

**Brand USA's Next Generation** of Digital and Content Strategy



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## Today's Agenda

- New USA Campaign Strategy
- New Consumer Websites
- New Content Strategy
- New Visual Approach
- Partner Marketing Updates





## **Strategic Framework**

possibility



Build on an ownable foundation

**PERSONA** 



Create relevance by targeting mindsets and motivations





Make it real with travel itineraries and trip suggestions



## **New Campaign Statement**

The diversity of the USA is exciting and uniquely ours to own in a way that is magnetic and inviting, and uniquely "yours" to discover genuine and authentic opportunities that truly speak to who you are. The collection of these experiences become our own unique story that we, in turn, share with friends and family. There's an American story for everyone just waiting to be created.

See How Far You Can Go. Plan Your USA Trip Now.





#### VisitTheUSA.com

- 15 Websites / 8 Languages
- **Geo-Targeted**
- Accelerated
- Drupal 8
- Personalization through Lift
- **Interactive Maps**
- Choose Your Adventure Game
- Content Integration for better flow
- Modular Construction
- Flexible Templates









#### Choose your adventure



Choose one of the two images below to customize your journey and match you with content that interests you.





Towns

Outdoors

Food & Drink

Browse your results



Experience Sun and Fun in Miami and the Florida Keys



Experience From the Bay to the Vine: San Francisco to California Wine Country



Experience 5 Places to See the Northern Lights in the USA



Experience Louisiana's Culinary Trails



### **State Pages**

#### Features include:

- Featured videos
- Must-see places with UGC content
- Interactive maps with cities and parks
- Featured content by location
- Fun facts
- Official partner links

Contact your Brand USA/Miles representatives to refresh your State Page.



#### Texas Tourism



own country. It was, in fact, a nation of its own from 1836 to 1845. The Texas landscape ranges from desert badlands and swimmable coastlines to lush mountains and sprawling prairies. Its communities go from the heights of urban sophistication (and size!) on down to the tiniest, most charming out-of-the-way towns.

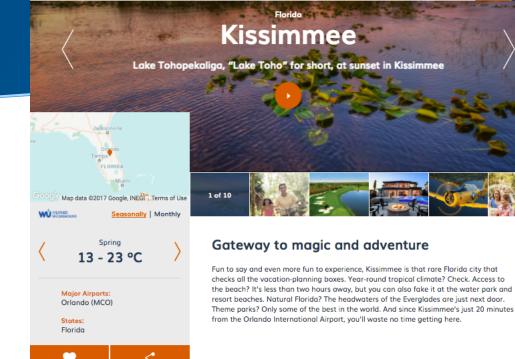
There is surely no shortage of Country culture here: rodeos, line-dancing and ample

### **City Pages**

#### Features include:

- TripAdvisor integration
- Official links
- Hero image gallery & featured videos
- Interactive maps
- Events
- Seasonal weather
- Featured content by location
- Fun facts

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A gateway to Florida's famous theme parks, hundreds of vacation homes, hotels and resorts in Kissimmee serve as a perfect base for a holiday centered on the big attractions. All roads lead to Walt Disney World Resort, which includes four theme parks and two water parks (plus hotels that are practically theme parks themselves). Head to Universal Orlanda Resort, a four-part park inspired by the movies, and enter The Wizarding World of Harry Potter. Have a dolphin encounter at SeaWorld Orlando, or stick close to home base and visit Fun Spot America, a family-owned theme park featuring roller coasters, go-karts, an arcade and kiddie rides.

Just as compelling as the area parks is Kissimmee's great outdoors. Climb 15 meters up into the treetops and grapple with 97 high-ropes challenges at Orlando Tree Trek (Tarzan swings and zip lines included). If you're ready to see the notive alligators. Wild Florida Airhouts & Gator Park will



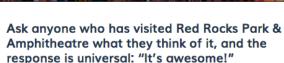
### **Experience Pages**

#### Features include:

- Hero image gallery
- Featured videos
- Geo-located content
- Interactive maps
- Right rail for related stories and partner links
- Persistent module

Contact your Brand USA/Miles representatives to refresh your experience page(s).





