THE GOOGLE EFFECT

How to Meet the Traveler's Expectation of a Personal Experience

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Intent in Action!

Creating Personalization!

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Increasing Conversion

The Approach

Theory

93% of online experiences begin with a search engine.

Source: Forrester

Google















"Intention is one of the most powerful forces there is. What you mean when you do a thing will always determine the outcome."

The Move to Intent-Based Search

key·word

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a word or concept of great significance.
"homes and jobs are the keywords in the campaign"

- · a word that acts as the key to a cipher or code.
- · an informative word used in an information retrieval system to indicate the content of a document.

in-tent

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noun

intention or purpose.
 "with alarm she realized his intent"
 synonyms: aim, intention, purpose, objective, object, goal, target; More

adjective

- resolved or determined to do (something).
 "the administration was intent on achieving greater efficiency" synonyms: bent on, set on, insistent on, hell-bent on; More
- (especially of a look) showing earnest and eager attention. "a curiously intent look on her face"





What Does That Look Like?

Salt Lake City

cool things to do in Salt Lake City



















mi·cro-mo·ment

/'mīkrō//'mōmənt/

noun; plural noun: Micro-Moments



 A moment we reflexively turn to a device to act on a need we have in that moment – to learn, discover, find or buy something.



Intent-rich moment when decisions are being made and preferences are being shaped.

Travel Micro-Moments









I-WANT-TO-KNOW

I-WANT-TO-GO

I-WANT-TO-BOOK

I-WANT-TO-DO



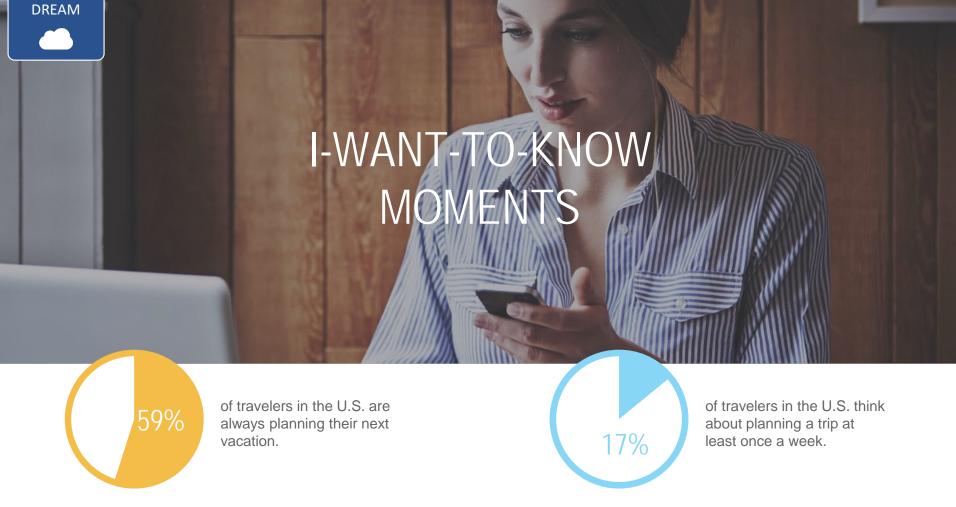






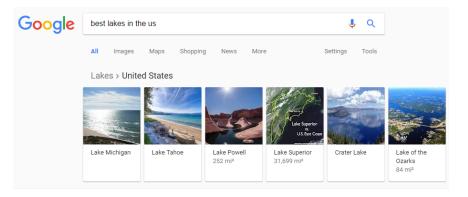
Goal #1

Be there for users at every step in the traveler journey by aligning intent and content.





Best lakes in the US



America's Best Lake Vacations | Travel + Leisure

www.travelandleisure.com/slideshows/americas-best-lake-vacations ▼ Satellite mapping has yet to yield a precise answer, but the best guess is that there are between 3 and 4 million lakes across the U.S., ranging from duck ponds ...

