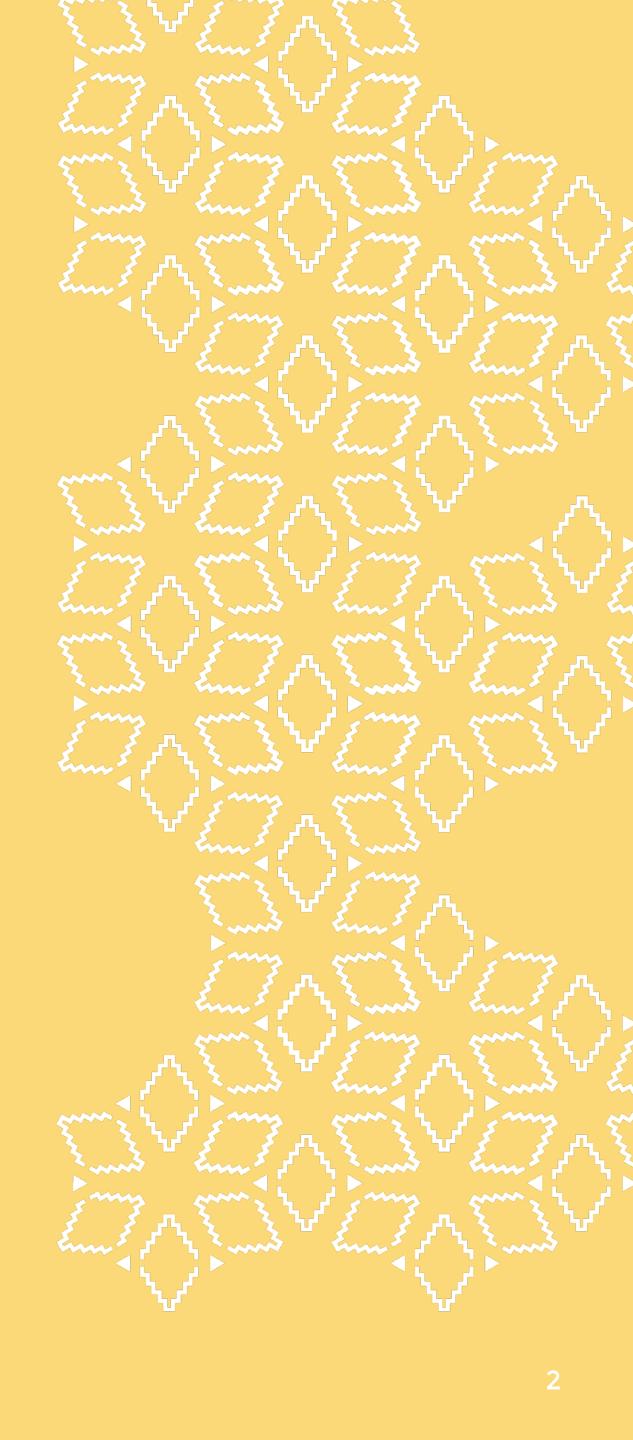


# BTA Purpose – Why are we here?

- 1. Promote Bermuda globally as a world-class destination in order to attract leisure and group travellers
- 2. Create jobs and opportunities for Bermudians
- 3. Generate economic activity for Bermuda by encouraging investment that will stimulate further tourism industry growth







## Experience Investment Process

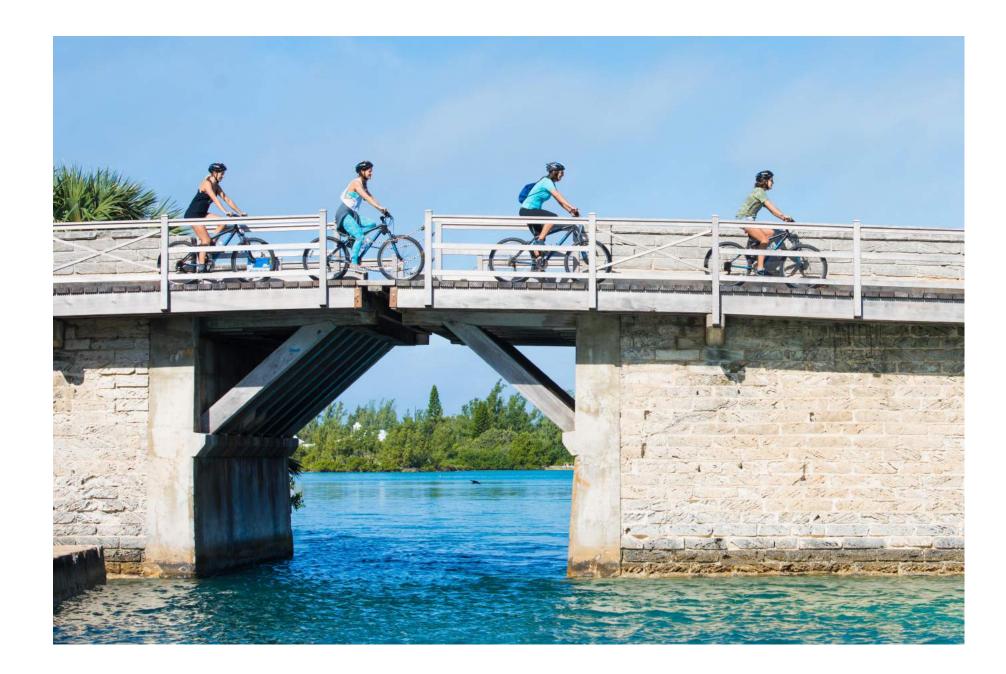
Create new, enhanced and authentic experiences

Bring more visitors to the island

Better satisfy visitors that are already in Bermuda

#### THE BTA IS LOOKING TO:

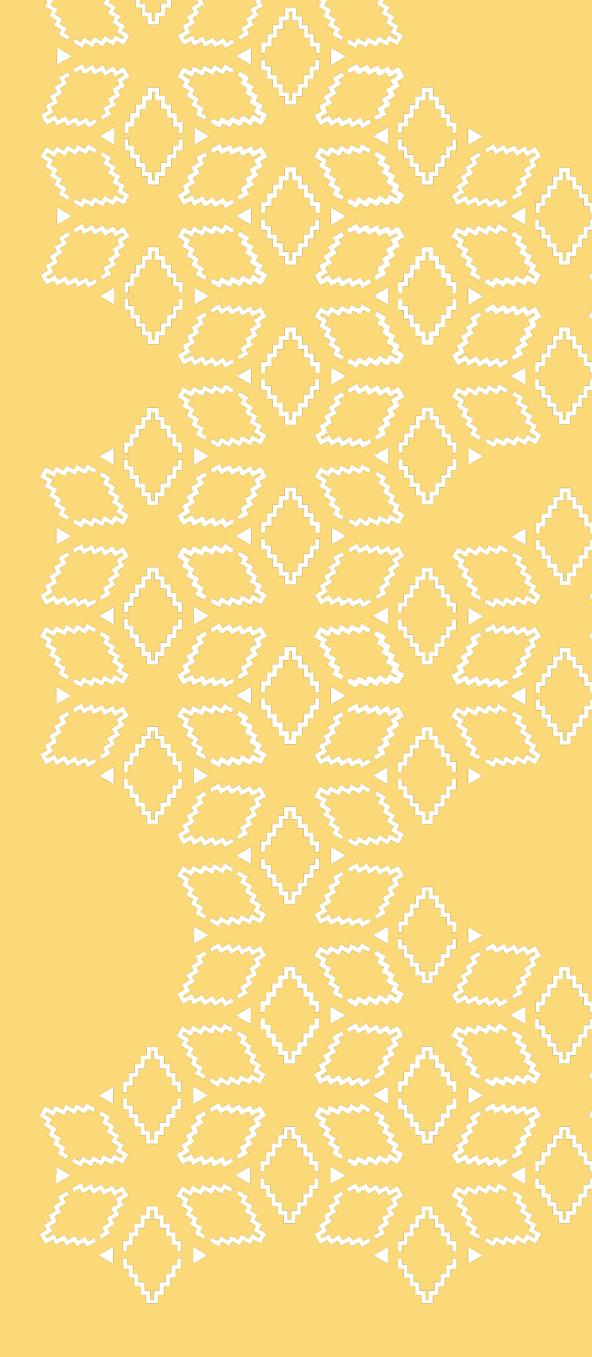
- Support visitor-focused experiences that elevate Bermuda's offerings
- Increase diversity and volume of experiences
- Educate and align products offered by partners
- Enhance year-round on-island experiences for target visitors
- Increase experience offerings during November April



