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Encouraging Private Sector to Utilise ICT Tools in Tourism Marketing

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Some Marketing Statistics

Did you know that....

A significant 92% of marketers said that social media was important to their businesses.

The two skills most marketers want to master are effective social tactics and best way to achieve engagement.

A significant 72% of marketers surveyed analysed their social media activities.

Source: Social Media Examiner



Thoughts on Content Creation



Did you know that....

Marketers plan to increase their use of visuals (73%), videos (72%), blogging (69%), and podcasting (26%), in that order.

Video is becoming more important: A significant 57% of marketers use videos in their marketing; however, 72% want to learn more about video marketing.

Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, YouTube, Pinterest, and Instagram were the top seven platforms used by marketers.

(I would add Snapchat to the contender list).

Source: Social Media Examiner

Case Study: Jordan

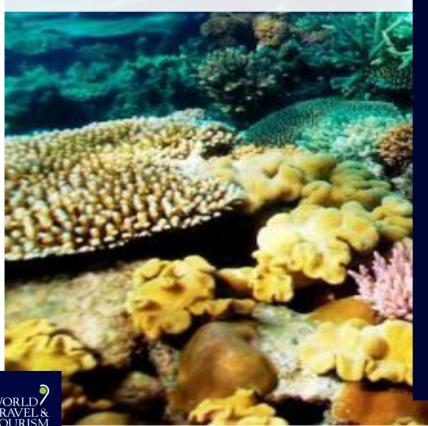
Need: Promote Jordan as during a turbulent time, as well as increase awareness of the destination's offering.

Tactic: Use social media and travel influencers to spread the word.

Result: Jordan listed as one of the hottest destinations for 2012 on multiple renowned Top 10 lists, including NYT, Fox News, Virtuoso, Conde Nast Traveller. As well, brand visibility and loyalty was at its highest ever.



Case Study: Australia



Most successful tourism board on social media.

Expertly identified their target market.

Emphasis on attracting first time visitors, but also using previous travellers to harness the power of word-of-mouth and UGC marketing.

Heavy use of visuals on all platforms. Emphasis on engagement.

Brand personality is humorous, personal, and makes the audience feel.







Using Social Media

Tourism Australia's Social Media Program focuses on stimulating conversations about Australia through key platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Instagram and Pinterest.

Our Facebook page has a high level of engagement and concentrates on showcasing beautiful and unique images from all over Australia. We mainly post user-generated content, which encourages fans to continue sharing their own stories and experiences on an ongoing basis. Every Friday the best images from the week are chosen and featured in the Friday fan photo album, which receives thousands of likes, shares and comments.

