

# CITY OF SEDONA TOURISM PROGRAM

Tourism Advisory Board October 2, 2024 Meeting





# Monthly Summary Report August 2024

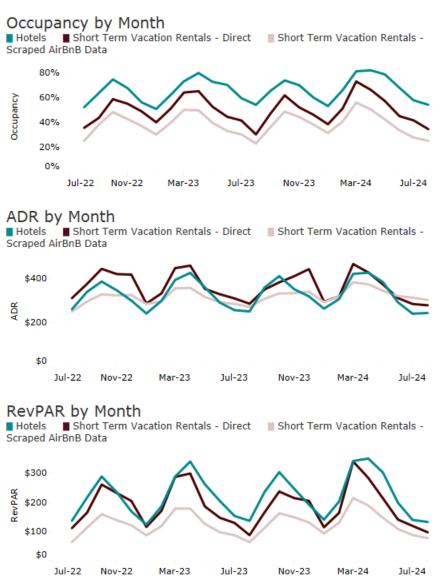
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### Monthly Historical Lodging

August 2024 | Sedona



Hotel Performance Source: STR (Sedona+)				
	Occupancy	ADR	RevPAR	Revenue
Aug 2024	54.4%	\$243.73	\$132.49	\$8.9M
YOY % Change	+0.2% YOY	-2.8% YOY	-2.7% YOY	-2.7% YOY
Calendar Year-to-Date	67.7%	\$334.07	\$226.23	\$118.7M
YTD YOY % Change	+3.4% YOY	+3.1% YOY	+6.6% YOY	+7.0% YOY
Short Term Vacatio Source: KeyData (Vacation Are		nance - Direct		
	Occupancy	ADR	RevPAR	Revenue
Aug 2024	34.7%	\$278.86	\$96.83	\$843.0K
YOY % Change	+14.2% YOY	-2.4% YOY	+11.4% YOY	+22.0% YOY
Calendar Year-to-Date	50.8%	\$360.17	\$183.03	\$11.7M
YTD YOY % Change	+4.2% YOY	-1.2% YOY	+2.9% YOY	+6.1% YOY
Short Term Vacatio Source: KeyData (Vacation Are		nance - Scraped Ai	rBnB Data	
	Occupancy	ADR	RevPAR	Revenue
Aug 2024	25.3%	\$302.86	\$76.59	\$5.2M
YOY % Change	+9.4% YOY	+11.6% YOY	+22.1% YOY	+43.1% YOY
Calendar Year-to-Date	38.4%	\$339.28	\$130.33	\$68.6M
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August 2024



### Sedona+ Hotel Performance

### Calendar Year-to-Date Performance Sedona+

Occupancy 67.7% +3.4% ADR **\$334** +3.1% \$226 +6.6% Supply **524.7K** +0.4% Demand 355.3K +3.8% Revenue **\$118.7M** +7.0%

### Village of Oak Creek+ Hotel Performance

### Calendar Year-to-Date Performance Village of Oak Creek+

Occupancy 63.4%

-3.1%

**\$203** -4.2%

ADR

RevPAR **\$129** -7.2% Supply 188.3K -0.1% Demand 119.5K -3.2% Revenue \$24.3M

-7.3%

Monthly Performance

	OCC	% CHG	ADR	% CHG	RevPAR	% CHG
Jun	68.0%	-3.4%	\$292	+0.5%	\$199	-2.9%
Jul	58.0%	-2.9%	\$241	-6.3%	\$139	-9.0%
Aug	54.4%	+0.2%	\$244	-2.8%	\$132	-2.7%

### Monthly Performance

	OCC	% CHG	ADR	% CHG	RevPAR	% CHG
Jun	67.2%	-2.1%	\$185	-9.9%	\$124	-11.8%
Jul	61.7%	-4.8%	\$162	-10.7%	\$100	-14.9%
Aug	55.5%	+4.2%	\$157	-6.8%	\$87	-2.9%

### Short Term Rental Review OTA AirBNB

August 2024



### City of Sedona Performance

Calendar Year-to-Date Performance

Vacation Area - City of Sedona

Occupancy **38.4%**+4.2%

ADR **\$339** +7.7% RevPAR **\$130** +12.2%

### Greater Sedona Performance

Calendar Year-to-Date Performance

Vacation Area - Greater Sedona

Occupancy **37.6%** +3.9% ADR **\$318** +7.9% \$120 +12.2%

### Village of Oak Creek Performance

Calendar Year-to-Date Performance Vacation Area - Village of Oak Creek

ADR

Occupancy 34.7%

+4.5%

\$256 +7.1% \$89 +11.8%

Monthly Performance

OCC % CHG ADR % CHG RevPAR % CHG 33.7% +1.4% \$321 +9.7% \$108 +11.3% 27.9% -8.4% \$313 +10.1% \$87 +0.8% 25.3% +9.4% \$303 +11.6% \$77 +22.1% Monthly Performance

	OCC	% CHG	ADR	% CHG	RevPAR	% CHG
Jun	33.1%	+1.6%	\$307	+11.7%	\$101	+13.5%
Jul	28.0%	-6.5%	\$299	+10.5%	\$84	+3.3%
Aug	25.1%	+7.8%	\$293	+15.5%	\$73	+24.5%

