## TRAVEL NEVADA

# QUARTERLY REPORT



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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Travel Nevada continued the momentum established in Q1 with an equally productive and effective Q2 plan. While the team utilized Q1 to testing concepts and planning asset production for the new Get A Little Out There campaign Q2 was all about the execution. The marketing team itself got a little out there, covering 2,300+ miles and visiting 24 Nevada towns and communities, gathering photo and video content for the campaign. Meanwhile, plans were underway to utilize those newly-captured assets in new broadcast, print, and digital ads.

On the Destination Development front, the **10-year** strategic plans were completed by three partners, and

3D grant applications were submitted and reviewed by the working group. The Destination Development team and its advisers attended six meetings related to the various 3D projects.

Continuing with Industry Development, this quarter the team implemented the **rural marketing grant mid-year check in** to allow the opportunity to discuss the program, next steps, and look forward to future opportunities. **The meetings were well received** and will become a standard rural marketing grant procedure.

The marketing team launched its **Paranormal Passport**,



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

designed to encourage visitation to some of the more allegedly haunted points of interest in the Silver State. There have been **818 pass signups year-to-date and nearly 2,650 landing page views**. In addition, the Paranormal Passport earned a lot of in-state media attention, with stories on **three radio stations** and **three TV stations statewide**.

Lt. Governor Anthony took a road trip along the Great Basin Highway and found himself in Elyduring the Annular Solar Eclipse alongside thousands of visitors, including four traditional domestic journalists, one influencer couple, and a group of German media, all hosted by Travel Nevada. To further extend the reach on this celestial event, the paid media team partnered with **Sirius XM Media** and Neil deGrasse Tyson's **Star Talk** podcast and discussed Nevada's dark skies with an **Astronomy Ranger from Great Basin National Park**.

Looking ahead to Q3, we anticipate the **3D program to** award its first recipients, to execute compelling, actionable paid media partnerships, and to continue hosting both international and domestic media throughout the state for earned coverage.



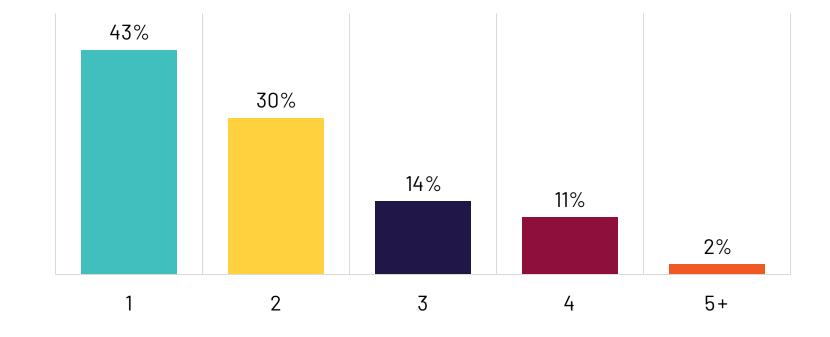
# **BRAND EVOLUTION**



## **AD TESTING**

Nearly 45% of out of state users exposed to media visited Nevada more than one time during Q1.

Nearly 60% of users exposed to media visited Nevada more than one time during Q1.





## **BRAND CAMPAIGN ROLLOUT**

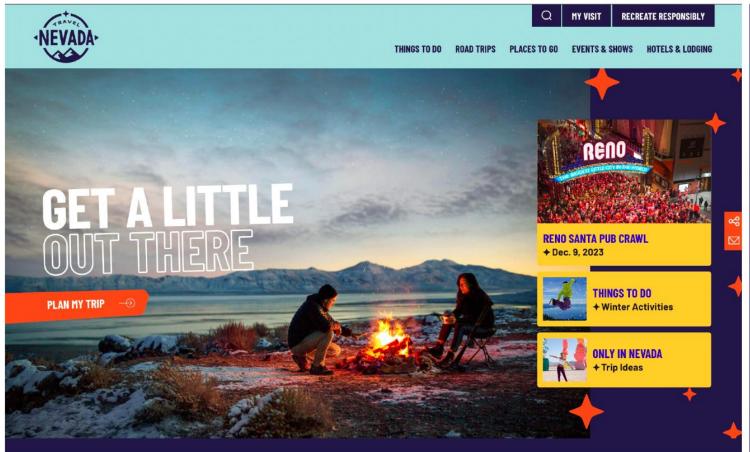
- The brand line and campaign creative was tested with Future Partners in August/September validating our new brand direction and campaign.
- We started running ads for this campaign in early October using existing photography assets and video.
  - Raiders partnership began with podcast ads, banner ads, etc.
  - Meta and display placements
  - Tripadvisor and Expedia placements

- We launched the new brand line and campaign in-state at Nevada Day with:
  - A partnership with Great Basin Brewing to rename a beer for the day
  - Provided coasters with a QR code to our website
  - A table with Get a Little Out There swag such as t-shirts, stickers, etc.
  - Wrapped the Travel Nevada car for the Lt. Governor's parade participation
  - Re-skinned travelnevada.com and our email template designs

 Travel Nevada's PR team returned to New York for the first time since COVID-19. The event encouraged media to "Get a Little Out There" and learn more about the outdoor recreation opportunities in the state.



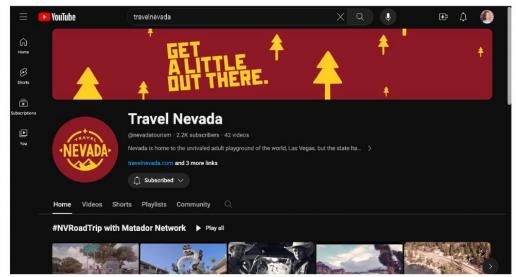
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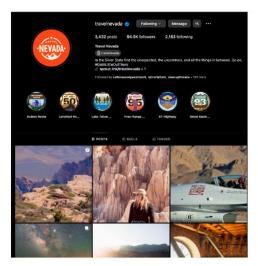


