# 11 Time Savings Hacks for Distribution Success

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## Presenters

#### Vanessa Moore

- Vice President of Revenue Services
- Vanessa is a seasoned professional with over 16 years in the vacation rental industry. Her career started at LeisureLink, where she served as the Director of National Accounts, managing top-performing clients and leading channel distribution and revenue management efforts. Vanessa's success propelled her to Lexicon, where she became Vice President of Revenue and Client Acquisition, playing a key role in the company's growth. She now serves as Vice President of Revenue Services at TravelNet Solutions, where she manages TrackDistribution, Digital Marketing Services and TrackRevenue.

#### Christina Case

- Distribution Engine Manager
- With her rich experience in hospitality and accounting, Christina has significantly contributed to Track's success story. Her journey started as the Director of Reservations for Resort Collection, where she efficiently managed distribution channels. Later, she transitioned into Pro Services as an Accounting Consultant, bringing invaluable insights from her accounting background. Her expertise in comprehending fees, costs, and other financial aspects has made her an asset to the team. Christina's vast experience and deep knowledge of Track set her apart as a well-rounded professional in the hospitality industry.





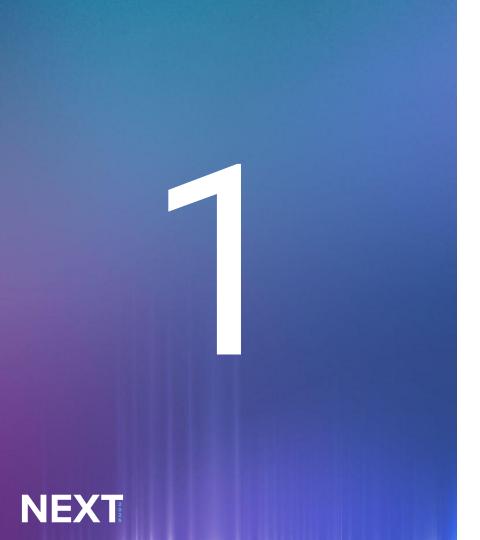




# By the end of this session....

You'll learn valuable time-savings strategies that can boost your property's revenue and improve its visibility on the distribution channels.

.... And free up time that you can dedicate to other areas of your business.



# Property Headlines and Descriptions

Capture guest's attention from the beginning

### Make the Most of the Headline and Description Space

#### Be mindful of character limitations per channel

The channels provide you with the space to showcase your creativity and capture guests' attention so use it!

- Change headlines at least twice a year
  - Seasonal
- Address special events or flash sales
  - Concerts and festivals
  - Labor Day sale
- Market company names
  - Point guests back to your site
- Call out key amenities
  - Pet friendly
  - Hot tub/pool
- Views are very important
  - o Oceanfront

Ski in/ski out

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Generate Content			
Unit	Content	Character Count	
Alpine Abode Chalet	Escape to this stunning 3-bedroom beachfront chalet, where you can soak up the sun on the private sandy shores and savor meals on the tranquil deck overlooking the glistening waves. Immerse yourself in the serene coastal ambiance and create cherished memories in this idyllic seaside retreat.	Count - 292, Min - 50, Max - 500	
Alpine Bliss Chalet	Cozy mountain chalet with 3 bedrooms, offering ski-in/ski-out convenience and stunning alpine views. Relax in the private hot tub after a day on the slopes. Ideal for winter escapes, with easy access to the best sking and snowboarding. Comfort and convenience in the heart of the mountains.	Count - 291, Min - 50, Max - 500	
Alpine Bliss Chalet	Escape to this idyllic lakeside retreat, featuring 4 cozy bedrooms and a sprawling deck. Indulge in the serenity of the dock, perfect for casting a line and enjoying the tranquil waters. Gather your loved ones for a family adventure, creating cherished memores amidst the natural beauty of the surroundings. Discover the ultimate in relaxation and recreation, just steps away from the serene lake.	Count - 398, Min - 50, Max - 500	
Alpine Escape Chalet	Escape to a charming 3-bedroom cabin with a coastal ambiance. Relax on the screened porch and enjoy the tranquility of the fire pit. Immerse yourself in seaside bliss as you collect seashells and build sandcastles. This cozy retreat offers the perfect balance of comfort and natural splendor.	Count - 292, Min - 50, Max - 500	
Beachcomber's Bungalow	Escape to this enchanting 3-bedroom manor nestled amidst vast meadows. Indulge in the rustic-chic ambiance and unwind on the serene screened porch, the perfect spot to savor your morning coffee while taking in the tranquil surroundings. Immerse yourself in the picturesque scenery and create lasting memories in this charming countryside retreat.	Count - 346, Min - 50, Max - 500	





# **Reviews Management**

An all-in-one platform designed to boost placement



#### **Host Review**

Needs Response

Needs Response Respond By 02/11/2025

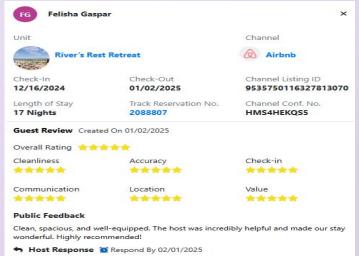
Needs Response Respond By 02/11/2025 Write Host Review

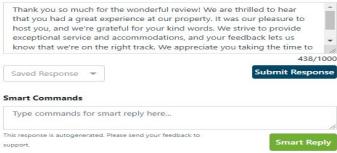
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-Automate Host Reviews to save time! -Set 24-72 hours after checkout with a 5 Star rating. -Ability to toggle automation off if there is an issue.