America's Most Beautiful Lakes | Travel + Leisure

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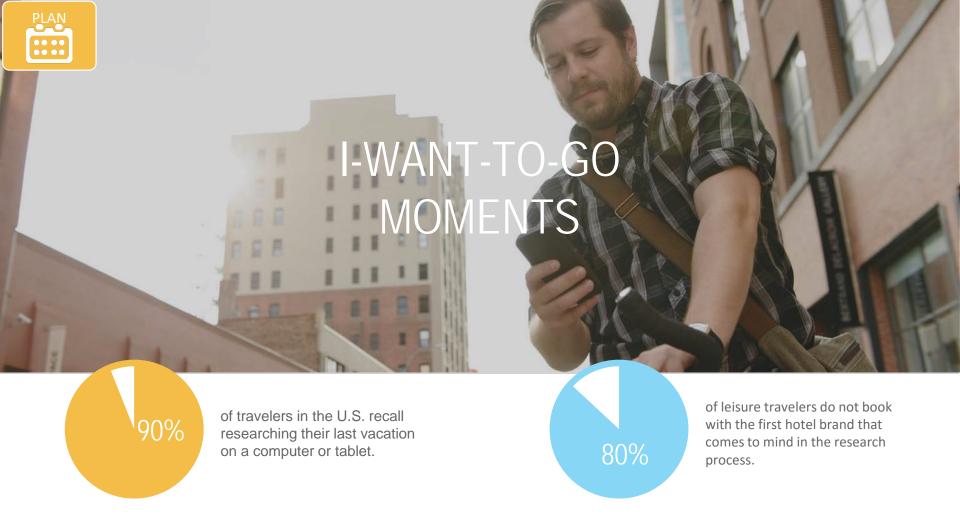
Best US Lakes and Lake Towns to Visit in the Summer - Thrillist

https://www.thrillist.com/.../best-lake-towns-destinations-in-america-south-lake-tahoe-... ▼ Jun 7, 2015 - Seneca, South Carolina. Population: 8,200. Bigfork, Montana. Population: 4,270. Grand Marais, Minnesota. Population: 1,340. Lake Placid, New York. Population: 2,471. Chelan, Washington. Population: 3,959. South Lake Tahoe, California. Population: 21,387. Grand Lake, Colorado. Population: 456. Charlevoix, Michigan...

Top 10 lakes in the US - SheKnows

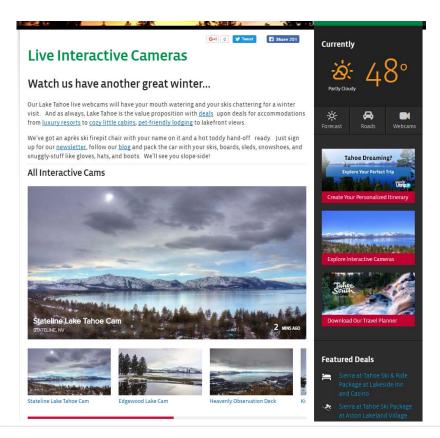
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May 15, 2012 - With so many amazing lakes across the US, it's tough to choose just one, so we've done
the homework for you ... Best lakes for summer fun.







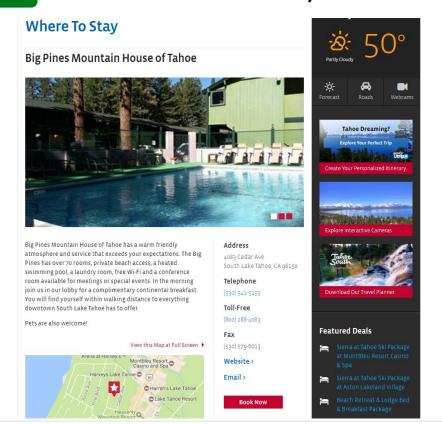
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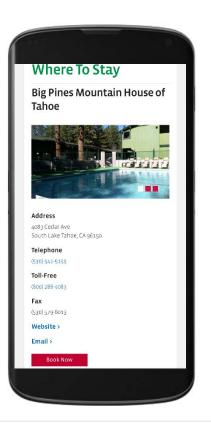




