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THE 2025 IGLTA GLOBAL CONVENTION OVERVIEW

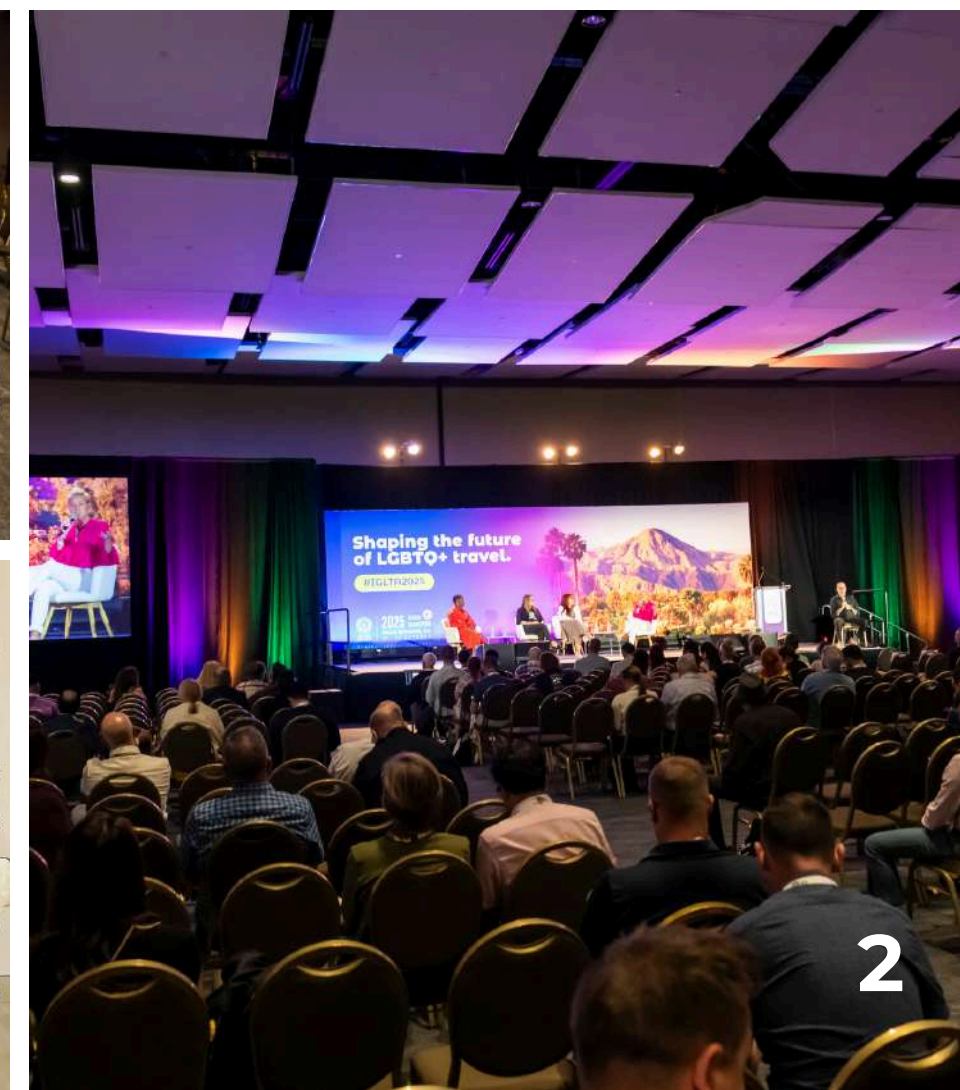
The IGLTA Global Convention is the premier event in LGBTQ+ tourism, renowned for its dedication to inclusivity, education, and empowerment. Held in Palm Springs, California (21–25 October 2025), **this year's Convention welcomed 750 attendees representing 30 countries and territories across six continents, with 465 companies present.**

This vibrant gathering united sponsors, industry leaders, and allies to promote travel as a powerful force for cultural understanding and acceptance, with Palm Springs providing an iconic backdrop for global LGBTQ+ advocacy. As the world's leading educational and networking event for LGBTQ+ tourism professionals, the Convention fosters a global community committed to innovation, inclusivity, and connection.

The 2025 edition featured strong representation from North America, followed by Europe and Asia & Middle East. Delegates also joined from South America, Africa, and Australia & Pacific, reflecting its truly international reach. Programming engaged **66 media representatives** and a **robust two-day Marketplace with 113 qualified buyers and 115 suppliers**, generating valuable partnerships and business opportunities.

This diverse gathering of travel professionals and stakeholders reaffirmed IGLTA's mission to enable authentic travel that enriches lives and connects the global LGBTQ+ community.

The 2025 Convention laid the foundation for meaningful collaborations that will continue to shape the future of LGBTQ+ travel worldwide.

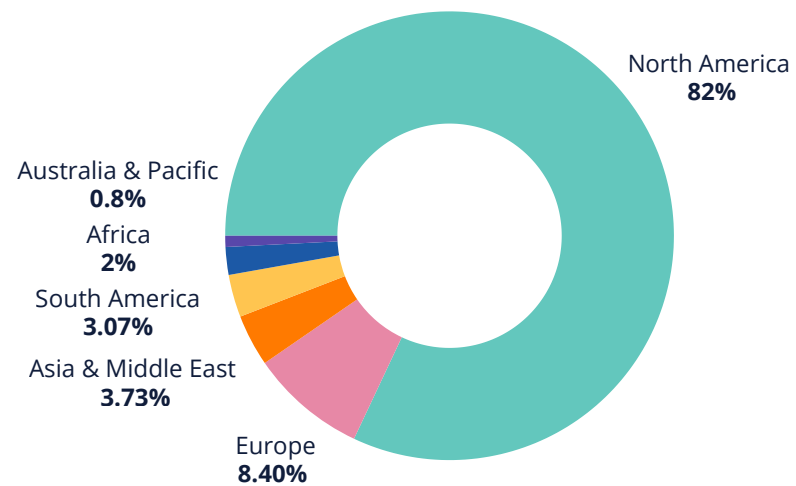




TRAVEL

30 countries and territories

By region



750 attendees

Record-breaking, this was the largest IGLTA Global Convention in history!



LEARN

5 main stage presentations and panels

11 breakout sessions

Key topics:

- LGBTQ+ travel trends and insights.
- Branding and marketing to LGBTQ+ travelers
- Leadership and strategy for a changing travel landscape



CONNECT

30 Networking opportunities, including: First Time Attendees; Women in Leadership, LGBTQ+ Tourism Expo, Buyer/Supplier Marketplace

The Buyer/Supplier Marketplace had 113 pre-qualified buyers representing nearly **US\$706.75 million total buying power** & **US\$156.57 million LGBTQ+ travel buying power**, who met with 115 suppliers in a total of **3,485 scheduled appointments**.

