THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO
Resort Marketing Automation

Learn how to complement your traditional marketing with set-and-forget campaigns that increase revenue, loyalty, and satisfaction.
“Marketing without data is like driving with your eyes closed.”

Dan Zarella
**Silver bullets? Nah.**

Marketing automation. A buzzword if there ever was one. But the irony of buzzwords is that behind all the silver-bullet perceptions is an idea that started it all. An idea that worked because it was given time, thought, and effort.

If you are looking for a silver bullet in these pages, you’ll be disappointed. But if you’re intrigued by the idea of creating a campaign once, and, over time, having it continually deliver small, but measurable, wins and if you’re know the power of many small things adding up to something significant, then keep reading.

None of the campaigns you’ll learn about will replace your existing marketing. What they will do is complement them. And because automations run on their own, you can still do all your traditional marketing while you tally these wins behind the scenes.

So huddle up, study these campaigns, set some level-headed goals, be patient, and like the hundreds of resorts and hotels we’ve worked with, I think you’ll be amazed by the results.

*Gregg Blanchard*

*VP Marketing, Inntopia*
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Meet the Pros

Below each campaign you’ll see a pair of tips. These come from our team of incredibly talented account managers. People sometimes ask what the secret to our success is. Well, you’re looking at ‘em. They average more than a dozen years of resort or hotel CRM experience and, well, they’re just entirely lovely people.

**Patrick Sande**  
*Inntopian Since 2010*  
Patrick leans on years spent on ski resort marketing teams to help clients big and small make sense of their guest data and move step-by-step toward their marketing goals.

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*Inntopian Since 2015*  
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*Inntopian Since 2011*  
A keen understanding of technology combined with decades on the front lines of resorts like Telluride and Crested Butte make Kurt one of the most trusted marketers in the resort industry.

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*Inntopian Since 2013*  
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**Devin Jensen**  
*Inntopian Since 2015*

An expert across marketing channels, Devin’s experience as an email marketing consultant and email manager at Navis give him a unique skillset every member of our team relies on.

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**Rebekah Stoner**  
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A former Marketing Director and member of an award-winning agency, Rebekah is able to elegantly blend data and insights with brand voice and strategy.

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A proud #EmailGeek, Kristin is our in-house expert on deliverability, code, and strategy. If you have a question about email, chances are good Kristin's got the answer.

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*Inntopian Since 2022*

Burleigh brings deep experience from his time working for major resorts in New England, but he also had first-hand experience with the Inntopia system before joining the team.

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**Drew Jackson**  
*Inntopian Since 2022*

After spending time at Camelback Resort in the Poconos and Sugar Bowl in Tahoe, Drew has broad experience in marketing and communications that help him be a key partner for our clients.
Foundations

Two core concepts that set the groundwork for many of the campaigns we’ll be exploring later in this book.
Foundations

Layers of Automation

It’s important to realize that marketing automation is not just a matter of an email being sent automatically, because whether or not that email is sent and what is inside each email is based on three other layers of automation.

Layer #1  Automated Data Aggregation
First, all guest data across all your systems needs to be automatically aggregated into guest profiles and saved in one central location.

Layer #2  Automated Syncing to Email Platform
Next, all of those guest profiles need to be synced with an email platform where you can build automated campaigns on that data.

Layer #3  Automated Dynamic Content
Finally, the system needs to be able to build the content of each email dynamically based on what’s inside each guest’s profile.

In other words, marketing automation is about two things: technology and strategy. These layers are what you need in terms of technology. The strategy side makes up the rest of this book.
Many marketers only expect revenue as a result of automation. We’ll certainly cover campaigns that generate bookings, but the rest will primarily be designed to increase guest satisfaction. Now, a satisfied guest is a nice thing to think about, but it’s more than that.

Take this data set for example. It compares the Net Promoter Score (NPS) of individual guests to how many of those guests made a return trip.

It’s not hard to see the trend: a guest who is highly likely to recommend your resort to their friends is 3-4x more likely to return than those who aren’t. Interestingly, a single pre-arrival email filled with helpful information about a guest’s upcoming trip (we’ll discuss this more later), can be tied to a measurable increase in NPS.

