ITALY REPORT

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ABOUT TSUSAGlobal Partner Programming

The TSUSA GPP provides a foundational base from which state tourism offices have shared in- country representation with international export marketing and sales activities. Managed by Travel South USA, the official regional destination marketing organization for the 12 state tourism offices, these collaborative efforts create leveraged actions, increase reach of travel trade and journalists, and coordinated consumer campaigns which deliver visitors to the South. In 2019, the Travel South USA region welcomed 10.2 million visitors, who spent \$10.3 billion, with 90% of these visitors arriving from 15 markets from around the globe.

The Italian market has long-term potential and high spend per visitor, and the U.S. remains the #1 long-haul travel destination for Italians. The Italian travel industry landscape is mainly dominated by small-to-medium companies. A significant number of them are family-owned and run, even if Covid-19 caused a slight reduction in the number of agencies, and above all greater tendency to the development and concentration of networks.

There are approximately 80 tour operator companies that feature U.S. products, and 6,000 travel agencies/retailers based in Italy.

The Southern U.S. remains very popular for Italian tour operators looking to create product and market aggressively to their customer base of well-heeled travelers.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Trade Contacts (phone calls, emails, personal meetings) cont.

- Visit USA 2025: planned next webinar on June 24th with Travel Island
- **Travel South Global Week Media Marketplace in Louisville, Kentucky & Press Trips**: finalized and report sent. Two publications already published.
- All Y'all Are Welcome Activation: Catherine sent a reminder to those who haven't registered.
- **OBIETTIVO X OTA Viaggi**: event finalized with 260 agents. Follow up sent.
- TSUSA International Showcase 2025. Kansas City, Missouri. December 1-4, 2025: working on the tentative delegation list and made exploratory calls to evaluate the potential interest of some top partners. The idea is to include new operators, or those who haven't attended in a long time.
- **FOC Event with Konrad Travel and Travel Island** in Milan: finalized on May 26th with 30 agents.
- Start working on the Action Plan 2026.
- Landscape report including brochure and airlines analysis sent.

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
	Italy											
	Travel Trade											
Trade Meetings	8	16	14	17	16	15	16	16	24	14	15	
Trainings	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	1	2	
Number of Agents Trained	0	0	132	0	116	0	161	0	85	96	290	
						Media						
Total number of articles published	22	17	36	40	22	42	63	38	43	34	34	
Impressions	544.164	866.612	766.155	1.335.272	627.555	1.464.596	1.796.613	1.008.988	1.981.224	1.153.762	974.985	

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II. Travel Trade

Trade Contacts (phone calls, emails, personal meetings) cont.

Contacts	Activity/Activatio n	Follow-up/ Next step
VISIT USA ITALY	May status: • 2025 MEMBERSHIP: Webinars - Travel South: 1. November 11th with Naar Bespoke Travel Defined title of the webinar: Grand Tour of the South from the Atlantic to the Gulf Caast. Defined States involved: North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. 2. June 24th with Travel Island in touch with Evelin Ratti (Product Manager, Travel Island) to understand which states include + define the title. Focus on Foliage and Thanksgiving locations/experiences, in anticipation of fall bookings. Social Media Post: - received for approval and published post during May, visibility to southern gastronomy - received for approval post to be published during June, visibility to North Carolina.	In touch
KONRAD TRAVEL	•FAM TRIP: call during May with the three States involved and Ilaria Vergani as well, to define details of sponsorship. LOT will convert this into a joint activation for FY25/26 including also digital and online activities. Maria Manzella is working on an official agreement. Waiting to receive the final version.	In touch

• <u>Travel South International Showcase 2025</u>, <u>Kansas City:</u> Called Ilaria Vergani to check her interest in attending 2025 TSUSA Showcase in Kansas City. Confirmed and included in the tentative list of Italian delegates to be shared with Catherine.

Ilaria Vergani, Product Manager - <u>ilaria@konradtravel.it</u>





FOC Event: Konrad Travel and Travel Island invited us as Italian representative for the South US, to their event organized @Hard Rock Café, Milan on May 26th and dedicated to 4 itineraries:

New England Foliage

♥ South USA, Music and Magic > presentation of the fam trip Konrad Travel is organizing in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana in September 2025

