## Eureka Springs Monthly Report | October 2023





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# Visitor Insights

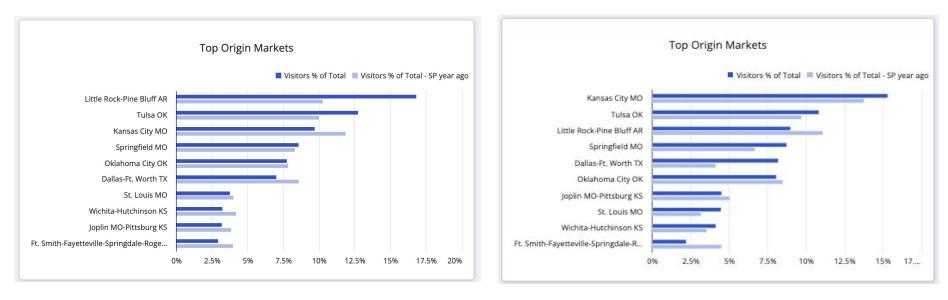


## Visitor Insights\* | Summary

- Based on observed visitors from Zartico data, the top origin markets shifted for October with Little Rock Pine Bluff, AR rising #1 followed by Tulsa, OK remaining as #2 and Kansas City OK dropping to #3. Springfield remained at #4 and Oklahoma City, OK rose to #5.
- The overall share of overnight visitors for the month was 65.1%, slightly under but staying on par with September. Out of state visitation decreased MoM as well.
- Top 5 Market Areas based on total visitor spending (% of total) for October are Little Rock Pine Bluff, AR; Tulsa, OK; Kansas City, MO; Springfield, MO and Oklahoma City, OK. Of those, Oklahoma, OK and Kansas City, MO show the highest average visitor spend.
- Top POIs shifted slightly MoM, with the Eureka Springs City Auditorium rising to #1, followed by the Crescent Hotel at #2 and Nelson's/Slane Tavern/The Grotto Wood Fired Grill and Wine Cave #3. Christopher's amd Magpie made their first appearance in the top 5 as #4 and #5, respectively.

\*Disclaimer: Data observed through Zartico is a sample size, which fluctuates on a monthly basis. Data should not be extrapolated to make assumptions about all visitors.





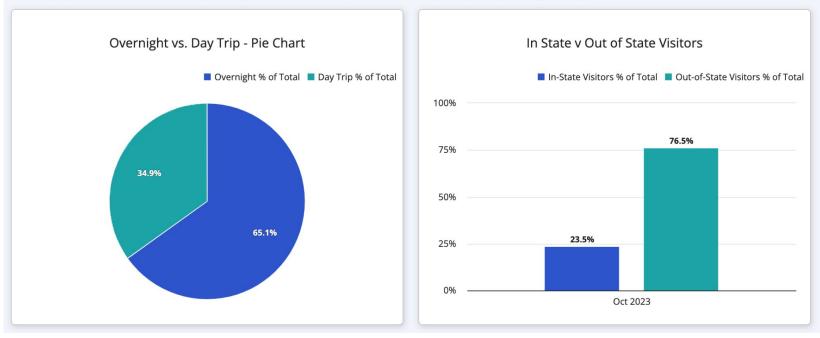
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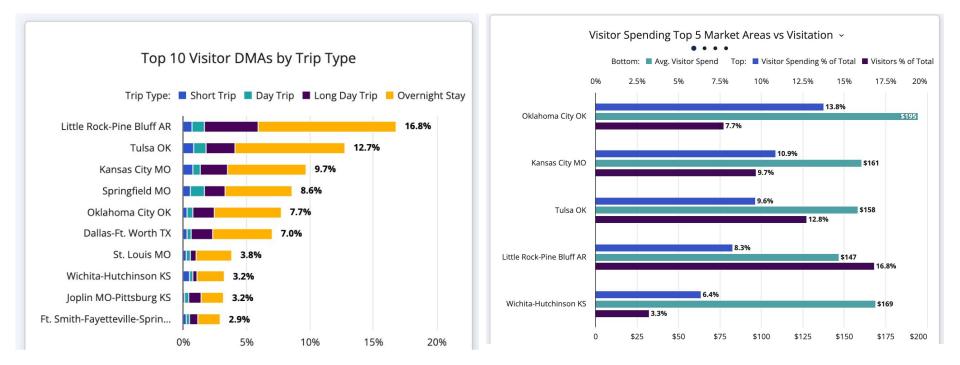
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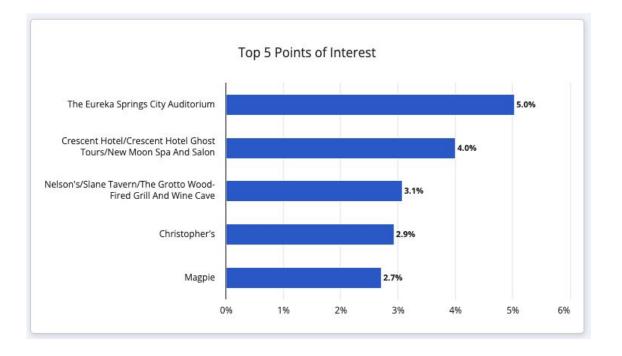
#### Where are visitors to your destination coming from?

