

Tourism Nanaimo Update

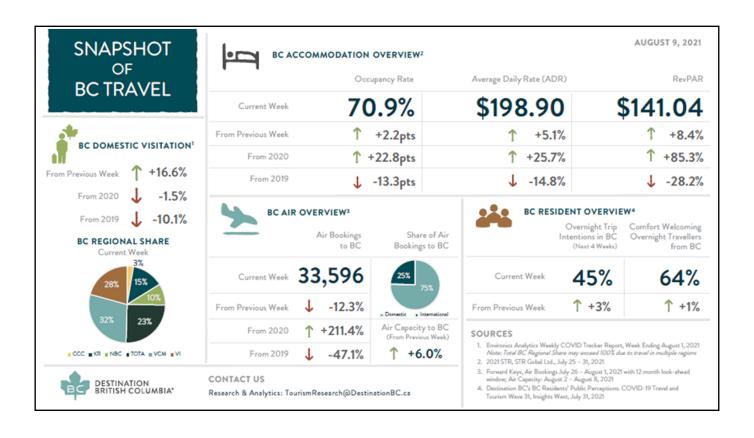
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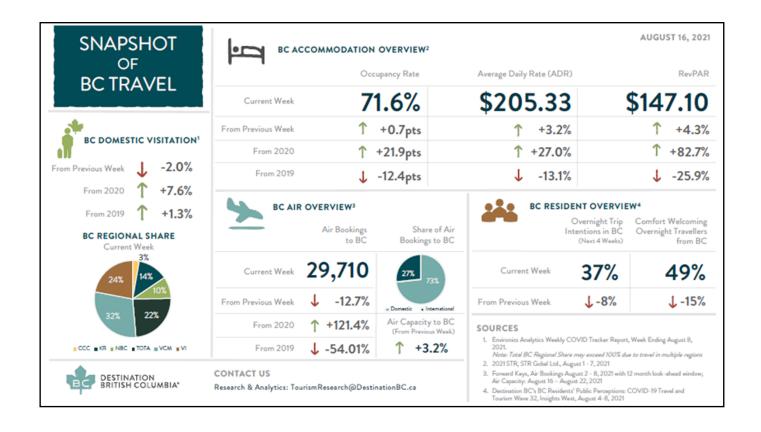


Welcoming Visitors

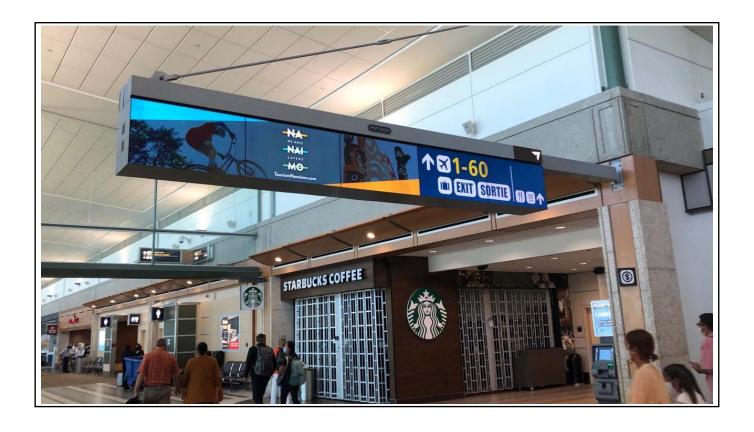


- As of July 1st Nanaimo began welcoming visitors from across Canada
- Fully vaccinated American citizens and permanent residents began arriving in BC on August 9th
- $\bullet\,$ Fully vaccinated international travellers may begin arriving as early as September 7^{th}
- Tourism Nanaimo continues to highlight #knowbeforeyougo and COVID safety messaging









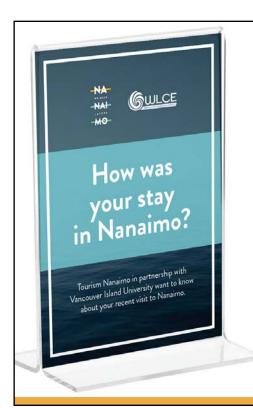


Fall Marketing Highlights



- Working collaboratively with the NHA
- TV, radio and other innovative ideas like the SkyTrain in Vancouver
- Consumer marketing eblasts
- New photography shoots completed in June and July
- VISA Campaign (postponed from 2020) will restart this fall
- New content: written, BC Ale Trail + COVID imaging





Other Initiatives



- Brand strategy development work is underway
- dialogic workshop with the Tourism Working Group (Aug 17)
- Stakeholder and community sessions this fall + visitor intercepts (August and October)
- Visitor Experience Survey with VIU is underway, seasonal reporting
- Continued work with the NHA on the Sport Tourism Strategy
- Revisiting Tourism Tuesdays for fall (COVID permitting)



Questions?

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