Williamsburg Tourism Council

Tuesday, November 15, 2022



Roll Call

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Public Comment

- Limit to three minutes
- State name and address
- No Q & A



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Clayton Reid, CEO

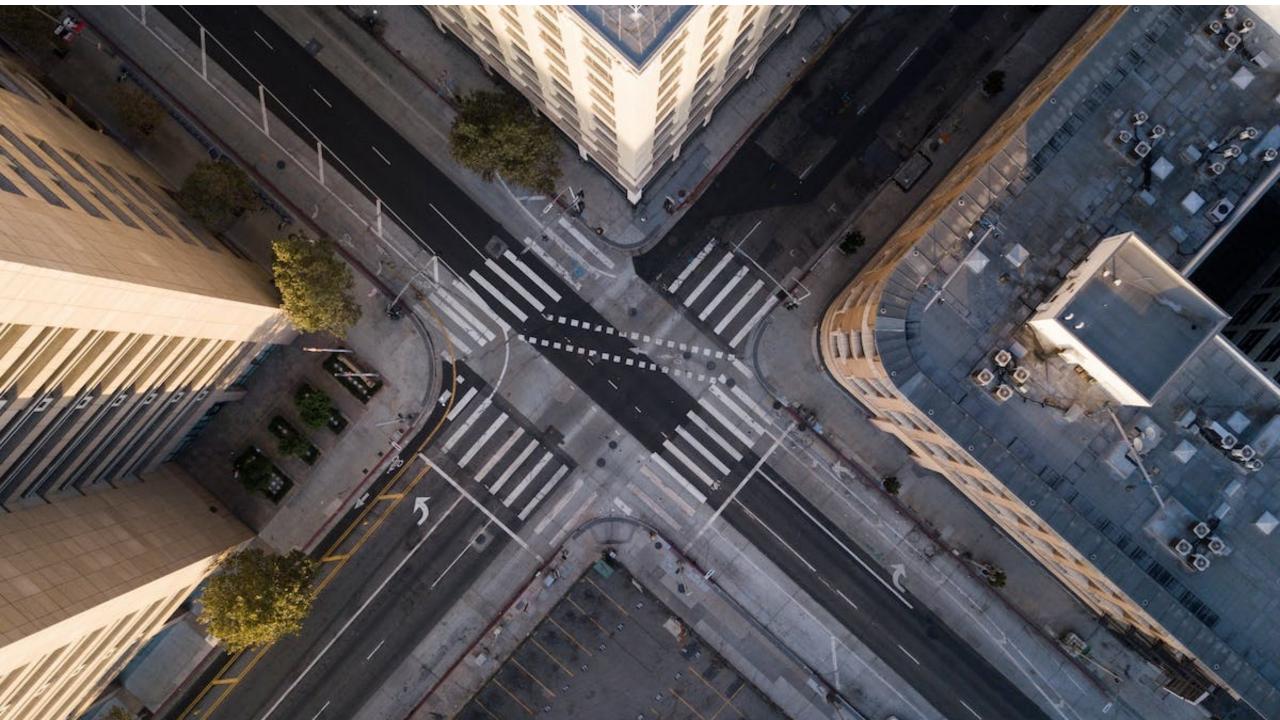




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Google's Crackdown On **Employee Trips Is Another** Blow To Business Travel Recovery

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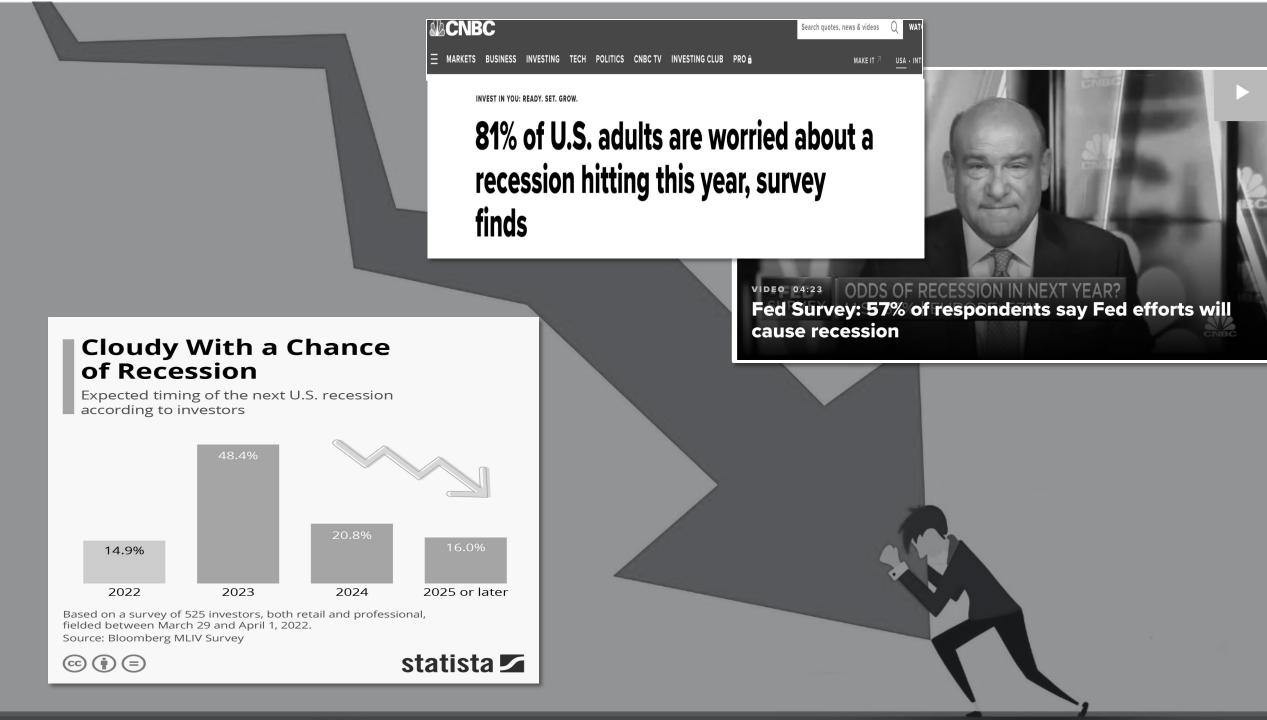
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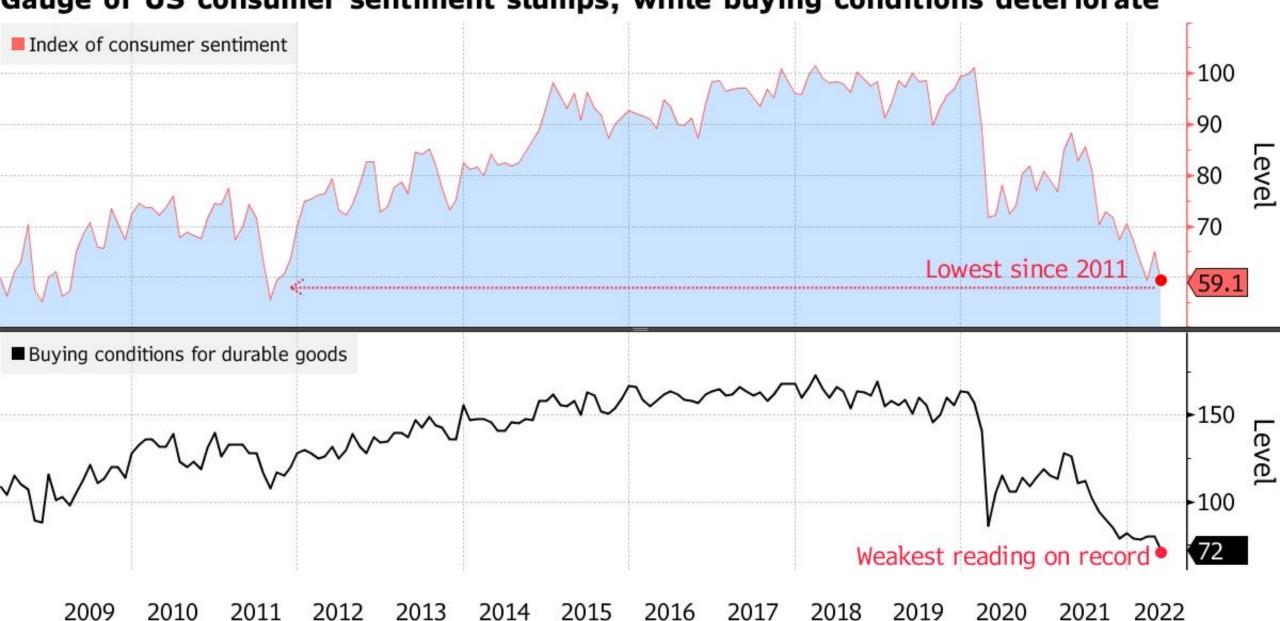




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Inflation's Toll

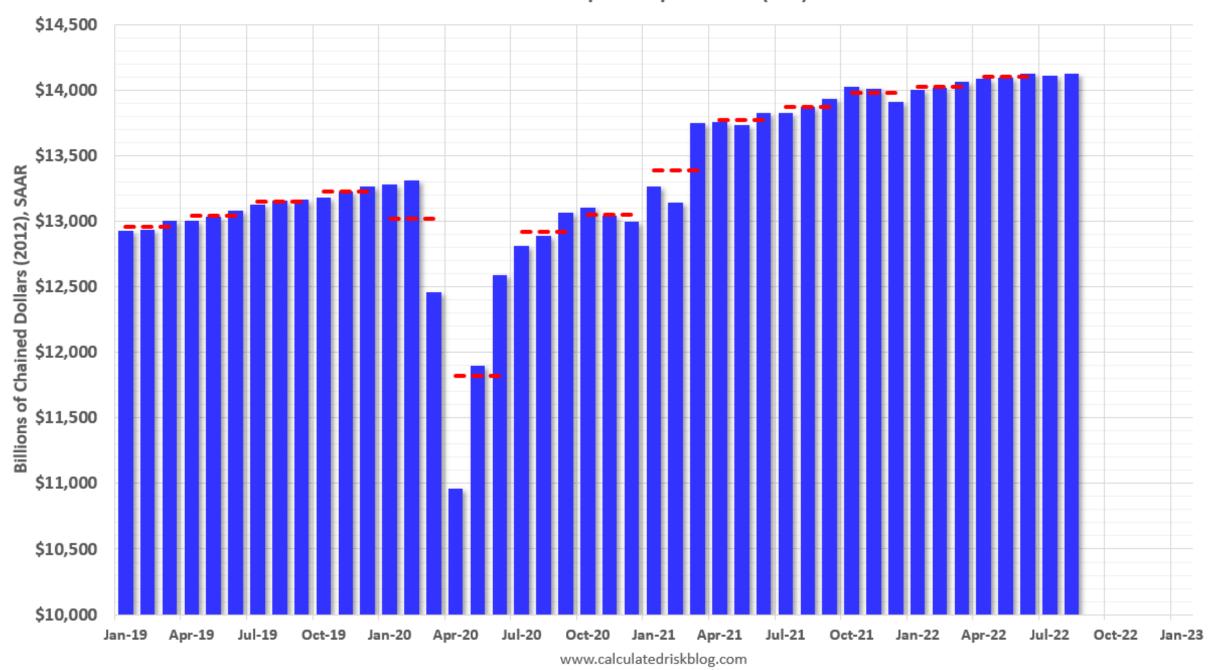
Gauge of US consumer sentiment slumps, while buying conditions deteriorate



Source: University of Michigan

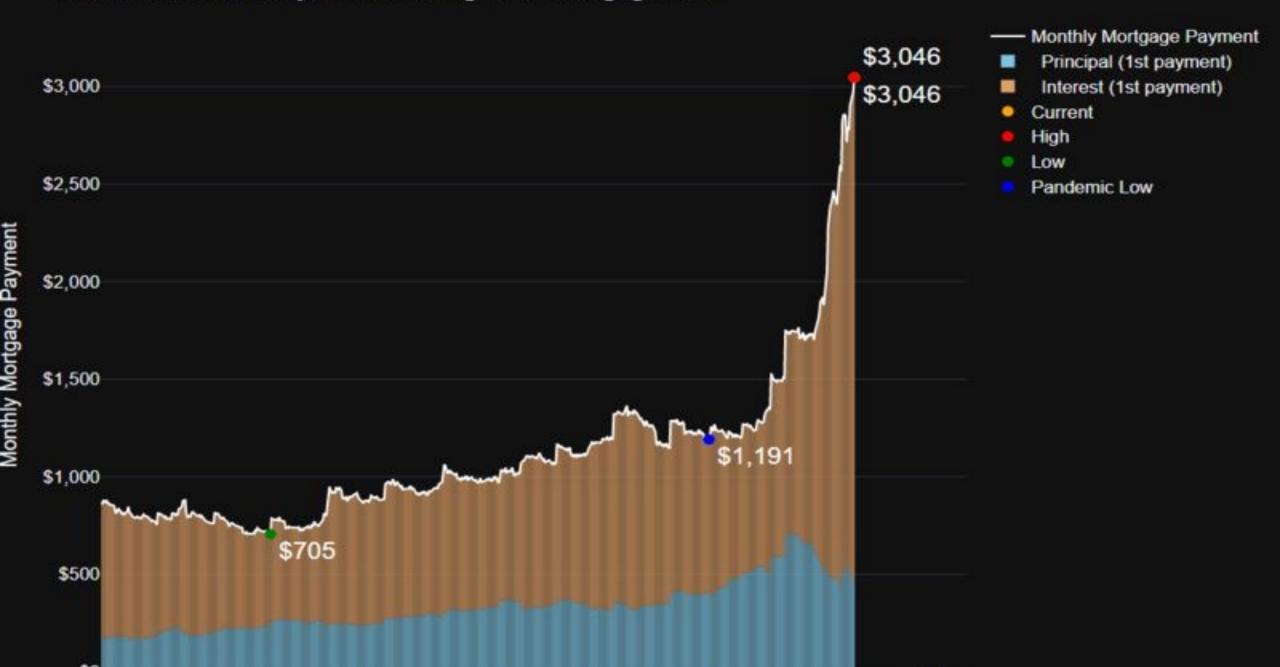
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Real Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE)





