# Go International AIANTA

The Strategy of Familiarization Tours January 28-29-2019 Albuquerque, NM



### Today

- Arizona Office of Tourism
  - Why It Matters
  - Visitation
  - Marketing
- What is a FAM
- FAM Objectives
- Approach
- Working with Partners
- Selecting Media
- Follow-up





#### Who We Are

Our Vision: To make Arizona the leading tourism destination of choice for travelers.

Our Mission: To strengthen and grow Arizona's economy through travel and tourism promotion.





### Why it Matters - Spending



Domestic and international overnight visitors to Arizona

(2.1% annual increase)



Direct visitor spending generated within Arizona

(6.7% annual increase)





### Why it Matters - Jobs



Industry-related jobs directlygenerated by visitorspending

(1.6% annual increase)



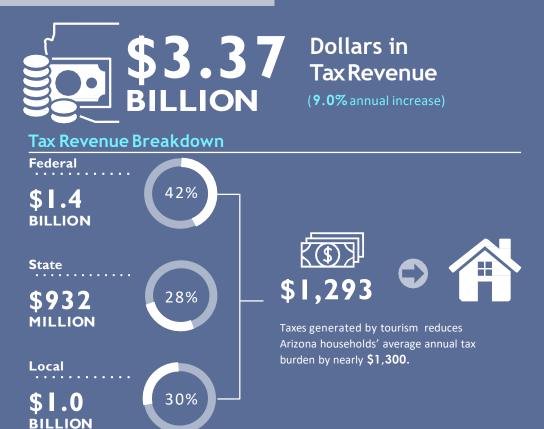
Earnings generated by Arizonans employed by tourism-related jobs

(4.0% annual increase)





### Why it Matters - Taxes



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### Visitor Impact per County



	County	Visitor Spending	# Jobs Created	% Travel-Related Jobs
1	Apache	\$106 M	1,650	5.8%
2	Cochise	\$304 M	3,630	6.9%
3	Coconino	\$1.4 B	13,200	15.3%
4	Gila	\$285 M	2,940	13.9%
5	Graham	\$56 M	880	7.2%
6	Greenlee	\$12 M	110	2.1%
7	La Paz	\$142 M	1,350	16.8%
8	Maricopa	\$11 B	101,660	3.9%
9	Mohave	\$541 M	7,040	10.0%
10	Navajo	\$312 M	4,110	9.8%
- 11	Pima	\$2.4 B	25,500	4.9%
12	Pinal	\$617 M	7,090	7.6%
13	Santa Cruz	\$231 M	2,100	10.2%
14	Yavapai	\$800 M	9,400	9.3%
15	Yuma	\$588 M	6,400	7.2%

#### Visitation - Domestic



#### Visitation - International













- Industry Research
- Statewide, Regional, National and International Marketing
- FAM Tours for Journalists, Travel Agents and Tour Operators
- Support of Major Sporting Events
- Statewide, Regional, National and International Industry Partners





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- Media Relations
  - Journalists hosted: 155
  - Articles produced: 1,354
  - Combined circulation: 8
     million global readers
  - Impressions: 1 billion article impressions



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Another winderful destination. Southern California residents warning a taste of witner, lessive events, and the great outdoors, Presocut is known as Artsonath. The uwar for its incredible holiday spirit. The uwar uransforms into a glissening gen celebrating the season with one of the largest organizers and wilages in the country a cowboy Christmas parade, suny readings, carolers, music performance, holiday-themed theaser, a specularie combrouse lighting, and more.

There's also 450 miles of trails to play or, whether you wars to hike, bike, camp, or discover prehisturic sizes. An easy way to makigate the area is along the Prescort Circle Thail system, which loops 54 miles together. Over 360 species of boths inhabit the natural environs, making it a great bird, watching destination. For a uses of the Old Wees, be sure to waddle us and horseback.