## **Funded Investments**

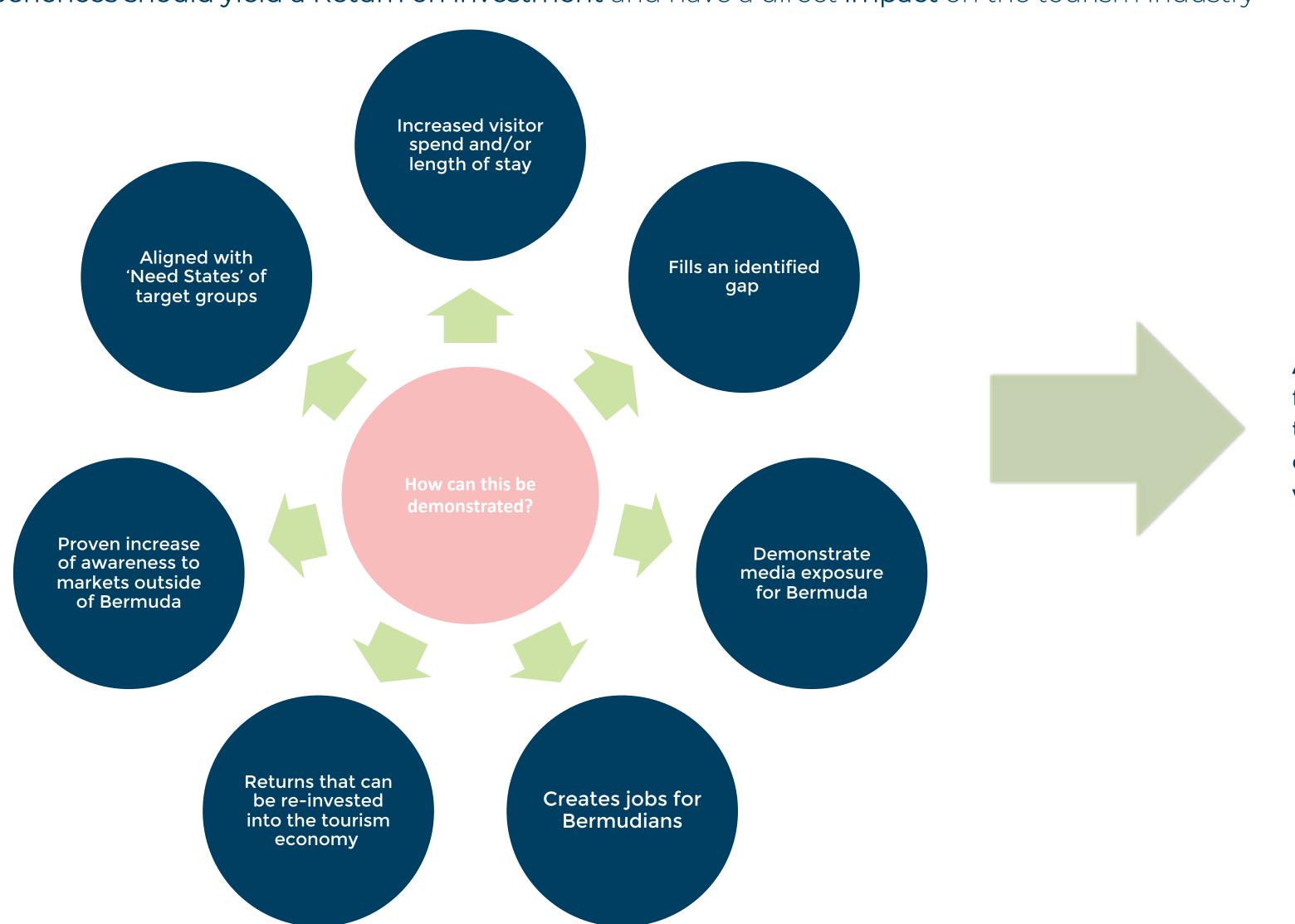
Since inception, the BTA has allocated over \$4M to home-grown ideas that help enhance the island's collection of visitor experiences.



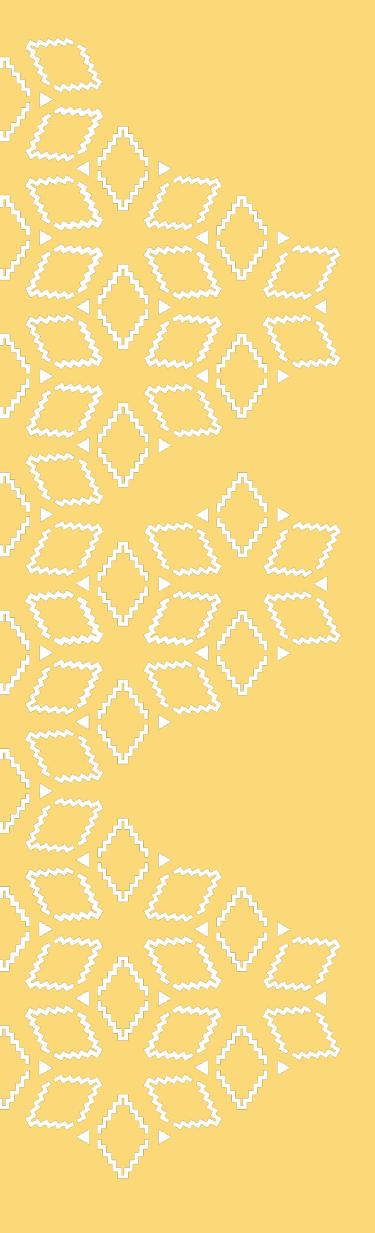


### Return on Investment

All experiences should yield a Return on investment and have a direct impact on the tourism industry



All events and attractions receiving funding from the BTA will be subject to economic and financial reporting, customer feedback reports and visitor participation data.



# Experience Development

- Execution and delivery around the product
- Perceived as great value for money
- Personalized, connects with the visitor
- Unique, differentiates Bermuda
- Things that create memories

### Product

- Hotels
- Restaurants
- Beaches
- Infrastructure

# Why Are You Here?

Are you filling a need for our target visitor segments?

Have you identified a way to do things better?

Have you identified a new experience or service that isn't on the market yet?

# Case Studies









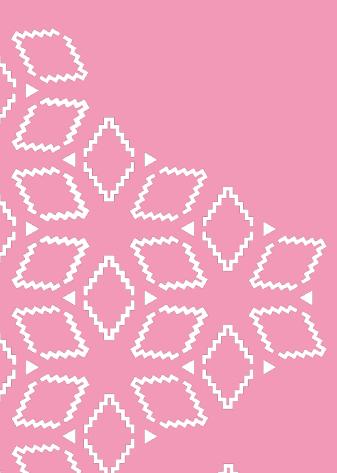
High Notes on the Harbour

Hidden Gems

Bermuda Heroes Weekend

Eettafel Bermuda

BERMUDA Lost Yet Found



# High Notes on the Harbour:

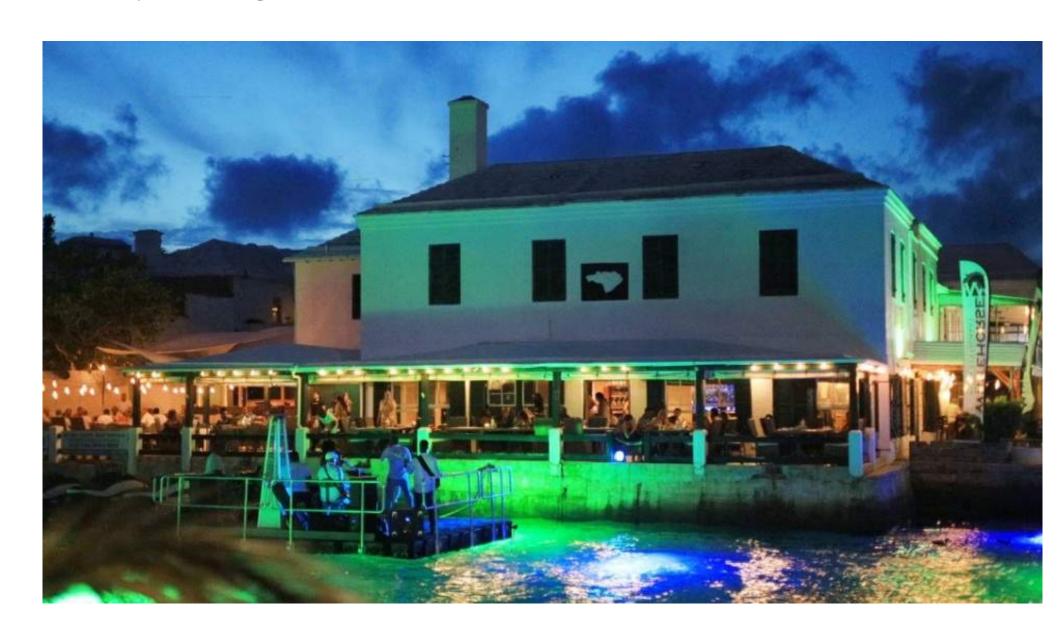
Proposal: To create a community atmosphere in the ole' Towne, while showcasing homegrown artists in an innovative way.

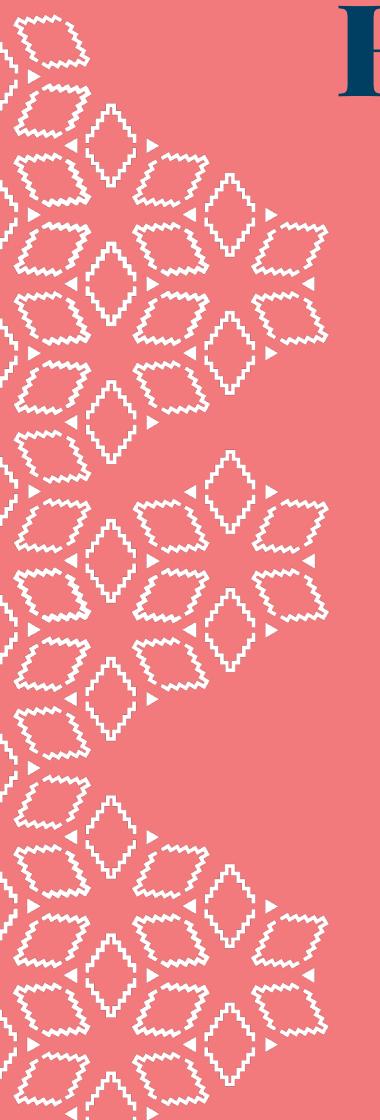
#### What we liked:

- New experience that displayed Bermuda's rich culture in dynamic new way
- Enhanced visitors on-island experience
- Entertainment delivered in a unique way
- Transformed Bermuda's most known asset into a new offering
- Enhanced visitors al fresco dining experience

#### What could have been better:

- · Multiple performances weekly
- Incorporating entertainment on alternative dates





# Hidden Gems:

Proposal: Expand all-inclusive eco-tour offering by purchasing an additional vehicle

#### What we liked:

- Unique eco-tour offering that occurs year-round
- Enhanced visitors on-island experience
- The benefit of the increased exposure, through marketing support, to expand client base
- Online booking option

#### What could have been better:

- Utilizing funds for a capital expense fell out of the approved criteria
- Adding a NEW tour offering to compliment the all-inclusive ecotours





# Bermuda Heroes Weekend:

#### What we liked:

- Exposed Bermuda to a younger demographic
- New experience highlighting Bermuda's rich culture (water raft-up)
- Attracts visitors to the island
- Created opportunities for local entrepreneurs and stakeholders
- Provided overseas media exposure
- Repeat visitation to the island
- Online booking option

Proposal: To create Bermuda's first four-day carnival event featuring overseas and local revellers immersing in Bermuda's unique culture

#### What could have been better:

· Having BHW take place during a different time of year to address seasonality challenges





