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# Maximizing direct bookings: 4 proven strategies for hotels

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## **#1CRM Marketing Platform** for Hospitality



A boldly beautiful Collection of privately owned four & five star Country House Hotels, Spas & Restaurants in Surrey, West Sussex & Kent





The **digital transformation** accelerated by ten years during the pandemic and today's travelers are *at least three times* **more tech- and digitally savvy.** 



GoPro: Wingsuit from 25,000ft with Jesse Hall and Marshall Miller

164K views - 2 years ago



GoPro Cause: Rock Climbing with Outward Bound California

BDK views - 2 years ago



GoPro: Kayaking the Tennessee Rapids with Nick Troutman 200K views - 3 years ago



GoPro: 2020/21 Snow Season Kickoff

163K views + 2 years ago

A great example: **GoPro's UGC Strategy** 



GoPro: Audi Nines MTB Highlight 2020 Stati views - 2 years ago



GoPro: Scenic Flight over the Austrian Alps

1898 views - 2 years ago



GoPro HERO9: Geoff Galevich's MT8 Trail Party

215K views + 2 years ago



GoPra: PADI Dive Competition Announce 2020 123K views - 2 years ago





Source: McKinsey & Co

# Increasing government privacy regulations and privacy moves by Google & Co. underscore the importance of **first-party and direct relationships with guests.**





AGENDA

# 01

First party is the key to direct bookings

# 02

Orchestrate omni-channel guest communication



Acquisition funnels



OTAs – The balancing act



# Why is first-party data the key to direct bookings?



# Your most valuable assets are your guests

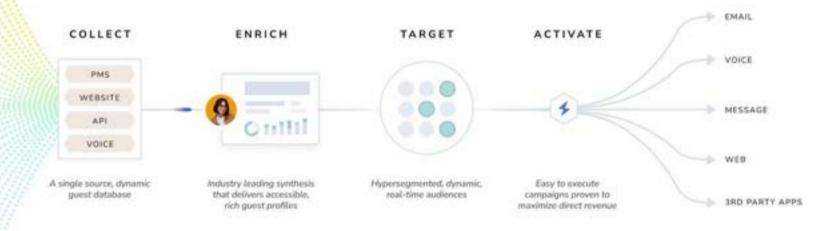




Relationship-driven data enables **better analysis and understanding** of your guests Securing & protecting your guests sensitive data **builds brand trust** and reputation Activating guest data through low-cost, high margin direct channels **drives revenue growth** 

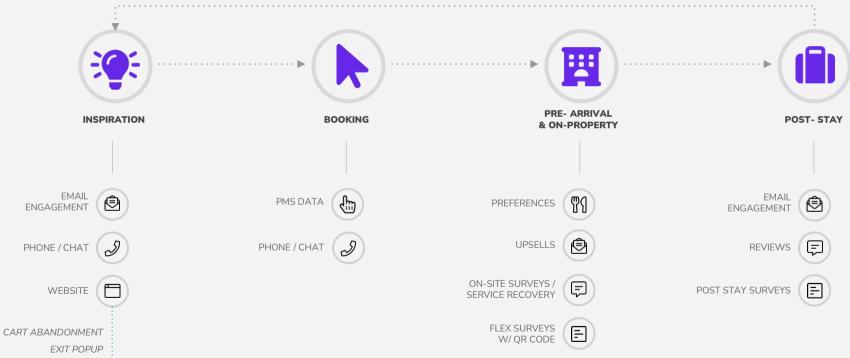


# How to get your data in order?



## **Collect data wherever you can**

Gather guest data throughout the full journey into a single source database



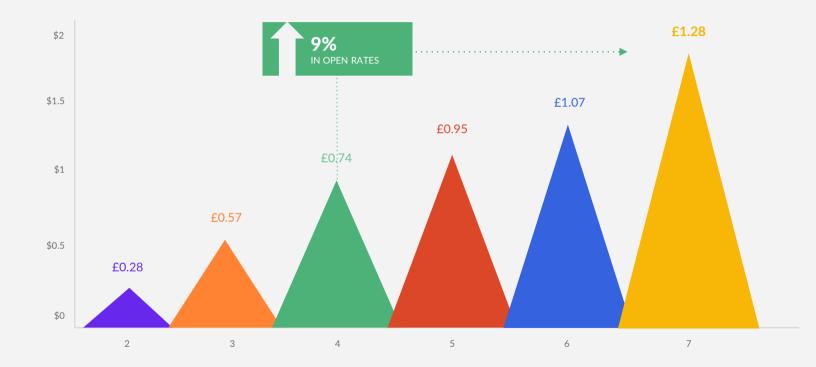
CONTACT API (SIGN-UPS)