In other words, by generating satisfaction now, you’re lining up more revenue later. Automation, it turns out, is really, really good at that.
Nurturing

Just getting someone into your database is not enough. You need to build a relationship, stay top of mind, and give potential guests reasons and moments to act.
Nurturing

Welcome

When you capture the email address of a new guest or website visitor, this isn’t just another row in your database, it’s a key marketing opportunity. A welcome email is sent immediately after someone enters your email database to both confirm they’ve joined your list and begin the conversation between you and the guest.

- An introduction to your brand
- Immediately after they enter your database
- All guests, versioned by source

Pro Tips

Set the Brand Tone
“"It’s really important to set the tone and expectations. Introduce your brand story, use your brand voice, let them know what you’ll be sending and how to change their preferences if needed.””

Rebekah Stoner

Version by Source
“"This simple message is perfect for versioning. Create a welcome message specific to emails that come from a lodging reservation, another for those who come from your website, etc.””

Lindsay Haller
Welcome aboard!

Thanks for signing up for our newsletter and deal alert list!
Before moving on with your day, we’d suggest two quick things

Customize Your Preferences
This will help ensure that every email you get from us is something that matters to you.

Sandy’s Dream
Learn how Innisridge all began more than 75 years ago with the dream of one woman.
Nurturing Dream

Within a few days of sending your welcome message that introduces your brand, hit them again with a few reasons to start dreaming of a trip. A few ideas to start with could be key selling points, lists of your most popular activities, quotes from online reviews, sample itineraries, or places they can go to dig deeper into reasons they may want to visit your resort.

✍ Reasons to consider making a trip
滗 2-3 days after the Welcome email
👥 All guests who received a Welcome email

✔ Pro Tips

Promote Social
“Promote the social media accounts where your brand is active. And, remember, don’t just include the links or icons, give them reasons to follow just as you would with an opt-in form.”

Personalize by Behavior
“Personalize this message by what each recipient clicked in the Welcome email or the pages they were browsing before they opted in. These clues help you give them relevant things to dream about.”

Burleigh Sunflower

Kristin Connors
East Carolina’s Favorite Getaway

Whether it’s the annual family trip or a holiday weekend with no school, Innisridge’s 500 acres are a perfect escape. Follow us on social and explore our guides for dreamy photos and great deals.

Family Vacations
Interactive vacation guide.

Family Packages
Deals, discounts, and more.
Nurturing

How to Book

Now that these new subscribers have been dreaming for a few days, give them a reason to act. Show them how to book, who to call, where the deals are, etc. This doesn’t have to be a hard sell. Just like the Dream email planted seeds of what they could do, this should plant the seeds of how they would do it.

hammer The best places and ways to book
hammer 2-3 days after the Dream email
hammer All guests who received the Dream email

Pro Tips

Perfect Way to Cap Series
“Even if you extend this series to more than 3 emails, it’s a great way to wrap it up. It transitions potential guests from thinking about your resort, to thinking about coming to your resort.”

Version Based on Bookings
“Be sure to version this campaign by whether or not the guest currently has a trip on the books. If they don’t, add a promo code or perk that gives an extra reason to make it happen.”

Patrick Sande

Drew Jackson
Bliss is a Call or Click Away

Ready to get out of the city for a few days or book that summer trip? Our website makes it easy to build the perfect getaway. Or, just call our friendly reservations team and they’ll help you build the perfect itinerary.

Book Online
Desktop or mobile, it’s all good.

Talk to Our Team
Our friendly agents are available from 8am-8pm EST, 7 days a week.

Book Your Trip

555-555-1234
Nurturing

OTA Data Capture

Gathering guest details from OTA bookings only at check in prevents you from sending helpful messages before their stay that could set them up for success. This campaign is sent to the guest via the forwarding email associated with each OTA booking and encourages them to complete a profile with their direct contact details.

*A link to an email sign up form*

*Within 2 days after you receive a booking from an OTA*

*All guests who book through an OTA*

✅  **Pro Tips**

**Not Just Email**

“Email is the primary thing you’re looking for, but if you use other guest data during your pre-arrival communications, this is a perfect time to gather these details as well.”

**Give Reasons**

“ Asking for their details is one thing, highlighting what could happen if something changes and you don’t have that information may be a better way to encourage folks to act.”

