# EXPLORE23

## Reenergize your marketing playbook

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### What we'll cover

# Your past guest database is a gold mine



## The vast majority have had a great experience with you

Average review rating on Vrbo\*

\*4.6 average review rating for Escapia listings on Vrbo, Vrbo data, July 2022-July 2023
\*\*83% of Escapia users are Premier Hosts on Vrbo, Vrbo data, July 2022-July 2023



Premier Hosts on Vrbo\*\*

### You have rich, historical data

#### When & where

they booked

## When they stayed

and for how long

#### How many people

and how much they spent

## Get in front of them before they start shopping for their next vacation

33 days in inspiration phase .....

38 days in research and planning phase ......

#### Inspiration

When travelers first start thinking about a trip

#### **Research and Planning**

When travelers are browsing, narrowing options, and considering final options

#### Booking

Final step, when travelers make a purchase

### Past guests are great referrers

#### Initial trip inspiration



37%

Conversation with a family member



Routine trip or holiday break

24%

Specific event or celebration



Advertising, social media, or other content



Conversation with a co-worker or friend

Expedia Group research titled The Path to Purchase based on 5,713 travel bookers in the past 6 months

## How to easily market to past guests



## Marketing to past guests

#### Front Desk > Generate Booking

Correspondence

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How to automate marketing communications post-stay



### Automated communications post-stay

Admin > Setup > Correspondence



### Automated communication post-stay



Hi <Customer\_First>,

We hope this email finds you well and that your memories of your last stay with us at <Reservation\_UnitNames> still bring a smile to your face. We wanted to reach out to you with an invitation to return to our little slice of paradise for another unforgettable vacation.

At <Business\_Name>, we take pride in providing exceptional experiences for our guests. We value your loyalty and would love to welcome you back for another memorable getaway. Whether you're seeking relaxation, adventure, or simply a change of scenery, we have amazing properties to make your next vacation extraordinary.

When you choose to stay with us again, you can look forward to the same luxurious accommodation, stunning views, exceptional amenities and personalized service, ensuring your stay is flawless.

Availability is limited, so we recommend securing your dates as soon as possible.

To check availability and make your reservation, please visit our website at <Business\_URL>, or you can call us directly at <Business\_Phone>. If you have any questions or need assistance with your booking, our friendly team is ready to assist you.

We can't wait to welcome you back to our paradise.

Warm regards,

- <RentalAgent\_First> <RentalAgent\_Last>
- Property Manager
- <Business\_Name>
- <Business\_Phone>
- <Business\_Email>
- <Business\_URL>

## How to easily market to current guests



### Automated communications to current guests

#### Admin > Setup > Correspondence

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### Automated communication to current guests



Hi <Customer\_first>,

We hope you've settled in nicely to your home away from home. We very much appreciate you choosing an <Business\_Name> property for your vacation.

Should you choose to share some happy snaps around your vacation home with your social network, be sure to tag us @escapialuxuryrentals to **go in the draw for a \$200 travel credit**. We'll draw a lucky winner each month. This month, it could be you!

It's always our goal to provide our guests with a relaxing and memorable getaway. If you enjoy your stay, why not book your next stay now? Time gets away from us when we get back to the daily routine of home life, so the best way to get that *can't-wait-for-my-next-vacation* feeling is to have one booked!

To check availability and reserve an amazing property, please visit our website at <Business\_URL>, or you can call us directly at <Business\_Phone>. Our friendly team is ready to assist you.

Once again, thank you for choosing us for your vacation, and we'd love to host you again soon. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Warm regards, <RentalAgent\_First> <RentalAgent\_Last> Property Manager <Business\_Name> <Business\_Phone> <Business\_Email> <Business\_URL>

### Importance of social media

Travelers using social media prior to booking a trip are using it for inspiration and recommendations.



How travelers use social media in the path to purchase

65%

49%

41%

Destination inspiration

Lodging recommendations & inspiration

Content from friends/family

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# How to use coupon codes to great effect



## Price remains an important consideration when trip planning



#### Important factors in choosing a travel brand to plan and book



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### Rates marketing coupon codes

#### Rates > Rates Strategy > Coupons

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### Automated communication with coupon code



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When you choose to stay with us again, you can look forward to the same luxurious accommodation, stunning views, exceptional amenities and personalized service, ensuring your stay is flawless.

As a valued past guest, we are delighted to offer you an **exclusive discount of 15% off your next stay of 3 nights or more** with us. Simply use the promo code **RETURN15** when booking your reservation to unlock this special offer.

Availability is limited, so we recommend securing your dates as soon as possible.

To check availability and make your reservation, please visit our website at <Business\_URL>, or you can call us directly at <Business\_Phone>. If you have any questions or need assistance with your booking, our friendly team is ready to assist you.

We can't wait to welcome you back to our paradise.

Warm regards, <RentalAgent\_First> <RentalAgent\_Last> Property Manager <Business\_Name> <Business\_Phone> <Business\_Email> <Business\_URL>

### Familiarity matters



### Familiarity is a key booking consideration

of travelers had prior booking experience on the website they booked on

78%

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## Bringing it all together



### Your past guest database is a gold mine

Top takeaways

- They've had a great experience with you
- You have rich, historical data
- Get in front of them before they
   start shopping
- They are great referrers

### Easily market to past guests

Top takeaways

- Use Front Desk > Generate Booking Correspondence
- Best for ad hoc campaigns
- Target based on "Booking Entered", "Arrivals between", "Departures between", "Occupied between", and more

## Automate your current and post-stay communications

Top takeaways

- Use Admin > Setup > Correspondence
- Can set for day of arrival or departure plus X days
- Can include link to the URL of the unit guest previously stayed in

#### Use coupon codes to great effect

Top takeaways

Use Rates > Rates Strategy > Coupons

• **Perfect for incentivizing** early-bird, last-minute, mid-week, low-season bookings, to name a few

Great driver of direct bookings