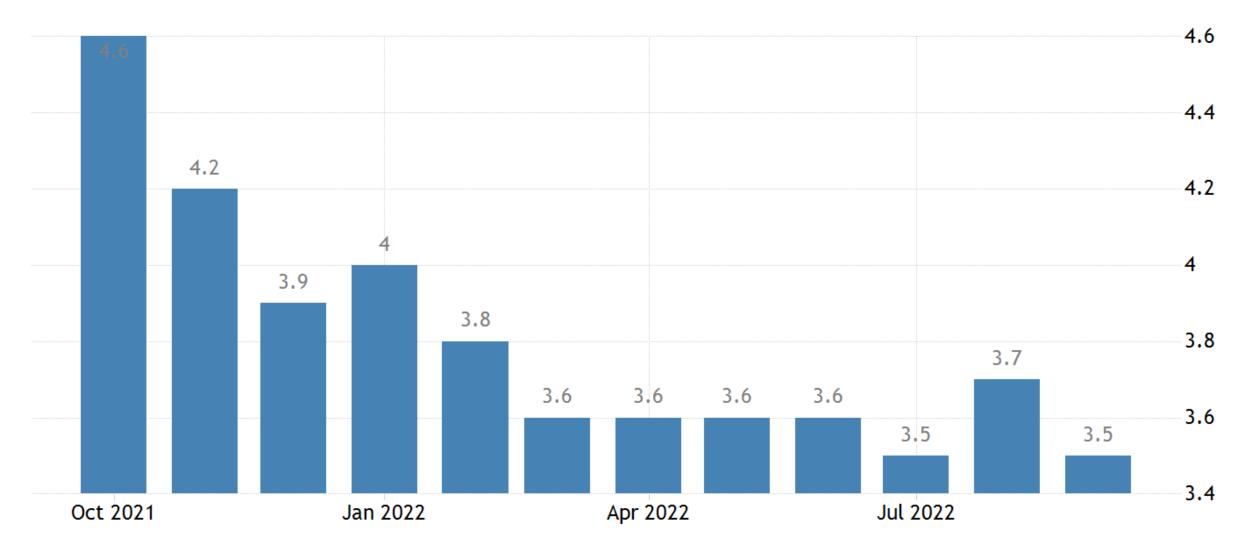
Monthly Mortgage Payment Using Median Existing Home Price - Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX with a 20% Down Payment & Average 30Y Mortgage Rate



American Household Savings Now Lowest Since 2008

33% - April '20

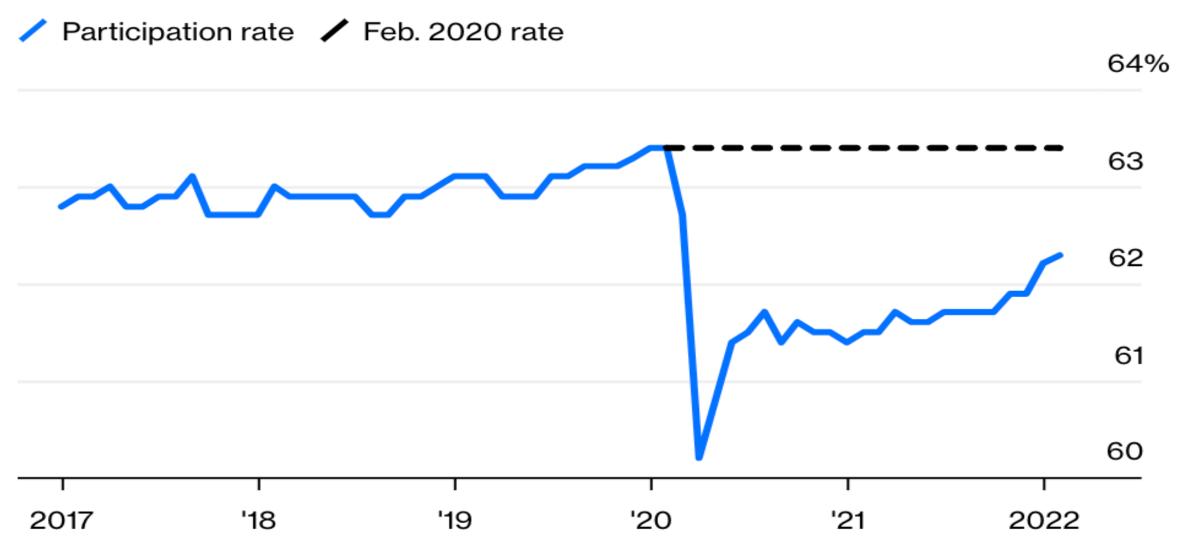
3% - October '22



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Still a Ways to Go

Labor-force participation, ages 16 and older, seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



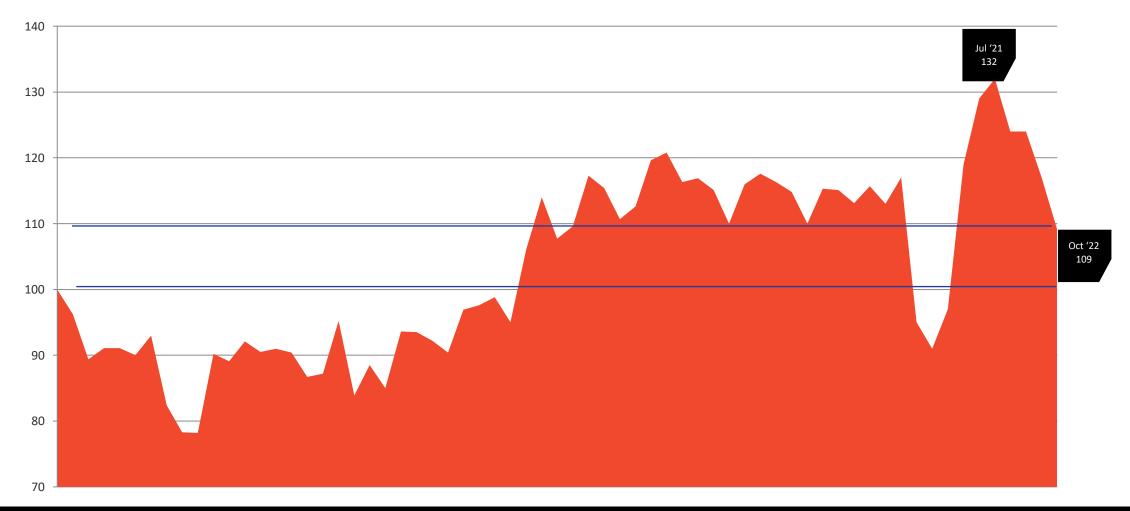


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U.S. Leisure Travel Will Decline Over Next 12 Months







Is Air Travel Really Back?

2/3

of travelers who did not fly the last six months plan to book a flight in the next six months

Experience Matters

30%

of travelers who experienced a flight cancellation or lost luggage in Summer '22 will not fly for their next vacation

Experience Matters

-25%

Passenger satisfaction in airport and flight experience, to the lowest level recorded



Corporate Ticket Sales Have Improved Steadily Over the Couple Months

Levels Remain Well Below 2019

Change (%) vs. 2019 in Corporate-Segment Weekly Tickets Sold* by U.S. Travel Agencies



Source: Airlines Reporting Corporation (ARC)



^{*} Results do not include sales of tickets purchased directly from airlines and are not net of refunds or exchanges.









Commercial Demand Still Strengthening

83%

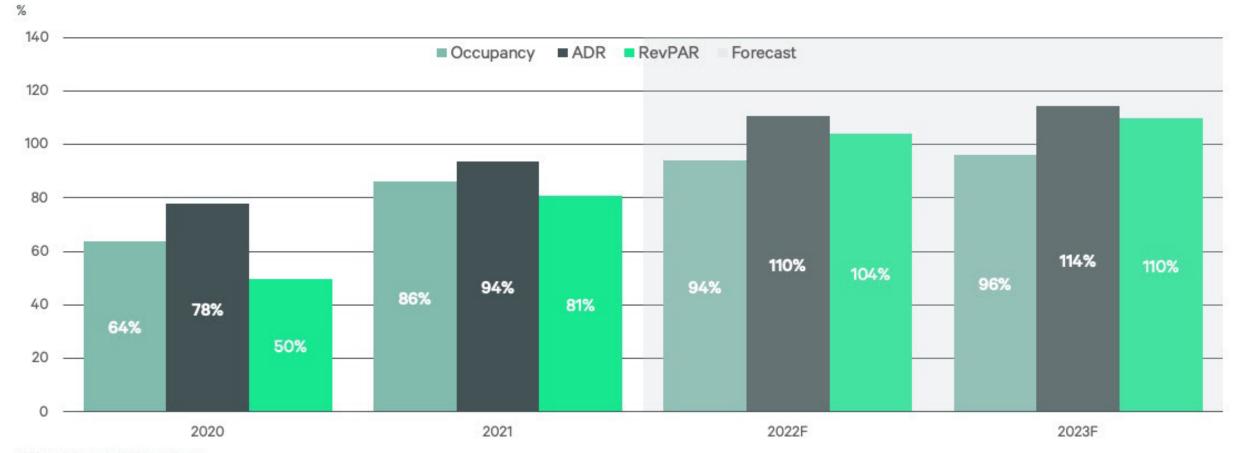
of workers WANT to take a business trip in the next 3 months

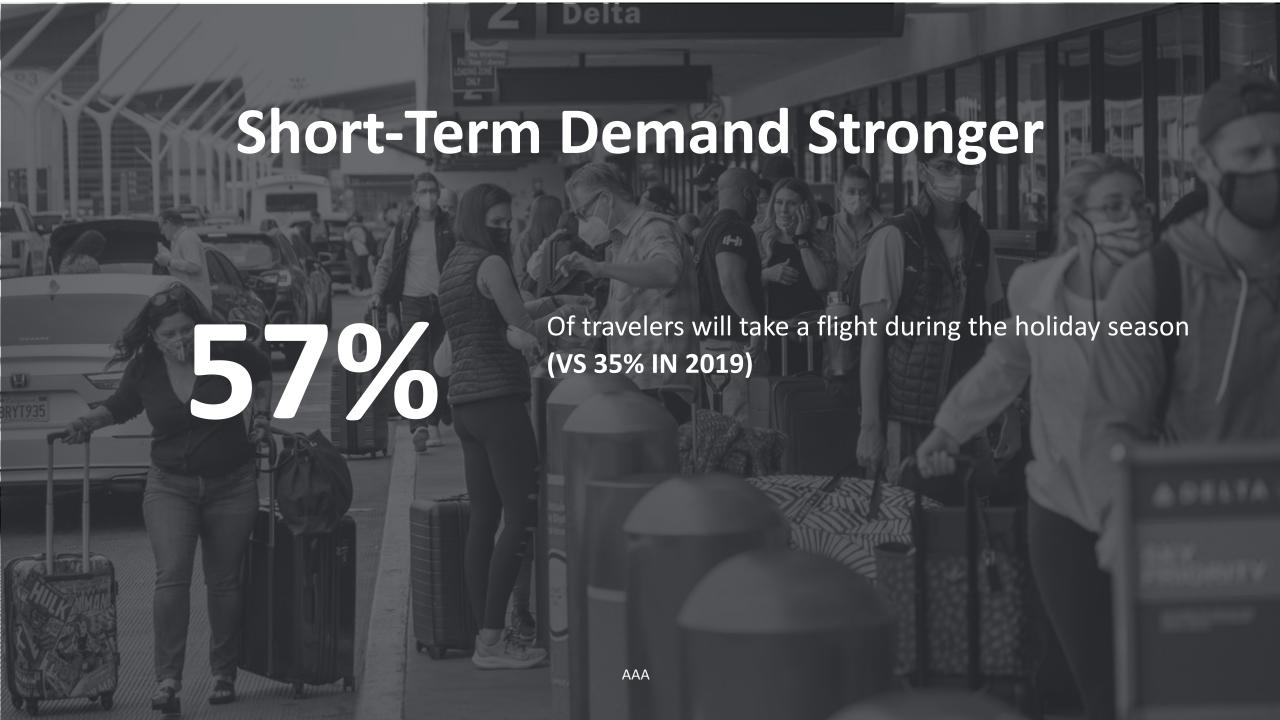




Nominal RevPAR and ADR should fully recover this year, Occupancy will recover in 2025

Hotel Performance Indicators as a percent of 2019







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Financial insecurity, adjustment to post-pandemic life and widespread misinformation leave consumers grasping for a sense of control.

Brands can leverage the pillars of value to center the client and create tailored experiences.