*Burleigh Sunflower*

*Kristin Connors*
Complete your profile to be sure you don’t miss important information about your upcoming stay.

By making sure we have a correct email address, contact details, and guest information, you’ll be sure not to miss any key updates about your booking with Innisridge.

Complete Your Profile
Nurturing

SMS, Social, & App Promo

The nurture stage is the perfect time to get your audience to opt-in to other channels. Email is powerful, but being able to reach guests on SMS, app push notifications, and other media is a perfect compliment to reaching them in their inbox when it comes to both getting them to book and helping them have a great experience once they do.

Promotion of non-email channels where you market to guests

During the welcome series of just before they travel to your resort

All guests recently added to the database or arriving soon at your resort or hotel

Pro Tips

This Isn’t a Field of Dreams

“Make sure you give them clear, valuable reasons to subscribe, follow, or opt-in. They won’t join simply because it exists, sell them on the reasons as you would with a traditional product.”

Soon-to-Arrive Guests

“A simple email like this to new guests in your database is great, but these channels are very effective for guests while they’re traveling to your resort, so consider sending to this group as well.”

Kristin Connors

Devin Jensen
Want more discounts, deals, and latest news? Follow and subscribe in more places.

SMS Alert List
Get real-time alerts for check-in, dining deals, weather, and more during your trip.

Open Google Maps

Innisridge Resort App
Everything in one place, plus you can use your app as a room key with some properties.

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

Instagram & TikTok
See the latest news, upcoming events, and more on our social media channels.

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Want automations that generate measurable revenue? You're in the right place.
Revenue

Abandoned Browse

Think of this campaign and abandoned cart as two variations of the same concept: target guests based on their browsing behavior, whether that’s a specific web page or a step in the checkout process. It’s also a reminder that a guest’s browsing behavior can show many signals of booking intent, even if they never add something to their cart.

Filled

Information or reminders to help them continue their booking

Filled

Within 24 hours after someone browses a specific product or page(s)

Filled

All emailable guests with known browsing behavior who are not currently on the books

✅ Pro Tips

Build Around Questions

“Build these around why they didn’t book. One of the most effective ways to do this is to simply give them a way to get their questions answered or an alternative way to book.”

Burleigh
Sunflower

Don’t Overthink

“This is perfect for people shopping for any product you sell, not just lodging. If someone visits a key product page, build an automation to keep that product top of mind.”

Kurt
Kinscherf
Need a hand booking your stay at the Innisridge Lodge?

Couldn’t find the dates you were looking for? Weren’t sure about a policy? Couldn’t get the deal you were hoping for? Whatever the reason, our reservations team would be happy to answer any questions you have.

555-555-1234

Or, watch this 3-minute tour of the Innisridge Lodge Suites to get a closer look at the property:
Revenue

Abandoned Cart

While browsing behavior signals some intent, abandoned cart emails reach people who show significant intent. The strategy is simple - nudge people about the trip they were planning - but good tech will help get them right back to their cart or allow an agent to review their cart and give them enough confidence to make it official.

 TripAdvisor

Information or reminders to help them complete their booking

Within 24 hours after someone starts booking but doesn’t finish.

All emailable guests who started booking something who are not currently on the books

Pro Tips

Not Just One

“One abandoned cart is great, but schedule automated follow ups for a few days and a week later if they haven’t book to increase your chances of recovering those potential guests.”

Use the Right URL

“Be sure any links take them back to their exact itinerary not just a search widget. For large carts, encourage them to call an agents so they can review their itinerary and seal the deal.”

Rebekah Stoner

Sarah Bertoline
Scott, still thinking about a spring vacation to Innisridge?

You’ve taken the first step and you’re almost there. Rooms are filling up fast for your dates of Sep 13-Sep 17, 2022. Book now before we sell out!

Finish booking on the phone with one of our agents, just give them your itinerary #: 51342356

435-434-5532

Or finish your booking online. Clicking the link below will take you right back to your itinerary:

Continue Booking
Revenue

Booking Reminder

Guests tend to buy and book things around the same time each year. All it takes is a gentle nudge, but the revenue per email on this campaign is surprisingly good. Remember to align this to when they were planning their trip (~2 weeks before booking) rather than their booking date. Otherwise, you may be too late.

