



## Phuket's Sandbox Campaign

What has the effect been on local hospitality?



#### What's the current situation in Thailand?



CESA approves plan to reopen Phuket on 1 Jul to vaccinated travellers.



Source: Cases - John Hopkins University (2021-06-09). Vaccine - Government of Thailand (2021-06-08). Retrieved from OurWorldInData.org



# What is the Phuket Sandbox Programme?

- A scheme developed to encourage international travel to Thailand.
- Start date: July 1st 2021
- The aim is to open up Phuket to visitors who are fully vaccinated arriving from low-risk countries.
- Travelers must choose from a pre-set list of resorts and remain in quarantine at their chosen location for 14 days but with the ability to move freely around the resort.

\*\* The campaign is subject to final approval depending on the assessment of several nationwide statistics on June 30th 2021.

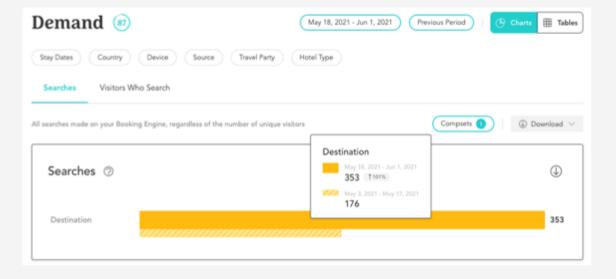




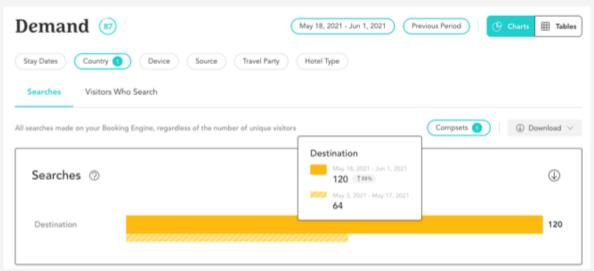
# How has the market responded to the announcement of the program?

#### **Search Demand**

#### Search demand increased by 101%



#### Domestic search demand increased by 88%



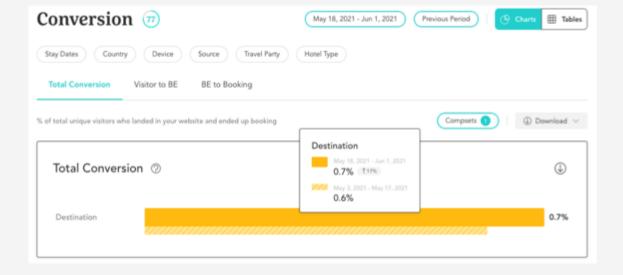
Data based on direct website searches from THN's hotel clients located in Thailand. Comparing period of May 18th – July 1st to previous 15-day period (May 3rd – May 17th)

Source: BenchDirect by The Hotels Network

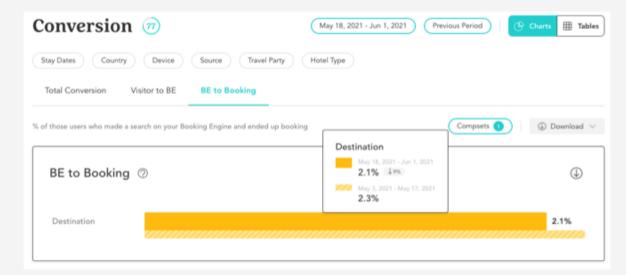


#### **Website Conversion**

#### Total direct website conversion increased by 101%



#### Booking engine conversion decreased by 9%

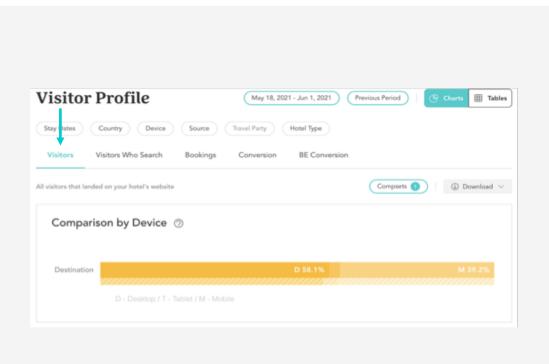


Data based on hotel website conversion from THN's hotel clients located in Thailand. Comparing period of May 18<sup>th</sup> – July 1st to previous 15-day period (May 3rd – May 17th)

