# COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES

2021-2022



#### THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE

## **DRIVES VISITORS**

## PAID MARKETING OVERVIEW

The Colorado Tourism Office executes a robust paid and earned media strategy on a national scale to drive brand awareness and consideration of Colorado as a four-season, four-corner vacation destination, thus increasing positive economic impact for the state. This strategy paired with a multi-million-dollar marketing campaign targets an incredibly qualified, active, travel-planning audience, better known as the High-Value Traveler, leading them directly to COLORADO.com, the Official State Vacation Guide and all other related channels.















#### Digital

To learn more about our campaign, visit industry.colorado.com/campaign.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

In FY2020, the CTO public relations team generated local, regional and national travel stories with an advertising value of **\$12.3 million** and **1.3 billion impressions**.

The team worked with tourism-industry partners from across the state on story pitches and hosting journalists to secure major story placements including:





ART STARS, HIGH-ALTITUDE WINES & A REMOTE NATIONAL PARK: THE ULTIMATE COLORADO ROAD TRIP



ELDORA HAS RANGE



52 PLACES TO GO IN 2020: COLORADO SPRINGS



THIS IS WHAT LGBTQ PEOPLE LOVE ABOUT COLORADO



LEAVE NO TRACE: COLORADO'S GUIDE TO KEEPING THE TRAILS CLEAN, SAFE & FUN



COLORADO STARGAZING ROAD TRIP

## MARKETING MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

In FY2021, the CTO awarded nearly **\$400,000 in Marketing Matching Grants** to tourism-industry partners. **Nineteen organizations** across the state received these competitive grants.

Grants ranging from \$5,000 to the maximum \$25,000 were awarded and will match their awards dollar for dollar, which range up to \$10,000 and require a less

onerous 4:1 match. The grants support destination initiatives in 17 of the state's 64 counties.

Statewide travel regions, associations, organizations and other nonprofit entities that engage in promoting travel throughout the entire state are eligible for these grants.

## PAID MEDIA CO-OP OPPORTUNITIES

The summer and winter Paid Media Co-Op programs allow for partners to invest in CTO's hyper-targeted campaign strategy at a discounted rate that comes with a financial match from the CTO. Customize an investment by choosing between different investment tiers and a la carte options.

You can share your message through the CTO's national campaign strategy and amplify your investment through CTO matching dollars.

Find more information on this and other CTO co-op opportunities, at **industry.colorado.com/coop**.

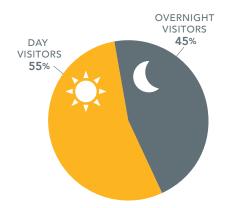
# COLORADO VISITOR INSIGHTS



annual visitors



spending \$24.2 BILLION



#### **TOP MARKETS**

- California
   Texas
- 3. Florida
- 4. Arizona
- 5. Illinois
- 6. New York
- 7. New Mexico
- 8. Kansas
- 9. Nebraska
- 10. Utah



#### **OVERNIGHT VISITOR SPENDING**



4.8 NIGHTS

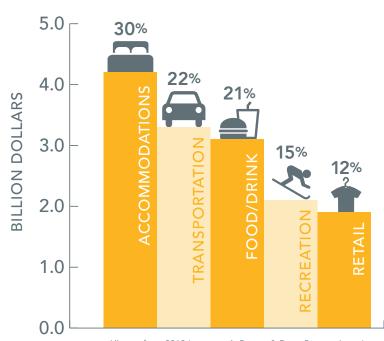
typical trip duration vs. 3.8 nationally





#### \$516/PERSON

Average dollars per day spent by those on marketable leisure trips vs. \$372 nationally



All stats from 2019 Longwoods Report & Dean Runyan Associates

## TOP 5 REASONS TO PARTNER WITH THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE

## REACH AN INCREDIBLY QUALIFIED AUDIENCE ACROSS ALL DEVICES:

As the calls to action for the CTO's marketing initiatives, COLORADO.com and the OSVG are important travel-planning tools that bring our beautiful state to life.

## 2. BENEFIT FROM A TAILORED CAMPAIGN STRATEGY:

We work hand in hand with our advertisers to customize campaign strategies that utilize multiple media outlets.

## 3 LASER TARGET YOUR CUSTOMER:

We can help you reach your audience at the right time, with the right message, with the right media, on the right device.

#### INCREASE ROI:

 Our team of experts will help optimize your campaigns so you realize maximum results.