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ride with a local cowboy along a scenic mail. Or explore the three preny lakes by cance or kayak. Golfers can tee off year-round (weather permitting) at public courses like Antelope Hills Golf Courses or Prescott Golf &

There's no shortage of area and culture in Prescott, where you can visit the historic Sharlot Ball Museum. Phippen Museum—named after local artist, and first president of the Condroy Artists of America, Ceoper Phippen or the Smoki Museum of American Indian art and culture. Stroll Whistery Row, once home to 40 raucous salones during the gold rush. Today, the charming streets are doused with candy shops, art galleries, unique shopping, resaumants, and, of course, tamous salonns. Be on the watch for a "hoot-out" reenactment that takes you back in sittle for some fan in the Wall West.



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Witness the clift
dwellings of early
native cultures at
Walnut Canyon
National Monument
and the 800-year-old
rock-walled pueblos
of the Anasazi
tribes at Wuparki

To learn more about the native cultures, visit the renowned Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff.



- Travel Trade
  - 11 FAM tours
  - FAM tours and participants: 81
  - Arizona communities visited: 17
  - Trade sales and destination trainings: 4,533





#### **Summary of a Press Trip/Familiarization (FAM) Tour**

- A press trip allows journalist the opportunity to experience Arizona firsthand so they can feature the state as a premier travel destination in their articles.
- 3-4 press trips every year
- 5 days in length
- Attended by 6-8 journalists
- Mix of both domestic and international writers



#### **Objectives**

- Educate travel media on Arizona's vitality as a tourism destination
- Expose travel media to Tribal and rural towns and cities in Arizona
- Generate publicity on Arizona as a premier place to travel
- Provide journalists with first-hand experiences so they feel a personal connection to the state that is later reflected in their article



#### **Strategy**

- Develop compelling press trips that entice travel writers to choose Arizona above other invitations
- Create an itinerary that will generate unique stories that help position Arizona as a leading vacation destination
- Select media that write for publications with high circulations and targeted demographics in niche markets
- Provide writers with enjoyable and memorable experiences that will result in positive press on Arizona as a travel destination



#### **Tactics**:

Reaching out to Communities and the Media



### Determine when and where to go

- Seasonality
  - When is the best time to schedule your FAM?
    - Winter, Summer, Spring, Fall
    - High- low- seasons
    - Events happening

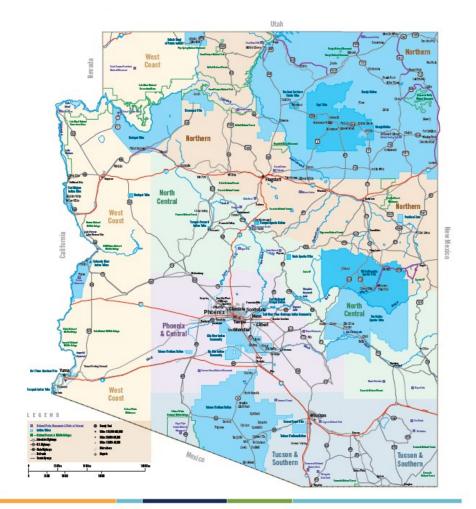


### Determine where and when to go

- Identify dates
  - Don't schedule a time when your community is busy
    - Harvest time
    - Ceremonial time
    - Major holidays



### **Arizona Map**





#### Determine where and when to go

Aged to Perfection (Kim)

Hide and Seek (German, Marcus)

Amazingly Diverse (China, Vincent)

Family Adventure in AZ (Brand USA, Mex)

#### Media Tour History

Southern, Phoenix, NC, Western, Northern

#### FY 2017

Northern Arizona Bucket List (Kim)

Mexico Trip (Karina)

January 2017

Grand Canyon, Page, MV, Canyon de Chelly, Sctdl

Travel Classics (Kim, Tony, MM, Stephanie)

November 2016

Tucson, Willcox, Tombstone, Bisbee

Travel Classics (Kim, Tony, MM, Stephanie)

Scottsdale Tour

Tucson Tour

Yuma/Mesa Tour

\*Maybe we had originally put these on paper? (Cowboys – Miners: Willcox, Bisbee, Tucson; Romantic: Ajo, Tubac, Tubac; Tubac; Tubac; Tubac; Tubac; Leart of AZ: Prescott, VV, Sedona; Iconic Views: Chinle, MV, Cameron, (GC), Twin Arrows)

Canada Route 66 Blogger trip (Aisha)