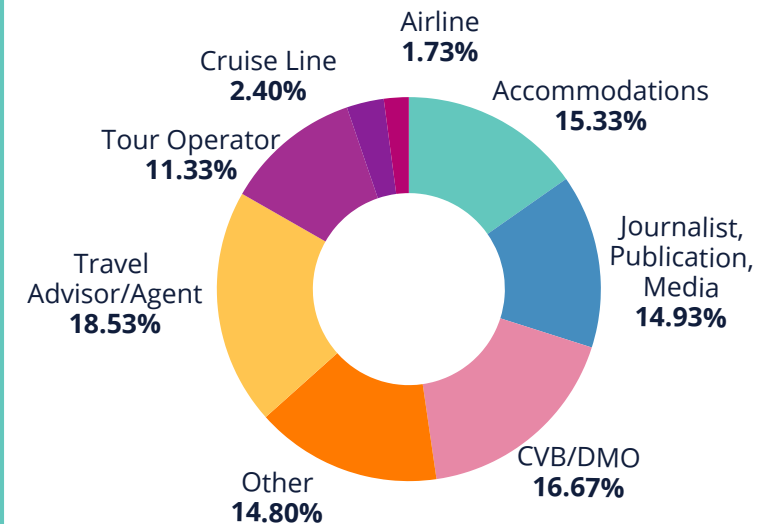


Attendees demographics

Level of decision making

54% Executive Level **26%** Mid Level **20%** Other

Business Type



43% First time attendees



57% Repeat attendees



28 sponsors

Business Type

- Technology
- Travel & Hospitality
- Financial Services
- Government
- Destinations
- Travel Insurance Providers

465 LGBTQ+ welcoming business

66 media outlets, influencers freelancers and

36 LGBTQ+ Tourism Expo Exhibitors

20 Think Tank Global Leaders

MEDIA COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS

66 media outlets, freelancers, and influencers from 8 countries and 26 different cities.

Media Networking Reception

Hosted at the Hilton Palm Springs, this was a gathering of influential travel writers and content creators from across the globe.

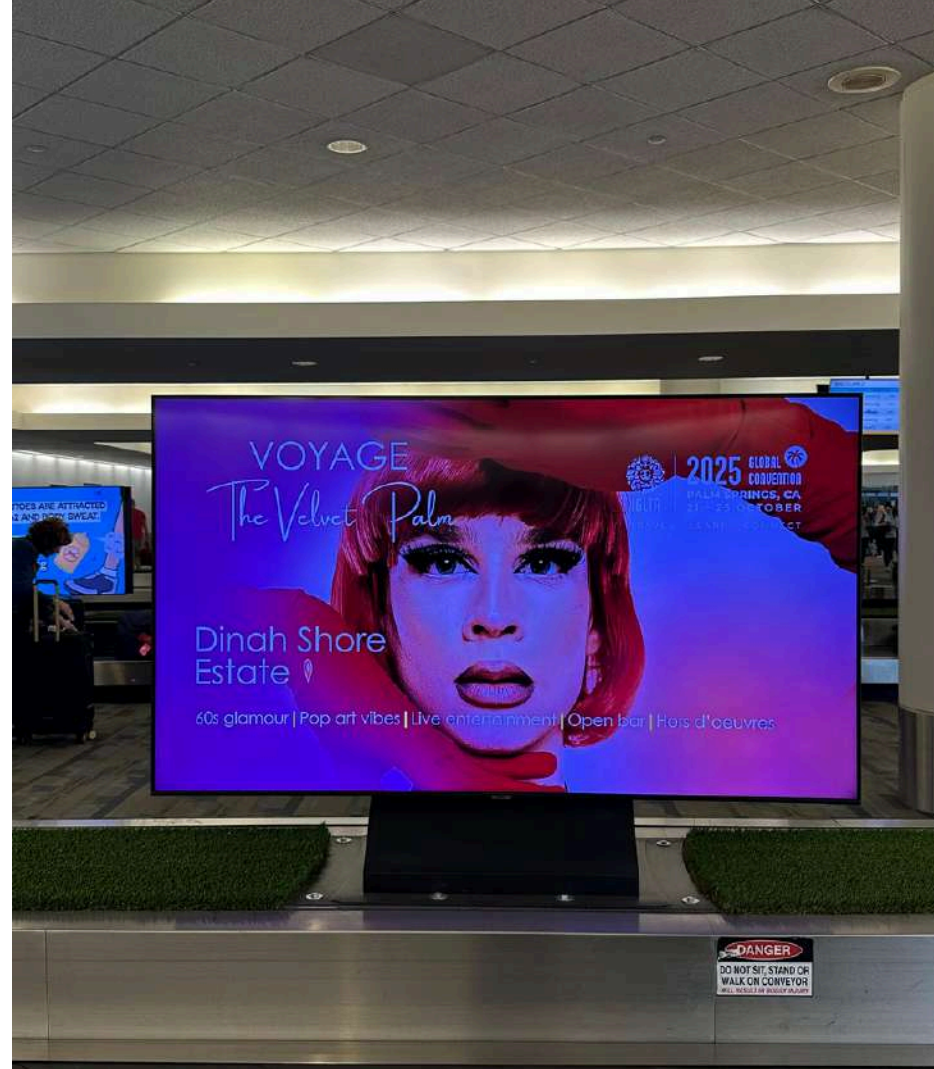
Media Networking Event

The Media Networking Event is an important moment for media professionals to create direct connections with convention attendees. The event featured 26 travel writers and influencers exhibitors, amplifying LGBTQ+ inclusive media brands on a global scale.

Media Prize Drawing

Swissôtel Nankai Osaka was the winner of this year's Media Networking Prize valued at US\$46,000!





PALM SPRINGS VISIBILITY

In collaboration with **Visit Greater Palm Springs and local partners**, the city celebrated the arrival of the IGLTA Global Convention with a vibrant out-of-home visibility campaign in the host destination.

Branded signage, digital billboards, and hospitality activations welcomed delegates throughout the city: from Palm Springs International Airport to downtown venues and partner hotels.

This joint initiative showcased Palm Springs' deep-rooted commitment to LGBTQ+ inclusion and its legacy as one of the world's most iconic queer destinations.

The campaign not only elevated the Convention's presence locally but also reinforced the city's leadership in promoting diversity, visibility, and pride in travel.

RENAISSANCE PALM SPRINGS HOTEL VISIBILITY

The Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel, part of the Marriott International family of brands – a proud IGLTA Global Partner, served as the official host venue for the 2025 IGLTA Global Convention, offering a welcoming and inclusive environment that reflected the spirit of the event. Delegates were greeted by the hotel's iconic palm-lined walkway and open-air entrance, which became a natural gathering point throughout the week.

Inside, the Renaissance emphasized accessibility and comfort through gender-inclusive restrooms, multilingual signage, and a staff team trained to ensure that every guest felt respected and supported.

The property's layout and atmosphere fostered connection, encouraging spontaneous networking and moments of community in shared spaces such as the lobby, pool area, and convention foyer.