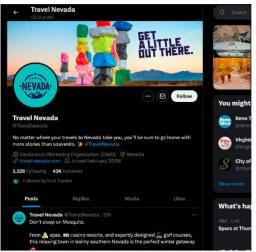


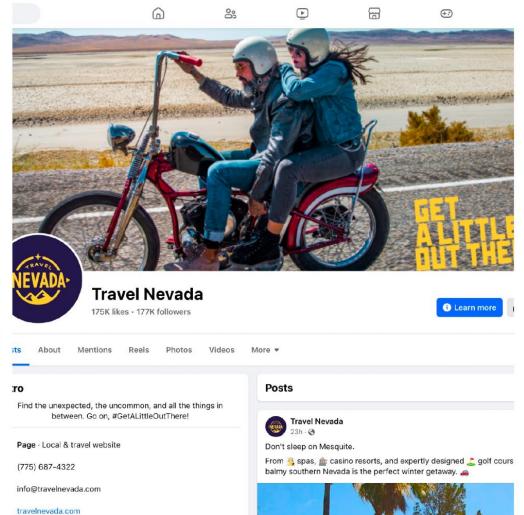


#### **SOCIAL PROFILES**











#### INITIAL ROLLOUT MEDIA COVERAGE



#### Travel Nevada Unveils New Brand Creative, Inviting Travelers to "Get a Little Out There" in the Silver State

October 25, 2023 By Good Giant



Carson City, Nev. – Nevada is sharing its hugehearted story with the world in its new tourism campaign and renewed purpose. "Get a Little Out There" invites travelers to see the state in a new light – one that will surprise, challenge, delight, and



"Get a Little Out There" Highway Billboard

change them through Nevada's beautifully uncommon backyard and curious character.

The new brand is the culmination of extensive research, including a brand positioning study, target audience research, cultural/market studies, and a 12-state competitive analysis conducted by Travel Nevada's creative and digital agency of record, Noble Studios. The research found that, while visitors appreciate Nevada for its outdoor recreation opportunities, their affinity for the state lies in the wide variety of activities and experiences found throughout. This diversity of exciting adventures elicits transformative travel experiences.



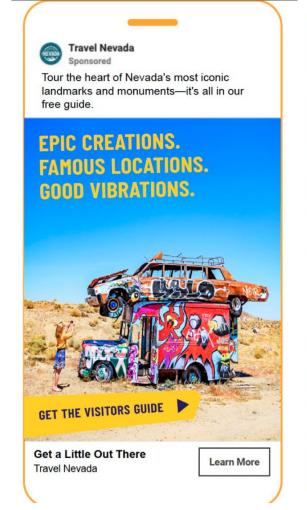
Travel Nevada is stepping into the limelight with their brand-new campaign, "Get a Little Out There."

This campaign is set to redefine the way we see the Silver State, and it's bound to surprise, challenge, delight, and ultimately transform travelers.

So, here's the genius behind it: Travel Nevada has recognized that their state is not just about outdoor recreation, but it's a treasure trove of diverse experiences. And that's the key – diversity.



#### **PAID SOCIAL**















#### **DISPLAY BANNER ADS**









### **ALLEGIANT STADIUM ASSETS**









#### **CONTENT PARTNERSHIPS**



LONG READS

PODCASTS

Travel > Destinations > North America

#### How to Get a Little Out There in **Northern Nevada**

Whoever said "middle of nowhere" like it was a bad thing was seriously misinformed



Max Djenohan



TRIPS EXPERIENCES COURSES PLACES FOODS STORIES

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ALL > UNITED STATES > NEVADA

The Atlas Obscura Guide To

## Nevada

226 Cool, Hidden, and Unusual Things to Do in Nevada

**UPDATED JANUARY 1, 2024** 

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### 9 Places Near Las Vegas For a **Different Kind of Tailgate**

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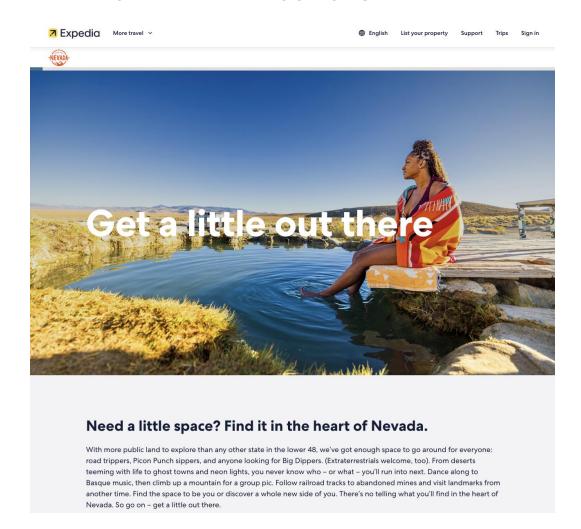
While Las Vegas is known for its glitzy neon signs, buzzing clubs and nightlife, and over-the-top casinos, the region itself is also home to some wondrous bars and eateries that lie well beyond the crowded Strip. This Super Bowl season, it's time to engage in a new type of tailgate. From a stripmall world of tiki to a downhome diner where daily specials are part of the allure, here are 9 places that offer a culinary escape from the bright lights of Nevada's most iconic city.

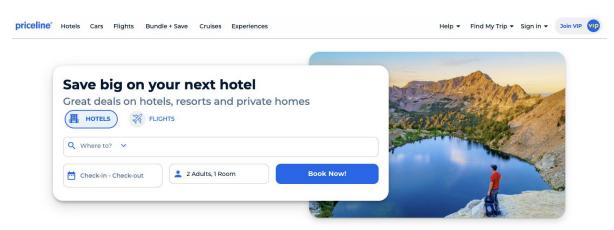
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#### **ADDITIONAL PAID EXECUTIONS**





#### **Get a Little Out There**

Need a little space? Find it in the heart of Nevada.

With more public land to explore than any other state in the lower 48, we've got enough space to go around for everyone: road trippers, Picon punch sippers, and anyone looking for Big Dippers. (Extraterrestrials welcome, too). From deserts teeming with life to ghost towns and neon lights, you never know who – or what – you'll run into next. Dance along to Basque music, then climb up a mountain for a group pic. Follow railroad tracks to abandoned mines and visit landmarks from another time. Find the space to be you, or discover a whole new side of you. There's no telling what you'll find in the heart of Nevada. So go on – get a little out there.





## PHOTO & VIDEO PRODUCTION

The Travel Nevada team, Noble Studios and our selected production partner "King Abe Sticks" brought the brand and campaign vision to life. They were selected after an extensive bidding process with in-state and out-of-state production companies.

King Abe Sticks was composed of:

- Abe Froman Productions Las Vegas, Nevada
- Three Sticks Productions Reno, Nevada
- Jamie Kingham Photography Reno, Nevada

They brought a proposal that would allow us to do a complete circle around the state over the course of a 9-day trip and capture stills and video for the new brand and Get a Little Out There campaign.