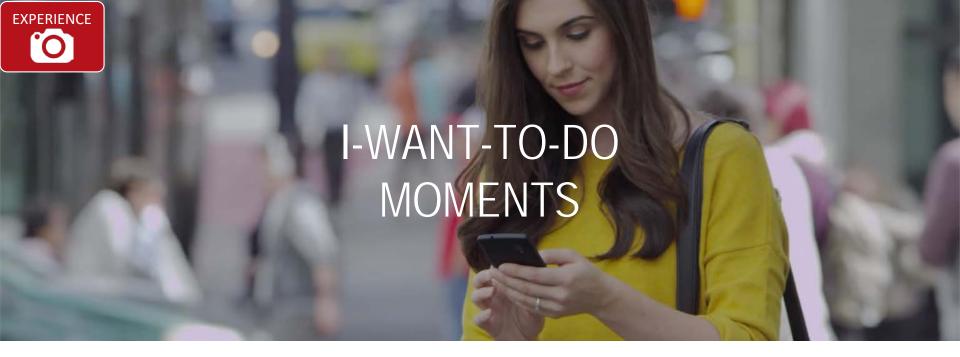


Where can I stay in South Lake?











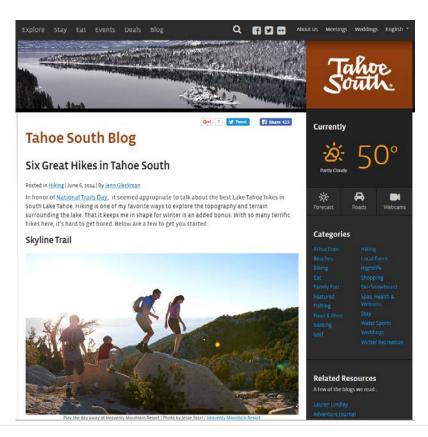
of travelers want to explore somewhere they've never been on their next vacation.



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Cool hikes in Lake Tahoe



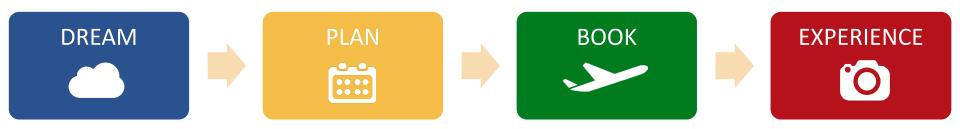
How To

Intent-Based Search

- 1. Map your traveler journey
- 2. Generate ideas for search terms
 - 3. Align content with intent
 - 4. Don't forget about the devices

Intent-Based Search — Starting Point

What is your traveler journey?

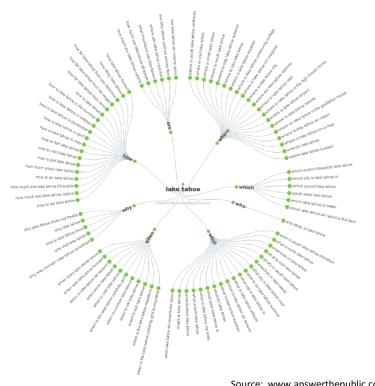


Intent-Based Search – Search Term Idea Generators

Google Suggested Search

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flights to hawaii from jfk	
flights to hawaii from new york	
flights to hawaii from newark	
flights to hawaii cheap	
flights to hawaii from lax	
flights to hawaii kayak	
flights to hawaii from sfo	
flights to hawaii from san diego	
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Source: www.answerthepublic.com

