



**VoiceMap**

**Partnership Overview**  
March 2025



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Podcasts that  
move with you

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services, and pricing

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The power of  
immersive storytelling



# VOICEMAP MAKES YOUR STORY IMMERSIVE

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Podcasts that move with you, to tell stories about what you're seeing right now.  
(You need to hear it for yourself.)



**72**

countries



**1600+**

tours

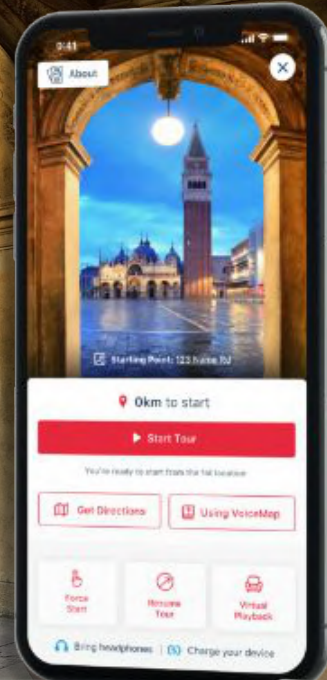


**50,000+**

locations



Average Tour Rating:  
4.6/5 (52,608 ratings)





# IT'S DEFINITELY AN IMPROVEMENT ON GUIDED TOURS

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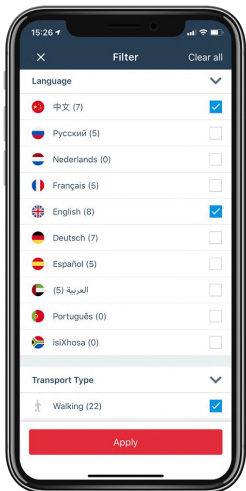
Guided Tours	VoiceMap
Inflexible schedules	Available on demand
Limited availability	Works offline on user's own device
Fixed labour costs	Low unit costs go down with volume
Variable quality	Everybody hears the same story
Stop to listen and move slowly	Users go at their own pace and listen while moving





# BUT IT'S A LOT MORE THAN THAT TOO

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- **12 languages** currently supported, and new languages can be added easily
- **Outdoor and indoor** tour players
- Outdoor tour player includes **automatic GPS playback** and can be used for walking, driving, cycling, train and boat tours
- **Full offline functionality**, including offline maps
- **Music locations** that loop and fade under voice locations automatically
- **Bearing-sensitive playback**, so a location might only play when user is travelling east to west, for example, but not in the other direction
- Locations can optionally include photos, 360 videos, AR objects and other media types

## Awards



**1<sup>st</sup>**  
on Google

Keywords include: “audio tour”, “audio tour london / paris / singapore / berlin”, “create / publish audio tour” (US, UK, CA, AU, ZA)



**1<sup>st</sup>**  
on app stores

Apple App Store and Google Play: “audio tours”, “audio guides”, etc. (US, UK, others)

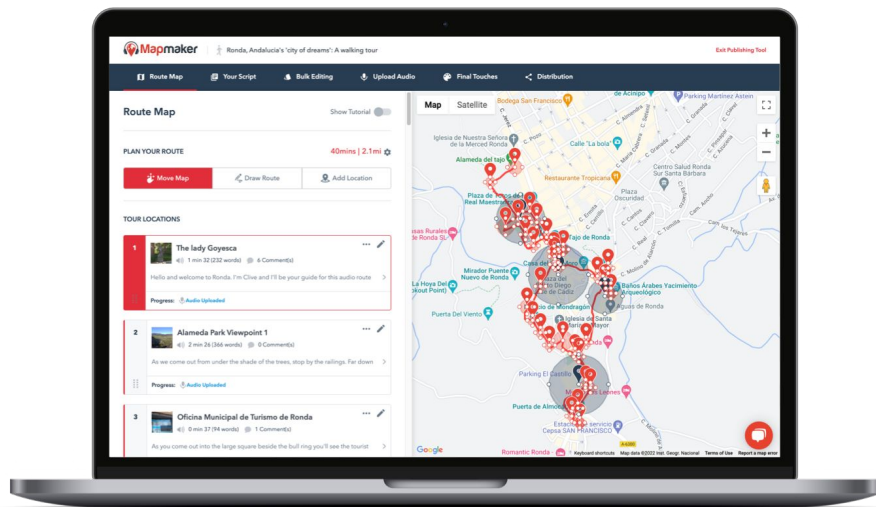


**1000+**  
OTA listings

Viator, Tripadvisor, Musement (TUI), Project Expedition, Booking.com, Expedia, Klook



