

### **Experience** Training

# Taking and Commissioning Effective Photography and Video Content for Your Tourism Business

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## **Taking and Commissioning Effective Photography and Video Content for Your Tourism Business**

### Understand How to Tell a **Compelling Story**

#### The relevance of stories

The most effective way to attract consumers' attention is to show them stories.

What to consider when designing a compelling story?

#### To know your audience

Understand what type of narrative the market prefers.

#### To be true

Choose facts to tell the story. Obtain accurate and detailed information to create the story.

#### To use emotion

Build an emotional connection with your audience that can ultimately drive brand engagement (authenticity, honesty and empathy are critical).

#### To be creative

Even if you choose an old story, try to tell it from a different angle.

#### To use video

Videos are part of the entire customer journey, from awareness to booking, mainly to make decisions.

#### Storyboard et structure d'un tournage

A storyboard is a graphic organiser that plans a narrative from script to screen.

A storyboard can be a great tool for businesses when creating new narratives for their experiences.

#### <u>Tips</u>



#### Get your story ideas on paper

Write your ideas, so you won't lose any. Also, focus on quantity rather than quality at this stage. Embrace random ideas as well.



#### Work fast but maintain clarity

Make sure the narrative follows a clear path.



#### **Ensure it's logical and coherent**

The narrative should be consistent from beginning to end.



#### <sub>⋒</sub> Throw it out

Sometimes you might be going to throw stuff out. There are many reasons to throw things out: too expensive to film, doesn't tell the story, not going to fit in with the larger narrative, etc.

#### Met Stories

Met Stories is a video series and year-long social media initiative that shares unexpected and compelling stories gathered from the many people who visit The Met, from artists to teachers, via curators, actors, museum staff, designers, thoughtleaders and public figures.



#### Storyboard

Scene:	Scene:	Scene:

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#### Benefits of Shooting Your Own Experience Story

#### **Consumers look for authenticity**

Even if your content is not technically perfect, consumers will prefer to see and listen to an authentic story told by you.

# No one else knows the product better than you

You have all the necessary capacities and knowledge of the product/service to shoot your experience.

#### You know the story

The script was written by you. If you pass it to another person, you risk losing the main idea.

#### You can control everything

This is the best approach if you want to keep control over the experience story: script, allocated resources, actors and duration, among other things.

#### You can save money

If you decide to shoot your own story, you end up saving a lot of money on videographers, backgrounds and many other expenses.

#### You become more agile

You can capture a story very quickly. You become agile and reactive to what's happening and trending.

# Tips, Tricks and Advice on Using Consumer Tech

#### You can use tools/accessories that are:

- ✓ Free or cheap
- ✓ Easy to use
- ✓ That you already use every day, like your smartphone





Smartphone







### Fairytale Framework

According to this framework, storytelling can be divided into 4 parts:

- 1. <u>Once upon a time</u> Context, setting, subject or introduction
- 2. <u>Suddenly</u> Problem, pain, challenge or question
- 3. Luckily Solution, hero, idea or answer
- 4. <u>Happily ever after</u> Impact, the image of the future or the call to action

Recommendations to create great promotional videos using stories:

 $\rightarrow$  Write your story in simple parts

#### $\rightarrow$ Add emotion and experience to the parts

#### Key Takeaways

## Consumers expect you to be authentic

#### You can better control the story and save money

#### Lt's easier to shoot your own experience

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