Source: Near, Affinity. Note: Day Trips = Between 2-8 hours spent in your destination. Overnight Trips = 8+ hours spent in your destination and observed the next day in your destination. The total percentages can exceed 100% as visitors can stay multiple days during their trip.





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## Advertising & Marketing | Summary

- Ongoing fulfillment of Fall/Holiday Campaign creative. The campaign launched on 9/18 and is set to run through December.
- Coordinated the second Influencer visit for BrittanyRoseBlog, who was in market 10/14 10/17.
- Continued planning for the 2023 Influencer campaign.
  - Including outreach, contract negotiation, and lodging needs.
- Facilitation and development of estimates for creative jobs as needed, an ongoing process.
- Provided ongoing web maintenance support for CAPC staff.
- Conducted weekly status meetings with CAPC staff.
- Continued to conduct meetings with various media vendors for current and upcoming media campaigns, an ongoing process.
- Continued to monitor and review media usage and traveler behavior trends to apply to current and future strategic plans.
- Developed and sent monthly report for review.



## **Public Relations | Summary**

- Continued proactive outreach to publications, keeping seasonality and affordable travel at forefront of messaging.
- Pitched: Fall and winter travel, haunted month and travel, historic hotels, outdoor adventure, and events in Eureka Springs.
- Pitched Eureka Springs as a top holiday and Christmas destination.
- Pitched the Crescent Hotel as a top haunted destination.
- Responded to media queries for: Fall and winter getaways, haunted hotels and resorts, and romantic travel.
- Distributed "Hidden Gem" roundup pitch.
- Distributed "Underrated Winter Travel" pitch.
- Followed up on "Global Sleep Under the Stars Night" pitch.
- Liaised with Forbes for haunted destination coverage.

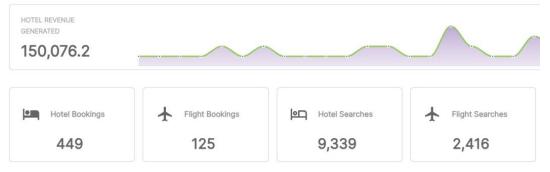
## **Media Partner Analytics**

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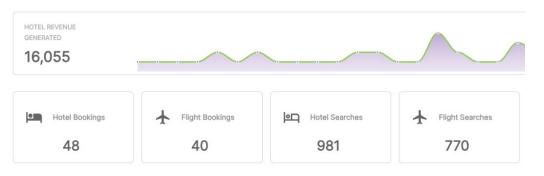
## Adara Impact | *Economic Insights*

Below is the hotel revenue shown in Impact from those exposed to paid advertising. Note this is only hotel and does not include vacation rental revenue. This slide and the following Adara Impact slides show rolling totals starting with paid media launching in mid-March. For this reporting, this represents the Spring, Summer and Fall Campaigns.

