

# OTAB Marketing Report October 2019 Reported November 26, 2019

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Key marketing highlights in October and November

## 1) [New] Add your Santa Fe Holiday and Winter Experiences to SantaFe.org

TOURISM Santa Fe is launching a dedicated landing page to promote Holiday and Winter Experiences.

## Things to know:

- The experience must be offered through February 29, 2020.
- You may add multiple experiences but must submit a new form for each.
- Each submitted experience is limited to a single category (see form for the list of categories)

To get started, <u>login</u> to your Business Partner dashboard on santafe.org. Click on the purple button that says, "Add your Holiday and Winter Experiences" and then the red button that says, "Add A New Experience." Please read all of the instructions and complete the form. Click "Add Experience" to submit the form.

## 2) 2020 Santa Fe Visitors Guide Updates

The 2020 Santa Fe Visitors Guide is scheduled to ship to the printer the week of November 25<sup>th</sup> with an expected delivery date of mid-December.

## 3) [Recent Awards] 2019 Top HAT Awards Gala

- BEST NEW EXPERIENCE: Gran Fondo New York Santa Fe
- BEST PRINT CAMPAIGN: 2019 Santa Fe Visitors Guide/Augmented Reality (Rx2 Integration)

## 4) Available Now - New Margarita Trail Paper Passports

Margarita Trail Participating Establishment:
Order Additional Passports HERE (https://bit.ly/2IV7IjD)

#### Santa Fe Businesses:

Order Passports for your business HERE (https://bit.ly/2kqf6mN)

- We finally broke 12,000 paper Passport sales! (12,071)
- Our visitor centers have sold 110 new Passports in the last 60 days.
- Margarita Trail App downloads continue to climb with 5,664 to date.
- Redemption of awards continue to climb especially the Bartender Kits with 10 being earned in the last month!

## 5) [Sign Up] Google Workshops for Tourism Businesses

The New Mexico Tourism Department (NMTD) is happy to announce free, hands-on digital education workshops for the tourism industry on how businesses can expand exposure within Google's products and improve conversion of digital audiences to actual customers.

The Santa Fe workshop will take place on Thursday, December 12 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center

RSVP, email brianna.gallegos@state.nm.us

## 6) Public Relations – TSF Attends Society of American Travel Writers Conference

TSF Public Relations Manager, Joanne Hudson, attended the 2019 SATW Annual Convention in El Paso, TX, October 20-24. During the event Joanne was able to network with and pitch Santa Fe to the travel media professional members of the society.

#### 7) [Recent Accolades] 2019 Conde Nast Traveler Reader's Choice Awards

Santa Fe Recognized as #2 Small City in the United States, The Inn of the Five Graces named #1 Top Hotel in the USA/Southwest & West plus #4 Top Hotel in the USA

Additional honors for Santa Fe area properties include:

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4th – Inn of the Five Graces

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

# **Santa Fe Margarita Trail**

The TSF team continues to fulfill passport orders; manage prize inventory; promote the Trail on social media and through PR efforts; and maintain communication with Margarita Trail participants.

## **Cumulative Totals (as of 11/18/19)**

- 5,664 Margarita Trail Apps have been downloaded onto Apple or Android phones
- 12,071 paper Passports have sold at our Visitor Centers and by partners
- 4,199 T-shirts that have been redeemed by Passport holders earning 5 stamps
- 159 people are members of the Margarita Society
- 248 Copies of The Great Margarita Book redeemed by Passport holders earning 20 stamps
- 145 Bartender Kits have been redeemed by Passport holders

## Public Relations (as of 11/19/2019)

- 7 Press Releases
- 278 Journalist have experienced the Trail
- \$6,520,092 amount of earned media

## Social Media (as of 11/18/19)

• 498 Total Social Media Posts. This includes the following new posts since the last report: 2 Facebook, 2 Twitter, 1 blog, 1 Pinterest pin