# **Eettafel:**

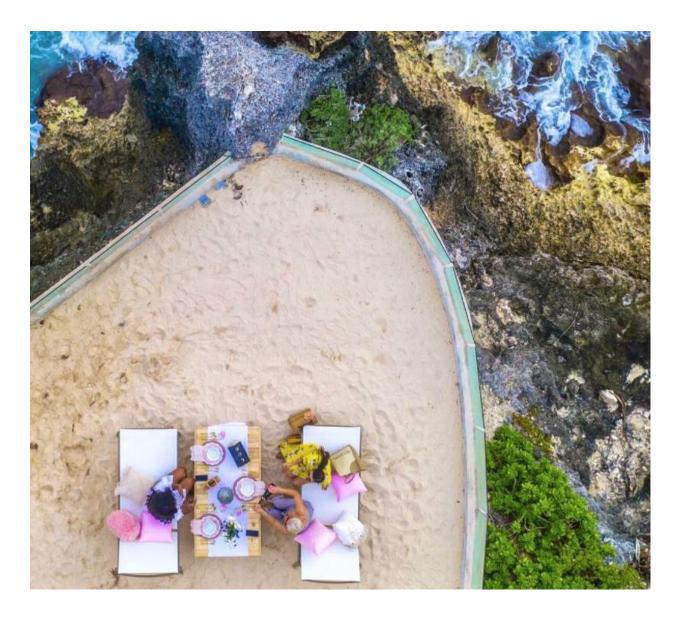
#### What we liked:

- Highlights a Bermudian food experience
- Thought outside the confines of the typical restaurant product; food service with 'no walls'
- Repurposing of natural assets

Proposal: To create Bermuda's first four-day carnival event featuring overseas and local revellers immersing in Bermuda's unique culture

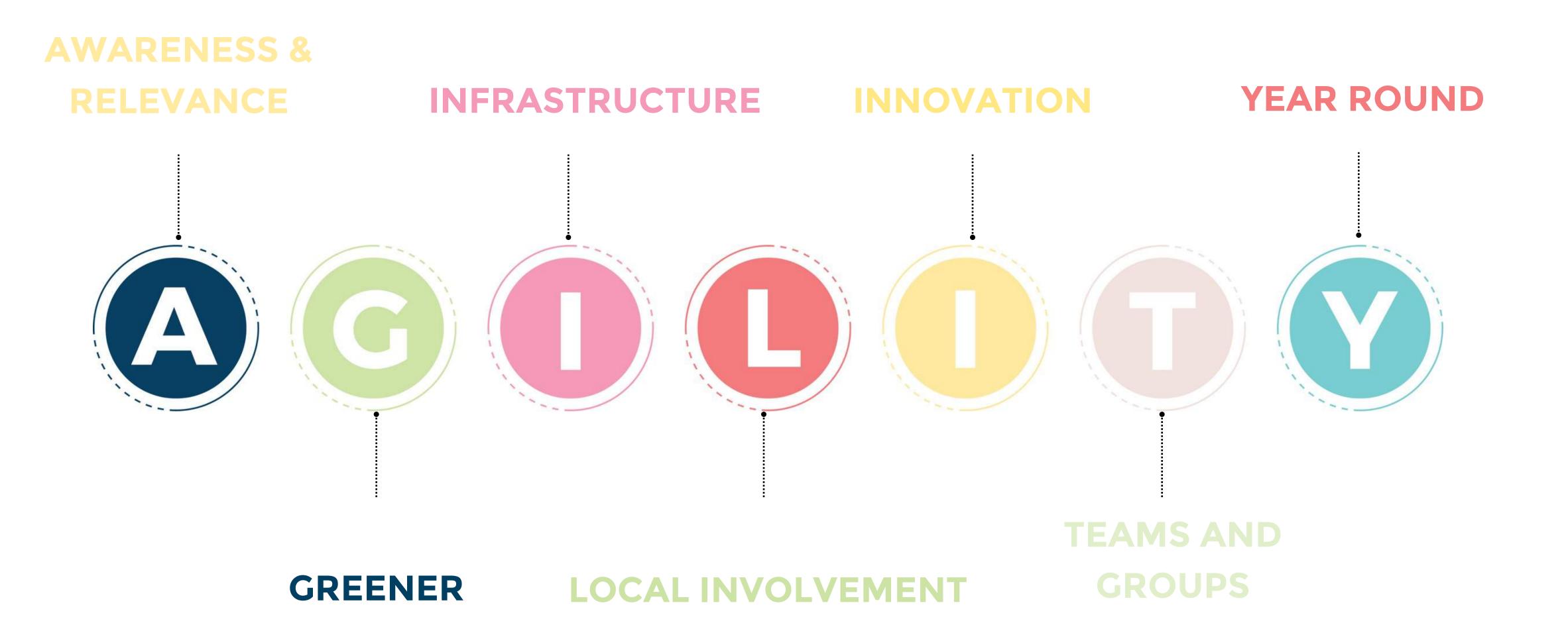
#### What could have been better:

- Limited in scope, a niche enterprise
- Limited in initial marketing reach (Instagram only)



# National Tourism Plan

# National Tourism Plan Strategic Pillars



#### The Power of Partnerships

#### \$452-500m in visitor spend

We do this by getting more leisure visitors....

>700,000 visitors (140,000 air + 560,000 cruise)

Our focus is on air visitors and increased airlift and routes of airlift and routes

Support airlift / load factor goals

(Re)establishing BDA as a top destination

- Increase awareness of the destination
- Create greater partnerships and refine marketing reach with agencies
- Expand audiences from UK/Europe

...to spend more money on-island

>\$678 on-island spend (avg per each visitor) (\$1,800 for air visitors + \$250+ for cruise visitors)

#### Improve visitor experience

- Focus on key signature events that move the dial on visitation and local economic stimulus
- Support the enhancement of the visitor experience through curated, elevated experiences
- Partner with Transport Ministry for critical transport improvements
- Increase our Island's value proposition through consistent industry service levels











	NTP Objective:	Build a clear view of our aspirational future for tourism and its effect on the island as a whole				
	NTP Vision:	Bermuda will have a growing and balanced tourism business by 2026     The NTP will enable, or be the catalyst for, change to boost the tourism industry.				

### Success Indicators. By 2026...

	Who will come, and when		Attitudes towards Bermuda		Spend		Benefit to residents	
Bermuda will host 280,000 air arrivals (business + leisure)¹	65% of our visitors will come in the non-summer (Sept-May) months Currently: 60%	8% of our leisure air arrivals will be Black visitors; Currently: 4%	>6% increase in our Brand Equity metrics among non visitors of: Aware: 66%, Familiar: 34%, Consider: 27%	85% Definitely Recommend among visitors: from 81%	\$250 Spend (per person) of Cruise Ship passengers on Island	\$TBD Total spend of Yachts in Bermuda	>70% of our residents will support development of tourism in Bermuda, from 61% (composite variable)	(TBD) Create opportunities and partnerships to address industry employment capacity gap

Cities

FOCUS: New York City, Boston, Washington, DC, Philadelphia, Toronto

NURTURE: Baltimore, Hartford, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco

### **Target Visitors**



#### **Need States**

Seeking Experiences

Adult/Couples Retreat

Family Fun & Bonding

Getaway

#### **Strategic Pillars**





Being Pink,





Frictionless

Experiences



Growing

Through People



Thinking

Like a Visitor





Growing Through Groups Embracing Seasonality

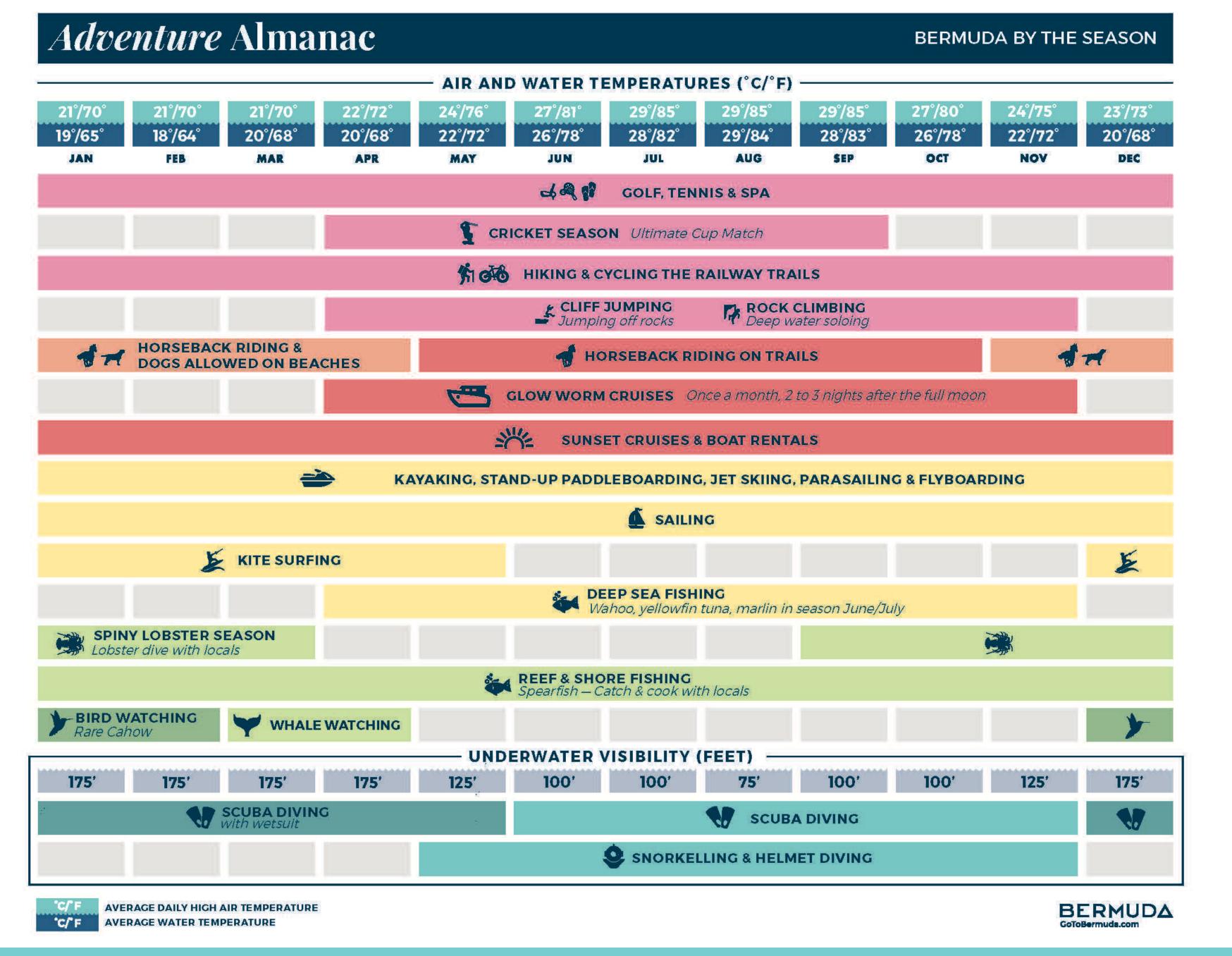
# Year-Round: Developing the right product

