



Industry

Travel & Tourism

Services

Travel Trade Sales Marketing

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Case Study

Travel Trade Engagement Bolsters Florida's Appeal to Colombian Travelers

Situation

The United States is the top destination for Colombians traveling abroad, receiving three times more visitors than Mexico and Spain, and Florida is one of the most popular destinations within the country, with significant growth potential to attract event more Colombian travelers. VISIT FLORIDA contracted PTG Consulting to increase its brand awareness and showcase the state's top attractions with a goal of increasing tourism product in the Colombian market and, in turn, helping increase arrivals, length of stay, and spend.

Solution

PTG Consulting developed and implemented an integrated sales and marketing strategy targeting the Columbian travel trade to raise awareness of Florida as a top tourism destination, with a focus on Orlando and Miami, and grow the availability of tourism product that would appeal to the market. Tactics involved a Florida specialist program, educational webinars, and travel trade media partnerships.



Results

- Trained 768 Colombian travel advisors through educational webinars
- Registered 195 Colombian travel advisors in VISIT FLORIDA's Travel Pro specialist program
- Developed and launched one contest for Colombian travel advisors in partnership with tour operator Travel Depot, engaging 500 travel agents; the program ultimately resulted in the development of 15 new Florida itineraries
- Developed and promoted 11 new Florida itineraries with major tour operators in Colombia
- Launched one large-scale media brand awareness campaign with LADEVI, a travel trade media platform, reaching more than 26,000 travel professionals in Colombia
- Conducted a survey of 50 travel advisors in Colombia to measure current and future traveler sentiment amidst the COVID-19 pandemic from an industry perspective

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awareness campaign

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New itineraries developed with major tour operators

"Working with PTG Consulting has been an absolute pleasure – the team is professional, personable, knowledgeable and readily available. They truly are an extension of our team and we look forward to the continued partnership and many successes in key international markets in the future."

-Lauren Pace | Director of Global Marketing and Trade, VISIT FLORIDA