Southwest USA

FOC EVENT WITH

KONRAD TRAVEL AND TRAVEL ISLAND

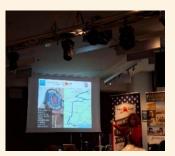
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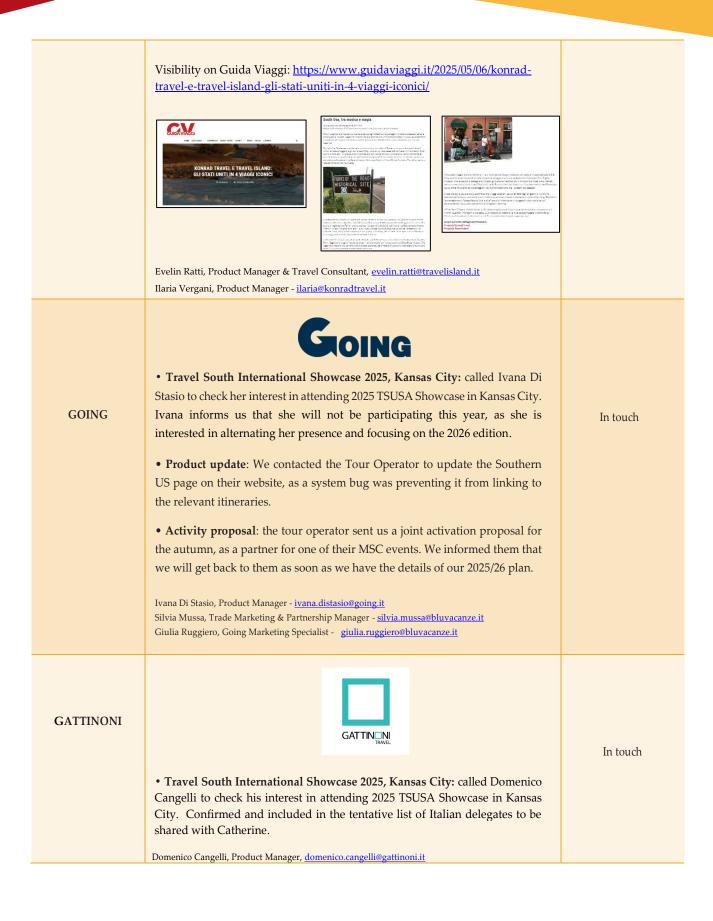
This is part of their joint marketing plan with Brand USA.

Serena attended and did an introduction to the South. Finalized with 30agents.









CREO TOUR OPERATOR	• Travel South International Showcase 2025, Kansas City: Called Luigi Leone to check his interest in attending 2025 TSUSA Showcase in Kansas City. Confirmed and included in the tentative list of Italian delegates to be shared with Catherine. Luigi Leone, Director of Product, luigi.leone@creo.travel	In touch
NAAR BESPOKE TRAVEL	•Travel South International Showcase 2025, Kansas City: Called Erika Melegari to check her interest in attending 2025 TSUSA Showcase in Kansas City. Confirmed and included in the tentative list of Italian delegates to be shared with Catherine. • Product update: Erica Melegari called us to inform of the ongoing multistate fam trip in the South USA for a group of 10 selected travel agents from all around Italy. Erica Melegari, Product Manager – erica.melegari@naar.com	In touch
TECNITRAVEL	•Travel South International Showcase 2025, Kansas City: Called Paolo Zampieri to check his interest in attending 2025 TSUSA Showcase in Kansas City. Confirmed and included in the tentative list of Italian_delegates to be shared with Catherine. Paolo Zampieri, Product Manager, paolo.zampieri@tecnitravel.it	In touch
VOLONLINE	Obiettivo X 2025, FOC training opportunity in Sardinia, May 16 th - 18 th : Marcella Re attended. One full day of networking and one afternoon of workshop with the presence of over 260 agents. Follow up sent with all useful tools and links to promote the South US. Shipped 100 Travel South guides.	Finalized







Marta Tampieri, event & Marketing Manager - <u>marta.t@volonline.it</u>

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•Travel South International Showcase 2025, Kansas City: Called Manuela Baietto to check her interest in attending 2025 TSUSA Showcase in Kansas City. Confirmed and included in the tentative list of Italian delegates to be shared with Catherine.

Manuela Baietto, Owner & Managing Director – Itine-rari - <u>manuela@itine-rari.it</u>

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<u>•Travel South International Showcase 2025, Kansas City:</u> Called Luca Cesaretti to check his interest in attending 2025 TSUSA Showcase in Kansas City. Confirmed and included in the tentative list of Italian delegates to be shared with Catherine.

Luca Cesaretti, Product Manager - <u>luca@reimatours.it</u>
Paolo Cesaretti, Operations Department - <u>paolo@reimatours.it</u>

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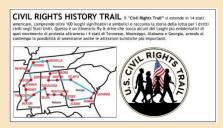


VANESSA VIAGGI

•Travel South International Showcase 2025, Kansas City: Called Stefano Gnerucci to check his interest in attending 2025 TSUSA Showcase in Kansas City. Confirmed and included in the tentative list of Italian delegates to be shared with Catherine. Informed Catherine that for the post fam, his preference is for: VIRGINIA (Come find your Virginia) as it seems that in this "preregistration" phase he cannot select the post fam on his own.

• **Product Updates:** following USCS Showcase in Turin, Stefano shared 5 new itineraries he created with a focus on the South to be published on his website:

1. CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY TRAIL



2. FROM NASHVILLE TO "DIXIELAND"



3. WONDERS OF THE SOUTH

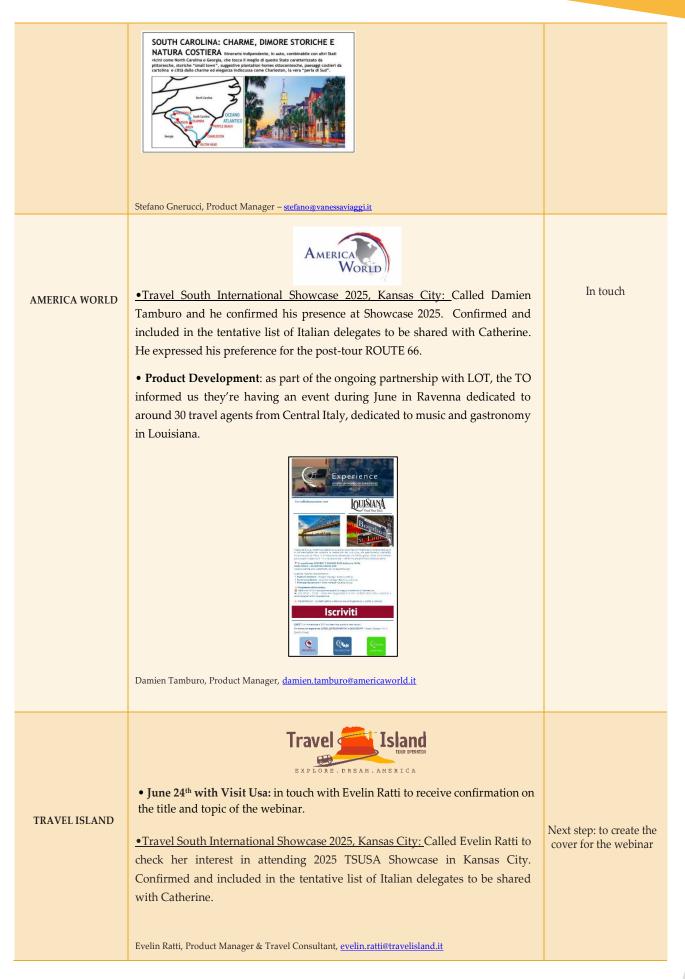


4. NORTH CAROLINA



5. SOUTH CAROLINA

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ALIDAYS TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

- <u>•Travel South International Showcase 2025, Kansas City:</u> Called Giuseppe Gerevini and he confirmed his presence at Showcase 2025. Confirmed and included in the tentative list of Italian delegates to be shared with Catherine.
- **Product Development**: as part of the ongoing partnership with LOT, the TO informed us they had an event during May in Turin dedicated to around 15 travel agents, to celebrate Louisiana's Year of Food through an experiential cooking class.







Giuseppe Gerevini, Product Manager, giuseppe.gerevini@alidays.it



• <u>Travel South International Showcase 2025, Kansas City:</u> Called Liberato Esposito and he informed us he'll not be able to attend Showcase 2025.

IDEE PER VIAGGIARE

• **Product Development**: as part of the ongoing partnership with LOT, the TO informed us they had an event during May in Naples dedicated to around 20 travel agents, with a focus on folklore, magic and joie de vivre in Louisiana. Further to this, the TO is also planning a webinar on June 11th dedicated to Louisiana.







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	LOUISIANA CHAT In collaborazione con 30 totale PREPAR UN'INTERVISTA A MASSIMO MINIELLO, IDEE PER VIAGGIARE 11 GIUGNO ORE 14:30 REGISTRATI QUI Liberato Esposito, Product Manager, liberato.esposito@ideeperviaggiare.it	
ALL Y'ALL ARE WELCOME ACTIVATION	U.S. TRAVEL'S CHICAGO 2025 Serena will attend IPW at the LOT stand. Catherine sent a reminder to those who didn't register to the All Y'all Are Welcome concert.	In touch.
ACTION PLAN 2025/26	Working at FY 2025/26 Action Plan including budget and activities proposal to start activating major partnership asap.	Ongoing
2025 LANDSCAPE REPORT	 Sent 2025 Landscape Report including brochure and airlines analysis. Asked main partners the DMCs/bedbanks mostly used for US and South US bookings. This info is included in the report as well. 	Report sent.

III. Communication & PR

Global Media Marketplace & FAM

March 31st - April 3, 2025, in Louisville, Kentucky – finalized and report sent <u>Journalists confirmed:</u>

- 1.Ilaria Santi, SiViaggia.it
- 2. Elena Barassi, Il Giornale
- 3. Sofia Bordandini, Traveller
- 4.Laura Sommariva, Touring & Donna Moderna

ARTICLES PUBLISHED:

1) Ilaria Santi: "Why visit Atlanta now (before everyone else does)" Link: Atlanta, Georgia, è il momento di andarci (prima che ci vadano tutti)



2) Second article published by Elena Barassi: "Virginia: The Elegant Cradle of American History"

Link: https://blog.ilgiornale.it/viaggiopervoi/2025/04/24/virginia-lelegante-culla-della-storia-americana/



Articles published on online media (and offline)

	TRADE MEDIA	DATE	TITLE	STATES	IMPRESSI
				MENTIONED	ONS
1	cosabolleinpentol	May, 2025	Louisiana: the	Louisiana	103
	a.net		perfect vacation for		
			your family		
			summer in the		
			Southern USA!		
2	gaeta.it	May 2 nd ,2025	Evolution Travel	Missouri	18.800
			organizes a 15-day		
			motorcycle trip to		
			celebrate the 100th		
			anniversary of		