		FAMILY FUN AND BONDING	GETAWAY	ADULT/COUPLE S RETREAT	SEEKING EXPERIENCE
WINTER	JAN, FEB, MAR	WINTER/ SPRING BREAK			DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES PER SEASON
	APR, MAY				
SUMMER	JUN, JUL, AUG				
	SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC				

IDEAL

POSSIBLE

UNLIKELY



# **Executive Summary**

#### PERCENTAGES ARE % CHANGE COMPARING 2022 to 2021



**TOTAL LEISURE AIR ARRIVALS** 

99,382

80% **LEISURE** 

**USA** 

CAN

UK

66%

309% 108%

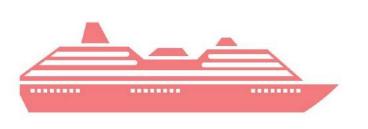


355,842

50%

**TOTAL AIR CAPACITY** 

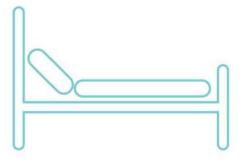
(VS 2019 **↓** 38.6%)



**CRUISE ARRIVALS** 

402,657 2735% 1

(VS 2019 **↓** 24.8%)



**AIR ARRIVALS** 

(VS 2019 **↓** 48.1%)

82%1

**HOTEL** 

**OCCUPANCY** 

(VS 2019  $\sqrt{12.5\%}$ )

HOTEL **REVPAR** 

(VS 2019 ↑ 20%)

**AVERAGE DAILY RATE** 

(VS 2019 ↑ 37.4%)



### **VISITOR EXPENDITURE**

**AIR 2021** 

\$93.4M

**AIR 2022** 

% CHG

\$211.2M

126%

% CHG

**CRUISE 2021** 

\$1.8M

**CRUISE 2022** 

\$78.1M

**4238%** 

(VS 2019  $\sqrt{31.3\%}$ )

