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Scottish Tourism Emergency Response Group

Action Plan

Scottish Tourism Recovery Taskforce (STRT)

Report published

Latest Industry Advice

- Scottish Gov guidance on reopening: <u>link</u>
- Industry Checklists for SME & large businesses: <u>link</u>
- Specific guidance from sector groups: <u>link</u>
- 'We're Good To Go' industry standard & consumer mark: <u>link</u>
- **Funding Support**

Visitor Management Forum

More information:

STERG: https://www.visitscotland.org/supporting-your-business/advice/coronavirus/sterg

STRT: https://www.visitscotland.org/news/2020/tourism-taskforce

Funding: https://www.visitscotland.org/supporting-your-business/advice/coronavirus/financial-support



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Support your business recovery. APPLY NOW

Scottish Government

ce outlines the steps you should take to reopen a safe and

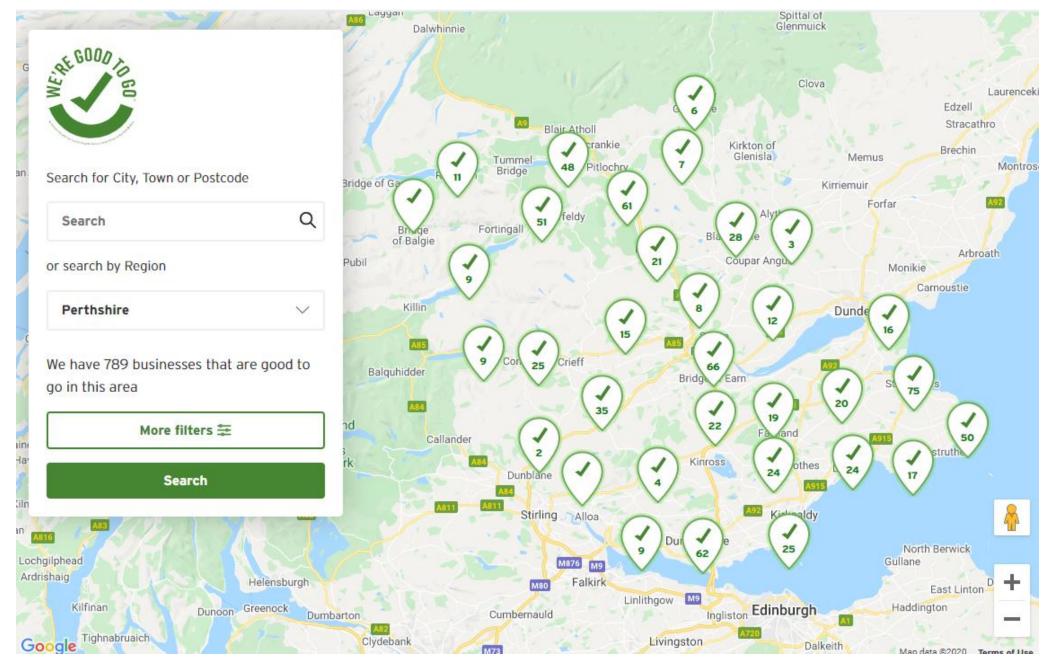


All information on www.visitscotland.org

WE'RE GOOD TO GO

		VS.com	CV19
Local Authority	26 Oct	Listings	Updated
Angus	94	233	33
Dundee City	53	114	14
Fife	342	676	103
Perth and Kinross	450	1064	243
Scotland Total	7038	16,043	4,567





CONSUMER TRACKING REPORT

• Report published: <u>link</u>

Headlines

- The majority of the UK public (58%) think that the 'worst is yet to come'.
- 1 in 4 of UK feel very/fairly confident a trip would go ahead between October to December (down from 1 in 2 who were confident back in August.
- 58% of UK residents stating that they would not visit a 'previously locked down' destination until at least 2 months after restrictions are lifted.