### Monthly Performance

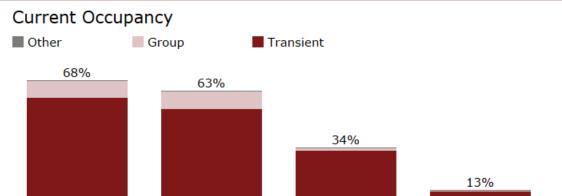
	OCC	% CHG	ADR	% CHG	RevPAR	% CHG
Jun	30.0%	+2.1%	\$254	+15.3%	\$76	+17.7%
Jul	26.5%	-6.6%	\$257	+12.8%	\$68	+5.4%
Aug	23.6%	+4.4%	\$251	+24.8%	\$59	+30.3%

### Hotel 4 Month Outlook

Data for zip code 86336



### Occupancy as of 9/25/2024



Nov 2024

Dec 2024

### Bookings by Segment

	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024
Transient	14.7K	13.7K	8.1K	3.2K
Group	2.2K	2.4K	429	82
Other	15	5	22	6
Total	16.9K	16.1K	8.5K	3.3K

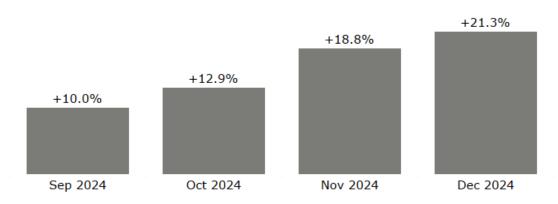
### Rooms Booked

### **Booking Pace**

Sep 2024

Total Rooms Booked vs. Same-Time-Last-Year

Oct 2024



YOY % Change

	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024
Transient	+6.7%	+17.6%	+21.5%	+19.9%
Group	+46.5%	-3.1%	-6.3%	+1,950.0%
Other	-85.3%	-96.4%	-69.0%	-83.3%
Total	+10.0%	+12.9%	+18.8%	+21.3%

### **Visit Sedona Spending Summary**

Period: August 2024



Date August 2024



\$4.5M Card Spend

-9.1% vs. Previous Year



28.8K Cardholders

-10.1% vs. Previous Year



**\$155** Avg. Spend per Cardholder

+1.1% vs. Previous Year



**65.9K**Transactions

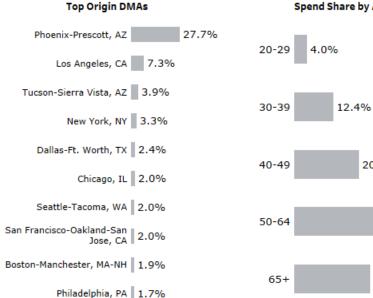
-13.4% vs. Previous Year

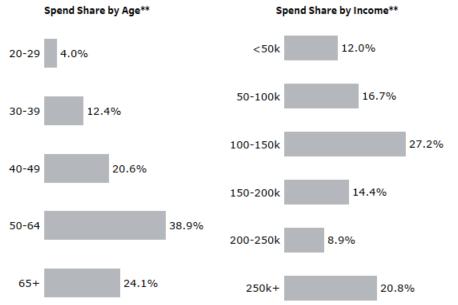


**\$68** Avg. Spend per

Transaction

+4.9% vs. Previous Year





### Spending vs. Avg. Spend per Transaction

Size of bubble denotes number of transactions



### Spending Categories

Average spend per transaction



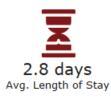
Avg. Spend per Transaction

### Overnight Visitor Profile: Sedona

August 2024

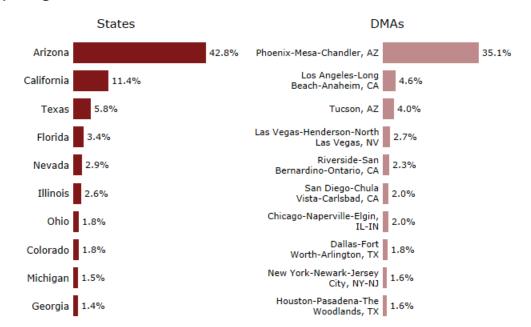


### August 2024 Domestic Visits

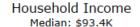


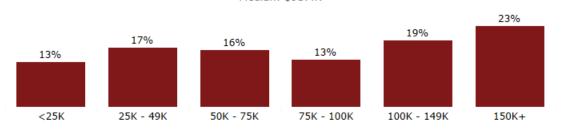


### Top Origin Markets

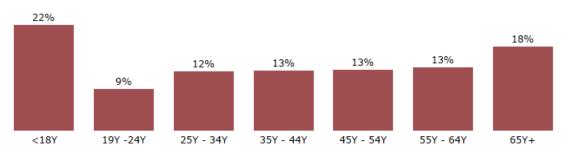


### August 2024 Domestic Visitor Origin Characteristics

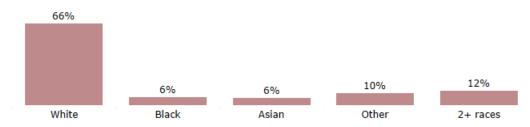




#### Age



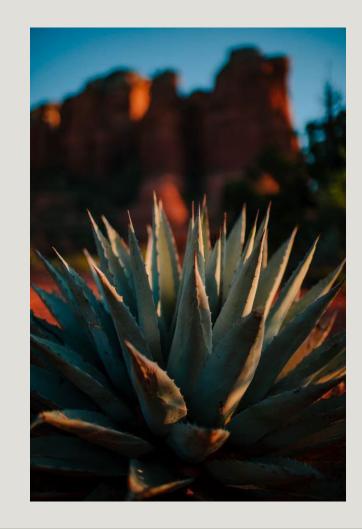
#### Race





# **Context**

- We have three tourism marketing related topics to address today:
  - Summer 2024 campaign results
  - Logo concepts for new tourism brand
  - Campaign concepts for Winter 2024