October 2016

Flagstaff, Winslow, Holbrook, Kingman

#### FY 2016

China Press Trip June 2016 Mesa, GC, Flagstaff, Sedona, Prescott, Havasupai (Kim) May 2016 Havasupai UK Media Trip (Hills Balfour) May 2016 Phoenix, Wickenburg, Prescott, Verde Valley, Happy Trails (Marjorie) April 2016 Safford, White Mountains, Mesa. Bike Hike Peddle Paddle Ride (Tony) April 2016 Willcox, Bisbee, Sierra Vista, Tucson, Tempe \*UK Media Trip (Scottsdale, Stephanie) February 2016 December 2015 World Tour Fam (Jennifer, Kim) Yuma, LHC, Kingman Route 66 (Kim) October 2015 Winslow, Flagstaff, Rt. 66, Kingman

October 2014

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#### FY 2015

Park Yourself in Arizona (Kim) May 2015 Sedona, GC, Cameron, Flagstaff, Phoenix, Prescott Native Wavs (Tony) April 2015 Hon-Dah, Chinle, Hopi, Flagstaff, Scottsdale Explore Native American (French, Laura) February 2015 Chinle, MV, Page, Scottsdale Arizona from North to South (Brazil, Kim) Phoenix, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Sedona, Tucson, Tubac, Scottsdale February 2015 Travel Classics (Tony, Jen, MM, Mary) November 2014 (Tony) Havasupai (Jen) (MM) Flag, Sedona, Phx (Mary) GC, Arcosanti, Tempe

> Page, GC, Williams, Scottsdale Phoenix, Scottsdale, Page, Grand Canyon and Williams

Prescott, Flagstaff, Rt. 66, Kingman, LHC, Phoenix



#### Choose a theme

- Common Denominator
  - Museums
  - Artist, Arts & Crafts
  - Traditional Foods
  - Nature
  - Astronomy



#### Choose a theme

- Attractions/activities to emphasize
  - Back to School: Arizona's college Towns
  - Main Drag and Off the Beaten Path
  - White Mountains
  - North of the Border
  - Adventure on the Western Frontier
  - Salsa Trial

- Outdoor Adventure
- Wildlife Viewing
- Scenic Roads
- Pop Icons
- Rails and Trails



#### **Identify Potential Hosts**

- Determine interest
- Verify availability
- Work closely with CVBs



#### Select Media to Invite

- Decide on key markets
- Examine publications' demographics, circulation, content
  - Call to Media
  - Travel Media Assistance Request Form



#### Select Media

- Determine interest
  - Call to Media

Park Yourself in Arizona

**Date:** May 17-23, 2015

**Location:** Prescott, Jerome, Sedona, Cameron, Grand Canyon

Participants: Domestic and International Travel Writers

**Program Summary:** Grand Canyon National Park is the most well-known park in Arizona.

But, it is only one of numerous national, state, county and city parks where adventure awaits. This tour will visit a fraction of the parks Arizona offers and a few of the activities that can be enjoyed in them. . . .



#### Select Media

- Determine interest
  - Call to Media

#### **Happy Trails**

**Locations:** Hopi, Flagstaff, Verde Valley, Mesa

Leader: Marjorie

Date: April 10-16, 2016

**Participants:** Domestic and International travel writers

**Program Summary:** Blaze a trail to Arizona and then follow one these for a new look at Arizona and its offerings. Learn about Indigenous artisans along the Hopi Arts Trail. Then hike along a short portion of the Arizona Trail, Ale Trail, Verde Valley wine trail, and the Apache Trail.

(Please note: This trip does not include the Grand Canyon.)