Intent-Based Search – Align Content with Intent





Intent Based Search – Understand Devices

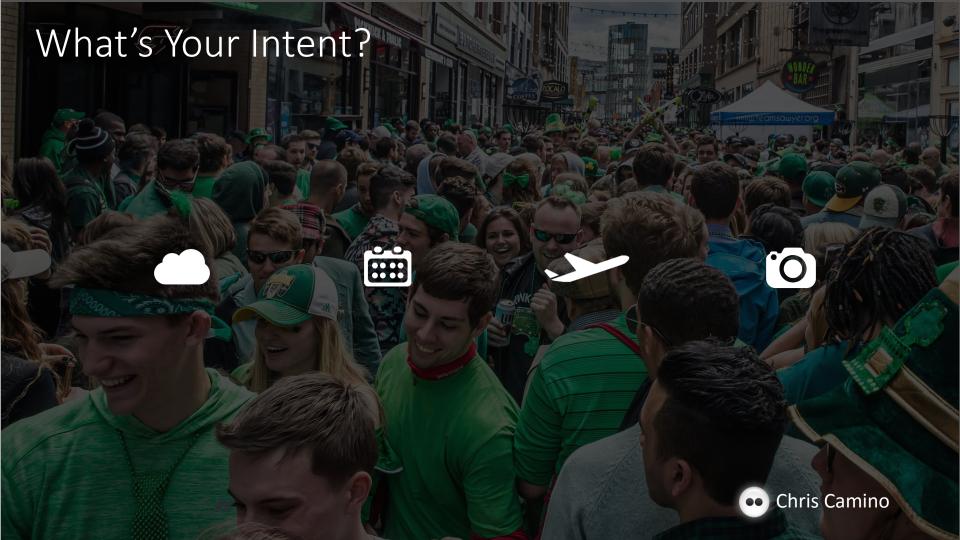


94% of leisure travelers switch between devices as they plan or book a trip.

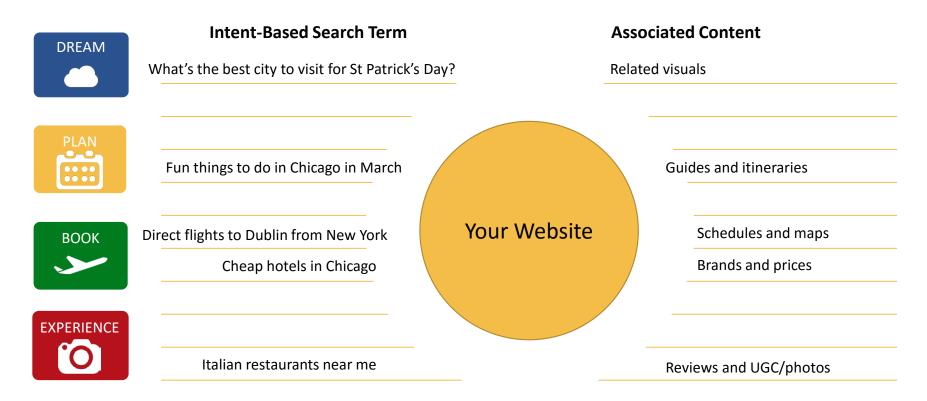
Source: Think with Google

Workshop #1

Intent in action!



Aligning Content to Increase Conversion





Taking Action

Tactics

Goal #2

The search.

The Past: Man vs. the Machine



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Best restaurants Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City, UT - Yelp

https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=Best+Restaurants&find_loc=Salt... ▼ Reviews on Best restaurants in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City, UT - The Copper Onion, R&R BBQ, ... He brings so much love and happiness to the restaurant.

The Best 10 Restaurants near Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City, UT - Yelp

https://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=restaurants&find_loc=Salt+Lake...Salt... ▼
Best Restaurants in Salt Lake City, Valt Lake City, UT - All Chay, Chile-Tepin, ... The front of the restaurant was lined with washitsu rooms with a modern touch.