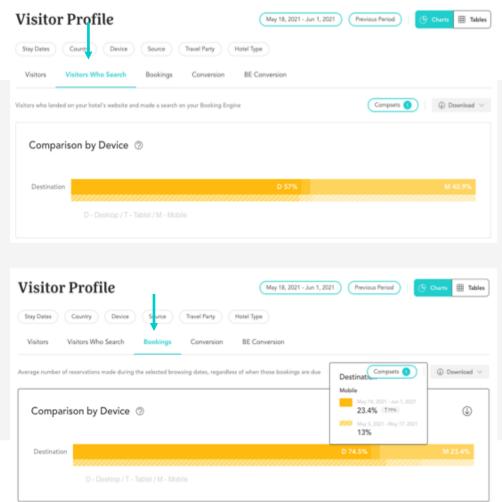
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#### **Visitor Profile**



Increase of mobile traffic throughout the entire booking funnel



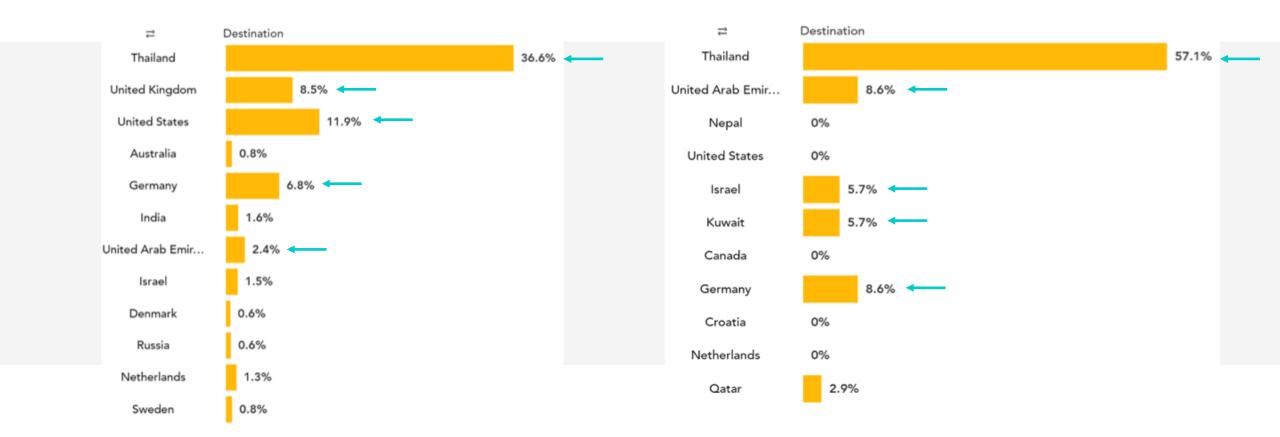
Data based on the website visitor profile from THN's hotel clients located in Thailand. Comparing period of May 18<sup>th</sup> – July 1st to previous 15-day period (May 3rd – May 17th)



#### **Top Source Markets**

#### Top countries for hotel website visitors

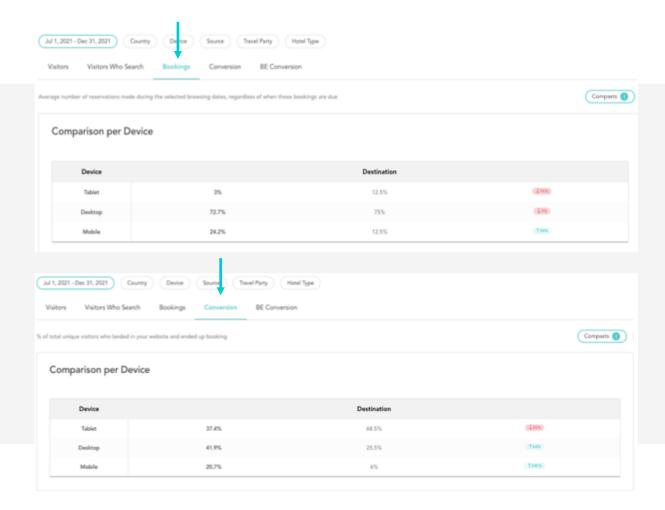
#### Top countries for direct bookings



Data based on the direct website traffic from THN's hotel clients located in Thailand. Taking data from booking engine searches for stays on the next 90 days (as of June 3<sup>rd</sup>)



