

### So, let's chat.

- 1. Who is Sam?
- 2. What is Miles?
- 3. What is the Content Field Guide?

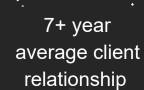
Inspired by travel



# By the numbers







250+ trave experts



90+ travel brands



\$33+ million in industry participation

### A few of our clients















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# And one very special client:



### Core services



Strategic Consulting



Media Planning & Buying



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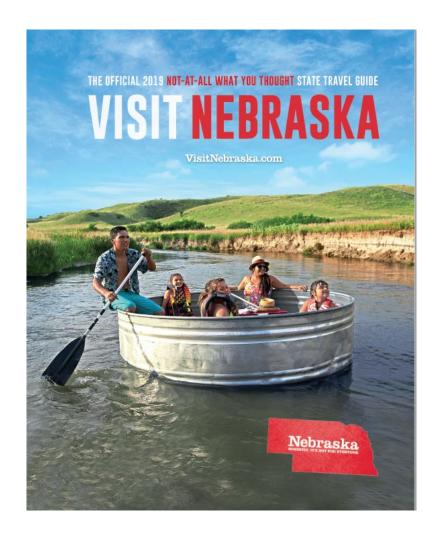
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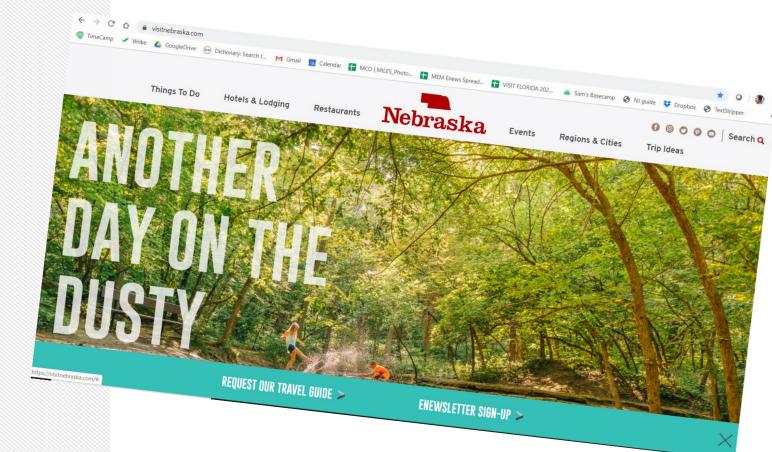
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### Official Travel Guide





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# SUMMER VACAY 2019!



# Content Field Guide



### Trip Ideas

Things To Do Hotels & Lodging Restaurants



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Trip Ideas



#### FEATURED TRIP IDEAS



DUDE RANCH GUEST STAY: OUR HERITAGE GUEST RANCH

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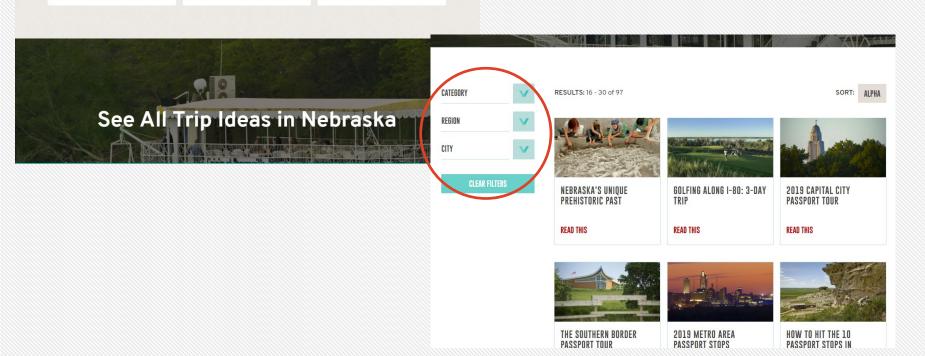
A FOODIE'S ROAD TRIP ACROSS Nebraska in 10 Stops

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WHICH GUEST RANCH IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

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#### ITINERARY: A SMALL-TOWN TOUR OF SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA

When you tour Southeast Nebraska sticking to the sm you'll discover history from retro soda fountains to depots, the world's largest porch swing, delicious loca drinks!)-plus a host of bed-and-breakfasts.