# **MONTHLY METRICS**

# **WEBSITE & NEWSLETTERS**

## **October 2019 Performance Metrics**

#### Visits

- Total Sessions 136,017 (30.1% increase Y/Y)
- Unique Users 109,495 (31.1% increase Y/Y)
- Pages per Session 2.04 (4.5% decrease Y/Y)
- Average Time on Site 1:59 (15.0% decrease Y/Y)
- Conversion Rate 8.2% (42.5% decrease Y/Y)

#### Visitor Gender

- 61.2% Female
- 38.8% Male

## Visitor Age

- 4.7% 18 24
- 20.3% 25 34
- 16.9% 35 44
- 16.9% 45 54
- 22.2% 55 64
- 18.9% 65+

#### Newsletters

- Santa Fe Happenings
  - o Sent: 10/01/2019
  - o Number sent: 60,620
  - Number opened: 8,145
  - o Open rate: 13.6%
- TOURISM Santa Fe Marketing Report
  - o Sent: 10/09/2019
  - Number sent: 1.108
  - Number opened: 387
  - Open rate: 34.9%
- Santa Fe Deals and Specials
  - o Sent: 10/17/2019
  - o Number sent: 42,010
  - o Number opened: 5,985
  - Open rate: 14.3%
- TOURISM Santa Fe Sales Report
  - o Sent: 10/23/2019
  - o Number sent: 1,110
  - Number opened: 353
  - Open rate: 31.8%
- Santa Fe Gift Guide
  - o Sent: 10/29/2019
  - o Number sent: 72,793
  - o Number opened: 9,870
  - o Open rate: 13.6%
- †Open rate is only counted for users who have images enabled in their email or if a user clicks on a link.
- ++Rate limit changes at major email providers and spam filter changes that affected email deliverability took place in June/July. This affected open rates and newsletter list size/growth, with the effects still ongoing.

# **SOCIAL MEDIA**

# **Summary**

October was another strong month for social media efforts. Facebook engagement saw a 22.4% increase M/M, while PTAT hit a record high with a 25.8% increase M/M. Twitter engagement and reach slipped slightly from last month's record numbers (17.3% and 10.7% respectively). Pinterest and Instagram followings continue to grow steadily, while paid promotion of the new *Uncover Your Different* campaign creative drove all-time record views on the YouTube channel (930,205 views, 42.4% increase M/M) and website referrals via Pinterest.

## **Facebook**

## **October 2019 Performance Metrics**

Total Page Followers: 72,506 (.66% increase M/M)

People Talking About This (PTAT): 23,218 (25.8% increase M/M)

• Engagement: 47,357 (22.4% increase M/M)

Top Ranking Post: "No arguments from us! #TheCityDifferent"

Reactions: 6327
 Comments: 86
 Reach: 51,274

## **Twitter**

#### **October 2019 Performance Metrics**

Followers: 14,862 (.67% increase M/M)

Monthly Impressions: 79,500 (10.7% decrease M/M)

• Engagement: 1448 (17.3% decrease M/M)

Top Ranking Post: "We do sunsets best. #TheCityDifferent | www.SantaFe.org"

o Impressions: 2066

o Retweets: 6

o Total engagements: 140

# Instagram

## **October 2019 Performance Metrics**

Followers: 29,166 (2.4% increase M/M)

 Top Performing Post: "Adventure behind every door. #TheCityDifferent | www.SantaFe.org photo: @where.my.mind.wonders"

o Likes: 1865

## **Pinterest**

## **October 2019 Performance Metrics**

• Followers: 2762 (1.69% increase M/M)

## YouTube

#### **October 2019 Performance Metrics**

Subscribers: 593 (2.24% increase M/M)Views: 930,205 (42.4% increase M/M)

# Santa Fe Insider Blog

#### **October 2019 Performance Metrics**

• Total Blog Views: 9,549 (7.7% decrease M/M)

• Average Time on Blog: 3:09 minutes (3.3% increase M/M)