#### Mobile traffic in 5 top visitor markets

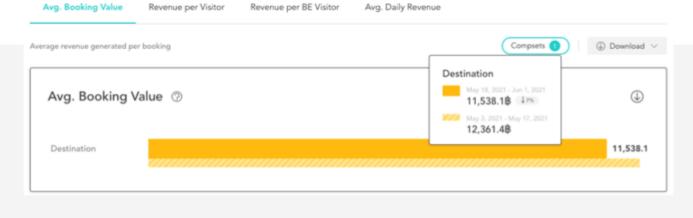


Mobile bookings and conversion experienced an increase in 5 top visitor markets

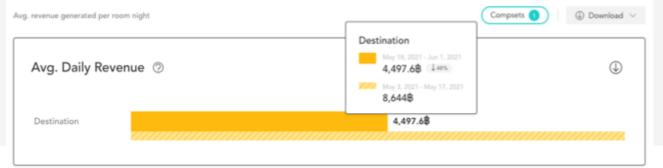


#### Zoom on the domestic market





Average Booking Value decreased by 7%

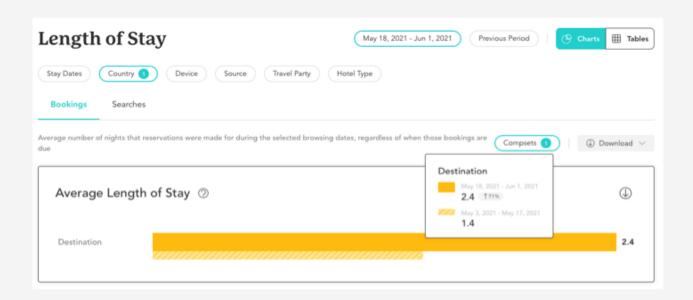


Average Daily Revenue decreased by 48%



#### Zoom on the domestic market



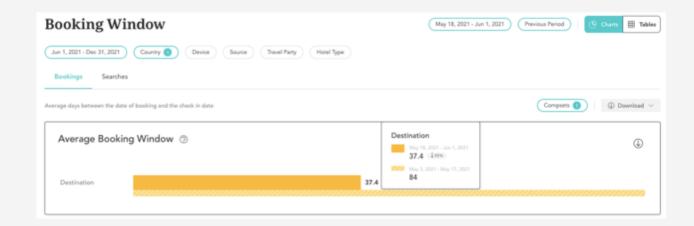


Average Length of Stay for direct bookings increased by 71%









Average Booking Window for direct reservations decreased by 55%

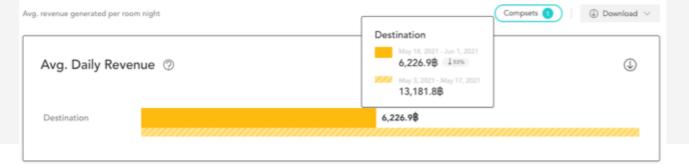


#### **Zoom on the US market**





Average Booking Value decreased by 49%



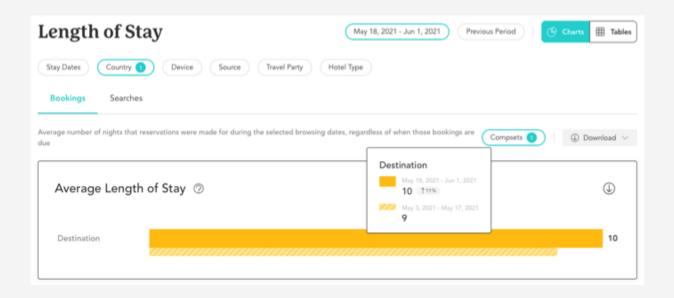
Average Daily Revenue decreased by 53%



Data based on the US website traffic from THN's hotel clients located in Thailand. Comparing direct bookings from May 18<sup>th</sup> – July 1st to previous 15-day period (May 3rd – May 17th)





