



## Awareness & Relevance

Differentiating Bermuda



# Sales & Marketing

### Travel, Room Nights, Group & PR Dashboard

KEY METRICS	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	% Δ YOY (YTD)	PLAN GOAL 2019	% ∆ 18 ACTUAL to 19 PLAN GOAL	% OF PLAN GOAL YTD
Total Visitor Spending Influenced by BTA	\$45,654,627	\$44,044,165	-4%	\$94,099,066	3%	47%
Total Room Nights Influenced by BTA	144,748	59,920	-59%	142,357	2%	42%
Group Business Sales Leads	220	216	-2%	418	4%	52%
Group Business Sales Calls	323	127	-61%	400	116%	32%
Sports Tourism Sales Leads		47	#DIV/0!	53	152%	89%
Sports Tourism Sales Calls		103	#DIV/0!	90	543%	114%
Number of Journalists Assisted	1,103	1,283	16%	1,900	-72%	68%
*Earned Media Generated	\$3,286,317	\$4,917,931	50%	\$7,669,443	3%	64%
*Coverage in Top 100 US Outlets	47	45	-4%	90	-2%	50%
*Average Quality Coverage Score	81%	70%	-14%	82%	2%	85%
PR Impressions Generated	610,949,817	663,287,892	9%	1,230,439,273	3%	54%

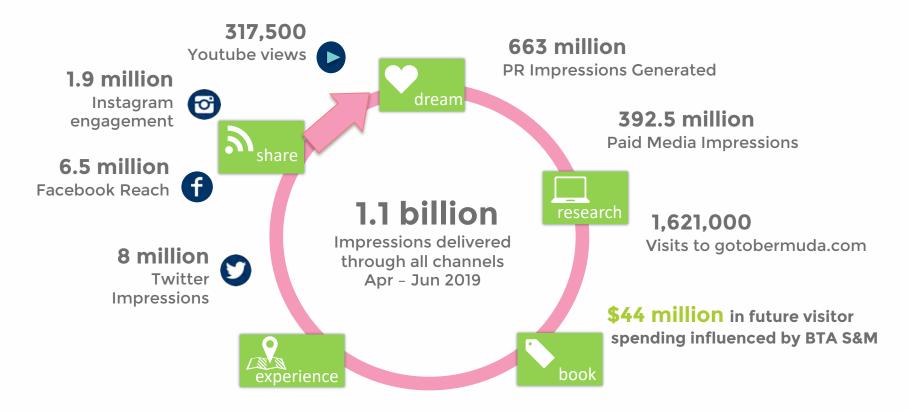
### Digital Dashboard

KEY METRICS	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	% Δ YOY (YTD)	PLAN GOAL 2019	% ∆ 18 ACTUAL to 19 PLAN GOAL	% OF PLAN GOAL YTD
Total Website Visits	1,169,012	1,621,325	39%	3,223,215	15%	50%
Desktop Traffic	375,695	419,046	12%			
Mobile Traffic	445,759	731,667	64%			
Tablet Traffic	117,219	142,810	22%			
Website Page Views	2,937,904	3,719,283	27%	8,199,502	20%	45%
Time on Site	2:14	2:06	-6%	2:15	3%	93%
Newsletter Subscribers	241,667	233,232	-3%	245,000	-6%	95%
Newsletter Open Rate	11%	12%	5%	16%	10%	74%

### Social Dashboard

KEY METRICS	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	% Δ YOY (YTD)	PLAN GOAL 2019	% ∆ 18 ACTUAL to 19 PLAN GOAL	% OF PLAN GOAL YTD
Facebook Followers (month gained/YTD total)	351,122	360,001	3%	364,562	2%	99%
Facebook Total Reach	9,904,184	6,576,368	-34%	16,000,000	8%	41%
Facebook Engagement (likes/comments/shares)	1,719,245	2,656,976	55%	3,300,000	7%	81%
Twitter Followers (month gained/YTD total)	26,805	29,509	10%	28,695	3%	103%
Twitter Impressions	2,060,623	8,061,114	291%	4,447,157	3%	181%
Twitter Engagement	83,699	137,930	65%	216,089	3%	64%
Instagram Followers (month gained/YTD total)	50,500	68,319	35%	72,593	25%	94%
Instagram Engagement	1,032,513	1,921,815	86%	3,073,866	25%	63%
YouTube Subscribers (month gained/YTD total)	2,088	2,343	12%	2,569	15%	91%
YouTube Total Views	1,032,882	317,531	-69%	1,752,842	3%	18%
YouTube Minutes Watched	689,462	745,785	8%	1,428,056	2%	52%

### 2019 YTD Marketing Snapshot



# Paid Media & Integrated Partnerships

# 22 Total Metrics

206 MM *Impressions* 

4,510,094

Engagements

\$0.31 Cost per Engagement

# Afar



#### **Print**

- May / June "The Art of Hospitality" Issue
  - Summer Custom ContentPage
- July / Aug "Exceptional Travel" Issue - Brand + Custom Page Spread
- Total Impressions 1.6 MM

# Conde Nast Traveler

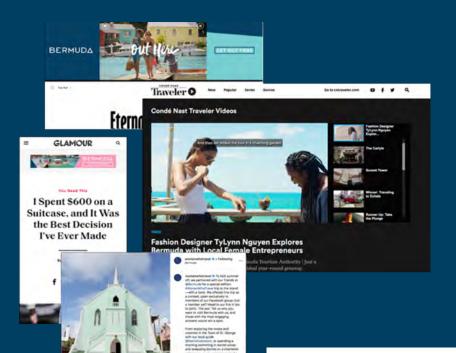


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#### **Print**

- Conde Nast Traveler Magazine Full Page May/June "The Hot List" Issue
- Total Impressions 2.4 MM

# Conde Nast Traveler



#### **Digital**

- Spire & RON Banners
- Custom content video and distribution onsite and via social channels
- Women Who Travel Sponsorship Package
- Travel Enthusiasts Targeted Banners
- Added Value RON Banners

4,157,269 IMPRESSIONS 0.19% CTR 4.662 PAGE VISITS

# Conde Nast Traveler







#### **Women Who Travel Event**

- In the first ever branded WWT trip took place in Bermuda June 7-9 with
   15 participants
- Experiences Included:
  - Guided tour of St. George's with Kristin White
  - Chartered catamaran
  - Happy hour at Hamilton Princess with Nicole Golden and Meredith Andrews
  - Farm to Table Dinner thrown by Dasfete and prepared by Doreen William-James
- Social Post Results:
  - Total Instagram Posts: 98
  - Total Post Likes: 13,617
  - Total Post Interactions: 14,594
  - Over 750+ Instagram stories shared
  - Estimated Instagram Story Impressions: 692,085

## Garden & Gun





#### **Print**

- 2-page spread in June/July "The Travel" issue
- Total Impressions 1 MM

#### **Digital**

Tablet Editions



#### Out Here with G&G: A Weekend in Bermuda October 17-20

Escape to Bermuda for three days of insider access and island exploration in celebration of G&Gs upcoming book—Southern Women—celebrating distinguished female artists, chefs, entrepreneurs, and more Guests will enjoy a culinary collaboration with New Oribars chef Nina Corpton, live musical performances, and unique workshoos throughout Bermuda.