#### RECEIVE FREE ADVERTISING:

Advertisers with an integrated presence in the OSVG and on COLORADO.com qualify for the Customer Rewards Program.

#### **VISITOR DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

All stats from 2019 Colorado Longwoods Report



#### Sex

Male	54%
Female	46%



#### Age:

18–24	12%
25–34	21%
35–44	19%
45–54	16%
55–64	15%
65 & up	18%



#### **Marital Status:**

Married/ With Partner	59%
Never Married	26%
Divorced/ Widowed	15%



#### **Children:**

No Children Under 18	59%
Any child 13–17	19%
Any child 6–12	23%
Any child under 6	16%



#### Income:

\$150K+	8%
\$100K- 149.9K	16%
\$75K-99.9K	15%
\$50K-74.9K	22%
Less than \$50K	41%



#### **Education:**

Post Grad	23%
College Grad	42%
Some College	20%
High School or less	14%

## REACH 13.5 MILLION

QUALIFIED LEISURE VISITORS

## PRINT: OFFICIAL STATE VACATION GUIDE & SEASONAL TRAVEL MAGAZINES



#### **OFFICIAL STATE VACATION GUIDE**

Inspirational content, gorgeous photography and travel ideas influence visitation.

#### **LOVE SEASONAL TRAVEL MAGAZINES**

A lifestyle magazine targeting new and returning travelers with 1 spring/summer issue and 1 winter issue per year.

#### **PRINT USAGE = 53%**

Print usage remains strong, with 53% of American travelers utilizing print to research and plan (summer 2020).



#### **CIRCULATION**

Official State Vacation Guide:

400,000 copies Readership: 1.04 million (2.3 readers/copy)

**Seasonal Travel Magazines:** 

235,000+ subscribers



#### **VIRTUAL GUIDE & MOBILE APP**

Sessions:Pageviews:Avg. Session:114,7351.2 million8.93 minutes

#### **COLORADO.COM**





The trusted source for online travel-planning info including articles, business listings, maps and events.

MOBILE-RESPONSIVE TO REACH VISITORS ON ANY DEVICE

#### **COLORADO TRAVEL ENEWSLETTER**



Subscribers receive timely travel ideas, itineraries and events crafted to motivate travel.

MONTHLY DEPLOYMENTS TO IN-STATE & OUT-OF-STATE AUDIENCES



#### **COLORADO WELCOME CENTERS**

986K\*

Ten welcome centers greet visitors when they arrive at key entry points around the state.

> VIDEO MESSAGES BRING THE STATE TO LIFE



\*2019 visitation due to oddities of 2020

## **COLORADO TOURISM PRINT PROGRAM**

#### **COLORADO OFFICIAL STATE VACATION GUIDE**

The Colorado Tourism Office employs a targeted advertising campaign that drives potential visitors to visit COLORADO.com, where they request a copy of the annual Official State Vacation Guide, which is designed to inspire and assist in planning.



The Colorado Official State Vacation Guide is the only print call-to-action for the CTO's efforts. Your message is reaching an incredibly qualified, active-travel-planning audience that you cannot get access to anywhere else.

#### Getting Guides to Consumers:

400,000 copies reach Colorado visitors.

- Direct Request: 300,000 sent before they arrive in Colorado via Colorado.com and TV guide requests (viewers with interactive TV systems can order a guide to be delivered directly to their home after viewing a Colorado commercial)
- Distributed at Key Locations: 100,000 to Denver International Airport, Colorado Welcome Centers and the rack program for the drive market

#### **TOP DIRECT-REQUEST MARKETS**

Avg. Session: 8.93 minutes App Downloads: 7,088

- 1. Texas
- Florida
   Missouri
- 4. California
- 5. Illinois
- 6. Oklahoma
- 7. Georgia
- 8. Ohio9. Wisconsin
- 10. Pennsylvania



#### **OSVG RATES**

BACK COVER	INSIDE FRONT COVER	TABLE OF CONTENTS	INSIDE BACK COVER	FULL PAGE	2/3 PAGE	1/2 PAGE	1/3 PAGE
\$18,675	\$16,983	\$16,983	\$16,437	\$14,943	\$11,985	\$9,843	\$7,650

**CO-OP RATES AVAILABLE** 



receive up to 15% discount on the seasonal magazine rates.

## COLORADO TOURISM PRINT PROGRAM

## LOVE, COLORADO SEASONAL TRAVEL MAGAZINES

Connect with repeat and affluent visitors who are looking for their next great Colorado adventure. Research shows 80% of subscribers are return visitors to the state who spend more and stay longer while they are here.



