# ARZONA OFFICE OF TOURISM Tourism Market Overview

Germany, Austria & Switzerland FY 2022/23

**Kaus Media Services** 

# PR Achievements & Accomplishments FY 2022/23









# PR ACTIVITIES - OVERVIEW.

#### **Public Relations Activity Highlights**

- KMS developed and implemented inspirational and informative public relations activities that resulted in a high number of media placements in both traditional and online publications.
- We were in continuous contact with media professionals in order to pitch Arizona story ideas focusing on the State's diverse tourism offers and attractions, including but not limited to the State's beautiful landscapes and nature, culture, history and heritage, city attractions, outdoor activities, luxury and culinary experiences among many others.
- KMS arranged a nationwide Arizona video promotion in 700+ McDonald's restaurants, which was completely complimentary for the AOT. The resulted in about 35 million consumer contacts and a media value of \$2.6 m.
- KMS secured two TV film crews who visited Arizona for TV productions during individual fam trips.
- We secured several Arizona travel placements with Germany's newswire agency "dpa" that resulted in 70+ positive articles about the State's tourism industry.
- KMS secured 14 top-tier media professionals who visited Arizona during individual visits as well as a group media fam trip.





## PR ACTIVITIES - OVERVIEW.

#### **General Public Relations Activities**

- Proactive media calls and story pitches
- Development of targeted and inspirational story ideas to generate positive Arizona media coverage
- Reactive media assistance and support
- Maintanance of the AOT's German facebook page with scheduled posts and social listening
- Monthly result and media monitoring
- Monthly media coverage evaluation and documentation
- Monthly activity reports





#### **PRESS RELEASES & NEWSLETTERS.**

- KMS drafted and distributed up to monthly Arizona press releases and distributed them to a high number of travel media professionals in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The press releases were also distributed via the world's leading travel media network TravMedia.com.
- We drafted and distributed Arizona media newsletters including a mix of different topics and news from the Grand Canyon State.
- Furthermore, we featured Arizona in themed agency press releases to increase the visibility for Arizona in the German-speaking countries.

#### PRESSEMITTEILUNG



Auch abseits des Grand Canyons: Arizonas Canyons und ihre Naturschönheiten entdecken



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Phoenix/Hannover 28, Februar 2022 | kms – Arizona ist weltweit als der Grand Canyon State bekannt. Kein Wunder, schließlich zieht das berühmte Naturmonument jedes Jahr Touristen aus aller Welt an. Der Bundesstaat beeindruckt jedoch auch abseits des Grand Canyons mit zahlreichen beeindruckenden Naturschauspielen und Gesteinsformationen. Das Arizona Office of Tourism präsentiert fünf weniger bekannte Canyons, die Besucher auf ihre Reise-Agenda setzen sollten.

#### Salt River Canyon

Etwas über eine Stunde von der Metropolregion Phoenix entfernt befindet sich der Salt River Canyon. Eine gute Möglichteit, um diesen zu entdecken ist die Salt River Canyon. Route, welche atemberaubende Blicke auf die Gesteinsformationen des Canyons und den en blauen Salt River tietet. Aussichtsgunkte auf den Canyong gilt es einige, mit den schänsten Ausblick haben Besucher jedoch von der nördlichen Selte den Canyons aus. Lohnenswert ist außerden ein Stop am Canyon Lake, ein Stausee, der dem Großznum Phoenix zur Versorgung mit Trinkwasser und Strom aus Wasserkraft dient. Eine wetters spannende Art den Salt River Canyon zu erkunden ist eine Raffaufe-Tour; Angeboten werden sowohl Halbtages- und Tagesburren, jedoch auch mehrtlägige adrenalingeladene Ausflüge durch die Natur des Salt River Canyons.

#### Sabino Canyon

Reisende, die auf der Suche nach Wanderwegen jeglichen Schwierdigkeitsgrades sind, sind hier goldichtig: Der Sahino Caruyon am nordöstlichen Stadtrand von Turson bietet eine Vietzahl an Wandermöglichkeiten, darunter befestigte Wege für einen entspannten Spaziergang sowie klönneterweite Touren auf zerklüftetem Gelände. Der Caruyon ist unter anderem deshalb landschaftlich besondren charmant, dass er die Landschaft und Vogetation der Sonra-Wilste mit den Santa Catalina

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#### FAM TRIPS.

- In order to increase the number of feature articles on Arizona's travel industry, KMS organized fam trips for 14 top-tier media professionals.
- This included a group fam trip with five attendees representing leading print and online media from Germany and Austria including but not limited to *Die Presse, Urlaubsguru, tina and NOW Medien.*
- In addition, we hosted nine media professionals who visited Arizona during individual fam trips. These included but were not limited to top-tier publications such as *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Abenteuer Leben TV* and *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* among others.







### **MEDIA EVENTS. (I)**

#### Visit USA Committee Germany - Media networking events

- In order to secure additional media coverage about Arizona, discuss fam trip opportunities and to pitch story ideas, KMS attended two media networking events organized by the Visit USA Committee in Germany (VUSA).
- The two media networking events took place in Hamburg and Munich two of the major media centers in Germany.
- During the networking events, we met media professionals from target print and digital media outlets.