22,006 IMPRESSIONS 0.25% CTR 30 PAGE VISITS Style
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# Meredith



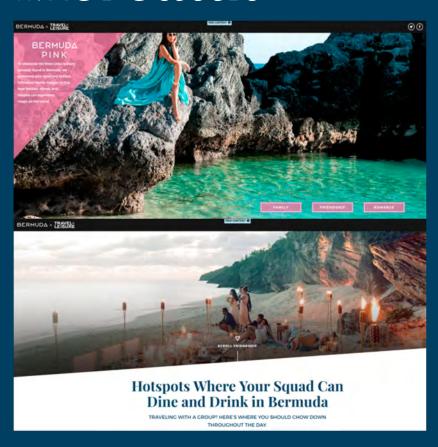


- Departures May/June 4-page spread
- Food & Wine May "Beaches (Travel)" issue
- Travel & Leisure June "Wellness" Issue
- Travel & Leisure July "Adventure" Issue
- Total Impressions 9.7 MM



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# Meredith



#### **Digital**

- Added Value ROS display banners
- Travel & Leisure tentpole and native posts

493,717 IMPRESSIONS 0.05% CTR 1,352 PAGE VISITS

### Meredith



#### **Event**

Bermuda Tourism Authority and The Luxury Group cohosted a cocktail party to celebrate "Thursday is the New Friday", in celebration of the kickoff to summer.

Guests were invited to the vibrant Paul's Cocktail Lounge at The Roxy Hotel to fête the season and the beautiful island of Bermuda. The event experienced was elevated through passed hors d'oeuvres and signature cocktails inspired by the island, as well as a DJ from Bermuda.

Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed casual conversation over cocktails in an energetic setting that allowed Bermuda to shine through.

Date: May 9, 2019

Location: Paul's Cocktail Lounge

Attendance: 61

# Modern Luxury





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#### **Print**

- May and June issues in the following publications
  - Modern Luxury Manhattan
  - Boston Common Mag
  - Modern Luxury DC
  - Atlantan Mag
  - San Francisco Mag
  - Philadelphia Style
  - Modern Luxury CS
  - Modern Luxury Dallas
- Fall/Winter issue for the follow Weddings issues
  - Boston
  - Washington DC
  - Philadelphia
  - Dallas
  - Chicago
- Total Impressions 3 MM

# Modern Luxury









#### **Event**

- On June 21, Bermuda and Modern Luxury's Sarah Bray hosted an exclusive viewing party of the Sail GP race. Twenty-five VIP guest boarded The Mark's signature for an afternoon on the Hudson. Guests enjoyed light bites and drinks from Jean Georges Catering.
- Positioned in the VIP section, guests had spectating access that put them front and center for the thrilling sailing race. Sail GP commentator Preston Farrow was on hand to answer guests' questions.
- 25 VIP guests including Sarah Bray, Amy Stone, Igee Okafor, Lili Buffet, and Larry Milstein.
- 100,000+ insta stories with an attendee following of 300,000+ followers
- Received post event coverage in Modern Luxury channels

# New York Times





#### **Print**

- April T Mag Culture Issue: two-page custom advertorial highlighting Bermudian creatives (4/14).
- May T Mag Summer Travel Issue: twopage custom advertorial highlighting locals' perspectives on Summer Fridays in Bermuda (5/19).

2.9 MM IMPRESSIONS

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# New York Times







#### Digital/Social

 HelloSociety influencer trips and social posts by: @Momcrushmonday, @erikconover, and @Simplycyn

> 274,446 IMPRESSIONS 0.79% CTR 1,574 PAGE VISITS

### **Smithsonian**



#### **Digital**

- Editorial Hub Sponsorship
- Native Articles
- Custom Slideshow Billboards
- Native Promotions
- In-Article Video
- Social Promotions
- Content Targeted Banners
- Added Value: Co-branded Banners
- Native Articles

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2,454,414 IMPRESSIONS 0.27% CTR 4.707 PAGE VISITS

### OTA Programme Highlights

#### **Q2 ACTIVITY**

- OTA encompasses Expedia (includes Travelocity, Hotels.com, Orbitz, etc.) TripAdvisor and Kayak
- Total OTA Q2 Impressions: 26.3 MM
  - Expedia generated 14 MM of total impressions, driving traffic both on-site and off-site
  - TripAdvisor generated 8 MM impressions
  - Kayak generated the remaining 4.3 MM impressions in Q2
- TripAdvisor remains the top driver of Arrivals reported by Arrivalist
  - TripAdvisor: 470 Arrivals from 2018 + 2019 media combined (Q2 Arrivals Only)
  - Expedia: 423 Arrivals from 2018 + 2019 media combined (Q2 Arrivals Only)
- TripAdvisor Sponsorship Page generated over 386K page views in Q2
- Expedia reports \$15.4 MM in gross bookings in Q2.

# Additional Campaign Reporting

### Additional Campaign Reporting

#### CANADA

- Campaign Timing: January December
- Geo-Targeted: Toronto
- Digital Partners Active in Q2:
- Sojern
- Adara
- Performance highlights:
- 3.4MM Impressions
- 264,358 Engagements
- \$0.09 Cost-Per-Engagement

#### **GOLF**

- Campaign timing: January December
- Goal is to capture participants and consumers from various golf tournaments and retarget those users for up to 30-days post event across their different devices
- Performance highlights:
- 2.6 MM Impressions
- 2,063 Engagements
- \$4 Cost-Per-Engagement

### Empire TV

Spot buys in Philadelphia and Washington DC during the final two episodes of the FOX show Empire to target the African American subset of Bermuda's target audiences.