# Activate data across the guest journey



## Leverage Segmentation to Increase Engagement

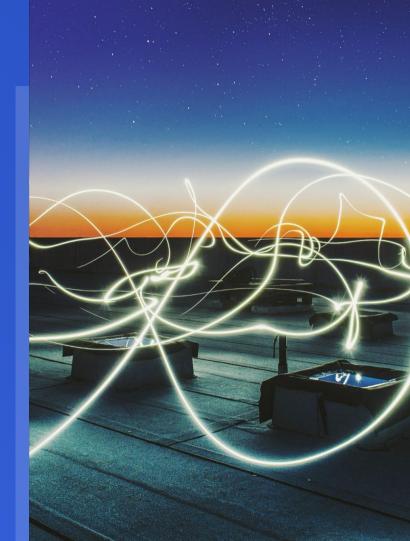
Personalization and ROI go hand in hand



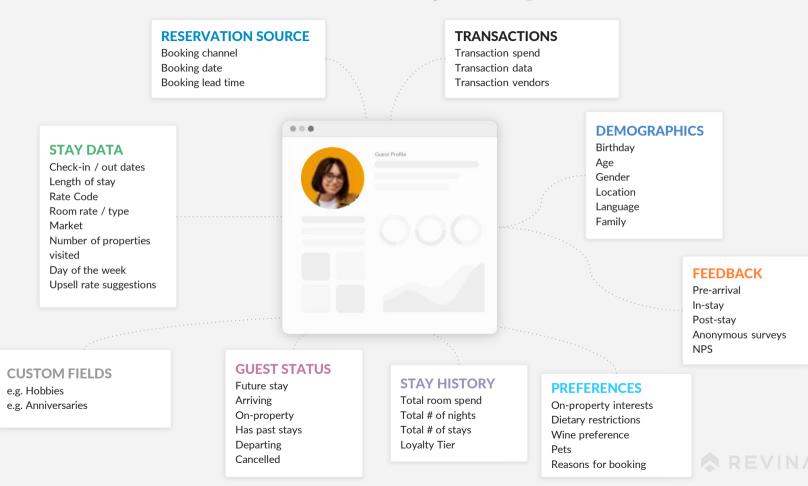
\* Analysis based on 500M emails sent \* Normalised to USD NUMBER OF SEGMENT FILTERS



Orchestrate omnichannel guest communication

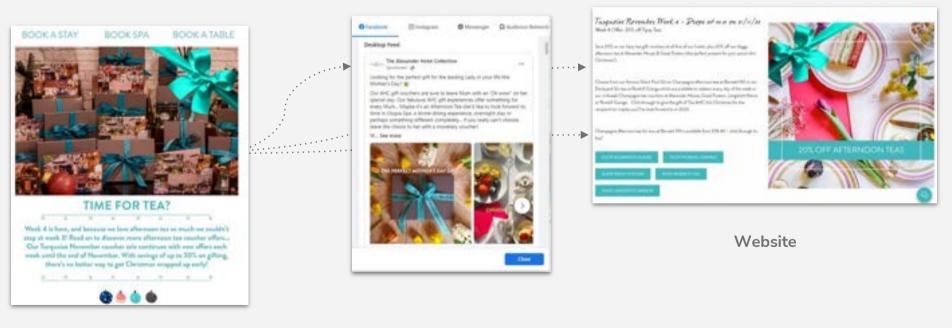


# Make the most out or your guest data



## **Optimizing omni-channel campaigns**

Test offers, messages, visuals and targeting before deploying budget across all channels



Email

**Paid Social** 





**OMNICHANNEL GUEST JOURNEY** 





#### **Booking Started on Website**







#### **Michelin star restaurant** Property: Great Fosters

#### **CAMPAIGN FOCUS**

Announcing the newly awarded Michelin Star restaurant + invite guests to the restaurant

SUBJECT LINE A Michelin-star is awarded to The Tudor Pass at Great Fosters  $\stackrel{\bullet}{\curvearrowright}$ 

#### SEGMENTS

- Local
- Not from OTAs
- Not from agents

AVG OPEN RATE

AVG CTR

1.3%

REVENUE

£189,288



cloud this email by previously providing Alexander Hotels with your small address We occasionally send marketing communications to our subscribers.