2 RELIABILITY

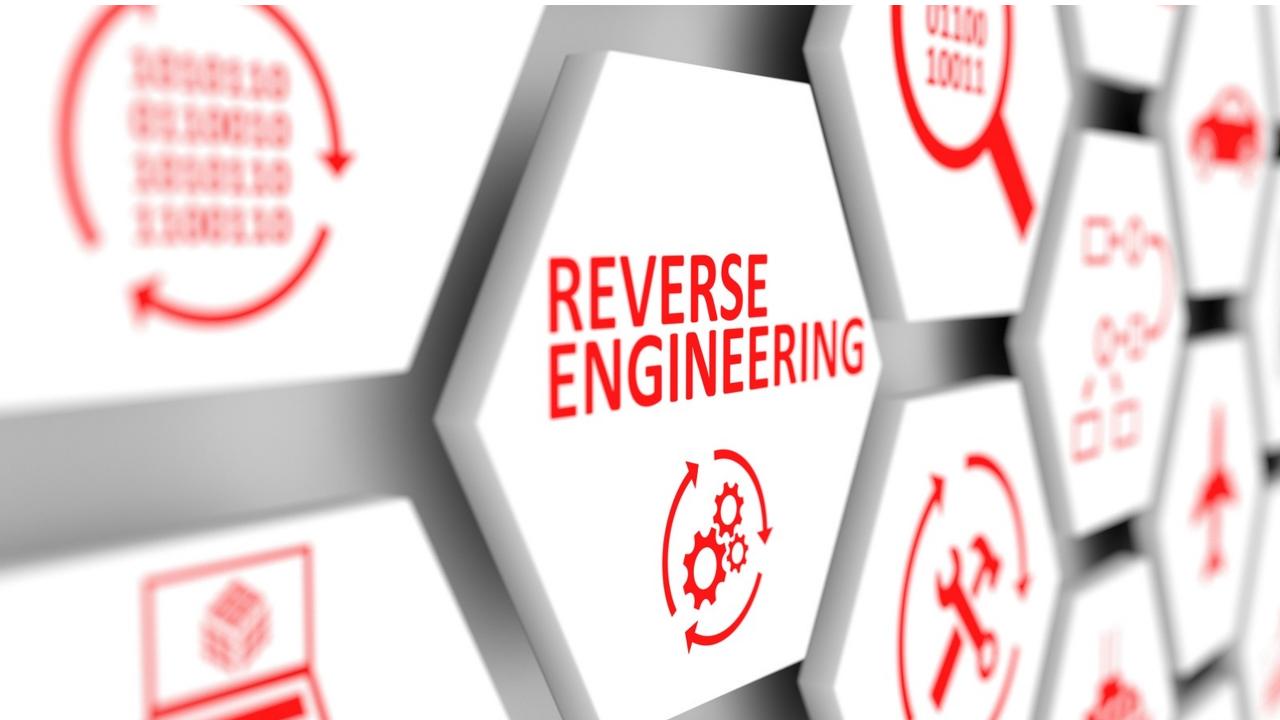
Consumers don't ask for much.

Becoming the favorite in a sea of sameness is pretty uncommon, but if you do your job well and meet expectations, being the favorite could be easier than it seems.

3 LEADERSHIP

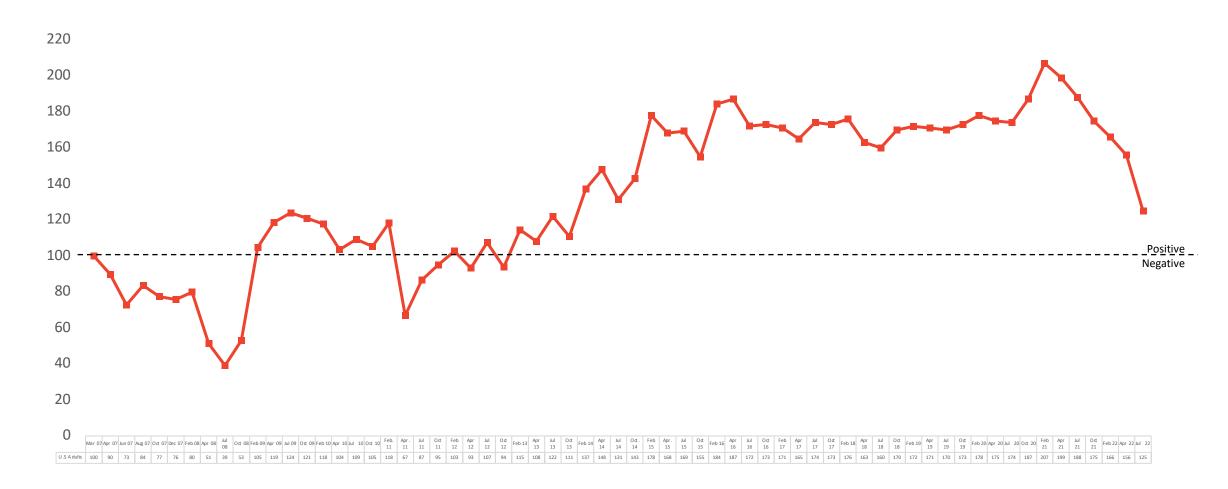
Consumers are looking to brands for societal leadership. This can be a heavy burden ... or an opportunity to build equity and loyalty.





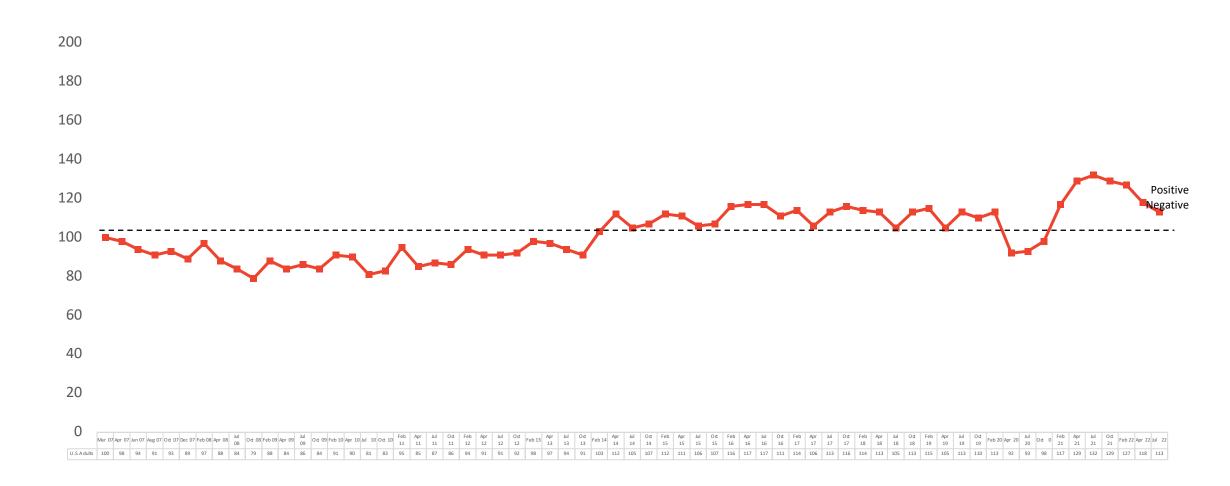


Index 3: Perceived Affordability of Travel





Intent for Travel to Europe Weakening



WHILE DEMAND FOR US CITY DESTINATIONS IS RETURNING

Q3 sentiment increase for city experiences





66%

Of Americans said that they feel encouraged to explore new destinations while working from home.

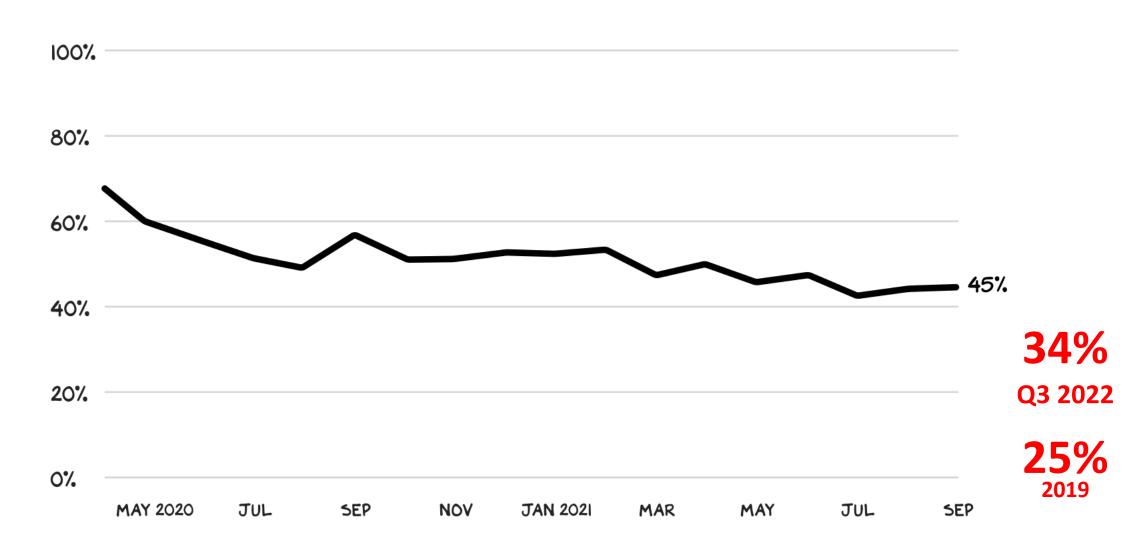
34%

Of Americans said they have extended a trip because they now have freedom to work from home.



SHARE OF U.S. EMPLOYEES WORKING REMOTELY

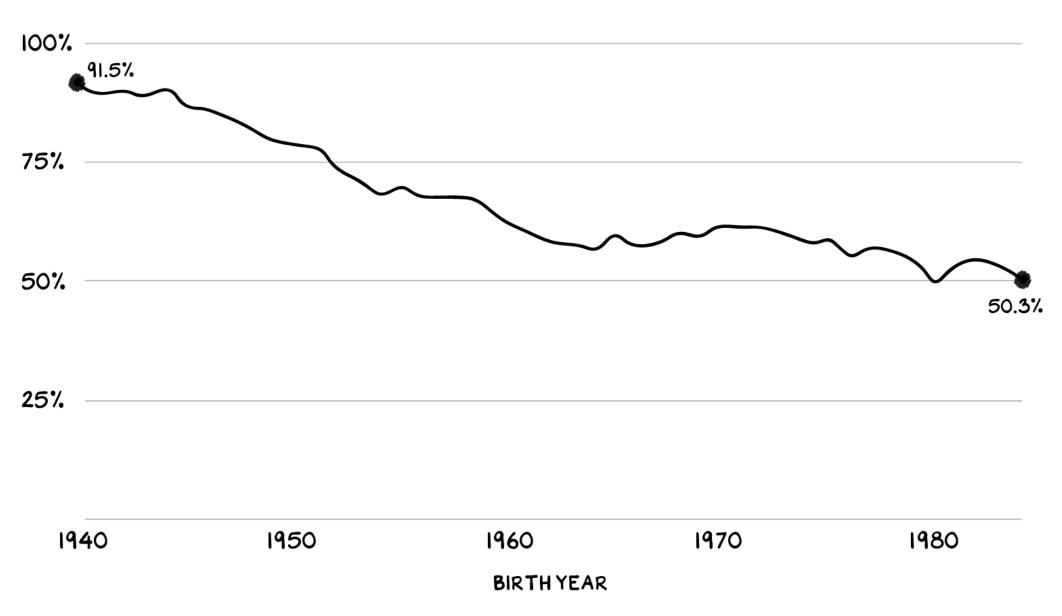
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ONLY HALF OF MILLENNIALS EARN MORE THAN PARENTS AT SAME AGE