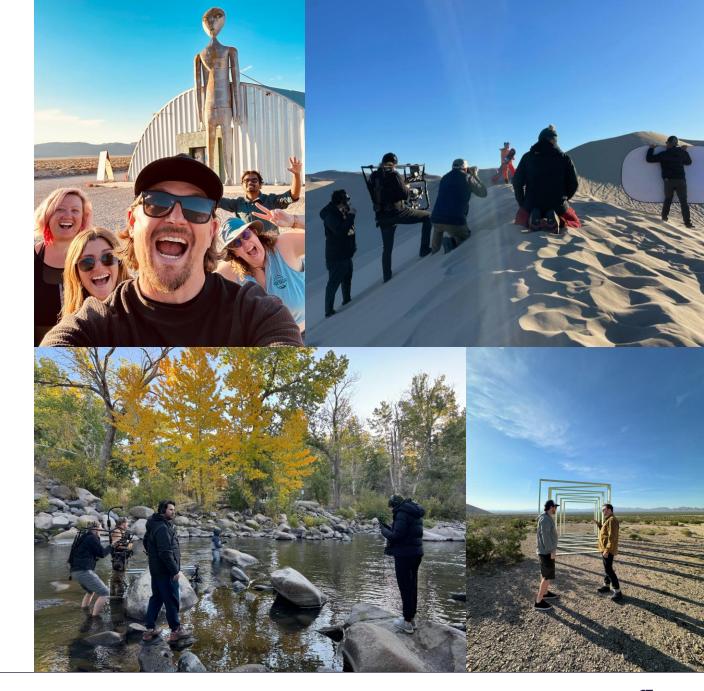






#### **PRODUCTION DETAILS**

- 2,300+ miles driven
- 9 days
- 12,000+ photos captured
- 12 TB of footage captured
- 24 locations (and even more setups), including:
  - Fly fishing in Verdi
  - Strolling through Virginia City
  - Dining in Elko
  - Mountain biking in Ely
  - Sightseeing at Rhyolite
  - Rock climbing at Red Rock
  - Rockhounding in Goldfield
  - Ghost hunting in Tonopah
- Focused on casting diverse ages, races and body types
- Chose activities reflective all types of adventure levels and interests









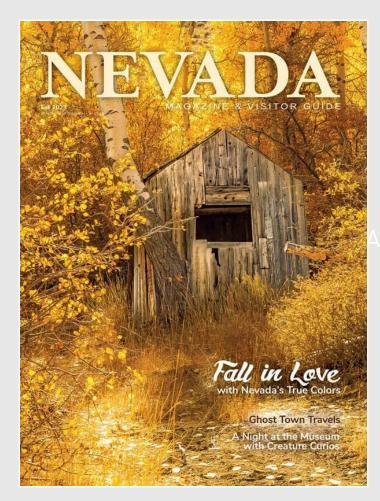




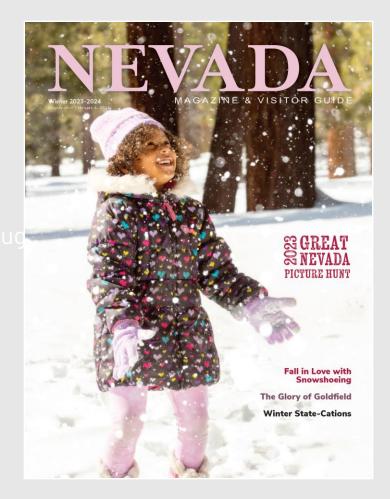


# NEVADA MAGAZINE & VISITOR GUIDE

Out of over 600 survey respondents that received the Nevada Magazine & Visitor Guide in 2023, 84% of them said that it "inspired them to visit anywhere, or want to visit anywhere, they would not have otherwise visited".



Fall Issue ran from August 1 – October 31, 2023



Winter Issue launched November 1, 2023.



## DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Completion of 10 Year Strategic Plans for Cohort One participants: The Friends of Black Rock High Rock; White Pine County; and Lincoln County.
- Cohort One participants submitted their 3D Grant Applications for review by the 3D Working Group.

- Nevada's Indian Territory withdrew their participation.
- December 1st 3D Cohort One participants
   3D Grant Applications were due.



## **3D MEETINGS**



November 6-8, 2023 **Cultural Corridor Site Visit** 



November 9, 2023
NIT Steering Committee Kick-Off
Meeting



November 7, 2023 **Cultural Corridor Steering Committee Meeting** 



December 3, 2023 **Boulder City 3D Zoom Meeting** 



November 7, 2023 **Cultural Corridor Community Meeting** 



December 18, 2023 **Cultural Corridor Steering Committee Meeting** 

## INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Implementation of the rural marketing grants FY24 mid-year check-in.
- Grantees completed a mid-year check-in form through Submittable, giving Abby the opportunity to setting up office hours for grant recipients to meet with her to discuss progress, next steps, and even begin to look forward at future opportunities.
- The meetings were well received and will become a staple of the rural marketing grants procedures.
- October Guest DMO Speaker: Travel Nevada Research and Resources – Kyle Shulz, Travel Nevada Research Manager.



## **TERRITORY MEETINGS**



November 3, 2023

Nevada Silver Trails

Pahrump Tourism Visitor Center



November 13, 2023
Pony Express Territory Strategic
Plan Meeting



November 8, 2023
Reno Tahoe Territory Strategic
Plan Meeting







INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

# PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

## Moapa Valley Revitalization Project (MVRP)

October 25, 2023

Travel Nevada attended and presented to the Moapa Valley Revitalization Project (MVRP) special tourism meeting on ways that Moapa Valley communities can leverage state resources to draw tourism visitation to the area.

The entire day was spent touring the community with visits to the Lost City Museum, Old Logandale School Heritage Museum an afternoon on an OHV tour. Local small businesses in downtown Overton, were also visited and speaking with their owners about business conditions.



## **BATTLE BORN INSIDERS**



Complete re-write of Chapters 1-9 and re-edited Chapters 10 – 18.



Digital assets for new content submitted to TravPro.



Soft launch at Rural Round Up April 2024.

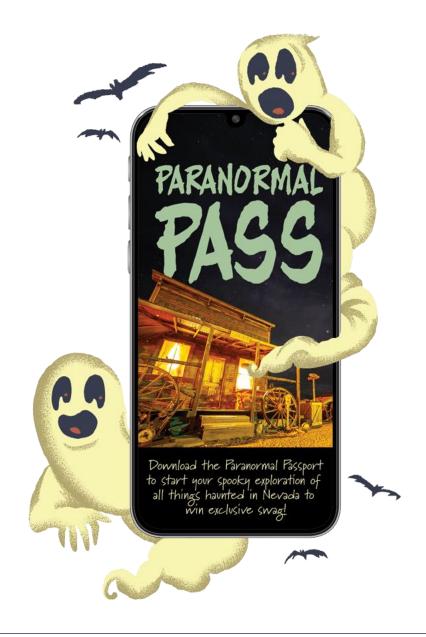


## **DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA**



## PARANORMAL PASSPORT

- Travel Nevada developed an interactive digital passport to help visitors explore all things "paranormal" in the state. Users can check in a different locations all across the state to collect points and redeem prizes.
- We have had 818 total pass signs ups YTD and
   ~2,650 landing page views.
- The Paranormal Passport received a lot of attention with in-state media, including interviews on radio stations KOH, KBUL, and KUNR, Reno TV stations KTVN, KOLO, Las Vegas station 8 News Now, and nationally with Frommer's.





#### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

<< Back to Passportable



Travel Nevada

## Visit Nevada Ghost Towns and Alien Sites with New Paranormal Passport





Asked to name the most ghoulish places in the United States, you might come up with



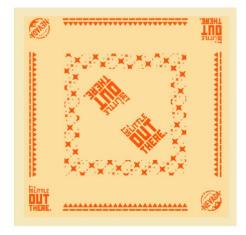




### **NEVADA DAY LAUNCH EVENT**

























## **NEVADA DAY LAUNCH EVENT**

















# LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OUTREACH

In October, the Lt. Governor traveled along the **Great Basin Highway,** ending in Elyfor the **Annular Solar Eclipse.** His trip took him from Las Vegas to Caliente, Pioche, and Ely, with stops along the way to meet with tourism partners.

















DISCOVER YOUR NEVADA

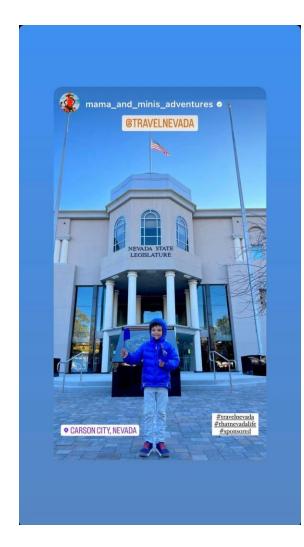
# DYN INFLUENCER

# Susan Kikuli @mama\_and\_minis\_adventures

Our in-state influencer road tripped up to Carson City for Nevada Day.

Total Reach: 83,508

Total Engagements: 1,382





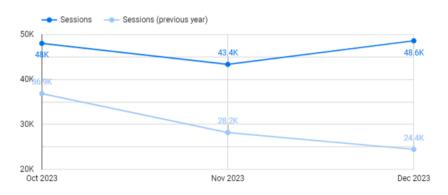




## DYN WEBSITE TRAFFIC

- Nevada sessions to the website from Oct-Dec 2023 are up from 2022 by +55%.
  - Returning users are up by 36% from 2022.
  - All channels driving Nevada traffic are up from the previous year with the exception of just a few including Paid Social (-2.5K sessions) and Email (-908 sessions).
- Paid Search and Organic Search drove the majority of sessions to the website from Nevada.
  - A lot of growth in Paid Search from the previous year came from the "Discover Your Nevada - Brand" campaign where specific keywords including las vegas such as "places to visit in las vegas" which points searchers to the / cities/las-vegas landing page.
  - Future efforts are in works to test and see if we can't capitalize on this search volume and better expose searchers to the Travel Nevada brand/site as a solution to their gueries.

#### **Q2 Organic Sessions vs Prev. Year**



#### **Q2 Sessions per Content Category**

Content group	Sessions -	Δ
Cities	24,903	19,652 t
Discover Your Nevada	11,984	43 t
Outdoor Recreation	7,425	3,886 #
Parks & amp; Recreational Areas	6,538	2,327 t
Hotels	5,808	839 t
Ghost Town	5,229	-115 🖡
Hot Springs	4,447	-1,370 #
Travel Guides	4,128	1,887 t
Museums	3,926	1,250 t
Weird Nevada	3,635	-2,494 🖡

Data: Google Ads / GA4 10/1/2023 - 12/31/2023



# **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

Partner	<b>Delivered Imps</b>	Clicks	CTR
WBD	3,929,688		
Sirius XM Media	19,534,600		
Atlas Obscura	5,255,147	12,202	0.23%
National Geographic	43,659	73	0.20%
Outside Online	4,409,389	21,454	0.48%
Lonely Planet	1,401,893	3,576	0.26%
TravelSpike		53,453	
Simpli.fi	8,351,110	8,236	0.10%
Flipboard	8,779,184	60,995	0.69%
Bidtellect	4,423,825	14,700	0.33%
Expedia	2,580,743	1,871	0.07%
Priceline	4,133,176	2,301	0.06%
Trip Advisor	1,796,189	1,479	0.09%
Sojern	1,303,574	825	0.06%
Adara	1,598,349	568	0.04%
Meta – Lead Gen	608,260	3,712	0.61%
Meta - Boost	2,389,224	22,909	0.96%
TOTAL	71,285,536	207,786	.33%



# **PAID MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**





#### Sirius XM Media - Star Talk Podcast

Our team partnered with **Neil deGrasse Tyson** on a custom episode of his podcast **Star Talk**. The hour-long podcast was all about Dark Skies and the hosts were joined by an Astro photographer and Bradley Mills, Astronomy Ranger at Great Basin National Park.



>140k Total views on

YouTube



# PAID MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Outside Magazine Sponsored Content**

Our Partnership with Outside brought athlete and adventure travel influencer Max Djenohan to Northern Nevada. His photography and customarticle were featured on Outside Online and promoted through social media, newsletters and display.

- "How to Get a Little Out There in Northern Nevada" was viewed over 19k times in Q2
- Readers spent an average of 1 minute and 16 seconds (well above Outside's 39 second benchmark)
- Over 2,600 readers (4%) clicked out to TravelNevada. com (again, well above 2.25% benchmark)
- The article, social promotions, and targeted banners combined for over 5 million impressions on Outside in Q2

**LINK TO ARTICLE** 

Sponsor Content: Travel Nevada

# How to Get a Little Out There in Northern Nevada

Whoever said "middle of nowhere" like it was a bad thing was seriously misinformed









Downtown Elko is full of murals. Many of these works of art were painted at the 2019 Elko Mural Expo—an event that brought 40 artists to paint more than 50 murals in just a few days. (Photo: Max Djenohan)



For adventurous travelers who want to explore beyond the expected, there's much

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How to Get a Little Out There in Northern Nevada

Paid Partnership · December 19, 2023 · 🔇

Whoever said "middle of nowhere" like it was a bad thing was seriously misinformed

**OO** 383

41 comments 52 shares

# SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS

#### Amanda Paulson | @prettyfnspooky

Visited spooky sites along the Free-Range Art Highway.