#### **Philadelphia**

Flight Dates: 4/29-5/12/19

- Spots: 2
- Impressions: 124,000
- Total GRPs: 4.5
- Dayparts:
  - Prime Time

#### **Washington DC**

Flight Dates: 4/29-5/12/19

- Spots: 2
- Impressions: 34,000
- Total GRPs: 1.24
- Dayparts:
  - Prime time

### National Rosé Day

# Pink Beaches, Rosé Wine

Life isn't always red and white.

### out Here

we see the world through rose coloured glasses perfectly pink just like our beaches.

Celebrate with us with Bermuda's own Raft-Up Rosé.

It pairs well with pink sand and turquoise waters.

Hope to see you Out Here soon.

HAPPY ROSÉ DAY!

BERMUDA



In celebration of National Rose' Day we gifted Bermuda's own Raft-Up Rose' to Social Media Influencers and Friends of Bermuda to relay the message that Bermuda is Always in Season.

#### **Client List**

- Friends of Bermuda: 15

- PR: 19

Date: June 8, 2019

### Brooklyn Bar Convent VIP Kickoff Party





Gosling's in partnership with Brooklyn Convent Bar hosted a summer kickoff party. The objective of this event was to create brand awareness by targeting bartenders and key media. Goslings featured three signature cocktails providing guests a taste of Bermuda

Attendance: 80-100 Date: June 10, 2019 Location: Freehold

# Market Blitzes

### Market Blitz Goals

- Integrated impact in key focus markets
- Create Bermuda brand engagements in key focus markets for Media, Meeting & Event Planners and top Travel Trade Executives that inspire and target visitors to travel to Bermuda (export Bermuda)
- Orchestrate experiential, integrated promotions and events in which partners can participate and engage with visitor targets in key markets
- Layer with broadcast and digital marketing for increased exposure

### Washington, DC Market Blitz

#### **Broadcast**

Flight Dates: May 13 - June 9

• Spots: 56

• Impressions: 17,300,000

Total GRPs: 150

#### **Broadcast TV**

Flight Dates: May 13 - June 9

• Spots: 162

• Impressions: 5,800,000

Total GRPs: 212

Dayparts:

- Early Morning

- Early News

- Late News

#### **Digital - 5/13-6/9**

Digital Flight

Partners: Mobilefuse

Impressions: 1,864,824

- CTR: .63%

Total Engagements: 3,381

CPE: \$2.95

#### Sales Calls

- Frosch Travel 3 agents attended
- Connoisseur Travel Ltd 10 agents attended
- Direct Travel 4 agents attended
- Travel Leaders 4 agent attended
- All Travel & Cruise 2 agents attended

Digital Flight

Partners: Centro

- Impressions: 479,224

- CTR: .07%

Total Engagements: 399

– CPE: \$25

#### **Events**

Client Luncheon: May 14, 2019

Client Reception: May 15,2019

### Bermuda: Always in Season Event Planner Lunch



#### **Event Details:**

- Address: Eaton DC 1201 K Street, NW Washington DC
- Partners: Hamilton Princess & Beach Club, Fairmont Southampton, Rosedon Bermuda
- Key Message: Year-Round Destination
- 27 Attendees

### Eaton DC Sales Blitz Luncheon: Photos













### Bermuda: Always in Season Client Reception



#### **Event Details:**

- Address: Coconut Club 504 Penn St. NE, Washington DC
- Partners: Hamilton Princess & Beach Club, Fairmont Southampton, Rosedon Bermuda
- Highlights: Bermuda Inspired Menu, Bermuda Inspired Craft Cocktails, Floral Bar & Flower Wall
- 86 Attendees

### Bermuda Inspired Venue & Experiences



















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### Highlights: Media Attendance







MODERN LUXURY







## Travel Trade Engagement

#### **Direct Sales Activity**

#### GOGO WWV Road Show East Rutherford, NJ, April 2

Participated in 18 one-on-five 5-minute appointments with 59 agents

## Destination Lunch & Learn Workshop Atlanta, GA, February 26-27

Conducted a 21/2 hour workshop for 27 agents

### GOGO WWV Road Show Atlanta, GA, April 10

Participated in 18 one-on-five 5-minute appointments with 74 agents





#### **Direct Sales Activity**

Virtuoso Fam Trip Bermuda, April 29 - May 3

Conducted a Virtuoso Fam Trip for 6 agents

Sales Calls - BTA Blitz Washington, DC, May 14-16

Conducted 5 sales calls for 23 agents

JetBlue Destination Training Orlando, FL, May 22

Conducted Destination Training with Grotto Bay, Hamilton Princess and Fairmont Southampton for 42 agents





#### **Direct Sales Activity**

### Departures/Luxury Travel Forum Bal Harbor, FL, June 11-13

Participated in three 30-minute sessions with The Loren Hotel at the St. Regis, Bal Harbor, FL for 42 agents

## JetBlue Destination Training Salt Lake City, June 20

Conducted three 1 ½ hour Destination Training sessions with Fairmont Southampton for 87 agents





#### Canada Conferences, Events & Shows



Baxter
Travel Agent Choice Awards



MPI
World Educational Congress

## Retail Promotions

## Summer Fridays Total Metrics

95.2MM *Impressions* 

342,525

Engagements

\$0.48 Cost per Engagement

#### Campaign Overview

- Timing: 5/1/19 7/31/19
- Partner Overview
  - Email/eNewsletter Partners: Dunhill and eTarget
  - Display Partners: Acuity, TripleLift, Teads,
     Undertone, Simpli.fi
  - Paid Social: Facebook and Instagram
  - OOH: NYC and Boston
  - Broadcast: NBC Vignettes in NYC
- Performance Overview:
  - Digital Impressions: 42.5 MM
  - **Page Visits:** 151,586
  - Arrivals: 67 from Summer Fridays





#### Summer Fridays TV

#### **New York City**

- Flight Dates: 5/6-6/2/2019
- Spots: 110
- Impressions: 7,783,000
- Total GRPs: 149
- Dayparts:
  - Early Morning
  - Early News
  - Late News
  - Prime Time

#### **Boston**

Flight Dates: 5/6-6/2/2019

- Spots: 338
- Impressions: 5,958,000
- Total GRPs: 261
- Dayparts:
  - Early Morning
  - Early News
  - Late News
  - Prime Time