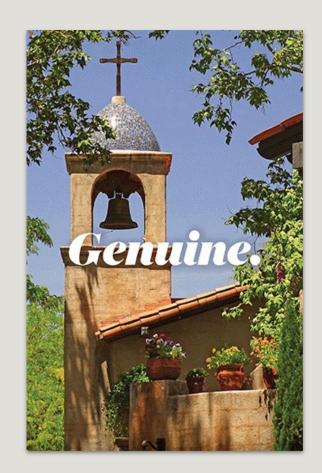
# **Summer Marketing Campaign Results**

- 1) Three lanes of advertising from June 1 to Aug. 31:
  - Paid search
  - Meta ads for in-market
  - Attribution ads for out-of-market
- 2) In-market targeting included:
  - 25-mile radius around Sedona and Phoenix
- 3) Out-of-market cities included:
  - Phoenix

- San Diego
- Los Angeles
   New York

- TucsonSan FranciscoSeattle

- Las Vegas
- Denver



### **Key Takeaways**

- The attribution ads attracted over 12,000 new users to the site.
- Meta in-market campaigns brought more than 24,000 users to the site during the campaign and was the number one traffic source.
- All industry average benchmarks were met or exceeded.
- With ADR at \$261and an average visitor spend of \$190/day, the total economic impact was \$5,059,197, with a ROAS of 67:1.

### **Attribution KPIs**

ROAS: 67:1

Total Trips: 11,194

Visitor Days: 18,630

Room Nights: 11,235

### **Marketing KPIs**

Search CTR: 1.9% Over Benchmark Meta CTR: 68% Over Benchmark

Web ads CTR: 16% Over Benchmark

## Meta Stewardship Campaign

### **Summer Campaign Performance:**

Impressions: 2,752,185 Engagements: 439,219 Link Clicks: 41,959

CTR: 1.52% CPC: \$0.45

The social campaign performance was extremely strong and during the summer campaign. Meta drove more than 20,000 users to the website.

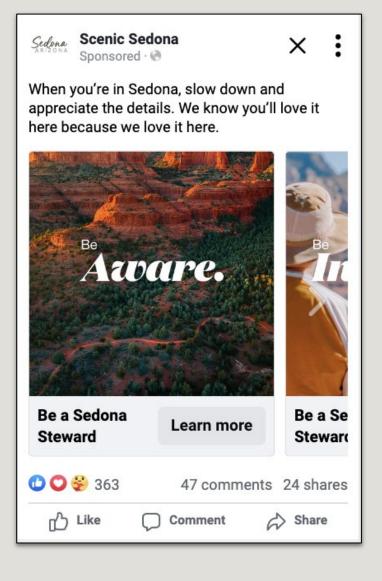
The sustainability messaging resonated with our audience.

### <u>Benchmarks</u>

CTR: 0.90% CPC: \$0.63

### **Top Creatives**





### Attribution Results - Destination (Out-of-Market Campaign)

### **Destination**



**Total Trips/Visits** 

11,194



**Total Visitor Days Observed** 

18,630



Est. Average Length of Visit

1.7 Days



**Est. Campaign Impact** 

\$2,126,860

Top DMAs	\$ Share	<b>\$</b>	Avg Length of Stay
Phoenix -Prescott	50%		1.6 Days
Los Angeles	15.8%		1.7 Days
Tucson -Sierra Vista	9.8%		1.7 Days
Las Vegas	5.1%		1.7 Days
San Diego	4.5%		1.8 Days

Top DMA's for visitation to the destination aligns with the top delivery markets.

### Attribution Results - Hotels (Out-of-Market Campaign)

### **Hotels**



**Total Trips/Visits** 

6,095



**Est. Room Nights Observed** 

11,235

Top DMAs	\$ Share	<b>\$</b>	Avg Length of Stay
Phoenix -Prescott	57%		1.7 Days
Los Angeles	13.5%		1.9 Days
Tucson -Sierra Vista	7.8%		1.9 Days
Las Vegas	4.7%		1.9 Days
San Diego	4%		2 Days



Est. Average Length of Visit

1.8 Days



Est. Campaign Impact

\$2,932,335

Overnight stays in hotels also align with top delivery markets and audience targeting. More than 68% of all visitors that came from advertising stayed in a hotel.

# Sedona Tourism Branding

Summer 2024

### **Tourism Brand Goal**

### **Create harmony**

Harmony between the destination, residents, visitors, businesses, and the brand.



### **Tourism Brand Values**

**SUSTAINABILITY** 

**COMMUNITY-MINDEDNESS** 

**SINCERITY** 

# **Tagline Options**

# Tagline – Redefine Desert

- Sedona is a different kind of desert. Redefines adventure, beauty; expectations. A place to redefine oneself.
- Literally, the desert looks different here, with red rocks, water and vegetation.
- Truly the most beautiful version of what a desert can be. Nothing like the rest of Arizona.
- Sedona redefines the desert for each person, every time they come here
- You the resident, the visitor get to (re)define what that looks like or means to you.
- The concept extends to redefining a vacation, an experience or emotions.
- If paired with a campaign, it provides nearly endless possibilities for variation. Broad spectrum of meaning.
- "Redefine" is an imperative a call to action, a challenge, an ask.