THE SHARE OF CHILDREN EARNING MORE THAN THEIR PARENTS HAS REACHED ITS LOWEST POINT ON RECORD



SOURCE: CNN



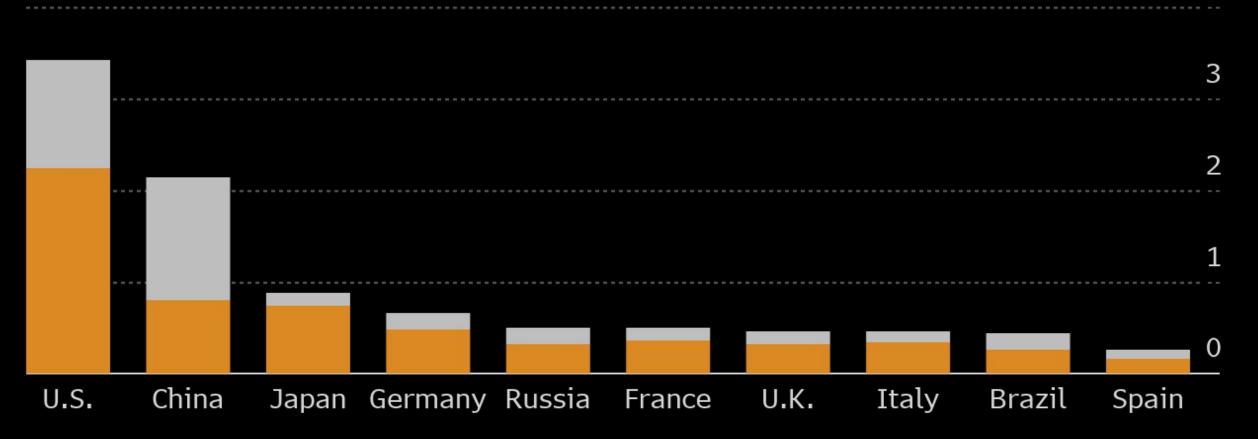




Spending Power

U.S., China are dominant markets for seniors' consumption

■ Spending of population aged 65 and above in 2020 ■ 2030 forecast



Source: World Data Lab

Note: Data is for middle and upper classes in 2011 purchasing power parity

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Accessibility

24%

Of Americans now identify as having a disability

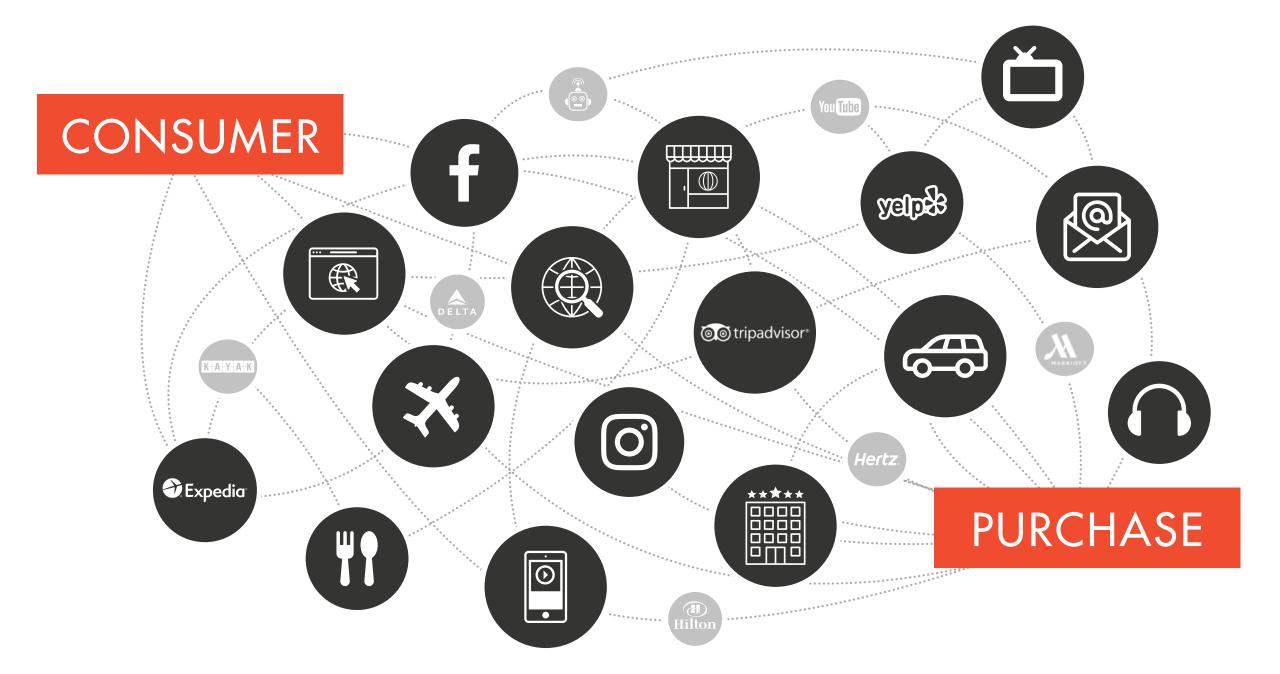
Wellness Travel

50%

Faster growth rate than conventional travel









BOOKING WINDOWS LENGTHENING

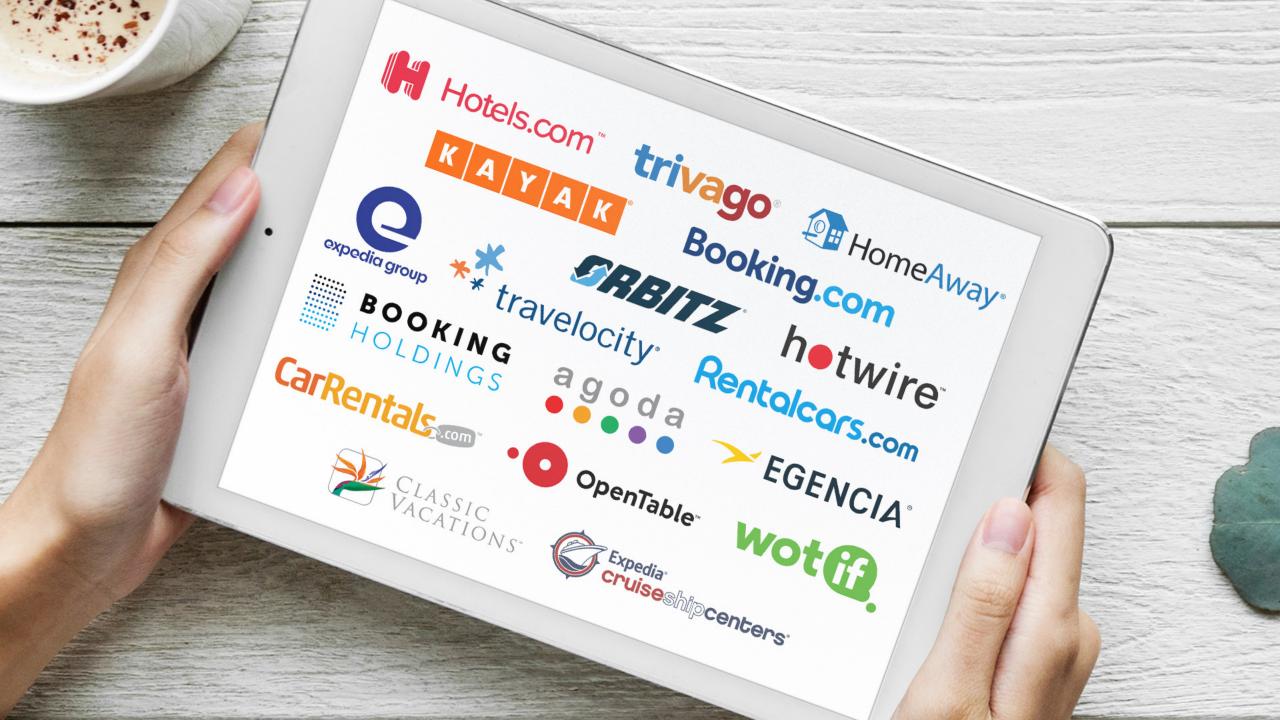
460%

Q1-O-Q Growth for 90-180 Day Planning

CANCELATION/REBOOKING RATES

43100 2022 VS 2019

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Home





Dennis Schaal replied



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One of the iconic companies that *never* even came up once on stage at Skift Global Forum was Tripadvisor. Not once. Imagine that even 5 yrs ago! This should scare the shit out of the company's new leadership, its silent, creeping march towards irrelevance, minus Viator.



1 in 5

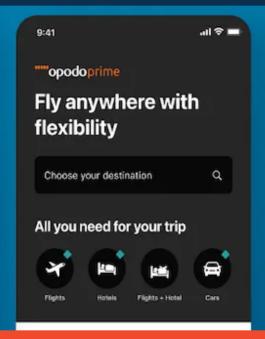
Travelers use Tripadvisor or Airbnb as search engines for local activities

23%

Increase in non-travel apps or non-traditional travel websites for planning of travel









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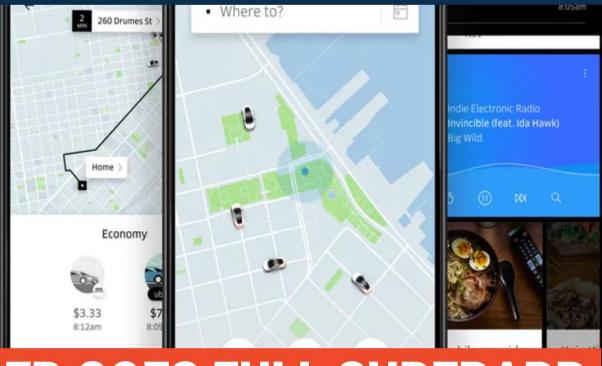
BOOKINGS AND REVENUE

Event Calendar

ALL EVENTS AND REPLAYS

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UBER GOES FULL SUPERAPP,

ADDS PLANES, TRAINS AND

HOTELS

Event Calendar

Travel recovery in 2022 and beyond:

How can businesses ride the wave?

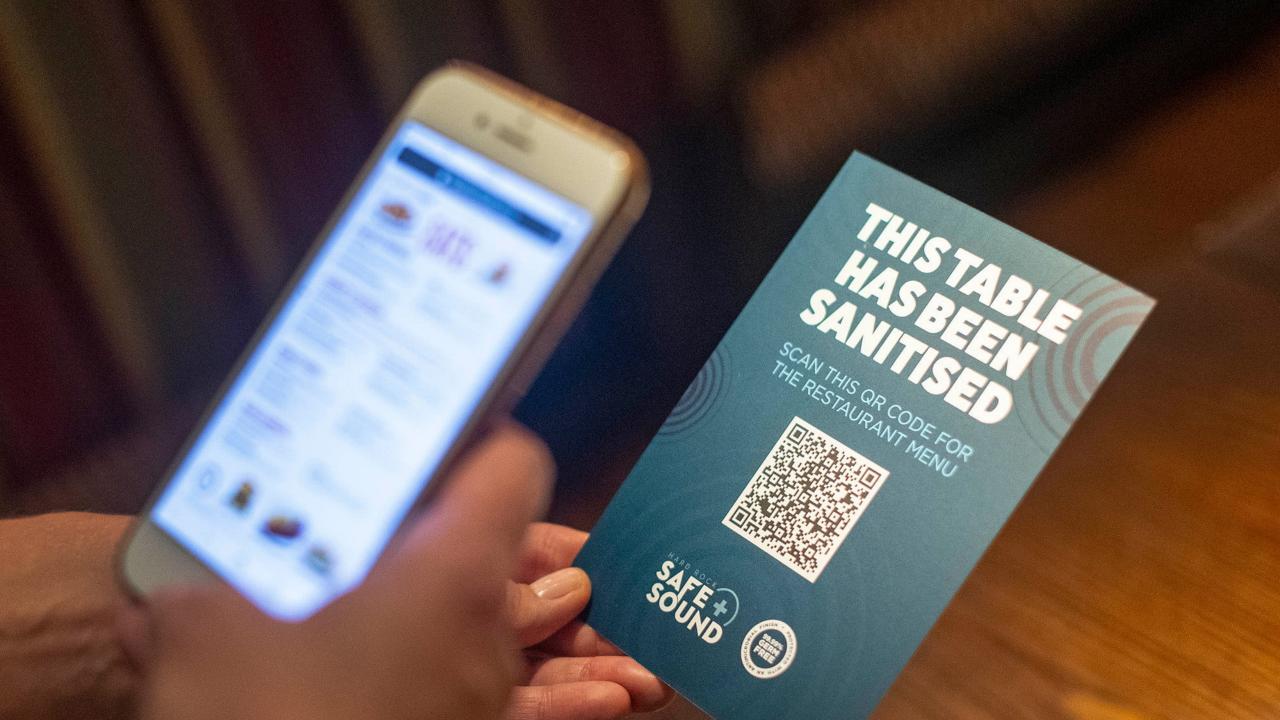
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Three major use cases of NFTs in the travel context

Use Case	Example	Description	Today's Relevance	Long-term Outlook
	Travala	Loyalty program as part of booking platform		
401	Travel Toucans	Travel community with NFT rewards		
Travel Community	Nature Seychelles	Naure conservation NFTs		
	airBaltic	NFT art as digital collectible		
22	FlyCoin	Blockchain-based airline loyalty and rewards		
Airline Loyalty	United Airlines	Digital NFT collectible as VIP rewards		
	San Marino	Government-issued NFT as vaccine certificate		
B	IATA	Blockchain-based passport for health certificates and other documentation		
NFT Passport	Pebble	Blockchain-based device to record location-based data		

Source: Lufthansa Innovation Hub Analysis, TNMT.com







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*We commit to giving back 1% of yearly sales to environmental non-profits.

PURCHASE A TREE

Ask your server how to plant 50 trees with

"Trees for the Future" 5

OFFSET YOUR FLIGHT UNITED



By offsetting your flight, you will retire carbon credits and directly support community-driven activities that protect and restore critical forests around the world.



CALCULATE AGAIN

YOUR RESULTS

Here is the footprint of your flight and how you can neutralize your impact on the climate.