📍 A nudge or reason to book again

📈 About 350 days after a guest’s last booking date

👨‍髑 All guests with a previous booking who are not currently on the books

✔️ Pro Tips

Version by Season

“If you run a seasonal resort, version this campaign by the season during which a guest visited. Make sure that the imagery and wording you use match the memories of their trip.”

Brian Elliott

Not Just Lodging

“Anytime you see products being purchased on an annual cadence - season passes, summer camps, lessons, etc. - you’ll have a perfect candidate for this email.”

Sarah Bertoline
Time Flies When You’re Dreaming of Another Trip

Can you believe it’s been a year since you booked your last trip to Innisridge? We’ve been busy since you left creating even more reasons to come back.

Mountain Condos
Check out the deals on the condos you stayed in last year.

What’s New
Dozens of new activities, a new restaurant, and more.

Check Rates  Read the Story
Vacations are wonderful, but often fleeting. While some of your guests’ travel schedules make last-minute changes impossible, others have a surprising amount of flexibility, especially if they’re given a compelling offer. This campaign gives current guests a reason to stay just a little bit longer right at the moment they’re wishing they could.

**Pro Tips**

- **Don’t Overcomplicate the CTA**
  “Think of this as an automated way to get them to do something that might have already crossed their mind: call the front desk and ask for another night. Make that phone call your CTA.”

- **Get Current Guests to Rebook**
  “Another way to think of this is getting folks to stay more days, even if it’s not the same trip. If given a good reason, guests will book their next trip while they’re enjoying the current one.”

**Lindsay Haller**

**Devin Jensen**
Stay an extra day, save some cash along the way.

We know how quickly these fall getaways can pass, so if you’d like to extend your stay another night or two we’d be happy to help. Plus, right now you’ll save 25% on every night you extend beyond your original booking. Just call the front desk and our friendly team would be happy to help.

555-555-1234
Revenue

Product Recommendations

When guests book a vacation, they rarely remember or even know about everything that’s possible to include in their itinerary. Whether you use generic recommendations or dynamically generated recommendations based on the contents of their itinerary, this campaign is a great way to generate post-booking revenue.

⚠️ Other products they could book that weren’t in their original itinerary
🗑️ 1-3 days after their initial booking
🔗 Any guest with a recent booking

✔️ Pro Tips

Guests Like Them

“Think about this like the Amazon ‘people like you also purchased’ upsell prompts. Dynamically adjust your recommendations based on what guests with similar itineraries also booked.”

Make it Easy to Add

“Ideally you’ll have a booking engine with the ability to add new products after an itinerary is booked so the CTA can be a link. If not, keep it simple and have them call your call center.”

Kurt Kinscherf

Sarah Bertoline
A few more things you won’t want to miss during your stay!

Based on your itinerary, we’d recommend looking into a few others things that will help you have an incredible trip.

Bike Rentals
Get out and explore the 5 miles of paved trails through the woods and around Lake Innisridge.

Candlepin Bowling
A New England classic, most guests wish they’d spent more time at the lanes during their stay.
Guest Experience

Lodging or activities purchased in advance are unique in that the customer gives you value long before they get what they paid for. Automations help you capitalize on this window of waiting and anticipation.
Guest Experience
Confirmations

Confirmations are one of the most opened (and re-opened) emails. Instead of a boring table with details, spice it up with graphics, upsells, and dynamic content. Done well, these can drive significant ancillary revenue. Most importantly, if they’ll need a QR or barcode to redeem their purchase, make sure this is embedded right in the email.

✍ Booking details, upsells, and helpful information.
📦 Immediately after a transaction
👥 Anyone who books a product, room, or service

Pro Tips

Use Dynamic Content
“Use dynamic content to customize your template with things like property-level details, images unique to the property they booked, payment details, and more.”

Link to Policies
“If you update cancellation policies regularly, storing these in a page on your website and linking to these from the email will make each policy and email template easier to maintain.”

Rebekah Stoner
Brian Elliott
RES ID #123456789

Reservation Confirmed

Thank you for booking your trip to Innisridge! We can’t wait to see you. This email will act as both a receipt as well as a guide to help you have an incredible trip. You have any questions, reach out to our reservations team by phone at 555-555-1234 or by email at help@innisridgeresort.com.

