BTA Quarterly Report Update Q1 2015







During Q1 of 2015, the Research & Business Intelligence Division accomplished the following:

- 1. First phase implementation of new visitor arrivals card and reporting which will provide the BTA with more detailed information on purpose of visit, first time vs. repeat, type of accommodation and America's Cup-related visitation.
- 2. Developed strategy to transition air exit surveys online using panel mechanism. Visitors providing email addresses on arrival cards will be contacted within a week of their return home to complete an exit survey. Online methodology will allow the BTA to collect more data in a confidential environment for visitors.





3. Specific Research Initiatives

- a. Completed research on the vacation rental market in Bermuda
- b. Quantitative research conducted amongst target personas and previous visitors to Bermuda on Beach & Nightlife/Entertainment experience expectations
 - c. Study findings on public transportation satisfaction presented to stakeholders
 - d. Restaurant Weeks Survey and voting mechanism was created
- e. Customer Service benchmarking study was conducted to gather baseline scores to measure future impact of the National Services Standard Programme and Certified Tourism Ambassadors on the front line of the tourism industry



- 4. Continued Recruitment for Online Visitor Panel 7,500+ former and current visitors and started developing strategy to recruit cruise and yacht visitors to the panel.
- 5. Continued to report monthly on tourism KPIs (air arrivals, hotel performance, future projections)
- 6. Continued to monitor online demand and conversion by geographic region and persona targets
- 7. Continued to measure Return on Investment of marketing initiatives by geographic region
- 8. Continued local opinion poll to measure perception of Tourism and the BTA amongst residents

Product & Experiences Division



During Q4 of 2014, the Product & Experiences Division accomplished the following:

- 1. Experiences completed/launched to date The following events took place during the quarter:
- Bermuda Marathon Weekend January 16th 18th (Signature Experience)
- Bermuda Regional Bridge Tournament January 24th 30th
- Bermuda Festival of the Performing Arts (Signature Experience) January 23rd March 8th
- Late Nights @ BNG February 20th April 30th
- Tarleton-Bermuda Pairs couples golf tournament February 22nd March 1st
- Bermuda Collegiate Golf Invitational March 23rd 24th
- Bermuda Triple Challenge obstacle course series March 13th 15th
- City Food Festival March 16th 21st
- Bermuda Open March 23rd 26th
- Grey Goose World Par 3 March 27th 29th



Two new events were launched

The Talleton Pairs targets the UK golf market to build on Bermuda's appeal for golfing vacations. The Collegiate Golf Invitational brought teams from six US colleges, providing the first pilot for our school sports training strategy. The organizers of the Marathon Weekend, our first designated Signature Experience, leveraged its 40th anniversary to produce another successful event. The Regional Bridge Tournament has now been elevated to Signature Experience status based on the effective ROI and high visitor satisfaction.

Another new event, the Bermuda Heroes Weekend (BHW 2015), June 12th – 15th continues to generate momentum. Promotion for BHW 2015 has taken place in key East Coast gateway cities as well as Miami and Fort Lauderdale. Bermuda and the event were also recognized at the recent Trinidad Carnival, one of the most established on the global carnival circuit. This carnival and cultural celebration, which will culminate in a unique Bermuda raft-up event on the ocean, has the potential to bring a new generation of visitors to Bermuda and become a Signature Experience.





Golf strategy

March was dominated by sports experiences and events, in particular golf. The golf strategy and related events are bearing fruit in terms of driving demand, on-island spend and overall ROI. We estimate the overall economic impact of our 2015 golf tourism calendar to be 820 visitors; 4,075 room nights and more than \$1 million infused into the local economy.

Implement strategic cultural tourism plan for Hub 1 (St. George's and St. David's)

The Hub 1 Cultural Steering Committee was established and met through Q1; implementation of the plan is now underway. The Committee's focus has been to work towards setting working sub-groups for priorities under the plan. These priorities are: volunteer strategy; new cultural experiences; town enhancements and sustainability; community outreach. The Steering Committee is also focused on ongoing fundraising activities.

The Committee also decided to appoint an interim Cultural Tourism Manager to kick-start immediate action for the rest of the season and 2015. The BTA is reviewing the list of existing and new Hub 1 experiences proposed for between now and the end of 2015, to select for investment those which are potential "anchor" events for visitor appeal; helping to drive visitor arrivals and spending; and boosting Bermuda's profile.



Implement enhanced visitor information services strategy and phased transition to in-house VIC management

The Soft opening of the Dockyard visitor information centre (VIC) took place for 1st April, in time for the first occasional cruise ship callers of the 2015 season. This marks a significant implementation step in our phased plan to manage all VICs. A total of seven part-time seasonal team members have been recruited to staff the Dockyard VIC. Services are focused on providing impartial, pertinent visitor information, details on new and long-standing Bermuda experiences, and sales of transportation passes. There will be a deliberately limited range of Bermuda-themed merchandise – to focus the VIC on its core function.



Cruise ship strategy developments, including America's Cup

We attended the SeaTrade Miami conference from 15th – 18th March, among the largest international industry events for the cruise ship sector. We were able to continue discussions—with various cruise line partners - e.g. Norwegian, Royal Caribbean, Celebrity, Carnival –about on ongoing matters as well as opportunities around the America's Cup (AC). Subsequently, we have had extended dialogue with two cruise lines about commitments and extended stays related to AC. We were also able to make contact with the new leadership/CEOs of Princess Cruises, Celebrity and Holland America Line, following a round of senior changes at the cruise lines.





Market research – beach experience and entertainment experience

In conjunction with the Research and Business Intelligence team, we commissioned research into our target visitor expectations regarding beach and entertainment experiences. This perception study surveyed affluent US East Coast travellers and recent visitors to Bermuda. Our goal is to better understand the desires and needs of our visitors related to beaches, entertainment, pricing and amenities. This is consistent with ensuring subsequent development strategies result in opportunities to develop experiences/ entrepreneurial offerings that resonate most with visitors. We are sharing the results with local industry stakeholders as we work collaboratively to make changes to Bermuda's beach and entertainment experiences that are customer-led.



Restaurant Weeks update

To support BTA's culinary strategy, this year's Restaurant Weeks has added new features aimed at promoting Bermuda's food culture and increasing awareness of it overseas and locally via social media. The first addition has 30 of the 44 participating restaurants – the highest number of total participants to date - providing Bermuda-inspired menus and fusions of local ingredients incorporated into meals. The new People's Choice feature will encourage participants to vote for their favorite Bermuda-inspired menu and share their experience through a voting process online. Through the extended online exposure/engagement diners and chefs will receive prizes via the People's Choice Award.





Railway Trail experience and Eco-tours

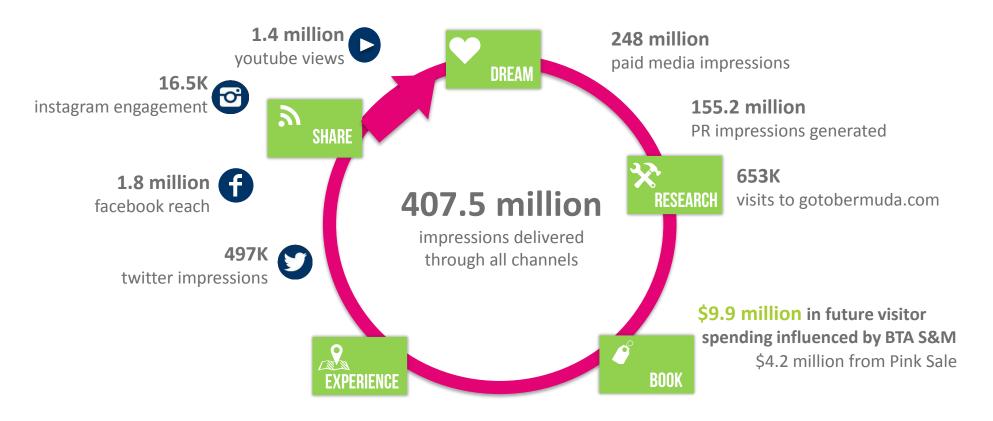
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Q1 Sales & Marketing Snapshot





Travel, Room Nights, Group & PR Dashboard

KEY METRICS	Q1 2015 ACTUAL	2015 GOAL	% OF GOAL YTD
Total Visitor Spending Influenced by BTA	\$ 9,891,118	\$54,497,501	18%
Total Room Nights Influenced by BTA	18,409	88,533	21%
Total Leisure Room Nights	14706	61,973	24%
Total Group Room Nights	3703	26,560	14%
Group Sales Leads	85	575	15%
Group Sales Calls	66	360	18%
Number of Journalists Assisted	105	95	111%
*Earned Media Generated	\$5,303,455	\$8,500,000	62%
*Coverage in Top 100 Outlets	23	55	42%
*Average Quality Coverage Score	67%	61%	110%



