

# Social Media for Hospitality During COVID19

Storytelling for the New Normal presented with Shoot My Travel







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# Social Media & Travel

- Storytelling
- Storytelling during COVID19
- Storytelling about sustainability
- Working with master storytellers
- Best practices of visual storytelling



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Use social media for travel inspiration

+60%

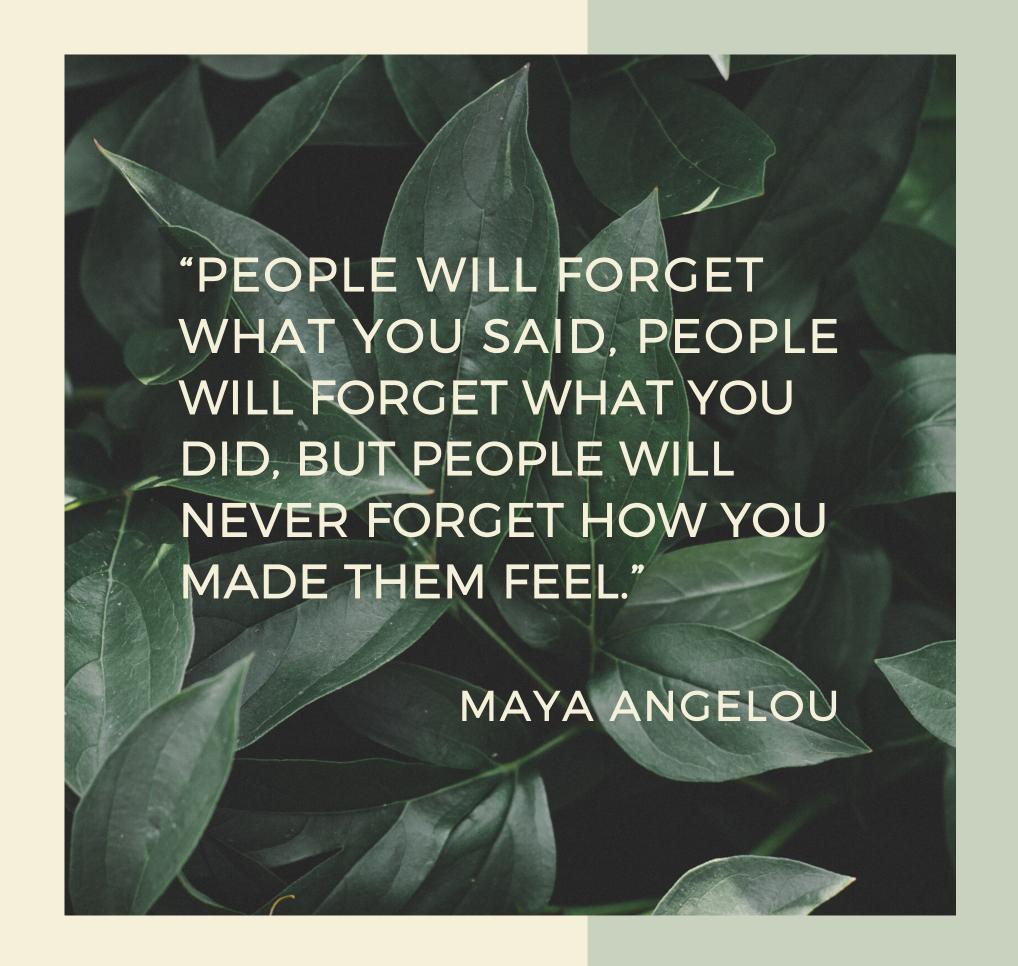
Share their travel photos on social media

# Storytelling

Situation -> problem -> solution

#### Variations:

- Before After Bridge
- Wow Chain Hook
- Problem Escalate Solve
- Character Adversity Happy ending



# Make It Personal (and Current)

BAD BAYS

Best weekend deal in town! Exceptional care to detail and exclusive free breakfast offer. Located near the center of our city.

Stressed out by endless Zoom meetings? Take a break and pamper yourself with a weekend away from it all. Rest between our Egyptian cotton sheets with 24 hr room service. Our free breakfast will wake you up refreshed and ready to discover our city.