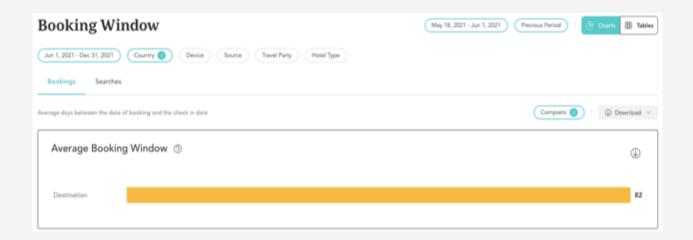


Average Length of Stay for direct bookings increased by 11%







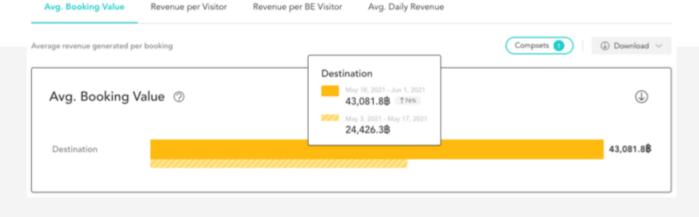


Average Booking Window for direct reservations decreased by 100%

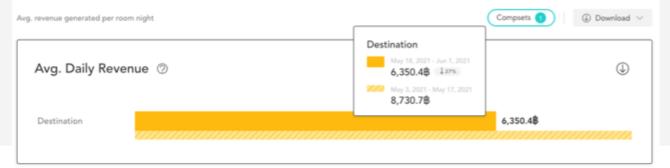


#### Zoom on the UK market





**Average Booking Value increased by 76%** 

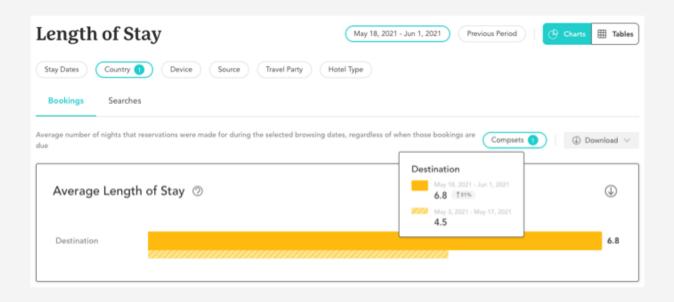


Average Daily Revenue decreased by 27%



#### Zoom on the UK market



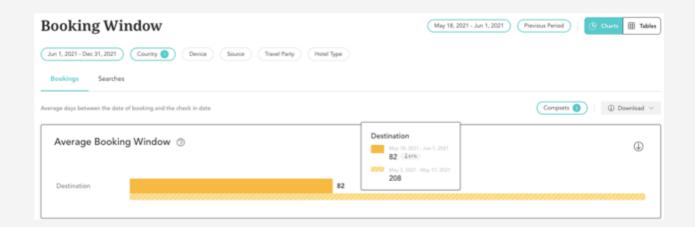


Average Length of Stay for direct bookings increased by 51%







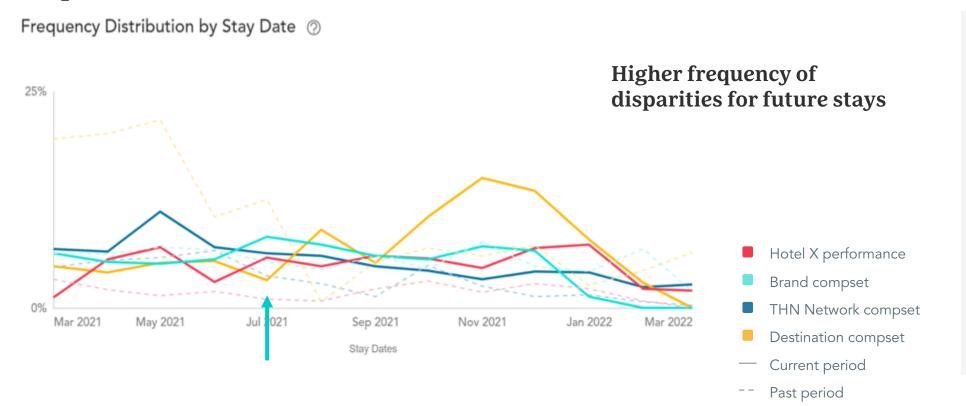


Average Booking Window for direct reservations decreased by 61%



#### **Price Disparities**

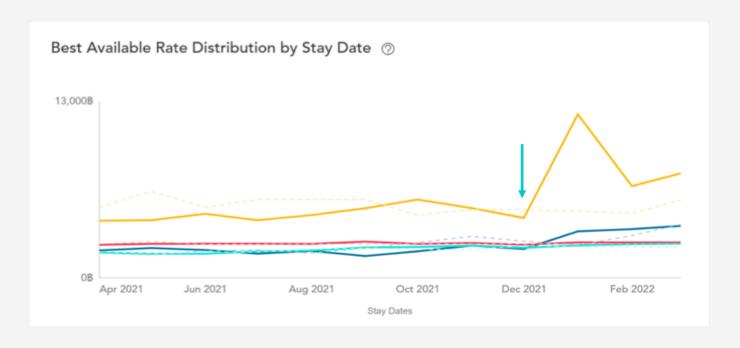
#### **Disparities**







#### **Price Disparities**



Yellow line: destination compset – Thailand BAR remains flat. No price response until December 2021



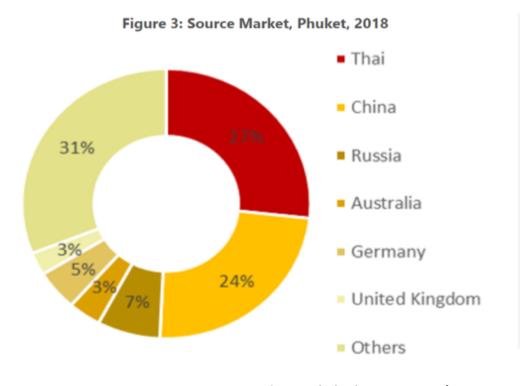
# How can hoteliers adapt to this new situation?

#### 1. Target new markets

#### Pre-covid source markets

**Top 5 International Source Markets** 





Source: Thailand's Department of Tourism



#### 1. Target new markets

#### Today's source market

#### Level 1: COVID-19 Low

**British Virgin Islands** 

All travelers should wear a mask, avoid crowds, stay at least 6 feet from people who are not traveling with you, wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer, and watch your health for signs of illness.