Digital Dashboard

KEY METRICS	Q1 2015 ACTUAL	2015 GOAL	% OF GOAL YTD
Website Unique Visits	653,549	1,917,657	34%
Website Page Views	1,337,468	4,363,167	31%
Time on Site	1:56		
Blog Page Views	23,722		
Mobile Traffic	335,989		
Newsletter Subscribers	227,431		
Newsletter Open Rate	15.5%		
Consumer Inquiries	357	2015 is bench	,
Internet/Email	215	for tracking	
Phone	142		
Brochures Distributed	6860		
Individual	2060		
Bulk	4800		



Social Dashboard

KEY METRICS	Q1 2015 ACTUAL	2015 GOAL	% OF GOAL YTD
Facebook Followers	148,336	194,257	9%
Facebook Total Reach	1,835,131	7,440,368	25%
Facebook Engagement	179,666	710,745	25%
Twitter Followers	14,659	15,578	55%
Twitter Impressions	497,163	1,131,967	44%
Twitter Engagement	15,674	37,743	42%
Instagram Followers	5,017	6,991	36%
Instagram Engagement	16,502	48,874	34%
YouTube Subscribers	1,208	1,200	101%
YouTube Total Views	1,414,041	1,710,100	83%
YouTube Minutes Watched	1,597,242	1,532,630	104%
Pinterest Followers	1,492	1,720	34%
Pinterest Repins	1,099	2,498	44%



Events & Engagement

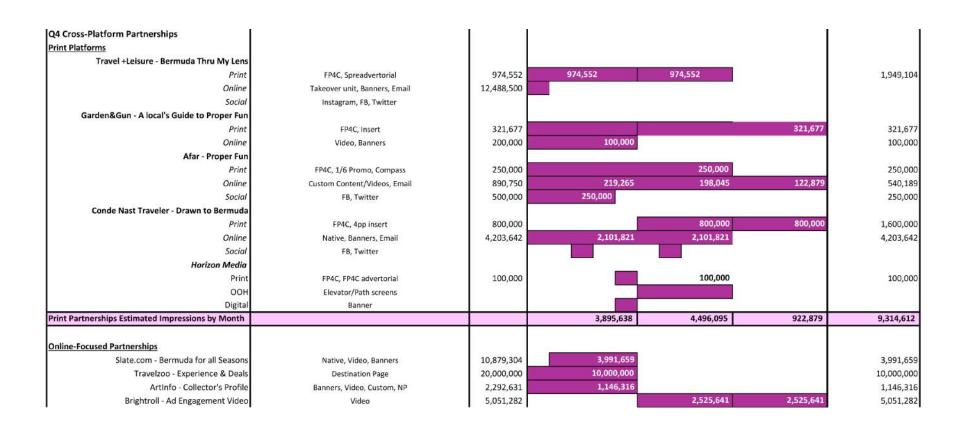
Event	Start	Finish	Location	Туре	Comments
Triathlete Magazine Photoshoot	1/12/15	1/16/15	Bermuda	Magazine Photoshoot	Photoshoot for May swimsuit issue
Andrew Dobson	01/12/15	01/17/15	Bermuda	Individual Press Trip	Food blogger
Tee'ing Off (Golf) Press Trip	01/14/15	02/18/15	Bermuda	Press Trip	Gear Patrol, Golf Channel, Golf Magazine and Prevue
Delta Sky Press Trip	01/16/15	01/19/15	Bermuda	Individual Press Trip	Bermuda Marathon Weekend Participant
Charisse Jones, USA Today	01/18/15	01/21/15	Bermuda	Press Trip	BTA Summit Presenter
Ed Cassavoy, Toronto Star	01/20/15	01/22/15	Bermuda	Press Trip	BTA Summit Presenter
Under the Moonlight (Romance) Press Trip	02/05/15	02/08/15	Bermuda	Press Trip	J. Nalewicki, V Hamer-Hodges, E. Saladino, H. Mitchell
Olympus Camera Product Launch Trip	02/05/15	02/08/15	Bermuda	PR & Promotions	10 journalists & influencers participated in Olympus corporate trip for new product launch
Boston Globe Travel Show	02/06/15	02/06/15	Boston, MA	Consumer Tradeshow	5,000 attendees. 500 data contacts collected. Elbow, Grotto Bay, Panache (Wedding Consultant) and Into Bermuda participated
Tracy Qian	02/14/15	02/17/15	Bermuda	Press Trip	Travel Journalist from China
Norwegian Cruise Line Associate Training	02/23/15	02/23/15	BTA Office	Cruise Line Training Webinar	Presented to 20 NCL representatives
ALHI Tradeshow & Reception	02/26/15	02/26/15	Washington, DC	Association Meetings	150 attendees. 150 contacts collected. 15 1-to-1 Table visitors.
National Golf Expo	02/27/15	03/01/15	Boston, MA	Consumer Golf Show	12,000 attendees. 480 contacts collected. Pompano, Elbow and Fairmont participated
Charleston Wine + Food Festival	03/04/15	03/08/15	Charleston,SC	PR & Promotions	80 attendees at sold out Wine Event and 300 attendees at sold-out Gospel Brunch. LookBermuda, The Reefs, Tribe Road Kitchen, RBYC and Andre Green participated
Liberty Travel Expo	03/15/15	02/15/15	Secaucus, NJ	Consumer Tradeshow	10,000 attendees. 250 contacts collected
Incentive Travel Exchange	03/18/15	03/21/15	Las Vegas	Corporate & Incentive Market	112 Attendees. 27 individual appointments.
ALHI Showcase - Atlanta Reception + Sales Calls	03/19/15	03/19/15	Atlanta, GA	Corporate & Incentive Market	150 attendees
Destination Travel & Foundation Dinner + Sales & Media Calls	03/24/15	03/24/15	Washington, DC	Travel Industry Sales Outreach - Tradeshow	850 attendees
Beneath the Sea	03/27/15	03/29/15	Secaucus, NJ	Consumer Dive Show	500 contacts collected. Dive Bermuda participated

Paid Media & Partner Marketing



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Tablet, Smartphone	Custom Hotspot application	670,000									- 00	6	70,00	00		670,0		
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Digital: Boston DMA	video interstitial	31,250										10,417			20,833	31,		
Digital: Geo-targeted ROS Bonus	300x250	291,305										97,102			194,203	291,		
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Taxi	:30 video	259,875										259,8	75			259,		
TripAdvisor	Includes Annual Tourism Content Sponsorship	1,306,360								Im	pressi	ions esti	mate	N/A				
Digital: NY DMA	300x250, 300x600, 728x90	736,105				1	147,	221		2	94,44	2			294,442	736,:		
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Robb Report - Proper Fun	Custom, Banners	2,025,150	614,222		1	614,222
Orbitz - Orbitz Originals	Video, Search, Banners	1,968,000	843,429	1,124,571		1,968,000
Google MCN/Tastemade	Pre-roll; Video, Banners	49,830,869	16,610,289	16,610,289	16,610,289	49,830,867
Google Display Network - Spring Awareness	Banners - Tier 1 Sites	20,548,401	10	8,807,044	11,741,357	20,548,401
YouTube - Spring Awareness	Video	1,550,000		664,330	885,670	1,550,000
Advertising.com - Spring Awareness	Banners, Text Links	6,249,999		2,677,083	3,572,916	6,249,999
Luxury Link - Spring Awareness	Banners, Email	2,075,000		889,345	1,185,655	2,075,000
Facebook - Spring Awareness	Newsfeed Ads, Video	4,446,666		1,905,841	2,540,825	4,446,666
	Retargeting: Bucket Listers	250,000		22,728	22,728	45,456
	Retargeting: Adventure Seekers	250,000		22,728	22,728	45,456
	Retargeting: Dream Trippers	250,000		22,728	22,728	45,456
	Retargeting: Experience Seekers	250,000		22,728	22,728	45,456
2015 Orbitz	Geo: New York City, Boston	500,000		45,455	45,455	90,910
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	Dest: Newport, Savannah, Hamptons, Cape Cod, Nantucke	900,000		81,819	81,819	163,638
	Dest: Leisure searches for Charleston	100,000		9,091	9,091	18,182
	Geo: New York City, Boston - MATCH	800,000		72,728	72,728	145,456
	Origin: BWI, WAS, CHI, PHL, TTN - MATCH	600,000		54,546	54,546	109,092
	Orbitz Loylaty Program - Spring 2015	400,000				0
	Orbitz Loylaty Program - TBD	400,000				0
	Geo: New York City, Boston	300,000		22,273	22,273	44,546
	Geo: New York City, Boston - Click off - MATCH	300,000		22,273	22,273	44,546
	Cheaptickets Air Page Takeover - 1 day - Date: TBD	60,000				0
2015 Cheaptickets	Cheaptickets Air Page Takeover - 1 day - Date: TBD	60,000				
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Online Partnerships Estimated Impressions by Month			33,205,915	35,657,787	39,515,996	108,379,698