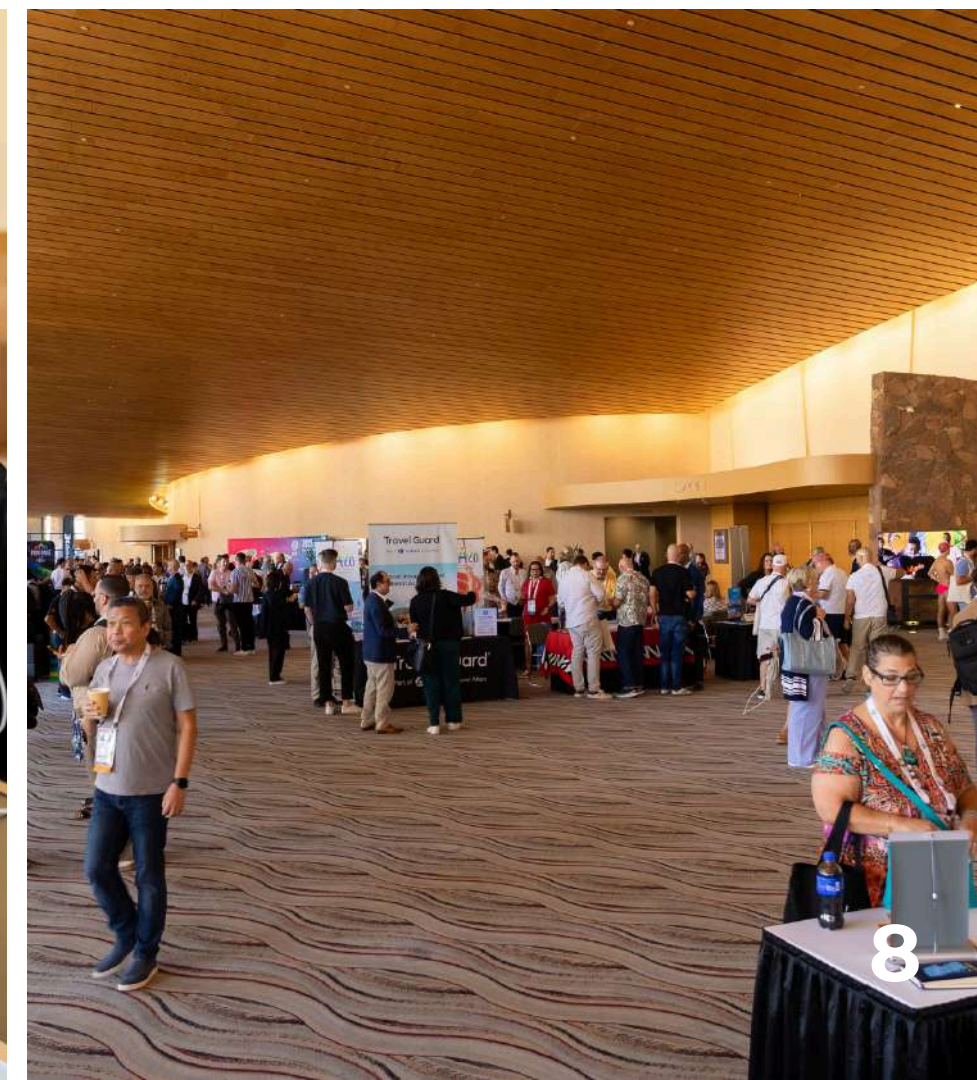
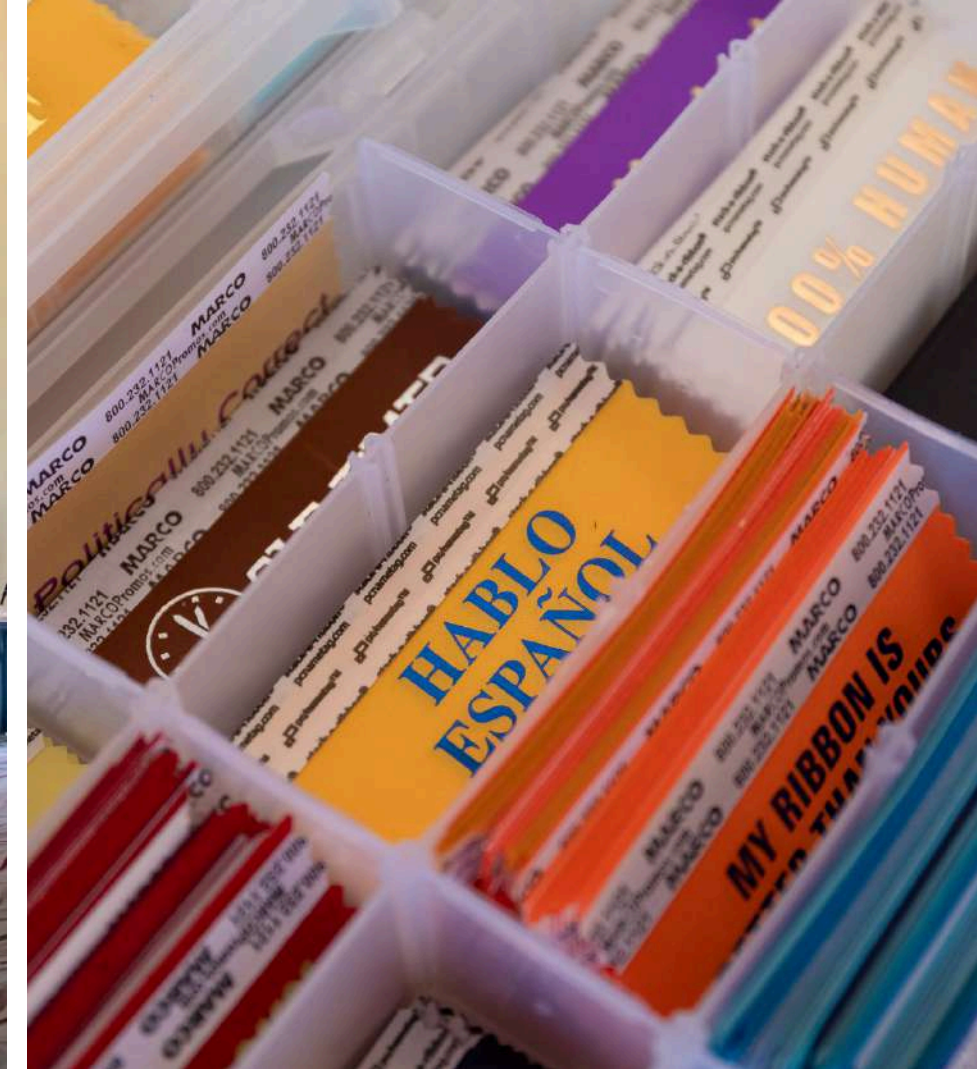
REGISTRATION AREA VISIBILITY

The Convention Registration Area served as a vibrant hub of activity at the IGLTA 2025 Global Convention in Palm Springs.

Conveniently located next to the LGBTQ+ Tourism Expo, the space welcomed attendees with promotional banners, colorful badge ribbons, and digital meter boards providing ongoing logo visibility for partners and sponsors.