# Tagline – Stay Inspired

- Sedona is endlessly inspiring. This tagline speaks to the emotional experience of residents and visitors.
- Why do people live here? Why do people visit? To be inspired by beauty, adventure, relaxation, self-discovery.
- Speaks directly to experience of residents Sedona never gets old. It's about the quality of that experience.
- It has "before/during/after" qualities. You come seeking inspiration; you discover it while here (unexpected); take it with you when you leave; relive it looking back; visit again.
- It has a timeless feeling. Sedona changes you forever.
- If paired with a campaign, it provides opportunity for variation. For example: Stay. Inspired.
- "Stay" is an imperative a call to action, a challenge, an ask.

# Logo Concepts

# Option 1a

- Handmade calligraphic lettering speaks to the hands-on nature of Sedona's craftsmen & artists
- Inspired by the current mark, but modernized
- Ownable typography

Current logo on ScenicSedona.com

Sedona















# Option 1b

- Handmade calligraphic lettering speaks to the hands-on nature of Sedona's craftsmen & artists
- Inspired by the current mark, but modernized
- Ownable typography



Seal Desert











## Option 1c

- Handmade calligraphic lettering speaks to the hands-on nature of Sedona's craftsmen & artists
- Inspired by the current mark, but modernized
- Ownable typography



Seasons Stay Inspired











# Option 2

- A more delicate, unexpected and even romantic expression
- High contrast between thin and thick strokes (delicate vs bold, adventurous vs recognizable)



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Sedona stay inspired

Sedona stay inspired

Sclona redefine desert

Schona redefine desert



# Option 3

- Type offers a more refined, artful yet contemporary representation of the spirit of Sedona
- Elegant sharpness in expression while conveying a beautiful organic feeling















### Option 4

- Type inspired by the natural and raw beauty of rock formations
- Friendly and inviting
- A stroke through the mark evokes the sense of the Sedona skyline without being explicit (ie - "Redefine")

# SEDORA stay inspired

SEDGRA redefine desert

# SEDCA stay inspired

SEDORA stay inspired

redefine desert





### Logos with: Redefine Desert







1a 1b 1c







### Logos with: Stay Inspired







1a

b

1c



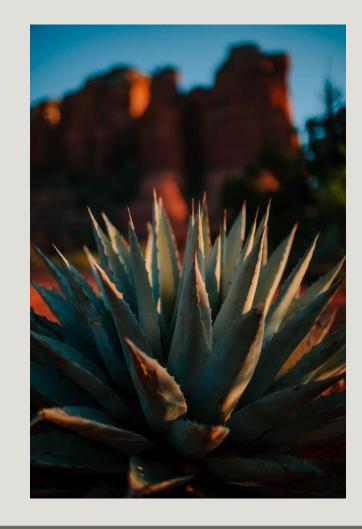




### **Discussion**

### Recommendations to City Council

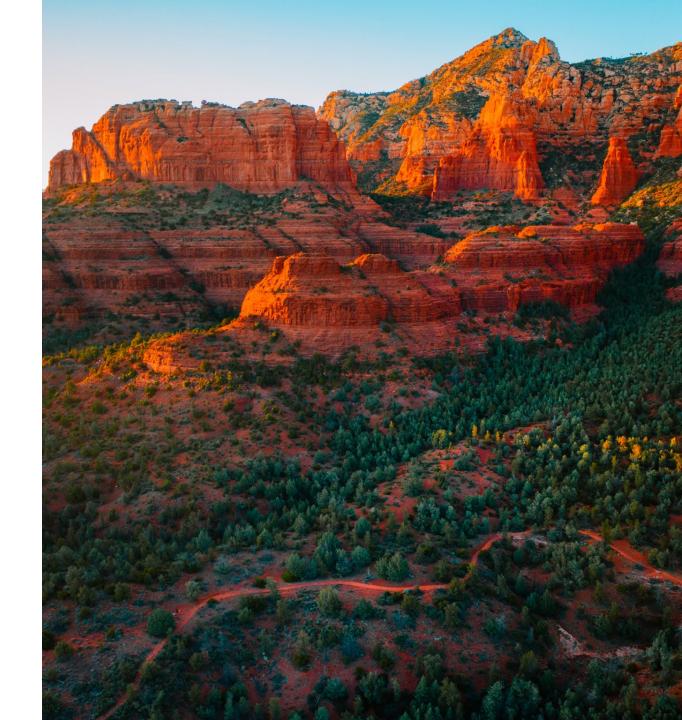
- Do you prefer one logo over the others?
- Do you prefer one tagline?