- $\ge 2 3 \text{ or } 5 \text{day}$ itinerary
- Supported by photos
- Submitted by partners like YOU!

#### **LOCAL'S TIPS**

For all museums, attractions and accommodations featured in this itinerary, always call ahead to make arrangements to visit. Many are not open daily, but can work with you in advance to make arrangements for your visit. In this friendly region, you can even arrange dinner in an Amish family's home, complete with homemade rolls and dessert. A minimum of 15 quests is required; call 402-839-2008 at least one week in advance to reserve.

#### DAY 1



S JILL'S SWEET SHOP

974 G St. Geneva, NE

Start your day with homemade cooking, including just-baked sweet rolls and cookies.

FILLMORE COUNTY MUSEUM

601 6th Ave. Fairmont, NE

#### Read More

The Fairmont Creamery Building, circa 1886, today houses part of the Fillmore County Bubba's Anytime which features a period kitchen and doctor's waiting room as well as rooms devoted to







#### THE WHY

**CONTENTIS** EVERYTHING.

YOU ARE THE LOCAL EXPERT.

Happy Google, Happy Visitors

#### THE WHY



#### "CONTENT IS KING."

- 1. Who said it?
- 2. When?
- 3. What has changed since?

# CONTENT: THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE DIGITAL WORLD

We used to say "content Is king," but on the web, content is everything:



BLOG POSTS



More than 2 million posted every day.

71,000 viewed every second.



EMAIL



More than **2 billion** active users (on Facebook alone).

35 million sent every second.

3.5 billion daily.

- 1. Search engines = smarter
- 2. Content is king everything.
- 3. Keyword dumping, "thin," "superficial" BAD
- 4. Natural language, "authentic," "deep" = GOOD

#### GOLD-STAR

for VisitNebraska.com Happy Google = Happy Visitors!

#### THE WHY



# THE LOCAL EXPERT.

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#### 7 Reasons Why Spending Money on Experiences Makes Us Happier Than Buying Stuff

That fancy car in your driveway probably doesn't make you smile as often as remembering your honeymoon.

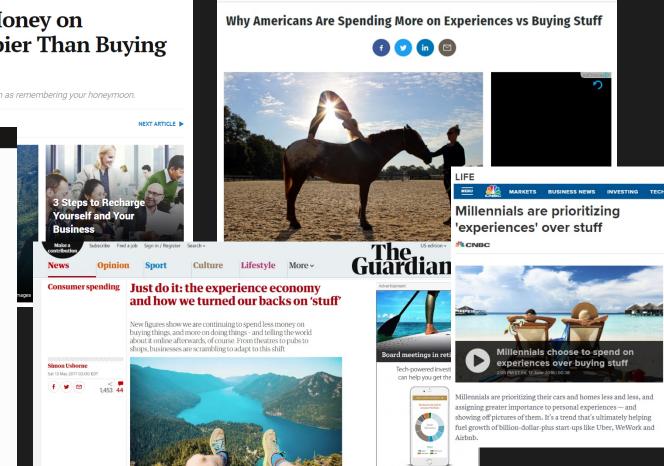


#### The Secret to Happiness? Spend Money on Experiences, Not Things





We like buying things, at least we think we do. It's bred into us. Life in the 21st century is a fast paced, consumer oriented experience where media surrounds us at all times enforcing the idea that happiness is a matter of buying the perfect house, driving the best car, wearing the trendiest clothes and posting status updates on the



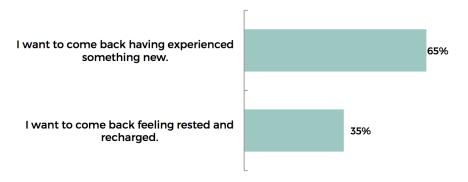
Why Americans Are Spending More on Experiences vs Buying...