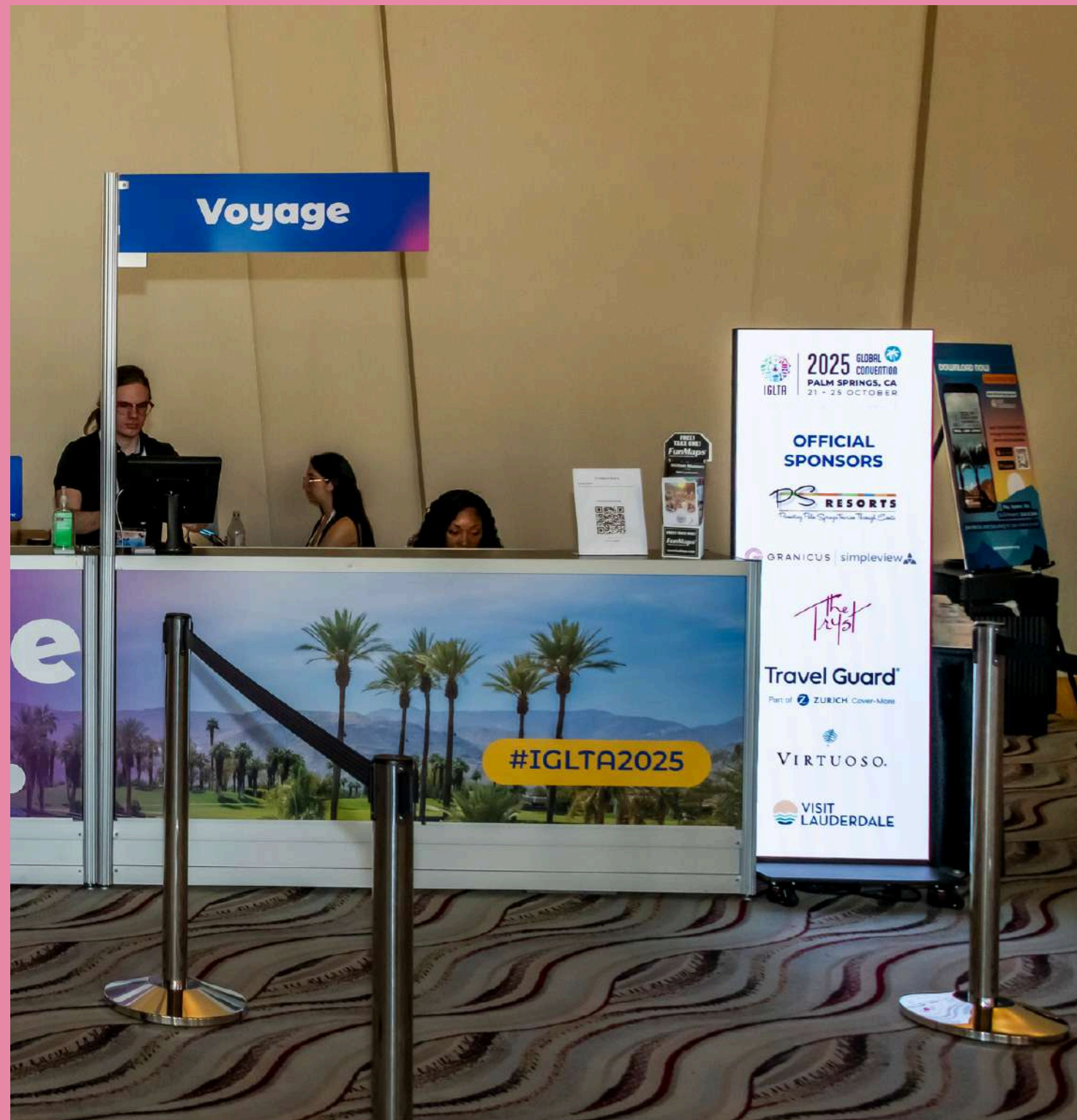
A dedicated screen showcased promotional videos from the Expo's headline sponsors, creating an engaging and dynamic atmosphere.

Thanks to Cvent's efficient registration system and the always-available IGLTA staff, the check-in process was smooth and fast. This high-visibility area not only provided a seamless start to the convention experience but also offered valuable exposure opportunities for exhibitors and sponsors alike.



SPONSOR VISIBILITY

Digital Meter Boards in the registration area highlighted sponsor and partner logos, providing ongoing visibility in one of the most frequented areas of the convention.



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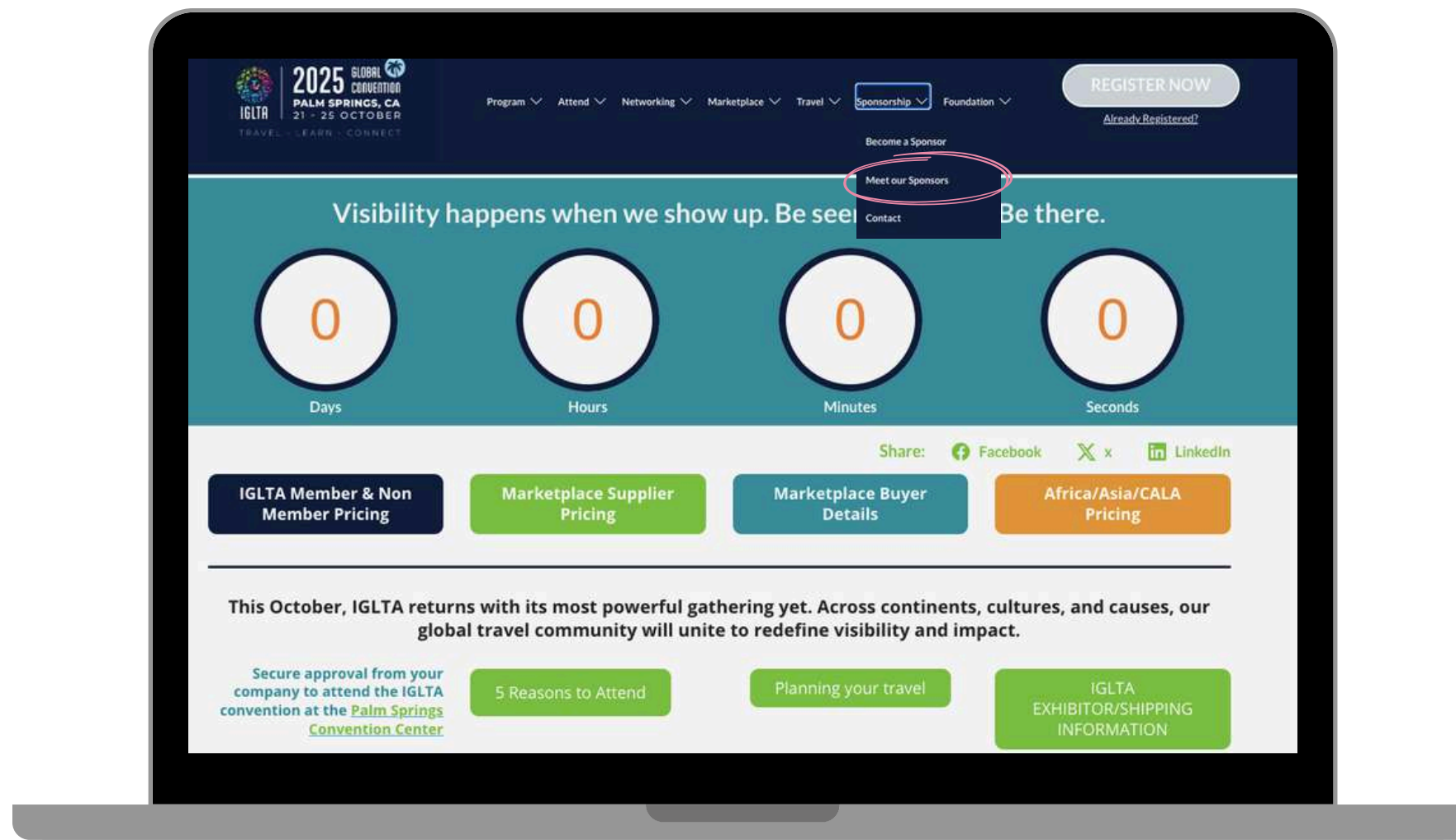
Dedicated **step-and-repeat backdrops** were displayed in the registration area to provide enhanced logo visibility for Sponsors and Global Partners. These areas quickly became a hotspot for attendee photos, amplifying brand exposure throughout the event.

Additionally, **window clings** enhanced the hallway leading from the host hotel to the Convention Center, offering premium visibility for our presenting sponsors in a high-traffic space.



Beyond on-site branding, logos for both Sponsors and Global Partners were also featured on the convention website for several months leading up to the event, showcased prominently under the “Meet Our Sponsors” section.