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Yahoo.ca	160x600, 300x250, 728x90	5,689,250	1,896,417	1,896,417	1,896,417	5,689,251
AdServing		3	100			
Westlet Co-op Totals			1,896,417	1,896,417	1,896,417	5,689,251
Air Canada Co-op			,			
Google Display Network Toronto - Air Canada	Banners - Tier 1 Sites	24,639,166		7	24,639,166	24,639,166
Advertising.com Toronto - Air Canada	Banners, Text Links	10,416,666			10,416,666	10,416,666
Toronto Star - Air Canada	Email	120,000			120,000	120,000
Luxury Link Toronto- Air Canada	Banners, Email	178,000			178,000	178,000
Facebook Toronto - Air Canada	Newsfeed Ads	6,638,297			6,638,297	6,638,297
Air Canada Co-op Total			1000		41,992,129	41,992,129
Pink Sale Co-op						
Google Display Network - Pink Sale	Banners - Tier 1 Sites	34,195,857	34,195,857			34,195,857
YouTube - Pink Sale	Video	1,800,416	1,800,416			1,800,416
Eyeview Digital - Pink Sale	Video	1,884,550	1,884,550			1,884,550
Sojern - Pink Sale	Banners	4,500,000	4,500,000			4,500,000
Yahoo / Bing - Pink Sale	Banners	327,460	327,460			327,460
Advertising.com - Pink Sale	Banners, Text Links	11,608,810	11,608,810			11,608,810
Luxury Link - Pink Sale	Banners, Email	2,252,000	2,252,000			2,252,000
AtTravel Deals - Pink Sale	Text (Purchased by CPC)	n/a	: - 0			0
Facebook - Pink Sale	Newsfeed Ads, Promoted Posts	1,284,735	1,284,735			1,284,735
Twitter - Pink Sale	Promoted Tweets	309,021	309,021			309,021
Dunhill Travel Deals - Pink Sale	Email	682,298	682,298			682,298
Toronto Star - Pink Sale	Email	60,000	60,000			60,000
Pink Sale Co-op Totals			58,905,147		-	58,905,147
Q42105 PLAN TOTAL ESTIMATED IMPRESSIONS BY M	ONTH		97,903,117	42,050,299	84,327,421	224,280,837
TOTAL ESTIMATED IMPRESSIONS			98,497,722	48,353,871	101,362,177	248,213,770



Travel + Leisure Overview



Concept: Bermuda Through My Lens

Opportunity Summary: Travel + Leisure hand-selected two (2) high-profile Instagram photographers to spend a weekend on Bermuda and compile photography and content to post on their Instagram feeds, combined with a 1-day takeover of T+L Instagram page. These digital components were combined with pages and spreadvertorials in print issues.

Print:	Jan issue – 2 page spreadvatorial
Native:	BTA Takeover of T+L Instagram page generated 33K+ likes, the most successful Instagram takeover on T+L to date; Each Instagram photographer posted 5-7 images of Bermuda to their unique and highly trafficked Instagram accounts
Digital:	Custom billboard unit (970x250 collapsible), featuring a slideshow of the Instagram images captured by the talent, with a short description of each photo / travel recommendations.
Email:	(2) Custom eblasts with itinerary teasers for escape to Bermuda, 1,500 Travel Specialist recipients. 1 ran 12/27, delivering 926 clicks, 10.08% CTR. Daily e-newsletter sponsorships ran as added value 12/13 (66 clicks, .18% CTR) and 12/17 (203 clicks, .6% CTR)
Social:	Custom Facebook (602K+ Fans) and Twitter (789K+ Followers) posts



TRAVEL+ LEISURE

Spreadvertorial



Custom Quatro Ad Unit:

- 765 clicks
- 94% Visit Rate
- 57% above industry benchmark of 60%

SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION

BERMUDA Fresh, Fabulous + Fun

Only two hours by plane from the East Coast, Bermuda offers the perfect island escape—with a young, stylish vibe that's more enchanting than ever. Travel + Leisure invited two Instagram photographers, Ali Sandine and Sosh Saluson, to capture the Island's spirit. Discover Bermuda through their lenses.



Check out THIS watering hole! Dish't take much to entice me to take the plunge. —Ali

See more amazing photos at http://instagram.com/bermudatourism and #ProperFun



My view of paradise



A heart-shaped "window"

—Ali



Palm Grove Garden's



History is alive here —Soch



Catching good times in Bermuda — Sosh



The New Yorker Overview



Concept: 90 Minutes to Proper Fun

Summary: To capitalize on the 90th anniversary issue of The New Yorker, BTA partnered with the iconic magazine to shape a multipronged, multiplatform campaign including print, tablet, online, email, video and out of home concepts. It played off the proximity and relationship of New York and Bermuda as well as the 90-year anniversary and the 90-minute direct flight from New York to the island.

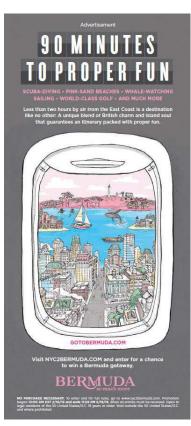
Print:	2-page spread plus separate cover flap Inside the The New Yorker's special commemorative double issue on newsstands late February, a custom two-page spread appeared called "90 Minutes to Proper Fun." The ad is inspired by the famous Saul Steinberg The New Yorker cover in 1976 called "View of the World from 9th Avenue."
PR:	The innovative promotional tie-in garnered media coverage from AdWeek as well as Skift
Digital:	<u>Video Integration</u> on NewYorker.com, 90 th anniversary content and Culture Channel Rotation Premium Tablet Enhancement with Interactive Hotspots
Email:	Custom eblast to 15,000 consumers
ООН:	1,500 taxi TV spots over seven (7) days with custom 30-second video clip.



NEW YORKER 90th Anniversary Spread & Cover Flap:









Additional Media Partnership Program Elements:

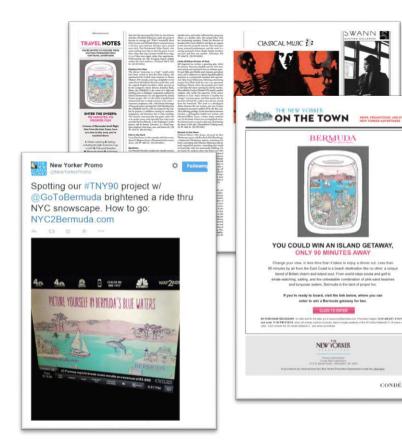
THE **NEW YORKER**

.56% CTR, driven by video performance

- Video in Boston DMA = 3.23% CTR
- Video in New York DMA = 3.05% CTR
- 10,201 sweepstakes entries (through March)
- Email blast: 25.7% open rate







CONDÉ NAST



Conde Nast Traveler Overview



Concept: Drawn to Bermuda

Summary: Following Bermuda's cover feature story in the February issue of Conde Nast Traveler, BTA worked with CNT to produce a custom 4-page insert in the March issue.

Print:	FP4C ad in February issue with Bermuda editorial cover story March 4-page custom insert was created with NYC fashion illustrator and social influencer Meagan Morrison travels around Bermuda and documented by a local photographer
Digital:	Included custom content including <u>slideshows</u> , geo-targeted ads, email marketing, <u>blog posts</u> , and Instagram posts from Meagan throughout her trip



Traveler Traveler

"Drawn to Bermuda" Insert



Island Inspired

MY FIRST GLIMPSE OF BERMUDA WAS BREATHTAKING.

The pastel homes, the impossibly blue water, even the
greenery was so wind. I couldn't wait to grab my brushes—
but first, it was off to meet some of the island's most innovative artists.

novative artists. I started my day meeting fellow fashion illustrator firmus laphum at her studio in St. Georgick. Immus shared stories of her work with me and her passion was an inspiring instruduction to the islands: creative energy. Next, I wisted he belowed Remands Perfumery, where lashed Examazy-Brackstone is a masterful artist in her own right. From fresh oca preys in rosest loqual tritial, her lower for the island is represented in every fragrances her creates.

by far the most memorable moment of my trip was exploring the magnitude of the art scene with the founder of Masterworth Masseum of Bermada Art. When Tom Batterfield mostribled up to the extrance in his pitch-famed glasses and old in set to be you. It was in for a rise I would glasses and old in set to be you. It was in for a rise I would planes and old in set to be you. It was in for a rise I would how the museum's current orbibit focuses on the island's unique jumposion. How on one hand, Rermada is a transquip paradise. On the other, it's bonne to the Bermuda Triangle.

Fascinated with the Triangle's mysteries as a child, jewelry designer Rebecca little uses the isonic motif in many of her collections. When I visited her satisfie, she greated me with open arms and was eager to share more impirations stepped roofs, occan hune, and ribbons of fabric. It was amazing to illustrate Rebecca while she was searing her own designs.