# OUR TOURS ARE BETTER BECAUSE OF MAPMAKER, OUR CMS



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THE  
DAILY  
SHOW



San Francisco Chronicle



Collaborative, browser-based content management system



Converts distances into talk times and word counts using the Google Maps API



Script editing and support from experienced audio tour editors



Tracked changes, comments and email notifications



Text-to-speech audio for tour testing



Recording support, audio editing, FX and music by sound engineers



Distribution tools from QR codes and shortlinks to Viator and Google Things to Do listings



# OUR UX FOR OUTDOOR TOURS FOCUSES ON NAVIGATION

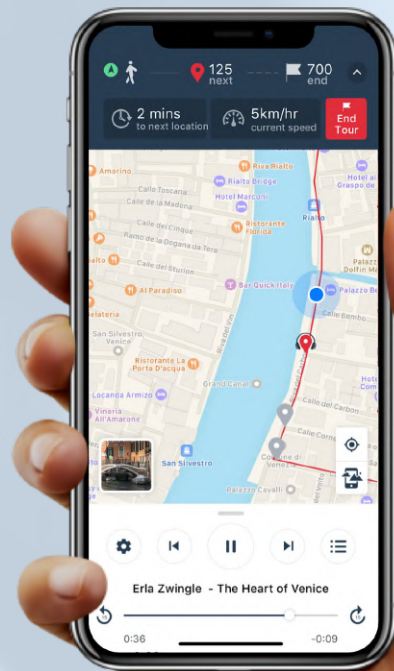
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"Took this tour last year and it was one of my favorite days in London! Visiting again soon and I've made sure to tell all of my friends about it. A must do!"

Review of *Theatreland with Ian McKellen*

- ➔ Easy navigation sorts tours by proximity to user, with filtering by rating, language, and transport type
- ➔ Automatic playback accurate up to 5 metres / yards
- ➔ All assets including geodata, map, audio and other media are downloaded before starting, allowing full offline functionality
- ➔ Tours typically follow a sequential, set route, and include audio navigation
- ➔ But tours with no set route are possible





# OUR UX FOR INDOOR TOURS FOCUSES ON CURATION

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When users begin a tour, the first location's audio starts playing

Five seconds before audio finishes, the image on screen changes to show the next location, and directions to it appear in the player or as in-app notification if the screen is off

User makes their way to the next location

When user taps on play button or "I am here", the next location's audio starts playing



# AUGMENTED REALITY AND 360° VIDEOS

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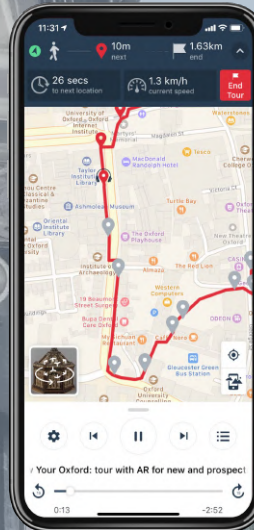
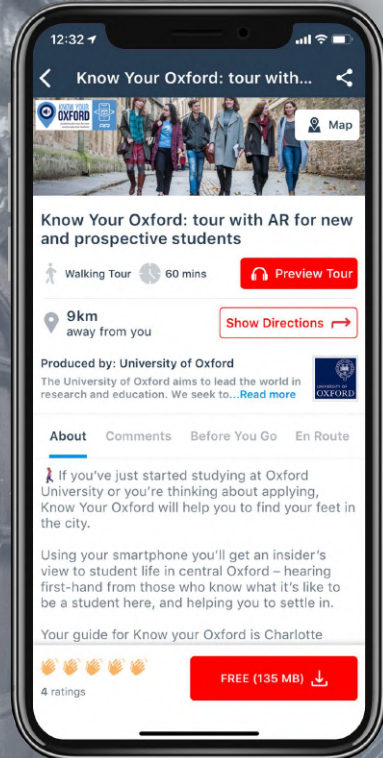
## AR TOUR PARTNERS