			Route 66 in the		
			<u>USA</u>		
3	Travelquotidiano.c	May 2 nd ,2025	Evolution Travel: a	Missouri	478
	om	1/1my	15-day itinerary for	1,22300 422	27.0
			Route 66's 100th		
			anniversary.		
4	guidaviaggi.it	May 6 th ,2025	Konrad Travel and	Tennessee,	886
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			The United States	Mississippi,	
				Louisiana,	
			in 4 Iconic Trips	-	
		16 04 2025	** ***	Missouri	22 000
5	viaggi-usa.it	May 9th ,2025	How to Visit	Georgia,	23.000
			Chattanooga, the	Tennessee,	
			Historic Town of	Alabama,	
			Ruby Falls	Mississippi	
6	viaggi-usa.it	May 9 th ,2025	Jack Daniel's	Tennessee	23.000
			Distillery and		
			Other Lynchburg,		
			<u>Tennessee</u>		
			<u>Attractions</u>		
7	viaggi-usa.it	May 14th ,2025	Mobile Alabama:	Alabama	23.000
			What to See in the		
			City on the Gulf		
			Coast		
8	viaggi-usa.it	May 15th ,2025	A visit to	Mississippi	23.000
			Vicksburg, the		
			town of the		
			famous Siege		
			during the Civil		
			<u>War</u>		
9	viaggiare.net	May 16th ,2025	The 5 Places That	Louisiana	180
			Embody		
			Louisiana's		
			<u>Imagery</u>		

10	pegasonews.info	May 17th ,2025	The 5 places that	Louisiana	807
			embody the		
			imagination of		
			Louisiana between		
			plantations,		
			swamps, music		
			and parties: a		
			journey into the		
			essence of the		
			South of the		
			United States		
11	italiavola.com	May 17 th ,2025	The 5 Places That	Louisiana	32.000
			<u>Embody</u>		
			<u>Louisiana's</u>		
			<u>Imagery</u>		
12	inviaggio.touringcl	May 19th, 2025	The legendary	Missouri	644
	ub.it		Route 66 turns 100:		
			the most beautiful		
			places along its		
			<u>path</u>		
13	viaggi-usa.it	May 20th ,2025	Montgomery,	Alabama	23.000
			Alabama, the city		
			of Rosa Parks and		
			Martin Luther		
			King		
14	viaggi-usa.it	May 20th ,2025	New Orleans,	Louisiana	23.000
			climate and		
			temperatures:		
			when to go? Info		
			on the best time		
15	latitudeslife.com	May 20th ,2025	Louisiana, a	Louisiana	2040
			journey into the		
			authentic South		
16	siviaggia.it	May 21 ^h ,2025	New Orleans, what	Louisiana	10.100
			to see in the city		

			that enchants with		
			jazz		
17	masterviaggi.it	May 22nd,2025	<u>In 2025, we</u>	Missouri	178
			celebrate the		
			centenary of Route		
			66, the historic		
			American road that		
			has represented		
			adventure and		
			freedom on four		
			wheels for a		
			<u>century.</u>		
18	siviaggia.it	May 22 nd ,2025	Baton Rouge, the	Louisiana	10.100
			<u>irresistible charm</u>		
			of the capital of		
			Louisiana		
19	lagenziadiviaggim	May 22 nd ,2025	USA, the city of	North	229
	ag.it		Charlotte expands	Carolina	
			the airport: new		
			runway and		
			restyling		
20	tgcom24.mediaset	May 26th ,2025	The Dreamy South	Missouri,	56.300
	.it		of the USA: The	Tennessee,	
			Most	Mississippi	
			<u>Instagrammable</u>		
			<u>Places</u>		
21	msn.com	May 26th ,2025	The Dreamy South	Missouri,	485.000
			of the USA: The	Tennessee,	
			Most	Mississippi	
			<u>Instagrammable</u>		
			<u>Places</u>		
22	minformo.com	May 26th ,2025	New Delta Air	Georgia	2.820
			Lines Flight from		
			Naples to Atlanta		

23	italiavola.com	May 26 th ,2025	Delta has opened	Georgia	32.00
			Atlanta-Naples		
24	ildenaro.it	May 26th ,2025	Capodichino-	Georgia	816
			Atlanta, Delta Air		
			Lines' new flights		
			<u>begin</u>		
25	ilmattino.it	May 26th ,2025	New Delta Air	Georgia	70.200
			<u>Lines flight</u>		
			Naples- Atlanta		
26	cronachedellacam	May 26th ,2025	New Delta flight	Georgia	8.960
	pania.it		from Naples to		
			Atlanta: strategic		
			connection for		
			North America		
27	tg24.sky.it	May 26th ,2025	Summer Holidays	Alabama	57.700
			<u>2025, from the</u>		
			Dolomites to		
			Alabama: Where to		
			Go in Italy and the		
			<u>World</u>		
28	viaggiarenews.co	May 26th ,2025	Louisiana on the	Louisiana	553
	m		road: 5 stops		
			between music,		
			history and nature		
29	gaeta.it	May 26th ,2025	Five stops to	Louisiana	18.800
			discover Louisiana		
			between history,		
			nature, music and		
			<u>festivals</u>		
30	terranostranews.it	May 27th ,2025	Campania and	Georgia	16.800
			America are		
			increasingly closer:		
			new direct Delta		
			flight between		