#### **MEDIA EVENTS. (II)**

#### TravMedia's International Media Marketplace 2023

- TravMedia's IMM Germany 2023 is the leading travel media networking event in the German-speaking countries. KMS represented the AOT during the day-long event on March 6, 2023 - the day prior to the start of ITB Berlin - the leading travel show in the world.
- Prior to IMM Germany 2023, KMS arranged 22 meetings with top-tier media professions from Germany, Austria and Switzerland to pitch Arizona story ideas and to discuss potential media visit opportunities.









### TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2022/23.

In conclusion, KMS generated a total 374 media placements for Arizona (+11% vs. FY21/22):

- 197 online articles
- 170 print articles
- 7 broadcasts

Total impressions: 2,408,998,526

Total media value: US\$ 17,929,950 (+19% vs. FY21/22)

**Frankfurter Allgemeine** 





Süddeutsche Zeitung

#### hannoversche Allgemeine

TRAVEL MAGAZIN

RTL

STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG



# Rölner Stadt-Anzeiger





# Tourism Market Update

## **DEMOGRAPHICS & ECONOMY.**

- Population: 84,4 million (+1,3%)
- Labor force: 45,7 million (+1,1%)
- Unemployment rate: 5,5% (-0,2%)
- GDP: -0,3%



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#### MARKET UPDATE.

- Germany is Europe's most populous nation as well as a leading player in the continent's economic, security and political welfare.
- Holidays abroad are considered as an important leisure pursuit by Germans, that they are willing to pursue even during harder economical times. Though Germany has a strong economy, Covid and the current Ukraine crisis had effects on the financial situation.
- The German outbound market is one of the largest and most developed in the world. The high standard of living and the stable economy means that many citizens can normally bring travel aspirations to reality.
- Despite of the many headwinds for travelers in Germany and Austria caused by the Ukraine conflict, the high inflation rate, Germany's recession, very high energy rates, higher airfares for long-haul trips and higher room rates in the U.S., leading tour operators in the German speaking countries report a high demand for trips to the U.S. in 2023.
- It is obvious that many Germans continue to make up for all of the travel experiences they missed during the global pandemic and the associated travel restrictions. However, due to the continuing inflation, rising cost for long-haul travels and other headwinds, this trend may change in the future.





## TOURISM DEVELOPMENT.

- 2022 proved that Germans wanted to travel again. While destinations in Europe were highly frequented by Germans in 2020 and 2021, the demand for long-haul trips immediately increased after international travel restrictions were lifted and the U.S. reopened its borders after 1.5 years.
- Especially the U.S. market experienced a high upswing in bookings. According to the German Tourism Association (DRV), Germans spent 58.6 billion Euros on trips, a 103% increase over 2021.
- Despite the many headwinds, the travel demand remained at a high level until mid-2023. Studies show that the
  outbound travel from Germany is expected to come back to 2019 levels. However, the continuing inflation and
  the rising costs for flights and accommodations causes consumers to amend their travel plans for the remainder
  of 2023. According to the current German consumer report, 56% of Germans plan to reduce their number of
  trips.
- While many bookings were made last-minute in 2021 and 2022, Germans start long-term planning again.
- The U.S. continues to be a preferred destination in general: According to Lufthansa, the seat load factor on flights to the U.S. increased to more than 90% compared to 2019 levels.





## **GERMAN TRAVEL MARKET.**

- In 2022, Germans completed 67.1 Million leisure trips (+21.7%). More than 50% of these were booked via tour operators or travel agencies.
- The Mediterranean region (i.e., Spain, Italy, Turkey, Croatia, Greece) continued to be the most popular one for German travelers (36.9%).
- 52.9 million travelers completed trips with a duration of at least five days (+10,6%).
- Germany counts 2,300 tour operators that recorded a combined revenue of 25.9 billion Euros (+142%).
- In total, Germans spent 83.7 billion euros for leisure trips in 2022, including transportation, accommodation and expenses at the destination (+88,5%).
- The average trip duration was 13 days.

Source: DRV, German Travel Market Analysis 2022





## GERMAN TRAVEL MARKET TO ARIZONA.

#### Why are German Travelers important for Arizona?

- Germany is the largest overseas source market.
- Germans like the climate in the summertime.
- The U.S. is the most preferred long-haul travel destination for Germans.
- German guests spent 19.5 nights in the U.S. while on vacation and 4.2 nights in Arizona.
- In 2019, 145,400 German travelers visited Arizona.
- In 2019, German visitors spent 206 Million USD while visiting Arizona
- 94% of the German visitors visit Arizona for leisure.





### **TOURISM TRENDS.**

- Travelers think about crises and the economical uncertainties. Despite a general increase of financial sensitivity, travel currently has a high spending priority and a high social significance.
- Travel packages continue to differentiate and will become an even stronger reflection of the personal situation and attitude of travelers. The individualization of the travel experience is based on personal values.
- Key travel trends:
  - Mindfulness
  - Nature experiences
  - Wellness (mental and physical)
  - Sustainability
  - Slow travel
  - Bleisure
  - Authentic experiences
  - Value for money
- The requirements of travelers on travel packages are increasing. In addition to an increasing financial sensitivity, sustainability and individualized travel options, often supported by digital innovations are more relevant.

Source: Trendreport Tourism 2023, Kompetenzzentrum Tourismus des Bundes





## CURRENT HEADWINDS.

- Ukraine crisis
- Energy crisis led to increased energy costs (fuel, energy for households etc.)
- High inflation rate
- Recession in Germany
- High airfares to the U.S.
- High hotel room rates and high car rental rates



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