Bermadas intrigue really sank in when Graham Foster invited me to see his 1,000-square-foot mural at the Mational Museum. It took Graham over three years to paint his masterpiece and he spoke fervently about the sixty it represents. From shipwrecks to folk art and colonial architecture, his mural captures the island's true essence through five contrained of history.

After an amateur's stab at glassblowing at The Dockpurds, it was finally time to spend some time with the sea. I had looked out at the turquise horizon from atop Gibbs Hill Lighthouse and from my penoramic Fairmont Southampton balcomy but I couldn't wait to explore the island by let Ski. It was the ultimate mult.

I ended my journey on a reflective note and amidst the quintessential Rermuch setting—a pink-sand, shell-riddled beach. Experiencing the island through the eyes of its artists while surrounded by such intense beauty had inspired me beyond words. So, I let my brush do the talking.











CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Motorbiking with from Butterhald at Masterworks Museum. Admiring tashion illustrations at Erma Ingham's studio. Original Masgan Moreton Bustration I Island Lour Via pitch. Oraham Fostor explains he Itali of

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Traveler 1



Drawn to Bermuda

Produced by CNTraveler.com • January 29, 2015

Follow New York-based fashion illustrator Meagan Morrison of @TravelWriteDraw on her tour of beautiful Bermuda, where she soaked up the sun and the vibrant local art scene with some of the island's most talented artists.



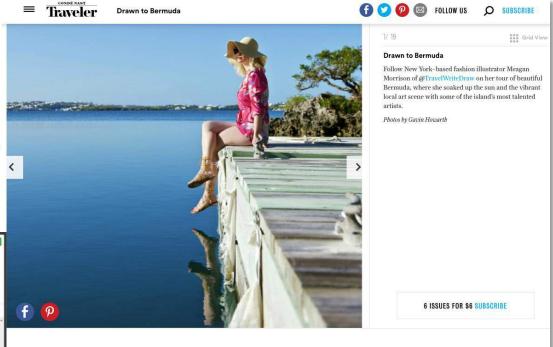








Native slideshow



Instragram posts from @TravelWriteDraw

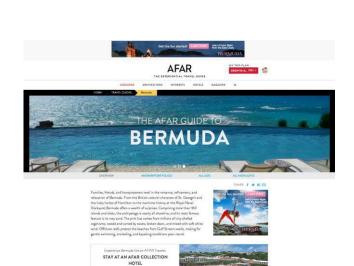


Q4 Proper Fun Campaign - Digital

- 72.6 million impressions, media partnerships
- 25.7 million impressions, core program
- 423,575 clicks
- CTR 1.84%
 - Top performing sites: Brightroll, Orbitz,
 TravelZoo, Afar, Art Info









Slate.com

Concept: Bermuda for All Seasons Interactive Map **Summary**: Native Custom Infographic with Events Calendar of Year-Round things to do in Bermuda, for "Proper Fun." Integrated program includes native content/infographic, In-Read Video Unit, Edit Sponsorships and ROS banners.

Native:	Native content developed to highlight all seasons/experiences via an interactive calendar. Content teaser lived on Slate homepage
Digital:	Delivered 4.1 million impressions 7,927 clicks for a CTR of 0.189%
Video:	InRead Video offers :30 units within editorial content InRead Video Pre-Roll, Run of Slate's Arts, Life Culture and Exec News Content
Social:	1 sponsored tweet generated 2,565 social interactions





Brightroll AdEngage

Concept: Ad Engagement Video

Summary: As the leading pre-roll and incontent video platform, with over 156MM unique viewers a month, Brightroll allows for massive reach, quality inventory and unique opportunities to drive video messaging. Brightroll worked with BTA to develop a unique ad engagement unit that replicated a video/microsite slider in banner units.

Brightroll produced the highest CTR for March at 3.95%, driven by mobile/tablet video with a CTR of 13.68%

Based on Brightroll metrics







GRBITZ

Orbitz Overview

Concept: Orbitz Originals + Orbucks Rewards Promotion

Summary: In our strategy to inspire earlier bookings, extend Bermuda's season and add value to booking Bermuda, BTA negotiated two seasonal promotions targeting their 3 million Orbitz Rewards members. Orbitz's loyalty rewards members spend more, book earlier and stay longer.

As part of the Orbitz Originals partnership, Richard Bangs and Orbitz produced 8- digital videos featuring sponsor-selected themes, all 3-5 minutes in length. These videos live and are promoted on a custom video landing page on Orbitz.com. The landing page includes video content, editorial articles, photography, travel guide content and hotel packages.

Video:	The Orbitz Original's <u>video series</u> on Bermuda with Richard Bangs launched last month. Seven new videos were created as part of the project showcasing Bermuda's beaches, food & beverage scene, shopping, hotels and more.
Retail Promotion	Started March 9 and ran for 4 weeks, customers booking a Bermuda vacation package received an automatic \$100 Orbucks bonus to their Orbtiz rewards account (no promo code necessary).
PR:	Orbitz co-promoted the series with a Huffington Post article, promotional banners throughout the site and press releases.









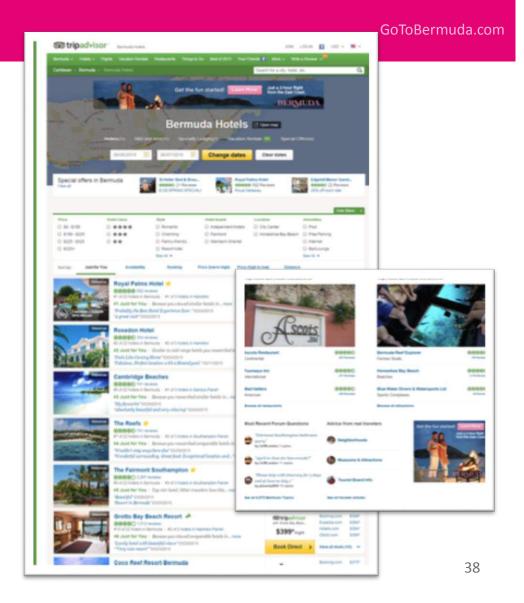




BERMUDA TOURISM AUTHORITY

TripAdvisor Destination Sponsorship

- 51,290 page views
- 500 video views
- 1,749 photo views





Robb Report

Summary: A custom content spotlight that brings the Bermuda experience to life, along with a variety of high-impact traffic drivers across Robb Report that feature lead generating links to encourage readers to pursue "me time" and "Proper Fun" in Bermuda.

Custom Spotlight Feature

- 49,803 pageviews, 2:13 avg. time spent Social Media
- 1/27: 125 Facebook likes & 37 link clicks; 56
 Twitter link clicks
- 1/29: 3,603 Facebook likes & 534 link clicks; 66
 Twitter link clicks
- 1/30: 297 Facebook likes & 38 link clicks; 39
 Twitter link clicks









Google/TruView/YouTube Overview

Concept: Tastemade Video Content Play

Summary: In conjunction with Google, BTA worked with Tastemade, an MCN partner with 15 million subscribers, to produce original video content through their network of followers. Ultimately, 6 episodes were produced that will be promoted via TrueView and can be repurposed for other BTA marketing.

Native:	6 custom, native content videos to be promoted throughout TrueView network, along with use for BTA marketing purposes
Video:	BTA acquired 6 video components as part of the native content produced by Tastemade
Digital:	Delivered total of 72.6 million impressions across YouTube and Google Display Network - 2.7M views delivered through TrueView media TrueView view rate = 19.48% TrueView Cost Per View = \$0.16 Lightbox engagements: 244,641 1.52% engagement rate

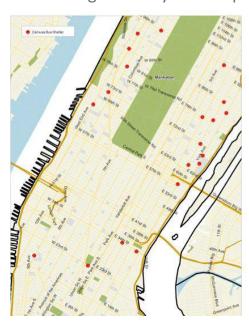


Delivered 41% lift in ad recall & 17% lift in consideration



Out of Home: NYC Bus Shelters

Concept: Bermuda's Accessibility **Summary**: Outdoor advertising (locations selected based on zip codes of BDA arrivals) touting how close Bermuda is – just a 90 minute flight & daily non-stops from JFK







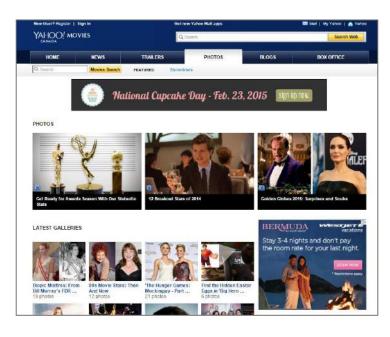
WestJet Phase 2 Cooperative Campaign

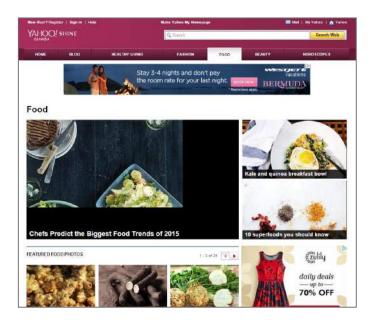
Online:

• Impressions: 5,286,081

• Clicks: 6,013

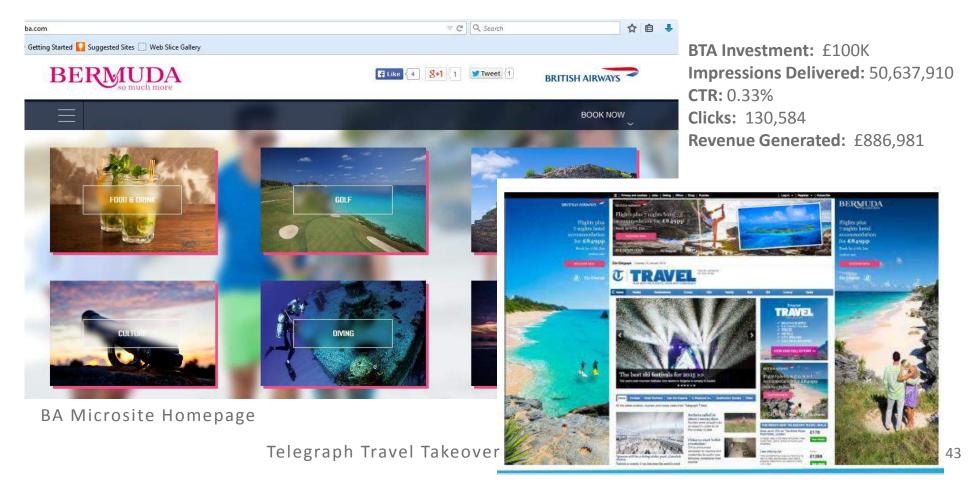
• CTR: 0.11%







British Airways Cooperative Campaign





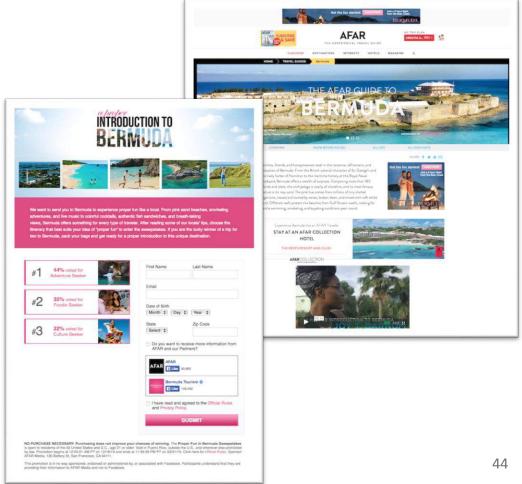
Afar Bermuda Sweepstakes

Bermuda sweepstakes results:

- 16,526 registrants
- 200,108 entries

Average time spent on Bermuda content: 1 minute 30 seconds
Video results (for campaign):

- 208,267 views
- 2,512 total plays
- 100% completion rate of 31%



Based on Afar metrics

Promotions & PR



Bermuda Pink Sale Promotion





- More effective media buying
- Dynamic weather messaging

celebrated cuisine during Restaurant Weeks. Catch world-renowned performers during the Bermuda Festival of the Performing Arts. Discover our luxurious spas, play our stunning golf courses and bike or hike around our island paradise. All this plus 50% savings on your hotel* stay. Brilliant!

Be here for some of Bermuda's most unforgettable experiences. Witness Humpback whales on their annual spring migration. Sample Bermuda's

Our Pink Sale Offer lasts for 2 weeks only. Book now through January 28 for travel January 15 through April 30.



Participating Hotels

rejuvenate and enjoy all the proper fun our island has to offer—for less.

Expand All Details

Landing page focused on experiences as well as retail packages



Pink Sale Performance

KEY METRICS	2015 ACTUAL	2014 ACTUAL	% Δ Growth
Website Sessions	199,739	88,628	125%
Pink Sale Page Sessions	132,172	43,701	202%
Exit Link Clicks (to hotel partners)	11,552	6,084	90%
Total Reservations	1,667	1,149	45%
Roomnights	6,895	5,552	24%
Direct Visitor Spending	\$4.2 million	\$3.3 million	24%
ROI	16:1	13:1	



Charleston Wine + Food Festival

BTA sponsored the Sunday Gospel Brunch in Charleston, a sold-out event filled with food, drink and the soulful sounds of Bermudian singer Joy T. Barnum. It was a chance to show off the island's diverse flavours to 300+ attendees.

Some of Bermuda's acclaimed culinary talents were on hand: Michiko Campbell, Sous-Chef de Cuisine at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and creator of a popular brand of seasoning called Chiko's Smokey Rub; Andre Green, who has been Head Chef at such Bermudian favorites as the Bermuda Regiment and Elbow Beach Hotel; Karsten Krivenko, Chef at Tribal Road Kitchen, a gastropub-style bistro; and Douglas Sisk, the expert Chef at the Reefs Resort & Club.

At a tasting Friday evening entitled "From Deep Below: A Wine Event 150 Years in the Making," a panel of six sommeliers smelled and tasted the *Mary Celestia*'s 150-year old wine and reported a mixture of crab water, gasoline, salt water and vinegar, with hints of citrus and alcohol. But it's just another chapter in the fascinating and romantic tale of the *Mary Celestia*, which has already made headlines thanks to the Bermuda Perfumery's successful re-creation of a perfume that was also found at the wreck site. The vessel is even the subject of an upcoming documentary by LookBermuda that will air nationally on PBS later this year.









Leveraging the Festival through PR

Mary Celestia Coverage

During the event, BTA staff maximized the opportunity by meeting with top-tier journalists from outlets and writers including:

- Garden & Gun
- Food & Wine
- Taste of the South
- National Geographic Traveler contributor
- Wall Street Journal contributor

Working with Turner, BTA invited top media to attend the uncorking event, resulting in world-wide coverage from Reuters and a BBC interview with Ray Isle (Food & Wine)

As a follow on, the Food & Wine editor is focusing on a feature story on Bermuda, including a trip to the island to personally dive the Mary Celestia

Wine from Civil War-era shipwreck to be uncorked in South Carolina

BY HARRIET MCLIEDD CHARLISTON, S.C. | FLAUES, 2015 2 1850 F.F.



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(Reuters) - An intact bottle of wine recovered four years ago from the wreck of a Civil Wa blockade runner that sank off the coast of Bermuda in 1864 is going to be uncorked and sipped on Friday during a food festival in Charleston, South Carolina.

How the wine tastes, and the story of its origin, will be revealed at a Charleston Wine + Food event titled "From Deep Below: A Wine Event 150 Years in the Making."

About 50 people bought tickets to hear firsthand what is inside one of the bottles and will watch as a panel of wine experts taste it Friday evening, organizers said.

"It's a surprise," Bermuda Tourism Authority spokesman Campbell Levy said. "We compare it to a baby. You don't know whether it's going to be a hideous baby or a beautiful baby."

The wine is one of five sealed bottles recovered by marine archaeologists from the Mary-Celestia, an iron-hulled sidewheel steamship that sank under mysterious circumstances during the U.S. Civil War.

The boat was leaving Bermuda with supplies for the Confederate states when it struck a reef and sank in six minutes, said Philippe Rouja, a cultural anthropologist and custodian of historic shipwrecks for the Bermudan government.

Whether the sinking was deliberate or accidental has been a source of debate.

Rouja and his brother, Jean-Pierre Rouja, were diving on the shipwreck in 2011 after winter storms swept over the site when they found a bottle of wine inside a secret boatswain's locker in the how.

Subsequent dives turned up the additional bottles, as well as sealed bottles of perfume, women's shoes, hairbrushes and pearl shell buttons, Philippe Rouia said.

"That this collection of intact artifacts, completely untouched for 150 years, could be left on the wreck came as a complete surprise," he said.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, which was fought from 1861 to 1865 and began in Charleston Harbor with the Battle of Port Sumter.

The recovered wine bottles have been analyzed to determine their contents. Levy said a chemist in France used needles to draw tiny samples of the wine through the corks.

Reuters - March 6, 2015

REUTERS

Wine from Civil War-era shipwreck uncorked in South Carolina



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"I've had shipwreck wines before," master sommelier Paul Roberts said. "They can be great."

This one, obviously, was not.

To peals of audience laughter, the panel said the cloudy yellow-gray liquid smelled and tasted like a mixture of crab water, gasoline, salt water and vinegar, with hints of citrus and slochol.