![QR Code](Lift Ticket QR Code)

Use this QR code to pick up the tickets that were included in your itinerary.

**Need a Lesson?**

Knock the rust of your turns with a deals on full or half-day group lessons.
Guest Experience
First Pre-Arrival

Each guest’s booking window presents marketers with a golden opportunity to make sure their guests have all the tools, information, and ideas they need to have an incredible experience. The first pre-arrival is most effective when focused on cross selling other activities they may not have been aware of during booking.

✍️ Other things they may want to do during their stay
นม 5-10 days before arrival or 3-5 days after booking
ϒ Any guest with a recent booking or upcoming arrival

✔ Pro Tips

Up Sell & Cross Sell
“First pre-arrivals with up sells and cross sells perform really well. Things like travel insurance, lessons, rentals, or even lodging (if they only booked an activity) are a great place to start.”

Don’t Promote What They Have
“Use dynamic content to populate the products you cross sell so you don’t include things the guest has already purchased or doesn’t need (like single tickets if they have a season pass).”

Devin Jensen
Kristin Connors
Make Your Stay Unforgettable

If you're looking for a few extra things for you and your family to do during your trip, we've got a few recommendations hand-picked by our guest services team.

Jeano’s Cabin
Relaxed family dining.

View the Menu

Ice Skating
The perfect evening activity.

View Hours & Deals
Guest Experience

Actions Still Required

Depending on the type of product purchased, some guests will need to complete an extra step before they arrive. A simple email reminder with some basic information on how to complete this step can be incredibly effective and ensure their arrival isn’t spoiled by having to waste time on something they could have done before they left.

- A reminder to complete an action
- Sometime before arrival, avoiding days other pre-arrivals are sent
- Any guests who still need to complete an action needed to receive what they purchased

Pro Tips

**Waivers, Photos, Profiles**

“You likely already know which things these are due to guest frustrations or complaints. Things like incomplete profiles, unsigned waivers, or missing pass photos all fall into this category.”

- **Keep it Separate**
  “If the impact of not seeing this before arrival is significant, make this a separate campaign apart from other pre-arrivals to give it the best chance of being noticed and acted upon.”

**Brian Elliott**

**Patrick Sande**
SEASON PASS NOTIFICATION

We don’t have a pass photo for you yet.

While you can absolutely come in on your first day to the mountain and take care of the photo then, lines are usually longer in person. So if you’d like us to mail your pass to you and go straight to the lifts on opening day, we’d highly recommend uploading a photo now.

Upload a Photo
Guest Experience

Product Fulfillment

As technology evolves, it’s important to help guests understand when their upcoming experience may differ from their previous experience. Or how your experience differs from that of others’. With something like contactless check-in or pickup, for example, this email gets ahead of questions so they’re ready to go on arrival day.

🔗 Details, information, and help for accessing what they purchased
📅 1-3 days before they arrive
🤝 All guests whose booking requires new or different steps to access or fulfill than they’re used to

✅ Pro Tips

Support Contactless

“During the pandemic, resorts went contactless but didn’t always help their guests be ready for the new experience. This campaign can help in similar situations going forward.”

Teach, Don’t Sell

“Don’t risk the guest closing your email because they think it’s a pitch. Focus on guiding them through the process. Be clear, be visual, and give them someone to talk to if they have questions.”

Rebekah Stoner

Brian Elliott
How to pick up your ski pass on Tuesday morning.

Our new contactless ticket pickup isn't what your used to, so here's a quick, step-by-step guide so you’re ready to go.

Step 1) QR Code
This is the QR code you’ll need to scan at any one of our contactless kiosks. Not sure you’ll have service? Take a screenshot of this email. The QR code won't change.

Step 2) Find a Kiosk
There are 3 kiosks around the base area. These all have wood paneling and some are even on wheels. Look for the black “ticket pickup” signs.

