Needs Prediction	Important	Very Important	Very Important	High Importance

Attribute	Personalized Travel (Scenario 1)	Business Travel (Scenario 2)	Budget Travel (Scenario 3)	Overall Importance
Value Co-Creation	Very Important	Important	Important	High Importance
Ease of Use & Accessibility	Important	Essential	Important	Medium Importance
Data Security & Privacy	Medium Importance	Very Important	Important	Medium Importance
Transparency & Trust	Medium Importance	Medium Importance	Very Important	Medium Importance
Personalization	Essential	Very Important	Important	Medium Importance

Strategic Recommendations for Layla.ai

1. Enhancing AI Capabilities for Different Traveler Segments

- For personalized travelers → Invest in deep personalization, AI adaptability, and interactive recommendations to provide highly customized experiences.
- For business travelers → Focus on efficiency, AI-predicted scheduling, and seamless integration with business tools to enhance productivity.
- For budget travelers → Develop transparent cost-saving tools and AI-driven budget optimization features that proactively track price fluctuations.

2. Strengthening AI Stability and Performance

- Layla.ai should ensure consistent AI reliability by reducing errors, inefficiencies, and downtime to build long-term user trust.

3. Implementing a Human+AI Hybrid Support Model

- Combining real-time AI-powered responses with human assistance can improve user experience, particularly for business travelers who need immediate and reliable support.

4. Addressing Privacy & Transparency Concerns

- While data security and transparency were not the highest-ranked attributes, users still expect a baseline level of security. Layla.ai can stand out by emphasizing ethical AI practices, clear data policies, and user-controlled privacy settings.

Comparison with Previous Research

The findings from this study align with existing research on AI-powered travel assistants:

1. Personalization and Smart Recommendations
 - Previous studies suggest that AI can enhance travel experiences by analyzing past user data and preferences (mpost.io, 2024).
 - This supports Scenario 1 findings, where travelers highly valued AI-driven personalization and intelligent recommendations.
2. Real-Time Support and AI Assistance
 - Research highlights that virtual travel assistants significantly improve traveler experiences by providing instant support (eligasht.com, 2023).
 - This aligns with Scenario 2 findings, where business travelers emphasized the need for fast, efficient AI support.
3. Transparency and Trust in AI
 - Studies indicate that AI's ability to analyze customer data and predict behavior makes transparency a critical factor in adoption (shanbemag.com, 2024).
 - This corresponds with Scenario 3 findings, where budget travelers prioritized transparent pricing and proactive budget optimization.

Final Thoughts

The study confirms that the most effective AI travel assistants will be those that:

1. Make intelligent, relevant, and proactive recommendations to improve trip planning.
2. Offer efficient, stable, and reliable AI assistance, particularly for business travelers.
3. Provide real-time, interactive support to reduce friction in travel management.
4. Maintain transparency in pricing and cost management, especially for budget-conscious users.

By implementing these strategic improvements, Layla.ai can enhance its AI travel assistant capabilities, cater to diverse traveler needs, and secure a strong competitive position in the evolving AI-driven tourism industry.

Practical Recommendations

1. Develop Advanced AI Recommendation Systems

Implementing machine learning algorithms to analyze customer data and provide personalized travel suggestions will improve the user experience.

2. Enhance Real-Time AI Support

Deploying AI-powered chatbots and voice assistants for 24/7 support can significantly boost customer satisfaction.

3. Increase Transparency in AI-Generated Information

Providing clear and detailed information on pricing, conditions, and AI-generated suggestions can increase trust among travelers.

4. Focus on Data Security

Since privacy and security are major concerns, ensuring secure storage and processing of customer data is essential.

5. Integrate AI Assistants with Multiple Platforms

Developing AI travel assistants that integrate with various platforms (web, mobile apps, and social media) can enhance accessibility and usability.

These recommendations can help improve traveler experience and increase customer satisfaction when using AI-powered travel assistants in the tourism industry.

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