It could have been a Spanish fortified wine, a spirit, or medicine. But after 151 years at the bottom of the ocean, it's now mostly saltwater, they said.

Wine chemist Pierre Louis Telssedre of the University of Bordeaux who had analyzed samples drawn through the cork earlier eaid the "nose" of the wine was a room-clearing mix of camptor, stagnant water, hydrocarbons, turpentine and sulfur.

Analysis showed it was 37 percent alcohol, he said.

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Reuters – March 7, 2015



Destination & Travel Foundation Dinner Washington, DC Sales & Media Calls

BTA was one of two spirit sponsors during the Destination & Travel Foundation Dinner in Washington, DC that drew nearly 850 travel and meetings industry professionals. As the spirit sponsor, BTA served up the Dark n Stormy®, the "national" drink of the island.

Since the Dark n Stormy is also well-known as the sailors cocktail of choice, we used the opportunity to promote the fact that Bermuda recently won the bid to be home of the 35th America's Cup in 2017 - and will play host to the America's Cup World Series Racing Event October 16-18, 2015. BTA is a marketing partner with America's Cup and Goslings is the official rum and ginger beer of America's Cup. DMAI Blog Post

BTA also took the opportunity to meet with major media outlets during the trip, including:

- National Geographic Traveler
- AOL Travel
- U.S. News & World Report

Cooperative sales calls for meeting and conference planners based in DC were top of the agenda during the trip.





PR Coverage & Momentum

With the assistance of Turner PR, the BTA and island partners are making significant headway in raising the profile of Bermuda through media coverage. In Q1 alone, we collectively generated:

Number of Articles: 62Impressions: 155,276,635

• Average Score: **67**

Coverage Highlights



Boston Globe Magazine – March 22, 2015 Cover Story - Best of Bermuda





Outside – March 18, 2015 Best Island 2015 Travel Awards







PR Coverage from Press Trips

Press coverage resulting from pitching and hosting journalists is generating targeted coverage. Below are just a couple of examples from Q1 trips:

Result of T'ing Off Press Trip

GEAR PATROL



NOT TO BE MIXED WITH GINGER BEER

Tasting Gosling's Family Reserve Old Rum

CULTURE By TUCKER BOWE on 2.635 Photo by HENRY PHILLIPS

The recipe for Cooling's flagship Black Seal Rum is a closely guarded family secret. As one of only a handful of rums to receive a Platinum Medal from the Beverage Institute, it's considered one of the best dark rums in the world. There's no doubt that it's Gosling's most renowned rum, elevated to the status of a Bermudian national treasure. But it's not the only rum they make, At Gosling's production facility in Bermudia, Malcolin Gosling, Jr., the eighth-generation heir to the family business, led a group of lucky individuals — myself included — to bar in the back. Here, he grabs a bottle, one without seals or balancing barrels, and places it on bar. "Now, you're not going to flambé any bannans with this."

More Tasting Notes: Highland Park Dark Origins Single Malt | Taylor Fladgate 1964 Single Harvest Porto | Tasting Aberiours Full line

The Gosling's Family Reserve doesn't quite have the history of the family's Black Seal Rum, which was introduced to Bermuda in 1806 when James Gosling got lost sailing from the UK to America. But it beats the Black Seal in age — and lore, "It came from my great uncle Teddy", says Gosling Jr. as he pours me a glass. Teddy Gosling was in charge of bottling Black Seal back in the '60s and '70s and, as the story goes, after he would run each batch, he would secretly pour a little bit into his own personal barrel. "Teddy didn't really tell anybody about It and just let it age", Gosling Jr says. "After 12 years he brought it up to the family's Christmas dinner and tested it. He poured a glass of regular Black Seal and a glass of this [Family Reserve]. The family tasted it and were just blown awn."

Result of Andrew Dobson visit



Art Mel's Spicy Dicey in Bermuda

FOOD LOVE | MARCH 25, 2015 | 0 COMMENTS

Dark & Stormy in Bermuda.

I spent five days in Bermuda and during my visit was sure to ask one very important question to every single local I met. After quizzing taxi drivers, four guides, hotel managers, barlenders, housekeeping staff and top chefs I was amazed at the unanimous response to, "if someone visits Bermuda and only has time to eat one dish where must they go?"

This is a classic diamond-in-the-ruff story as the restaurant is not easy to find and for most will require a quick taxi ride from downtown Hamilton.





It's just after the lunch hour when I hop out of the car and skip towards cheap and cheerful Art Mel's Spixy Diesy. In Bermuda the restaurant doesn't just have fans, it has disciples. Folks line up daily for the restaurants infamously massive fried fish sandwich which has been dubbed as "the world's best fish sandwich" by many food and travel writers over the years.

After stepping through the front door I'm amazed at how sparse the space is. The restaurant strictly caters to takeout orders, not a chair or table to be found. I rest my hands on a small counter, staring up at a short but sweet menu which hangs on a Coos Cole board.

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Bormuda's famous fried fish sandwich is served between two siloss of freshly balked raisin bread. The fish is fresh local snapper, hinly silosed, deregated in flour and secret mix of spices before being fash fried in sey bean cill. Cooks fill the sandwich with a whooping 2 inches of layered crispy fried fish, tomato, lettuce, crunchty coiselaw and silether with larter and spicy socioti bornet hot sauce. I managed to tackle half of the sandwich in one sitting while the rest fell into a pretty mess on my plate. I closed my eyes while nibbling on one last strip of addictive crispy fish, sturped back my rum spiked ginger beer and let out a deep sight which could only be interpreted as "shift, I get it."



UK Media Coverage Highlights





Kensington & Chelsea Magazine

March Recap

Total Number of Articles: 5 Media Value:£22,080 / \$33,016

Average Score: tbc Articles in Top 50: 4 Journalists Assisted: 28



Police Life



Travel Trade Gazette 5 March

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Web, Digital & Social



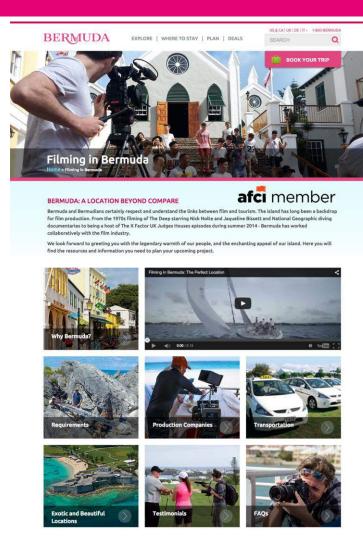
New Film Production Content

- BTA created a new section of gotobermuda.com to promote filming and production business to the island
- Content includes:
 - Customs and Immigration forms
 - Processes along with timelines
 - Film locations and video
 - Reasons why Bermuda would be ideal photo/film shoot location

Industry Feedback:

"Amazing timing! I literally just responded to a crew looking to come to Bermuda next week. I will send this to them right now!"

"I was just made aware of the new landing page you circulated for Filming in Bermuda and am excited that the BTA has taken this step. This will undoubtedly help me sell Bermuda as a location out in LA!"





New Island Insiders Content

- BTA created a new section of gotobermuda.com to aggregate and promote video, photography and interview assets telling Bermuda's many stories
- Content includes:
 - Island Insiders video, interviews and images
 - Orbitz Originals video compilation





Q1 Newsletters

Trade Newsletter Performance

 eNewsletter targeted towards travel trade (meetings, incentive and agents) to showcase new developments and experiences on-island

Distribution: 5,066Open Rate: 16%

• CTR: 8%

Media Newsletter Performance

 eNewsletter targeted towards media to showcase new developments and experiences on-island

Distribution: 158Open Rate: 44%

• CTR:13%

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FEATURE-WORTHY NEWS

- Bermuda Hollday Guide: The beautiful Island of Bermuda is an out-of-the-ordinary hollday
 escape, a world away from the stresses of the season. And it's closer than you think. Just
 two hours from most major eastern U.S. airports, the "jewel of the Atlantic" offers unique
 Christmas traditions and events that blend the Island's British heritage with its relaxed,
 tropical vibe. Bermuda's December temperatures are usually in the 70s a welcome change
 from winter's deep freeze. In other words, there's no need to pack that ugly hollday
 sweater.
- Burled Treasure Unveiled: The Bernuda Perfumery has released a limited edition (just
 1,864 bottles in fact) fragrance, a replica of a rare fragrance discovered on a 150-year-old
 shipowreck just off Bernuda's south shore in 1864. The bottle is packaged inside a Bernuda
 cedar box, tied with a ribbon and finished with a wax seal depicting the Mary Celestia
 which was designed by the Royal Mint, courtesy of the Bernuda Monetary Authority. The
 replica became available for purchase on October 1, 2014 and costs 5214.
- New Ways to Ride Along the Railway: After 30 years, hikers and bikers now have access to newly-renovated sites along Bermuda's historic mixed-use <u>Railway Trail</u>. The footbridge, further linking sections of the trail, is expected to open in November 2014.
- Battle of the Bays: Bermuda has been selected as one of two finalists to host the 35th America's Cup in 2017. Learn more about why we're best suited for the job here and stay tuned for the decision later this year.
- Look Twice: Lookflermuda is installing large-scale art, including photographic installations
 produced and curated by the tearn, on all open wall spaces throughout the Bermuda
 international Airport.
- Dig In at Two New Restaurants: Shortly after the opening of <u>Calico Jacks</u>, Bermuda's first floating bar set on a refurbished ferry in the Royal Naval Dockyard, St. George's is now home to <u>Tempers</u>, a French-inspired bistro housed in the historic former Carriage House.
- Bermuda Resorts Get Facelifts: Hard hats are giving Bermuda shorts a run for their money
 as the season's hottest trend, as a number of hotels undergo multimillion dollar
 renovations and upgrades. For more information on this and to fearn more about the latest
 news and happenings in Bermuda click here.