#### Mother's day gifts **Property: Alexander House**

CAMPAIGN FOCUS Provide options for guests to celebrate mother's day at the property

SUBJECT LINE Mother's Day Gift Guide - Our Top Picks

#### SEGMENTS

- Exclude future stays
- Not from OTAs
- Subscribed to Mother's day offers and updates



AVG CTR

**REVENUE**/

£15,845





n ofternoon tea after all? Light as a , fluffy scones & elegant patisserie arn (chocolate?) brownie point

TOP PICK: SUMMER SERENITY A gift to look forward to, our Summer Serenity Day is available to use later this year in the summer, with £200 of treatment credits for Mum & 25% off?





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or Mum. From champagee teas to o TREAT MUM TO TEA

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Benetifully Presented

Choose our agrietare has & riobox to make a statement this Mother's Day with you gift experience - sure to

# Acquisition - What's in your toolbox?



## **Holistic Acquisition Strategy**

#### **Existing Customers - Inspiring**



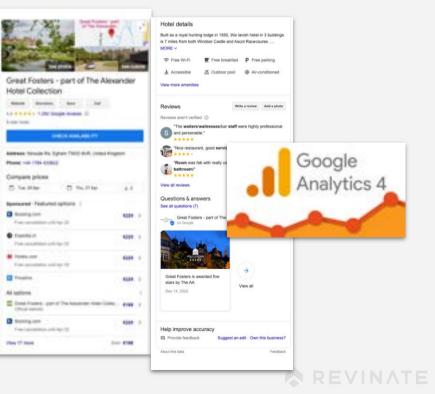
WE MISS YOU ROOM REV.

**170K** 

EDM TOTAL ROOM REV.

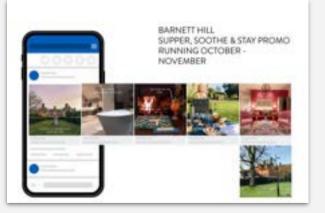
2.5M

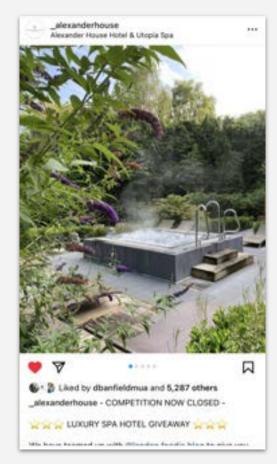
#### New Customers - Discovery Tools: GHA, GA4 measurement



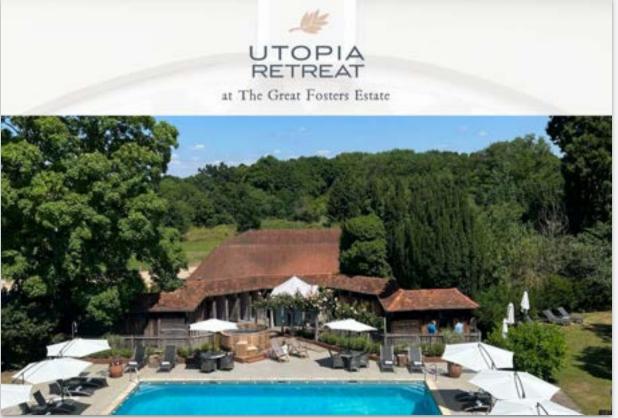
## Holistic acquisition strategy Oldie but goodie!







## Holistic acquisition strategy: Partnerships / Storytelling





## Holistic acquisition strategy: Gift Vouchers

## GIFT VOUCHER SALES Collection Wide





# OTAs -The balancing act





Your introducers and referrers. Are you in a toxic relationship?



EUROPEAN AV. OTA SHARE

PRESSURED BY OTAS?

55%

CHANNEL PRICE INCREASES?

26%

## **OTAs**

Tools - GHA (Meta Search), Bring Backs, Memberships, Apps, and more...



META SEARCH AD SHARE 64%

GHA META MARKET SHARE 67%

...Don't forget travel agents

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Source: ColorWhistle Blog 2023

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First-party data is crucial in a cookieless world. This is the key to sending highly personalised and segmented offers.



Omni-channel guests communication



Don't put all your eggs in one basket - acquisition channels



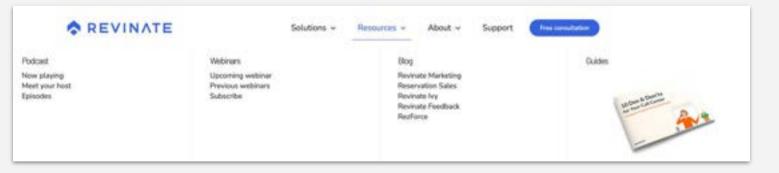
All things in balance - your relationship with OTAs and the evolving space





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# Let's continue the conversations!



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