Total reach: 1,338,358

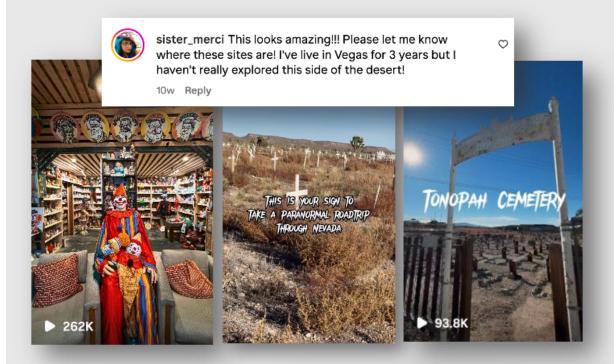
Total engagements: 117,619

#### Mike and Anne Howard | @honeytrek

Traveling along the Loneliest Road in America.

Total reach: 158,510

Total engagements: 10,979







# SOCIAL MEDIA PERFORMANCE

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Nevada (FB)

• Shares: 191

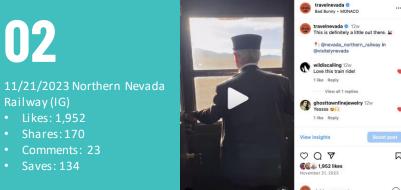
10/21/2023 Paranormal

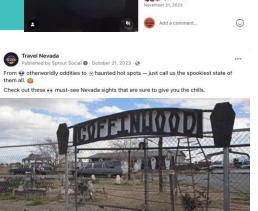
• Reactions:1,173

Comments: 148Post Link Clicks: 2,658

#### **Top Performing Posts**

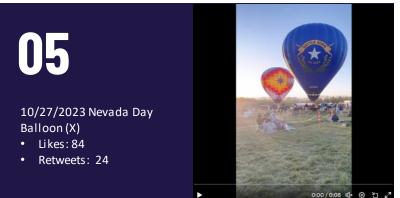














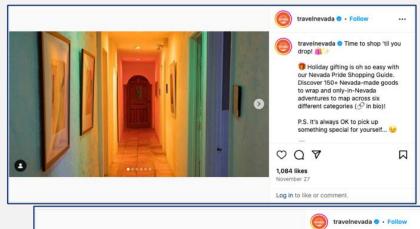
DOMESTIC MARKET DEVELOPMENT 4!

Paranormal Nevada | Haunted Nevada | Travel Nevada

# PAID SOCIAL PERFORMANCE

#### **Boosted Posts**

- Throughout Q2, organic posts were boosted on Meta platforms to further reach Nevada's key target audiences.
- While there were more boosts in Q2, click performance is up 61% from Q1 reporting.
- From a click perspective the Uncommon Overnighters post was the most clicked on and garnered a very strong CTR of 2.11%.
- Carson City generated the most engagement for the Travel Nevada page at 67K engagements.
- Overall, boosted organic posts are seeing strong performance in audiences and confirming users are interested in taking a further step when coming across these posts with over 22K clicks and 219K page engagements.









# PAID SOCIAL PERFORMANCE

#### **Lead Gen**

In Q1 Meta lead generation campaigns highlighted getting users to sign up for the Travel Nevada newsletter and downloading the Visitor Guide.

- Both the VG and Newsletter generated over 1,358 Meta Leads.
- Our audiences showed more engagement with content regarding the newsletter carousel ads.
- Cultural Traveler Newsletter Carousel attracted the most link clicks, 1.8K and meta leads at 636

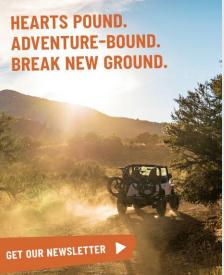














# PAID SOCIAL PERFORMANCE

#### YouTube Performance

- Our YouTube performance has increased across the board with the campaign Hiking video leading with a **+2.36% to CTR**.
- Efficiency has also increased with all Video campaigns decreasing in **CPM by -9.27**%. We are getting more engagement for less cost which is a testament to the ad creative.

**+11.4% YOUTUBE IMPRESSIONS**1,137,695 vs 1,267,391

+7.12%

YOUTUBE VIEW RATE

15.6% vs 22.72%

+1.94%
YOUTUBE CTR
1.28% ys 3.22%





Data: Google Ads 7/1/2023 - 9/30/2023

## PAID SEARCH PERFORMANCE

#### **Paid Search Performance**

- All campaign CTR and Conversion Rate are surpassing travel industry benchmarks.
- Paid search conversions for accommodation referrals are up **+168.9%** from 2022.
- The campaign "Things to Do Drive Markets" has seen a notable improvement from 2022 with is driving **+9.2K** more conversions.
  - Some keywords from this campaign include: [best places to visit in nevada], "must see in nevada", "things to do around las vegas", etc.

**+9.8%**\*PPS CLICKS
125.944 vs 138.281

+1.4%
\*PPS CTR
13.7% vs 15.05%

**+71% \*PPS CONVERSIONS**15.618 vs 26.831

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\*PPS = Pav Per Search

### **NEWSLETTER**

#### **Email Performance**

- Overall, email as a channel drove less sessions (-49% YoY) due to sending two less emails than in 2022.
- As result of less emails sent, we also see a correlated decrease in Visitor Guide Downloads and views (-20% YoY). However, we have plans to recoup in upcoming quarters.
- With less overall emails sent from Oct-Dec in 2023 we see less absolute values for metrics like sessions generated and partner referrals. However, the rate of partner referrals grew 1.5X (+4 percentage points) while email visitors to the website increased their pages per session by +6.07%. Both speak to the enhanced user experience of the website and the quality of the email content linking to these areas.

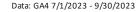
#### **Email Overview Out-of-State**

11.59% CLICK RATE
1.12%

-27% YoY -56% YoY -39% YoY

#### **Email Overview In-State**

OPEN RATE CLICK RATE CLICK-THROUGH RATE
16.05% 2.98% 18.54%

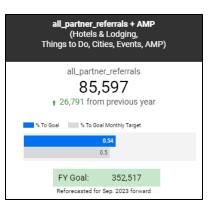


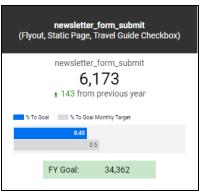
CLICK-THROUGH RATE

9.66%

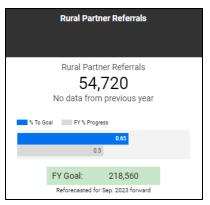
## TRAVELNEVADA.COM KPIs

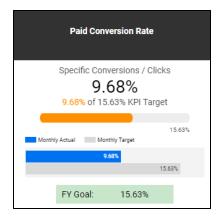
- We are doing well for key metrics; most notably with partner referrals which are up **+27K** from Oct-Dec 2022(+46%)
- We validated our previous findings showing +25% to partner referrals after turning off Accelerated Mobile Pages (AMP) on select sections of the site by scaling the test across the full site.
  - We found that, from a sitewide impact of turning off AMP, we see a
     +18% lift to all partner referrals with statistical significance.
- Both newsletter sign ups and travel guide requests are down due to more dedicated emails in 2022 vs the same period in 2023. We are working on timing for emails and website-specific updates to help boost these KPIs for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.
- Facilitating trip planning on <u>www.travelnevada.com</u> is also on the horizon for website updates and we hypothesize that it will produce a significant increase in overall site engagement and returning users.