Step 3) Scan Your QR Code
Hold your QR code under the scanner. You’ll hear a beep and in about 3 seconds your ticket will come out the slot below the scanner.
Guest Experience
Pre-Arrival Survey

This campaign can replace another pre-arrival message, but if your property is heavy on guest service, you may want to add it as a unique step in your pre-arrival email series. The goal with this campaign is to gather bits of guest insight - family information, pets, interests, hobbies, etc. - that your team can use to deliver exceptional service.

[icon]
A link to a survey about the guest’s unique needs

[icon]
1-2 weeks before arrival

[icon]
Any guest with an upcoming lodging arrival

✅ Pro Tips

Build Around Your Strengths
“Really think about what your team and resort are best suited to deliver. Find those things you can use to surprise and delight each guest and build the survey around those insights.”

Sync to Database
“It’s extremely important that the results are synced back to your database, easily accessible to your guest-facing staff, and ready to be included in future campaigns.”

Patrick Sande
Kurt Kinscherf
Help us help you; take a short, pre-arrival survey.

Our team takes immense pride in the personal service we provide to our guests. While we can’t solve every problem, knowing a little bit more about your interests and reasons for booking will help us know exactly how to best help you during your stay.
Guest Experience

Second Pre-Arrival

As a guest’s arrival gets closer, the information that’s most relevant to them shifts to the nuts and bolts of their actual trip. This is the perfect time to send an email that can act as a guidebook to help them travel as easily and as smoothly as possible. Review the questions new guests often ask and you’ll have a great list of tips to include.

- Information that will help them travel as smoothly as possible
- 2-5 days before arrival
- Any guest with an upcoming arrival

Pro Tips

Customize Based on Survey
“If you’ve sent a pre-arrival survey, this is a perfect time to take some of the standardized fields from that survey - family, pets, etc. - and customize the content to match.”

Promote Other Channels
“This second pre-arrival is a perfect time to promote things like your in-resort text/SMS alerts that allow guests to get further information and tips as their trip progresses.”

Drew Jackson
Devin Jensen
Your trip is almost here!

Can you believe that your trip is almost here? Now that it's getting closer, here are a few things to remember as you go from dreaming to traveling.

Pet-Friendly Reminders

With your furry friend in tow, here are a few reminders and activities for dog-lovers.

Getting to Innisridge

A few tips for driving to Innisridge and recommendations for ground transportation.
Guest Experience

Arrival Day

The previous campaign focused on the nuts and bolts; this is the nitty gritty. Will they need that QR code from their confirmation? A hashtag for social posts? A door code for their rental? Instead of forcing them to search your website or past emails for all those details, put them right at the top of their inbox when they’re needed most.

Information they’ll need to check-in or redeem what they booked
Late morning the day of arrival
Any guest arriving today

Pro Tips

Great for New Visitors
“This is a great campaign for all products, especially with first-time guests who are coming for things like lessons where it’s highly likely they aren’t familiar with your resort.”

Lindsay Haller

Include a Phone Number
“Be sure to include the number of your front desk or concierge. If they have a problem during their travels, make it as easy as possible to get in touch with someone who can help solve it.”

Sarah Bertoline
Hooray, today’s the day!
Here are a few helpful things to make the trip as smooth as possible.

First, if you have any trouble along the way, please don’t hesitate to call us. We would be happy to help in any way we can. This is the best number to use:

555-555-1234

Google Maps Directions
Click the link below to open Google Maps with our address already set as the destination.

Open Google Maps

Your Door Code
This door code will allow you to open the lock box that contains the keys for your condo:

482591

Arrival-Day Guide
No matter when you arrive, this will help you make the most of your first day at Innisridge.
Guest Experience

In-Resort

It’s one thing to suggest a guest tries the new skating rink when they’re 2,000 miles away at work. It’s another when they’re 100 yards away in their hotel room. A campaign filled with offers, activities, events, and ideas during a guest’s trip can be one of the most effective you’ll send. Email or SMS, the results are equally impressive.

✍️ Things to do and offers they can act on right now
Ξ The first or second full day of their stay
 ¶ All guests currently lodged

✔️ Pro Tips

Dynamically Insert Events
“Use dynamic content to include events that are happening during their stay. This will give those events more visibility without having to manually update your email templates.”

Surprise & Delight
“This can be a great opportunity to surprise them with a small freebie that gives them a smile. A simple example is making the first drink on the house for a VIP or loyal guest.”