**Amphitheatre** By: Idoia Gkikas

Billed as the only acoustically perfect, naturally-occurring outdoor amphitheater in the world, Red Rocks is an entertainment venue like no other. World-famous acts such as the Beatles, Grateful Dead, U2 and Bruno Mars have performed on this legendary stage just outside Denver.

And that's not all - Red Rocks also offers hiking trails and fitness opportunities year-round. You'll want a full day to explore Red Rocks and all it has to offer, so put your muscles to work while enjoying the phenomenal views and mountain vibes.

#### **Morning**

You'll be awe-struck as soon as you arrive. Begin by walking around the theater and marveling at the red rock boulders and sweeping vistas. Stop in at the Visitor Center and see the Performers Hall of Fame, which lists the names of seven decades' worth of performers.

Next, try out a fitness class. Depending on the time of year, you can participate in group exercise classes such as the Red Rocks Fitness Challenge or Yoga on the Rocks. Test your strength by walking or running up the stairs in the amphitheater.

Practicing voga on the steps of the Red Rocks Amphitheatre



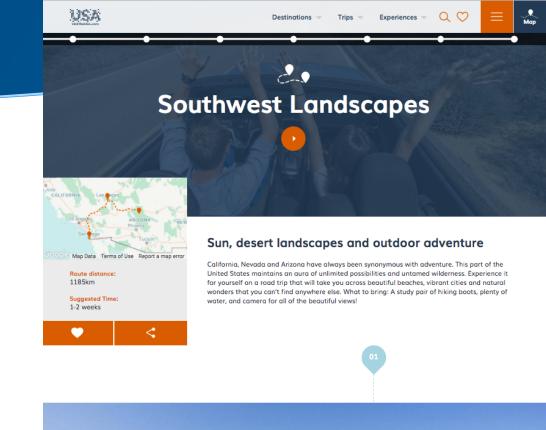


## **Trip Ideas Pages**

#### Features include:

- Hero image gallery
- Featured videos at each stop
- Travel time between stops
- Geo-located content
- Interactive maps
- Right rail for related stories and partner links
- Official links

Contact your Brand USA/Miles representatives to participate in the road trips campaign.



## **Bookmark Pages**

#### Features include:

- Saved articles from across the site
- Tap *heart* to save
- Generates unique URL for sharing and promotion
- Content pinned on map
- Allows for easy addition or removal of stories
- Serves users cookies to save bookmarks





The Finger Lakes of New York State: A Fun, Family



Destinations

Southwest Landscapes

Show more \*



Show more \*

Denver, Colorado: Incredible Day at Red Rocks Park & Show more \*



Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach, Florida: 5 Dream Beaches and Islands

Show more -



Texas



Destination Kissimmee

Show more \*

Show more \*

## **Content Migration**

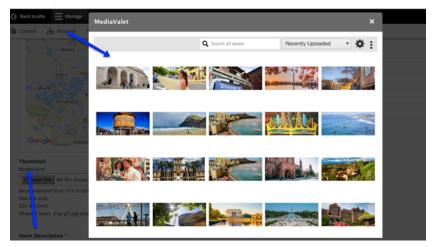
- Migrated thousands of pages across 15 sites and 8 languages
- Content is being updated every day
- Content creation and optimization is ongoing
- All updates will be completed in April
- Please send questions to <u>socialmedia@thebrandusa.com</u>

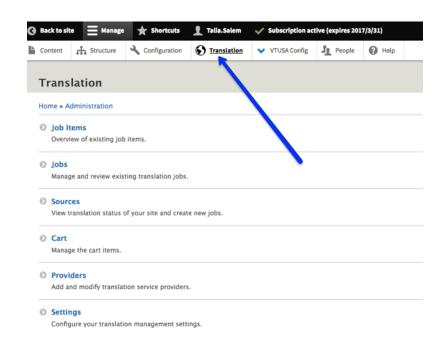




## Website Technology Integrations

- UGC content via Tint
- Language Connector
- Integrated DAM







## Vital: Visual Storage & Retrieval

#### Now

- Organization by Folders
- Consistent Tagging System
- Permissions
- Speed



#### How to use the DAM:

- Organize
- Store
- Catalogue
- Track usage rights
- Collect visuals
- Share visuals
- Manage brand identity