#### Free Night Offer Performance

KEY METRICS	2019
Website Sessions	603,621
Free Night Off Page Sessions	139,266
Exit Link Clicks (to hotel partners)	4,383
Total Reservations	1,413
Room Nights	5,727
Direct Visitor Spending	\$4.3 million
ROI	20-1

## Website Performance

## Website Metrics

Metrics	2018	2019	YoY % Change	
Sessions	1,169,012	1,621,325	39%	
Pageviews	2,937,904	3,719,283	27%	
Avg. Page/Session	2.48	2.08	-16%	
Bounce Rate	59.66%	66.67%	12%	
Avg. Time on Site	ime on Site 2:17		-33%	
Goal Completions	163,275	177,822	9%	

#### Website Conversion Goals

- Time on Site Over 3:00 107,385 22% increase vs Q2 2018
- Hotel Inquiry 14,362 12% increase vs Q2 2018
- Booking Widget Clicks (Removed from site prior to Q1 2019) 0 100% decrease vs Q2 2018
- Brochure Downloads 11,770 23% decrease vs Q2 2018
- Brochure Orders 2,375 12% increase vs Q2 2018
- eNews Registration 2,022 21% increase vs Q2 2018

55% more YOY site sessions (visits) compared to Q2 2018

33% more YOY page views compared to Q2 2018

21% of all sessions completed a conversion goal in Q2 2019

#### Website Partner Referrals

#### **Total Partner Referrals - 60,693**

- Profile referrals -53,471
- Deal referrals 4.648
- Event referrals 2,574

#### **Total Partner Pageviews - 243,474**

- Profiles -191,248
- Deals 30,486
- Events 21,740

#### 25% Click-through rate to Partners

#### SEM Performance

Month	Impressions	Clicks	CTR	CPC	Spend	Conversions
April	1,502,730	46,381	3.09%	\$ 0.90	\$ 41,836.68	18,553
May	767,798	42,175	5.49%	\$ 0.93	\$ 39,355.25	18,754
June	1,332,926	45,290	3.40%	\$ 0.83	\$ 37,795.47	18,596
Total	3,603,454	133,846	3.71%	\$ 0.89	\$118,987.40	55,904

- Q2'19, SEM campaigns saw a decrease on cost per conversions YoY; dropping from \$2.21 (Q2-'18) to \$2.12, allowing us to see 4.7k+ more conversions than the same period last year.
- Our CTR fluctuated, but this was expected as our BOS and NYC Trueview flights wrapped up early in the quarter, and Free Nights GDN went live in June.
- Total spend for the quarter was \$118,987.40 with 55,904 total conversions (up 9% YoY).

## PR & Promotions

- YTD Coverage Snapshot
  - Number of Articles: 135
  - PR Impressions: 652,169,941
  - Earned Media: \$1,832,909.00
  - Average Quality Score: 71

#### **∆**FREEHUB



Freehub Magazine – April 16, 2019 – Destination Feature

#### TRAVEL AGENT CENTRAI

Bermuda Tourism Authority Names Rosemary Jones Comms Director



The Bermuda Tourism Authority (BTA) has appointed Rosemary Jones as director of corporate communications and strategy, reporting directly to Kevin Dallas, the BTA's chief executive officer. She will join BTA on July 1, 2019, and replaces Glenn Jones, who in April was promoted to chief experience development officer.

Travel Agent Central Online – June 27, 2019 – Rosemary Jones Appointment

#### MEN'S JOURNAL

Bucket-List Races: The 11 Most Scenic Destination Triathlons



Men's Journal Online – June 27, 2019 – Destination Highlights

#### TRAVEL+ LEISURE

The Best Outdoor Activities in Bermuda



Bermuda may be the perfect outdoor playground: From pink sand beaches to turquoise water, subterranean caves to lush jungles, and coral reefs to centuries old forts, this 21-square-mile island has everything an outdoor adventurer could want.

Travel + Leisure Online – June 12, 2019 –
Destination Feature

#### TRAVEL+ LEISURE

The Best Things to Do in Bermuda



Travel + Leisure Online – April 30, 2019 –
Destination Feature

encounter whales, sharks, and more

#### **People**



Arie Luyendyk Jr. & Lauren Burnham Go on Babymoon In Bermuda Before Welcoming Daughter

People Online – April 19, 2019 – Bachelor Babymoon Feature

#### TRAVEL WEEKLY

What does Bermuda's chief experience officer do?



I spoke by phone with Glenn Jones, recently appointed to the chief experience position, when he was between events at Seatrade Cruise Global in Miami Beach last week.

Travel Weekly Online – April 16, 2019 – Chief Experience Officer Feature

#### TRAVEL WEEKLY

Partnership to showcase Bermuda as destination for tennis fans



In an interesting partnership designed to highlight
Bermuda as a tennis destination for the U.S. market,
particularly for travelers from the Northeast, the
Bermuda Tourism Authority has teamed up with the
U.S. Tennis Association for a number of championship
events, both in New York and on the courts of Bermuda.

Travel Weekly Online – May 14, 2019 – USTA Partnership Feature

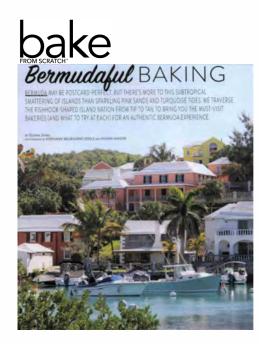


Go To Bermuda and Make a 'Swizzle' at Home!



Stefan Gitschner from Twisted Spoon in Bermuda joins us to create a "Swizzle," essentially Bermuda's national drink!

