

# DIGITAL MARKETING BEST PRACTICES

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#### KEY PREMISE



Deliver user-centric, contextual-based experiences that meet individual customer needs—when they want those needs met, in the manner they prefer, and in line with wherever they are in their brand experience.



#### CHECKLIST



- **Website**
- **⊗** SEO
- Social Media
- ✓ PPC/Search
- **Content Marketing**
- **Email Marketing**
- **Video Marketing**
- **Online Reputation**
- **Customer Relationship Management (CRM)**

#### RESPONSIVE WEBSITE DESIGN



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- Delivers all the features customers have come to expect, such as mobile-friendliness, fast loading pages, and easy navigation
- Ensures that customers see your company in the best possible light
- 96 percent of customers reach for their smartphones when looking for information and mobile-first indexing will be complete by 2018 (according to Google)



Before and After Website Designs for Big Sur Lodge.

# SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION



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- Search engine optimization (SEO) is the practice of increasing the quantity and quality of traffic to your website through organic search engine results
- 87 percent of customers turn to online searches as the first place to find information (Google)
- In 2018, searches are leaning towards verbal rather than typed as people turn to the virtual assistants in their phones, homes, tablets, and TVs for information
- Voice-first SEO strategies focus on including long-tail phrases that are used in verbal searches





### SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION



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Organic search traffic is specifically any unpaid traffic that comes from search engine results pages (SERPs)



- Social media strategies remain the best way to engage with customers so you can build the strong personal connections that drive referrals
- Utilize social media monitoring and management platforms such as Hootsuite, Buffer or Agorapulse to create your content calendar and post organic content







# **Giants Ridge "Make Giant Memories" Snapchat Geofilter**

#### **Purpose:**

To engage with the Giants Ridge brand during ski season

Uses: 4k

This is how many times the filter was SENT to a friend.

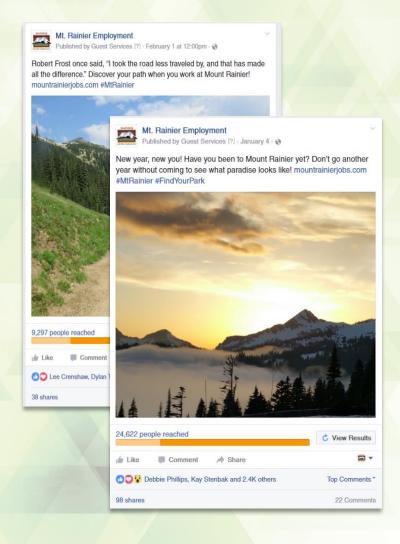
Views: 150k

This is how many times the filter was SEEN in a Snap sent directly to a friend.

#### Campaign schedule:

January 2018 through Present Day





# Social Media Advertising = Content Amplification

# Mount Rainier Employment Social Ads

#### **Purpose:**

To increase brand awareness about Mount Rainier jobs

Reach: More than 90k users

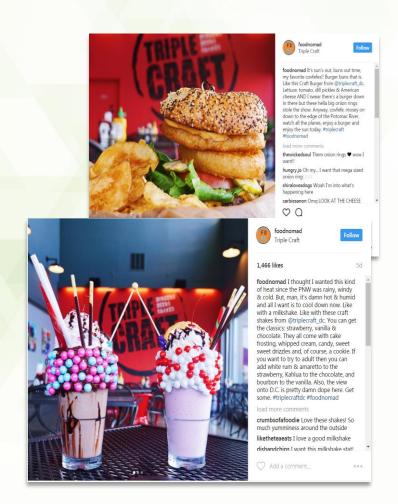
**Post Engagement/Reactions:** 20k

**GUEST**SERVICES

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- Influencer Marketing:

   Individuals with a large social reach are enlisted to promote your products, services or company
  - You'll find that micro-influencers with a thousand or even just a few hundred viewers can drive enough traffic to improve your social reach significantly



# PPC (PAID SEARCH)



"One Does Not Simply Get to the Top of Google."



# PPC (PAID SEARCH)



- Pay per click ads provide a fast, affordable way to improve your online visibility, generate leads, and increase traffic to your website
- Create a PPC ad strategy that includes Google, Bing and Yahoo!, and invest in social PPC ads on Facebook, Twitter, and other social networks

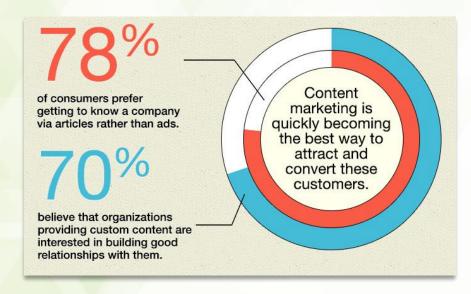


# CONTENT MARKETING



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- Content marketing is a huge part of marketing. It works with SEO, email marketing and social media
- Quality content drives traffic and conversions
- Brands that provide the best answers to customer searches are going to be the big winners in 2018



Improve brand reputation by building trust through content marketing

### CONTENT MARKETING



"If Your Content Has No Purpose, Then Don't Waste My Time."



#### CONTENT MARKETING



#### **Great Content Helps Influence Conversions**

Here are just a few of the stats that really speak to the importance of content marketing when it comes to *improving website conversions*:

"Content marketing provides conversion rates about six times higher than other digital marketing methods."

-ABG Essentials

"After reading recommendations on a blog, 61% of online consumers in the U.S. then decided to make a purchase."