## Sedona

Concept Development | 2024





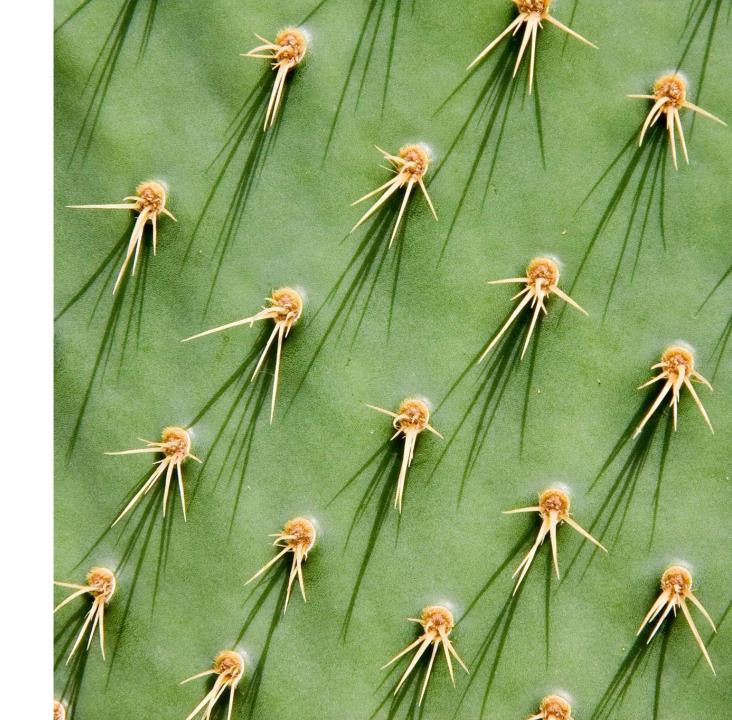
# Concept 1

### Concept

### Be in the Moment

In a world where the focus often lies on capturing images for social media validation, the essence of living in the present moment is often overshadowed. This concept emphasizes the importance of experiencing places like Sedona without the distractions of social media trends, allowing individuals to forge genuine connections with their surroundings and live fully in the present.

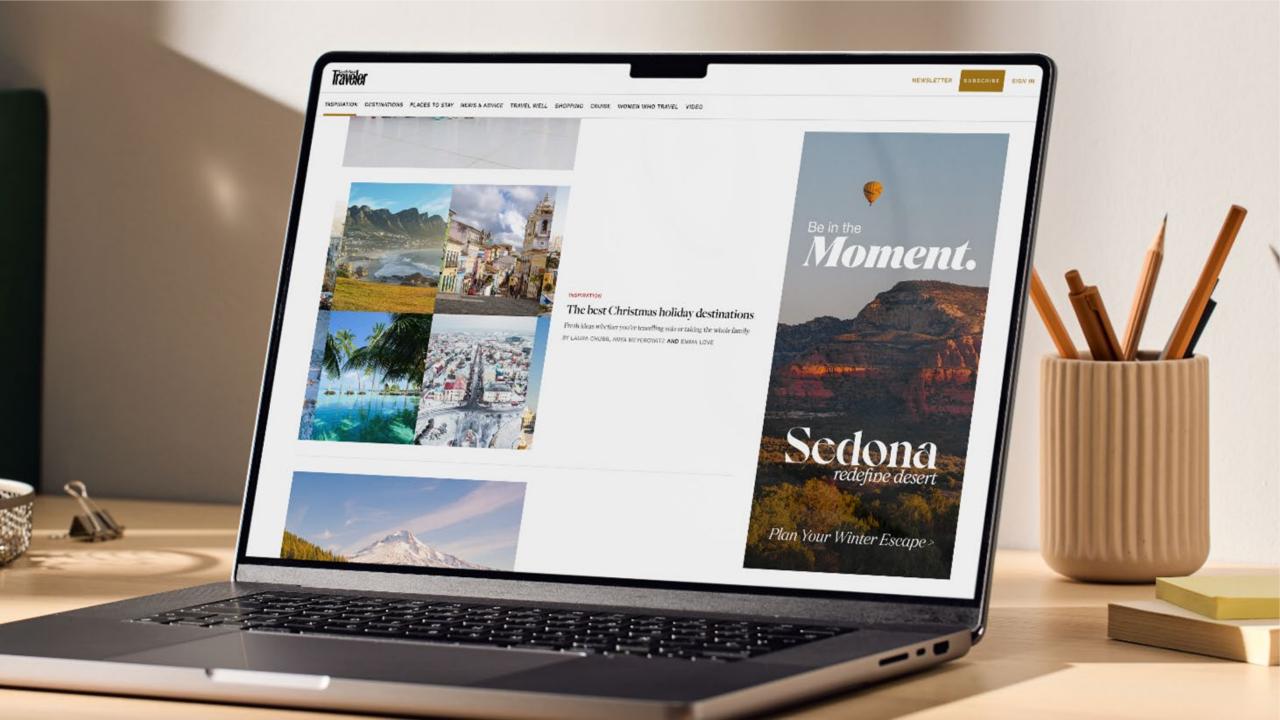
This in turn can create a deeper respect for natural places and the local community while encouraging better habits.