- 1 in 4 Britons (19% of Scotland residents) **planning a trip between November and March**. 13% identified Scotland as their first choice destination. Amongst Scotland *residents*, Scotland is the destination of choice for 50%.
- Pre-nesters (predominantly 25-34 year olds) and families are likely to be the largest audience for Scotland winter trips. Confidence levels are lowest amongst 'retirees'.
- Scotland winter trips are most likely to be **short breaks**, 62% of winter intenders choosing this trip length.
- [Booking window is increasingly short]. Booking incentives will need to take into account the range of different platforms intenders use. Booking directly with the provider is the most common channel, followed by via an online travel agent.

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Marketing

- Only in Scotland
- Regional coverage
 - Tour Guides Tales Blair Castle
 - Paid Facebook Live Life Well
 - Tripadvisor/Booking.com
 - Hearst Publishing
- Autumn/Winter Themes
 - City-plus
 - Rural Escapes
- Winter Advocacy Campaign
- Spring activity being planned

Only in Scotland captures what people seek from holiday in Scotland, and our unique attributes

CREATIVE PROPOSITION











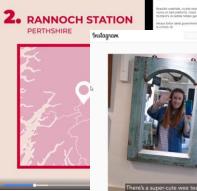








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ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES TO TRY IN SCOTLAND'S CITIES

TIMELINE - GLOBAL MARKETING ACTIVITIES JUL **JAN AUG** SEP **FEB** OCT NOV DEC MAR Themes **Walking Tours** Myths & Legends Luxury/Unique Cosagach Wellness City Breaks Romance **Autumn Walks** Coasts & Islands Dark Skies experiences Soft/W adventure Rural Breaks PAID St Andrews Scotland Broadcast & Digital Activities TBC: Digital and Paid Social (ads & lead gen); Paid Social Paused Campaign possible radio RoUK digital only activity Paused Scotland Needs You TBC: Digital and Paid Social (ads & lead gen) 'Feel like a Local - Only in Scotland' Paid Digital Paused Paid Social, ads & lead gen Paused Influencers / Feel like a local Influencers / HameTownTourist **TripAdvisor** Paused TripAdvisor / reactivation Expedia (from mid Oct, targeting 'lookers' Spring 21 in target UK areas that can travel) Publishing activity: Hearst / Geo Partnership TBC: B2C EU Activity Lead Gen Activity: St Andrews Stimulate early Spring/Summer travel Database sign ups Campaign Increase WeChat & Weibo followers **EARNED** Consumer PR ongoing destination awareness building via media relations (off the desk pitching; media comms; virtual experiences...) VB/VS/VW/NITB influencer collaboration Virtual meet the media: Trav media/ITB Weibo (China) TBC Media visits restart (currently paused) 5x livestream events **OWNED** \mathbf{X} Messenger live chat on VisitScotland.com / i Centres re opened (phased) Monthly ezine Organic social posts on Facebook and Instagram Organic social posts on WeChat and Weibo

TIMELINE – GLOBAL MARKETING ACTIVITIES JUL **AUG** JAN FEB MAR **INTERMEDIARY** Scotland Global Virtual B2B event Reconnect 2020 23-25 Nov Product development and promotion - Dream Now, Plan for 21 Focus on EU travel trade professionals through multiple touchpoints with Covid-19 reassurance message, client experience in Scotland + Brexit information **TBC: Conversion EU Activity** Stimulate early Spring/Summer travel Destination training and webinar events with key tour operators & travel advisors Product development and promotion - Dream Now, Plan for 2021 Updated destination eduction programme plus acquisition of new travel trade contacts Focus on Luxury & High Net Worth Travel Advisors - increase knowledge of Scotland / Responsible Tourism Joint activity with VisitBritain where appropriate **TBC: Conversion NA Activity** Stimulate late Spring/Summer travel Destination training and webinar events with key tour operators & travel advisors Grow WeChat & Weibo followers on VisitScotland's own trade accounts TOURISM INDUSTRY / PARTNERS **VisitBritain** Good to Go scheme launched / VisitScotland.com functionality updated to show 'We're open' & Good to Go Good to Go campaign Escape the Everyday **VisitBritain** Scotch Whisky & Salmon / Seafood campaigns in US & China & DEFRA Visitor Spring activity (tbc) inc new camping & BBC The Social - Responsible DF Concerts Responsible Outdoor Management access infographic Camping & Influencer activity partner activity motorhome video content

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