			Naples and Atlanta		
31	SudNotizie.com	May 27th ,2025	Delta Air Lines:	Georgia	6.230
			new direct flight		
			Naples-Atlanta: a		
			bridge between		
			Campania and the		
			USA for tourism		
			and business		
32	masterviaggi.it	May 27 th ,2025	Louisiana: 5 iconic	Louisiana	178
			places that tell the		
			soul of the		
			American South.		
33	menshealth.com	May 28th ,2025	Where to go in the	Louisiana,	35.200
			<u>United States on a</u>	Virginia	
			budget:		
			destinations and		
			tips for an epic		
			<u>low-cost trip</u>		
34	guidaviaggi.it	May 28th ,2025	The Five Stops for	Louisiana	883
			a Road Trip in		
			<u>Louisiana</u>		

Coverage Book:

https://travelsouthusa.coveragebook.com/b/4de86d298aeca6bd



LOUISIANA: la vacanza perfetta per la tua estate in famiglia nel Sud USA!

maggio 2025 -L'estate si avvicina e la Louisiana ti aspetta per trascorrere una vacanza indimenticabile nel cuore del Sud degli Stati Uniti, tra storia, musica, natura, ospitalità e joie de vivre!

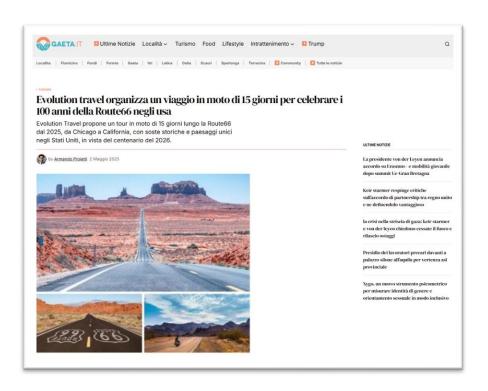
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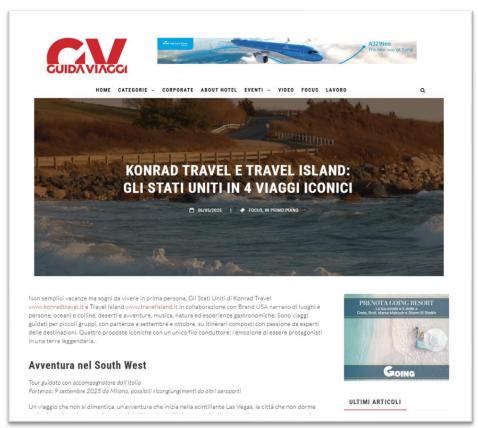
refrigerio, lasciati sorprendere dal Cool Zoo, un parco acquatico ricco di scivoli e fontane a forma di animali. Se invece ami l'adrenalina, non perdere il Blue Bayou Water Park a Baton Rouge, con i suoi scivoli giganteschi e una niscina con le onde. Poco distante il