## **October Blog Posts**

## 7 of Santa Fe's Best November Events

• Updated October 30, 2019

Views: 453

## The Art Lover's guide to Santa Fe

Published October 31, 2019

Views: 24

## Top Spots Where You Can Grab A Margarita in Santa Fe, NM

Published October 31, 2019

• Views: 5

## Hiking Trails You Can Access From Santa Fe

Published October 31, 2019

Views: 1

## **Locals Recommend - 5 Art Markets In Santa Fe**

- Published October 31, 2019
- Views: 1

## Santa Fe's Culinary Treasures

- Published October 31, 2019
- Views: 1

## **The New Santa Fe to Watch**

- Published October 31, 2019
- Views: 12

## The History Buff's Guide to Santa Fe

- Published October 31, 2019
- Views: 26

## **Top 5 Viewed Blog Posts in October**

## A Day Trip to Chimayo from Santa Fe

- Posted September 1, 2015
- Views: 948

## Five Things To Do During Your Santa Fe Thanksgiving Weekend

- Published October 18, 2016
- Views: 382

## 7 of Santa Fe's Best November Events

- Updated October 30, 2019
- Views: 453

## Fall for these 11 October Events in Santa Fe

- Updated September 17, 2019
- Views: 287

## How to spend a perfect weekend in Santa Fe, NM

- Posted June 26, 2018
- Views: 282

# **MEDIA PLACEMENTS – ADVERTISING**

## PRINT

New Mexico Magazine Target Markets: New Mexico Flight Dates: 10/1/19-10/31/19

Impressions: 70,000 Media Cost: \$4,430.00



Phoenix Magazine Target Markets: Greater Phoenix Area

Flight Dates: 10/1/19-10/31/19

Impressions: 80,832 Media Spend: \$5,650.00



5280 Magazine Target Markets: Greater Denver Area Flight Dates: 10/1/19–10/31/19 Impressions: 90,000

Media Spend: \$9,735.00



Texas Monthly Target Market: Texas/National

Flight Dates: 10/1/19–10/31/19

Impressions: 270,746 Media Spend: \$9,850.00







# DIGITAL DISPLAY, E-BLASTS, PREROLL VIDEO & MOBILE

Google Display Network

Target Markets: Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Austin, Oklahoma City, Denver, Colorado

Springs, Phoenix, Tucson Flight Dates: 10/1/19 – 10/31/19

Impressions: 1,513,422 Media Spend: \$3,827.77



The Trade Desk Standard Display

Target Markets: National

Flight Dates: 10/1/19 – 10/31/19

Impressions: 10,959,240 Media Spend: \$19,606.00

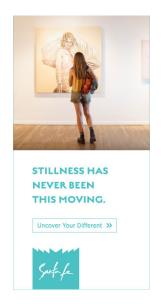












Refinery29 Display

Target Markets: National & Los Angeles + Chicago

Flight Dates: 9/9/19–11/30/19 Impressions: 724,867 Media Spend: \$7,270.00

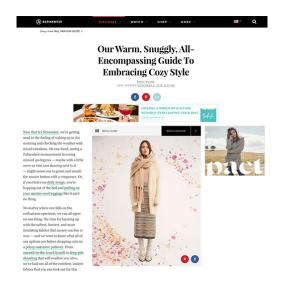


witnessed the iPad, the other flight attendants who reported the incident with her, as well as her husband, who is also a Southwest flight attendant.



On February 27, 2017, Steinaker was one of four flight attendants flying from Pittsburgh, PA to Phoenix, AZ. Steinaker was asked to stand in the cockpit about two and a half hours into the flight in order to fulfill the policy that two people must remain in the cockpit at all times while Capt. Terry Graham went to the bathroom, according to her statement. Upon entering the cockpit,





New Mexico Magazine Added Value E-Newsletters Target Markets: New Mexico Flight Dates: 10/9/19 & 10/23/19