University of Oxford



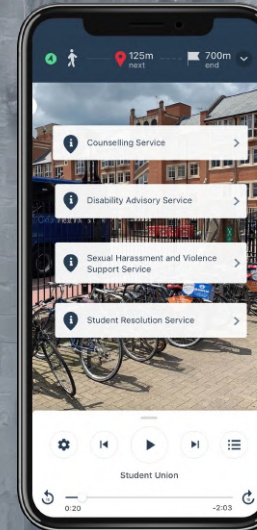
Cape Innovation & Technology Initiative



AR objects and 360° videos are opened from the player screen



Detects flat surfaces and places 3D objects onto them



Displays geolocated signboards with text and web links



Takes augmented selfies using native Apple and Google APIs



# CHOOSE THE RIGHT PLAN FOR YOUR TOURS

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## Basic

 **\$0**



### Get Going

Sell tours through VoiceMap's apps and website with no upfront fees, but plenty of support from our editors

[Start Now](#)

## Growth

 **\$150**



### Grow Your Audience

List with resellers, get help with SEO and buy download credits for your own distribution channels at \$0.89 instead of \$2

[Start Now](#)

## Priority

 **\$290**



### Produce Better Tours

Get priority script and audio editing plus hands-on help with map setup, voiceover coaching, sound design and marketing

[Start Now](#)

## Pro

 **\$620**



### Focus On Reach

Make your exceptional tours free and get our full suite of marketing services from your own account manager

[Start Now](#)

## Premium

 **\$1,570**



### Scale Up Productivity

Work at institutional scale with 5 review slots, monthly reports, 65% royalties and download credits for \$0.31

[Start Now](#)



# TOUR DISTRIBUTION: PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, FREE OR PAID

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## Mobile Apps

- Free, lightweight iOS and Android apps with 3 playback modes: tour start, resume, at home
- Easily discoverable in the App Store and Google Play: search rank, category rank, featured
- In-app purchases with lifetime access via multiplatform VoiceMap account