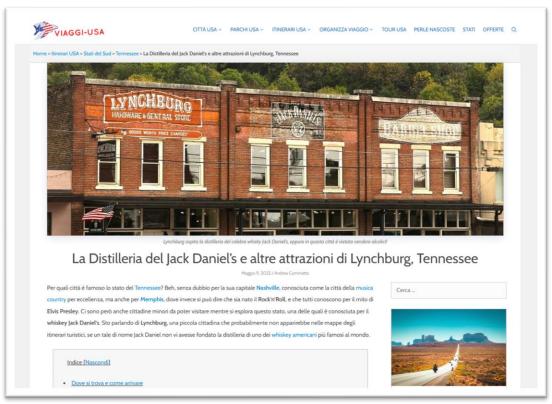


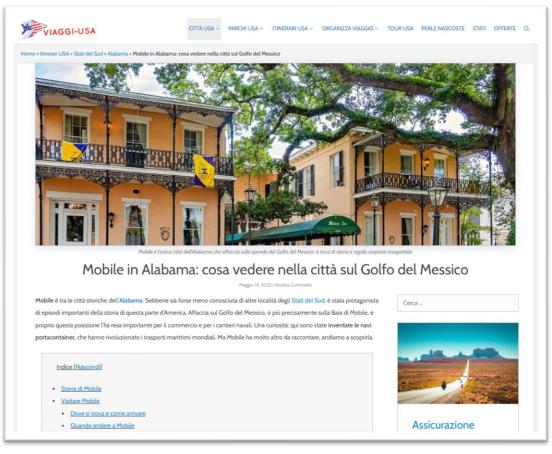




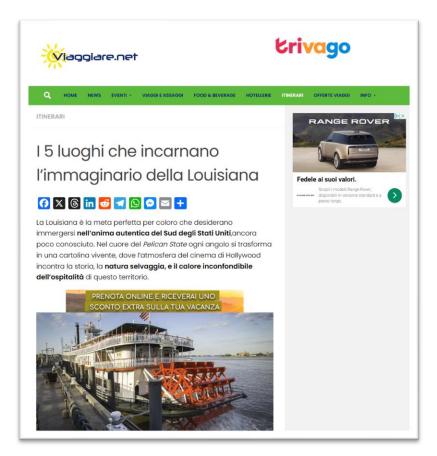


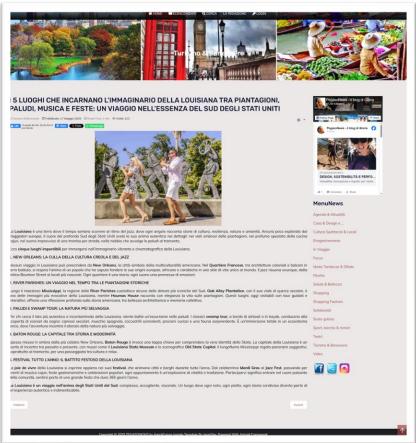


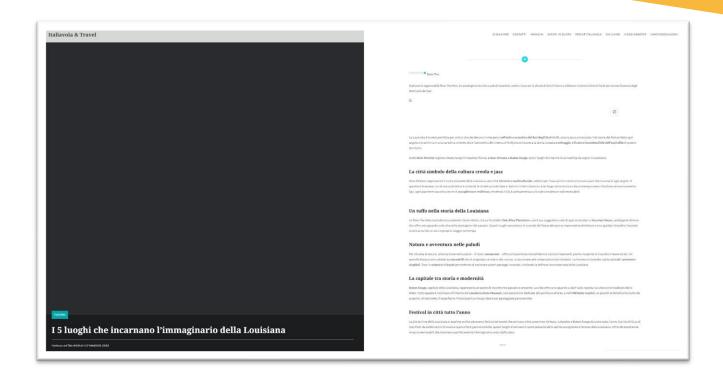


















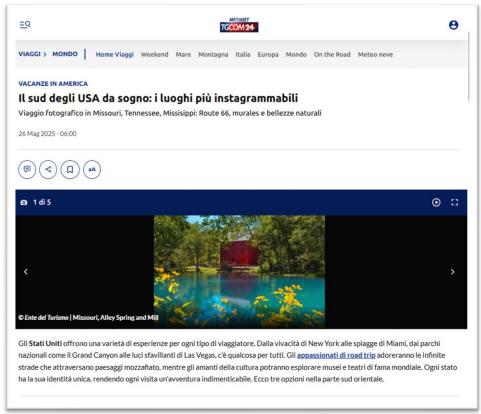


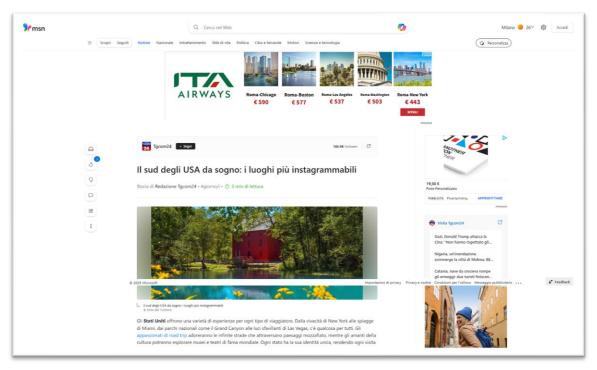












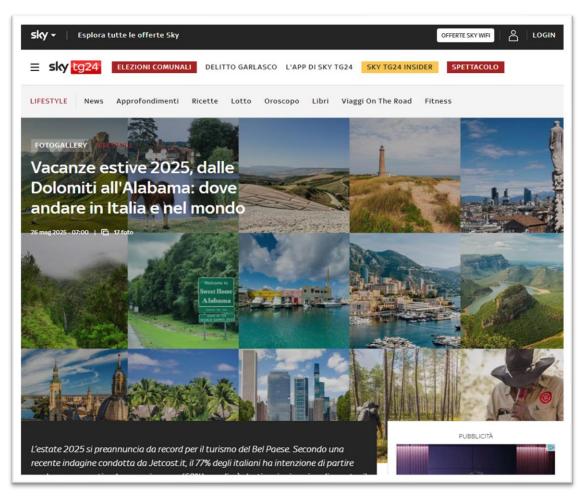




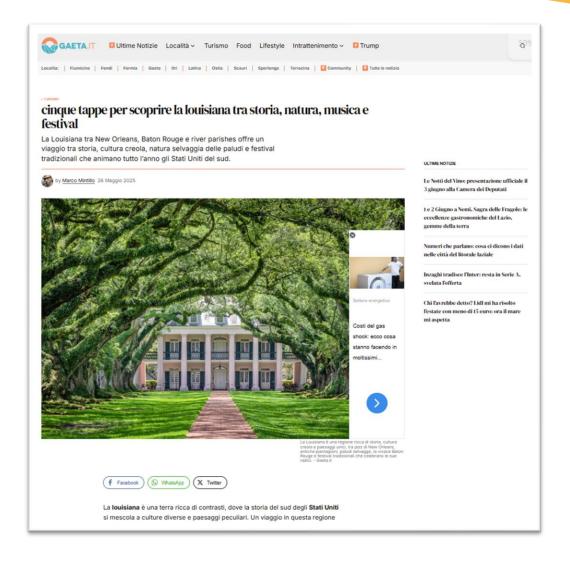










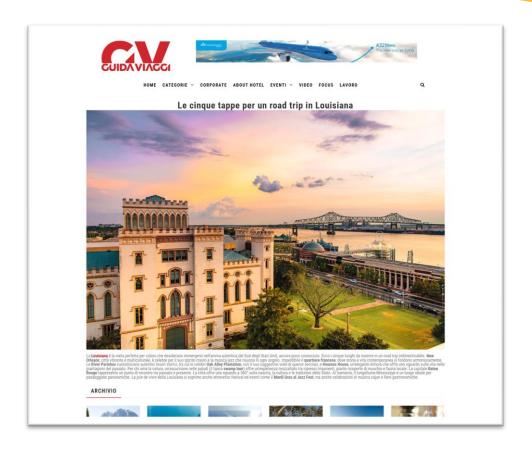












IV. Newsletters

Trade Newsletter to tour operators and travel agent professionals

Status	Торіс	Numbers delivered	Open rate	Click-thru rate
Travel South USA Newsletter Series#9	May monthly newsletter: sent on May 22nd, 2025 Topic: Luxury experiences for under \$100 States featured: • ALABAMA: EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES UNDER \$100 • KENTUCKY: AN ICONIC JOURNEY THROUGH BOURBON, ART, AND HISTORY • MISSOURI: FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF PROHIBITION, BETWEEN DISTILLERIES AND TIMELESS LUXURY • TENNESSEE: WARM HOSPITALITY AND EXCLUSIVE WHISKEY	10.884 TOTAL (10.328 trade contacts + 556 media list)	27,88%	12,51%



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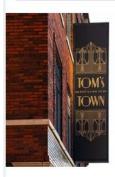
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TENNESSEE: CALOROSA OSPITALITÀ E WHISKEY ESCLUSIVI





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V. Market Update

EXPERIENCE OBSERVATORY: VIAGGIOFF'S 2025 TRENDS

The watchword is immersion: in nature, in sports or a hobby, in psychological and physical well-being, in a "wow effect" experience. If we wanted to synthesize it to the maximum, finding a common denominator for the most current travel trends, this would be the fitting term: we see it emerging from our ViaggiOff, the online magazine dedicated to the more unconventional side of tourism where we daily report on and analyze trends and news. And the insights we can highlight from this Observatory are interesting. Away from the madding crowd, away from FOMO, the fear of missing out - the fear of "missing something, being cut out" - is no longer in vogue. Now there's a desire for disconnection, for a body and mind detox, even at the cost of abandoning everything and everyone and leaving alone. This is where JOMO makes its way, quite the opposite, or almost: it's the joy of missing out that is sought, hence the desire to "miss out," to isolate oneself, to unplug. People travel to experience emotions, and immersive experiences are multiplying, increasingly sought after by those who wish to disconnect even with the aid of technology capable of astonishing. Leaving for concerts and events: this is the latest trend of gig tripping. In