This online presence played a significant role in elevating brand recognition, as digital visibility allowed partners to reach attendees, industry professionals, and prospective delegates long before the convention began, extending the impact of their sponsorships well beyond the event itself.





OPENING RECEPTION

The Opening Reception of the IGLTA 2025 Global Convention delivered an unforgettable welcome to Palm Springs, **gathering delegates from around the world in a vibrant celebration of community and creativity.**

Held outdoors beside the Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel, the evening embraced the city's unmistakable spirit, with perfect weather and an atmosphere that encouraged connection from the very first moment.

Guests enjoyed a **lively DJ set, joyful drag queen performances, and a curated selection of local food trucks**, including the iconic Brandini Toffee, Palm Springs' sweetest success story. A variety of delicious regional dishes, treats, and handcrafted bites offered attendees a true taste of Southern California.

Interactive activations, such as live painting, photography experiences, and creative engagement stations added a playful, immersive dimension to the night, inviting delegates to express themselves and capture meaningful memories.

The Opening Reception radiated the welcoming essence of Palm Springs: inclusive, warm, artistic, and full of life. It set an inspiring tone for the days ahead, reinforcing IGLTA's commitment to celebrating diversity and advancing LGBTQ+ travel worldwide.



Hosted by:



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BUYER/SUPPLIER MARKETPLACE

The 2025 IGLTA Buyer/Supplier Marketplace, **sponsored by Visit California**, achieved record-breaking results, setting a new benchmark for business engagement in LGBTQ+ tourism. Notably, this was the **first time the Marketplace was hosted as a two-day event**, a format that proved highly successful by allowing for deeper connections, increased meeting opportunities, and stronger business outcomes, laying a solid foundation for continuing the two-day Marketplace in 2026.

This year's Marketplace facilitated **3,485 appointments between 113 qualified buyers and 115 global suppliers, representing a combined buyer selling power of US\$706.75 million, a 20.3% increase over the previous three-year average.**

Within that total, LGBTQ+ travel sales reached US\$156.57 million, marking a 9% increase and reaffirming the growing economic influence of the LGBTQ+ travel sector.

Compared to the 2022–2024 average (Milan, San Juan, Osaka), **Palm Springs 2025 outperformed across all major indicators, with appointments up 164%, buyers up 47%, and suppliers up 64%**, a powerful reflection of IGLTA's expanding global reach and member engagement.

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ACTIVATIONS HAPPENING DURING THE MARKETPLACE

Visit California partnered with **six destination partners** to bring creative, high-energy activations to the IGLTA Marketplace, transforming the space into an immersive celebration of California's diversity and culture. Across both days of the Marketplace, attendees enjoyed fun, interactive experiences that not only added excitement to the event but also provided meaningful visibility for each participating California city.

Each destination showcased its unique personality through curated, hands-on activations:

- **Mammoth Lakes** delighted attendees with a S'mores Trail Mix Station, blending outdoor adventure with sweet California nostalgia.
- **San Diego** offered a custom trucker hat station, giving guests a stylish, beach-ready souvenir.
- **Pasadena** brought a refreshing boba bar, highlighting the city's diverse culinary scene.
- **Berkeley** created bespoke embroidered bags, reflecting its artistic, maker-driven community.
- **San Francisco** impressed with engraved chopsticks, a nod to the city's rich cultural heritage.
- **Palm Springs** captivated attendees with aura photos, perfectly aligned with its wellness-forward desert vibe.

VOYAGE – THE IGLTA FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Voyage, the annual IGLTA Foundation fundraiser, took place at the iconic Dinah Shore Estate in Palm Springs, transforming the evening into The Velvet Palm, a celebration of mid-century glamour with a purpose. **Made possible by Airbnb, Visit Greater Palm Springs, and Travel Guard**, the event brought together LGBTQ+ professionals, allies, and friends from around the world to support the Foundation’s mission of advancing global LGBTQ+ education, research, and leadership.

Guests enjoyed an unforgettable night of elegance and entertainment, including a captivating aquatic dance performance by local artists that became one of the evening’s highlights. Under the stars of Palm Springs, Voyage 2025 embodied the spirit of unity, creativity, and philanthropy that defines the IGLTA Foundation, **raising more than US\$120,000 to support global LGBTQ+ education, research, and the next generation of industry leaders.**

Attendees selected from four exclusive ticket tiers: Standard, The Chiffon Club, The Silk Club and The Velvet Club. Each tier offered unique benefits and experiences, with higher levels contributing further to the Foundation’s impactful programs.

Voyage 2025 highlighted IGLTA’s ongoing commitment to fostering a more inclusive world and left a lasting impression on all who attended.

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PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER

We extend our deepest gratitude to the **Palm Springs Convention Center** for their exceptional partnership and unwavering support in bringing the IGLTA Global Convention to life. Their dedicated team worked tirelessly alongside our staff, providing attentive service, seamless coordination, and thoughtful care at every step of the process.

From logistical planning to on-site execution, the Convention Center's commitment to excellence ensured that our attendees, speakers, and partners experienced a welcoming, world-class environment throughout the event. Their collaboration played an essential role in creating a smooth, successful, and memorable convention for our global community.

We are sincerely thankful for their professionalism, generosity, and the warm hospitality that embodies Palm Springs.

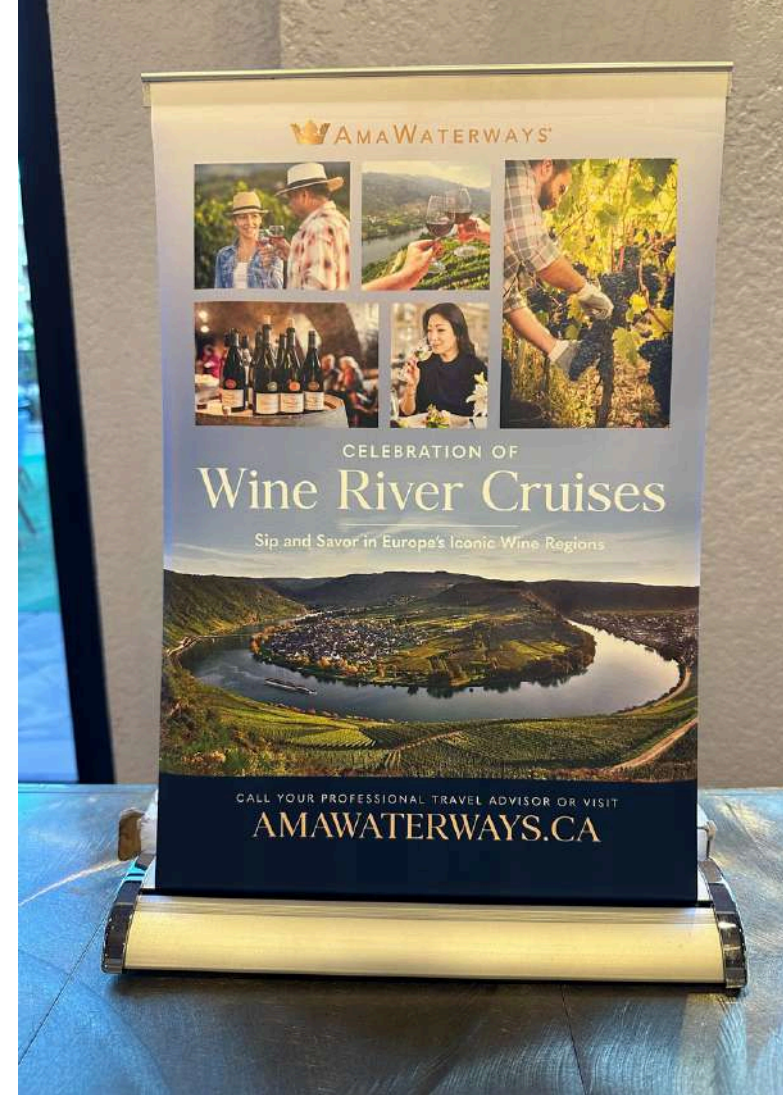


BUYERS RECEPTION

AmaWaterways hosted a special reception for the Marketplace buyers, creating a relaxed and enjoyable setting for networking after a productive day of business meetings. The gathering offered buyers the chance to connect with one another, build new relationships, and unwind in a fun, social atmosphere.

