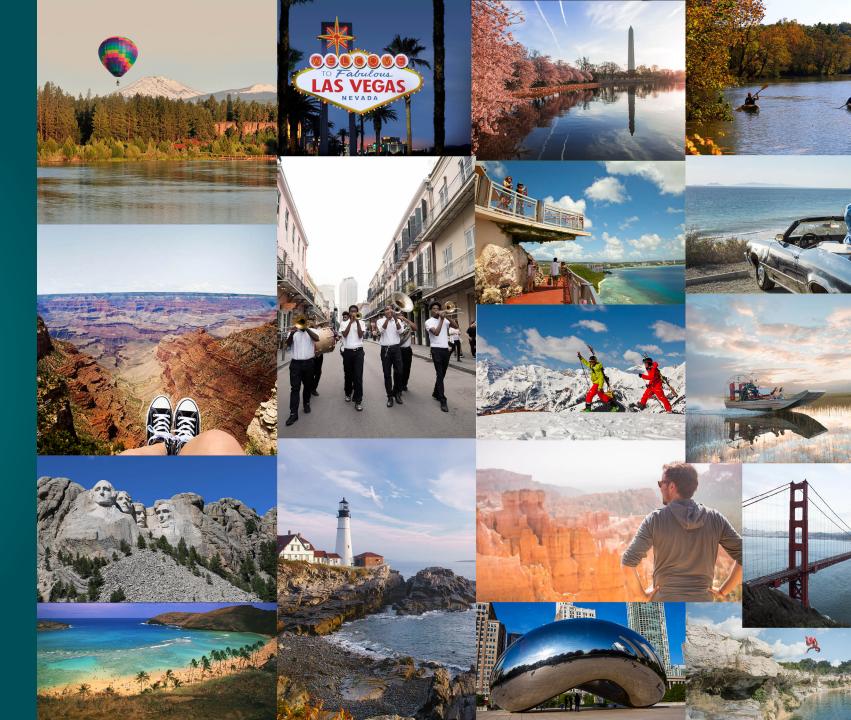


# **Keys to Effective Influencer Marketing**





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## **Agenda**

- What is influencer marketing?
- What makes a successful campaign?
- Examples of successful influencer partnerships
- Best practices for effective influencer marketing programs



### **Influencer Marketing**

**Influencer Marketing** is a form of marketing in which focus is placed on influential people rather than the target market as a whole. It identifies the individuals that have influence over potential buyers, and orients marketing activities around these influencers.

"Influencer marketing has expanded exponentially over the past several years – it's now four times its size just two years ago. As such, the industry has evolved from a promising marketing tactic to an essential part of many marketing budgets." - Entrepreneur Magazine

**MEGA Influencer**: An influencer with followers over 500,000 on one platform.

#### Advantages

- Mass reach
- More experienced, likely to have better production quality and dedicated team

#### Disadvantages

- Less likely to give rights to content
- Scheduling

**MICRO Influencer**: An influencer with 500,000 or less followers on one platform.

#### Advantages

- More likely to give brand rights to content (in perpetuity or longer length of time)
- More willing to do specific activities or requests

#### Disadvantages

- Smaller reach
- Tend to have niche audiences

### What Makes Influencer Marketing Campaigns Successful?

#### **Successful Campaigns**

- High quality content and production
- Hitting or exceeding established KPIs
- Increased brand awareness
- Increase in social media followers on brand accounts
- Influencers who are easy to work with and take direction well
- Bonus content

#### **Unsuccessful Campaigns**

- Poor quality content
- Influencer refuses to follow contracted itinerary
- Not receiving any content from influencer at end of contract
- Difficult influencer that can not receive creative direction





### Ways of Working

#### Influencer marketing can be done directly with an influencer or through an agency

Contract direct with individual

Contract through an agency

- Agency produced
- Influencer produced
  - > DIY
  - > Full creative team
- Third party endorsement