#### **Observed Data - Cumulative YTD**



#### **Enriched Data - Cumulative YTD**



**NOTE:** Hotel Revenue can show both Observed (direct Adara partner data from those exposed to advertising) and *Enriched Data*, which uses IMPACT Plus methodology that takes Adara's travel partner data and calculates it to include STR Census and Occupancy data to give a more complete market visibility.



## Adara Impact | Book/Search Window



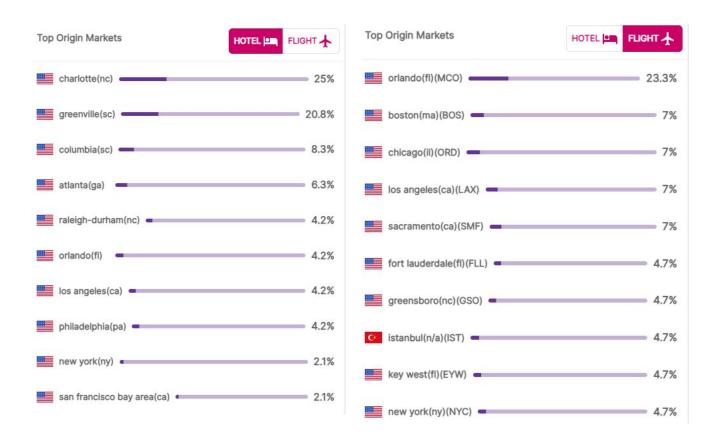
Total Clicks	
18,184	

- Year-to-date, the book to arrival in destination window has shortened, with the average time travelers are booking prior to arrival is now just 5 days.
- The search to booking window for flights has remained consistent at approx 10-13 days.
- Time period of travelers booking a flight to arrival in destination has remained the same at 39 days.



## Adara Impact | Top Markets

Top markets for Hotels and Flights from those exposed to the advertising YTD are shown below.





## **Paid Media Results**



## Paid Media | Summary

The Fall campaign continued in October, with additional media launching throughout the month. Tactics include display banners, native ads, eblast and retargeting banners, and streaming TV.

#### **October Performance Highlights:**

- Total Impressions: 1,284,560
- Total Clicks: 1,817
- CTR: 0.14%
- Total Video Views: 187,985
- VCR: 93.33%

#### Top performing media partners for October:

• DigDev: banner ads with a 0.22% CTR

Industry benchmarks: CTR for display banners - 0.08-0.10%, Native - 0.25%, Video VCR 70%

## Paid Social | Facebook/Instagram

In October, the Fall/Holiday Campaign, along with the Motorcycle Events Campaign continued to run.

Even with a slighter budget this month, there was significant growth across post engagements, clicks and CTR, which is well above the industry benchmark. The media team will continue to optimize these campaigns. The Holiday creative was updated this month and will continue to run through December.

#### **October Results:**

- Impressions: 990,660
  - 6% decrease over September
- Post Engagement: 25,703
  - 56% increase over September
- Clicks: 26,571
  - 18% increase over September
- CTR: 2.68%
  - 25% increase over September
  - Industry benchmark = 0.9%

#### **Top Performing Creative:**



Awareness & Traffic Impressions: 175,029 Clicks: 7,578

## Paid Media | Google Paid Search

In the month of October the Fall/Holiday CY23 campaign continued to run.

The Google Paid Search Campaign has the objective of reaching people with interest in both Fall and Holiday things to do in Eureka Springs and travel, with the goal to drive engagement and interest. The Fall/Holiday campaign continues to have a strong click-through rate of 23.68%, well over the industry benchmark of 4%.