As a **valued sponsor, AmaWaterways** provided a warm and welcoming experience that strengthened community connections and added a memorable touch to the Marketplace program.

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VIP RECEPTION

Presented by American Express Travel and hosted by the Parker Palm Springs, the VIP Reception at the 2025 IGLTA Global Convention delivered an exceptional, luxury experience for Global Partners, sponsors, local dignitaries, and select VIP guests. Curated with the sophistication and premium touch that define American Express Travel, the evening featured craft cocktails, elevated bites, and a refined atmosphere that perfectly aligned with the brand's reputation for high-end travel and exclusive experiences.

Set within the Gene Autry Residence, part of the Parker Palm Springs, one of the most luxurious and exclusive hotels in Palm Springs, the event immersed attendees in an iconic space known for its elegance, privacy, and mid-century charm. **Kelly Teo (he/him); Director of Commercial Strategy**, welcomed guests and shared the history of the Gene Autry Residence, adding a personal and meaningful touch to the experience.

More than a social gathering, this high-level reception celebrated the partners and supporters who help drive IGLTA's mission forward. The partnership with American Express Travel enhanced the prestige of the evening, making it one of the signature luxury moments of the convention.

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A memorable moment of the evening was the surprise celebration honoring Delta Air Lines' 100th anniversary, recognizing the airline's century-long leadership in aviation, nearly 20 years of partnership with IGLTA, and its strategic alignment with American Express. This milestone was marked with a special cake-cutting ceremony featuring **Shannon Szoke (she/her), Director of Specialty Sales at Delta and newly appointed member of the IGLTA Board of Directors.**



WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP RECEPTION

Women and non-binary attendees were invited to network and build meaningful connections at the Women in Leadership Networking Reception, held in the Boulders Terrace at the Convention Center.

Sponsored by Booking.com for the fourth consecutive year, the reception offered a welcoming, safe, and supportive space for attendees to engage with one another and share experiences. This year, Booking.com brought the co-founders of the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center: Ann Marie Gothard (she/her) and Diana Rodriguez (she/her), adding a unique and inspiring perspective to the event.

The reception's continued success highlights the growing demand for dedicated spaces where women and non-binary individuals can connect, collaborate, and empower each other within the travel industry.



Sponsored by: Booking.com



Booking.com, a Founding Partner of the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center, also hosted a breakout session titled “What Stonewall Means Today: A Conversation with Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center,” highlighting the center’s work.

The session featured the co-founders and curator, offering insights on preserving the Stonewall legacy, building global partnerships, working with media, and creating inclusive LGBTQ+ spaces.



Ann Marie Gothard
Co-Founder
The Stonewall National Monu...



Diana Rodriguez
Co-Founder/ CEO
The Stonewall National Monu...



Mark Segal PhD
Award-winning journalist, Aut...
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BADGE LANYARDS

Sponsored by Travel Guard, the official badge lanyards for the IGLTA 2025 Global Convention delivered consistent brand visibility across the event. Each attendee received a branded lanyard, underscoring Travel Guard's commitment to safe, inclusive, and confident travel for the LGBTQ+ community.



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IMPACT AWARD

The 2025 Impact Award **presented with support from Destination Toronto**, recognizes initiatives that advance the sustainable and responsible development of tourism. This award reflects a holistic view of sustainability, one that considers its social, environmental, and economic dimensions and the ways these efforts strengthen our entire industry.

Each year at the IGLTA Global Convention, the award honors a smaller, independent IGLTA business member whose work demonstrates excellence across three key pillars of sustainability: Environment, Community, Diversity and Inclusion identified by IGLTAF.

Responsible Travel South America was the recipient of the 2025 Impact Award. They joined us in Palm Springs, where they shared their insights and best practices with our global community. We celebrated their achievements and highlighted the meaningful contributions they bring to the future of responsible LGBTQ+ travel.

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THINK TANK

The IGLTA Foundation Leadership Think Tank, presented by Simpleview and held at the Agua Caliente Museum brought together senior leaders from across the global travel industry to explore strategies for advancing LGBTQ+ inclusion in the workplace and beyond.

This invitation-only session, moderated by Zoe Moore (she/her, Founder, Moore Consulting Agency; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Strategist) and Danny Guerrero (he/him, Founder/CEO of The Culturist Group), featured dynamic conversations with executives from leading organizations, including American Airlines, a new IGLTA Global Partner.

Together, participants examined real-world challenges and opportunities for fostering safer, more equitable environments for LGBTQ+ employees and travelers. The IGLTA Foundation will publish a report with key takeaways from the conversation for the industry.

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PAWS FOR PRIDE

For the first time in IGLTA Convention history, attendees were invited to experience **“Paws for Pride,”** a heartwarming pet-petting event in partnership with the **Palm Springs Animal Shelter.**

The activation featured adorable dogs, plenty of cuddles, and even adoption opportunities for those looking to give a furry friend a forever home. **Sponsored by Travel Guard,** the event added a playful and feel-good touch to the convention, celebrating compassion, community, and the joy that pets bring to our lives.

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PANEL SESSION

During Thursday's General Session, **Virtuoso sponsored** a featured panel titled "Leading Through Uncertainty," bringing valuable perspective to one of the convention's key conversations.

Before the discussion began, **Javier Guillermo (he/him), Director of Global Alliances at Virtuoso**, offered brief remarks to introduce the session and highlight the importance of leadership, adaptability, and collaboration within the evolving landscape of LGBTQ+ travel.

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CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

During the Closing Session, the panel “Innovative & Irresistible: Building a Brand for LGBTQ+ Travelers” highlighted forward-thinking approaches to brand development within the LGBTQ+ travel market.

The session featured the participation of **Tristan Schukraft (he/him), CEO & Founder of Tryst Hotels**, IGLTA’s newest Global Partner, whose insights underscored the growing demand for authentic, community-focused hospitality experiences.