DISTANCE FLOWN: 4,812 miles

FUEL EFFICIENCY: 60 MPG

= \$7.48

tons of carbon dioxide

in carbon offsets

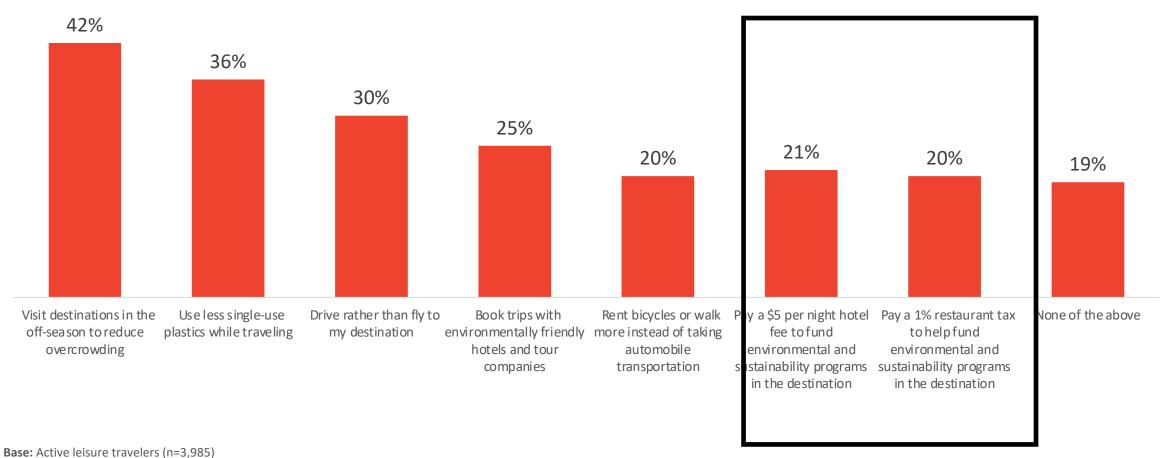
OFFSET YOUR FLIGHT

Learn more about carbon credits



Yet, Just 1 in 5 Travelers Is Willing to Pay a Nominal Fee That Increases The Cost of Lodging or Restaurants

Actions Willing to Take to Reduce Impact on Environment



Source: MMGY Global's 2022 Portrait of American Travelers® "Spring Edition"

NFTs are not about digital tiaras

This is an economic environment that affects service and labor conditions more than travel demand

Leisure will normalize, be disproportionally via car and move back to cities as well as into a domestic balance

Affluent, older and WFH-flex segments will over index for leisure experiences

Commercial travel intent is growing more quickly than many suggest

Intermediary influence is as crucial as ever but is shifting



\$8.8 Trillion

\$13.1 TRILLION

	Top 10 Countries/Regions in Travel Spend							
Rank	Country/Region	2015 (USD billion)	2025 (USD billion)	Percent Increase				
1	Mainland China	\$137.0	\$255.4	86%				
2	United States of America	\$101.0	\$134.1	33%				
3	Germany	\$74.4	\$97.6	31%				
4	United Kingdom	\$61.3	\$96.9	58%				
5	Russian Federation	\$22.6	\$49.1	118%				
6	Hong Kong	\$26.7	\$47.4	78%				
7	Singapore	\$22.5	\$44.9	99%				
8	France	\$37.4	\$43.9	17%				
9	Brazil	\$18.3	\$37.8	106%				
10	South Korea	\$21.1	\$34.3	63%				





Roundtable Discussion



Approve Minutes

September 20, 2022



Voting

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Product Development Fund Transfer Request

Andrew Trivette, City Manager, Williamsburg



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Treasurer's Report

Financials

- Revenue/Expenses
- Cash on Hand
- Tax Revenue



September Revenue/Expenses

	Actual	Budget	Variance
REVENUE			
Sales Tax (58.1-603.2)	1,367,149	1,356,551	10,598
\$1 Transient Tax	192,904	138,835	54,069
Maintenance of Effort Funds	0	0	0
ARPA Grants	0	0	0
Other	8,604	2,500	6,104
Total Revenue	1,568,657	1,497,886	70,771
EXPENSES			
Destination Marketing	1,009,039	974,483	(34,556)
Other Sales & Marketing	32,919	46,596	13,677
Labor & Benefits	81,010	133,159	52,149
Admin	24,859	48,483	23,624
Total Expenses	1,147,828	1,202,721	54,893
Net Revenue Expense by Month	420,830	295,165	125,665



FYTD Revenue/Expenses

	Actual	Budget	Variance
REVENUE			
Sales Tax (58.1-603.2)	3,812,190	3,802,184	10,006
\$1 Transient Tax	488,627	477,957	10,670
Maintenance of Effort Funds	0	37,350	(37,350)
ARPA Grants	0	0	0
Other	13,754	7,500	6,254
Total Revenue	4,314,572	4,324,991	(10,419)
EXPENSES			
Destination Marketing	2,571,222	3,127,549	556,327
Other Sales & Marketing	94,980	139,522	44,542
Labor & Benefits	248,759	366,384	117,625
Admin	75,190	127,191	52,001
Total Expenses	2,990,151	3,760,646	770,495
Net Revenue Expense by Month	1,324,421	564,345	760,076

Net Position - Beginning of Year	10,677,798	10,677,798	0
Net Position - Current YTD	12,002,219	11,242,143	760,076



September Cash on Hand

Operating Cash

Cash Balances	Jul-22					
		Actual	Budget			Variance
Bank Account Balances: operations						
BB&T Reserve Checking	\$	250,002	\$	250,000	\$	2
BB&T ICS Investment Fund	\$	509,922	\$	510,000	\$	(78)
Ches Bank Payroll	\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	1,000
Ches Bank Checking	\$	5,858,721	\$	6,183,611	\$	(324,890)
Total Cash on Hand	\$	6,619,645	\$	6,943,611	\$	(323,966)

Aug-22								
Actual		Budget			Variance			
\$	250,002	\$	250,000	\$	2			
\$	509,929	\$	510,000	\$	(71)			
\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	1,000			
\$	6,442,746	\$	6,363,043	\$	79,703			
\$	7,203,677	\$	7,123,043	\$	80,634			
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Sep-22								
Actual		Budget			Variance			
\$	250,002	\$	250,000	\$	2			
\$	509,935	\$	510,000	\$	(65)			
\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	1,000			
\$	6,634,543	\$	6,658,208	\$	(23,665)			
\$	7,395,480	\$	7,418,208	\$	(22,728)			

Key Sources of Funds	Jul-22					
		Actual		Budget		Variance
State Disbursement	\$	1,395,295	\$	1,153,787	\$	241,508
Total Gov't Sources	\$	1,395,295	\$	1,153,787	\$	241,508

Aug-22						
Actual		Budget		Variance		
\$ 1,368,821	\$	1,458,326	\$	(89,505)		
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Sep-22						
Actual		Budget		Variance		
\$	1,560,053	\$	1,495,386	\$	64,667	
\$	1,560,053	\$	1,495,386	\$	64,667	

Interest Earned:			
State Interest Paid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BB&T Reserve Checking	\$ 16	\$ -	\$ 16
BB&T ICS Investment Fund	\$ 4	\$ -	\$ 4
Ches Bank Money Market	\$ 994	\$ -	\$ 994
Ches Bank Checking	\$ 1,265	\$ 2,500	\$ (1,235)
Total Interest Earned	\$ 2,279	\$ 2,500	\$ (221)

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 2
\$ 4	\$ -	\$ 4
\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 1,100
\$ 1,266	2,500	\$ (1,234)
\$ 2,373	\$ 2,500	\$ (127)

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 2
\$ 4	\$ -	\$ 4
\$ 3,657	\$ -	\$ 3,657
\$ 4,676	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,176
\$ 8,339	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,839

Product Development Reserves

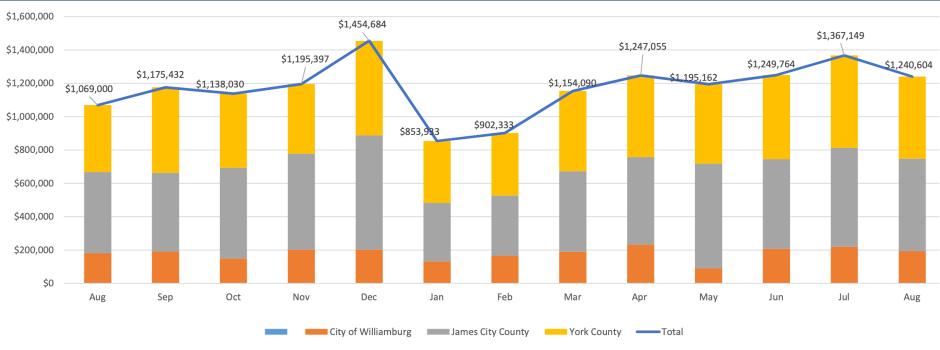
Cash Balances	Jul-22							
	Actual	Budget	Variance					
Bank Account Balances: Reserves								
Ches Bank Money Market	\$ 5,182,423	\$ 5,157,680	\$ 24,743					
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 5,182,423	\$ 5,157,680	\$ 24,743					

Aug-22									
	Actual		Budget	Variance					
\$	5,183,523	\$	5,158,780	\$	24,743				
\$	5,183,523	\$	5,158,780	\$	24,743				

Sep-22									
	Actual		Budget	Variance					
\$	5,187,180	\$	5,159,880	\$	27,300				
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Sales Tax

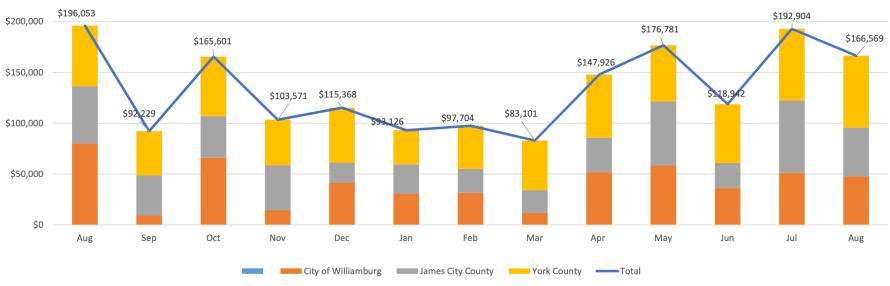


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FY2022 / 2023	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
City of Williamburg	\$190,799	\$149,111	\$202,317	\$202,613	\$131,465	\$165,912	\$189,651	\$231,784	\$90,027	\$207,491	\$220,587	\$193,545	\$2,175,302
James City County	\$471,923	\$544,978	\$575,357	\$684,676	\$350,997	\$360,658	\$481,969	\$525,667	\$629,207	\$537,213	\$592,409	\$554,137	\$6,309,192
York County	\$512,710	\$443,940	\$417,723	\$567,395	\$371,471	\$375,763	\$482,470	\$489,605	\$475,929	\$505,060	\$554,153	\$492,921	\$5,689,140
Total	\$1,175,432	\$1,138,030	\$1,195,397	\$1,454,684	\$853,933	\$902,333	\$1,154,090	\$1,247,055	\$1,195,162	\$1,249,764	\$1,367,149	\$1,240,604	\$14,173,634
Calendar YTD Total												\$9,210,091	
FY2021 / 2022	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
City of Williamburg	\$143,078	\$162,942	\$159,187	\$181,890	\$129,427	\$111,620	\$178,712	\$184,092	\$184,364	\$198,233	\$161,127	\$180,467	\$1,975,139
James City County	\$373,849	\$350,286	\$409,548	\$486,887	\$313,509	\$300,542	\$435,892	\$470,743	\$437,697	\$561,486	\$585,238	\$488,021	\$5,213,697
York County	\$404,705	\$321,911	\$405,622	\$469,441	\$340,202	\$328,074	\$449,488	\$478,979	\$453,380	\$496,320	\$548,283	\$400,511	\$5,096,916
Total	\$921,632	\$835,139	\$974,357	\$1,138,217	\$783,138	\$740,236	\$1,064,092	\$1,133,814	\$1,054,706	\$1,256,039	\$1,294,648	\$1,069,000	\$12,265,018
Calendar YTD Total												\$8,395,672	



Transient Tax





Transient Tax \$1 of the \$	2												
FY2022 / 2023	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
City of Williamburg	\$9,465	\$66,183	\$14,661	\$41,856	\$30,655	\$31,478	\$11,790	\$52,009	\$58,379	\$36,281	\$51,383	\$47,851	\$451,991
James City County	\$39,182	\$40,829	\$44,154	\$19,433	\$28,881	\$23,543	\$22,353	\$33,659	\$63,164	\$24,694	\$70,889	\$47,765	\$458,546
York County	\$43,582	\$58,589	\$44,756	\$54,079	\$33,590	\$42,683	\$48,958	\$62,258	\$55,238	\$57,967	\$70,632	\$70,953	\$643,285
Total	\$92,229	\$165,601	\$103,571	\$115,368	\$93,126	\$97,704	\$83,101	\$147,926	\$176,781	\$118,942	\$192,904	\$166,569	\$1,553,822
Calendar YTD Total												\$1,077,053	
FY2021 / 2022	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
City of Williamburg	\$30,678	\$24,695	\$19,294	\$13,619	\$18,982	\$16,116	\$9,439	\$22,923	\$56,282	\$41,821	\$35,851	\$80,268	\$369,968
James City County	\$27,300	\$19,161	\$22,875	\$16,989	\$16,914	\$9,478	\$32,773	\$42,022	\$41,597	\$41,896	\$31,557	\$56,393	\$358,955
York County	\$32,239	\$30,061	\$22,745	\$32,401	\$27,983	\$25,888	\$37,132	\$52,932	\$45,170	\$55,354	\$69,741	\$59,392	\$491,038
Total	\$90,217	\$73,917	\$64,914	\$63,009	\$63,879	\$51,482	\$79,344	\$117,877	\$143,049	\$139,071	\$137,149	\$196,053	\$1,219,961
Calendar YTD Total												\$927,904	