### Callum Snape: Mega – agency produced

Callum Snape is a Canadian photographer with one of the highest reaches in Canada of any travel Instagramer

764K Instagram followers 143K Facebook followers

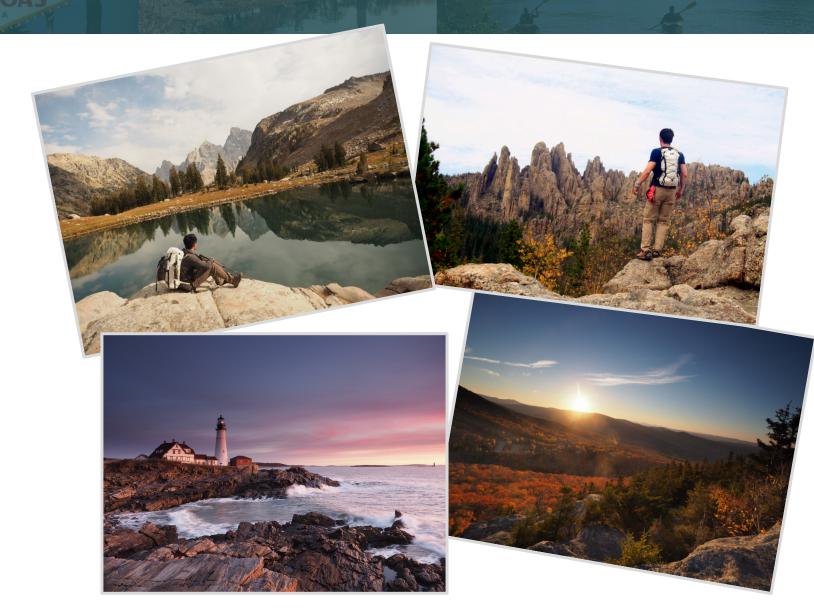


### **Chase Dong: Micro – content creation**

Chase Dong is a native Shanghainese with a passion for outdoor adventure

#### Created outdoor content for:

- 32 National Parks
- 10 states
- 61 destinations



### Ale Ivanova: Mega – influencer produced

Ale Ivanova is a lifestyle, fashion, and travel vlogger. Ale is Russian but speaks Spanish fluently and has lived in Mexico City for many years.

YouTube subscribers: 941K

Instagram followers: 325K





### **Selection and Onboarding Process**

### **Selection Criteria**

#### **Audience Data**

- Demographics
- Markets
- Engagement rate
- Sentiment of conversations/comments

#### Influencer Resume

- Years of experience
- Production team and cast list
- Quality of content editing style, recurring cast, etc.
- Type of content controversial, political, and personality

### **Onboarding Checklist**

- Share basic knowledge and understanding of brand (pre-pro briefing)
- Give guidance on content to focus on
- Create list of restrictions
- Set expectations and timelines on content review and approvals
- Create KPI's to measure the success of content
  - Examples: view completion rate, engagement rate, reach, view length, etc.
- Review legal forms (e.g. model release, content release) and U.S. sponsored content requirements per market before influencer begins shooting content

### **Legal Contracts and Usage Rights**

### Outline in contract the following items

- Projected Metrics
- Ownership/Usage Rights of their content
- Double check music, logos, graphics rights in videos and images produced influencer
- Deliverables (i.e. 3 image posts on Instagram, 5 Instagram Stories, 1 video on Facebook)
- Brand Hashtag and Paid Partnerships Hashtags

### Final thoughts and questions





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### **Appendix: Video Links**

- Ben Shorts New York City, New York [Mexico]
- Ale Ivanova Palm Springs, California [Mexico]
- <u>Daniel Tirado</u> New Orleans, Louisiana [Mexico]
- <u>Sarazar</u> Denver, Colorado [Germany]
- Sorted Foods Chicago, Illinois [United Kingdom]
- <u>Callum Snape</u> New England [Canada]