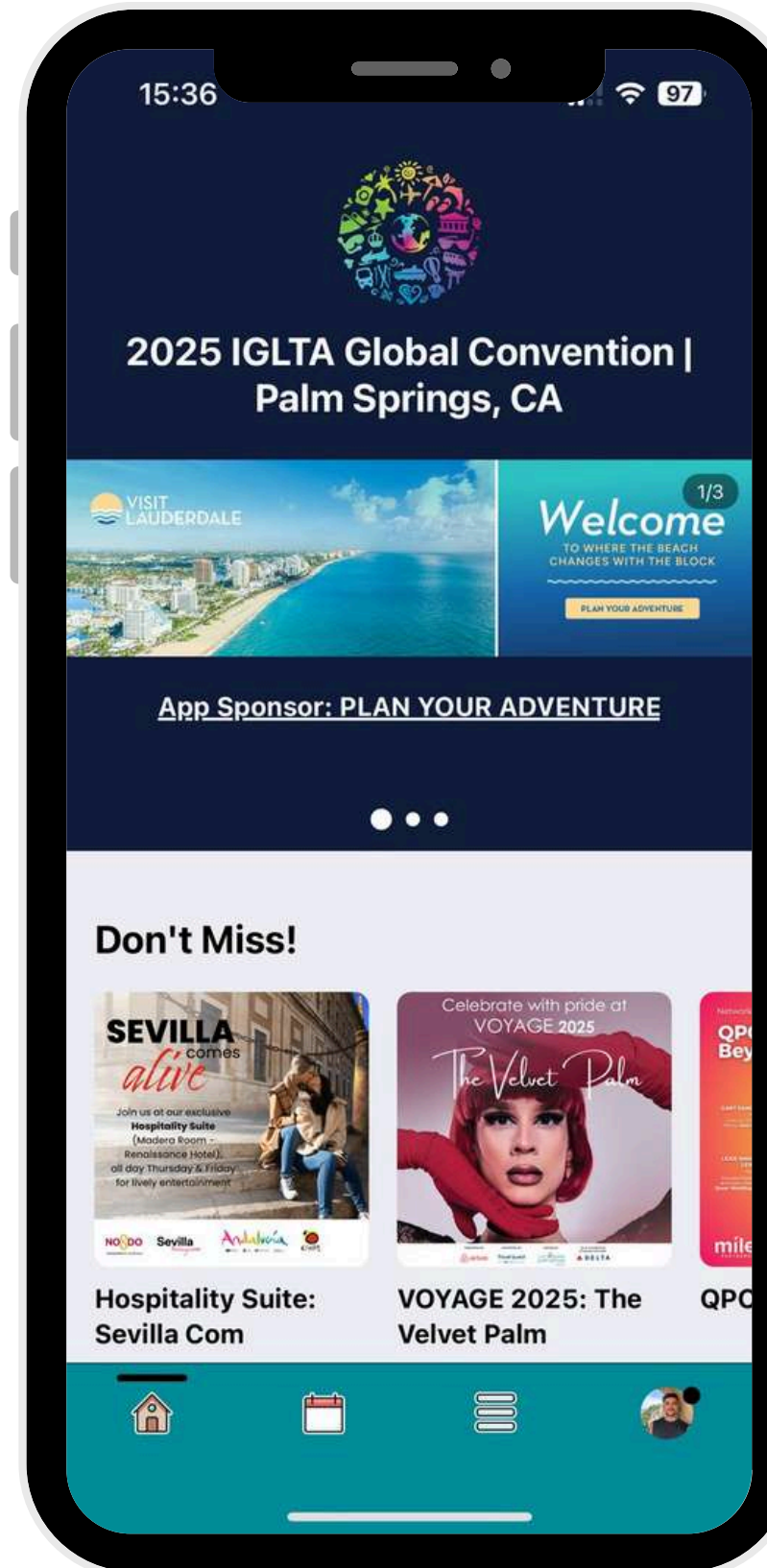


MOBILE APP

The IGLTA Global Convention mobile app, **sponsored by Visit Lauderdale**, served as a dynamic digital companion for attendees throughout the event, with **73.5% of delegates downloading and using the app**. The app featured branded banners, videos, and promotional content from Visit Lauderdale and the presenting sponsor, offering strong visibility and engagement across the platform.

In addition to delivering essential event information and real-time updates, the app also included an interactive game that encouraged attendees to download and actively use the platform in order to participate. This feature helped boost engagement and created an added layer of fun and connectivity during the convention.

The mobile app further supported attendee networking, making it easy for delegates to connect, communicate, and build community throughout the IGLTA Global Convention.



A minute ago

- 📱 **Meet the Media!**

TODAY: Connect with top LGBTQ+ travel media in the Primrose Foyer from 1-2:30PM

15 minutes ago

- 🍹 **QPOC & Beyond: Where Voices Shine**

Don't miss QPOC & Beyond at 1PM (Sierra/Ventura). Celebrate QPOC voices shaping the future of LGBTQ+ travel. Coffee & dessert await! 🌈

4 hours ago

- 🌐 **LGBTQ+ Travel Expo - Now Open**

Procolombia, Tokyo CVB, Meet Boston, Destination Madison & more await you at the LGBTQ+ Tourism Expo | 8:15 AM-5 PM, Convention Lobby.

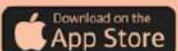
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MEDIA RECEPTION

With the generous support of PS Resorts, IGLTA celebrated its media partners and members with a special reception to kick off the Global Convention at the Hilton Palm Springs. The poolside soiree, complete with cocktails, rainbows, and firepits, gave us the opportunity to honor this dedicated group for the year-round visibility that they provide to IGLTA, our members, and LGBTQ+ travel globally. Their creativity and commitment amplifies the importance of our mission and inspires queer travelers to explore the world with confidence.



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LGBTQ+ TOURISM EXPO

The LGBTQ+ Tourism Expo was a standout element of the IGLTA Global Convention, offering all attendees an extended opportunity to connect with travel industry leaders and decision-makers from around the world. This year, the Expo was expanded by an additional day and operated beyond traditional lunch hours, increasing visibility and engagement across the event.

Strategically located in the registration area, the most frequented space throughout the convention, the Expo became a central hub for attendee interaction.

This year featured four Headline Sponsors: ProColombia, Tokyo CVB, Meet Boston, and Meet Madison, each benefiting from prominent exposure and prime positioning within this high-traffic zone.

The presence of all four Headline Sponsors was further elevated through on-site branding and promotional videos showcased on the main screen during the extended networking hours, ensuring sustained visibility among a broad audience of industry professionals.

Headline sponsors:

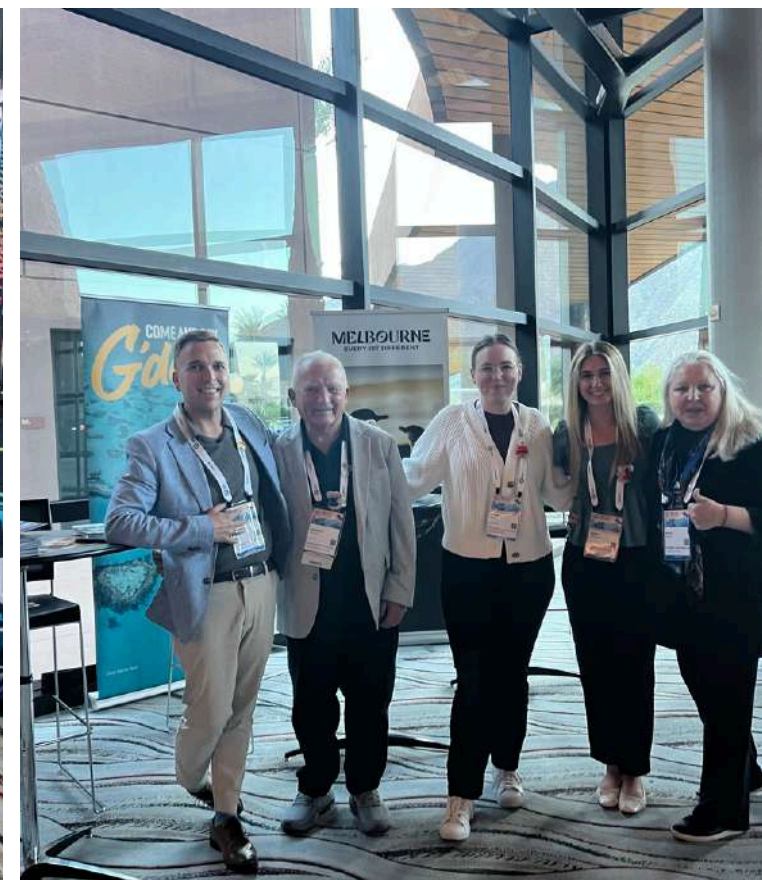


LGBTQ+ TOURISM EXPO EXHIBITORS

36 exhibitors participated in the LGBTQ+ Tourism Expo, representing DMOs, hotel brands, tourism boards, and LGBTQ+ Pride and event organizations from around the world.