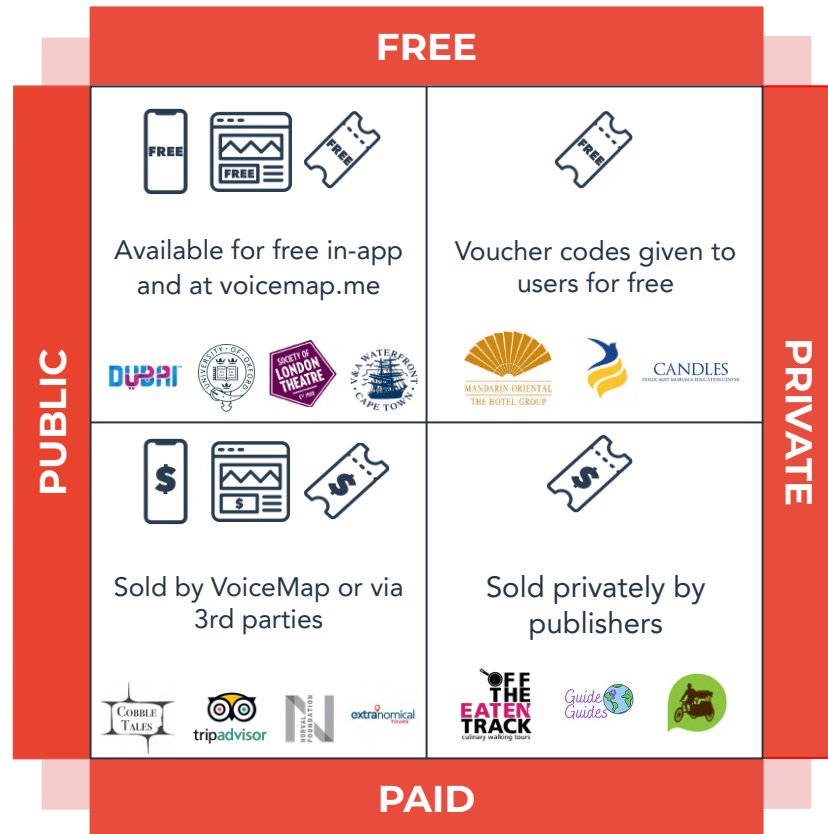
## Web

- Audio and scripts accessible at [voicemap.me](http://voicemap.me)
- Payments using Braintree (Paypal) sync with mobile apps automatically via VoiceMap account
- Highly ranked domain and landing pages (SEO)
- Dashboard with live download, royalty and voucher reports



## Voucher Codes

- 8 digit alphanumeric codes, e.g. "1sample2"
- Distribute them for free or sell them
- Use them to keep tours private / unpublished
- Make 1 code valid for any number of copies or generate unique codes valid for only 1 copy
- Redeemable in-app from the main menu. Just select Tour Codes. (Try it with [1sample2](#)!)





# TOUR PRODUCTION SERVICES

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- If you lack the capacity or expertise to create your own tours, our editorial team will work with you to tell a story that reflects your voice and identity.
- Our developers will also work with you to develop custom features, if you need something special for your tours.



## Planning

The ingredients of a perfect tour

1. A route with a few surprises
2. A narrative that develops, establishing context early on and expanding on it later
3. A climax that brings things together at a particularly captivating location
4. An authentic narrator



## Production

The spoken word, in the here and now

1. Entertaining, not comprehensive
2. Clear directions at the right time
3. Each location starts with a focus then zooms out to the general
4. Includes a perspective where appropriate, i.e. Ian McKellen
5. Audio without mistakes, breathing or background noise
6. Immersive sound effects and music



## Testing

1. Testing with scratch audio prior to voice over recording prevents or at least reduces costs of re-recording
2. Tests performed with multiple devices under various conditions



## Translation

1. Mobile app user interface already available in 11 languages: English, Mandarin, German, Spanish, French, Dutch, Portuguese, Italian, Russian, Arabic, and Xhosa
2. New languages can be added easily
3. No further testing is required for translations because we work with experienced translators and voice artists to make sure these match English audio times and directions



# WHY DO 7 MILLION PEOPLE VISIT THE EIFFEL TOWER EVERY YEAR?

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○○○○○ Reviewed 3 weeks ago ☐ via mobile

## Overrated

The Parisians were right in wanting this monstrosity taken down. But it's still raking in money! You will visit but it's nothing really special.

○○○○○ Reviewed 2 weeks ago

## Boring

Sorry but the Eiffel Tower is tacky and uninteresting, no different to Blackpool tower. You can see it from almost anywhere in Paris, which sometimes looks good, but to actually go to it. Yawn yawn.

○○○○○ Reviewed 14 July 2019 ☐ via mobile

## Stupid tower

Doesn't do anything. Just sits there. Lots of loud tourists. No steak. No cheese. Nothing. Just a big tower. I want a cool tower not this tower

○○○○○ Reviewed 3 August 2019

## Disappointed with the height

The queue was longer than the height of the monument. Having often been to Dubai I found the towers there much more impressive.