The Jet Set – May 27, 2019 – Twisted Spoon Broadcast Feature



Bake From Scratch – June 1, 2019 – Destination Feature

#### United States Press Trips

- Individual Press Trips Hosted in Q2
  - Men's Journal
  - Maria Guerrero, Influencer @flacaguerrerog\_
  - Freelance (O, The Oprah Magazine)
  - BRIDES Magazine
- Group Press Trips Hosted in Q2
  - Bermuda Carnival Press Trip
    - Elle.com
    - TV Host Sister Circle TV
    - Allure.com
    - Black & Abroad
    - Teen Vogue
    - Influencer @oneikatraveller

#### Celebrity Visits Targeting Micro-Segments

- Babymoon Segment Hosted in Q2
  - Arie and Lauren Luyendyk
    - Partnered with Booking.com and The Loren to provide Arie and Lauren with a complimentary visit to Bermuda for their babymoon getaway
- Active Family & African-American Segment Hosted in Q2
  - Bermuda hosted Yara Shahidi and her family in Bermuda in exchange for social media posts and earned media coverage

## Social Media

#### **Q2 Top-Performing Posts**

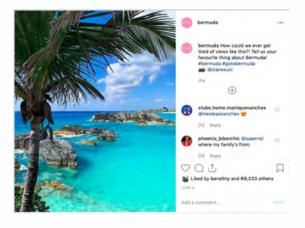




Reached Users: 68,022 Reactions: 3,673 Post Clicks: 6,469



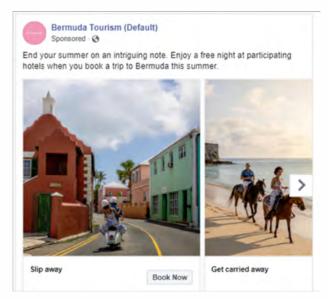
Engagements: 617 Retweets: 105 Likes: 503



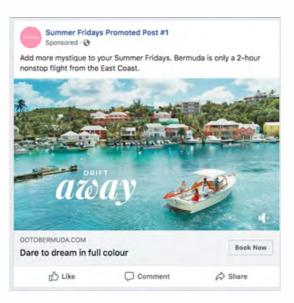
Likes: 6,500 Comments: 217

Summer is typically our most engaging period on social media. People are planning trips, have the travel bug, are sharing photos with us, and love all the beach, swimming, snorkeling, on-the-water themed posts that are abundant at this time of year. Alongside the scenery, events like Bermuda Day and Harbour Nights help us to take some of the excitement over to culture. This quarter was also successful because of content that asked travellers questions and repurposed their suggestions into content that can likely spark inspiration for others. Additionally, creative approaches to sales messages (as demonstrated in the upper left) proved more valuable to the audience than typical sales- focused link clicks.

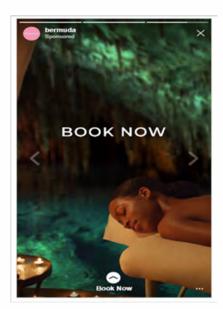
## Paid Social Creative Examples



Free Night Offer Facebook Carousel



Summer Fridays
Facebook Promoted Post



Free Night Offer Instagram Story

# Research & Business Intelligence

• Focus groups were conducted in key gateway cities on various initiatives, including African-American travel, babymoons, and triathlete travel. Findings were shared within the organisation to help shape marketing and experience development strategies

#### RESEARCH OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES

This report presents the findings of a focus group-based research project conducted on behalf of the Bermuda Tourism Authority by Destination Analysts, Inc. in May 2019. These groups were conducted amongst three potential customer types: Triathletes, African-American travelers and Babymoon travelers. Two 2-hour groups were conducted for each traveler type, with professional focus group facilities being used in Washington DC, New York City and Boston. For each traveler type, a comprehensive discussion guide was developed. Destination Analysts worked closely with the Bermuda Tourism Authority to develop and refine these discussion guides. The topics varied greatly by group type. However, the following key informational goals were sought across all groups.

- · Test a pre-selected list of hypothesis about each traveler type
- Develop and understanding of the most important reasons for destination selection and the benefits desired from leisure travel
- . Understand how members of each group perceive Bermuda as a travel destination
- Explore for other findings and observations germane to marketing each group



· Ongoing tracking of exposures to arrivals of digital media

# Greener

Growing Bermuda by being pink, blue & greener



## **Operations**

#### **Going Paperless**

The Operations Finance team has identified an online software solution to support internal paperless processes, including authorisation and document storage. The programme is currently being tested for implementation by end of Q4.



# Infrastructure

**Enabling Frictionless Experiences** 

BERMUDA AGILITY

## Corporate Communications & Strategy

#### **Accessibility**

Directed the public's attention to the National Tourism Plan goals regarding accessibility and the work of the Accessibility Working Group. Then went into an inventory assessment phase to determine what the country's level of accessibility was. Once that was completed, the working group conducted site visits, along with working group members representing the BTA. In this research phase, the Bermuda Hotel Association and Chamber of Commerce Restaurant Division were helpful motivating members to complete surveys and engage.

Site visits and survey results paved the way for establishing a national standard for accessibility so the BTA would know when it is appropriate to promote a restaurant or hotel as "accessible"— especially on GoToBermuda.com. The goal now is to bring as many partners as possible up to the standard. This will form a large part of the working group's Action Report due in September.





# Research & Business Intelligence

- Air Service Development—during Q2, the R&BI Division led a joint RFP process with the Bermuda Airport Authority to retain an air service development consultancy firm to assist with future initiatives such as:
  - o Stakeholder input and alignment
  - o Raise awareness of the Bermuda proposition among potential airline partners
  - o Aid in negotiations
  - o Develop a long-term air-service development strategy
- Accessibility—deployed local surveys for Experience Division for accommodations and F&B establishments to gain a better understanding of the current state of accessibility in Bermuda
- Hotel Development—meetings were held with current and future hotel projects to gauge future supply of rooms to aid in forecasting



# Local Involvement

Growing with & through people



# Sales & Marketing

# Stakeholder Engagement

Sports Tourism Business Breakfast Hamilton, Bermuda (Hamilton Princess), June 2

- Presented Sports Business Development strategy to key stakeholders
- Presented a voice behind our business decisions
- Shared event criteria and tools we use to analyze opportunities
- Shared background and how it has enabled her to be effective in her role





# Research & Business Intelligence

- BTAConnect, the stakeholder portal to all things tourism that was launched in late 2018, continued to be an area
  of focus
  - o Created New Business Form for new website listing submissions
  - o Ongoing stakeholder workshops, presentations to Chamber of Commerce Tourism Division and training
  - o Property-specific hotel pace reports were added to roster of items available exclusively in BTAConnect
  - o Quarterly visitor arrival snapshot added to reports section of BTAConnect to give users a one-stop resource for who is visiting Bermuda
- Future Hospitality Needs Assessment—report commissioned in Q1 was completed to identify employment gaps and opportunities in the hospitality industry through 2021. Findings were shared with government, as well as existing and upcoming hotel owners, developers and operators

# Operations

### **Hospitality Month**

April was Hospitality Month in Bermuda and throughout the month a series of activities open to the public were held to promote relevant pillars of the National Tourism Plan to the community at large, as well as those on the front-line of the industry.

