



Influencer Marketing on a Budget

Session 2: Engaging with Influencers to Create Warm Leads

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Engaging with influencers to create warm leads









Recap of last week: Identifying the right influencers for your tourism operation



Choose a social media platform

Finding the right influencers



Identify your niche/industry



Identify the type of influencer (mega, micro, nano)



Analyze the influencer's following & engagement rate



Start making a list of influencers

Start engaging with inlfuencers

Proactive engagement

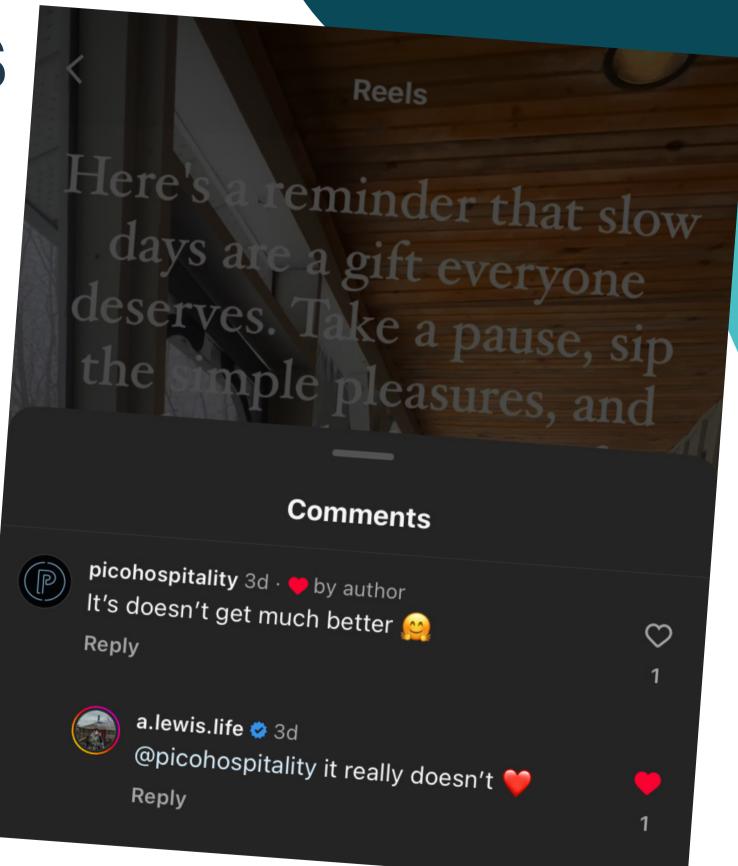
You want to get to know the influencers you're going to work with:

- Follow them and check out their posts
- Are they the right fit?
- Start engaging with them and leave meaningful comments
- Track their engagement with you



Leaving comments





Tracking engagement

	A	В	С	D	E	F
1	Influencer	Location	Followers	Follows us?	My Actions	Influencer Actions
2	@tourisminfluencer	Halifax	50,000	yes	Commented on post about Dartmouth Nov 18	Liked/replied to comment Liked 3 of our posts Commented on 1 of our posts
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Tracking engagement

Reach out to influencers who are engaging with you:

- Following you back
- Liking your comments
- Replying to your comments
- Liking your posts
- Commenting on your posts

Reaching out to an influencer

Ask them for their data:

- **Demographics:** Followers' top 5 cities, follower age range and gender split
- Current interactions: Number of times users have engaged with their Instagram account, calculated for the previous week
- Reach: Number of unique accounts that have seen any of their posts, calculated for the previous week



Reaching out to an influencer

Here are some other things to request:

- Media kit: Professional influencers typically have a media kit which may outline what they expect in terms of compensation
- Case studies: Examples of campaigns and collaborations they've done in the past with data showing the results





Reaching out to an influencer

Pitch yourself:

- Introduce yourself: Who are you and what does your company do?
- **Give a reason:** Why did you choose them? What makes your tourism operation a good fit for them? Use flattery!
- Outline the project: What do you expect?
 Which platform? What are you offering them?
- Don't rush into money/trade:
 Negotiations will happen once both parties decide if the project is a good fit.

Ways of collaborating

- Sponsored post: #ad #gifted
- Collab post: appears on both of your feeds
- Blog post: on their blog
- Instagram takeover: they take over your Stories for the day
- Contests, giveaways, affiliate code/link
- Photos/videos that you can use any way you want
- Hold an influencer event: Invite a group of influencers to your tourism operation or partner with another tourism operation on a bigger event or fam tour



What if an influencer reaches out to you?



Responding to influencers

Don't feel pressured to answer right away:

- Analyze their accounts to make sure they're the right fit
- If it's a NO: Thank them, let them know it's not the right fit at the time and you'll hang on to their information
- If it's a YES: Let the planning begin!

Thank you



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UPCOMING WEBINARS

- Thursday, January 25 @ 10:00 am Workshop (Session 3):
 Influencer Marketing on a Budget Presented by Ingrid Deon (word-craft)
- Thursday, February 1 @ 10:00 am Al: ChatGPT 101 –
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