Downtown's Best Restaurants: Restaurants in Salt Lake City

www.10best.com/destinations/utah/salt-lake-city/restaurants/downtowns-best/ ▼
And though a few of Salt Lake City's best restaurants are scattered across its ... In operation since 1985, this legendary restaurant serves enormous and ...

PAGO

www.pagoslc.com/ -

Pago is an intimate, farm-to-table **restaurant** in **Salt Lake City**, serving elevated American cuisine in a casual fine-dining environment. We also have an extensive ...

What to Do (and Eat) in Salt Lake City, Utah - Bon Appétit | Bon Appetit

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Feb 4, 2016 - An Actually Useful Guide to **Salt Lake City**, Utah ... Now there are over a half-dozen notable shops and the **restaurant**, bar, and local music ...

Bambara: American Restaurants in Salt Lake City

www.bambara-slc.com/en-us/ ▼

Bambara **Restaurant** is located in an historic building with a lively atmosphere, serving New American food in downtown **Salt Lake City**, UT.

The Copper Onion - Home

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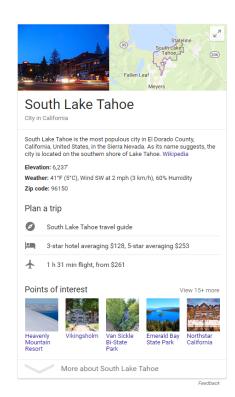
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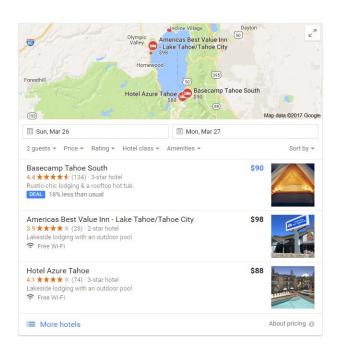
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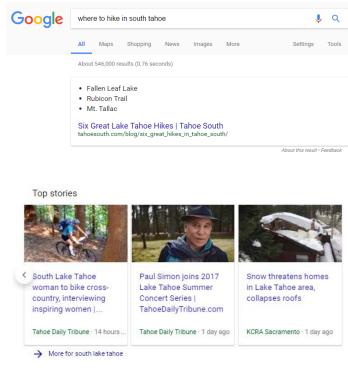
Enjoy a breathtaking view of downtown Salt Lake City during an elegant, fine dining experience at The Roof Restaurant. View our menu or make a reservation.



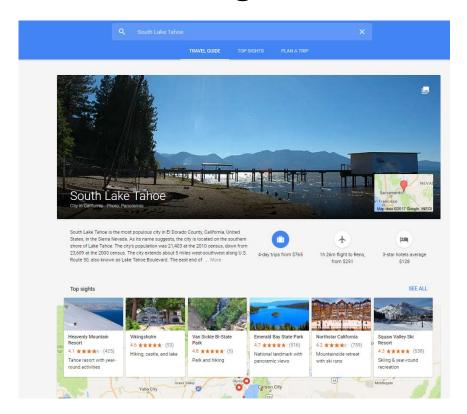
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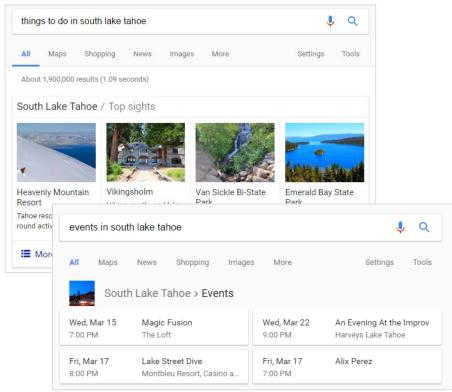




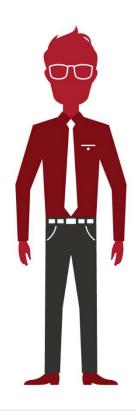


SERP Evolving





How do we make Google work for us?