Over two energetic days, attendees explored a lively exhibition space, engaging with industry representatives and discovering new trends in LGBTQ+ travel.

Serving as a collaborative hub, the Expo highlighted the contributions of its headline sponsors and showcased a diverse range of exhibitors, reinforcing IGLTA's commitment to inclusivity, innovation, and global connection within the tourism industry.



HOTEL KEY CARDS

For the second consecutive year, **Discover Puerto Rico sponsored** the official hotel key cards for the IGLTA 2025 Global Convention in Palm Springs, providing consistent brand visibility throughout the event.

This activation reinforced Puerto Rico's position as a premier LGBTQ+ travel destination, ensuring that attendees were regularly reminded of the island's welcoming hospitality.

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DELEGATE WELCOME BAGS

Delegate Welcome Bags, **sponsored by Greater Miami and Miami Beach**, were provided to all registered attendees of the IGLTA 2025 Global Convention. These thoughtfully curated bags included a variety of goodies and promotional items generously contributed by Convention Sponsors, Global Partners, and IGLTA Members.

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Hosted by the **IGLTA Intersectionality Subcommittee** and **sponsored by Miles Partnership**, this session created a meaningful space for QPOC leaders, creators, and changemakers to share their perspectives on building a more inclusive and equitable travel industry. Through personal stories, lived experiences, and thoughtful insights, participants explored how intersectionality influences entrepreneurship, destination marketing, hospitality, and community spaces within LGBTQ+ travel.

Designed to center the voices of Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other QPOC individuals, the session welcomed all attendees, whether identifying as QPOC, showing up as allies, or seeking to learn. The conversation fostered open dialogue, active listening, and collective visioning around what true equity in LGBTQ+ travel should look like.



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The Hospitality Suite **sponsored by TurEspaña** offered a vibrant cultural escape throughout the convention, giving attendees a taste of Spain's artistry, flavors, and festive spirit. Hosted in the Madera Room at the Renaissance Palm Springs, the suite became a lively gathering point filled with immersive experiences and warm hospitality.

Offering a variety of cultural experiences, from morning hospitality to creative activities and lively social moments, the suite highlighted Spain's rich traditions and welcoming spirit, creating a memorable atmosphere for attendees.

By showcasing creativity, flavor, and vibrant cultural expression, the TurEspaña Hospitality Suite not only enhanced the attendee experience, it also built excitement and anticipation for next year's IGLTA Global Convention in Sevilla, where Spain's spirit will take center stage.



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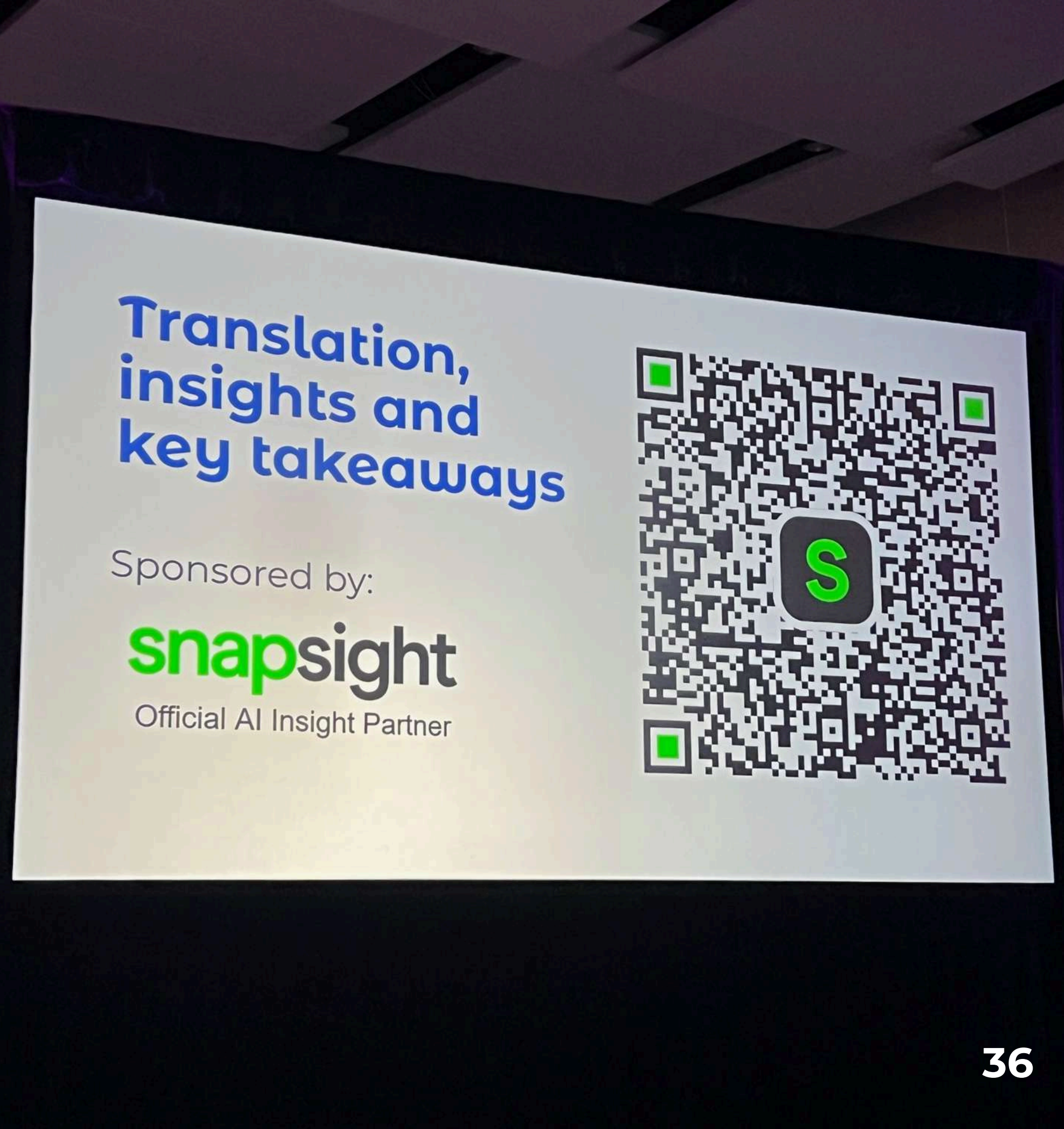
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Their AI-driven platform enabled real-time insight collection, helping illuminate the discussions shaping the future of LGBTQ+ travel.

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