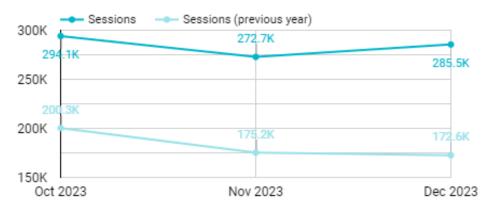
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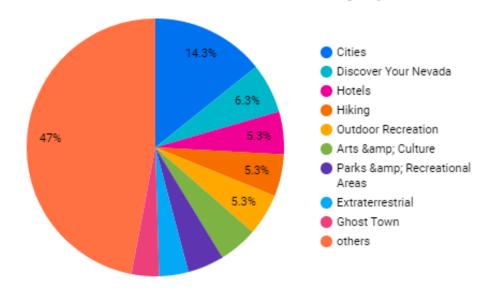
# **WEBSITE TRAFFIC**

- Sessions to the website from Oct-Dec in 2023 are up from 2022 by +56.2%.
- Engagement metrics such as Average Engagement Time and Pages per Session are down compared to 2022. This reflects intentional changes this Fiscal Year continued into Oct-Dec:
  - We're working to make our website more user-friendly for quick information access. While this might reduce immediate engagement time, we aim for increased repeat visits. If we prove our site's value in-the-moment, users are more likely to return, especially with upcoming features.
- Externally, information is being shown to visitors outside of our website. We see this trend continued with the advent of AI in search results. We are intercepting this development and proactively making changes to boost and diversify exposure where possible and ensure web visitors are given exactly what they need when they do visit.

#### Oct-Dec Organic Sessions vs Prev. Year



#### **Oct-Dec Sessions per Content Category**



Data: GA4 10/1/2023 - 12/31/2023



# **EARNED MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**

#### GOAL

Secure 40 placements in Top 100 outlets

Achieved **21** Top 100 placements, **52.5**% of the overall goal

#### GOAL

Host 8 Top 100 journalists in state

Hosted **10** Top 100 journalist, **125%** of our goal

#### GOAL

Secure 15 feature placements in Top 100 outlets

Secured 6
features in Top
100 outlets, 40%
of the overall goal

#### GOAL

Host 8 influencers in state

Hosted 5 influencers in Q1, 62.5% to our goal, with 3 influencers expected in Q3

#### GOAL

Secure at least one key message in 75% of all earned coverage Secured at least one key message in **100**% of earned coverage

#### GOAL

Engage 40 Top 100 media contacts inperson or via dedicated interactions 24 media contacts in person or dedicated interactions, or60% of the goal



## **EARNED MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



MEDIA CONFIRMED TO HOST IN 03





















# **CUSTOM BROADCAST SEGMENT**

The team worked with A-1 Broadcast to produce a secured placement package with retired Vegas Golden Knights player and outdoor recreation enthusiast Deryk Engelland. While filming in Boulder City, Deryk discussed his favorite activities to do along the Neon to Nature road trip. The segment aired in January and early February, prior to the influx of visitors to Las Vegas for Super Bowl LVII. Markets included:

- Boise
- Dallas
- Fresno
- Houston
- Los Angeles
- Phoenix
- Portland
- Sacramento
- Salt Lake City
- San Diego
- Nationally syndicated (2)



# **ECLIPSE FAM**

#### **Brett Tingley, Space.com**

 Space.com coverage reached 11,572,785

#### **Tiana Attride, AFAR**

- Coverage of The Clown Motel for a reach of 1,712,151, with additional coverage expected
- AFAR also posted a Reel about the Nevada Northern Railway, reaching 283,000

#### Laura Motta, Lonely Planet

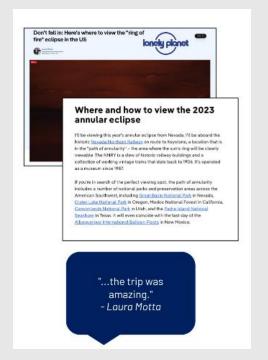
 Prior to her trip, Laura wrote a preview story, with a reach of 17.25 million with additional coverage expected

#### **Edmund Vallance, AAA Westways**

 Coverage expected in the print magazine. Circulation of 4.65 million.



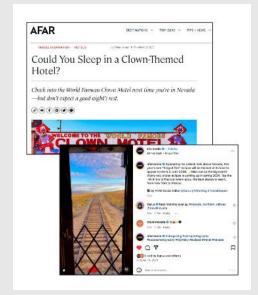






Thanks again for a really great experience, and for all the hard work that went into building this itinerary!" - Anne Kim-Dannibale







## PRESS TRIPS

#### Lydia Martinez, Salt Lake Magazine

 Coverage expected in early 2024, highlighting outdoor activities and dining in southern Nevada. Anticipated reach: 28,747

#### T.J. Olwig, Freelance/Men's Journal

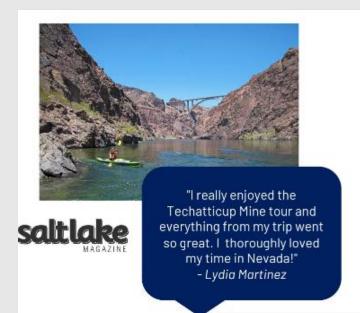
Coverage expected in early 2024.
 Anticipated reach: 7,819,799

#### **Rob Kachelriess, Thrillist**

Coverage expected in early 2024.
 Anticipated reach: 3,115,477

#### Molly O'Brien, Freelance

 Molly included Lake Tahoe in a round-up for Fodor's. Reach: 1,794,292





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# NEW YORK MEDIA MISSION

Travel Nevada returned to New York to host its first media event since before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event's theme was "Get a Little Out There," and in line with the new brand campaign, the creative elements educated attendees about travel opportunities in the heart of the state.