= FORTUNE

#### THE EXPERIENCE AGE

#### **Travel Motivations**

Survey question: What is more important to you when planning travel?



When forced to make an "either-or" selection, experiencing new things is prioritized over returning from a trip feeling rested.



#### THE EXPERIENCE AGE



#### American Express Travel Survey

- 72% of respondents would rather spend money on experiences than things
- 88% said travel is the number one dream on their bucket list
- Shift in travel behaviors crossesall age groups

Just listing your location and amenities doesn't share the full experience of your destination.

# Discuss.

#### DAY 3



111 S. 8th St. Beatrice, NE

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#### DAY 3



#### COUNTRY COOKIN' CAFE

111 S. 8th St. Beatrice, NE

#### Read More

Do like the locals do and order the biscuits and gravy, or the Western hashbrowns smothered in cheese and diced tomatoes, onions and peppers.

# 5 simple rules for creating a gold-star content field guide

1. Write a visitor - and Google-friendly headline.

# ITINERARY: A SMALL-TOWN TOUR OF SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA

- Uses natural language.
- > Tells the reader what to expect.
- Avoids clichés/plays on words that don't register with Google. ("Good Things Come in Small Packages.")

#### 2. Write a visitor - and Google-friendly intro.

When you tour Southeast Nebraska sticking to the small towns, you'll discover history from retro soda fountains to railroad depots, the world's largest porch swing, delicious local eats (and drinks!)—plus a host of bed-and-breakfasts.

- Uses natural language.
- > Tells the reader what to expect by giving a brief but detailed overview.

#### 3. Include quality images.

- No graphics or logos
- Shares your unique sense of place ("Anywhere USA")



#### 4. Add a local's tip.

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- Psychology!
- Travel trends! (Emphasize the experience.)
- > YOU ARE THE LOCAL EXPERT.

# Provide a rich, real experience.

#### **REVIEW**

- > Identify what makes you unique.
- > Focus on experiences.
- > Speak directly to the visitor.
- > Use natural, active, detailed language.
- Make the visitor feel like an insider.



#### THE HOW

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#### Nebraska Trip Ideas - Featured Itinerary Form

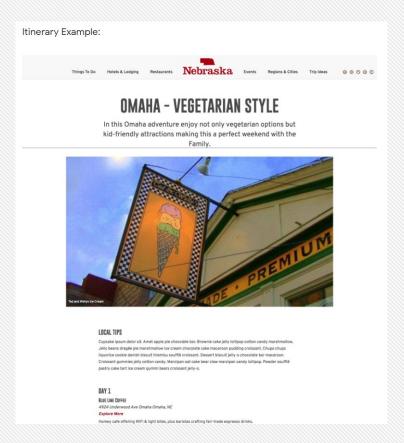
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#### THINGS TO NOTE:

- \*MAKE SURE EACH ACTIVITY/MEAL/LOCATION HAS A SPECIFIC PLACE (PLEASE INCLUDE ADDRESS OR URL). For example, rather than "Fly Fishing in X River", be specific with a location to drop in or an outfitter for a traveler to connect with. See it through a traveler's eyes if they just came with this itinerary, what detailed information would be helpful for them to know?
- \* When including 3 activities during the day, try to structure as a morning, afternoon, and evening/post-dinner.
- \* Include "Local's Tip(s)" For example: off-peak days or hours to visit, reminders for how to treat the land, a special menu item, wildlife to watch for, etc.

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#### Itinerary Example:





#### LOCAL TIPS

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#### DAY 1

BLUE LINE COFFEE 4924 Underwood Ave Omaha Omaha, NE

Explore More

Homey cafe offering WiFi & light bites, plus baristas crafting fair-trade espresso drinks.

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Day 1 - Breakfast (Reminder: Include a Website Link or Phy

Your answer