**REACH** 235,000+ **SUBSCRIBERS** 2 TIMES A YEAR

#### SUBSCRIPTION:

This second-touch print resource is sent three times a year to a highly qualified opt-in base of readers who have received the annual vacation guide and want even more information on Colorado travel opportunities.

#### **TOP 10 STATES**





#### **CIRCULATION:**

235,000+ copies each in March (spring/summer) and September (winter)

#### **SEASONAL RATES**

	BACK COVER	INSIDE FRONT COVER	TABLE OF CONTENTS	INSIDE BACK COVER	FULL PAGE	1/2 PAGE
Standalone	\$3,810	\$3,580	\$3,468	\$3,354	\$3,016	\$1,996
OSVG + 1 Seasonal Magazine	\$3,429	\$3,222	\$3,121	\$3,019	\$2,714	\$1,796
OSVG + 2 Seasonal Magazines	\$3,334	\$3,133	\$3,035	\$2,934	\$2,639	\$1,747

1. Texas

10. Ohio



Print usage remains strong, with 54%of American travelers using it to research/book\*

\*State of the American Traveler, Summer 2020

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## COLORADO.COM OFFICIAL STATE WEBSITE









**3.2 MILLION** desktop

**7.6 MILLION** mobile/tablet

#### **VISITOR OVERVIEW**



#### **18.7 MILLION**

pageviews



#### 1 MINUTE, 55 SECONDS

average time on site

#### **TOP MARKETS**

- 1. Colorado
- 2. Texas
- 3. California
- 4. Florida
- 5. Illinois
- 6. Missouri
- 7. Arizona
- 8. New York 9. Kansas
- 10. Minnesota



#### **COLORADO.COM DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**



#### Sex:

Female 48% Male 52%



#### **Education:**

No College 34% College 47% Grad School 19%



#### Age:

18–24 9% 25–34 19% 35–44 24% 45–54 24% 55–64 15% 65+ 9%



#### **Children:**

No Kids 51% Kids 49%



#### Income:

\$150K+ 15% \$100K-150K 18% \$50K-100K 34% <\$50K 33%



#### Location:

Out-of-State 42% In-State 58%

All stats from Quantcast and Google Analytics

## **NATIVE & DISPLAY ADS**

With 10.8 million sessions in 2020, COLORADO.com is the premier online resource for Colorado trip planning. Expand your reach and speak directly to your customers with a highly targeted ad campaign tailored to your specific schedules, goals and budget.

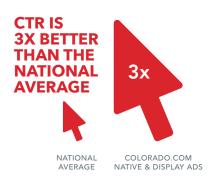
#### **AD UNITS:**

NATIVE:

Formatted units are integrated into the content of the page and drive a high CTR.

**7** DISPLAY:

Tell your story visually with a high-impact canvas.







## Customer Rewards Program GOT PRINT? GET REWARDS

Advertisers with an integrated presence in the OSVG and on COLORADO.com qualify for the Customer Rewards Program. More than 11.6 million reward impressions were served in 2020.

#### **RATES:**

#### **NATIVE**

IMPRESSION TOTAL	NET RATE	СРМ
50,000	\$925	\$18.50
100,000	\$1,800	\$18.00
150,000	\$2,700	\$18.00
200,000	\$3,500	\$17.50
300,000	\$5,250	\$17.50

#### **DISPLAY**

IMPRESSION TOTAL	NET RATE	СРМ
50,000	\$750	\$15.00
100,000	\$1,450	\$14.50
150,000	\$2,175	\$14.50
200,000	\$2,800	\$14.00
300,000	\$4,200	\$14.00

## **BUSINESS & EVENT LISTINGS**

The OSVG and COLORADO.com are trusted sources for comprehensive business and event listings that visitors depend on to plan their trips. Our featured listing program gives you premium exposure on relevant city and category pages.

#### **WEB BUSINESS LISTINGS**

#### **ROBUST FEATURES:**

Paid listings receive additional features including:

- Top-tier sort
- Photos/videos
- Social media links

#### **RELEVANT RESULTS:**

Multifaceted search filters provide users with relevant results.