Q1 2015 eNewsletter Performance

Digital direct marketing included distribution of 845,066 eNewsletters, with an overall average Open Rate of 15.4% and average CTR of 9.7%

Name (Date)	Total Sent	Open %	CTR%
Pink Sale # 1 (Jan. 14)	212,981	16.4%	11.9%
Pink Sale # 2 (Jan. 26)	211,933	15.1%	8.0%
February Newsletter (Feb. 27)	210,564	15.5%	12.1%
March email (Mar. 17)	209,588	14.7%	6.9%



Q1 SEM Performance

US/CAN SEM represented over 8.7 million impressions, with 84,913 clicks and an average CTR of 1.42%

Month	Impressions	CTR%	Clicks	СРС
January	1,150,184	2.71%	31,164	\$1.06
February	3,479,832	0.72%	25,065	\$1.24
March	4,096,025	0.70%	28,684	\$1.96



Social Media Highlights

- The biggest win of Q1 is the blog. Pageviews increased significantly indicating the social linking strategy is performing well. Time on Blog also increased showcasing Bermuda's quality content resonates with the target audience.
- Bermuda saw great organic growth across all channels, except on Facebook due to the network recently performing an "audience cleanse," removing likes from inactive Facebook accounts. Also, Facebook's latest round of algorithm changes have greatly affected organic reach only 1-2% of our audience sees the content we post (without any paid promotion). As less people are seeing content on Facebook, engagement numbers are also dropping.
- Bermuda's Instagram audience continues to grow, and clearly engages best with one post per day. During the Restaurant Week Takeovers and #WishIWasInBermuda Campaign we posted multiple times per day, which slightly lowered the average engagement rate per post.
- Bermuda saw huge growth on Pinterest in terms of impressions and engagement.
- YouTube saw a huge increase in videos viewed, minutes watched and audience size due to the Tastemade/Google AdBuy.

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Total Likes: +0.8%

Avg. Engagement Rate: -15.6%

Twitter

Followers: +5.9%

Avg. Engagement Rate: -1.7%

Instagram

Followers: +17.9%

Avg. Engagement Per Post: -6.4%

Pinterest

Followers: +4.3%

Impressions: +107.9%

Google+

Followers: +14.5%

Avg. Engagement Per Post: -19.7%

YouTube

Subscribers: +65.5% Total Views: +16,270%

Blog

Pageviews: +62.1%

Time on Blog: +17.9%

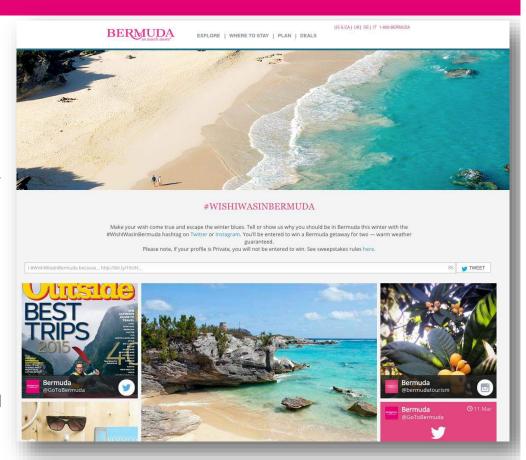


#WishIWasInBermuda

To capitalize on the conversation surrounding the brutally cold winter in the U.S., Bermuda launched a multi-platform digital storytelling campaign that strategically highlighted the warmer weather in Bermuda through creative original content and a usergenerated fan sweepstakes.

Users were encouraged to share a photo of themselves in their winter wonderland or a picture of Bermuda with #WishIWasInBermuda for a chance to win a grand prize getaway for two to Bermuda as well as tiered prizes of a GoPro, Goslings Rum and Glassware and Rum Cakes.

Content shared in support of the campaign showcased Bermuda as a quick escape from the cold in the States and continued to tell the story of authentic Bermuda. This ensured all visual posts pulled into the conversation were not only of cold weather, but also of sunny, beautiful Bermuda.



- 726 total entries
- 1,044 social mentions
- 99% positive sentiment

Investment Division



During Q1 of 2015, the Investment Division accomplished the following:

The investment division continued its mandate of developing an investment environment for domestic and international investors and operators in Bermuda. The division remains focused on introducing a new investment incentives act and to developing a tourism investment concierge service in 2015. The outreach to both local and international investors and operators remain a core activity and focus.

Activities during the quarter included:

- 1. Attendance at investment and development conferences.
- 2. Continued engagement with the St George's development investment group.
- 3. On/off island meetings with interested international investors.
- 4. Finalized Cabinet Decision Paper for the new incentives act.
- 5. Initial drafting of the Concierge Service mandate for discussion with the Ministry of Tourism Development and Transport.
- 6. Formal meetings with the Ministry of Public Works re Horseshoe Bay redevelopment proposal.
- 7. Draft Tourism Infrastructure presented to Board of Directors for review and consideration.

Operations Division



During Q1 of 2015, the Operations Division accomplished the following:

For the Operations Division, Q1 was focused on the introduction of the National Service Standard Programme, management of the BTA's first Tourism Summit, further developing Stakeholder and Public Relations, engaging stakeholders in preparation for a discussion paper on Vacation Rental Properties, and preparing PATI implementation and the BTA's first year-end audit.

OPERATIONS, GENERAL

Working with a cross-departmental team, Operations provided oversight for the BTA's first Tourism Summit.



PATI

On March 31, 2015, BTA published its list of contracts and location of the organization's Information Statement, becoming the first entity under Public Access to Information (PATI) legislation to be in full compliance with the Act. The spirit of PATI is to provide members of the public with access to all organizational records of publicly funded entities. As a recipient of substantial public funding, the Bermuda Tourism Authority is governed first by our own BTA Act and then by PATI.

The Chief Operations Officer holds the role of the BTA's designated Information Officer. BTA had been preparing for PATI since early 4th quarter 2014 and has a fully trained PATI team in place to ensure continued compliance.

As an organization committed to being results-oriented, accountable and transparent to our stakeholders, BTA recognizes the importance to Bermuda of this is historic move and fully supports the spirit and intent of the legislation.



Human Resources

To best support the needs of the BTA, HR's strategic plan for 2015 will focus on the following six key areas of HR Management. Meeting these objectives will position the BTA as an Employer of Choice for existing and potential employees, as well as the wider community at large.

STRATEGIC HUMAN RESOURCE OBJECTIVES	Target Completion Dates
Proactive Resource Planning Talent acquisition and management Recruitment and selection standards	Q1-Q2
Retention Initiatives Development & training Succession Planning	
Performance Management • Performance measurement process • Issues management	On-going
Teambuilding & Employee Engagement Cross-organization engagement Product and experiences focused	On-going
 HRIS Employee Portal Maximization Performance documentation Feedback and polling of key initiatives 	Q1
Tracking and Distribution of Key Employee Metrics • Employee engagement • Internal satisfaction levels and service delivery • Maintain DMAI certification	On-going



TRAINING & STANDARDS

The National Service Standard Programme (NSSP) started in earnest in January with Field tests conducted as the administered the final step prior to an island wide launch. Two courses of four hours each, Blue Flag 101 and Certified Tourism Ambassador, are required for certification. During this first quarter, over 300 customer-facing/front line hospitality and tourism employees were registered to participate. 200 have completed their certification.





ON-ISLAND COMMUNICATION - Public & Stakeholder Relations

Bipartisan Engagement

An internal policy of bipartisanship dictated that senior executives offer a presentation to the PLP Caucus, having previously accepted an invitation to present to the OBA Caucus. Visiting the Opposition did not eliminate negative comments about the BTA in the press and Parliament, but the tone of those comments has undeniably been tempered down since a policy of bipartisan engagement was internally formalized and externally implemented by a new Director of Stakeholder Relations.



