

Convention and Visitors Bureau

David Downing, Director March 1, 2018



Who We Are

49.0 FTE, 2.4% of County Administrator Workforce

- Advertising & Promotions
- Latin American Sales
- Leisure Travel
- Media & Interactive
- Meetings, Conventions, & Event Services
- Film
- Sports & Events
- Executive & Accounting/Administration









What We Do

- Grow the Economic Footprint of Tourism to Pinellas
 - Market, Advertise, & Promote Pinellas County
 - Attract & Retain Air Service
 - Partner with Stakeholders







What We Do

- Support High-Profile Events
- Support Capital Projects
- Support the County's #1 Employer: Tourism





Source Markets

- Domestic U.S.
- UK, Ireland & Scandinavia
- Germany & Central Europe
- Canada
- Latin America
- China











National Public Radio



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Canada

- The Weather Network, Visit Florida Co-op
- Toronto Star Magazine Inserts
- Expedia
- Travel Trade/Leisure











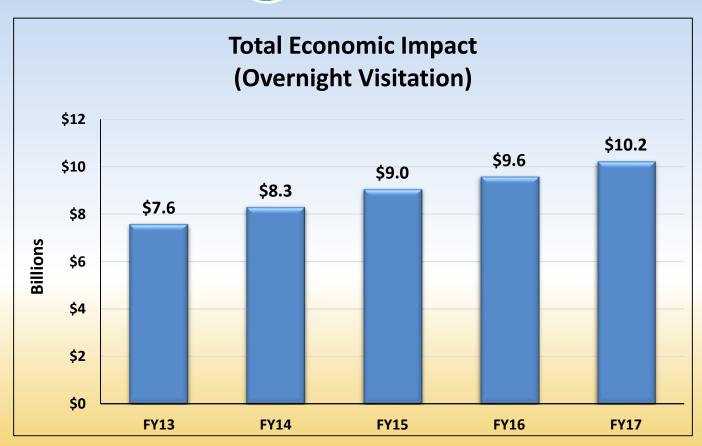
China

- Expected to be Largest International Market for U.S. by 2020
- Florida is Still Waiting for Nonstop Air Service
- VISIT FLORIDA Mission, May 2018





Things Done



Source: Research Data Services, Inc.



Things Done



- Meetings 360 Videos
- BeachesofOrlando.com
- Craft Brewery Passport
- Go Gulf Coasting Campaign



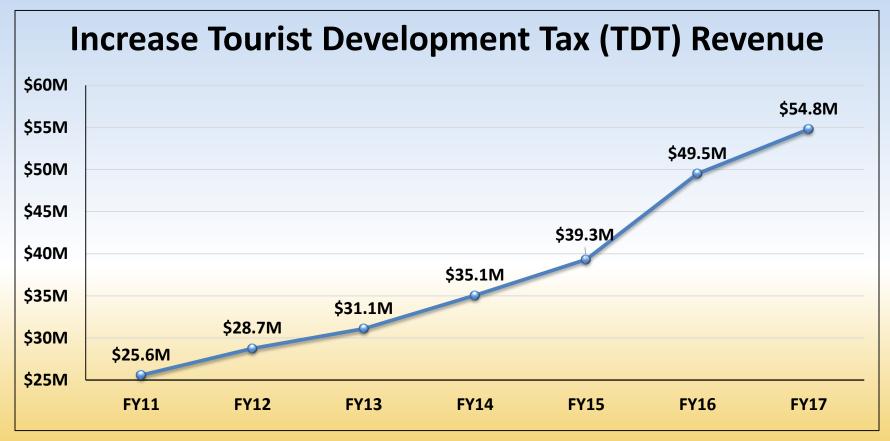


Things Done

- Sports & Events Activations
- 2017 Business of Pride Award
- Google Pilot Program
- Airbnb Integration









 Implement Revised Guidelines for FY19 Elite Event Program Funding









Mexico

Continue to Expand Latin American Market

> **Latin America** Representation





Increase Direct Visitor Expenditures

Leverage Technology to Increase Brand Presence

Across All Media Platforms

Grow Digital Footprint







Thank you!



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