TRAVEL MEDIA	ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM		
DATE OF REQUEST:	17-Jul		
JOURNALIST NAME:	Mr. Eike Knall / Ms. Romy Poetsch		
CITY/STATE/COUNTRY:	Nuremberg, Germany		
MEDIA AFFILIATION:	Radio journalists for the following radion stations in Germany:  1. Vitradio (2,000,000 listeners)  2. Anlenne Koblenz (270,000 listeners)  3. Radio Cottbus (340,000 listeners)  (4. Inselradion Canarian Islands - 2,500,000 l.)		
POSITION/TITLE:	Radio Journalists		
ADDRESS 1:	Platnersgasse 1		
WEBSITE:	www.vilradio.de / www.akoblenz.de / www.radio-cottbus.de		
NAME & PHONE PUBLISHER/EDITOR	Matthias Lenardt - 0049 9 11 / 22 61 03		
PROPOSED EDITORIAL COVERAGE/FOCUS OF STORY:	Interview with AOT representative (general tourism overview of Arizona)     Scottsdale     Grand Canyon		
STORY PRESS DATE:	tbs		
TYPE OF MEDIA:	radio stations		
PROFILE OF AUDIENCE:	Active age (14 - 49 years)		
CIRCULATION (CITIES/COUNTRIES):	regional radio stations, audience numbers see above		
CIRCULATION FIGURES:	2,610,000 Germany (cmbined), 2,500,00 (German-speaking travelers in Spain)		
FREQUENCY (DAILY/WEEKLY):	daily		
AIR TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY:	AOT if possible (press rate will be guaranteed), maybe only a portion of the flight since the editors will be travelling through Florida first		
GROUND TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY:	AOT if possible		
INTERVIEWS REQUESTED WITH:	this     AOT representative		
PHOTO PERMITS NEEDED:	no		
SPECIAL INTERESTS:	WLAN is urgently requested in host hotels		
DIETARY/OTHER SENSITIVITIES			
REFERRED BY:	proactive media call		



#### **Itinerary**

Greetings from Arizona!

I will have the pleasure of joining you on this trip and I look forward to welcoming you to Arizona! This tour will take you to some iconic Arizona locations such as Tombstone (The Town Too Tough to Die), which was the sight of the Shootout at OK Corral. You'll also experience the spectacular beauty of Chiricahua National Monument and Kartchner Caverns State Park, commune with nature in Sierra Vista (the hummingbird capital of the world), ride a horse on an actual ranch, enjoy the Old West charm of Tucson and the vibrant college atmosphere of Tempe, home to one of America's largest universities (Arizona State University).

Below I have compiled some information I think you may find useful in preparing for your trip, as well as the final itinerary. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you.

<u>NOTE:</u> While you are in Arizona, we would love to see what you are enjoying. Please connect with us on Twitter: <u>@AZTourismPR</u> and please include the hash tag **#MyAZTrip**.

What shall I bring? People in Arizona dress casually - khaki pants, jeans, shorts are all ok. Bring good walking/hiking shoes for a variety of surfaces. One of the most surprising things visitors find is the great variation in the temperature and weather between central, southern and northern Arizona. You will be visiting central and southern Arizona. Bring a jacket and/or sweater, as evenings in the desert can still be a little cool. We will be spending a fair amount of time outside, so please don't forget sunglasses, sunscreen and a hat. Because the climate in Arizona is dry, please remember to drink plenty of water, both before and during your stay, to keep yourself hydrated.

What will the weather be like? The extended forecast shows sunshine (and maybe an occasional cloud)!

	Daytime:	Nighttime:		
Tempe	mid 80s (26-31 C)	in the 50s (10-12 C)		
Willcox	low 70s (21 C)	upper 30s (2-3 C)		
Sierra Vista	70s (21-26 C)	40s (4-9 C)		
Tucson	mid 80s (26-31 C)	high 40s (8-9 C)		

What will we eat? Each community host will arrange for meals as outlined in your itinerary. We have notified them of any dietary restrictions. Please note that, as a state agency, we are unable to host alcoholic beverages, but you are welcome to enjoy a cocktail at your own expense.

Other necessary items – Please bring a credit card for incidentals and a copy of your travel insurance.

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi will be available in most of the communities we will visit.

Final Itinerary: Final itineraries will be given on Monday morning, April 4 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix – Tempe at 7:45 a.m. See you soon!



#### After the Press Trip: Stop, Look and Listen

- Send out evaluations
- Use evaluations to determine how to improve next trip
- Send thank you cards to hosting partners
- Monitor publications for articles that were result of trip
- Clip articles and send to participating communities



### **Evaluation Sample**

#### Name Press Trip Evaluation Form Date of Trip

We are delighted to have had the opportunity to introduce you to some of the attractions and hospitality of Arizona - The Grand Canyon State. To ensure that we provide journalists, photographers and broadcasters with the most positive and productive programs, we request you take a moment to evaluate your experience and share your thoughts. It is only with your valued input that we can continue to provide the best possible experience for our friends in the media.