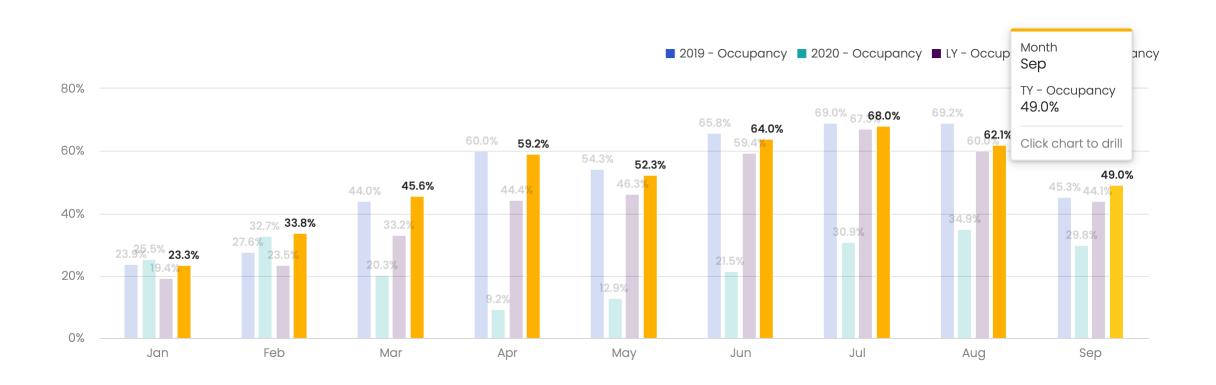
Executive Director and CEO Report

Key Performance Indicators

Marketing/Public Relations/Sales

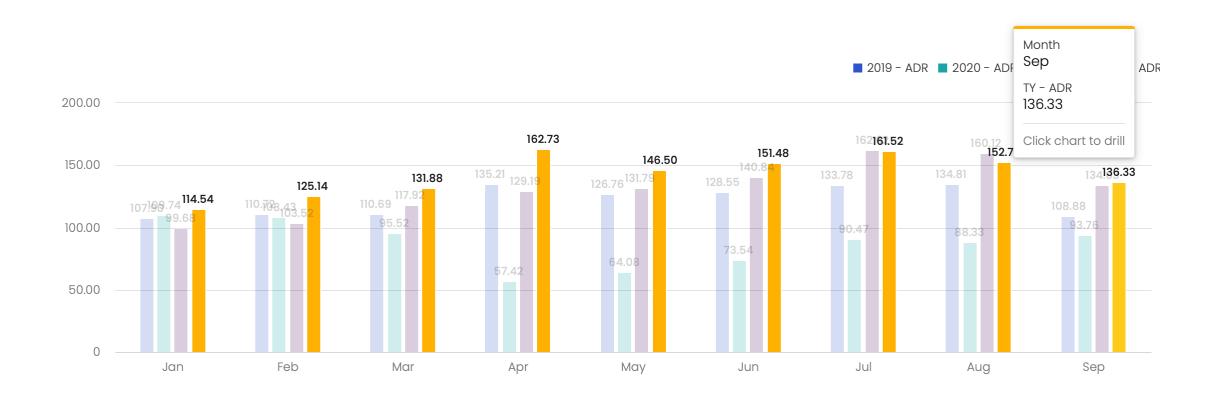


STR: Occupancy



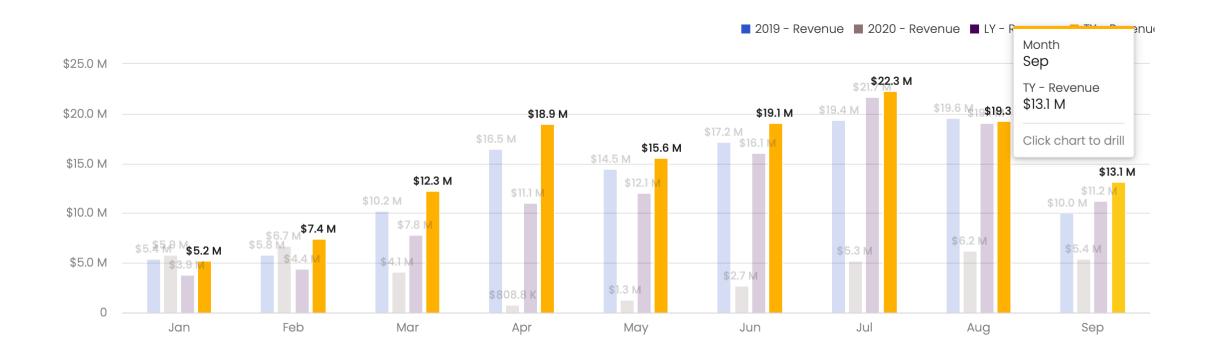


STR: Average Daily Rate





STR: Revenue





STR: CYTD Comparison to 2019

YTD Occupancy

51.1%

YTD ADR

\$146.84

YTD RevPAR

\$75.10

YTD 2019 Occupancy

51.2%

YTD 2019 ADR

\$125.22

YTD 2019 RevPAR

\$64.11

Occ % Point Change YTD from 2019

-0.1%

ADR % Change YTD from 2019

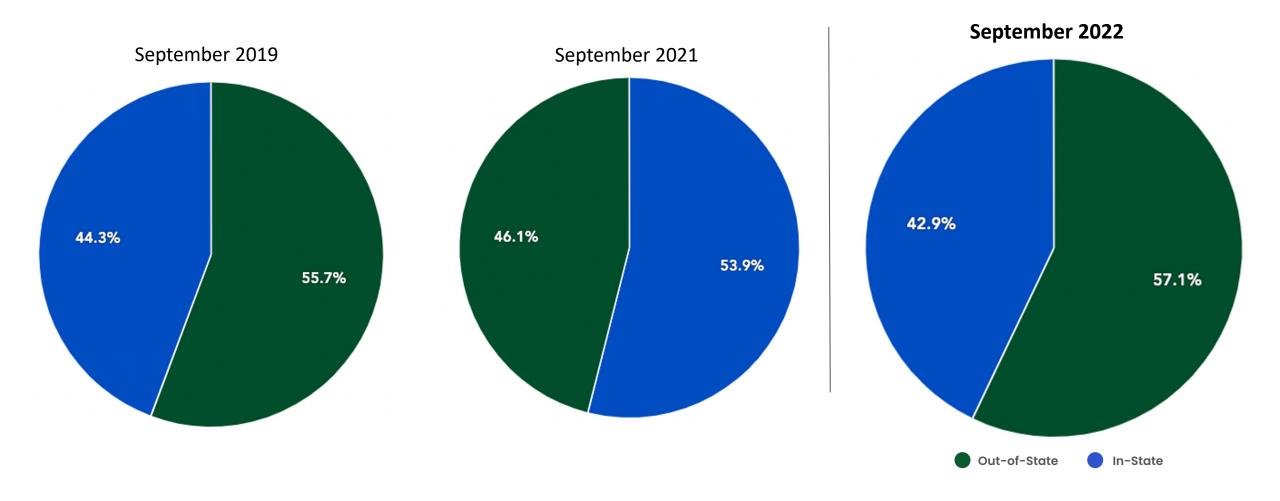
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RevPAR % Change YTD from 2019

+17.1%

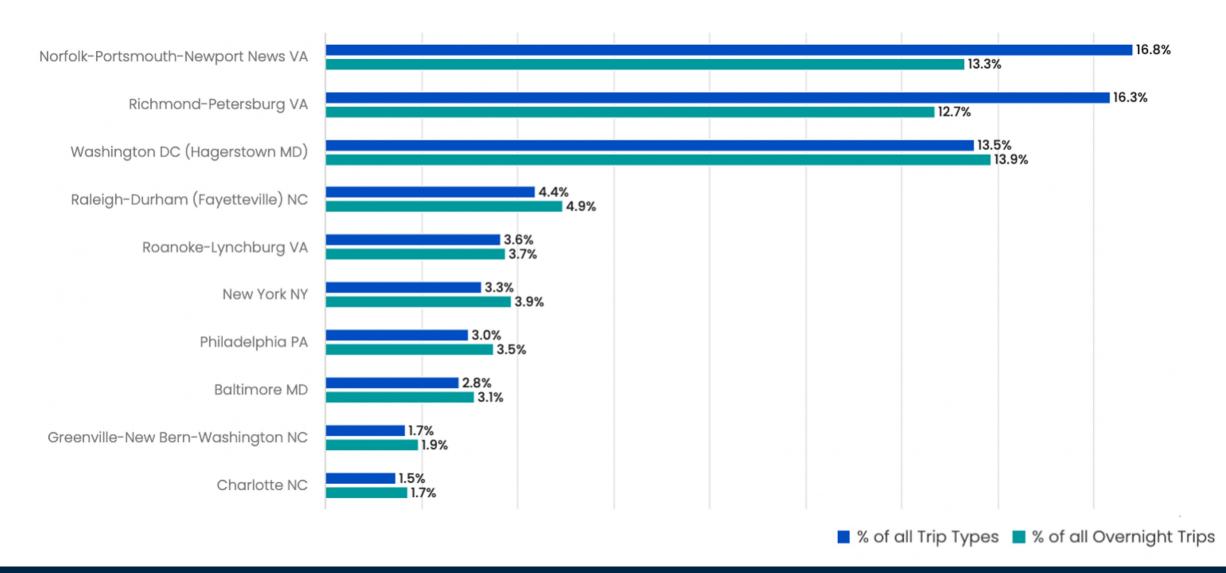


In-State vs. Out-of-State Visitation





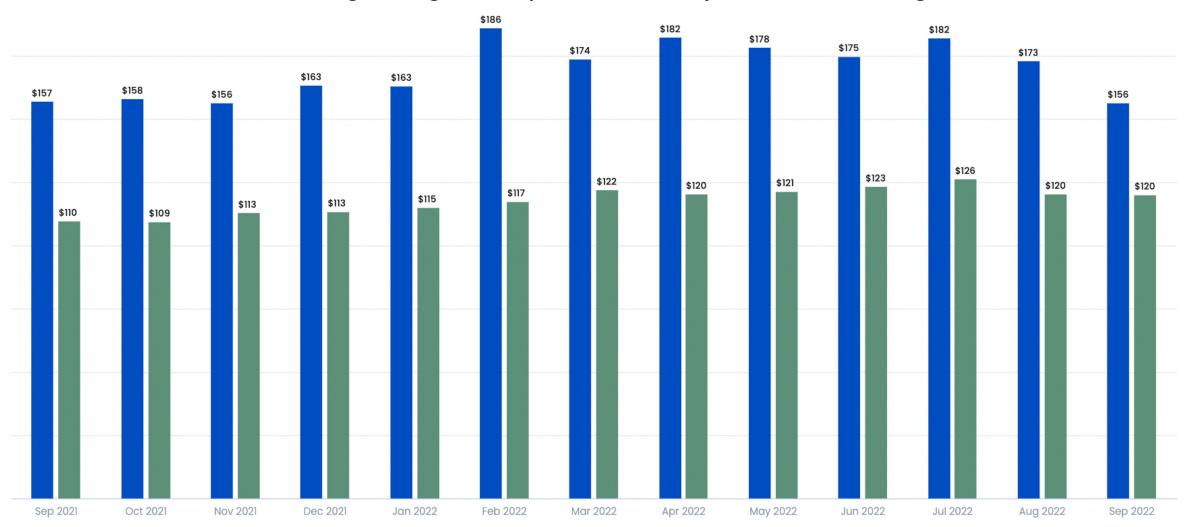
September 2022 Top Origin Markets





Average Visitor Spend in Historic Triangle vs. Zartico Average

Williamsburg's average visitor spend is consistently above Zartico's average.





Marketing



2022 Campaign Overview

	JAN	FEB - APR	MAY - JUL	AUG - OCT	NOV - DEC
FLIGHT	JAN	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	HOLIDAY
SEASONAL SUPPORT %	1%	50%	26%	17%	6%
CHANNELS/ TACTICS	-Paid Search -Paid Social -Blog Support	- Linear TV - CTV - Travel Endemics - Streaming Audio - Email - Paid Search - Paid Social - Blog Campaign - Food+Bev Custom Content - Influencer - Misc. Print Renewals - Co-op Program	- Linear TV - CTV - Travel Endemics - Streaming Audio - Email - Paid Search - Paid Social - Blog Campaign - Food+Bev Custom Content - Influencer - Co-op Program	- Linear TV (Aug only) - CTV (Aug only) - Travel Endemics - Streaming Audio - Email - Paid Search - Paid Social - Blog Campaign - Influencer - Co-op Program	- Travel Endemics - Streaming Audio - Paid Search - Paid Social - Blog Campaign - Influencer - Co-op Program



Geographic Targeting

Short Drive + Established Success/ Heaviest Volume

- Washington, DC (Hagerstown)
- Charlotte, NC
- Philadelphia, PA
- Baltimore, MD
- Raleigh-Durham, NC
- Charlottesville, VA
- Harrisonburg, VA
- Roanoke-Lynchburg, VA
- Salisbury, MD
- Greenville-New Bern-Washington NC

Short Drive + Established Success/ Lighter Volume

- Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York, PA
- Greensboro-High Point-Winston Salem, NC
- Florence-Myrtle Beach, SC

Longer Drive + Past Success

- Johnstown-Altoona-State College, PA
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Wilkes Barre-Scranton, PA
- Knoxville, TN

EXPANSION in 2020/21

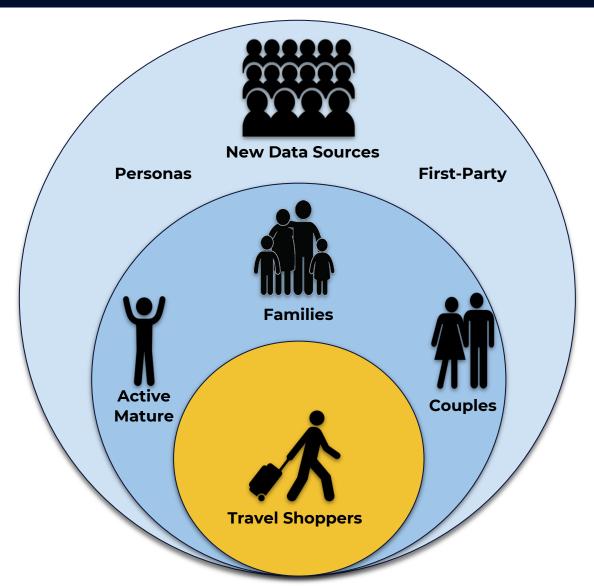
- Cleveland, OH
- Columbus, OH
- New York, NY

LAUNCHED in 2022

Boston, MA



Audience Segmentation

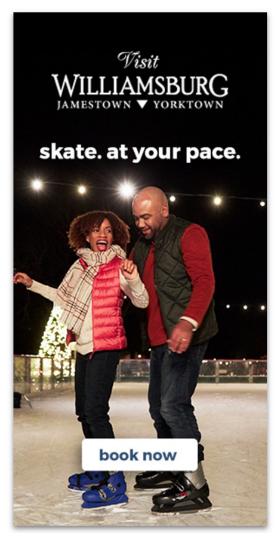


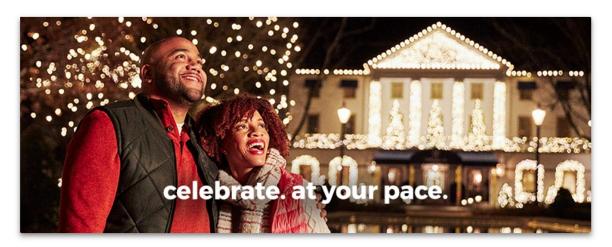
With increased demand moving into 2022, Visit Williamsburg grew new audiences, continued to place emphasis on travel shoppers, and prepared for dramatic shifts in audiences with cookie depreciation.