Opens: 16,147

**New Mexico Magazine 2020 Calendars** 

New Mexico Magazine October 2019 Newsletter

YouTube TrueView

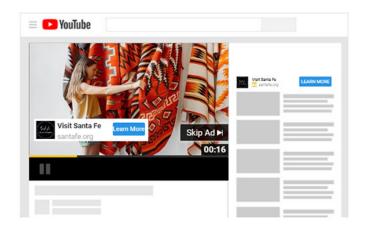
Target Markets: National, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Austin, Oklahoma City, Denver,

Colorado Springs, Phoenix, Tucson

Flight Dates: 9/1/19 - 9/30/19 Impressions: 1,272,172 Media Spend: \$14,915.41

Links to Videos:

- The Largest Museum in Santa Fe, Is Santa Fe
- Endless Possibilities in Santa Fe
- Uncover Your Different in Santa Fe
- Visit Santa Fe, New Mexico



Facebook & Instagram

Image Ads

Target Markets: Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Austin, Oklahoma City, Denver, Colorado

Springs, Phoenix, Tucson Flight Dates: 10/1/19 – 10/31/19

Impressions: 1,170,922 Media Spend: \$10,865.84





Visit Santa Fe, New Mexico

Video Ads

Target Markets: Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Austin, Oklahoma City, Denver, Colorado

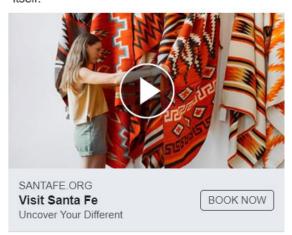
Springs, Phoenix, Tucson

Flight Dates: 10/1/19 – 10/31/19

Impressions: 745,360 Media Spend: \$8,421.40



The largest museum in Santa Fe, is Santa Fe itself.





In Santa Fe, you'll experience a history lesson for all five senses.



Pinterest Image Ads Target Markets: Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Austin, Oklahoma City, Denver, Colorado Springs, Phoenix, Tucson

Flight Dates: 10/1/19 – 10/31/19

Impressions: 204,464 Media Spend: \$2,707.22



Visit Santa Fe



Cuisine in Santa Fe

Video Ads

Target Markets: Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Austin, Oklahoma City, Denver, Colorado

Springs, Phoenix, Tucson Flight Dates: 10/1/19 – 10/31/19

Impressions: 251,678 Media Spend: \$4,903.41



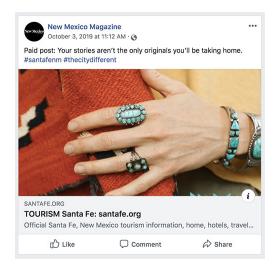
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Uncover Your Different—Visit ...

New Mexico Magazine Added Value Facebook Post Target Market: New Mexico Flight Dates: 10/1/19

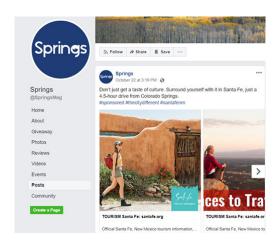
Impressions: 3,216



Springs Magazine

Added Value Facebook Post Target Market: Colorado Springs

Flight Dates: 10/22/19 Impressions: 116



**Texas Monthly** 

Article Produced by Texas Monthly Target Market: Texas/National Flight Dates: 10/1/19 – 10/31/19

ROS roadblocking landing page – 6,646 Article Page Unique Pageviews – 1,162

Media Spend: \$5,000

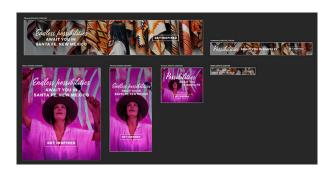
www.texasmonthly.com/promotion/the-city-different/