Name	e & Title:				
Orgar	nization:				
Addre	ess:				
City, S	State, Country & Postal Code:				
el.:_	Fax:		E-mail:		
L)	Was this your first time to	Arizona?	Yes □	No 🗆	
	If no, how many times hav	e you been to Ar	izona?	<del></del>	
2)	How would you rate your o	communication p			or)
3)	5 4 Overall, how would you ra				
9)		3			
1)	What did you enjoy most a	bout your visit?			
5)	Do you have any ideas for	improvements fo	or future media v	risits?	
5)	How would you rate your o	•	ence? (5= Excelle	nt, 1= Poor)	



### **Evaluation Sample**

Please rate the following on a scale in regards to service, enjoyment, and value with "1" being unacceptable and "5" being exceptional. Please use space provided for any additional comments as well as to give an explanation for any site, hotel, or attraction you have rated a "2" or less.

	Phoenix Area						
1) Attraction		1	2	3	4	5	
2) Attraction		1	2	3	4	5	
3) attraction		1	2	3	4	5	
4) attraction		1	2	3	4	5	
5) attraction		1	2	3	4	5	
6) attraction		1	2	3	4	5	
7) attraction		1	2	3	4	5	
Additional comments:							

Thank you for participating on this Arizona sponsored media tour. To further evaluate our state and services, we thank you for taking the time to fill out our evaluation. Please return completed form to:

Becky Blaine, Arizona Office of Tourism 155 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 400, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007



#### Tucked Into the Corners of Southern Arizona

Southern Arizona Media Tour Feb. 7-13

Participation				
Ms. Christine Laprade	Freelance - Canada			
Mr. Lei Dong	Photographer & Writer - China			
Ms. Lisa Camus	What's-up Doc - France			
Mr. Marck Guttman	Freelance Journalist and Photographer - Mexico			
Ms. Claudia Braeuer	Freelance - Austria			
Ms. Anusha Couttigane	Freelance - UK			
Ms. Carolyn Burns Bass	Freelance - US			
Kim Todd	Arizona Office of Tourism			
Mr. David Thomas	Driver, Marveless Transportation			

#### Findings:

Respondents were asked to rate their experiences on a 5-point scale with 5 being excellent and 1 being poor. All questions included the option to offer comments, suggestions, or concerns.

- Nine trip participants completed this survey, generating a 100% response rate.
- This tour was the first trip to Arizona for 5 of the 9 survey respondents. The other four had been to Arizona between 2-5 times previously.
- All respondents would recommend Arizona to their audiences.

Would you recommend Arizona to your audience?		
Yes	No	
75%	25%	

#### **Comments:**

• Yes, however I feel that each region will appeal to specific readers.

#### Do you have any ideas for improvement for future tours?

- Think more about how the sites will be received by various audiences. I.E. some areas (like Benson) might appeal to locals/domestic visitors, but are unlikely to be the sort of places people will travel the world to come and see. Would recommend connecting with Amerind Foundation's accommodation organizers and inviting visitors to spend a night there/sample the onsite chef. Would recommend Benson be taken off itineraries for international visitors. The Singing Winds Bookshop was a bit of a shocking experience!
- Omission of stop at Singing Winds Bookstore. The store itself is kitschy and quaint, but the shelf-by-shelf tour was underwhelming.
- I loved the mix of rural unknown towns and luxury resorts and small towns and nature/hiking.
- It is important to consider that international tourists might not be interested in the same places that locals are. I understand the importance of promoting destinations within the state that escape the beaten path and well known attractions, but towns with virtually nothing to offer (such as Benson), generic roadside motels (such as Sierra Vista Suites) and unwelcoming patrons (such as the owner of the bookshop/first winery) should be avoided. Especially, noting that close by there are amazing towns to discover, welcoming people and interesting restaurants/hotels.



### Google Alerts

#### Arizona tourism

#### Google Alerts

Saguaro National Park open (barely) during shutdown, and it's draining visitor fee revenueAZCentral.com

In the meantime, the National Park Service is pulling funds from past **visitor** ... **Arizona** has 22 national park sites, which include parks, monuments, ...