Integrated Organic and Paid Search

DEFEND

Know where you're performing well and need to monitor

OPTIMIZE

Uncover above-thefold opportunities to improve for fast wins

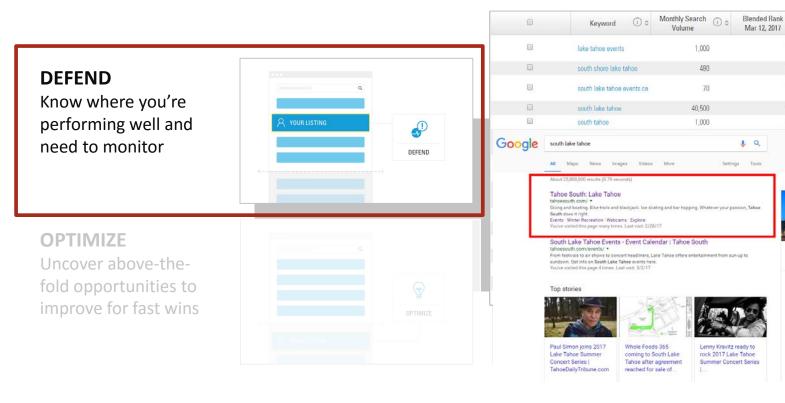


CREATE

Identify organic-friendly opportunities that need content

COLLABORATE

Find below-the-fold opportunities to teamup with paid search





Blended Rank

Change

No Change

No Change

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No Change

South Lake Tahoe

South Lake Tahoe travel guide

1 h 31 min flight, from \$261

South Lake Tahoe is the most populous city in El Dorado County,

city is located on the southern shore of Lake Tahoe. Wikipedia

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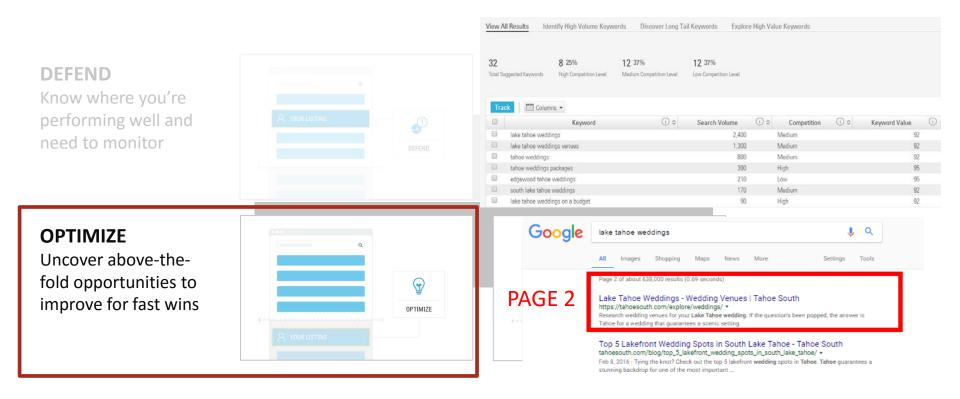
3-star hotel averaging \$128, 5-star averaging \$253

California, United States, in the Sierra Nevada. As its name suggests, the

City in California

Zip code: 96150 Plan a trip 3 🔺

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mountain coaster gatlinburg		1,300	
smoky mountain coaster		590	
berkshire east mountain coaster		480	
attitash mountain coaster		390	
wisp mountain coaster		320	
camelback mountain coaster		320	
ski mountain coaster		210	
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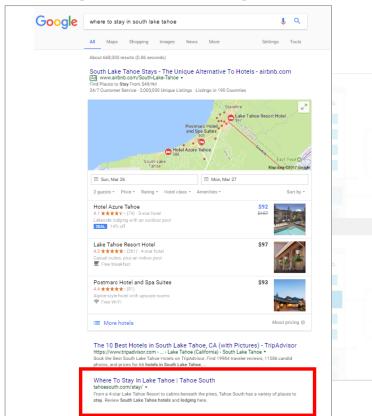
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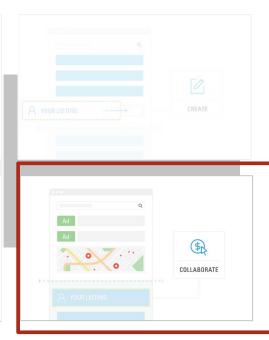


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Search is Constantly Changing







Goal #3

The Conversion.