Holiday Advertising: Sample Digital Creative



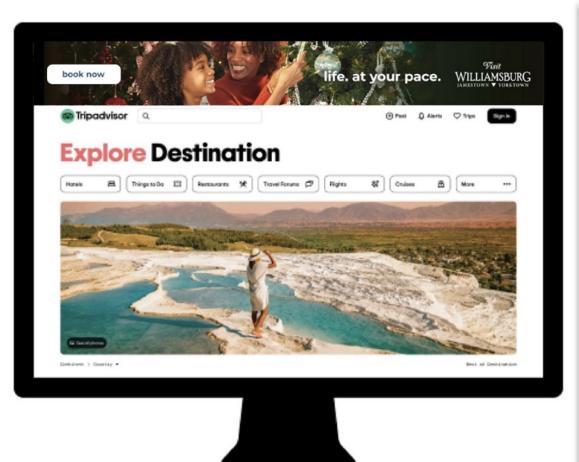




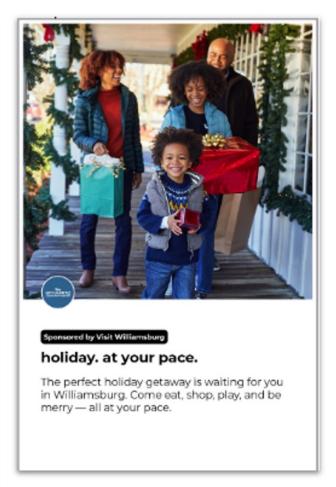




Holiday Advertising: Sample Digital Creative









September/October: Digital Advertising Performance

Hotel searches and bookings by advertising audience were strong.

With continued market uncertainty and seasonality changes, hotel booking revenue was a bit softer than August.

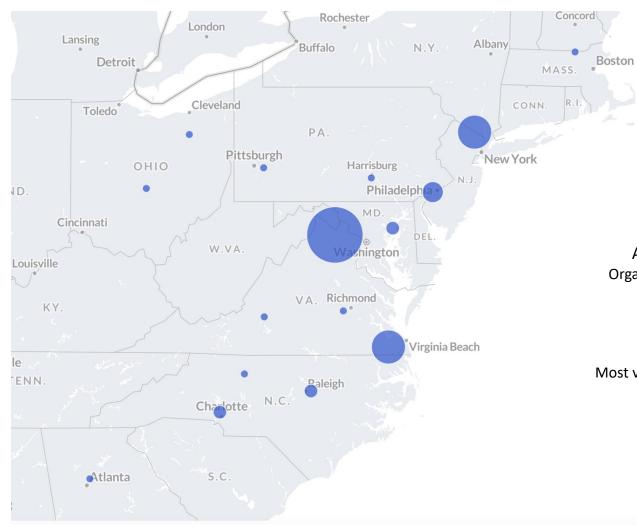
Conversion rate remains strong, confirming we are capturing available demand at a good pace.



^{*}Source: Adara Impact 2022; October data not final until attribution period ends on Nov 30



visitwilliamsburg.com Performance



YTD page views in expansion markets are showing significant performance gains vs. YTD 2019.

Advertising halo effect:
Organic traffic from these markets is **up 45% vs. 2019**.

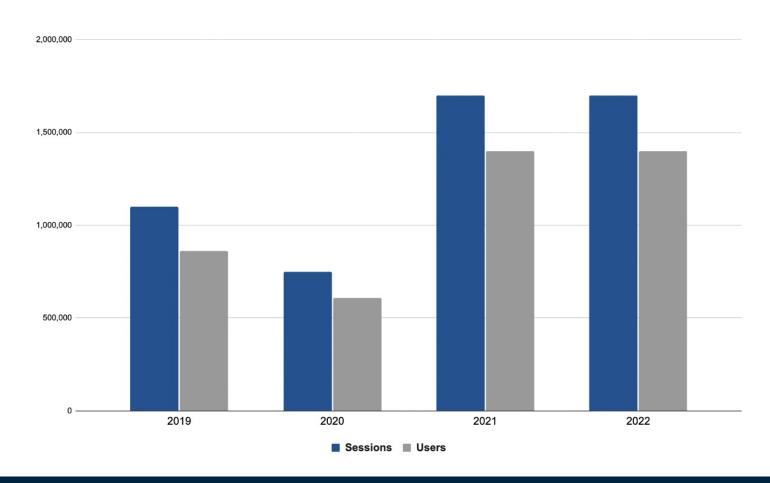
Users showing intent: Most visited pages include attractions, lodging, and restaurants.

	vs. 2019	
NY	1 486%	
BOS	1 333%	
BAL	104%	
CLE	1 472%	
PHL	1 51%	



visitwilliamsburg.com Performance

Since February media launch, site sessions are on par with 2021 and up 52% vs. 2019. 82% of visitors are new to site, up 2% YOY.





September/October: *The WilliamsBLOG* Performance

80KSessions



89%New Visitors

1.	/blog/fall-happenings	28,586
2.	/blog/fall-love-bed-and-breakfasts-williamsburg-va	14,271
3.	/blog/7-things-to-do-for-first-time visitors-to-williamsburg	10,565
4.	/blog	9,184
5.	/blog/7-charming-date-ideas-williamsburg	7,012
6.	/blog/8-cozy-things-do-williamsburg	6,876
7.	/blog/celebrating-art-design-and-architecture-williamsburg	6,078
8.	/blog/10-great-free-things-to-do-in-greater-williamsburg	6,008
9.	/blog/best-outdoor-escapes-williamsburg	5,669
10.	/blog/15-ideas-long-weekend-getaway-your-kids	5,664



Fall Happenings

READ MORE



Remembering Queen Elizabeth II and her Ties to Williamsburg

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Drinking up the History Around Williamsburg, VA

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How to Reset and Relax in Williamsburg, Virginia

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September/October: Social Media Performance

Follower Growth



1K

(+112% YoY)

Post Clicks



3.4K

(+39% YoY)

Shares & Saves



1.2K

(+113% YoY)

Video Views



57.3K

(+2,095% YoY)



SHORT-FORM VIDEO IS KING

TOP PERFORMING CONTENT

@RioTravelers

Instagram Reels (originally TikTok)
21,000+ views
1,600 engagements
600 shares and saves

TOP-PERFORMING CHANNEL

Instagram Reels

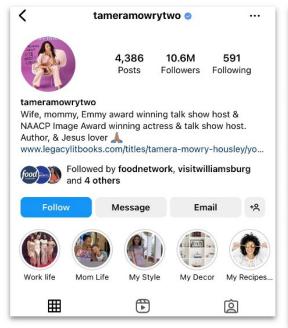
Delivers more impressions and engagements than static photos

The last six videos on Instagram have 53,000+ views combined



Instagram: Mega Influencers

<u>Tamera Mowry-Housley:</u> Actress, Talk Show Host, and Author





4MM+

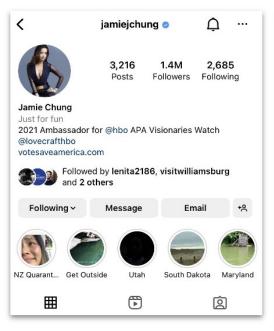
244K+

300

impressions

new followers

Jamie Chung: Actress and Former Reality TV Personality





1.2MM+

impressions

48K+

280

engagements

engagements

new followers



September/October: Familiarization Tours



TikTok Influencer:
Anela Malik



Writer: Jim Byers



Travel Influencer: Monet Hambrick



Writer: Jason Oliver Nixon



Writer: Jeryl Brunner



Instagram: Macro/Micro Influencers

More than 20,000 impressions and 1,700 engagements across additional influencer partners.









Coming Up:

Alyssa Fluellen: Relatable family/mom TikTok creator and influencer

Kay Akpan: Travel TikTok creator

Anna Hartman: Exploring Williamsburg from a local's POV

Anela Malik: Food, culture, Black history, biking and waterfront

Monet Hambrick: Fall family activities

Alina Zubanova: Outdoor activities, fairy tale places

<u>Emily Hoang</u>: Date night ideas, things to do under \$50 in Williamsburg, best brunch spots and coffee shops

Diana Blinkhorn: Family-friendly travel



2023 Media Strategy



MEDIA STRATEGY

2023 optimization will provide greater emphasis on key KPIs of bookings and site traffic.

- Market Evolution: Lean into core historic markets with greater visibility in broadcast, strengthen recent expansion markets, and integrate digitally into new test market
- Endemic Lean In: Increase lower-funnel booking support by bringing in new travel endemics partners for increased visibility among our audiences
- **KPI Refinement:** Continue to test opportunities to own more site traffic by directing greater volume of traffic to Visit Williamsburg versus partner sites
- **Cookieless Expansion:** Integrate more platforms and partners to continue to evolve programs away from cookie reliance

2023 EVOLUTION

	LINEAR/TV	ООН	TRAVEL ENDEMIC
Prioritize	Elevate all markets to linear broadcast, targeting more visible news dayparts locally. Cable will be used as needed throughout, but no longer "cable only" markets	Custom interactive installations in key priority expansion markets for both visibility and awareness.	Endemics overall will take a heightened role in 2023 to lean into bookings amid economic uncertainty. Increase endemic commitments by 33% over 2022
Integrate	Include rotation of :30 units in linear TV in select, newer markets needing additional support to fully establish Lean into increased premium and creative data opportunities in CTV	More streamlined approach to executions across all markets for continuity	More OTA partners for greater reach into lower funnel support and new in-market audiences. Test Adara as a media partner to help improve volume of bookings.
Continue	Flighted strategy to extend campaign duration across all markets CTV use throughout for prime time TV coverage against all audiences.	Baseline OOH awareness levels through traditional and digital OOH channels for support in established markets	Lean on investments with core partners - TA and Sojern - as lead performance generators.

