

# VISIT SLO CAL Activity Report, April 2018

# - Industry Engagement -



# Winter/Spring Media Update

The winter/spring campaign garnered over 28.6M impressions and 65k website activities. Bounce rate for this campaign is 41.53% compared to 90.9% for Spring 2017 and 79.37% for Fall 2017. Pages per session is 1.57 compared to 1.20 for Spring 2017 and 1.05 for Fall 2017. Average session time is 1:14 compared to 0:18 for Spring 2017 and 1:16 for Fall 2017.

# VSC Attends Visit California LA Media Event

On April 24-25, VSC's Director of Communications, Keba Baird, and Hilary Townsend of Townsend PR attended Visit California's LA Media Event. Over 120 media professionals attended this annual event. While in LA, VSC held ten deskside meetings with publications such as Travel + Leisure, Sherman's Travel, Conde Nast, Bon Appetit, LA Times, Sunset, Vanity Fair, American Way, Westways, NY Times, Men's Health, AARP and Food & Wine.



# VSC Attends Visit California China Sales Mission

Michael Wambolt, VSC's Director of Travel Trade, attended Visit California's annual China Sales Mission on April 9-13. On this sales mission, Wambolt visited Shanghai and Beijing, held 54 appointments and three agency takeovers. Key takeaways from this mission include:

- Group business is down due to travel visas being rejected
- Seeing a shift from group to FIT travel
- The SLO CAL brand is being recognized during the meetings and is helping the operators recognize our destination faster
  - Operators are looking for experiential travel for their clients, they are moving past the big sightseeing venues like Disney and Vegas.
    - Experience partners need to become China Ready to help this along
  - Top inbound operators for their market are JBS Hotels, GTA, Galaxy and Hotelbeds







Avila Beach featured in NY Lifestyle Magazine (*left*) and Inn at the Pier featured in Seattleite (*right*).



# PR and Travel Trade -

# VSC-Assisted Media Placements

- New York Lifestyle Magazine: San Luis Obispo: Exploring California's Central Coast http://bit.ly/nylifestylemagSLOCAL
- Resident Magazine: Escape Los Angeles this Spring Season http://bit.ly/ResidentMagSLOCAL
- Seattleite: Weekend Wanderings: San Luis Obispo County, California -<u>http://bit.ly/SeattleiteSLOCAL</u>

#### Media Visits

- Fodor's Travel
- LARoadtrips.com
- GettingonTravel.com

#### <u>Travel Trade</u>

- Visit California China Sales Mission April 9-13
- LA Sales Mission May 9-10
- IPW Denver May 19-23
- UK Sales Mission June 10-15

# Film SLO CAL

- GMC
- Western Film
- Ad Astra
- As of April 30 56 filming leads, 27 productions
- 43 filming days



# Film Permitting Partners Meeting

Film SLO CAL will be hosting its bi-annual meeting at Tolosa Winery in San Luis Obispo on June 5 at 1:00 pm. All permitting and DMO partners are invited to attend. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. If you wish to attend, please email Kylee Corliss at <u>Kylee@SLOCAL.com</u>.

#### VISIT SLO CAL WEB ACTIVITY

113,861 SESSIONS: 93,686 **UNIQUE VISITORS:** PAGE VIEWS: 233,155 Avg. Page Views/Visit: 2.05 AVG. TIME ON SITE: 2:23 **TOTAL ORGANIC TRAFFIC:** 34.891 % OF ORGANIC: 31% MOBILE SESSIONS: 86.842 MOST VISITED EVENT PAGE: 27TH ANNUAL ROCK & GEM SHOW

27 MINUAL ROCK & GEM SHOW (1,116 VIEWS)

TOTAL BLOG VISITS: 9,288 MOST VISITED BLOG: 15 FREE THINGS TO DO IN SLO CAL (1.605 VISITS)

#### VISIT SLO CAL SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY FACEBOOK

Likes: 32,924 New: 1,171 Tot. Organic Impressions: 157,668

HIGHEST REACH: SUNSHINE, LONG WALKS ON THE BEACH AND HUNTING FOR SEASHELLS MAKE FOR A GREAT DAY IN MORRO BAY CA.

### (20.8K PEOPLE REACHED) HIGHEST ENGAGEMENT:

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	NEW				
TWITTER:	7,845	58			
35.8K IMP	RESSIONS				
PINTEREST	: 737	12			
INSTAGRA	<b>M:</b> 20.2K	600			
VISIT	<b>OR GUIDI</b>	E DIST.			
<b>GUIDES D</b>	2,069				
THIS MO	NTH IN SLO	D CAL			
SUBSCRIB	ERS	34,802			
<b>OPENS:</b>		5,117			
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CLICK-THROUGHS: 832 THIS WEEK IN SLO CAL CIRCULATION: 1,726 MOST CLICKED LINK:

STR REPORT

# March 2018 vs March 2017 Lodging Statistics (STR, Inc.)

	Current Month - March 2018 vs March 2017											
	Occ %		ADR		RevPAR		Percent Change from March 2017					
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	Осс	ADR	RevPAR	Room Rev	Room Avail	Room Sold
Atascadero, CA+	62.9	68.7	110.49	105.82	69.54	72.72	-8.4	4.4	-4.4	-4.2	0.2	-8.2
Cambria, CA+	61.1	65.4	167.09	154.85	102.08	101.33	-6.6	7.9	0.7	0.9	0.1	-6.5
Morro Bay, CA+	59.1	58.9	120.44	110.75	71.24	65.20	0.5	8.8	9.3	9.4	0.1	0.6
Paso Robles, CA+	64.8	70.0	132.73	128.92	85.96	90.20	-7.4	3.0	-4.7	-4.7	0.0	-7.4
Pismo Beach, CA+	65.7	67.9	161.50	144.79	106.13	98.30	-3.2	11.5	8.0	14.7	6.2	2.8
San Luis Obispo, CA+	68.5	69.2	139.88	131.26	95.85	90.79	-0.9	6.6	5.6	5.7	0.1	-0.8
San Simeon, CA+	46.1	50.2	114.49	110.14	52.75	55.31	-8.3	3.9	-4.6	-4.8	-0.2	-8.4
Five Cities+	63.7	66.4	153.66	138.26	97.90	91.76	-4.0	11.1	6.7	11.4	4.5	0.3
North Coast+	54.6	58.6	144.75	135.37	79.09	79.31	-6.7	6.9	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-6.7
North County+	64.3	69.6	126.95	122.87	81.60	85.57	-7.7	3.3	-4.6	-4.6	0.1	-7.6
South County+	65.9	67.7	147.05	134.89	96.95	91.30	-2.6	9.0	6.2	8.7	2.4	-0.3
San Luis Obispo County	63.2	65.8	140.16	130.20	88.51	85.72	-4.1	7.6	3.3	4.5	1.2	-2.9