Burleigh Sunflower

Patrick Sande
What’s happening at Innisridge this week.

There's a lot going on while you’re staying with us. Here are a few things to make sure you check out.

Snow Forecast

Want the most accurate forecast? Check out OpenSnow, they're second to none.

Event Calendar

**Monday**  
Ice carving in the main village. Artists arrive at 6pm and will wrap up around 9pm.

**Tuesday**  
Snacklemore will be performing at 6pm. Tickets are available at the Rose Lodge.

**Wednesday**  
Snuggle up by any village fireplace and make s'mores. Just bring your smiles, we'll bring the rest.

**Thursday**  
The classic Thursday evening torchlight parade and fireworks begin at 8pm sharp at the base of Lift 5.

First Drink is On Us at Joe’s

Stop by Joe’s Pub before 7pm, show them this QR code, and your first drink is on the house.
Loyalty

Once a guest has departed, the work of retention begins in earnest. Automations can help bring them back again and again.
Loyalty

Follow Up Survey

This campaign contains a survey that is sent to a guest soon after they leave your property. It’s critical that this survey is integrated back into your database. This automates the feedback loop so you always have your finger on the pulse of guest satisfaction and gives you insights on which to base other automated campaigns.

✍️ A link to a survey about their experience
梱 The day following their experience or departure
梀 All guests who recently departed or visited

✓ Pro Tips

Optimize for Completion
“To increase participation, send this campaign the day after a guest leaves. Also, consider sweetening the deal with a small incentive for completing the survey.”

Encourage Online Reviews
“Guests who fill out these forms and open or click these emails are highly engaged. Consider encouraging them to do other things while they’re at it like leaving an online review.”

Kurt Kinscherf
Sarah Bertoline
Let us know about your trip and be entered to win a free night stay.

This short survey helps us understand how we can do better for our guests both individually and as a whole. It’s about 12 questions long and should take about 10 minutes to complete. Everyone who takes the survey will be entered to win a free night at the Innisridge Lodge.

Take the Survey
Loyalty

NPS/RFM Alerts

This is a campaign built on NPS (Net Promoter Score, gathered in the survey) and RFM score (a combination of a guest’s recency, frequency, and monetary value calculated by your guest database). By combining these two data points you can identify high-loyalty guests who had a poor experience and intervene before they’re lost forever.

📍 A heads up that you’ll be contacting them personally
🗂️ Within 24 hours after a guest completes their survey
👥 Any loyal guest who had a poor experience

✔️ Pro Tips

Email is Optional
“The difference with this campaign is that the email itself is optional. The key is to follow up individually. However, resorts have seen great results from a short ‘we’ll be reaching out’ email.”

Broaden if Needed
“If there are only a few people a month with really high RFM and a really low NPS, broaden your definitions to create a manageable group your team can work with individually.”

Lindsay Haller
Rebekah Stoner
We’re sorry to hear about your experience. I’ll be reaching out shortly.

Hi Donald, I just wanted to apologize quickly for the poor experience you had at Innisridge. I’ll be giving you a call soon to see what I can do to help, but in the meantime feel free to call or email me at my details below.

Callie Samuels
General Manager, Innisridge
cal@innisridgeresort.com
555-555-9876
Loyalty

OTA Bounce Back

Every hotel wants to keep their reliance on OTAs in check. This campaign is designed to automatically help do that and increase your return and direct booking rates along the way. Once you have an offer, the key to this campaign’s success is capturing guest emails at check-in to replace the OTA’s address they send with the reservation.

📍 A simple bounce-back lodging offer
🎁 1-3 weeks after a guest departs
👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 All guests with an OTA as their booking source

✔ Pro Tips

Exclude OTA Email Domains
“\textit{When you build the query for this automation, suppress OTA email domains to ensure the OTAs don’t get these messages in case the original email isn’t replaced during check-in.}”

Don’t Default to Discounts
“\textit{Explore incentives that aren’t just discounts. Maybe it’s a smaller deposit due at booking, maybe it’s other perks, but brainstorm other options before defaulting to a pure discount.}”

Rebekah Stoner
Drew Jackson
Book a return trip on our website &
get free breakfast for two!