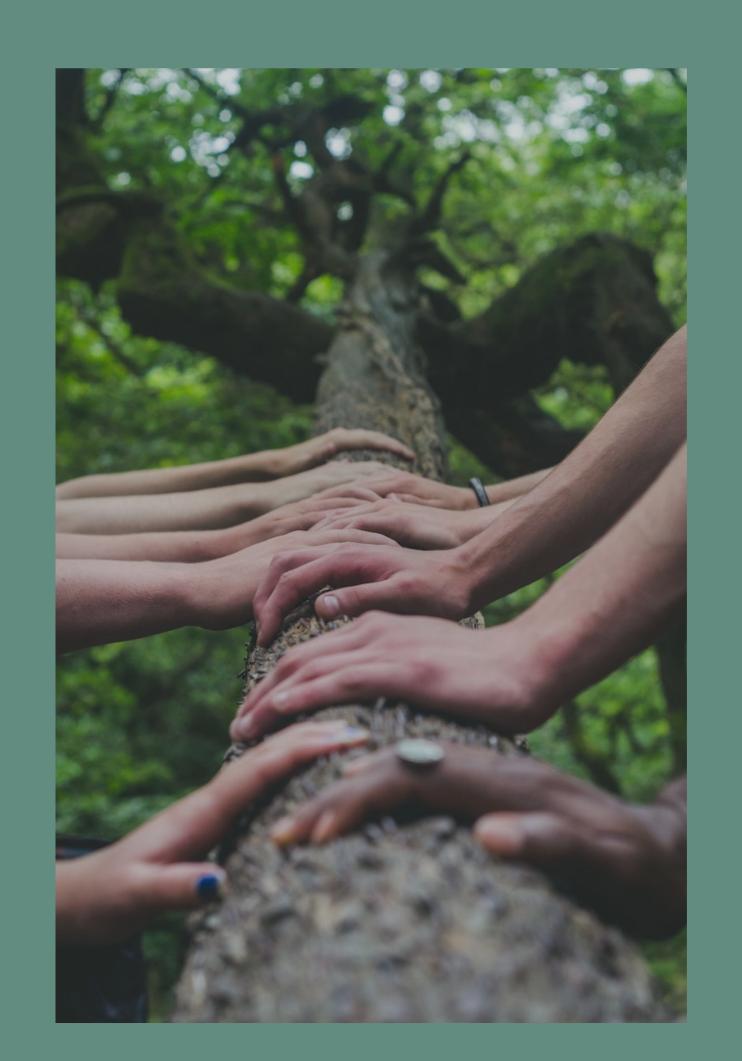


## SOCIAL MEDIA DURING COVID19

Fostering a sense of **community** during difficult times

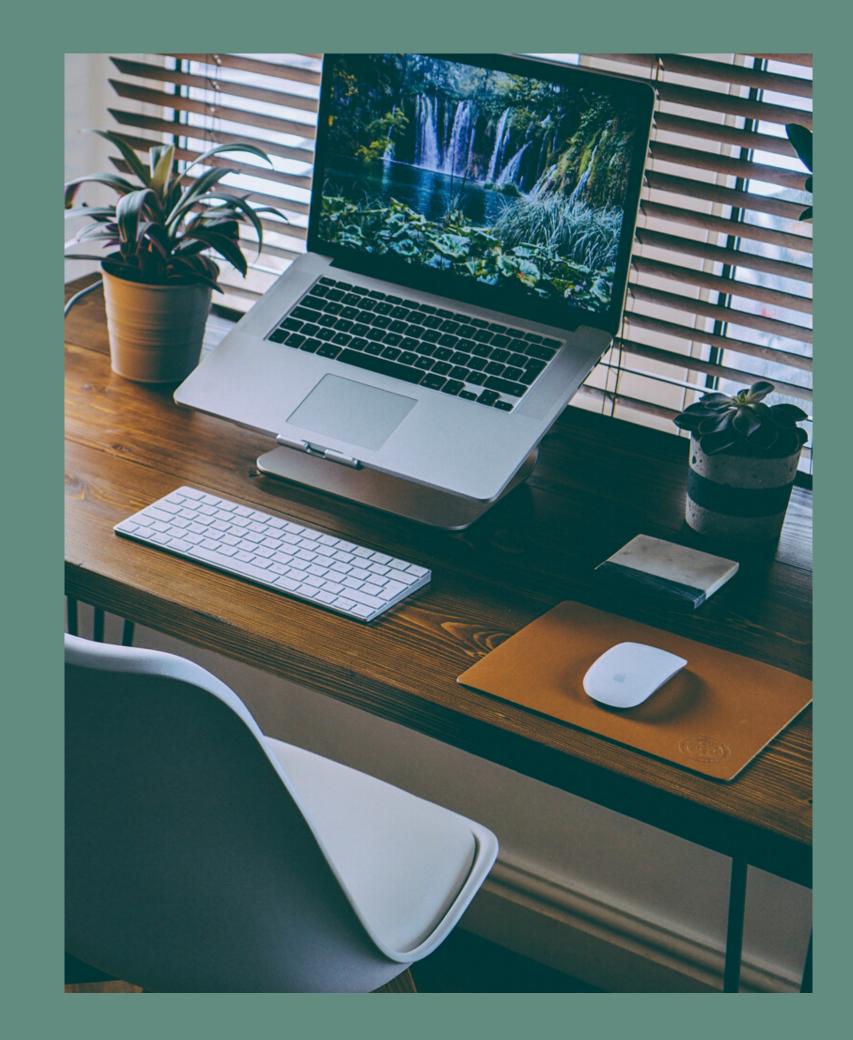
#### Silver lining

Increased presence in customers' lives could mean positive relationship beyond the short-term.



#### Closed hotel

- **Tutorials:** fitness, cooking, cocktails, crafts, DIY spa, sustainability hacks ...
- Local attractions: virtual tours, local wildlife, garden tour, birdwatching
- **Behind the scenes**: getting ready to reopen, employees stories
- **UGC** Invite past guests to share photos and stories, launch viral challenges
- Kid activities: coloring pages and treasure hunt
- **Solidarity:** supporting essential workers, employees & community



### Reopening hotel

#### New demographics

- Intergenerational travel to visit relatives
- Local friends reunions
- Hotel room as office

- Staycations: focus on local travelers
- Bundle up with other local business to offer enhanced experiences to local (driving) travelers
- Reach out to loyal customers with unique offers
- Reassure: hygiene and easy cancellation policies

#### **Topics**

#### No

- Spa treatments
- Restaurant location
- Indoor attractions

#### Yes

- Outdoor activities
  - Small private party venue
  - Solidarity (1 room for 1 room)
  - Cleanliness
  - Wellness tips
  - Room service/deliveries



# Sustainability and COVID19

Sustainability and its socio-environmental concerns are at the top of the travelers' checklist together with cleanliness.

Customers are available to pay more for them.

Make sure your website page on sustainability is available and updated.



# Tell a Great Story!



Why: Why the property chose to be sustainable (mission)