-Content Marketing Institute "According to 74% of companies surveyed, content marketing has increased their marketing leads, both in quantity and quality."

-Curata

"Video content can help provide a great ROI and significantly increase conversions, according to 72% of businesses surveyed. -CrazyEgg

#### EMAIL MARKETING

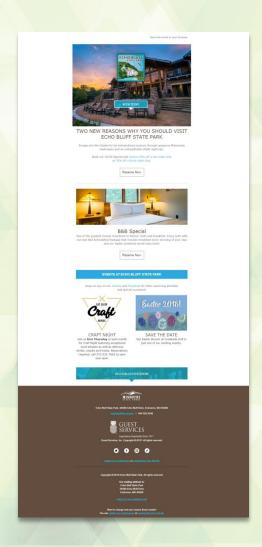


- Email marketing remains one of the most cost-effective ways to stay in touch with customers
- Create fully fleshed email campaigns, using segmented lists, catchy headlines, and powerful Call-to-Actions to drive engagement



#### EMAIL MARKETING





### **Echo Bluff Spring eNewsletter**

- 46.7% Open Rate (Industry Average: 13.7% - Travel)
- 12.7% Click Through Rate (Industry Average: 1.2% - Travel)
- Delivered to 6.7k subscribers



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By 2019

80%

of internet traffic will be **video**.

Cisco, 2017

#### VIDEO MARKETING



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- Brands that use <u>video marketing</u> grow revenue 49% faster than non-video users, according to HubSpot
- Use short video clips to punch up interest in your social posts, embed videos in your emails, and incorporate videos onto your website

#### **Bear Mountain 6sec Snow Video**

Post Engagement: 470

• **Reach:** 5.5k

Video Views: 3.1k

Shared 50 times in a span of 2 days



# ONLINE REPUTATION





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#### Review Monitoring:

 Identifies and aggregates the review sites and business listings and all its locations

#### Collect More Reviews:

- Generates reviews for your business
- Engages customers to give feedback about your business on the review sites like Google Maps, Facebook Reviews and others

#### Amplify Customer Feedback:

 Designed to take your great reviews and broadcast it to the world, amplify the positive reviews with testimonials on your website



# ONLINE REPUTATION ?





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#### Average star ratings per week or month



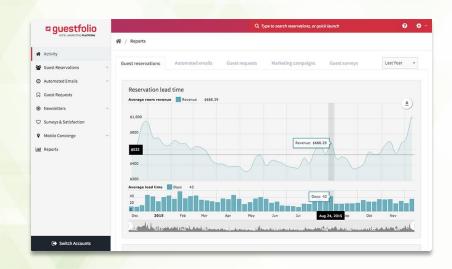
#### Sends reviews via email for easy access







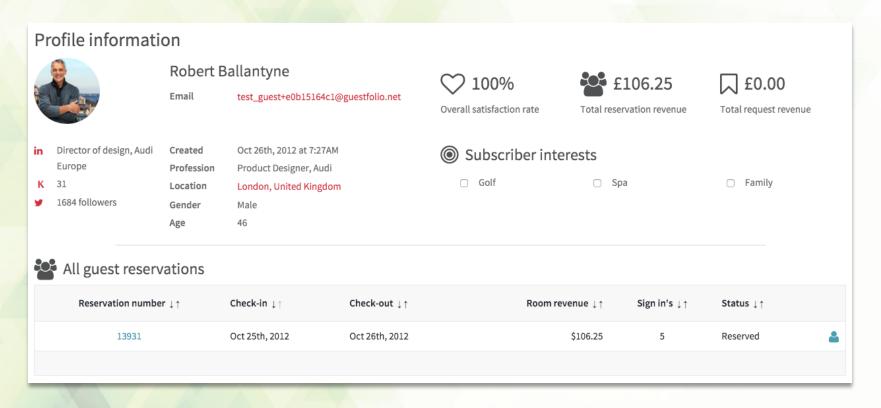
- Guestfolio is designed around how hoteliers manage their tasks and interactions with guests throughout the travel journey
- Send pre-stay, post-stay, onsite emails
- Quickly access in-house and arriving guests so you're ready for their arrival and use vital information from the guest profile to make informed marketing decisions
- See data trends with our reporting and use it to action targeted marketing initiatives or updates to your guest engagement strategy







#### Integrates with your PMS to create guest profiles



#### KEY TAKEAWAYS

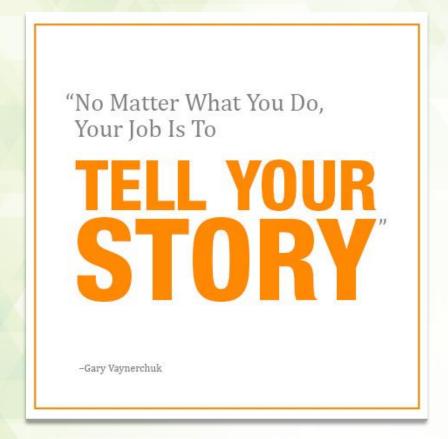


- Responsive website design is now a requirement
- Content marketing foundation for success
- Amplify your content via paid digital campaigns
- Do not underestimate call-to-actions
- Get creative with influencer marketing
- Video marketing is NOT the future it's happening now
- Guests say it best share your reviews
- Review your website and social analytics to get to know your audience

#### KEY TAKEAWAYS



• **Tell a story.** Stories create an emotional connection, particularly when listeners form mental images of elements of the story that matter most to them



# THANK YOU

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