**Texas Monthly** 

Sponsored Trip Guide – Promotional ROS

Target Market: Texas/National Flight Dates: 10/1/19 – 10/31/19

Impressions: 206,412 Media Spend: \$5,000



Texas Monthly Sponsored Facebook Post Target Market: Texas/National

Flight Dates: 10/10/19 Impressions: 44,981

Media Spend: Sponsored Trip Guide Package



Texas Monthly Sponsored Twitter Post Target Market: Texas/National

Flight Dates: 10/15/19 Impressions: 6,476

Media Spend: Sponsored Trip Guide Package



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**Texas Monthly** 

Trip Planner Newsletter

Target Market: Texas/National

Flight Dates: 10/23/19 Unique Opens: 3,420

Media Spend: Sponsored Trip Guide Package



#### Visit Santa Fe and Uncover Your Different

Santa Fe offers an art scene that spans from traditional to contemporary, one-of-kind keepsakes, and cuisine that's as inspired as it is sumptuous. And these are only some of the things that make The City Different, there's still so much more waiting to be uncovered.

GET DETAILS

Texas Monthly Added Value Facebook Post Target Market: Texas/National

Flight Dates: 10/22/19 Impressions: 44,203



Texas Monthly

Added Value E-Newsletter - Traveling Texan

Target Market: Texas/National

Flight Dates: 10/15/19 Impressions: 5,189



Outside Online

Digital

Target Market: National

Flight Dates: 10/1/19 - 10/31/19

Impressions: 293,664 Total Spend: \$7,338.78

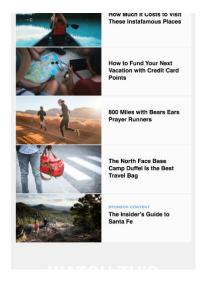


Promo: There's a reason we put our headquarters here. (w/ @CityofSantaFe)



The Insider's Guide to Santa Fe Open yourself to different worlds in this haven for the arts, culture, and the outdoors  $\mathscr S$  outsideonline.com

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#### The stories we're watching today:

Skier and activist Robb Gaffney, well known in the skiing community and around Tahoe for his work with the Keep Squaw True movement, was diagnosed with a rare form of bone marrow cancer this spring. He needs a bone marrow transplant, and his friends and family have set up a GoFundMe campaign to help with medical bills. [Trahoe Dailu Tribune]

Swiss climber Dani Arnold set a new speed record on Cima Grande in Italy's Dolomites, free soloing the 1,804-foot route in 46 minutes and 30 seconds.

Australia is getting its own Surf Ranch. The World Surf League announced plans to build a wave pool with the Kelly Slater Wave System technology along with a "luxury ecolodge" near the Sunshine Coast. It will be one of the first such facilities located so close to the ocean. [Surfer]

#### Partner spotlight:

Sponsored by Santa Fe Tourism

With 300 days of sunshine, a 350-square-mile wilderness area right outside of downtown, world-class museums, and a vibrant art scene, there's a reason Outside is headquartered in Santa Fe.

#### The most interesting things we published recently:

I Was Flying to Montana to Bury My Son: On a plane ride over the Mountain West, a grieving father retraces his adventurous youth and searches for solace in the rugged landscapes that molded him.

The History of Beer Is the History of the World: Reconstructing the history of civilization through beer labels.

To Upgrade Your Leisure, Downgrade Your Phone: The author of *Digital Minimalism* explains how you can maximize your free time.

Heat Training Could Boost Your Cool-Weather Performance: New evidence bolsters the claim that adapting to hot weather gives an all-around fitness advantage—but not right away.

#### The gear we're obsessing over:

The Exped Mega Mat Duo—the most comfortable mattress we've used for car camping—is currently 21 percent off.

#### And one more thing:

Alex Honnold "finally made it big," joining Pattie Gonia this weekend for a little Instagram dance session.