"79% of marketers said customer personalization is very important to achieving their top marketing and customer experience goals."

Leaders in Personalization



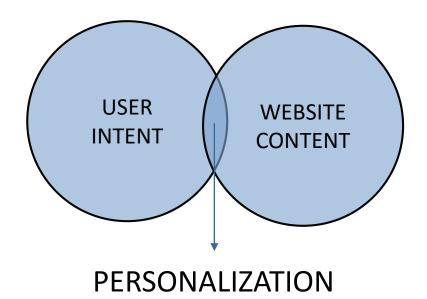






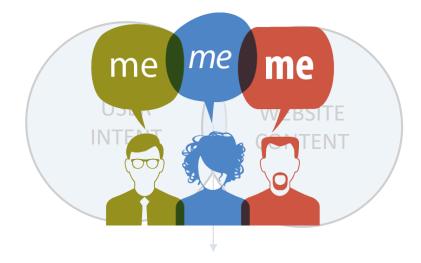
Personalized Experience

Personalization allows you to serve a targeted experience, to a specific audience segment, in real-time.



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PERSONALIZATION

Don't Be a Stranger...

When travelers feel like strangers to brands...

40% are less likely to buy from you

59% are likely to unsubscribe from your content

28% are less likely to proactively visit your website



Source: Boxever | Grounded by Untargeted Marketing

How To

Creating Personalized Experiences

- 1. Define Success
 - 2. Start Small
- 3. Pull Insights out of Analytics
 - 4. Create your strategy
 - 5. Measure and Iterate

Define Success



- Traffic to Stakeholders (Hotels, Restaurants, etc.)
- Bookings
- Email Subscribers
- Travel Planner Downloads
- Deals
- ..

Start Small - GeoTargeting



In Market

Locals and Day Trippers

Restaurants



Drive Market

Overnighters

This weekend's events



Fly Market

Longer Stays

Destination Value Proposition

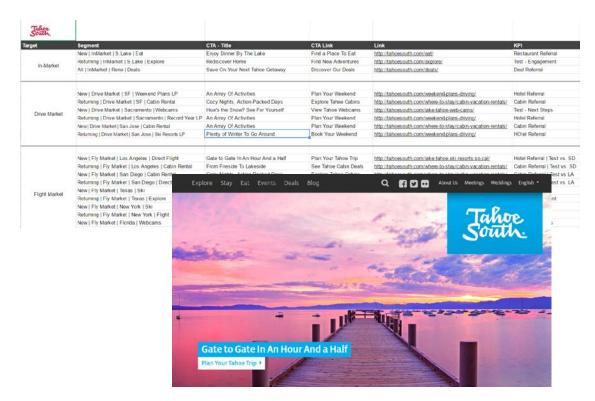
Understand Your Data



Organic Traffic

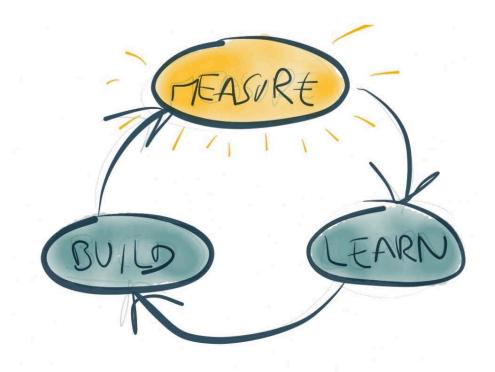
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Create Your Strategy