Advocacy on the web

As is consistent with destination marketing organizations around the world, the BTA debuted an advocacy section of its website that includes volumes of historical information about the tourism industry. Later, PATI compliance information was added to this section of the website.

Salary Disclosure

Although the timing was far less than ideal, external forces and internal thinking dictated there be salary disclosure from the Tourism Authority. This information was released with as much context as possible. It also provided an opportunity for the BTA to make clear that its commitment to transparency far exceeds its peers.

Making the Case for Growth

While in the Parliamentary budget debate and in local media conversations focused on cuts and austerity, CEO Bill Hanbury penned an opinion piece in local media and recorded a short explanation video that made the following case: tourism is the one part of the Bermuda economy best placed for growth in the near term. The timing of this message was critical as the Tourism Authority was the only publicly-funded entity discussing growth. There was zero resistance to his thesis in local media



Outside Chooses Bermuda

The Best Island Award for adventure travel from Outside magazine presented an opportunity and a challenge. Because BTA's public relations successes had recently generated so much positive editorial coverage (Delta Sky, Conde Nast Traveler, Travel & Leisure, etc) we ran the risk of the Outside recognition going hardly noticed. To combat that challenge BTA invited the media to see members of the Tourism Authority team cliff jump at Admiralty Park as a way to celebrate the accolade and to actively show the kind of adventure options available to visitors, particularly younger travelers. Public feedback was overwhelming positive, deeming the action a success from a communications standpoint.

Sherri Simmons Show

In line with a consistent commitment to transparency, Glenn Jones, BTA's Director or Public and Stakeholder Relations, was a guest on the Sherri Simmons radio program (Magic 102.7 FM). He answered questions live on air that came in from the public via phone and email.







Tourism Appreciation

As a component of our tourism appreciation initiative, the Bermuda Tourism Authority developed a radio campaign that began in March to signal the start of Hospitality Month in April. The campaign featured ambassadors in the tourism industry talking about their commitment to Hospitality and Tourism. These individuals were taken from a diverse cross-section of the industry, with the aim of reflecting how what each person is doing demonstrates their love for Bermuda. The campaign will continue throughout the 2nd quarter.





Local Print Media

There were 195 online articles clipped in the Bermuda market because of their relevance to tourism during the first quarter of 2015. This includes direct mentions of the Bermuda Tourism Authority and issues/events that affect the BTA like the America's Cup and the national budget. There was no media crisis affecting the BTA in the first quarter.

Monthly breakdown of articles:

60 January

84 February

51 March

Media were very interested in the BTA's reaction after the presentation of the budget which called for a 6% reduction in tourism funding (YoY). Our approach was to communicate first with our stakeholders and then share that message with the media. This method of communication, which we use on occasion, served our corporate and stakeholder needs extremely well as the tone of the message was measured and avoided the counterproductive tit for tat that can arise when dealing directly with reporters. We'll be able to use this approach more often and more effectively when a new CRM is deployed.

Financials



During Q1 of 2015, the Financial Division accomplished the following:

Income statement

This is the final quarter of the 2014/5 Government grant. From April, each quarterly Grant receipt will reduce by \$350k. Guest fees to date (January and February actual and March estimate) are \$380k against a budget of \$415k.

Direct Costs

Sales and Marketing - the key areas of spend continue to be within the On-line media/Social media in relation the 'Proper Fun' media strategy.

Product Development & Experience – payments against the 2015 Grant awards commenced in the first quarter. In addition, the refit and preparation work at the VIC at Dockyard is underway for the soft opening in April.

Training – to date 331 people have attended the Cultural Tourism Ambassador courses.



Structure, General & Administration

The Structure, General and Administration costs for the quarter are in line with budget.

Balance Sheet Key points to note:

Bank

The balance at the end of the quarter was \$5.3m.

Accounts Receivable and Accrued Income

This represents the hotel fees for March (not payable until 15 April) and amounts overdue from previous months.

Prepaid Expenses

Mainly relates to rent payments in advance and annual subscriptions in advance.

Vendor Payables

Are all current bills.

Accruals

This includes liabilities yet to be invoiced, payroll costs and provisions.



Financial Year End: December 31, 2015

	Qtr 1, 2015	Qtr 4, 2014	Qtr 3, 2014	Qtr 2, 2014	2015 YTD Total
Income Direct costs	6,153,812 2,105,275	6,364,103 5,321,381	6,948,163 2,808,688	6,967,365 3,882,196	6,153,812 2,105,275
Direct surplus (deficit)	4,048,537	1,042,722	4,139,475	3,085,169	4,048,537
Structure, general & administration costs	2,162,279	2,726,195	2,255,873	2,795,050	2,162,279
Operating surplus (deficit)	1,886,258	(1,683,473)	1,883,602	290,119	1,886,258
Net finance costs	52,574	115,149	73,296	57,494	52,574
Net surplus (deficit) for the period	1,833,684	(1,798,622)	1,810,306	232,625	1,833,684



INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD

	Qtr 1, 2015	Qtr 4, 2014	Qtr 3, 2014	Qtr 2, 2014	2015 YTD Total
1. Income					
Grants, subsidy & contribution income	5,774,250	5,774,250	5,774,250	5.774.250	5,774,250
Tourism authority fee	379,562	589,853	1,173,913	1,193,115	379,56
·	6,153,812	6,364,103	6,948,163	6,967,365	6,153,812
2. Direct costs:					
Sales & marketing (local)	51,535	33,353	34,764	34,410	51,53
Sales & marketing (overseas)	1,570,837	3,880,001	1,846,762	3,183,251	1,570,83
Sales & marketing (on-island visitors)	78,811	455,653	318,526	174,383	78,81
Product development & experience	366,871	760,153	494,832	476,960	366,87
Research & business intelligence	37,221	192,220	113,804	13,192	37,22
	2,105,275	5,321,381	2,808,688	3,882,196	2,105,27
3. Structure, general & administration					
costs, split:					
Staff costs	1,499,441	1,601,895	1,554,839	1,365,599	1,499,44
Communications & IT	127,743	389,468	116,001	154,897	127,74
General expenses Marketing	245,774 1.843	172,938 (0)	121,978 2.490	208,954 7,411	245,77 1.84
Premises	184.490	179.244	163.703	150.988	184,49
Professional fees	99,079	379,890	293,532	679,206	99,07
Transport	399	1,569	3,097	1,035	39
Grants / Investments	-	(87)	87	225,000	
Capital expenditure	3,510	1,278	146	1,960	3,51
	2,162,279	2,726,195	2,255,873	2,795,050	2,162,27
4. Finance costs:					
Bank charges	6,174	7,299	7,176	7,049	6,17
Foreign exchange	46,399	107,850	66,120	50,445	46,399
	52,574	115,149	73,296	57,494	52,574



BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2015

	Mar-15
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash & Bank	5,333,892
Accounts receivable	192,749
Accrued income	320,190
Prepaid expenses	165,614
Deferred costs	19,000
	6,031,444
Non-current assets	448,506
Total Assets	6,479,950
EQUITY & LIABILITIES	
Equity	
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	3,693,443
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Vendor payables	479,363
Accruals	2,307,144
Deferred income	
Total Liabilities	2,786,507
Total Equity and Liabilities	6,479,950



STRUCTURE, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS SCHEDULE

	Mare	ch	Quart	er 1	Year to	date
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
3.e Premises split:						
Rent	37,199	36,795	111,596	110,386	111,596	110,386
Service charges	11,796	14,237	36,508	42,710	36,508	42,710
Utilities & maintenance	5,898	7,323	19,111	21,969	19,111	21,969
Taxes	6,627	3,393	17,276	10,179	17,276	10,179
	61,520	61,748	184,490	185,243	184,490	185,243
3.f Professional fees split:						
Accounting fees	2,863	2,917	8,255	8,750	8,255	8,750
Audit	1,667	1,667	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Corporate secretarial & legal	(1,849)	23,000	77,634	65,500	77,634	65,500
Other consulting	1,850	2,083	7,885	6,250	7,885	6,250
Transitionary costs	(600)	-	-	-	-	-
Other consulting	305	-	305	-	305	-
	4,236	29,667	99,079	85,500	99,079	85,500
Gas & maintenance	82	281	82	823	82	823
Licensing & insurance	-	75	317	225	317	225
	82	356	399	1,048	399	1,048
3.h Capital expenditure split:						
Computer software	330	1,667	-	5,000	330	5,000
Equipment	-	1,250	-	1,250	-	1,250
Leasehold improvements	(3,791)	-	3,181	-	3,181	-
	(3,461)	2,917	3,181	6,250	3,511	6,250
4 Bank charges	2,701	2,500	6,174	7,500	6,174	7,50
Credit card charges	-	100	-	650	-	65
Foreign Exchange	25,684	2,500	46,399	7,500	46,399	7,50
	28,385	5,100	52,574	15,650	52,574	15,65
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