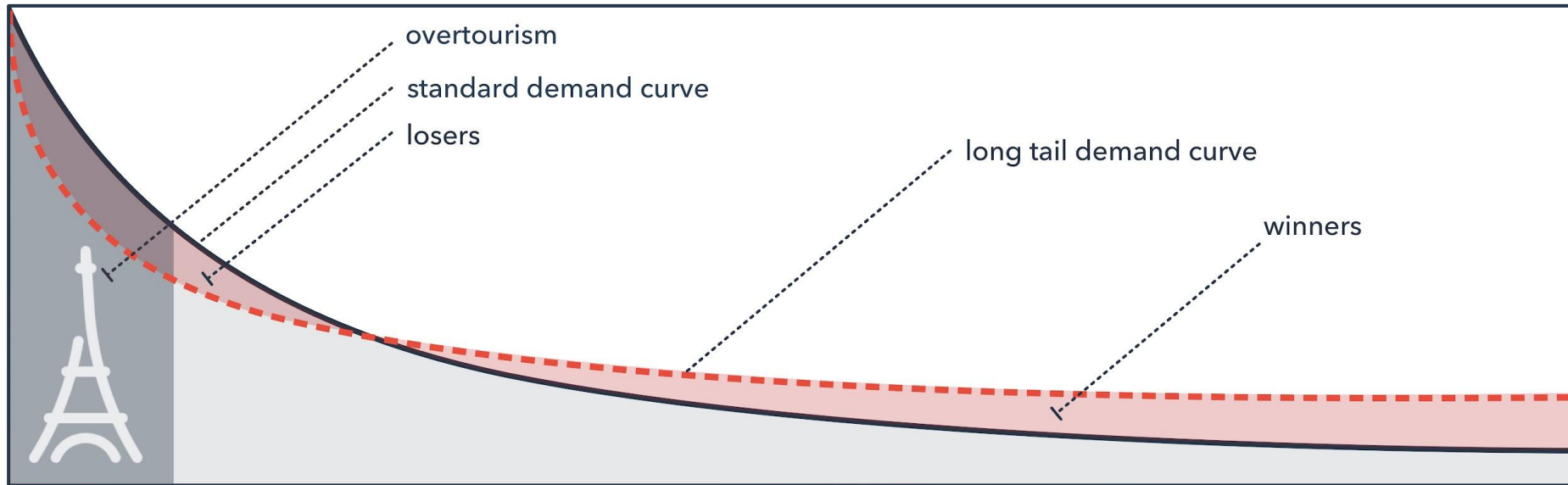
Eiffel Tower  
Aviary of the world  
Sing Sing

Bell-clang of Paris

The giant hanging in the void  
is a poster for France

On the day of Victory  
you'll tell it to the stars

*Vicente Huidobro, 1918*  
*translated by Eliot Weinberger*



- It was by bringing underutilised, long-tail inventory online that Amazon disrupted retail, Netflix disrupted TV, and Airbnb disrupted hotels, etc.
- In the tours and attractions industry, this process is accelerating because of overtourism
- This creates a time-limited opportunity for organisations to change consumer behaviour by using new, digital channels to tell their story and reimagine their products



# HOW DO YOU MAKE SURE VISITORS KNOW YOUR STORY?

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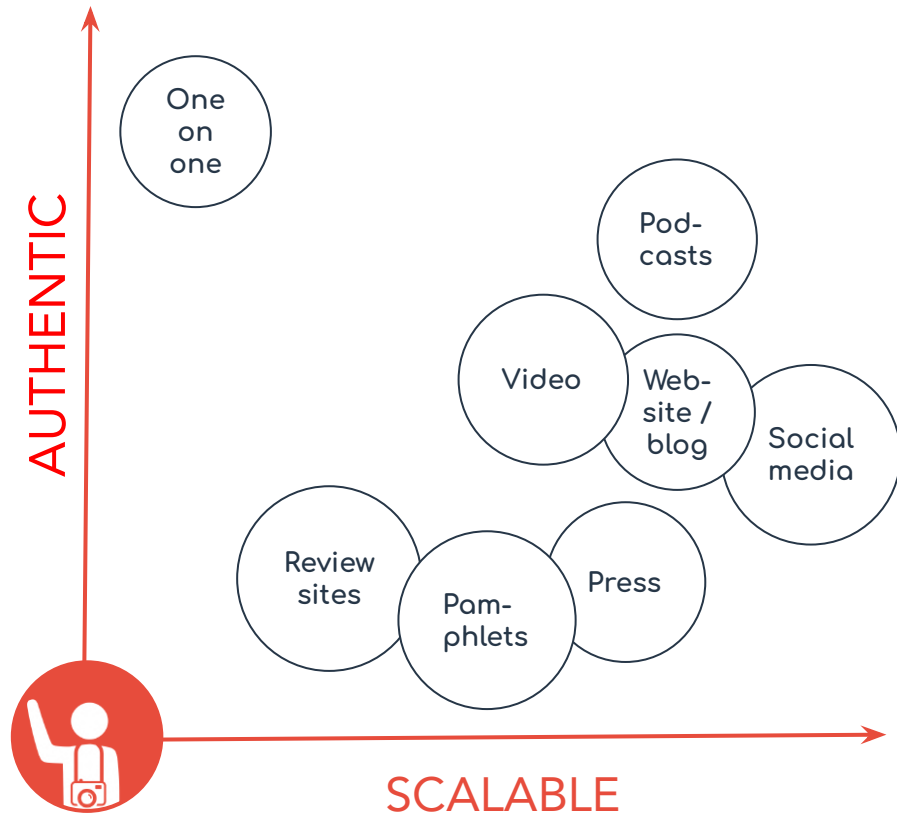
To tell a memorable story  
you need