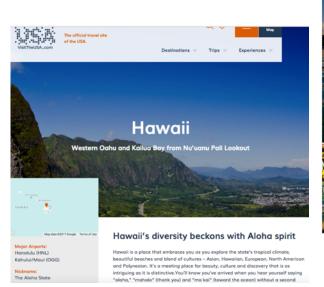




#### **Content Development: Next Level**

# Reimagine our content in the eyes of our consumer

- Compelling articles that sell the experience of that place
- Key information at your fingertips
- Articles that tap into passion points
- Storytelling across media formats
- Updated video styles to suit platform changes





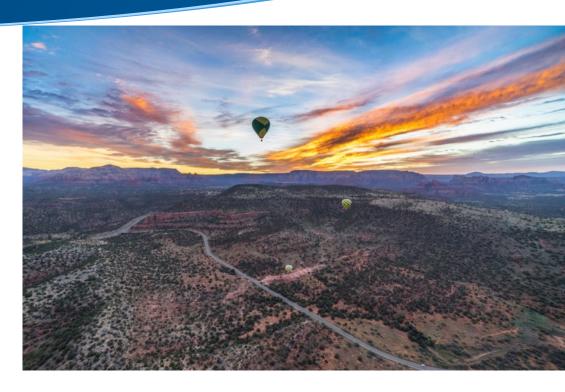
Say aloha to adventure and relaxation on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu.





# **New Calendar Approach**

- Integrated content calendar across platforms
- Targeted by persona/market interest
- Support and amplify partner programs
- Native to each platform





# **New FY17 Calendar**

Month	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Brand Campaign	See How Far You Can Go											
Tone	Discovery			Go			Possibility			Freedom		
Theme	Neighborhoods, Cities, Towns			Arts & Entertainment			Road Trips			Great Outdoors		
Objective	Promote hidden gems to demonstrate that there is more available in the USA that you might have thought			Leverage the pop culture strength of the USA to generate interest			Showcase a broad range of travel possibilities (destinations/experiences) accessible via car			Use iconic destinations to spark traveler curiosity to want to see live		
SHFYCG	Invite travelers to discover their own unique finds in off-the-beaten-path locations			Emphasize the spiritual/emotional journey associated with experiencing art and culture			Encourage travelers to fully explore the areas they visit ("far" isn't only about distance)			Highlight the spiritual aspect of connecting with nature		
Partner Value	Work with partners to show experiences outside of the obvious ones they are known for			Connect partners with highly recognizable talent and entertainment/cultural events			Drive visitation to proximate locations outside major hub destinations			Create content that features unique USA landmarks/geographies and experiences to be had		



## **Quarterly Deep Dive**

Theme: Entertainment

Ignite
January

Entertain
February

Guide
March



## Sample February Content: Entertainment



- Persona: Excite
- Pillar: Cities, towns and neighborhoods
- Moment: The excitement and suspense before the first drop of the largest rollercoaster in Texas.



- Persona: Escape
- Pillar: Outdoors
- Moment: Cross-country skiing with a loved one to your secluded yurt for the weekend. You fall asleep with a view of the stars.



- · Persona: Local
- Pillar: Cities, towns and neighborhoods
- Moment: Stepping into a largerthan-life globe to see the world's borders from a new perspective. You take a million selfies in the colorful light.