Kicking off the month was a site visit to Azura to highlight Infrastructure. Many of the activities that followed combined multiple pillars at once, including an electric bike outing emphasizing both Innovation and Greener.





Local involvement included a student video competition focusing on industry job readiness. And, for the fifth consecutive year, BTA was lead sponsor of the PHC Community Fun Day on Good Friday. This grassroots event, drawing more than 1,500 attendees of all ages, is vital outreach activity promoting the importance of tourism and hospitality to the island's economic and social wellbeing. This year, the focus was on the National Tourism Plan 2025, with activities designed to engage and inform young and old alike on plan highlights.







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The spotlight on Certified Tourism Ambassadors (CTA) via the CTA Star Awards, closed out the month and underscored both Awareness & Relevance and Local Involvement. In addition to receiving the award for Bermuda Ambassador of the Year, local entrepreneur Dennie O'Conor went on to win the 2019 international Tourism Ambassador award. His accomplishments in this regard were featured both locally and abroad.

The National Service Standard programme further expanded its criteria to align with the goals of the National Tourism Plan, and an overview of the plan was included as a requirement for all CTA's. By the end of Q2, a total of 23 businesses had received certification.





# Innovation

Think like a visitor



# Sales & Marketing

# Stakeholder Workshops

#### **BTA Connect**

- January 23
- 22 attendees

### **TripAdvisor Workshop**

- February 13
- 35 total attendees

### **Google My Business Workshop**

- March 13
- 21 attendees



# Experience

### **Cultural Tourism**

- Met with the African Heritage Diaspora Trail (ADHT) Foundation and Minister Zane DeSilva to discuss the foundation's strategic plan and how to align it with National Tourism Plan objectives. Discussions were productive and should ultimately complement ongoing work to develop and promote new black-heritage offerings for upcoming fall and warm winter
- Held excellent session with stakeholders who contributed to the cultural tourism working groups. They had
  positive feedback on where the cultural tourism plan landed for the upcoming fall. Work was underway at
  the end of the second quarter to get wider buy-in from across the tourism eco-system
- After receiving its UNESCO status in 2000, the World Heritage Site Committee (WHSC) has finalised its
  updated management plan that will serve as the operational guideline for future governance of the
  Bermuda World Heritage Site (BWHS) 2020-25. As a member of WHSC, the Experience Team participated in
  stakeholder and strategic-planning sessions and had extensive involvement in various working groups to
  provide input, direction and content to formulate updated management plan

### **New Bermuda Day Visitor Experience**

Goal: To pilot and sell 35-40 Bermuda Day visitor packages

**Project Objective:** To create a new immersive cultural package elevating the on-island experience around Bermuda Day, while increasing visitor spending

#### The 2019 Bermuda Day (May 24) experience included:

- Special VIP seating at Bermuda Visitor Services Centre Hamilton
- Lunch and refreshments
- Private meet-and-greet by parade participants
- Participation in Bermuda Day parade procession

### **Key Highlights**

- Sold 59 tickets, exceeding revenue projections
- · Private photo opportunity with gombeys was well received
- Complimentary drinks and snacks were a great value-add
- Good photo/video content captured
- Good venue
- On budget



### **Key Observations**

- Additional seating needed
- · More food needed later in the day
- Music from VSC clashed with music from the parade

### **Key Concerns**

- Float vendor did not meet expectations
- Concierges sent hotel guests, but not enough capacity for walk-ups

### Post event survey

VIP Bermuda Day Experience feedback had six respondents. Key findings:

- 100% of respondents were Very Satisfied/Satisfied with experience
- 100% of respondents felt experience was Extremely/Very Valuable
- · 100% of respondents would recommend experience to family member or friend



Email Marketing: A direct email message promoting the event went to visitors who completed the online arrival card if their arrival/departure dates covered Bermuda Day. It's the first time we have leveraged this marketing opportunity. Email marketing performance data is below. The emails were sent May 15-May 24

### **Email marketing**

- 60: Number of unique email addresses
- 23: Opened messages (38.3% open rate)
- 8: Clicks (13.3% click thru rate)
- 6 clicks on "BOOK YOUR BERMUDA DAY EXPERIENCE"
- 2 clicks on "Island Experiences"



### **Experience Investment Successful Applicants**

Experiences submitted for consideration in second quarter with target visitor need states this upcoming fall:

Mysteries and Majesties (St. Peter's Church): A tour uncovering the church's hidden secrets, specifically bringing attention to past royals over 400 years

Falling Off the Rock: A beach rental service and grill set at Admiralty House Park, aiming to create an experience for those who enjoy cliff diving, rock climbing, snorkeling and kayaking. The company will primarily focus on cruise passengers, offering water-taxi service to and from Dockyard to help distribute passengers beyond Horseshoe Bay deep into the fall (funding deferred)

### **Experience Investment Successful Applicants cont.**

**Eettafel:** The company curates bespoke luxury picnics served with gourmet dishes. Its aim is to provide a full service picnic experience centered around beautifully arranged food and equally beautiful locations. Look out for a big reveal during Taste of Bermuda in October

Urban Culture Exchange Weekend: An event designed to attract urbanites to Bermuda to celebrate cultural similarities by immersing them in a curated series of events over Labour Day Weekend

Bermuda Sandcastle Competition: Takes place August 23 at Horseshoe Bay. Marketing support offered, no financial investment

The Supper Club: a memorable sea- and farm-to-table dining experience on Elbow Beach followed by a nightlife experience at The Deep

# Operations

### **Bermuda Visitor Services Centres**

Our new Visitor Services Centres (VSC) opened in Hamilton, along with the St. George's VSC the first week of May. These new centre's, along with the VSC opened in Dockyard in 2018, are now under a single management team with ambassadors rotating across all three locations. This operational structure ensures consistent standards in customer service delivery.











St. George's VSC





On the rooftop of the Hamilton VSC, The Birdcage opened on May 24. The open-air space provided a natural platform for this unique, entrepreneurial experience designed for enjoyment by visitors and locals.