RATES:	RATES	CHARACTER DESCRIPTION PRINT	CHARACTER DESCRIPTION WEB	PHOTO(S) ON WEB	TIER SORT	VIDEO	VIRTUAL GUIDE	SOCIAL MEDIA
PRINT & WEB	\$995	250	1,080	20	1	~	~	~
PRINT ONLY	\$510	250	_	-	_	_	V	_
WEB ONLY	\$612	-	1,080	20	1	~	-	V
EVENT PRINT ONLY	\$306	180	_	-	-	_	V	-
FREE WEB LISTING	Free	-	270	1	2	-	-	-
FREE WEB EVENT LISTING	Free	-	540	6	-	-	-	-

## SPECIAL OFFERS

Promote seasonal offers and drive users to your destination or attraction when you need it most.

#### **SPECIAL OFFERS PROGRAM**

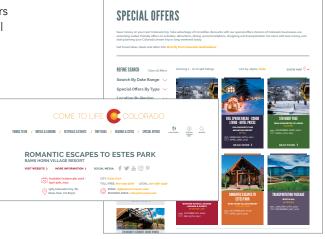
The Special Offers page links from the site's main navigation to highlight paid offers and give more than 8.1 million annual visitors immediate access to offers detailed with a headline and beautiful image that integrates with the site's overall design.

The offers are randomized for each new user to the page.

#### **RATES:**

MONTHS				
3	12			
\$306	\$612	\$1,020		

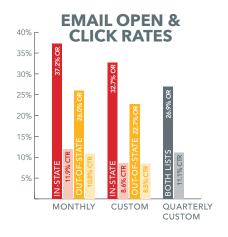




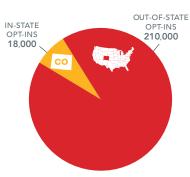
COME TO LIFE COLORADO

## **COLORADO EMAILS**

Capture an already engaged audience. True fans of Colorado receive a monthly email with captivating articles and upcoming events, and you can target your own message by month and season. Or receive 100% exposure in our custom email program, which deploys to our in- and out-of-state audiences bi-monthly.



## OPT-IN DATABASE



#### **OFFICIAL MONTHLY ENEWSLETTER**

	QUANTITY AVAILABLE/ MONTH	RATE PER BLAST
IN-STATE BLAST	6	\$765*
OUT-OF-STATE BLAST	1	\$5,000

\*Buy two of the same ad unit and get one of equal or lesser value free. Deployments assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tentative editorial coverage, subject to change:

In State (shorter planning windows): Nov.–Feb. = winter; March–April = spring; May–August = summer; September–October = fall Out of State (longer planning windows):
Oct-Feb = winter; March-July = summer;
September = fall; November-December
= winter

#### **CUSTOM EMAILS**

Receive 100% exposure or collaborate with other businesses in our custom email program. Submit photos, copy and a call-to-action, and we'll blast your message out to our database, driving all inquiries to your site.

QUANTITY AVAILABLE		RATE PER BLAST
IN STATE	2 per month	\$2,000
OUT OF STATE	2 per month	\$7,200
BOTH LISTS	1 per quarter*	\$9,000

<sup>\*</sup> March, June, August and November

Tracking codes attached to your links give you 24/7 access to performance results.

Responsive design allows for seamless access across all digital platforms: mobile, tablet and desktop.







## WELCOME CENTER DIGITAL ADVERTISING

Showcase your advertising message on a digital screen within the interior walls of highly trafficked Colorado Welcome Centers and nearly 1 million annual visitors looking for information on where to eat, stay and play.

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1 M
visitors
in 2019^

#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:**

- 30-second spots
- Advertisers may display a video (mp4 file) or a slideshow of still photography (jpg files)
- Aspect ratio: 1920 x 1080
- Maximum of 6 advertisers in rotation per center\*



#### **RATES:**

WELCOME CENTER	ANNUAL VISITORS^	ANNUAL RATE
ALAMOSA	28,741	\$287.41
BURLINGTON	148,842	\$1,488.42
CORTEZ	31,456	\$314.56
DINOSAUR	26,906	\$269.06
FORT COLLINS	46,313	\$463.13
FRUITA	133,366	\$1,333.66
JULESBURG	364,608	\$3,646.08
LAMAR	59,220	\$592.20
SILVERTHORNE	121,226	\$1,212.26
TRINIDAD	26,045	\$260.45

\*Only three advertisers' videos will be displayed at the Colorado Convention Center. For all centers, artwork may be changed up to two times per year. No sound will be available on the TVs, so advertiser must have a very visual message. ^2019 visitation numbers used due to the oddities of 2020.

## **WELCOME LEADS PROGRAM**

Grow your opt-in database and gain exposure in front of our most qualified audience, with direct leads from COLORADO.com's lead-generation program.

