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## Mixing It Up on Marketing: Inspiring and Engaging New Travelers

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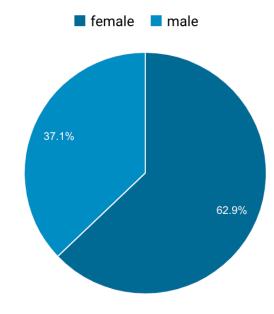


## What research tools are you using to better understand your customers?

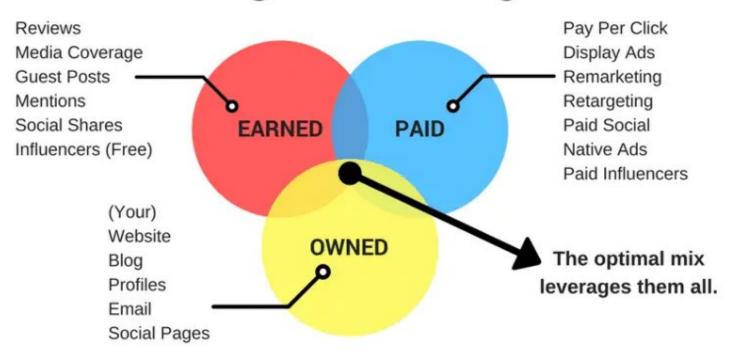
## Research tools already at your disposal

- Google Analytics
- eMail newsletter statistics
- Social media insights
- Past attendee database
- Alumni database
- DMO/CVB data
- Surveys





## The Digital Marketing Mix



Owned media is any online property owned and controlled by a brand, such as a blog, website or social media channels. The more owned media channels a business has, the larger their digital footprint, which means more potential reach to

customers and followers.

# What owned media do you utilize to market your business?

## What are your biggest hurdles when it comes to your owned media?

### Work smarter, not harder

- Rule of 5: For every piece of content you create, find AT LEAST 5 different ways to use it.
  - Post an article on your website.
  - Share the article on Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest, etc.
  - Include a link to the article in your eNewsletter.
  - Create a short video that accompanies the article.
  - Create a Facebook or Instagram Story about the article.



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What do you want to explore?





## Top 10 Reasons to Take a Guided Trip

## Creating content for owned media

- FREE tools all content creators can use:
  - Photos:
    - Free, easy Photoshop version
    - Adobe Spark
    - Canva
  - Video
    - iMovie
    - Lumen5
    - Boomerang
  - Infographic
    - Google Charts
    - Infogram
  - Be a copycat! Watch, learn and implement



## Recycling isn't just good for the environment

- Reuse and recycle content.
- Only 2% of your online audience sees any given post.
- · Reuse evergreen content in the future.
- · Refer users to content when possible.
  - Answer online questions with content.



### **Publication**

This weekend is the Rock 'n' Roll Running Series Savannah! 🏅 Here's how you can run your way through Savann	November 4, 2021 at 6:35 PM	Public
Headed straight for adventure! [ @ . @dontdropdaswope]	November 5, 2021 at 11:07 AM	Public
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These aren't your average tours. Which one will you try next?	November 7, 2021 at 11:42 AM	Public
Savannah's show-stopping skyline! 🥯 🍱 . @joshontybee]	November 7, 2021 at 6:39 PM	Public