# Be in the Dice it Schona redefine desert ScenicSedona.com

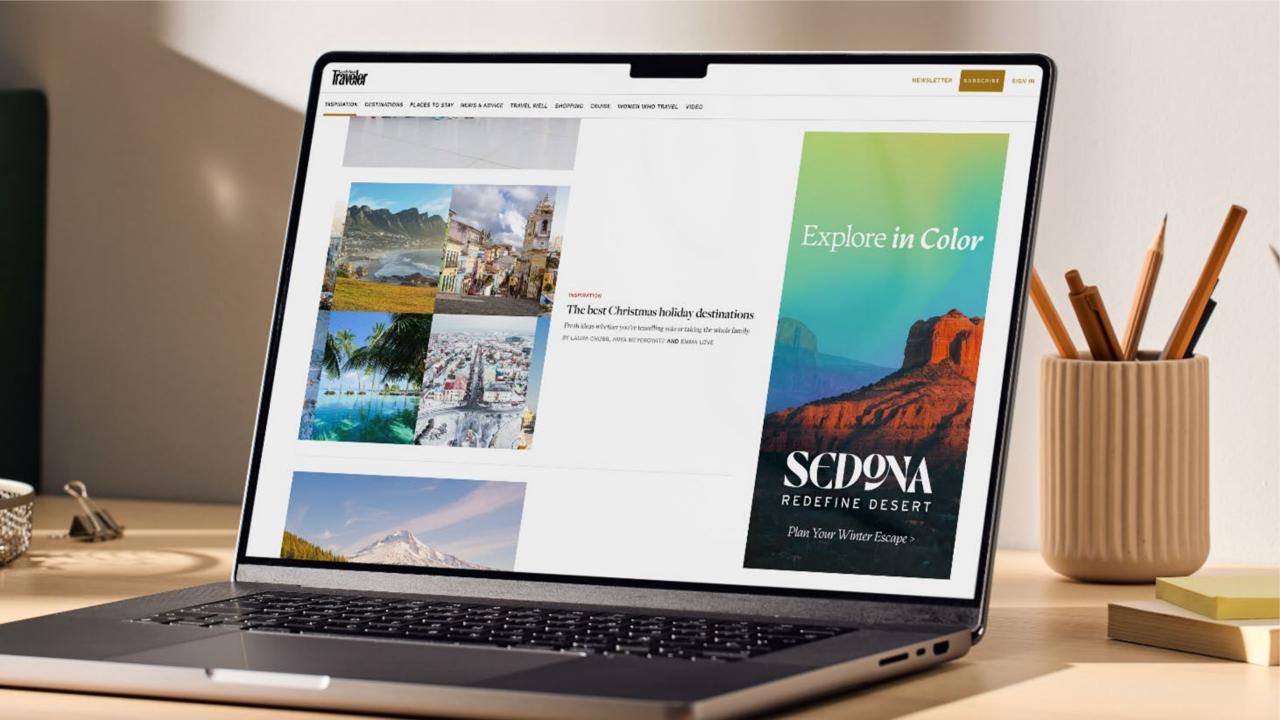
# Concept 2

## **Concept Explore in Color**

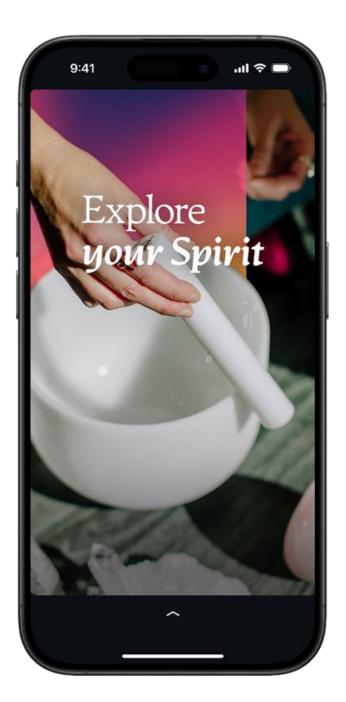
This concept highlights the range of experiences Sedona offers, all wrapped in the vibrant, vivid colors of its natural beauty. Drawing from the rich spectrum of colors in Sedona's landscape—fiery reds, deep oranges, soft purples, and brilliant blues—the campaign uses these gradients to represent the full spectrum of life: from outdoor adventure to spiritual discovery, relaxation, and cultural enrichment.

The concept ties together the vibrant visual landscape with the emotional spectrum of joy, clarity, awe, and rejuvenation, offering visitors an unparalleled journey where every shade of Sedona reveals something new.













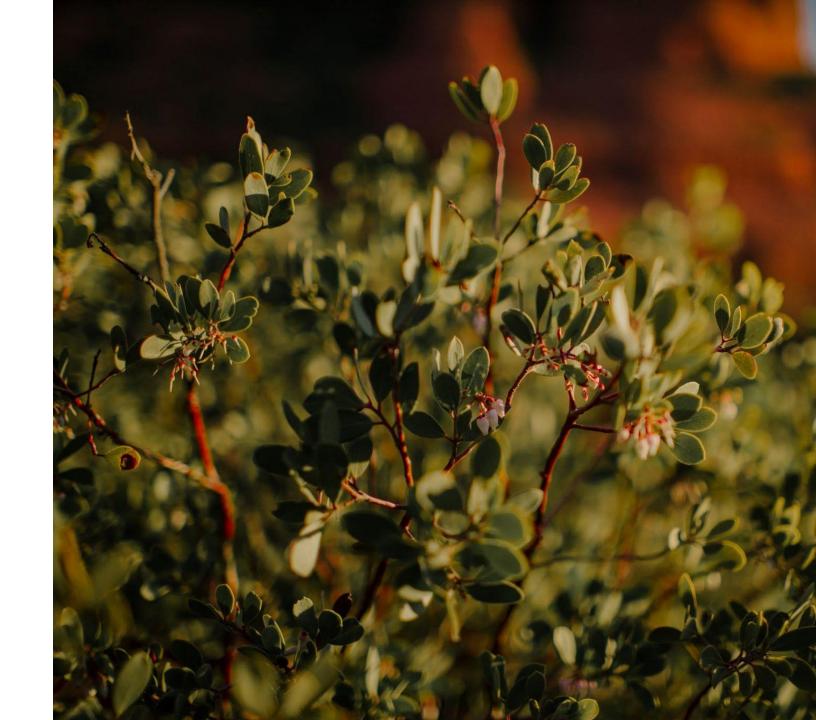


# Concept 3

### **Concept Redefine Desert**

This concept invites the viewer to redefine their preconceived notions of the desert in general and Sedona in particular. To challenge, reimagine and rethink what the area has to offer. We show images breaking the frame, words highlight experiences and a graphic element that speaks to long held traditions.