### SUPERYACHT CALLS

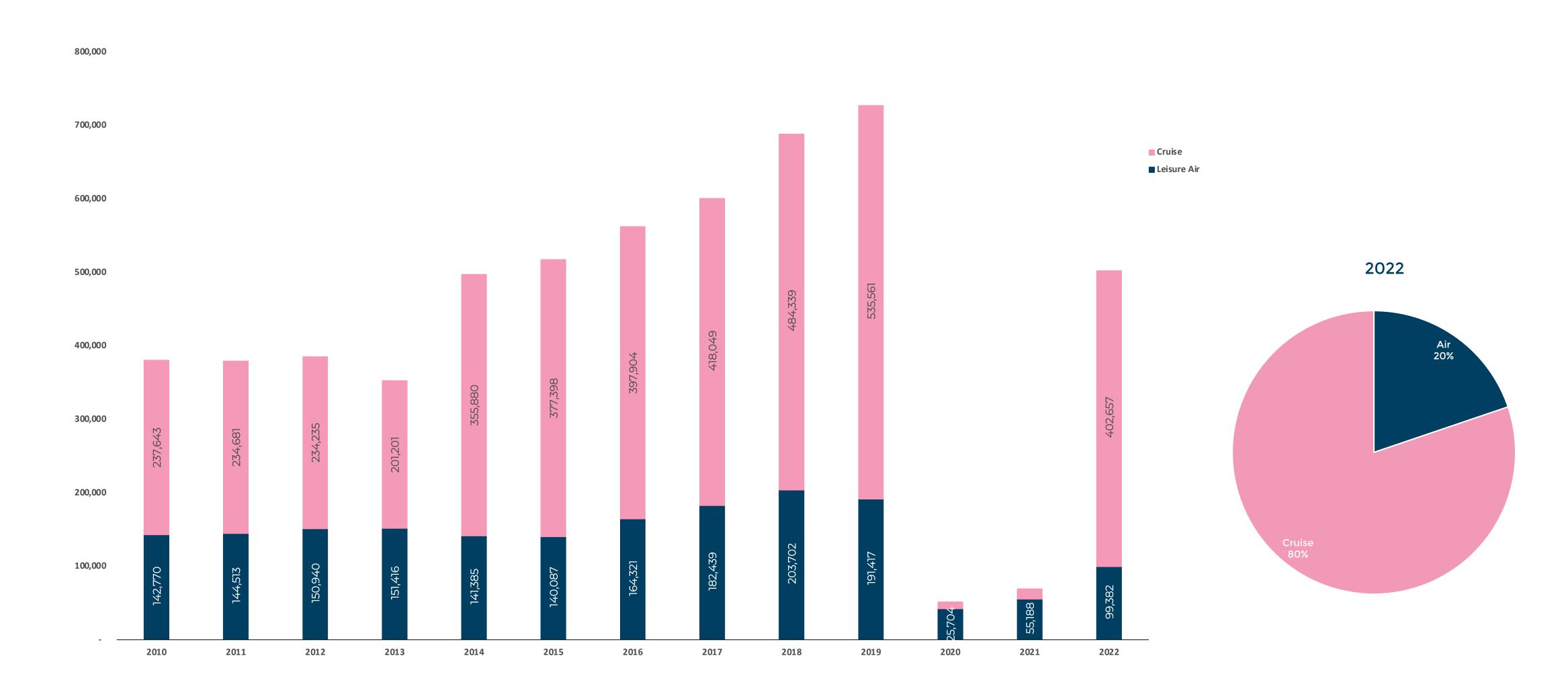
90<sub>CALLS</sub>

84% 1

#### SUPERYACHT ESTIMATED **ECONOMIC IMPACT**



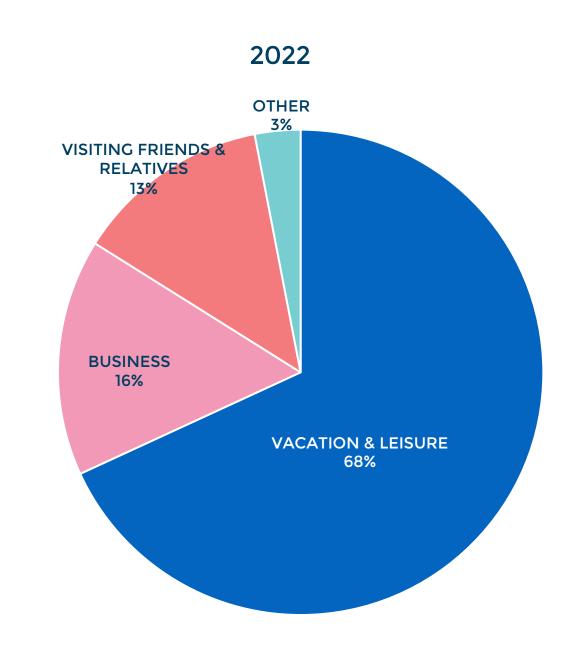
## Leisure Visitor Arrivals





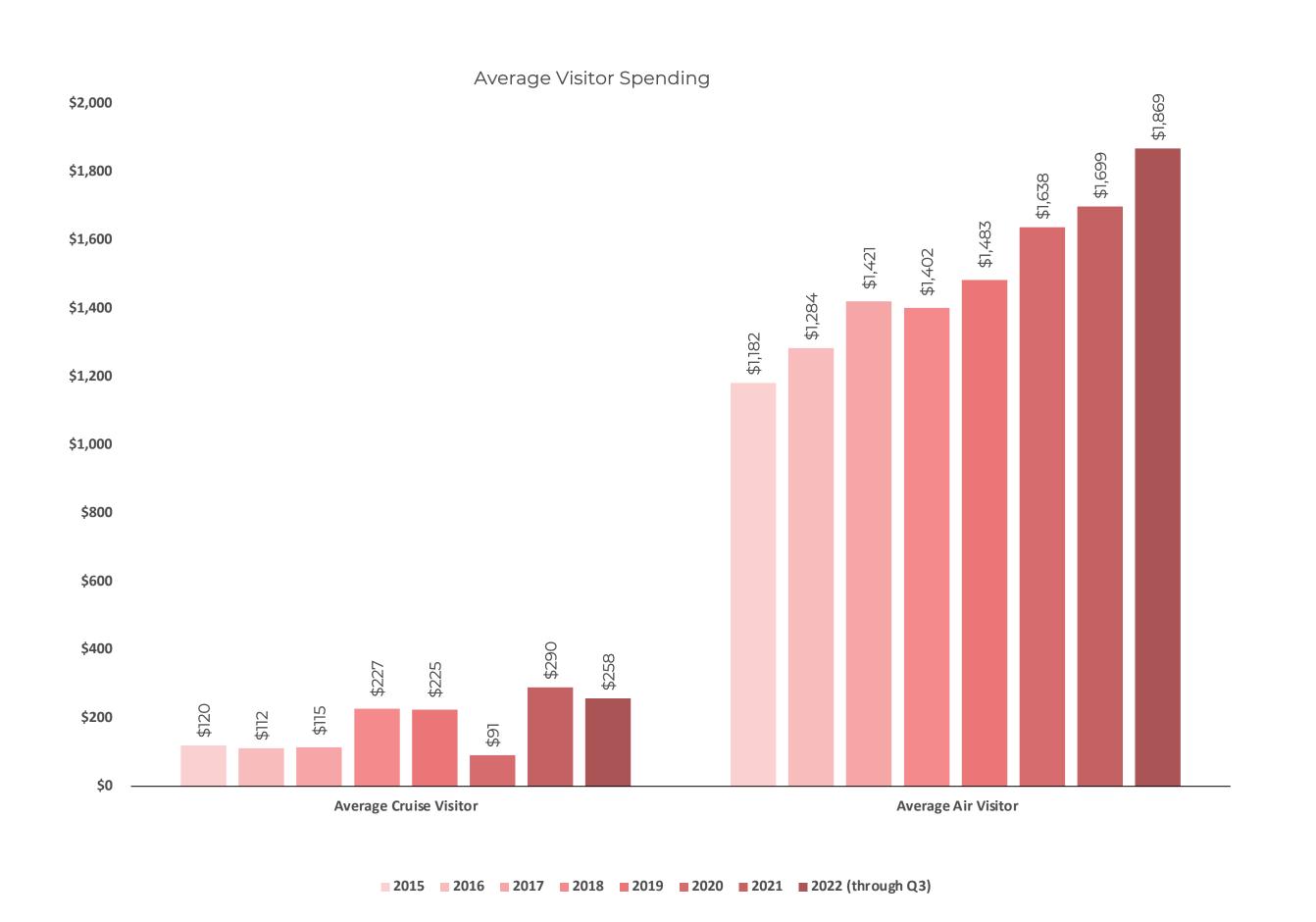
# Total Air Visitors – Purpose of Visit

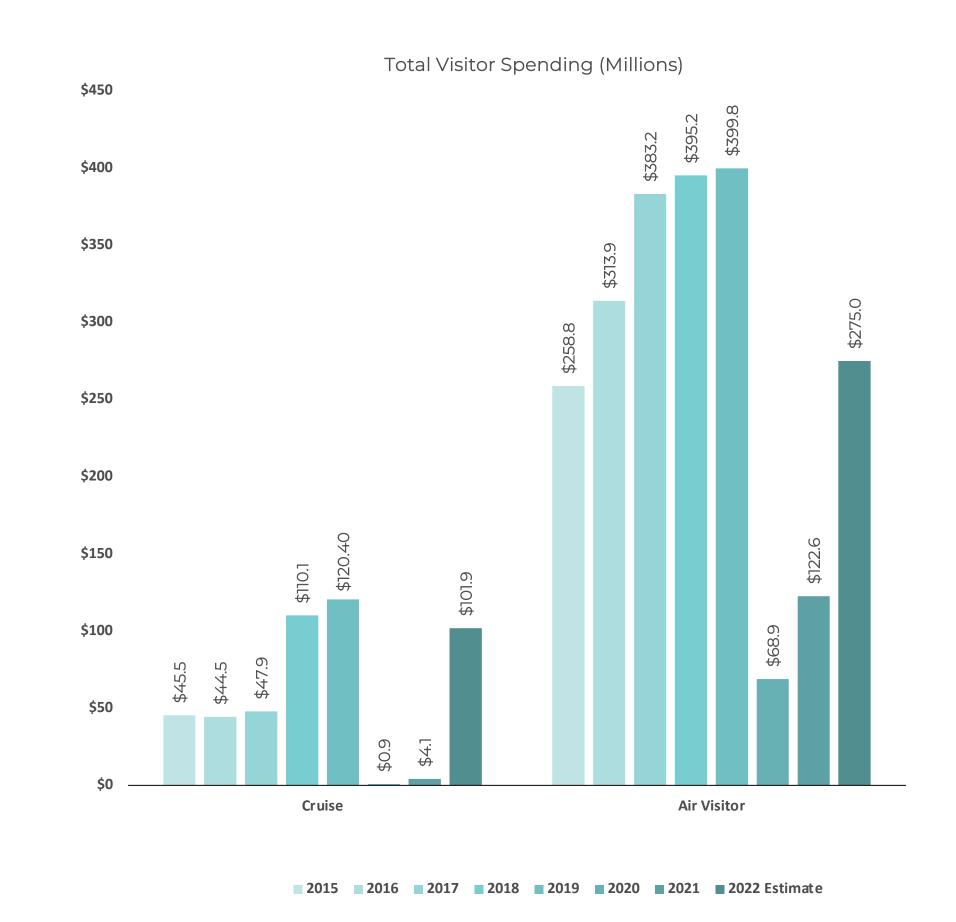
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Vacation/ Leisure	182,439	203,697	191,417	25,704	55,188	99,382
Business	48,089	46,644	47,285	9,367	6,136	23,018
Visiting Friends & Family	34,774	29,014	27,751	6,266	9,916	19,028
Other	4,274	2,532	3,025	734	913	4,437
TOTAL	269,576	281,887	269,478	42,071	72,153	145,865



Air Vacation & Leisure Purpose of Visit = Vacation, Destination Wedding, Sporting Event, Concert/Festival/Carnival or America's Cup Spectator/Vacation. Source: Immigration Landing Cards

