

# **CANADA**

## MARKET OVERVIEW

#### **Strategic Focus Areas**

Zero in on Canada's Power Provinces: Prioritize high-impact efforts in Ontario and Quebec—where volume and influence are strongest—while unlocking growth potential in Atlantic and Western Canada with targeted, high-conversion initiatives.

Capture the Next-Gen Explorer: Engage travelers under 40 who seek more than just a vacation—they want immersive experiences driven by food, music, sports, outdoor adventure, and meaningful cultural connection.

Lead with Southern Soul: Spotlight the "All Y'all Are Welcome" message to reinforce the South's signature hospitality—embracing diversity, inclusivity, and warmth in every story and experience.

Tell Stories That Matter: Deliver niche, value-driven storytelling that brings the South's culinary icons, creative communities, and rich culture to life—showing Canadian travelers that unforgettable experiences don't have to break the bank.

#### Media Engagement Strategy:

Cross promotion of bilingual (English/French) story angles using content from states in newsletters, press releases and social

Engage key Canadian outlets and influencers through editorial and PR.

Quarterly VIP events and bespoke media gatherings to reinforce Southern destination awareness

Collaborate with Canadian micro-influencers - State participation required.

Host curated media at key trade events (International Showcase, Global Summit)

### **Trade Engagement Strategy:**

Host curated tour operators at International Showcase

Exclusive event access (webinars, giveaways, Uber Eats tie-ins)

Intimate in-person gatherings, potentially in Toronto, to engage directly and drive conversion.

#### **Digital & Social Consumer Outreach:**

Follower Growth Through Localized Voice: Use a distinctly Canadian voice and references in copywriting, leverage Canadian creators, and promote content during high travel planning periods to steadily increase followers and relevance in the market

Engagement-Driven Social Campaigns: Launch interactive social content (polls, giveaways, "this or that" stories, user-generated content) to spark engagement and grow a loyal Canadian fanbase, especially in key provinces like Ontario and Quebec.

Consistent, Canada-Focused Weekly Content: Develop and publish weekly posts tailored to Canadian travel interests—highlighting road trips, seasonal getaways, and authentic Southern experiences—to build brand familiarity and inspire trip planning.

### Out of Scope Opportunities:

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KPI's & GOALS				
Project	КРІ			
TRADE				
Tour operator meetings	20			
International Showcase & FAMs participants	4			
Travel South Travel Trade Newsletter	10			
Open rate for Newsletters/leads generated	25%			
Managed Media				
Media Meetings	50			
No. of Articles Generated	60			
Impressions	55M			
Global Media Marketplace & FAMs	7			
Travel South USA PR Newsletters	10			
Open rate for Newsletters/leads generated	20%			
Social Posts - Owned Channels				
Facebook				
# of Posts	6 per month			
Reach	TBC			
Impressions	TBC			
Engagements	TBC			
Consumer Campaigns				
Hopper International				
Partner Engagement				
Alabama Highlighted Activation				
Arkansas Highlighted Activation				
Kentucky Highlighted Activation				
Mississippi Highlighted Activation				
Missouri Highlighted Activation				
North Carolina Highlighted Activation				
South Carolina Highlighted Activation				
Tennessee Highlighted Activation				
ROTS Highlighted Activation				

2025						
Country	Category	Date	Description	Location		
Canada	Trade & Media	July-Aug, 2025	Baxter Media Microsite Deployment	Toronto, ON		
Canada	Media	September 22-25, 2025	Media Blitz: Southern Sips & Bites – A Michelin Moment	Toronto + Montreal		
Canada	Media & Trade	December 2025	Influencer campaign	TBC		
Canada	Media & Trade	December 2025 - TBC	Discover America Canada Holiday Event	Toronto, ON		
Canada	Trade	Nov 30 - Dec 4, 2025 + Dec 4	1- Travel South International Showcase	Kansas City, MO + FAMs		
2026						
Country	Category	Date	Description	Location		
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