- Saved Responses are available.
- Use Smart Commands and Smart Replies!







# Airbnb Checkout Tasks

Bulk edit Airbnb Checkout Tasks



).	Contents			Actio	ons	
Update List 50 Units						Start Over
Edit Content Default Content Group						
Channel Headline C	hannel Description	Unit Profile Check-In Details	Unit Profile	House Rules	Unit Profile	Short Description
Unit Profile Long Descrip Airbnb Content Group	tion					
Check-In Details He	adline Description	Other Things To Note	The Space	Interactions V	Vith Guests	Checkout Tasks
Select Check Out Task						
Return Keys						
Turn Things Off						
Throw Trash						
Lock Up						
Gather Towels Additional Requests						
Select Channel Name						٣
Min. Notice Max Boo	oking Description					

### Bulk Edit Checkout Tasks

- Return Keys
- Turn Things Off
- Throw Trash
- Lock Up
- Gather Towels
- Additional Requests

There is a 1,140 character limitation on each task and you can apply to all units in the bulk updater.





# **Cancellation Policies**

Change Cancellation Policies to be competitive



»	Contents	Actions
	Update List	Start C
	50 Units	
	: Change Airbnb Cancellation Policy	ā
	Select Cancel Policy	
	Airbnb Firm	
	Flexible	
	Moderate	
	Strict 14 Day with Grace Period	
	Super Strict 30	
	Super Strict 60	

	Contents	Actions
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HomeAway	Strict	
HomeAway	Firm	
HomeAway	Moderate	
HomeAway	Relaxed	
HomeAway	No Refund	

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Pairing more flexible cancellation policies with smaller units is an excellent way to experiment with less restrictive cancellation policies the channels offer. This approach allows you to test and evaluate their effectiveness and in many cases show the owners the results.

### Adding Premium Channels

#### A Few Seconds to Countless Distribution Channels



### Adding Premium Channels in a Few Clicks

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Change						
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	Action Group					
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Addition	al Channels Action Group					
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Change						
Chang	e Status					
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# Discounts

Guests are always looking for value so use discounts to appeal to a new audience



Airbnb Action Group Change Min Notice Max Booking Sync Options Check-in Type
Last Minute Discount Non-Refundable Multiplier New Listing Di
VRBO Action Group Change
Cancel Policy Reservation Mode Booking Type New Listing

### **Discounts Boost Placement**

#### Guests Always Look for Value

#### <u>Airbnb:</u>

- Early Bird Discount
- Last Minute Discount
- New Listing Discount
- Non-Refundable Multiplier

#### Vrbo:

New Listing Discount

Within Distribution you have the ability to enable discounting on the Unit Profile or you can enable in bulk via the bulk updater.



# Produce More with Last Minutes Discounts

AIRBNB DISCOUNTS

Early Bird Percent ()

Last Minute Percent ()

10

Days

28

Non-Refundable Multiplier ()

%

New Listing Discount ()
Yes

Last-minute sales on Airbnb are discounts that hosts can offer to guests who book within a certain time frame of arrival. They apply to reservations booked 1-28 days before check in.

- Guests can see special callouts on listings pages and in search results for listings with last-minute discounts of 10% of more
- 70% of reservations on the online channels are booked with a discount
- Connect with us after the session to enable discounting on your account





# **Channel Inventory**

Manage Inventory in One Place



#### **Channel Inventory**

Unit

Saturday 03/22/2025

Sunday 03/23/2025

Monday 03/24/2025

1/1

1/1

1/1

\$1,208.00

\$1,083.00

\$1,016.00

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Date	Avail	Rate	Online	Homeaway	Airbnb	Website	Beyond Pricing	HVMI	Key Data	GuestRevu	Track Pulse	Booking.com	sojo	TravelClick	Safely
Monday 03/03/2025	0/1	\$875.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						
Tuesday 03/04/2025	0/1	\$875.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						
Wednesday 03/05/2025	0/1	\$875.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						
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Thursday 03/13/2025	0/1	\$875.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						
Friday 03/14/2025	0/1	\$875.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						
Saturday 03/15/2025	0/1	\$875.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						
Sunday 03/16/2025	0/1	\$875.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						
Monday 03/17/2025	0/1	\$1,020.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						
Tuesday 03/18/2025	0/1	\$1,013.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						
Wednesday 03/19/2025	0/1	\$1,023.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						
Thursday 03/20/2025	0/1	\$1,069.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						
Friday 03/21/2025	0/1	\$1,183.00	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Closed	Inherit (Open)	Inherit (Open)	Closed	Inherit (Open)						

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#### Navigate to Channel Inventory in Distribution

- Select Node or Unit in the dropdown
- Click on the calendar to select dates
- Quickly close inventory per channel and save
- Use during emergency closures
- Be cognizant of closures as this will
   affect placement





# Amenities

#### The More Amenities You Offer, the Greater the Appeal



### **Channel Amenities**

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The following amenities are available on the channel. The Track mapping and count reflects if the channel amenity is mapped in Track the number of units utilizing that mapping.