<u>Nigeria</u>

American SamoaMontserratAustraliaNew CaledoniaBeninNew Zealand

Brunei Northern Mariana Islands

Cayman Islands Palau
China Saba

Faroe Islands Saint Kitts and Nevis

Greenland Saint Pierre and Miquelon

Grenada Sierra Leone
Guernsey Samoa
Hong Kong SAR Sint Eustatius

 Liberia
 Taiwan

 Marshall Islands
 Uganda

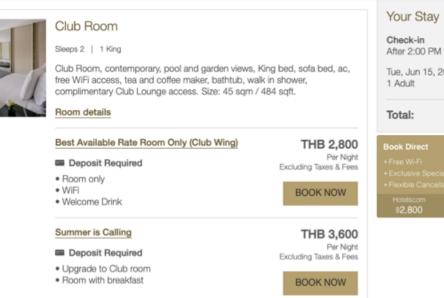
 Micronesia, Federated States of
 Vietnam

Source: US CDC as of June 1st 2021

WORLD | Tracking Coronavirus Vaccinations Around the World

	Doses adr	Doses administered		Pct. of population	
	Per 100 people	Total	Vaccinated	▼ Fully vaccinated	
World	26	1,975,494,569			
Israel	117	10,586,452	60%	57%	
Bahrain	107	1,755,570	58%	49%	
Aruba	108	114,632	60%	48%	
Curaçao	98	154,426	54%	44%	
Chile	99	18,682,183	56%	42%	
Malta	103	519,994	63%	42%	
Mongolia	99	3,182,775	58%	41%	
United States	89	296,404,240	51%	41%	
Qatar	91	2,574,692	52%	39%	
U.K.	98	65,211,877	59%	39%	
Hungary	91	8,901,553	53%	38%	
Maldives	90	476,305	58%	31%	
Singapore	71	4,047,651	40%	31%	
Uruguay	83	2,864,025	53%	30%	
Serbia	66	4,552,842	36%	29%	
Iceland	69	249,800	47%	25%	
Lithuania	59	1,653,339	37%	22%	
Denmark	59	3,440,156	37%	22%	