Through all these elements we can position Sedona as a different kind of desert, a different kind of experience. One to be valued.









#### **Frame Options**

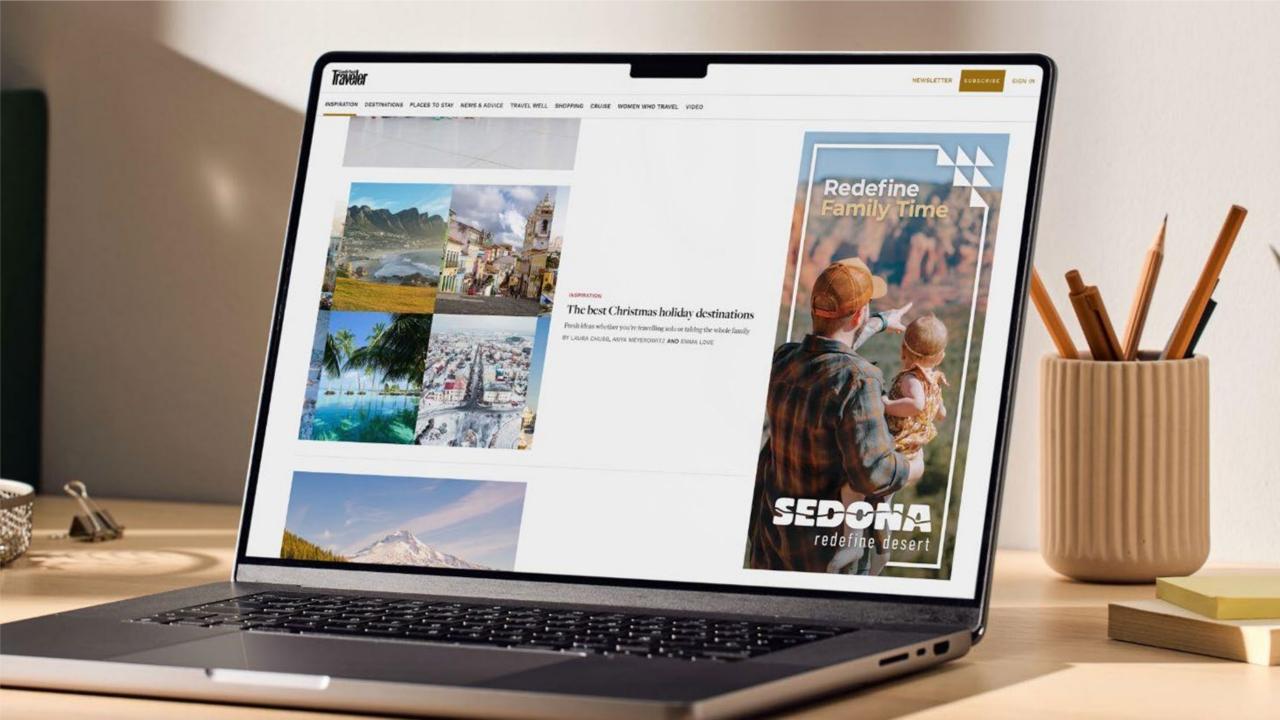


### Note:

Option 1 features a slightly shrunken down pattern from what was seen before, in an effort to allow messaging to stand out.









# Redefine Connection scenicsedona.com redefine desert









### **Discussion**

- Do you prefer one campaign over another?
- Are there elements in the preferred campaign that you wish were changed?





### Background

- Robust visitor services are integral destination marketing and management.
- Visitor services provide a consistent message about the destination and help influence visitor behavior
- Existing visitor services in Sedona include information on ScenicSedona.com, the educational videos featured in our Sedona Shuttle service, and the in-person experience at the Visitor Center
- Future opportunities include a digital Visitor's Guide, and digital kiosks located outside the Visitor Center and at key locations in Sedona



## **FY24 Visitor Center Budget**

See print out:

	Visitor Center City of Sedona Funding - Year Ended 06/30/24							
	Monthly Invoices		Vs. Budget					
		Year Ended 06/30/24	FY 6/30/24 Budget	% of Budget	Comment			
1	Building & Grounds Maintenance	39,345	60,000	66%	Didn't increase restroom cleaning to twice a day, restroom plumbing repairs down, didn't add exterior security camera			
2	Commercial Package Insurance	2,559	2,500	102%				
3	Equipment Lease	2,003	5,000	40%	Copier lease ended in October, not renewed			
4	Mortgage Interest	10,453	10,000	105%				
5	Real Estate Tax	2,897	3,000	97%				
6	Storage & Handling	3,396	5,000	68%	Consolidated storage units in November			
7	Utilities	12,963	15,000	86%				
8	Furniture & Equipment	0	1,000	0%	No expenditures			
9	Computer & IT	5,910	6,000	99%				
10	Dues	100	0		Arizona Office of Tourism fee			
11	Human Resources	1,287	2,000	64%	Reduced payroll processing costs in January			
12	Staff Development	1,954	5,000	39%	Cost reduction			
13	Volunteer Recognition & Dev.	9,526	30,000	32%	Picnic instead of banquet dinner			
14	Supplies	6,046	11,000	55%	Budget overstated/cost reduction			
15	Telephone/Data/Internet	6,527	12,000	54%	Reduced telephone cost in December			
16	Workers' Comp	927	500	185%	Volunteer policy			
17	Salaries	55,469	115,000	48%	1) Donna transferred to the admin office in August 2) Added two part time staff in Nov/Dec to make up most of Donna's hours.			
18	Wages	129,625	115,000	113%				
19	Payroll Tax	14,373	18,000	80%				
20	SIMPLE IRA Contributions	2,911	5,000	58%				
21	Group Insurance	6,501	16,000	41%				
22	Collateral - Counter Maps	7,759	24,000	32%	Purchased 75,000 maps			
23	Total bed tax funded expenses	322,531	461,000	70%				
24	15% administrative overhead fee	48,380	69,150					
25	Total bed tax funded expenses	370,911	530,150					
26	City of Sedona 80% portion	296,730	424,120	70%				