Arizona Bill Would Exempt MiLB Players From Minimum Wage LawsBallpark Digest

"Major League Baseball is a major component of **Arizona's** commerce and **tourism**," Shope said. He said any business that relies on **tourism** is grateful ...

Shutdown won't stop it: Grand Canyon 100-year Celebration, Native American StyleIndian Country Today Media Network Debbie Johnson, Director of the Arizona Office of Tourism says Arizona's tourism industry has weathered the shutdown because Grand Canyon ...

Arizona tribal land known for waterfalls no longer allowing toursLas Vegas Review-Journal

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The thousands of **tourists** who **travel** to a remote Native American reservation deep in the Grand Canyon each year to camp near ...

#### American Indian tourism

Google Alerts

We-Ko-Pa Resort to host **American Indian Tourism** Conference

Travel News | eTurboNews

The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) has revealed the host site for its 22nd annual **American Indian Tourism** Conference ...



### Clipping Service

#### MEDIACLIPPING

**Publication: Die Glocke** 

Kind of publication: German daily newspaper Editor: Gunnar A. Pier

Issue: May 20, 2017 Position: positive (+)

Section: travel Photos: 5

Maps: 1

Total circulation: 57,100 PR-Value: \$ 16,129

**ACTION FOR COVERAGE: KMS supported with information** 

**HEADING / SUMMARY: In the hot west** 

The article is based on our group press trip from May and highlights the beautiful *Sonoran Desert* and several activities *Scottsdale* has to offer

several activities Scottsuale has to oner.
☐ In this context, the author gives general information about the location and temperature of
Scottsdale.
☐ Moreover, the author mentions <i>Hot Air Expeditions</i> and the breathtaking views from the hot air
balloon.
□ Additionally, he mentions the nice Pilot <i>Micky Drysdale</i> as well as typical travel destinations in
Arizona including the Grand Canyon and the Monument Valley.
□ Furthermore, the cities <i>Phoenix, Tempe</i> and <i>Mesa</i> are mentioned.
☐ Besides, the author recommends to experience several activities in <i>Scottsdale</i> and <i>Arizona</i>
including but not limited to morning hikes through the desert and kayak tours on the Salt River.
☐ In addition, the <i>Taliesin West</i> , architect <i>Frank Lloyd Wright</i> , the <i>New Yorker Guggenheim</i>
Museum and golf courses are mentioned.
☐ Finally, the author gives several travel advices to arrival, flights, travel seasons and activities.

☐ For further information, the website www.experiencescottsdale.com is referred to.

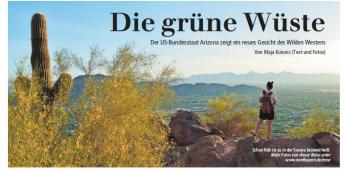


#### **Articles Resulting from Press Trips**







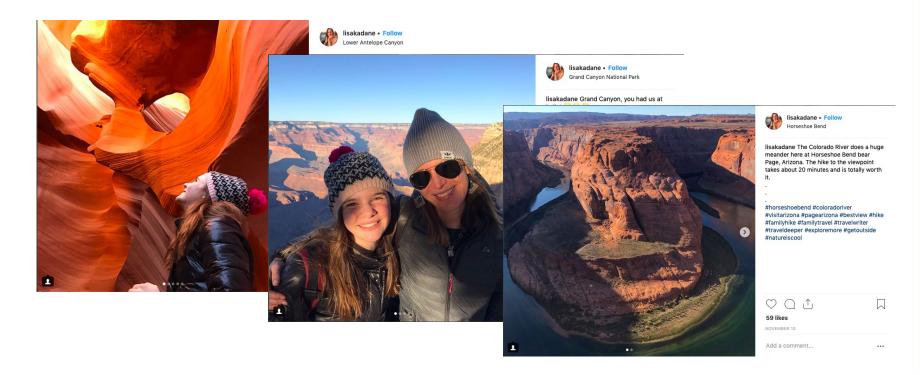


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#### **Social Media Resulting from Press Trips**





#### Other Considerations

- Budget
- Communication
- Don't be afraid to ask for help



## Thank you!

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