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Excluding Taxes & Fees

**BOOK NOW** 

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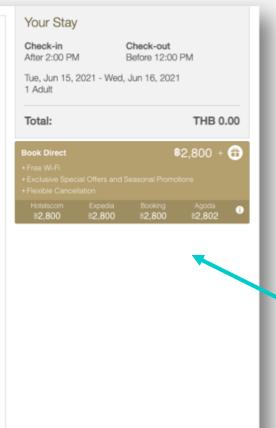
Per Night

Summer is Calling with Club Access

Deposit Required

Upgrade to Club room
 Room with breakfast

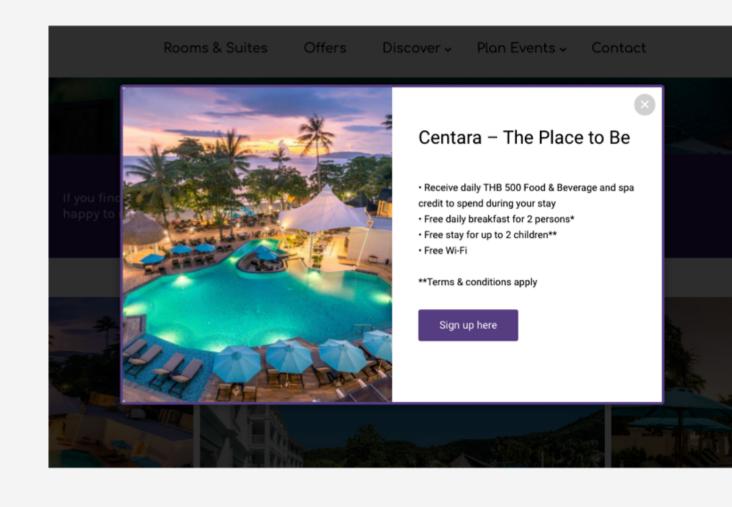
Afternoon TeaEvening Cocktails



2. Rethink your pricing strategy to combat disparities and always promote the best available rate on your website

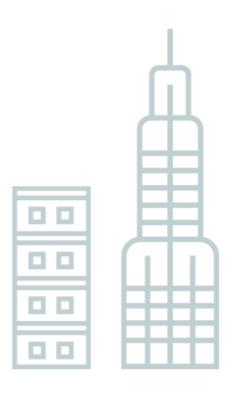


3. Offer attractive benefits and deals to entice visitors to book direct at your hotel



### **™** BenchDirect™

#### Benchmarking the key metrics of your direct booking channel



BenchDirect™ brings a brand-new dimension to hotel benchmarking by offering the first benchmarking platform for your hotel's direct channel.

This interactive analytics platform enables you to compare your hotel's website performance to the market and competition, and to use the real-time insights to make better-informed decisions:

- Break down the full booking funnel
- o Pinpoint weak points where you are losing revenue
- Uncover opportunities to grow your direct bookings
- Get up to speed with your competitors



#### A whole host of direct booking metrics to benchmark against

#### 30+ Direct Booking Metrics

Before jumping into hotel use cases, here's a quick overview of the type of insights to be found in BenchDirect.

You can benchmark your performance across more than 30 key metrics centered around:

- Website and booking engine traffic
- Rates and disparities
- User profile and behavior
- Future demand
- Bookings and pickup

#### **Competitive Sets**

Using machine learning to create dynamic compsets, BenchDirect lets you compare you hotel's direct channel performance to the market and competitors:

#### **Brand**

Compare each property's performance to the other hotels in your brand

#### **Destination**

Compare your hotel with other similar hotels in your destination

#### **THN Network**

We select the most similar hotels worldwide, from our network





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