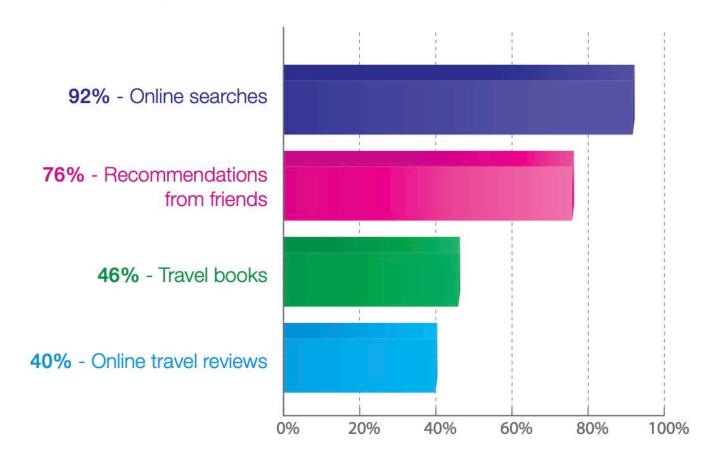
- Schedule your content in advance.
  - Facebook: built-in scheduling
  - Twitter: Twitter Ads
  - Instagram: Latergram
  - eMail: Constant Contact, Mailchimp, iContact, etc.

Earned media can be observed in brand mentions and media awareness awarded via promotion, rather than paid advertising. This can also be considered "organic" media. For example, earned media may include mentions in online articles, television interviews or consumer-generated videos.

# What earned media do you utilize to market your business?

## What are your biggest hurdles when it comes to your earned media?

## Most Popular Information Sources for Travel Research



### Create brand ambassadors

- 1. Ask for reviews & testimonials
  - 1. Post-trip automated emails
  - 2. Dedicated eBlast to past attendees
  - 3. Source them on social media
- 2. Reward positive behavior
  - 1. Always respond to the review
  - 2. Use their review and photo on social media, website and/or eMail channels
  - 3. Send them swag if you have it

## What did you think of your recent purchase?



We'd love to hear how you and your pet enjoyed these products. Please leave a review so we can share it with other pet parents just like you.



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## Foster a community: Facebook groups

- 1. Provide value for customers
- 2. Discuss current events
- 3. Source more content for owned media
- 4. Communicate with your brand ambassadors
- 5. Promote offerings



Cruises - Advisor Group

Private group · 192 members



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Exclusive group for Travel Planners
International advisors looking to learn about,...

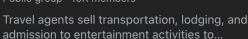


Innovative Tours & Travels

Public group · 10K members

50 posts a day

20 posts a day





Traveling with Kids Worldwide

Private group · 41K members

This group is for parents who love to travel with their kids and who want to share their...



Journal & Planner BST

Public group · 9.8K members

A fb marketplace where we can Buy, Sale & Trade bullet journal/Planner items. I personall... 30 posts a day



**Travel Community** 

Private group · 168K members

Welcome to our Travel Community, where travelers from all over the world come togeth...

10 posts a day

Paid media refers to external marketing

efforts that involve a paid placement, such as

pay-per-click advertising, branded content and

display ads.

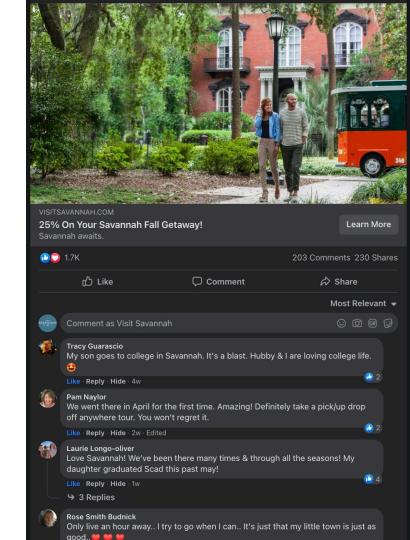
## What paid media do you utilize to market your business?

## What are your biggest hurdles when it comes to paid media?

## Social media advertising

### · Benefits:

- Cost-effective
- Micro-targeting
- Personalization
- Remarketing
- Branding
- High quality traffic
- Conversions



## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

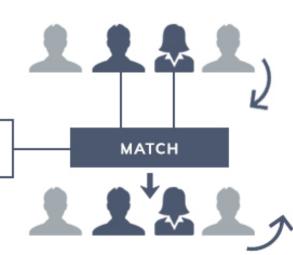








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