Booking directly on our website is the easiest way to get the best rate and the best perks. Right now if you book direct we’ll include free breakfast for two at the Alpendorf Restaurant. Just stay in any of our City View suites between now and July 31.

City View Suites
An amazing view in the heart of it all.

Popular Packages
Save up to $150/night.

Check Availability
Browse Packages
Loyalty

Cross-Sell Bounce Back

If you sell multiple products at your hotel or resort, some guests may only experience one individual part of the larger package. Whether they started in the spa, on the golf course, in the ticket office, or just a random rental, this campaign encourages guests who recently booked an individual product to come back and try more.

tı An offer around other products the guest didn’t purchase

 JNIEnv→ Usually within 1-2 weeks but sometimes as soon as 1-2 days

 An All guests who booked specific, individual products

Pro Tips

Version for Multiple Products
“Start with one popular product, but the real power comes when you create a version for each product with a specific offer and recommendation based on what they did during their visit.”

Kurt Kinscherf

Recommendations First
“An offer can sweeten the deal, but think of this first as a recommendation. If they had a great experience, just showing them what they missed can be enough to bring them back.”

Sarah Bertoline
If you loved your afternoon on the lake, wait until you see our spa and golf course.

Our canoe rentals are extremely popular, but it’s just one piece of the Innisridge experience. Book a tee-time or spa visit with code welovethelake and get a $10 resort credit.

Innisridge Spa

Our award-winning spa has been named the best in the state for four years running.

Innisridge Golf Links

Our stunning par 72 links-style course is a favorite among locals and travelers alike.
Loyalty

Product Usage

Whether you’re a resort hotel, ski resort, golf resort, or attraction, the same trend holds true: guests who use their multi-use products are more likely to buy again (or renew) than those who don’t. By giving these customers a reason to return, you can increase that usage, decrease breakage, and increase future renewal rates.

🔴 A nudge to get people to use their product again

⚫️ At regular intervals through the season or after 2-4 weeks of no use

🗑️ All guests who purchased a multi-use product but haven’t used it fully

✔️ Pro Tips

Perfect for Multi-Use Products

“Multi-use products have a much clearer value structure, so a simple reminder about unused visits will generate goodwill and increase the chance they’ll buy something again.”

Keep Capacity in Mind

“If you have capacity restrictions due to staff shortages, parking, or otherwise, be especially thoughtful and strategic about the timing and products you target around campaigns like this.”

Brian Elliott

Kurt Kinscherf
You still have 2 spa visits left!

Jennifer, it looks like you still have **two (2) spa visits remaining** on your **Seasonal Spa Pass**. Those expire at the end of the year and we’d hate to see you lose them. Just give us a call or use the link below to book your next visit.

**Book a Spa Visit**

Or call:

**555-555-1234**
Loyalty Recognition

Loyalty programs may be waning, but recognizing organic loyalty is on the rise. These campaigns give guests a virtual high five when they reach certain milestones like the number of visits in a year, number of years in a row with a booking, etc. Want to level up? Include actual rewards like swag or resort credits for high-value behavior.

- **Virtual kudos for reaching some milestone of loyalty**
- **Whenever certain numbers of visits or behaviors are reached**
- **All guests**

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Pro Tips

**Perfect for Multi-Step Emails**

“Build triggers around how many days they’ve come to celebrate milestones like 5 visits, 10 visits, or ‘paying off’ their season pass. This is all it takes to encourage more trips to the resort.”

**Celebrate Firsts**

“Don’t wait until they’ve visited 10 years or 15 times, we’ve seen success congratulating them on their first visit to plant the seed that this could be the start of something more.”

Kristin Connors

Drew Jackson
Ten Years in a Row!

John, we just wanted to celebrate the fact that you’ve booked a vacation with us ten years in a row! It’s guests like you who have made this year one of the best we’ve ever had. To celebrate, we’d love to send you a set of two wine glasses and a bottle of our new Innisridge Red that we’ve created through a partnership with a local vineyard. Just fill out this quick form to confirm your address and we’ll get it in the mail.

Confirm Your Mailing Address

Thanks for your support and here’s to many more!

Callie Samuels
General Manager, Innisridge Hotel
“Data will talk if you are willing to listen.”

Jim Bergeson