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Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada: Sentiment Analysis Summary
Media Balance:

1995

- Earned
- Paid

2005

- Earned
- Paid
- Owned
Media Balance:

Earned
Billions of pieces of content each day

Owned

Paid

2015
Destinations that win in the future

Word of Mouth and Online Sentiment

The Destination Brand and TSI

- The sum of all the stories somebody hears
- The combination of all experiences during a trip
“…the only path to profitable growth may lie in a company’s ability to get its loyal customers to become, in effect, its marketing department.”

- Harvard Business Review

“What gets measured, gets managed”

- Peter Drucker
Sentiment Analysis

- Analyze everything said about the ITAC membership base online
- Measure the performance with a simple KPI
- Benchmark against competitors from around the world
- Categorize success across areas of conversation that matter the most
- Provide crystal-clear focus to align to
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The Canadian Indigenous Tourism industry is truly a sum of its parts. To effectively measure the overall sentiment towards the Industry, we measured each individual experience and its contribution to the whole.

- **What**: 9,235,267 + online conversations from around the world
- **When**: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018
- **International Comparison**: Maori (New Zealand), Maasai (Kenya), Narungga (Australia), San (South Africa), Tharu (Nepal)

More than **500,000 different sources** were included in the analysis, including online media sites, forums, reviews and social media networks (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr, YouTube and TripAdvisor).
Gathering sentiments

A sentiment score allows us to understand in a single snapshot the overall attitude of conversations through the eyes of its visitors, and provides a performance benchmark that can be tracked over time. Throughout the report, attitudes are marked as promoter, passive or detractor.

Applying the formula

Once scanning, monitoring and analysis of all online conversations happening around the world are complete, we apply the Tourism Sentiment Score™ formula.

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\text{Sentiment Score}^\text{TM Result} = \left( \frac{\text{Promoter} - \text{Detractor}}{\text{Promoter} + \text{Detractor}} \right) \times 100
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<th>ITAC Online Sentiment</th>
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<td><strong>Experience promoter</strong></td>
<td>Those actively recommending or speaking positively about the experience to others</td>
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<td>thetravellingmom - Spent a truly special cultural and culinary experience Wanuskewin Heritage Park in Saskatoon last night. The Park is seeking UNESCO World Heritage status, in recognition of its ancient settlement,</td>
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<td><strong>Experience passive</strong></td>
<td>Those speaking about the experience from an indifferent point of view</td>
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<td>lamarr1969 - The valley at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. Cold for end of April... #wanuskewin #valley #beautifulday #cold #damsnow #hangry</td>
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<td><strong>Experience detractor</strong></td>
<td>Those actively discouraging or speaking negatively about the experience to others</td>
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| | ★★★★★ a year ago  
| | pretty light as to what they have inside there  
| | i was traveling with a retired couple one of which has limited mobility. she did not want to go outside so we stayed inside. not a lot in there. |
The conversation Sentiment Score is a measure of the ITAC and its membership’s ability to generate positive word of mouth around the indigenous tourism offering in Canada. It is an aggregate score that focuses on online conversations that reference or are generated by the ITAC membership, and ultimately affect a potential travelers’ perceptions of the tourism experience.

**ITAC Membership Conversation**

- **Canadian Indigenous Peoples Conversation Overall**
  - Sentiment Score: -7

- **International Indigenous Tourism Benchmark**
  - Sentiment Score: +36
We have broken out the annual sentiment towards all three categories over a three-year span. From this we are able to see the current growth rate in which the ITAC and its membership have seen to-date and gain understanding into its future direction.
Indigenous Tourism Conversation Volume saw a significant spike in 2016-17, and has continued with moderate growth from 2017-18. As more and more people continue to share content online the growth in conversation around ITAC should also grow.
In order to better understand *where* the online conversations around the ITAC membership are taking place, we analysed the user data from 67,198 unique online users from around the world.

The domestic travel market within Canada makes up approximately 60% of the overall conversation, followed by a fairly significant 21% share of conversation within the USA.
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When breaking the conversation down into the individual ITAC contributing members, we can see that approximately 50% of all conversation volume stems from the top five ITAC members. This presents a significant opportunity for growth.
The most significant opportunity for the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada lies in its ability to motivate and inspire the 157 market ready members currently generating less than 1/3 of the overall conversation volume.
If all 157 market ready members were able to generate one conversation a week about their experience or product, the overall conversation volume around Indigenous Tourism in Canada would grow by approximately 30%.
The most significant opportunity for the Indigenous Tourism industry lies in its ability to motivate and inspire their guests, visitors and fellow industry partners to tell others about their story.

The impact of all market ready members generating 2-3 online conversations a week, would cause the overall conversation around Indigenous Tourism experiences in Canada to grow by approximately 30%.
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