#### **October Results:**

- Impressions: 44,573
- Total Clicks: 10,554
- Avg. CTR: 23.68%
  - Industry benchmark = 4%
- Avg. CPC: \$0.19
  - Industry benchmark = \$1.54

#### **Top Performing Ad:**

#### Sponsored

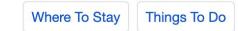


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#### Things to do in Eureka Springs -Eureka Springs Arkansas

There's as little or as much as you would like to do in our quirky corner of Arkansas. Check out everything there is to do in naturally beautiful Eureka Springs.





## Paid Media | Google Paid Search

Ad group 1	Conv. rate	Ad group type	Cost	Impr.	Clicks	CTR	Avg. CPC
Events	0.00%	Standard	\$604.64	13,054	3,483	26.68%	\$0.17
Fall	0.00%	Standard	\$41.34	2,093	215	10.27%	\$0.19
Food & Drink	0.00%	Standard	\$41.99	3,351	219	6.54%	\$0.19
Holiday	0.00%	Standard	\$0.00	0	0	_	_
Things to do	0.00%	Standard	\$1,150.68	18,586	5,861	31.53%	\$0.20
Visit	0.00%	Standard	\$129.98	6,698	713	10.64%	\$0.18
Where to stay	0.00%	Standard	\$13.36	791	63	7.96%	\$0.21

#### **Top Performing Keywords:**

- 1. Things to do in Eureka Springs
- 2. Fun things to do in Eureka Springs
- 3. Eureka Springs calendar
- 4. Events in Eureka Springs

- 5. Eureka Springs events
- 6. What to do in Eureka Springs
- 7. Upcoming events in Eureka Springs
- 8. Eureka Springs tourism

## Website



## Website | Summary

- Overall site traffic increased in October by 16% MoM. There were also an increase in Average Session duration (+16.6%), Engagement Rate (+5.1%), and a decrease in Bounce Rate (-5.1%).
- Traffic source for the website saw fairly significant increases in Organic Search and Organic Social over September; while Paid Search traffic decreased and Display increased.
- The majority of users continue to be ages 35 54 years old.
- Texas remained the top state for website visitation, with Missouri rising to #2 and Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Illinois rounding out the Top 5.
- Top trafficked pages include the homepage and pillar landing pages Things to Do, Events, and Attractions.
- Of the Top 20 trafficked pages, those with the highest engagement rates included Things to Do content, Where to Stay content, and the Events landing page.

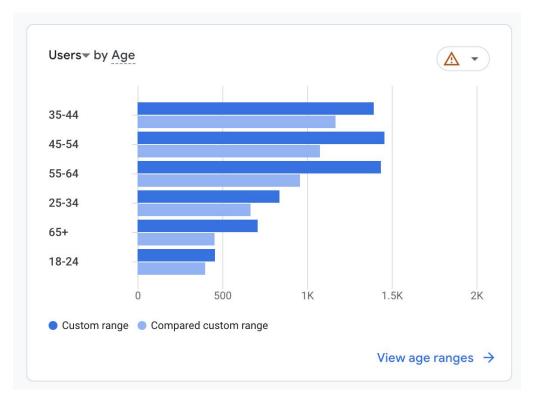
#### Website | Google Analytics Bounce rate Average session duration Sessions Active users Engagement rate 144,080 60,057 47,823 47.4% 02:56 52.6% **₽**-5.1% 16.6% 16.6% ★ 5.1% Compared to Previous Period New users by First user default channel group New users by Ø • Ø • First user source / ... -FIRST USER SOURC... **NEW USERS Organic Search** google / organic **†**42.2% 13K **Organic Social** (direct) / (none) 7.5K 12.6% Direct m.facebook.com / re... 8.2K **†** 52.8% Paid Search google / cpc 5.1K **†**17.8% Unassigned Display I.facebook.com / ref... 2.7K **1**42.0% Referral undertone / native ↓100.0% 1 MediaOne / native 2.7K **†**154.0% 0 5K 10K Custom range Ocompared custom range View user acquisition $\rightarrow$ View user acquisition $\rightarrow$