# Research & Business Intelligence

### **Email marketing**

- o Transition to new email marketing tool Act On was completed, consolidating consumer and stakeholder email marketing platforms
- o Maintenance of consumer marketing list continued, removing invalid emails and hard bounces
- o Adjusted consumer intake to be PIPA-compliant

### Online panel

o During Q2, the transition of this panel in-house was completed, allowing a more nimble and cost-effective approach to gathering feedback from existing panel members



# Teams & Groups

Growing through Groups (MICE, Sports, Etc)

BERMUDA AGILITY

# Sales & Marketing

# Teams & Groups Summary

JANUARY - MARCH 2019	TOTAL
Definite Group Room Nights	3,195
Group Pipeline (Room Nights)	
Total Pipeline	79,826
Definite Future Groups	38,664
Strong Tentative Groups	5,122
Sales Activity	
Sales Calls	32
FAMs	1
On Island Site Inspections	9
Trade Shows	4

# S&M-Sports Tourism (Teams)

NASC Symposium - National Association of Sports Commissions Knoxville, TN, May 6 - 9

The Symposium features dozens of education sessions, countless networking opportunities, and business development appointments in the NASC Sports Marketplace.

- Conducted 22 one on one appointments
- Attended 3 sports tourism seminars
- Finalized AAU track and field trip to Bermuda
- Met with AAU organisation to discuss introducing other teams to Bermuda
- Met with Bermudian Olympian Geri Mewett about bringing swim groups back to Bermuda
- Met with Clipper Yacht Race to collect insights and information to share with the team

CSCAA -College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America Athens GA, May 5 - 7

CSCAA is a professional organisation of college swimming and diving coaches

- Over 200 college/university coaches were in attendance
- Shared booth space with All Sports International (Sports Travel Agent) to promote and sell Bermuda's swimming facilities for winter/spring training
- Met with various D1, D2 and D3 coaches one-on-one to discuss business development opportunities
- Obtained coaches database for prospecting opportunities



# CARIFTA Cayman Islands, April 20 - 22

- Distributed business card and contact details to all NGB officials in attendance
- Presented information about Bermuda's Sports strategy to Congress
- Observed event operations and logistics for best practices
- Met with 4 NCAA coaches to discuss potential training opportunities:
  - Zach Glavish Texas Tech
  - Joel Brown Ohio State
  - Natasha Kaiser Brown University of Missouri
  - Karen Dennis Ohio State Buckeyes
- Distributed spectator focused marketing collateral to participants and fans



### Ron Jaworski Celebrity Golf Tournament Egg Harbor, NJ, June 23 - 24

- 250 attendees (Golf Pros, Celebrities, and Golf Tour Planners)
- A Bermuda branded booth was setup on the 8th hole in conjunction with Pro Players Tours
  - Brady Whittingham to promote the PGA Tour (Bermuda) and golf packages on island
- Met with key golf contacts for new business development opportunities and partnerships





# S&M-Group Business (Groups)

# GMITE Global Meeting Incentive Travel Exchange Park City UT, April 10 - 13

- 15th Annual Exchange GMITE portfolio of MICE is the only brand to offer private, one on one appointments in suites
- 102 Buyers/135 Suppliers
- 27 Appointments
- Educational Sessions/Networking opportunities

### Sales Calls/Gardens of the World Ball Athens GA, May 3 - 4

- Joint Sales Meetings with Fairmont Southampton
- Board of Directors Reception (literature disseminated)
- Annual Reception & Dinner at The State Botanical Garden Athens Georgia

HBABC - HelmsBriscoe Annual Business Conference Houston TX, May 29 - 31

- 1,700 attendees (33 countries)
- 60,000 properties in 150 countries sourced to date
- 29 One to one appointments
- 2 Leads
  - February 2020/224 room nights
  - March 2020/240 room nights
  - April 2020/294 room nights



# Research & Business Intelligence

- CRM processes continued to be improved for more accurate and timely reporting and online Sports Event Application was built
- Ongoing maintenance to Event Impact Calculator continued, ensuring use of up-to-date data for accurate economic impact estimates
- Meeting Planner Research study was completed and results shared with Sales & Marketing team to inform sales strategy & tactics. Findings included specific feedback on perception of Bermuda, as well as satisfaction among those who booked meetings or conferences in Bermuda
- World Triathlon Series—R&BI Division managed 2019 Event Impact Report project, including data gathering, media valuation and participant surveys. Results made public in Q3



# Year-Round

**Embracing Seasonality** 



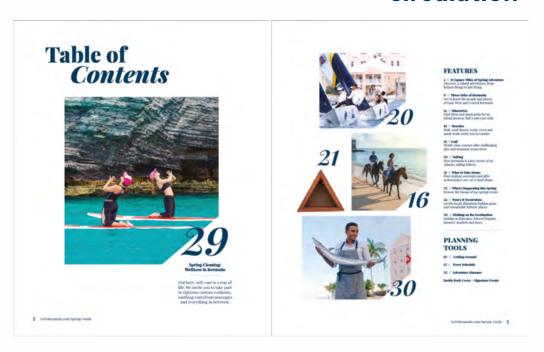
# Sales & Marketing

### S&M-Seasonal Guides

### Spring Seasonal Guide

### 10,500 print circulation





### Year-Round Content

### Spring & Summer Hub

- Created immersive seasonal hub to engage visitors in experiences by season and visitor target for gotobermuda.com
- Work was recognised with an Internet Advertising Competition award for Outstanding Website





### S&M-eNewsletters

### Consumer eNewsletters

As of April 1, 2019, the newsletter has been designed and deployed using Act-On, an email program that is a part of the Simpleview Platform. The switch to Act-on required the creation of a new email which is in the process of being recognized as a safe sender with email providers. Once completed, deliverability and improved rates should increase.

#### APRIL ENEWSLETTER



#### Features:

Heritage month
Culture
Free Night Offer

#### **Open Rate:**

8.7% (Up 3% YOY)

Click-to-open Rate: 14%

Top Clicked Link: Where to Have Tea

#### **MAY ENEWSLETTER**



#### Features:

All things summer Summer Fridays

#### **Open Rate:**

11.4% (Up 4% YOY)

#### Click-to-open Rate:

**14%** (Up 1% YOY)

Top Clicked Link: Summer Hub Page

#### JUNE ENEWSLETTER



#### Features:

**Summer activities** 

#### **Open Rate:**

**10.7%** (Up 4% YOY)

#### Click-to-open Rate: 13% (Up 1% YOY)

Top Clicked Link: Rosewood Bermuda

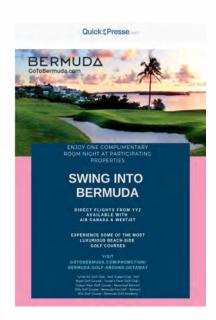
### Canada Travel Trade E-Newsletter



**MAY 2019**Open Rate: 13%



**MAY 2019** Open Rate: 13%



June 2019
Open Rate: 15%



June 2019 Open Rate: 14%

# Operations

#### **Staff Training**

All employees of the VSCs completed a three-week training plan at the beginning of Q2 to ensure they were subject matter experts, prepared to assist visitors in identifying the right experience for their need state! Training on Bermuda's experience and product offerings continued throughout the quarter, as new visitor-centric activities were introduced.