# Visitor Spending

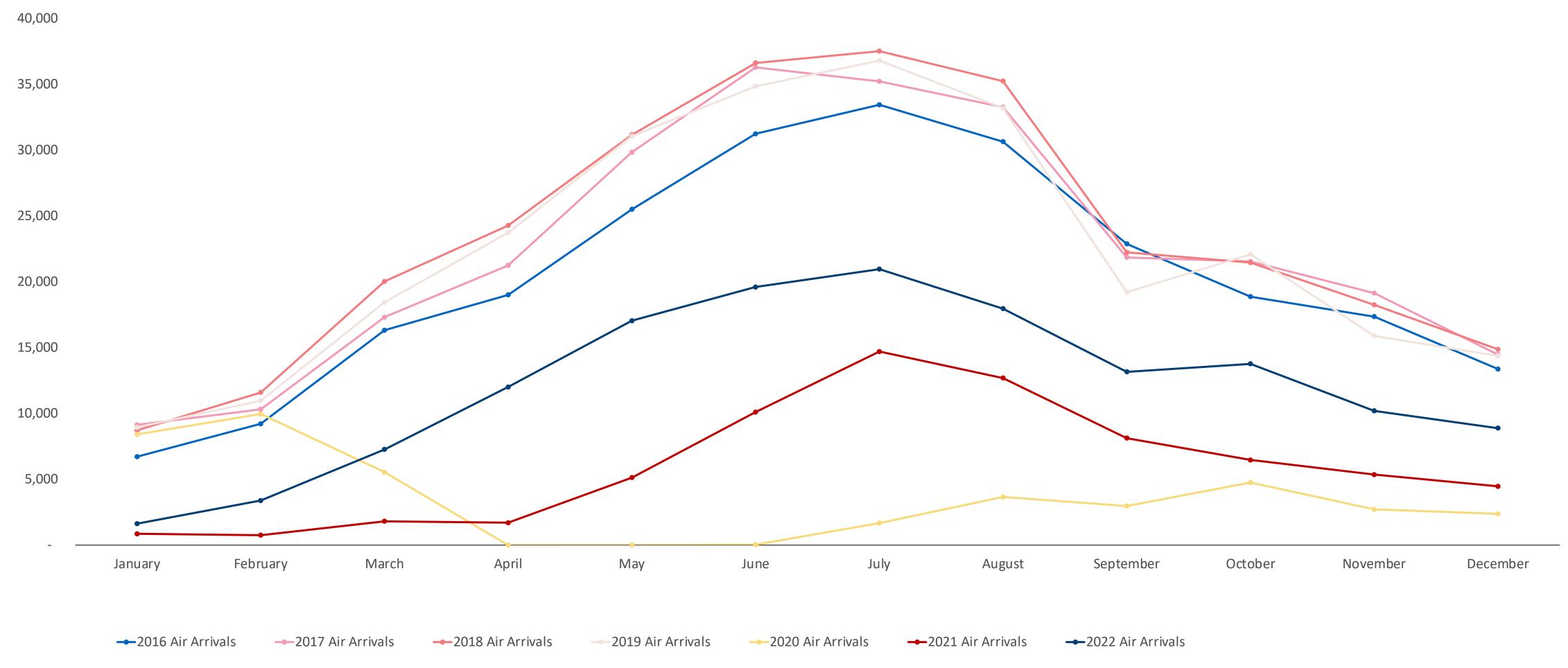




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### Bermuda is Seasonal

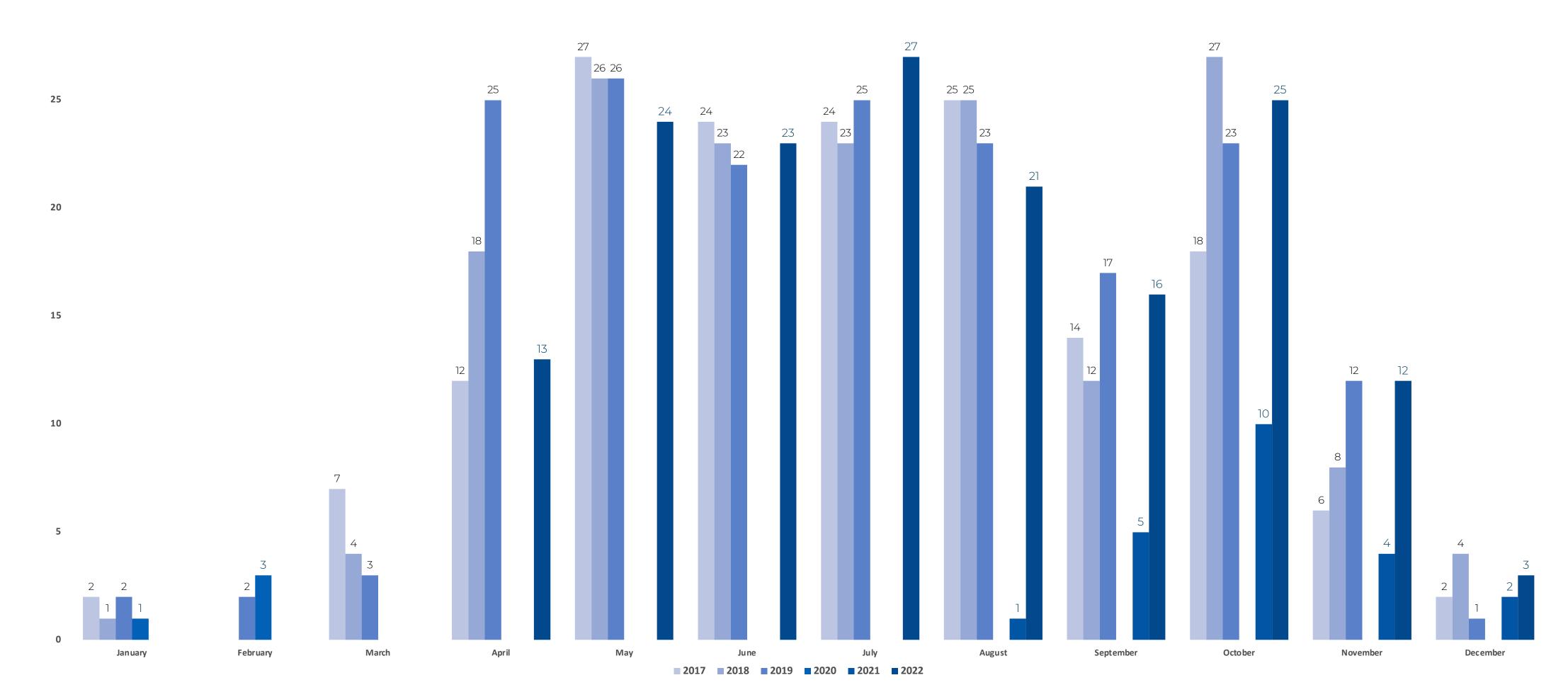
Visitor Air Arrivals by month





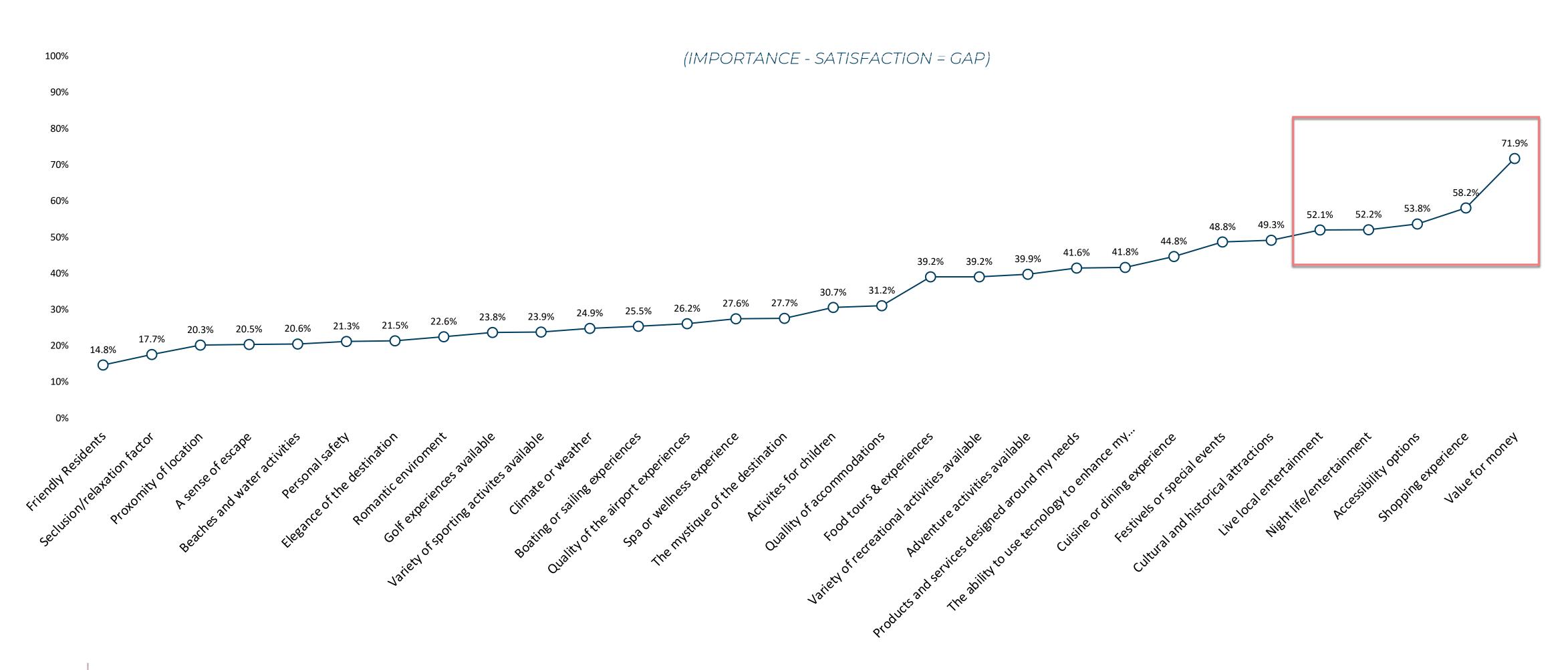
# Cruise Calls





# Gaps in Bermuda's Product and Experience

A gap analysis measures the difference between the importance of an attribute and the visitors' satisfaction with that same attribute



# 2023 Investment Priorities

### Priorities for Investment

Year-round experiences that attract visitors

Repurposing on-island venues to create local authentic experiences/transforming unique assets

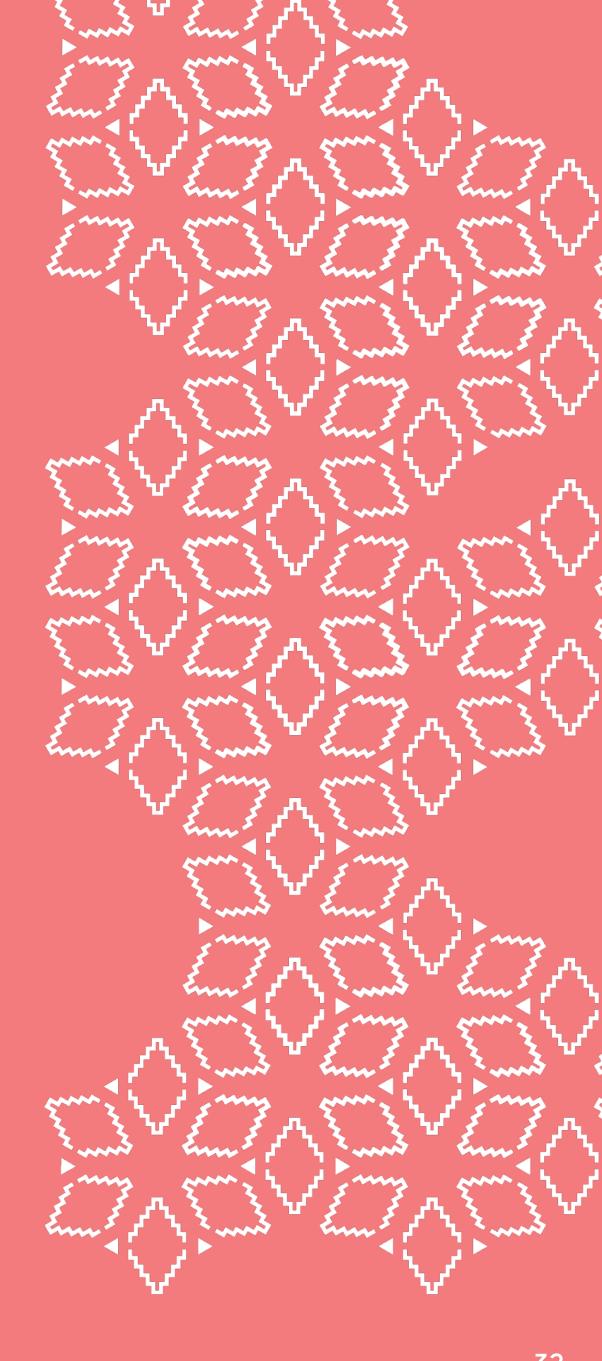
Showcasing Bermuda's history and culture in a unique and innovative way