2023 EVOLUTION

	AUDIO	NON-ENDEMIC DIGITAL	EMAIL
Prioritize	Host-read podcast opportunities for authenticity and reach	Select High-Impact sponsorships for awareness and site traffic	Higher frequency deployment to harness significant impact on site traffic and performance
Integrate	Dynamic audio triggers for custom creative	Contextual targeting segments to deeper audience exposure Reach segmented groups (golf, f&b, etc) with relevancy - and protect against cookie depreciation	Greater opportunities to continue to build WTC database through direct sign ups
Continue	Mobile interstitial unit for greatest site traffic impact	Baseline OOH awareness levels through traditional and digital OOH channels for support in established markets	Use as a prospecting tool across broader audience mix, to bring higher funnel audiences in

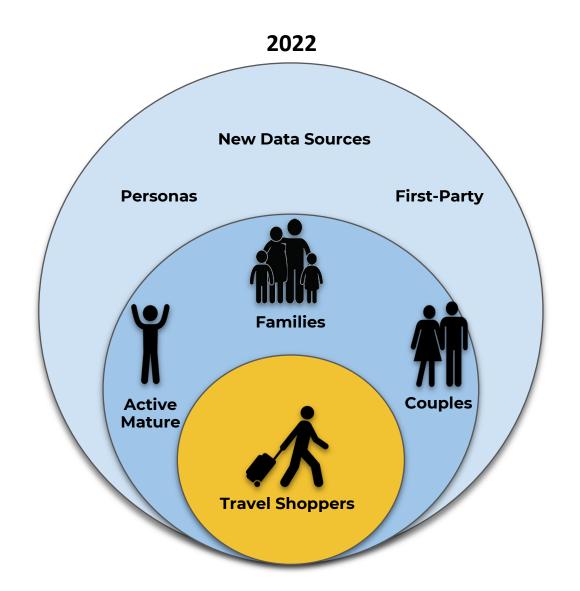
2023 EVOLUTION

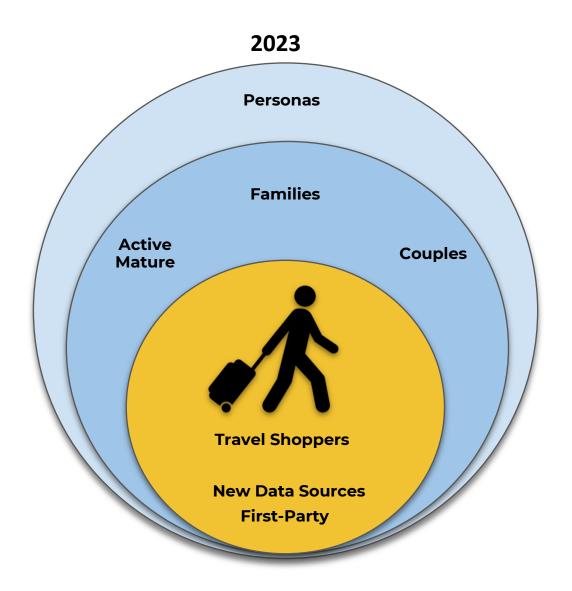
	INFLUENCER	PAID SOCIAL	NATIVE
Prioritize	Short-form video content Interest-based content Authentic storytelling	Larger full funnel experience to social channels, beyond core KPIs and audiences A heavier lean into TikTok	Aggressive traffic-driving strategies to support volume
Integrate	Leverage influencer-generated assets for paid media Utilize learnings from top performing blog and social content to inform influencer-related trip themes Activate influencer partners from key paid	More opportunities for synergy and testing between organic content and paid support Additional testing to focus on benchmarks Additional video assets into TikTok, beyond influencer boosting only	Investigation over campaign of potential shifts and testing of next action steps for additional KPIs - particularly towards midpoint of year
Continue	Tap into the audience and reach of macro and mega influencers Capitalize on the viral nature of TikTok and creator collaborations on the app Leverage the credibility of subject matter experts to create blog content	Support for "mainstream" creative, particularly video, as wide distribution channels	First half focus on site traffic support, as counterpoint to endemic shifts to CPB

MARKET STRATEGY

SATURATE	INFLUENCE	ELEVATE	ESTABLISH	MAINTAIN
Maximize potential of strongest organic markets Top 10 organic	Continue to impact markets influenced by paid support Pushed to top 10 via paid efforts	Raise profile in smaller heritage markets	Allow more development time for new 2022 markets Begin testing one new market digitally	Heritage coverage in local feeder markets via digital
Washington DC New York Baltimore Raleigh-Durham	Philadelphia Harrisburg, PA Pittsburgh Charlotte Boston	Charlottesville Salisbury Roanoke Greenville-New Bern	Cleveland Columbus Atlanta (digital-only)	Harrisonburg, VA Greensboro-High Point - Winston Salem, NC Florence-Myrtle Beach, SC Johnstown-Altoona- State College, PA Wilkes-Barre, PA Knoxville, TN

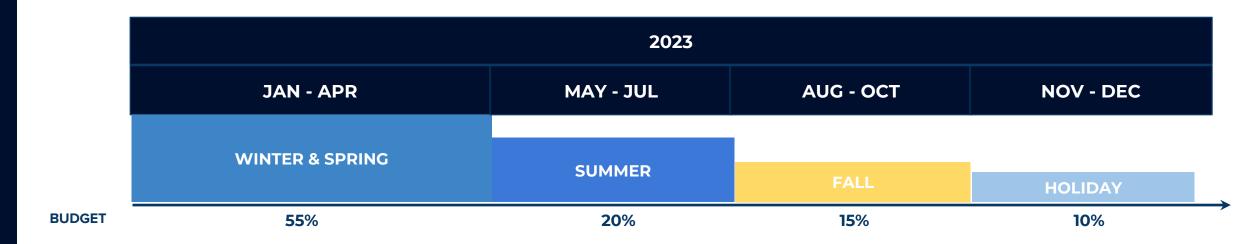
AUDIENCE EVOLUTION



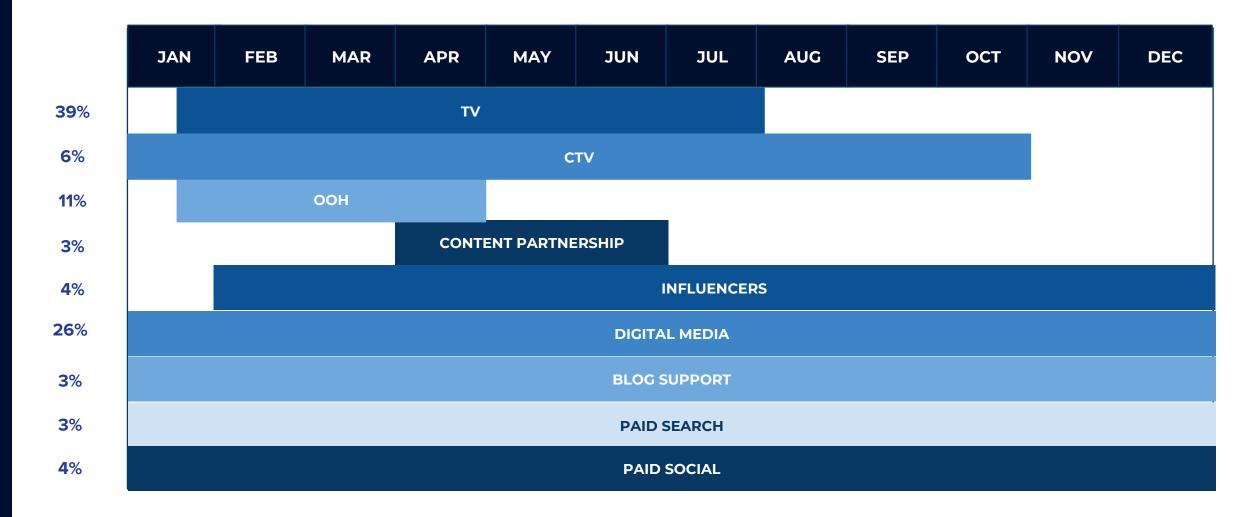


FLIGHTING STRATEGY





CHANNEL STRATEGY: 2023



^{*}Budgets/timelines provided are rough estimates and subject to fluctuations based on inventory availability and final buy details

BUDGET

CHANNEL	2023 PROPOSED BUDGET	2022 BUDGET	% OF TOTAL 2023 BUDGET	% VARIANCE YoY
Linear TV	\$5,289,574	\$4,816,005	39%	10%
CTV	\$750,000	\$700,000	6%	7%
Out of Home	\$1,450,000	\$1,423,900	11%	2%
Digital Media	\$3,525,000	\$3,417,857	26%	3%
Content Partnerships	\$340,000	\$340,000	3%	0%
Paid Search	\$415,000	\$415,000	3%	0%
Paid Social	\$587,500	\$587,500	4%	0%
Blog Support	\$400,000	\$400,000	3%	0%
Influencer	\$600,000	\$600,000	4%	0%
Co-Op Program	\$110,000	\$110,000	1%	0%
Annual Renewals	\$120,000	\$120,000	0.88%	0%
TOTAL	\$13,587,074	\$12,930,262	100%	5%

Linear TV: Accommodates additional markets and :30s

- Linear broadcast: Washington DC, New York, Baltimore, Raleigh-Durham, Philadelphia, Harrisonburg, Pittsburgh, Boston, Charlotte, Cleveland, Columbus, Charlottesville, Roanoke, Salisbury, Greenville-New Bern
- Integrate :30s into expansion markets Boston, Cleveland and Columbus (50/50 blended rotation)

CTV: More premium inventory during prime time

- Direct buy with Roku during prime time hours only
- Data-Driven Creative test with Tremor

OOH: Utilizes "custom" interactive executions

- Primary: New York, Philadelphia, Boston
- Support: Washington DC, Baltimore, Cleveland

Digital Media: Integrates new partners, greater coverage of travel endemics

- Test partners
 - Priceline (Travel Endemic)
 - GumGum (High Impact)
 - StackAdapt (Contextual)
 - Smartless (Podcast)

Public Relations



September/October: Earned Media

Global Impressions 1.4 Billion

Key Media Placements | September 1 – October 31, 2022

"Virginia's Best Fall Activities, From **Ghost Tours To Halloween** Happening" **Forbes**

"40 of the Prettiest American Towns to Visit During the Winter" -Stephanie Waldek

TOWN&COUNTRY

"32 Best Places to Go for Thanksgiving in America"

-Arricca Elin Sansone, Taysha Murtaugh, Janaya Wecker



"20 best Christmas getaways for the ultimate winter escape"

-Sarah Lemire

-Kaeli Conforti



"This Former Ballerina Continued The Legacy Of A Female-Owned Coffee And Tea Shop In Yorktown Dating Back To The 1800s" -Jeryl Brunner





September/October: Earned Media



Local Businesses Among Nominees For VRLTA's Ordinary Awards

ву Brandy Centolanza September 23, 2022

Meanwhile, Victoria Cimino, CEO of the tourism organization Visit Williamsburg, has been named a finalist for the Jim Ricketts Award DMO/CVB Employee of the Year recognition. The other two nominees in this category are Lisa Meriwether from Discover Danville and Brande Rumpf Virginia Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau(CVB).

Daily Press

THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE

Travel trends could be good news for Williamsburg

By Sian Wilkerson Virginia Gazette • Sep 23, 2022 at 9:02 am



In other business at Tuesday's meeting, Visit Williamsburg CEO Victoria Cimino reported that so far this year, room occupancy, average daily rate and revenue per available room are all up compared to 2019. The average daily rate is a metric used to indicate the average revenue earned for an occupied room on a given

Esquire

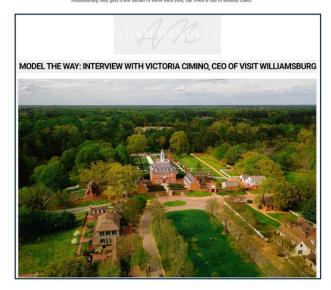
40 of the Prettiest American Towns to Visit During the Winter

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Williamsburg, Virginia



Learn all about American history at historic Williamsburg, particularly at Colonial Williamsburg's living history museum, which gets quite dolled up come December. Time your visit right and you might be in town to experience a few flurries—though Williamsburg only gets a few inches of snow each year, the town is full of holiday cheer.



Daily Press

Travel site names Williamsburg among the best historical cities to visit

Virginia Gazette - Oct 12, 2022 at 10:1



"For those of us who call Williamsburg home, it's no surprise that the region continues to be recognized and honored with tremendous accolades," said Victoria Cimino, chief executive officer of Visit

Aol.

20 Best Christmas Getaways - Christmas Vacation Ideas

SARAH LEMIRE

illiamsburg, Virginia





September/October: Accolades



2022 READERS' CHOICE AWARD

Best CVB/DMO



TWO GOLD

Blog and Television Commercial

&

TWO SILVER

Social Media and Advertising/Marketing Campaign



Sales



September/October: Shows and Events

DATE	UPCOMING SHOWS	LOCATION
October 2 - 4, 2022	Small Market Meetings Conference	Wichita, Kansas
October 9 - 12	Capital Region USA Global Market Exchange	Washington, DC
October 24 – 27, 2022	TEAMS	Oklahoma City, OK











September/October: New Business Leads

ISSUE DATE	LEADS	ROOM NIGHTS
9/7/2022	Grand Classroom – Providence Academy	30
9/15/2022	American Edventures – AE 173	36
9/15/2022	American Edventures – AE 141	50
9/22/2022	Virginia Air National Guard – Yellow Ribbon	60
9/29/2022	Rush Family Reunion	40
10/5/2022	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	115
10/12/2022	Wood Family Reunion	75
10/12/2022	Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative	235
10/19/2022	National Baptist Deacons Convention	1000
10/19/2022	Society of Lake Management Professionals	255
10/19/2022	International Jugglers' Association	960
10/19/2022	International Jugglers' Association	960
10/19/2022	Brooklyn Latin School	82



September/October: New Business Leads

ISSUE DATE	LEADS	ROOM NIGHTS
10/20/2022	William Diamond Junior Fife & Drum Corps	90
10/25/2022	Fullington Trailways	64
10/27/2022	Integrated Agribusiness Professionals	235
10/27/2022	Living Church of God, Inc.	140
11/03/2022	Macon County Farm Bureau	60

September/October: Service Leads

	SERVICES LEADS	
10/12/2022	Viajes A +	Guide Service
10/12/2022	Viajes A +	Meals
10/27/2022	Old Dominion SGMP	Entertainment
10/27/2022	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Attractions



September/October: Definite Bookings

Arrival Date	Definite Booking	Property	Room Nights
10/18/2022	Viajes A+ Educational Tours	The Woodlands	112
10/23/2022	Legacy Tour and Travel	The Woodlands	100
11/29/2022	Wendt Tours	The Woodlands	108
07/06/2023	Firecracker Sports	Great Wolf Lodge	200
06/25/2023	Virginia State Courts	Holiday Inn & Suites	125











Upcoming Shows and Events

DATE	UPCOMING SHOWS	LOCATION
11/13-17/2022	National Tour Association Travel Exchange	Reno, Nevada
11/27-30/2022	Travel South International	Louisville, Kentucky
1/16-20/2023	SYTA Summit	Anaheim, California
1/24-26/2023	RCMA EMerge	Chattanooga, Tennessee











Old & New Business



Adjourn

Next Meeting: January 17, 2023