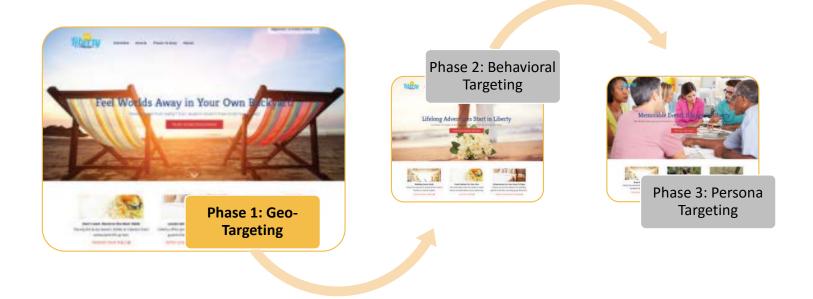




Measure and Iterate



Types of Personalized Experiences





Stay Focused on Your Goals





Case Study

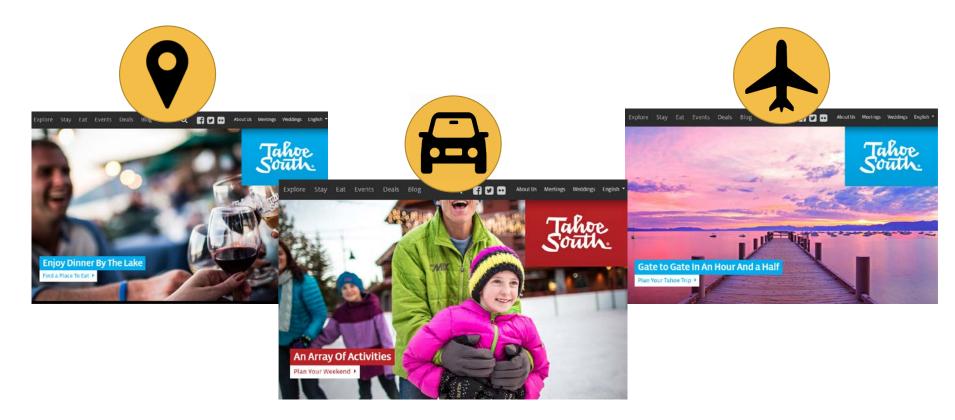
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Case Study

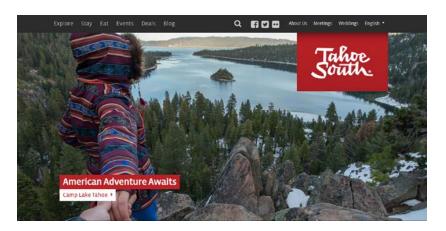




Tahoe South | Case Study



Tahoe South | Performance





	Pages/Session	Avg. Session Duration	Bounce Rate	Conversion Rate for Partner Referral
Non-Personalized	1.73	01:40	59%	10%
Personalized	2.75	02:46	41%	14%

Impact

Over 30% ADDITIONAL

Lodging Referrals over the year

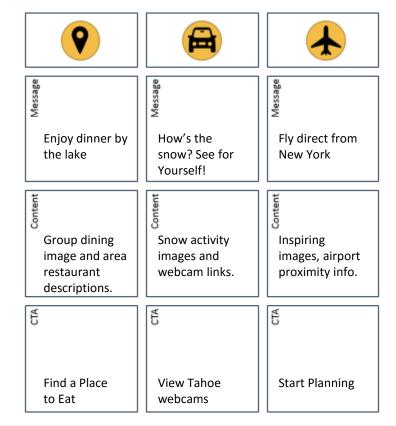
30k+ Additional Referrals Since July 1



Workshop #2

Creating Personalization!

Personalization Worksheet



What's Next

Future

Stay in Touch

Reach Out

Get Your Resources

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Tools of the Trade















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