## FY24 Budget & Actuals vs FY25 Budget

See print out:

		FY25 Budget	FY24 Actual	Increase (Decrease)	
1	Salaries	53,000	55,469	(2,469)	
2	Wages	152,000	129,625	22,375	Increase part time staff due to supervisor staff reduction
3	Payroll Taxes	16,000	14,373	1,627	
4	Group Insurance	9,100	6,501	2,599	Refund in FY24
5	SIMPLE IRA Contributions	3,500	2,911	589	
6	Workers' Comp	700	927	(227)	
7	Volunteer Recognition	12,000	9,526	2,474	FY24 Volunteers 6,000 hours 3 FTEs
8	Staff Development	3,000	1,954	1,046	
9	Total Employee & Volunteer	249,300	221,286	28,014	
10	Public Restrooms Maintenance	21,000	22,226	(1,226)	Repairs excluded in FY25; cleaning service 1x/day; supplies
11	Public Restrooms Utilities	9,200	8,848	352	
12	Total Public Restrooms	30,200	31,074	(874)	
13	Building & Grounds Maintenance	20,000	17,117	2,884	
14	Utilities	4,700	4,115	585	
15	Storage & Handling	2,500	3,398	(898)	Down from 2 units to 1 unit
16	Property Tax	3,100	2,897	203	County real estate tax
17	Commercial Package Insurance	2,900	2,559	341	Fire + Liability
18	Furniture /Equipment	1,000	0	1,000	
19	Mortgage Interest	0	10,453		
20	25% of \$8,500/month market rent	25,500	0	15,047	Change from mortgage interest allocatio to rental amount based on appraisal
21	Total Occupancy	59,700	40,539	19,162	
22	Collateral (11x17 maps)	15,000	7,759	7,241	FY25 qty 150,000; FY24 qty 75,000
23	Computer & IT	6,000	5,910	90	
24	Supplies	6,000	6,046	(46)	
25	Telephone/Internet	3,600	6,527	(2,927)	Change to web based phone system
26	Human Resources	1,000	1,287	(287)	ADP Payroll
27	Dues	100	100	0	AOT
28	Copier Lease	0	2,003	(2,003)	Copier lease not renewed
29	Other	16,700	21,873	(5,173)	
30	Total Expense	370,900	322,531	48,370	
31	15% Administration Fee	55,635	48,380	7,255	Started FY24; covers exec & finance
32	Total Expense & Admin Fee	426,535	370,910	55,625	•
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### **Discussion**

 What other questions do you have on the Visitor Center budget?





### **Key Findings So Far**

- We are approaching these discussions through the lens of total available visitor services within Sedona
  - 1. Distribute visitor information (e.g. digital, print, toolkits)
  - 2. Leverage a captive audience (e.g. hotels, shuttles, restaurants)
  - 3. Provide a personal touch (e.g. Sedona Visitor Center, Red Rock Ranger District Visitor Center, hotel concierge, Friends of the Forest Sedona)



### **Key Findings So Far**

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  - Decentralization of the delivery of visitor services



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### **New Technology Options Update**

- Lauren and I have been meeting with TrueOmni, which has previously worked on visitor services technology with the Sedona Chamber of Commerce
- These discussions have provided insights into the types of new technology that are available









Indoor Portrait Kiosks





### **Outdoor Kiosks**



### Portable Landscape Kiosk & Case



### **Dual-Sided Kiosks**



Showroom

# TrueOmni modules

COUPONS



**РНОТОВООТН** 



DIGITAL BROCHURE



PROGRESSIVE WEB APP



**ADVERTISING** 



ITINERARY BUILDER



BOOKING



SURVEYS



**TRAILS** 



MAPS



**PASSES** 



SOCIAL MEDIA



CHATBOT



**EVENTS** 



**VIDEO WALL** 



**GUESTBOOK** 



<b>Engagement Opportunities</b>	New Technology	Decentralization
Installing a 3D map of Sedona	<ul> <li>Purchasing informational kiosk technology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Installing digital informational kiosks in additional locations</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Installing an interactive display of the local geology and wildlife</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Developing a series of modules for the kiosks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Physical booths in West Sedona and/or Chapel</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Offering a local products and/or art showcase</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Selecting the right mix of hardware for the kiosks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mobile visitor services (van, truck, bike) that can move around</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Develop a series of self-guided audio tours of uptown</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mobile app about things to do in Sedona</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mobile visitor services (tent, table) that can be placed</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Enhancing the children's area within the visitor center</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Al bot that can answer questions about things to do in Sedona</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Photo booth opportunities</li> </ul>		
Streamlining the rack cards & installing QR codes		
Enhance visible sustainability     messaging within the Center		

### **TOURISM PROGRAM**