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#### **SEM**

Google Search

Target Markets: National

Flight Dates: 10/1/19 - 10/31/19

Impressions: 189,907 Media Spend: \$11,920.85

Bing Search

Target Markets: National

Flight Dates: 10/1/19 - 10/31/19

Impressions: 24,069 Media Spend: \$2,451.39

## **MEETINGS & GROUPS**

Cvent

Display Retargeting Target Market: National

Flight Dates: 10/1/19 – 10/31/19

Impressions: 7,611 Total Spend: \$338.91

Mountain Meetings

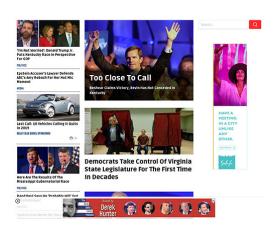
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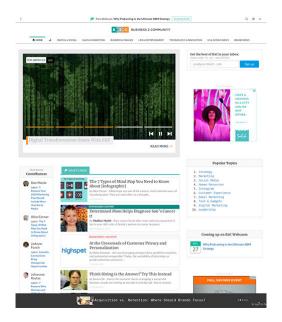
Target Markets: California, Colorado, Illinois, Mountain, Northeast, Texas

Flight Dates: 10/1/19 – 10/31/19

Impressions: 109,480 Total Spend: \$1,232







Mountain Meetings E-Newsletters

Target Markets: Colorado, Illinois, Northeast, Texas

Flight Dates: 10/1/19 Unique opens: 1,988 Total Spend: \$1,300 <u>criticalimpact.com</u>

Lead Generation

Target Market: National

Flight Dates: 10/1/19 - 10/31/19

Impressions: 20,186 Media Spend: \$315.23



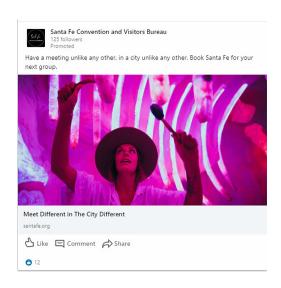
LinkedIn Image Ads

Target Markets: Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Austin, Oklahoma City, Denver, Colorado

Springs, Phoenix, Tucson

Flight Dates: 10/1/19 - 10/31/19

Impressions: 40,145 Media Spend: \$1,418.53



# **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

# **Summary**

TOURISM Santa Fe saw an increase of 50% in earned media value this month when compared to October 2018. The increase was driven by coverage in numerous top-tier outlets including MSN, USA Today's 10Best, Architectural Digest and the Los Angeles Times.

Most notably, after establishing an ongoing working relationship with Travel Editor, Catharine Hamm, the Los Angeles Times, which is a huge market for the destination, produced a Weekend Escape column on Santa Fe which included a collection of partnering hotels, restaurants and galleries. Another stand out article was the Architectural Digest piece produced by Kate Donnelly highlighting things to do and places to stay on a 3-day getaway in Santa Fe.

A major highlight this month was the release of the 2019 Conde Nast Traveler Reader's Choice Awards. Santa Fe was ranked the #2 U.S. city destination and our partners were ranked as follows:

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## **Performance Metrics**

## October 2019

• **Pitches:** 48 (Up 6%)

• Press Releases: 1 (No Change)

• **Media Visits:** 9 (Up 125%)

• **Media Contacts**: 159 (Up 10%)

• **Earned Media:** \$1,667,405 (Up 50%)

• **Total Impressions:** 111,753,980 (Down 31%)

Year to Date 2019

• **Pitches:** 604 (Up 8%)

• Press Releases: 11 (Down 31%) • **Media Visits:** 73 (Up 11%) • **Media Contacts:** 1609 (Up 6%)

• **Earned Media:** \$14,816,400 (Down 30%) • **Total Impressions:** 1,498,427,970 (Down 32%)

# Recent Accolades

Santa Fe and multiple partners were included in several categories in **Conde Nast Traveler's 2019** Reader's Choice Awards.

# **Visiting Press**

TOURISM Santa Fe hosted the following journalists in October:

- Ally Betker of Here Magazine, October 17-19
- Tracy Beard of Upscale Living Magazine, October 20-24
- Kate Hennessy, October 21-23
- Sandi Margolis of Rich Girl Network TV and Splash Magazines, October 24
- Larry Bleiberg of BBC Travel, October 24-27
- SATW Post Conference Tour media participants: Cheryl Crabtree, Meryl Pearlstein, Mary Bergin, Cory Lee Woodward, October 24-26