#### No Track Mapping

Channel Amenity	.↓₹ Track Mapping	Track Category	Unit Count
A room or multiple spaces that are de same theme	esigned to follow the		0
An outdoor area equipped with play	structures for children		0
Arcade games			0
Baby Safety Gates			0
Babysitter Recommendations			0
Baking Sheet			0
Barbeque utensils			0
Bay View			0
Beach Access			0
Beach Essentials			0
109 total	《 < 1 2	3 4 5 > »	

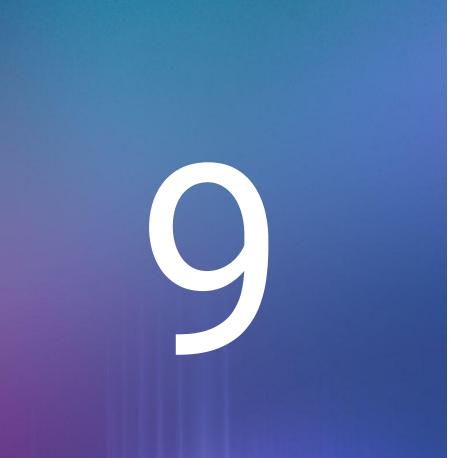
Navigate to amenities and click on No Track Mapping

- Make sure to monitor amenities on a quarterly basis

## **Bulk Updater**

Contents	Actions
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🗄 Add Unit Profile Amenities	â
Select Amenities	*
Air Conditioning	<u>^</u>
Accessible Height Bed	
Accessible Height Toilet	
Baby Bath	
Baby Monitor	
Bathroom Step Free Access	
Bathroom Wide Doorway	*

 Once you add the amenity in settings navigate to Bulk Updater and add to units in seconds



# Errors and Validations

Resources Designed to Help You Proactively Address Challenges and Maximize Revenue Growth of the Distribution Channels



### Address Issues Proactively

#### Errors:

- Need to be addressed immediately
  - Fees not displaying

#### **Validations:**

- Checks and balances
  - Headlines surpass 50 characters on Airbnb
  - Emojis being used in the Summary

Make it a daily practice to log in to the Distribution Dashboard and resolve Errors and Validations. This can prevent roadblocks on the channels and keep owners happy.

#### **Channel Drilldown**

Channel Name	Errors	Validations	Alerts	Connected Units
Homeaway	8	3	0	215
Airbnb	2	9	14	215
Booking.com	522	7	0	206





# Metadata

#### Adding Descriptive Summaries to Sought-After Amenities



### Metadata

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- Navigate to the Unit Profile
- **Click on Amenities**
- Add Metadata to any amenity
- Description is for Vrbo
- Instruction is for Airbnb

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Count	2	
Description 🚯		
Instruction (3)		
Size In Inches	55	
TV Quality	HD V	
TV Services	Disney Plus × Hulu × Netflix ×	
		Save Clos

#### Amenities **Towels Provided** Air conditioning Internet Fluffy soft cotton towels Free Wi-fi throughout the Individual unit controls property. Wireless Internet Heating Linens provided Individual unit controls Free WiFi Luxury high thread count linens Hair Dryer provided Fitness Room/Equipment Complimentary to guests Kitchen Coffee Maker Microwave Stove Glass topped range w/ oven Mounted above stove Keurig Refrigerator Kitchen Toaster Full sized fridge/freezer with ice Fully equipped kitchen Provided in kitchen What this place offers P **Resort view** Ocean view Public or shared beach access PIQ Kitchen ≙ - Beachfront 1 Shared outdoor pool -Wifi available all year, open specific hours, heated, infinity, rooftop Shared hot tub - available all 55" HDTV with Disney+, 2/ Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, year, open specific hours Roku, Chromecast, Hulu

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Carbon monoxide alarm

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Security cameras on property



# Inventory Drilldown

Identify Missing Fields and Discrepancies Instantly



## Quickly Identify and Resolve Discrepancies

#### Filters:

- Channel-Unit
- Local Office
- Node
- Role
- Status
- Unit
- Unit Type

#### Conditions:

- Channels
- Errors
- Channel State
- Lodging Type
- Amenities
- Cancellation Policy
- Room Configuration
- Image
- Ratings

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