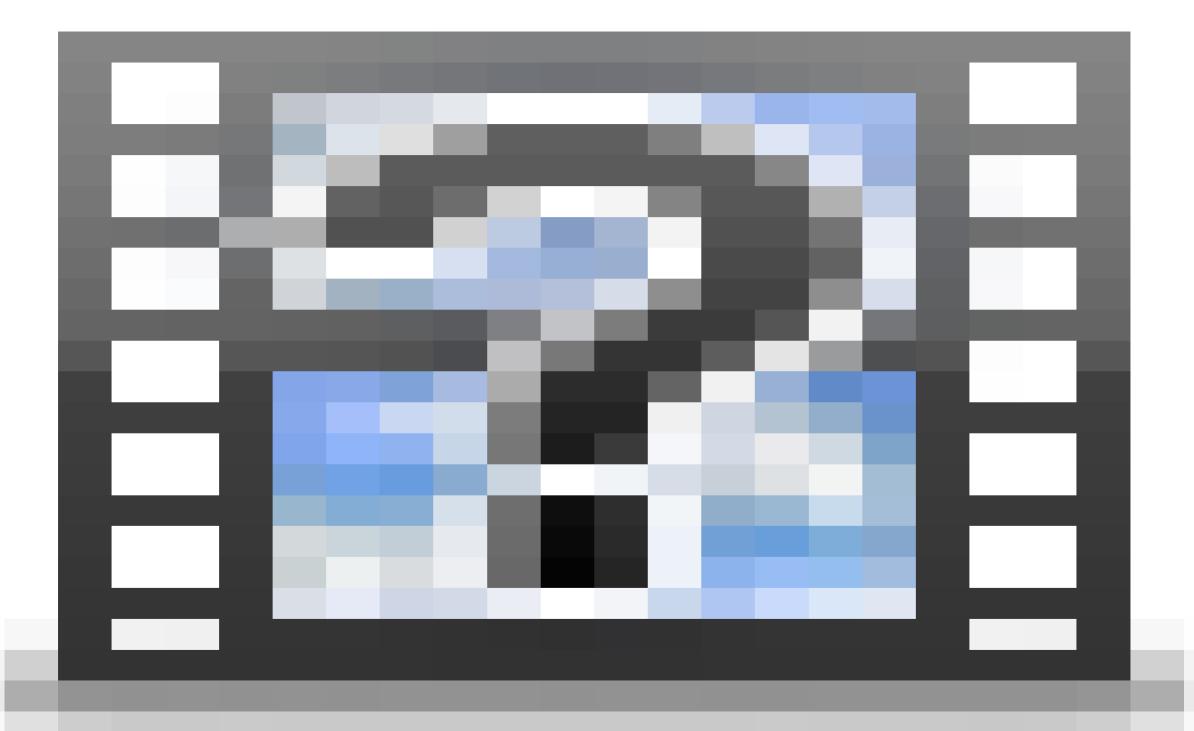
Tourism Australia's Instagram profile showcases the best shots from around Australia on a daily basis, which are chosen from followers who upload and tag their photos with #seeaustralia.



Our consumer and corporate Twitter accounts and Google+ profile provide interesting news, photos, updates and facts about Australia and our Pinterest profile organises stunning photos from all around Australia into location and subject categories.

How to get involved with our social media activities:

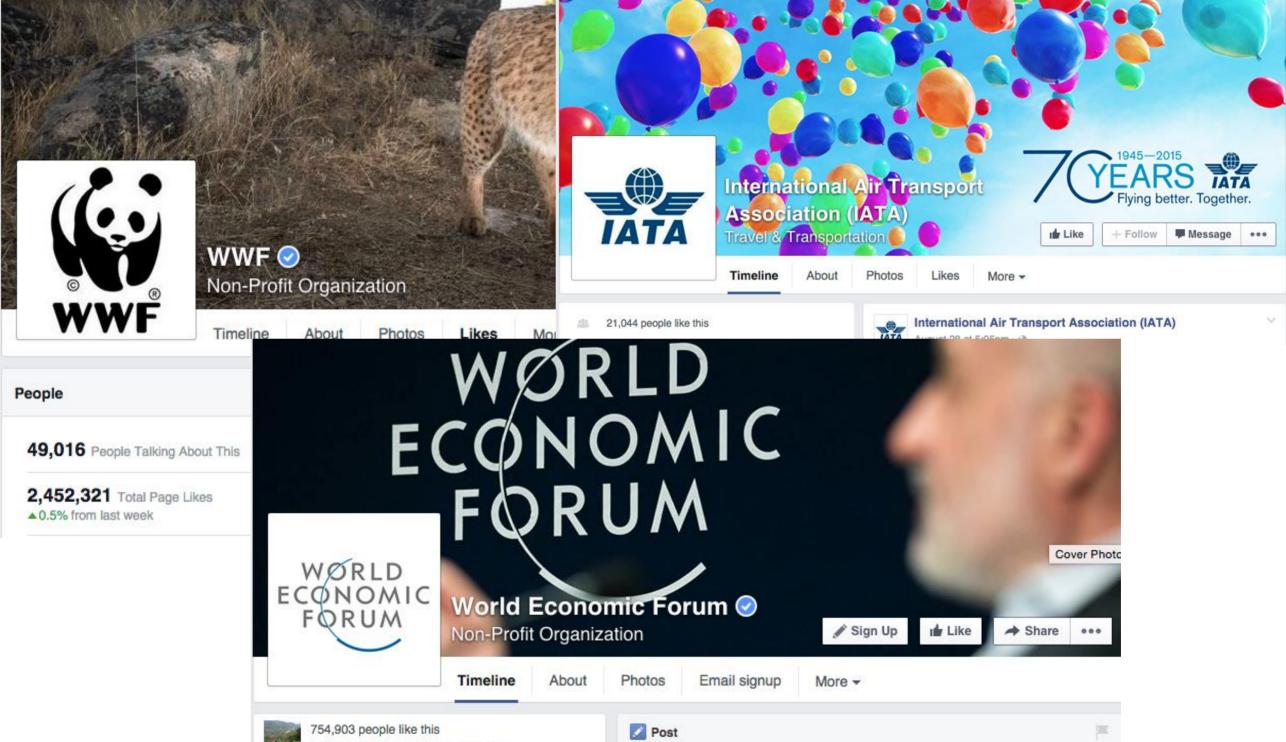
- Join in our social media conversations by visiting:
 - > www.facebook.com/seeaustralia
 - > www.twitter.com/australia
 - > www.google.com/+australia
 - Instagram (@australia)
 - > www.pinterest.com/seeaustralia