In particular, the event highlighted outdoor recreation through four areas of the room: Hike + Bike, Rockhounding, Snow Sports, and Stargazing.

Travel Nevada staff and 11 partners held productive conversations with 19 journalists and content creators.

While in New York, the team also held three 1:1 meetings with media, including Travel + Leisure/TripSavvy, and NBC News.







#### **NYC MEDIA EVENT**









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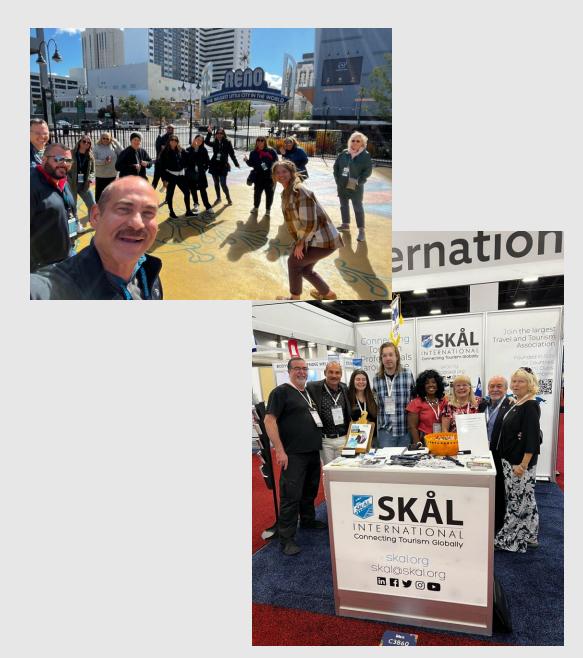
# TRADESHOWS, MISSIONS, & EVENTS

#### **RENO-TAHOE EXPERIENCE OCT 10-12**

- Robert and Nicole were excited to join the RSVCA's Reno-Tahoe Experience FAM.
- The event educated both domestic and international buyers on all the Reno-Tahoe and surrounding areas have to offer.
- The event's theme was "Beyond the Arch", showcasing the destinations within an hour (or so) drive from the Reno-Tahoe Airport.
- Travel Nevada extended that radius by all that rural Nevada has to offer.

#### IMEX LAS VEGAS OCTOBER 17-20 IN LAS VEGAS

- IMEX is a premier event for the top domestic and international meeting planners.
- This year the show welcomed 3,500 attendees to Las Vegas providing an opportunity for Nevada's tourism industry leaders to network with domestic and international meeting planners.





# INTERNATIONAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT



# **EARNED MEDIA KPI TRACKING**

#### **AUSTRALIA**

#### **GOAL**

Secure 5-8 feature placements in Top 20 Outlets

9 placements secured

#### GOAL

Secure at least one key message in 95% of all earned coverage At least one key message in 100% of earned coverage

#### GOAL

Host 5-6 Top 20 journalists

Hosted 6 Top 20 journalists

#### GOAL

Engage 20 Top 20 media contacts

Met with 13 Top 20 media contacts

#### **CANADA**

#### GOAL

Secure 5-8 feature placements in Top 20 Outlets

5 placement secured

#### **GOAL**

Secure at least one key message in 95% of all earned coverage At least one key message in 100% of earned coverage

#### GOAL

Host 6-8 Top 20 journalists

Hosted 4 Top 20 journalists

#### **GOAL**

Engage 20 Top 20 media contacts

Met with 15 Top 20 media contacts

#### **UNITED KINGDOM**

#### GOAL

Secure 6 feature placements in Top 100 Outlets

10 feature placements secured

#### GOAL

Secure at least one key message in 75% of all earned coverage At least one key message appeared in 95% of Q1 coverage

#### GOAL

Secure 36 placements in Top 100 outlets

20 placements in Top 100 outlets achieved



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# EARNED MEDIA KPI TRACKING

#### **GERMANY**

#### GOAL

Secure 8 feature placements in Top 100 outlets

No placements in Q1, expecting coverage in early 2024

#### GOAL

Host 8 Top 100 journalists and 2 influencers in-state

Hosted 3 Top 100 journalists in Q2

#### GOAL

Engage 40 Top 100 media contacts Engaged with 52 Top 100 media

#### **LATIN AMERICA**

#### GOAL

Secure 3 feature placements in Top 100 Outlets

3 feature placements secured and 15 placements

#### **GOAL**

Host two Top 100 journalists

No media hosted in Q1 due to RFP process and new contracting

#### GOAL

Engage 10 Top 100 Media Engaged with 23 Top 100 media

#### **GOAL**

Secure at least one key message in 60% of all coverage Secured one key message in 65% of all coverage.



#### CANADA

**Goal**: Secure 5 placements in Top 100 outlets

• YTD Progress: 4 placements

Goal: Host 6 media in state

YTD Progress: Hosted 4 media

**Goal**: Secure at least one key message in 95% of all earned coverage

 YTD Progress: At least one key message in 100% of earned coverage

**Goal**: Engage 40 Top 100 media contacts in person or via dedicated interactions

 YTD Progress: 15 media contacts in person or via dedicated interactions





#### **AUSTRALIA**

**Goal**: Secure 5 placements in Top 100 outlets

• YTD Progress: 9 placements

Goal: Host 5 media in state

YTD Progress: Hosted 6 media

**Goal**: Secure at least one key message in 95% of all earned coverage

 YTD Progress: At least one key message in 100% of earned coverage

**Goal**: Engage 20 Top 100 media contacts in person or via dedicated interactions

 YTD Progress: 13 media contacts in person or via dedicated interactions





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#### **GERMANY**

**Goal**: Secure 8 placements in Top 100 outlets

YTD Progress: 0

Note: expecting coverage in early 2024

Goal: Host 8 media in state

YTD Progress: Hosted 3 media

**Goal**: Engage 40 Top 100 media contacts in person or via dedicated interactions

YTD Progress: 52 media contacts in person or via dedicated interactions

#### **UNITED KINGDOM**

**Goal**: Secure 6 placements in Top 100 outlets

YTD Progress:

**Goal**: Secure at least one key message in 75% of all earned coverage

YTD Progress:







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#### **MEXICO**

**Goal**: Secure 3 placements in Top 100 outlets

YTD Progress: 18 placements

Goal: Host 2 media in state

YTD Progress: 0

Note: this is due to RFP process and new contracting

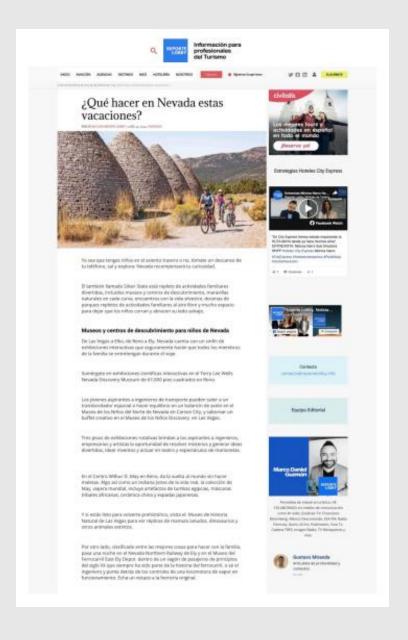
**Goal**: Engage 10 Top 100 media contacts in person or via dedicated interactions

• YTD Progress: 23

Goal: Secure at least one key message in 60% of all

earned coverage

• YTD Progress: 60%





# TRADE INITIATIVES

#### **AVIAREPS**

#### **GERMANY, AUSTRIA, AND SWITZERLAND**

- Cooperative campaign with Explorer
   November December targeted campaign to new and existing Explorer clients.
- Consumer campaign with Komoot: two Nevada collections for the Komoot App, a route planner, navigation, tour directory, and social network for outdoor enthusiasts. Call to Action to German Travel Nevada website.

#### **BLACK DIAMOND**

#### UK

- Travel Gossip New to USA Bootcamp: 3,200 agents trained, 83 new NV Trailblazer registration, 36 NV Trailblazer graduates. Planning and promotion of the Trailblazer graduation ceremony, which will take place at God's Own Junkyard on March 7, 2024.
- Trailfinders selected as a trade call to action along with Accidentally Wes Anderson social media campaign.



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# TRADE INITIATIVES

#### **CANUCKIWI**

#### **AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND**

- Product development: CTA partnerships with Helloworld (Oct-Dec) and Viva (December) secured for the Nine/Traveller campaign.
- Travel Agent Finder Specialist Campaign (Oct 1 Dec 31) with NV Trailblazer CTA. Early results: 2 EDM sent out to 700 agents w/ 55% open rate and 18-20% CTR. 173 views of promo page inside Travel Trade Connect.
- Travelinc. Memo (NZ) Co-Op NV Trailblazer Program (Sep 15 Nov 24). Series of NV Trailblazer advertisements ran in Travelinc. Memo's friday editions promoting the program with mini quizzes for a chance to win a spot on a Trailblazers FAM. Travelinc. Memo is distributed to 3,500 agents.

- Sell your way to the USA: 170 agents registered, 68 graduates, 68 in process (Oct-Dec).
- Expedia Travel Nevada Road Trips Campaign (Oct 9 Nov 30). Campaign summary pg. 45. Campaign has received 36.8 ROAS, captured 1,283 room nights in NV, and \$354k USD in gross booking revenue. +26.2% growth in overall gross booking was observed during the campaign period (numbers include all of NV, including LV and Reno Tahoe).
- Luxury Escapes Co-Op Road Trips Campaign, with Brand USA (Sept - Dec). Video views 1,065. Travel guide had 365 unique page views, with 252,190 social media impressions, and 700 ad clicks.



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# TRADE INITIATIVES

#### **CANUCKIWI**

#### **CANADA**

- TravelWeek Co-Op Travel Nevada Trailblazer Program and Stats
- Baxter Meida Co-Op Trailblazer Campaign
- NV Trailblazer Update



# TRADESHOWS, MISSIONS & FAMS

#### **GERMANY**

- Visit USA Halloween Event
- LVCVA Breakfast Seminars: Cologne on October 18 in partnership with Discover Airlines – 21 travel agents in attendance.
   Zurich on October 20 – 21 travel agents in attendance. TravelNews covered the event.
- AviaREps Leisure Market (ALM 2023) the second edition of this annual event took place in Maria Alm Austria October 10 – 12, 16 total 1:1 meetings took place.
- Visit USA Seminar in Vienna 8 November.

#### **AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND**

 Visit USA New Zealand Expo Series held in Wellington on Nov 21 with 65 participants and Hamilton on Nov 22 with 75 participants. (page 45 – 53)

#### CANADA

 LVCVA / Travel Nevada Eastern Canada Sales Mission October 1-6 (Canada pages 47 & 48)



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# LOOKING AHEAD



# **UPCOMING INITIATIVES**

#### **BRAND EVOLUTION**

- GALOT Brand Guideline training presentations to all International Agencies
- "Transcreating" GALOT campaign from non-English speaking markets (Mexico, Germany)

#### **DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT**

- 3D Cohort One 3D Grant Application funds awarded January \*
- Cohort Two destination's
   Boulder City and Carson
   Cultural Corridor community
   and steering committee
   meetings.
- Lincoln County Tourism Expo February 18
- Nevada Silver Trails 3D

#### **INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT**

- Rural Marketing Grants
   Webinar
- Pony Express Territory
   Strategic Plan Workshop
- Reno-Tahoe Territory
   Strategic Plan Meeting
- Las Vegas Territory survey, focus groups, and Board Strategic Plan Meeting
- Rural Roundup prep and communication



LOOKING AHEAD

# **UPCOMING INITIATIVES**

#### **DOMESTIC MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Trade:**

- American Bus Association's (ABA) 2024
   Marketplace, Nashville TN
- International Inbound Travel Association Summit 2024, Memphis TN
- Go West Summit 2024 at South Lake Tahoe
- Neon to Desert: Las Vegas Territory Go West Pre-Fam
- Cowboy Country: Cowboy Corridor Go West Pre-Fam
- Hwy 50, the Loneliest Road in America: Pony Express Go West Pre-Fam

#### PR and Paid:

- Secured placement package airing in select key markets
- Media hosting: Bike magazine, NerdWallet, San Diego Magazine
- Influencer Hosting: World of Wanderer, Apollo in the Wild, Fish Like Mike
- "Big Game" Initiatives Host Committee, Watch Parties
- Paid partnerships with Outside, Nat Geo, Smithsonian



# **UPCOMING INITIATIVES**

#### INTERNATIONAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT

#### Trade:

- Calgary Outdoor Adventure Show & Travel Trade Appointments (Canada)
- Southern Nevada Trade FAM (AviaReps, Germany)
- Trailblazer graduation ceremony London (Black Diamond, UK)
- Visit USA Expo Melbourne, Brisbane, and Sydney (Canuckiwi, Australia)
- The great partnership between GMS Mexico and Travel Nevada continues with GMS winning the Mexico agency contract.
- LVCVA Mexico Mission (GMS, Mexico)

#### PR:

 International media hosting: (Canada) Classic car journalist, (UK) Accidentally Wes Anderson, (Australia) arts and tourism journalist



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