Italy, 61% of the population willingly travels to attend an event, while 12% declare they travel for sporting events and active holidays, a percentage that rises to 15% for Millennials and 17% for Generation Z (source: SiteMinder, Changing Traveller Report 2025). The ascent of the mountain - even and especially in spring and summer - perfectly aligns with another trend we have been talking about for some time on ViaggiOff: coolcation. The term, as we know, is a portmanteau of "cool" and "vacation" and reflects the increasingly hot times: people seek coolness, they travel towards high peaks or less muggy latitudes. Immersive travel in nature has had a great protagonist recently: the camper van. The on the road vacation is gaining increasing popularity, and advice for aspiring camper van owners is multiplying, as are itinerary ideas and options for combining travel with the discovery of a green Italy, such as its national parks. And to intercept an even wider audience looking for "en plein air" solutions, yes, but not necessarily Spartan ones, the magic word is glamping.

EUROPEAN HOLIDAYS: THE MASTERCARD TRAVEL REPORT

1.Travel Trends in Europe

- Despite economic uncertainties and geopolitical tensions, Europe remains the top destination for experiential tourism.
- European travelers continue to choose destinations within the continent, seeking meaningful and sensory-rich experiences.

2. Popular Travel Motivations

- Strong interest in **food & wine experiences**, **sports events**, **wellness**, and **outdoor adventures**.
- Notable spike in consumer spending after major sporting events, e.g. Real Madrid's win in the Champions League increased Spanish spending by +148%.

3. Trending Destinations (Summer 2025)

- **Tokyo** is the top global destination.
- Followed by Palma de Mallorca, Hurghada, Paris, Osaka, Beijing, and London.
- **Italy**: Rome and Milan top destinations for Asian and Middle Eastern travelers. Alghero enters the top 15 seaside destinations in Europe.

4. High-Growth Cities

• Tirana, Albania saw the highest growth in European tourism, especially from Italy.

5. Wellness & Outdoor Travel

- Italy and Poland lead thanks to diverse wellness offerings (thermal spas, food, nature).
- A trend toward mindful travel focused on self-care and emotional well-being.

6. Food & Wine Tourism

- Istanbul tops the list globally, followed by Sorrento (7th place) with visitors from 59 countries.
- Other leaders: Cannes, Interlaken, Barcelona, Dubrovnik, Mykonos.

7. Nature & Adventure Tourism

- Northern Europe is gaining popularity (forests, fjords, national parks).
- Finland stands out: 7.1% of total international travel spending is in national parks.