## **Financials**

#### Report for Period to June 30 2019

The Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 have been approved by the Auditor General. This is the 5th consecutive unqualified audit report. The final adjustments from 2018 have now been incorporated into the financials.

#### **Income Statement**

**Grant -** following the audit it was agreed that the additional \$1m grant received in 2018/9 would be treated as deferred income and only recognized in the income statement as money is expended. \$556,375 has been spent in the current year on the agreed projects.

Tourism Authority Fee - these are currently \$172k below budget.

Cruise Ship Passenger Fee - in March 2019 the legislation was passed which provided for a fee of \$16 per departing passenger to be paid to the BTA for the period between 1 April and 31 October each year. To date \$3.51m has been charged against a budget of \$3.24m. These funds are used to repay the loan (and interest thereon) taken out to repay the Royal Caribbean debt and fund the reduction in Government grant.

Vacation Rental Fees - these are currently \$140k above budget.

**Direct Cost -** Overall direct costs are \$290k below budget which includes \$195km of budgeted spend on the specific activities noted above. Details of each of the division's activities are elsewhere in the report.

**Structure, General & Administration -** These are currently \$290k below budget driven by staff costs which are \$213k below budget as a result of a lag in recruitment. Other costs are generally in line with budget.



#### **Balance Sheet**

Bank - the balance at the end of the guarter was \$4.2m.

Accounts Receivable and Accrued Income - this represents the hotel fees for June (not payable until 15 July) and any amounts overdue from previous months. It also includes \$1.8 of debt from the cruise ship passenger fee which was received in July.

**Inventory -** this relates to items at the Dockyard VIC and consist mainly of Transportation passes.

Loans payables - the 5 year, \$10m loan with Bank of Butterfield was finalized in March and monthly repayments are made from the income derived from the Cruise ship passenger fee.

**Accruals -** this is mainly to payroll related costs and Sales and Marketing costs.



#### **Income Statement**

#### Bermuda Tourism Authority For The Period Ended June 30, 2019

	Jun-19			Year To Date		
	Actual	Budget	PY	Actual	Budget	PY
Income	4,698,611	4,346,609	3,401,660	19,875,775	19,082,589	16,449,100
Direct costs	1,757,129	2,224,703	589,404	11,455,333	11,745,215	10,765,912
Direct surplus (deficit)	2,941,483	2,121,906	2,812,257	8,420,442	7,337,374	5,683,188
Structure, general & administration costs	846,141	882,784	811,741	4,922,182	5,082,623	4,748,312
Operating surplus (deficit)	2,095,342	1,239,122	2,000,516	3,498,260	2,254,751	934,876
Net finance costs	3,308	5,541	4,813	29,276	35,248	25,999
Debt service	206,206	206,249	-	910,665	960,004	-
Net surplus for the period	1,885,828	1,027,332	1,995,703	2,558,319	1,259,499	908,877

#### **Income Statement**

#### **Bermuda Tourism Authority**

For The Period Ended June 30, 2019

	Jun-19			Year To Date		
_	Actual	Budget	PY	Actual	Budget	PY
1. Income						
Grants, subsidy & contribution income	2,181,375	1,875,000	2,166,667	12,431,375	11,875,000	12,750,000
Tourism authority fee	1,114,641	1,234,455	1,234,994	3,635,773	3,807,267	3,699,100
Cruise passenger visitor fee	1,266,976	1,162,154	-	3,510,480	3,240,322	-
Vacation rental properties TAF	135,620	75,000	-	298,147	160,000	-
=	4,698,611	4,346,609	3,401,660	19,875,775	19,082,589	16,449,100
2. Direct costs:						
Sales & Marketing	1,777,981	1,939,533	1,181,854	10,669,659	10,068,400	9,126,658
Product development & experience	(6,635)	65,017	(143,533)	253,862	458,400	561,663
Research & business intelligence	84,121	66,819	7,698	315,180	373,415	185,030
Operations	(98,339)	153,333	(456,616)	216,632	845,000	892,560
_	1,757,129	2,224,703	589,404	11,455,333	11,745,215	10,765,912
3. Structure, general & administration costs, split:						
Staff costs	583,997	635,334	564,545	3,517,744	3,730,257	3,273,609
Communications & IT	47,462	46,438	42,264	290,634	251,763	213,598
General expenses	102,438	102,466	56,351	511,653	535,407	340,975
Marketing	-	833	699	17,581	5,850	699
Premises	78,426	71,630	74,124	410,382	419,097	402,946
Professional fees	15,981	22,167	(15,170)	102,107	109,250	311,465
Transport	-	-	-	30	-	-
Grants / Investments	7,245	-	75,000	7,259	-	150,000
Equipment	10,593	3,917	13,929	64,793	31,000	55,021
_	846,141	882,784	811,741	4,922,182	5,082,623	4,748,312



#### **Balance Sheet**

#### Bermuda Tourism Authority

June 30, 2019

ASSETS		<u>Jun-19</u>			
Current Assets					
	Cash & Bank	4,201,866			
	Accounts Receivable	1,070,562			
	Accrued Income	2,087,992			
	Prepaid Expenses	78,145			
	Deferred Costs	9,500,000			
	Total Current Assets	16,938,566			
	Non-current Assets	2,405,693			
Total Assets		19,344,259			
EQUITY & LIABILITIES					
Equity					
	Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)	4,251,087			
	Net Income	2,558,319			
		6,809,406			
Liabilities					
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
	Vendor Payables	1,627,256			
	Accruals	913,972			
	Deferred Income	493,625			
		3,034,853			
Long-Term Liabilities					
	Loans Payable	9,500,000			
		9,500,000			
Total Liabilities		12,534,853			
Total Equity & Liab	19,344,259				