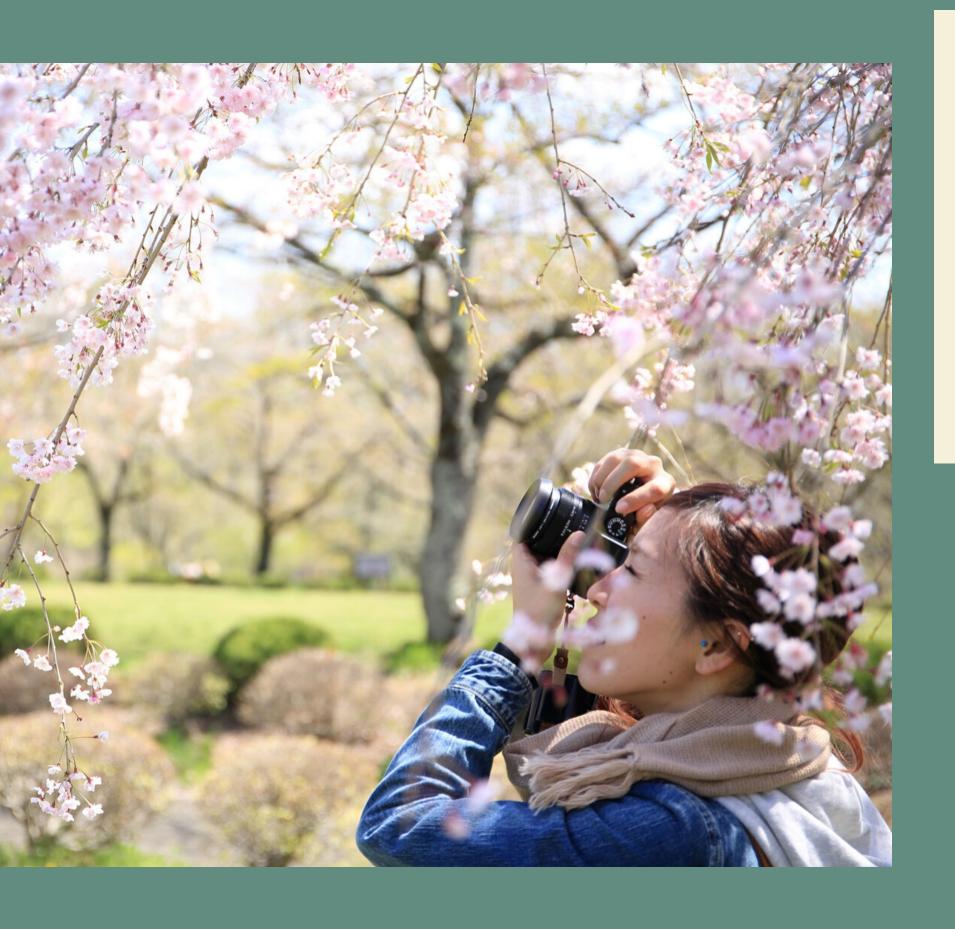


**How**: How the property fulfills its Why (people, project progress)



What: What the property does to fulfill its Why (facilities and policies)





# Influencer Marketing

#### THE POWER OF CREATORS

Authenticity -> credibility Attractive content -> appeal



#### START MICRO (20K-100K FOLLOWERS)



VOICE AND STYLE





ENGAGEMENT VS FOLLOWERS



MEDIA KITS & PROPOSALS

#### THANK YOU!

#### Let's continue the conversation

Join the Sustainable Hospitality in Progress group on Linkedin https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12382944/



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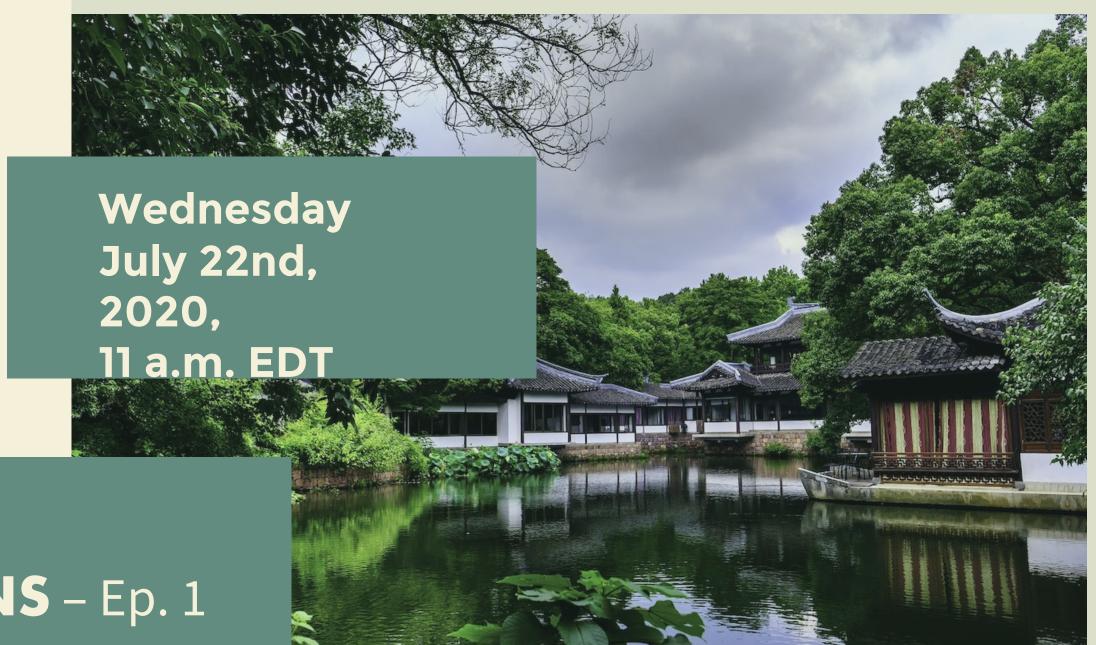
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Showcasing the best sustainable practices in hospitality