8. Fraud Risks in Tourism

- Fraud increases by 28% during peak seasons.
- High-risk: Cancun, Hanoi, Dhaka, Bangkok.
- Low-risk: San Francisco, Dublin, Seoul, Budapest, Edinburgh.
- AI and digital wallets are improving travel safety.

9. Italy's Tourism Strength

- Italy remains a key global tourism player, offering strong value in the **experience economy**.
- Mastercard supports travel growth with digital innovation and fraud protection.

BLUVACANZE, SALES IN TRAVEL AGENCIES: PASSENGER NUMBERS GROW, BUT THE AVERAGE TRANSACTION VALUE DECREASES.

Egypt +71%, Kenya +32%, Japan +37%, and the United States +15%. These are some of the growth percentages, updated to the last few days, for some of the key destinations of the moment, sold in Bluvacanze agencies. Claudio Busca, from the retail management, communicates this, observing, particularly regarding the USA, that 'at the moment, tariffs are not having an impact, but it is also true that much was done before,' the manager emphasizes, alluding to bookings that preceded the Trump administration's decisions. 'Currently, the market is in line with last year,' he states. 'From May onwards, the numbers are similar to 2024 for bookings. April closed with a +40% in terms of departures.'

The holiday periods linked to April 25th and May 1st, as is known, played their part and skewed the market. To the point that, to have a view of the year, 'we will have to wait at least until the end of June, if not mid-July,' the manager maintains. 'On average, we have a higher number of people, but the average transaction value is slightly lower. This does not mean that prices have fallen, but that customers' choices are different.' They are different either in terms of chosen departure dates or products.

POST-PANDEMIC TRAVEL TRENDS: BALANCING BUDGET AND COMFORT

The pandemic, travelers are adjusting their choices to fit the new market dynamics. Those with smaller budgets are shortening their vacations or opting for more affordable destinations, while those with higher budgets continue to choose all-inclusive packages, despite rising costs.

Inflation has driven up transportation costs (+11.5%) and accommodation prices (+12%), particularly affecting middle-income travelers. Many are shortening their stays or choosing cheaper destinations like the Red Sea or

Tunisia, while Italy has become too expensive.

For wealthier travelers, there's a growing demand for long-haul trips and organized tours. Comfort, such as direct flights and all-inclusive packages, has become a priority, even with higher prices.

DELTA LAUNCHES ATLANTA-NAPLES ROUTE

On May 23, 2025, Delta Air Lines inaugurated its new flight between Atlanta and Naples.

As previously announced last September, the new flight operates four times a week, utilizing an Airbus A330-200. This aircraft offers all of Delta's long-haul commercial products, including Delta One, Delta Premium Select, Delta Comfort+, and Main Cabin.

In total, it provides 34 seats in Delta One, 21 seats in Delta Premium Select, 24 seats in Delta Comfort+, and 144 seats in Main Cabin.

After seeing the opening of the New York JFK flight last summer, Naples this year experiences a doubling of routes with this new four-time-weekly flight. This new service provides access to Delta Air Lines' busiest and most important hub airport. Consequently, the American carrier's connection opportunities increase, reaching numerous medium and small airports via Delta Connection's regional network.

UNITED EXTENDS CHICAGO-MILAN SERVICE

In a recent modification to its commercial operations within the airline's own sales systems and global B2B and B2C markets, United Airlines has decided to extend its seasonal Chicago – Milan Malpensa flights until December 1, 2025.

The daily flights between Chicago and Milan will be operated during the winter 2025/2026 season with a B787-8 Dreamliner.

These seasonal flights cater to a mixed clientele, including corporate travel, business travel, MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions), premium leisure, and leisure segments. Milan and Northern Italy are key destinations for many of these segments, including popular lakes like Maggiore and Como.

The route, via United's hub at Chicago O'Hare, offers seamless connections to or from hundreds of large, medium, and small destinations across the Americas, Canada, and Central and South America.

THE FLIGHT TO NASHVILLE WILL REMAIN EVEN IN WINTER

The flight operated by Icelandair, which, since May 16th, 2025, connects Reykjavík to Nashville, will be extended for the upcoming winter season as well, at least until the beginning of January. An unexpected extension for the Icelandic carrier's flight, which had considered the American city an exclusively summer destination.

During the winter schedule, the company has planned three flights a week, which will be operated using a B737 Max 8.

AMERICAN AIRLINES DOUBLES FLIGHTS FROM NAPLES TO THE USA

American Airlines is doubling its flights from Naples to the United States. Throughout the summer, it will operate 2 flights a day from Capodichino Airport to two US destinations: Philadelphia and Chicago.

This summer, Naples Airport will offer 43 weekly frequencies to 6 US airports. The direct flight will not only amplify tourist flows in both directions, but will also create new opportunities for commercial, academic and cultural collaboration, consolidating the role of our airport as a privileged gateway between Southern Italy and North America.

UNITED: DEBUT OF THE NEW PALERMO-NEW YORK FLIGHT.

United Airlines' new seasonal non-stop Palermo-New York (Newark) flight debuted on May 22, 2025. This connection will operate three times a week and makes United the only U.S. airline to offer up to 14 daily non-stop services from Italy to the USA.