Incorporation of live entertainment into the Bermuda experience

Weekly food experiences

Luxury Bermuda experiences



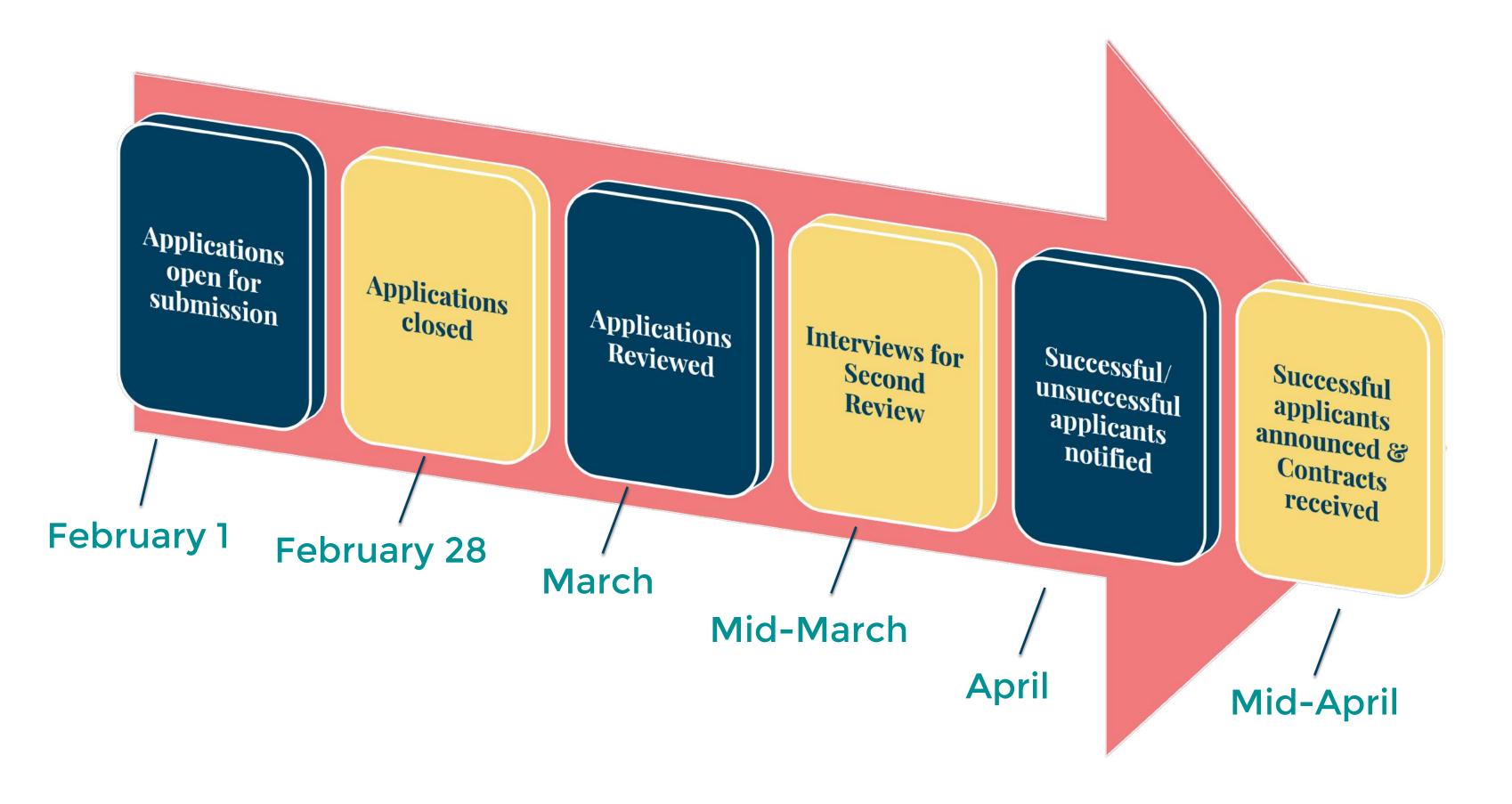


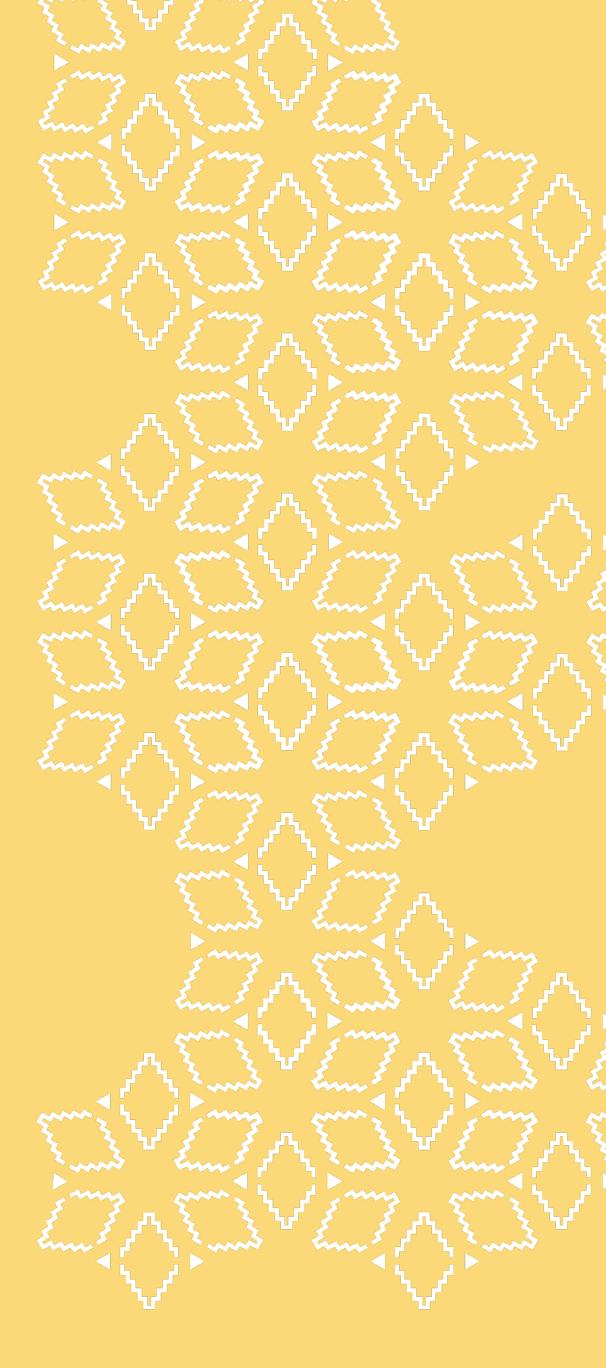
# Investment Application Process

### Timeline

Application Portal:

www.bta.smapply.io





# Type of Support

#### **Financial**

Requests must not exceed \$50,000; funding is competitive and limited – some experiences may only receive partial support

Proposals must not be totally dependent on BTA funding

Applicants should not assume that they will be awarded support on an annual basis



#### **Contacts & Collaboration**

Access to BTA network and contacts

Facilitated collaboration that improves delivery of an experience



### Marketing

"The Tourism Authority has provided a phenomenal amount of support for our relatively new tourism business...People know who we are and the unique product we offer. We are very grateful for the positive support we get from the BTA."

- Ashley Harris, Hidden Gems



# Disbursement and Use of Funds

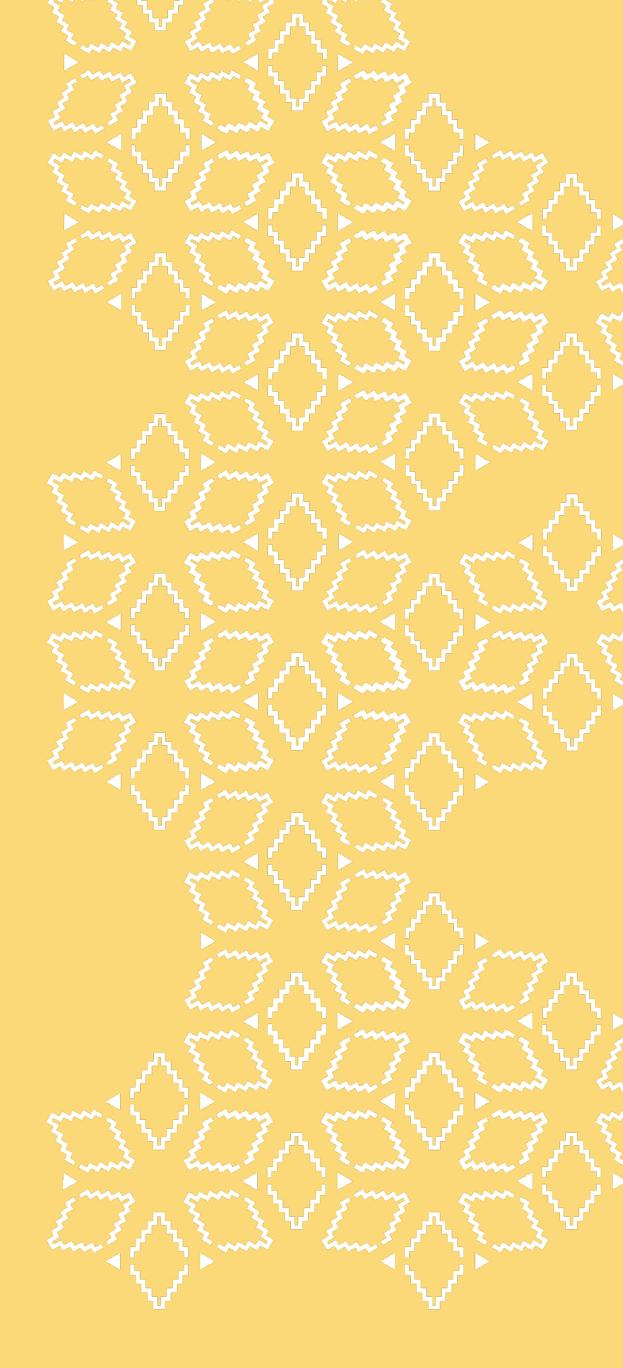
For successful applicants who receive funding:

BTA will provide a percentage of the investment awarded once a contract has been signed

Milestone payments will be made based on agreed performance targets and reporting requirements

Final payment is made once the Post Experience Report has been received by the BTA

Awardees must provide adequate proof that the funds received were used as intended. The BTA reviews reports and confirms that applicants have demonstrated acceptable use of funding.



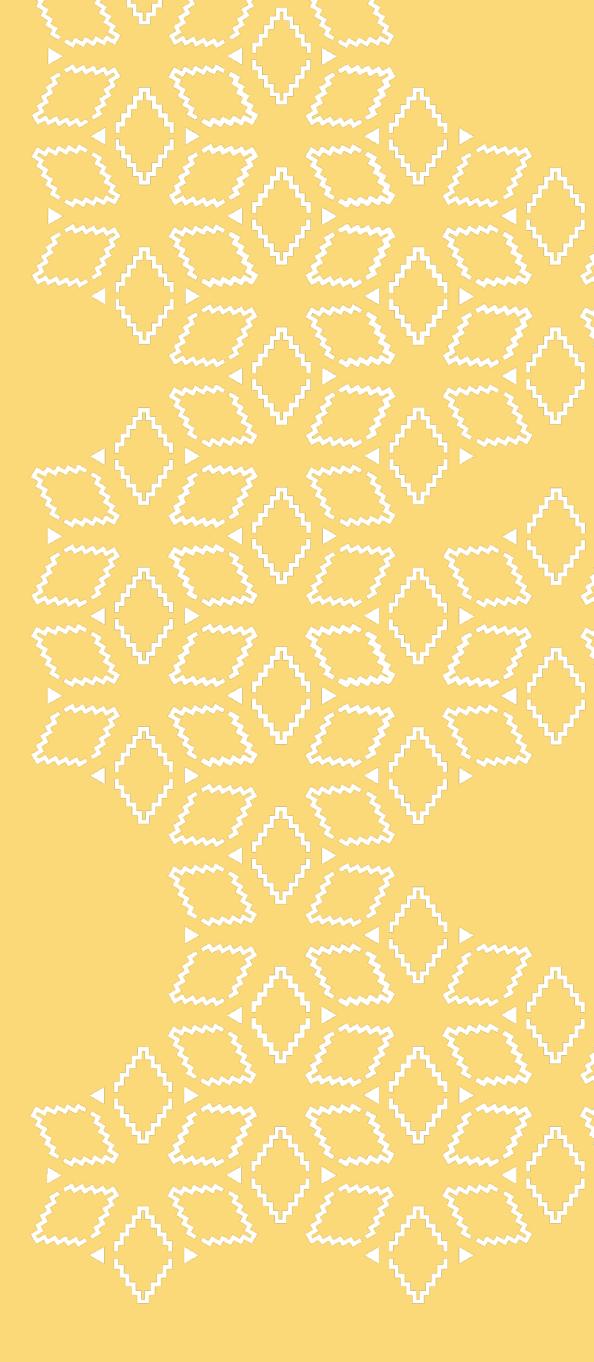
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# Sample Milestone Payment Schedule