#### **HOW IT WORKS:**

COLORADO.com visitors who request information from the state are directed to a confirmation page where they can elect to receive information from your business. Upon requesting information from you, visitors receive an immediate auto-generated email written by you.

- Nearly 60% of all COLORADO.com visitors who request information from the site also elect to receive additional information from Colorado businesses.
- Increase your email database to direct fulfillment of your guide or brochure.
- Drive consumers to your site in the confirmation email.
- Leads are emailed to you weekly.
- Average annual leads per advertiser: 5,234 (6,993 in 2019); total leads: 204,130

#### **RATES:**

SEMI-ANNUAL	ANNUAL	
\$2,550	\$5,100	

\*Rates per calendar year



## SPONSORED ARTICLES, VIDEOS & CITY PAGES

Having quality content on your website is the number one way to drive organic traffic directly to your site. Leverage the expertise of the COLORADO.com editorial and video team to grow content for distribution on COLORADO.com and your own site with a custom article or video promoting a vacation experience in your destination.

#### **ARTICLES:**

- Text we've written/you've approved that runs on COLORADO.com and includes links to visit your site. We will set up tracking codes (or use ones you provide) to help you identify which traffic came to your site from the article.
- 4 formatted banners you own or share with partners; can be swapped out up to once a quarter.
- Images you supply.
- Visitors will find this content:
  - In the Articles vault, which is accessed from the home page
  - Among Featured Trip Ideas widgets located on the bottom of the homepage, related articles and landing pages (ie, Hot Springs)
  - Organic and on-site search
  - May occasionally be featured on the Trip Ideas page and enewsletters when space is available
- Example: COLORADO.com/10ThingsPagosa
- Renewal Rate: \$3,500/year

#### **CITY PAGES\*:**

- You own your destination's city page, providing all the text and images.
- 4 formatted banners you own or share with partners; can be swapped out up to once a quarter.
- Images you supply.
- Visitors will find this content:
  - When they search your city's name or visit the Regions & Cities page
  - In the Regions & Cities page's Featured Destination box
  - Organic and on-site search
  - May occasionally be featured on the Trip Ideas page and enewsletters when space is available
- Example: COLORADO.com/ cities-and-towns/aspen



#### **VIDEOS:**

- 1- to 3-minute video we shoot for you to run on COLORADO.com.
- 4 formatted banners you own or share with partners; can be swapped out up to once a quarter.
- Includes links to visit your site. We will set up tracking codes (or use ones you provide) to help you identify which traffic came to your site from the video.
- Visitors will find videos:
  - In the Video Gallery, which is accessed from the home page
  - Organic and on-site search
  - May occasionally be featured on the Trip Ideas page and enewsletters when space is available.
- Example: COLORADO.com/FallEstes
- Renewal Rate: \$3,500/year

#### **BASE RATE FOR VIDEOS:**

- 3–4 locations, depending on set up/travel time in between
- Rights-free music
- 8 hours of shooting from 9am–5pm
- Drone footage
- B-roll provided to you on a hard drive
- No professional voiceover or models

UPGRADE OPTIONS available

- Extra half- (\$1,500) and full-day (\$3,000) shooting
- Professional voiceover and/or models (rate varies)
- Additional videos created from shoot (rate varies)

RATES:

ARTICLES	CITY PAGES	VIDEOS
\$4,500	\$5,000	\$8,000

\*DMOs only

## **PROGRAM**

### AT-A-GLANCE



TOURISM IS POWERFUL:
Colorado welcomes 86.9 million visitors,
spending about \$24.2 billion annually.

TRAVELERS USE A COMPLEX

- RANGE OF PLANNING SOURCES:

  The US traveler uses 40+ sources of information.

  The decision to visit, stay or experience your business is likely to have been made using dozens of sources of information well before the point of booking. Keeping in mind that more than 35% of visitors use official destination websites and 53% use print visitor guides, brochures and magazines, you can't afford not to reach these engaged planners (Source: The State of the American Traveler, 2009–2020, Destination Analysts).
- INTEGRATED MEDIA IS CRITICAL:

With such a complex planning landscape, integrated multi-media advertising is critical. We work with partners in each destination to **share research**, **white papers and advertising best practices**, which you can find in our library at: *MilesPartnership.com/Research*.

4. TOURISM IS ONE OF COLORADO'S STRONGEST ECONOMIC DRIVERS:

Tourism provides a valuable source of revenue and jobs in Colorado. For upcoming events and travel research or to sign up for the Colorado Tourism Office's **industry-partner enewsletters**, the Colorado Connection, visit *industry.colorado.com*.



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