Tourism Stories

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!



Tips for Success

Make your content/stories share-worthy

Try, test, and see what works

Entice your audience. Show them what they're missing.

Inject some fun into your brand and your message

Listen. Engage. Respond.

Think globally.

Utilize social media platforms where your audience can engage with you

Put the spotlight on your community

Stay current



Challenges for the Private Sector

Budget vs ROI

Standing Out

Staying current + speaking the language

Government restrictions

Finding the resources





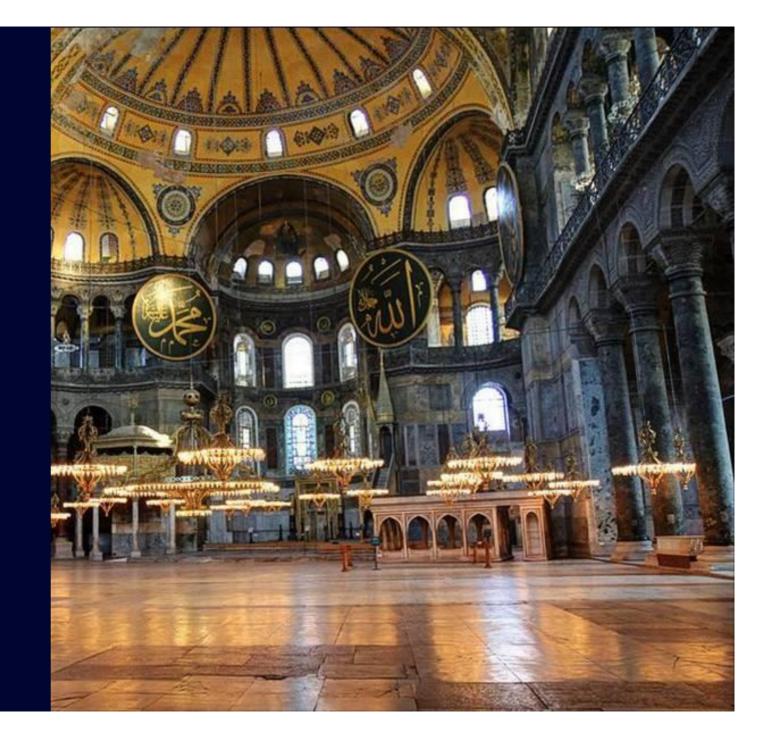
Suggestions?

Government cooperation

Don't be afraid to experiment

Be transparent and define role between government + private suppliers

Be social. Live social. Be dedicated.











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