## **Emphasis on Imagery**

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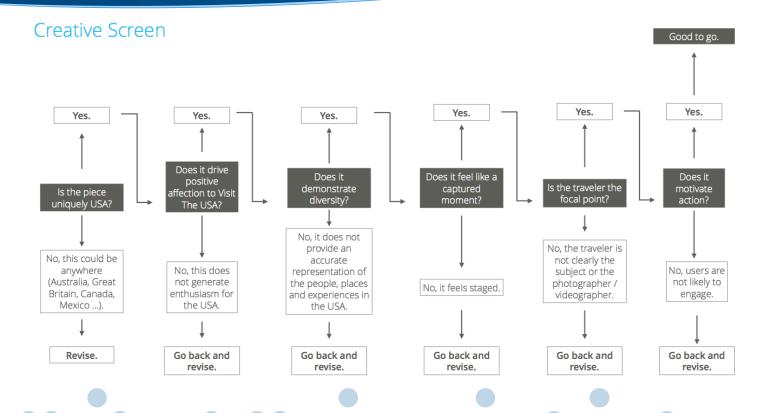
- Reinvent our visual language through immersive visuals that:
  - Possess a sense of place
  - Offer a traveler or traveler's perspective
  - Evoke an emotion
  - Showcase the breadth and diversity of the USA

#### How

- Curate every image on the website
- Partner with content creators
- UGC integration on website
- Harness new technologies



# **Uniquely American Imagery**





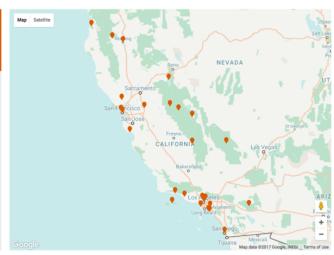


## **State & City Program Updates**

- New features like Must Sees, Events and Video Galleries
- Dedicated audience development campaigns from your target markets
- Built in on-site promotion
- Ability to promote trade/activation partners for promotions

#### **Explore California destinations**







#### **Experience Page Updates**

# Designed for cities, attractions and other travel partners to maximize the site's contextual content strategy

- Rich visual storytelling through image and video galleries
- Robust cross-linking to destinations and related experiences and trips
- Dedicated onsite marketing and promotion through the homepage and priority placements
- Dedicated audience development media campaigns from your target markets

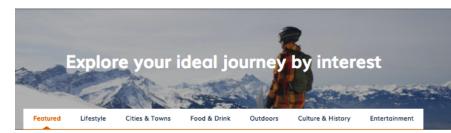
#### **USA Spotlight**







Where to See the Total Solar Eclipse in the USA







Trip - 1-2 weeks Southwest Landscapes



Trip - 6 days Pacific Coast Highway Road Trip



Trip - 6 days Northern Atlantic Coast



Trip - 6 days Classic Road Trip Through the USA's Great Lakes



## **New: Trip Pages & Road Trips**

Itinerary-based content type ideal for regions, states and cities to create and promote regional or statewide trip ideas.

- Fluid design capable of featuring multiple videos
- 4-7 day itineraries with actionable experiences
- Mapping and trip distances
- Dedicated onsite marketing and promotion through the homepage and priority placements
- Dedicated audience development media campaigns



#### Featured trips 🐣



Trip - 5 days

America's Spirits: Tour the Homes of Bourbon and Whiskey



Trip - 5 days
Barbecue and Brews Itinerary



Trip - 4 days Savory Southern Cuisine



### **Video Creation and Integration**

- Destination-At-Glance Videos
- International Storyteller (Thematic) Videos
- Native Traveler Videos
- Destination Videos produced by Matador
- New Road Trips ideal for Trips pages
- Special custom options:
  - 360 Videos
  - Animated Reality Videos
- All video programs include dedicated media campaign

#### September Featured Videos

This month we give you a glimpse of what Hawaii, California, and the Pacific Northwest have to offer. All three locations are a great time to travel as the season changes in the month of September. Work up an



Hawaii Volcanoes National Park: Hiking through Lava Fields and Visit The USA 792 views • 4 months ago



Kauai, Hawaii: Hiking and Ziplining around Waimea Cany. Visit The USA 380 views • 4 months ago



Hawaii Bucket List: 3 Extraordinary Outdoor Visit The USA 301 views • 4 months ago

#### 360 Degree Videos



Take a 360 Degree Spin in Santa Barbara Visit The USA 634 views • 3 months ago



Experience Los Angeles in 360
Degrees
Visit The USA
1.994 views • 3 months ago



360 Degrees of Grand Canyon Splendour Visit The USA 1.743 views • 3 months ago

#### Flavours of the USA



Flavours of the USA: Colorac



Flavours of the USA: 3 Must-try



Oregon Bounty: Portland's Foodie