Reporting Period	<b>Completion Date</b>	Activities and evidence required (but not limited to) showing activities are achieved	Report due Date	Progress Payment Amount (\$)
1	Immediately with signed contract	<ul> <li>Completed 'New Business' form provided by BTA for creation of a BTAConnect account</li> <li>Written confirmation of new activities/ offerings for 2019</li> <li>Confirmation that CTA certification has been maintained</li> <li>Confirmation of a TripAdvisor profile and/or online presence promoting the Project</li> </ul>	Immediately with signed contract	\$X
2	April 30, 2022	<ul> <li>Status report including weekly visitor statistics to date and the implementation of new activities/offerings</li> </ul>	May 15, 2022	\$X
3	June 30, 2022	<ul> <li>Submitted post experience Report inclusive of financial reports, weekly visitor statistics, income and expense reports with supporting documentation, customer satisfaction reports with supporting documents. (Failure to provide this report by October 30 will result in forfeit of the final payment).</li> </ul>	July 15, 2022	\$X
Total				\$X

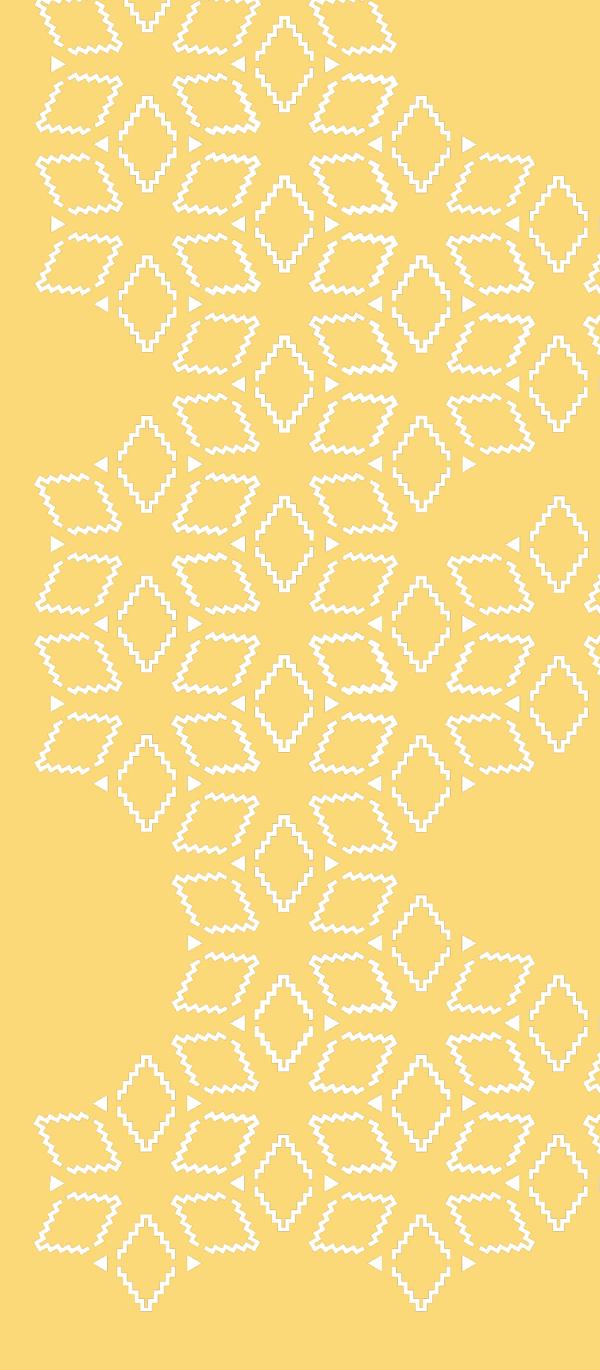
# What does an Application Need to Include

- 1. Evidence that the experience is distinctive, showing a link to one of our target experience segments
- 2. A viable business/marketing plan including an explanation of how you will:
  - a) Increase visitor length of stay and/or spend
  - b) Attract international visitors travelling for a specific event (if applicable)
  - c) Align with target visitor expectations or fill an identified product gap
  - d) Sustain the experience, beyond BTA funding
- 3. Multiple sources of funding, beyond BTA
- 4. Letters of support



# Ineligible Experiences

- Bermuda Tourism Authority to cover the full cost
- Submissions received after the deadline
- Hardcopy, handwritten or faxed applications
- Experiences not occurring in Bermuda or related to Bermuda tourism
- The funding request is to offset any expense(s) associated with a previous venture
- Requests for permanent funding
- Ineligible events: Conferences, Tradeshows, meetings, etc.
- Capital ask (request to purchase a boat, vehicle, etc.)



### How Decisions Are Made

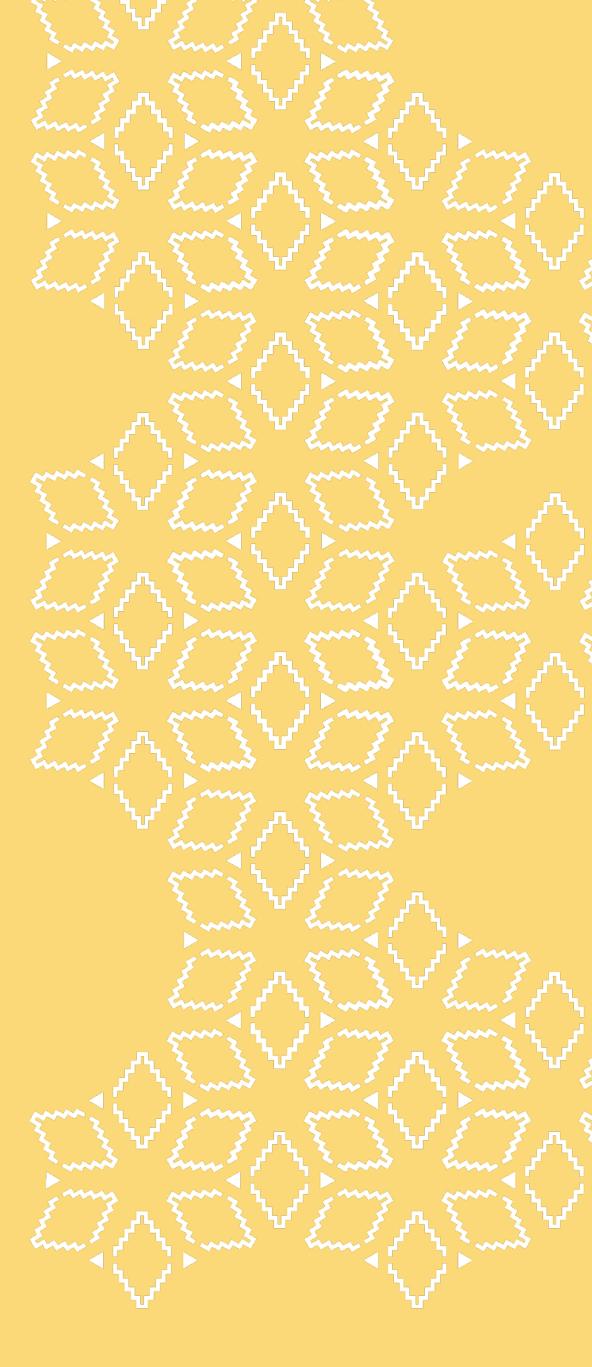
• A review committee consisting of key industry partners will review applications

• Each committee member ranks and scores proposals based on how well the proposal delivers on the assessment criteria

• After initial review and scoring, applicants that meet scoring requirements are shortlisted and interviewed

• Applicants receive another ranked score after interviews are completed

• Rankings and weighted scores are reviewed, and final funding/support decisions are made. Successful applicants are then notified



# Helpful Advice to Prepare Your Submission

# Helpful Advice

#### **BUSINESS & MARKETING PLAN**

Put time and effort into your business and marketing plan. We strongly recommend visiting BEDC for feedback and assistance.

#### RESEARCH

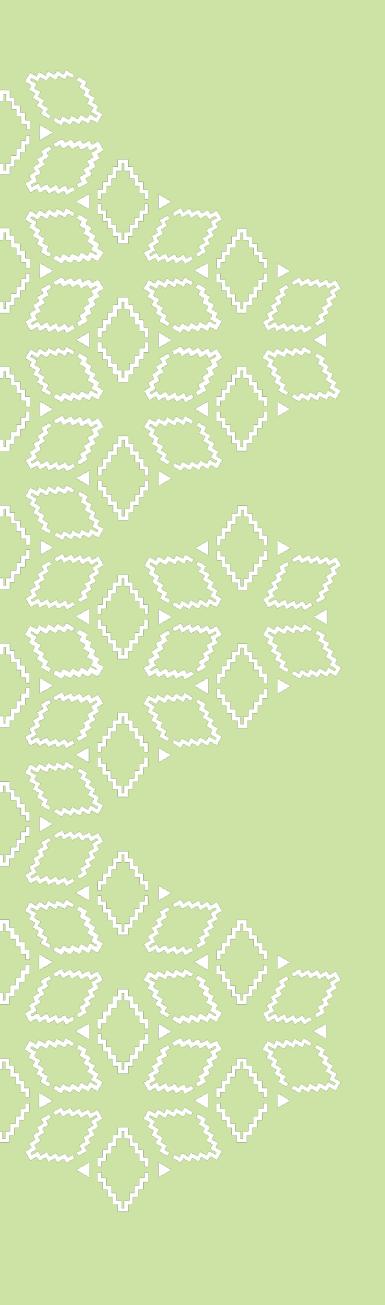
Use accurate and reliable research to support your proposal.

#### **BOOKING OPTION**

[Consumers] want their tours and activities on-demand...people have less and less patience. If they can't book it easily right now, while they're in the mood, they might not book it at all.

(Megatrends Defining Travel, 2017)





# Additional Information

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