Views

**16.0%** 

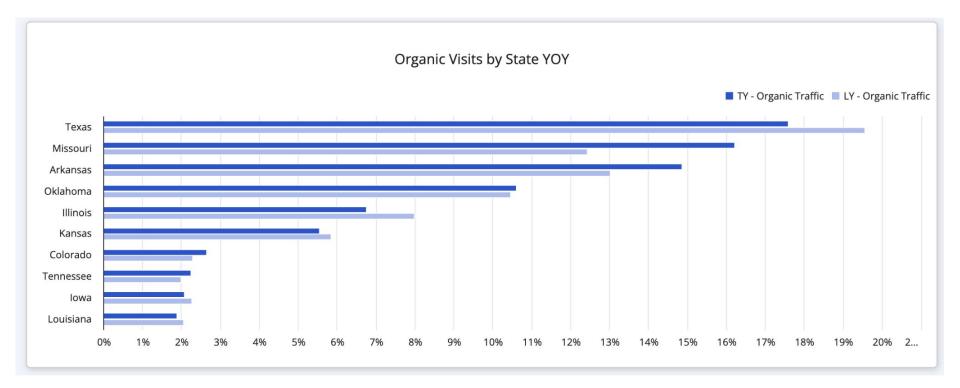
## Website | Google Analytics

Users <del>•</del> by City				
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Dallas	5.4K	<b>†</b> 14.6%		
Oklahoma City	2.3K	<b>†</b> 0.8%		
Chicago	2.3K	<b>†</b> 28.4%		
St. Louis	1.9K	<b>†</b> 25.2%		
Kansas City	1.4K	↓10.5%		
Little Rock	1.1K	<b>†</b> 8.9%		
Denver -	682	↓8.1%		
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### Website | Zartico

#### Web Content - High Engagement Rate

Page Url	Medium	Views (> ▼
https://visiteurekasprings.com/	organic	7.9 K
https://visiteurekasprings.com/	(none)	5.7 K
https://visiteurekasprings.com/category/things-to-do/	срс	3.9 K
https://visiteurekasprings.com/events/	organic	3.4 K
https://visiteurekasprings.com/category/things-to-do/attractions/	organic	3.4 K
https://visiteurekasprings.com/category/things-to-do/attractions/	срс	3.2 K
https://visiteurekasprings.com/	referral	3.2 K
https://visiteurekasprings.com/category/things-to-do/	organic	3.0 K
https://visiteurekasprings.com/events/	срс	2.1 K
https://visiteurekasprings.com/category/things-to-do/outdoor-activities/	organic	1.4 K
https://visiteurekasprings.com/category/food-drink/	organic	1.3 K



Web Content - High Engagement Rate					
Page Url	Medium	Views (>250)	Avg. Engagement Time Per Session	Engagement Rate (>5 🔻	
https://visiteurekasprings.com/category/things-to-do/	срс	3.9 K	00:29	86.6%	
https://visiteurekasprings.com/category/things-to-do/	organic	3.0 K	00:37	85.6%	
https://visiteurekasprings.com/category/where-to-stay/	organic	446	03:29	83.0%	
https://visiteurekasprings.com/	organic	7.9 K	00:26	81.5%	
https://visiteurekasprings.com/	срс	601	00:42	78.7%	
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#### Web Content Iligh Engagement Date

Note: sorted by highest engagement rate. Engagement rate in GA4 is defined as the percentage of engaged sessions. Engaged sessions are sessions lasting longer than 10 seconds, have a conversion event (scroll, interacting with the page, etc.), or have at least 2 pageviews.



## Next Steps

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## **Looking Ahead**

- Planning:
  - Continue creative development for the Fall/Holiday Campaign.
- Website Development:
  - Agency to continue to provide support with requests, updates, and content development as needed.
- Intelligence & Data:
  - Continued planning, implementation, and training for Zartico intelligence platform, including monthly meetings.



## THANK YOU

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