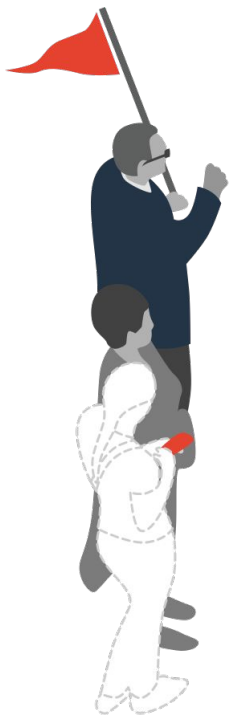
## ATTENTION

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## TRUST

but both are scarce,  
and every channel's mix is different





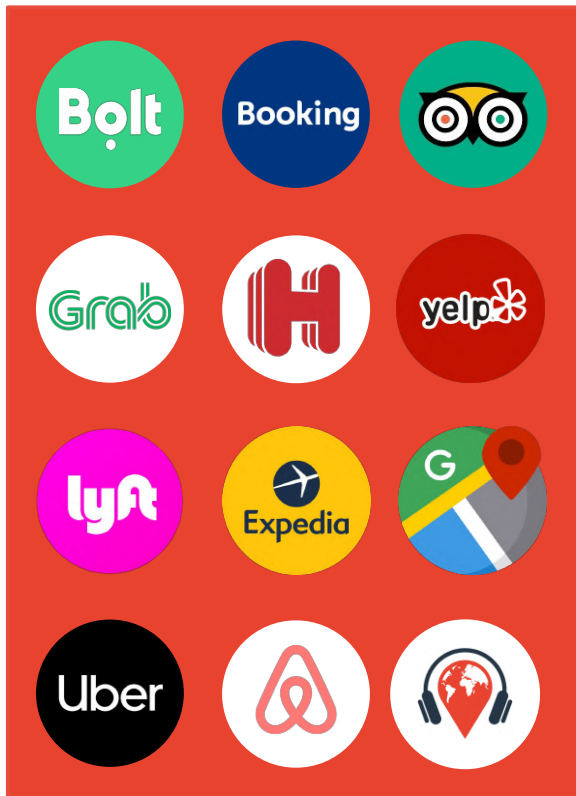
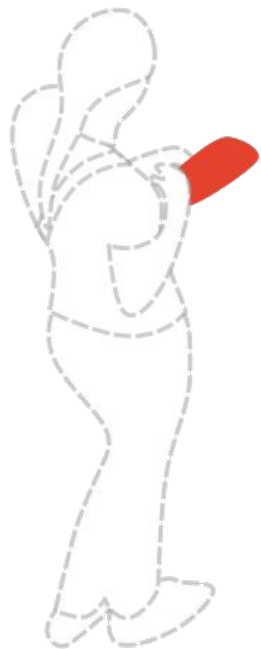
**“Smartphones are the new concierge. Over 70% of US travelers agree that they ‘always’ use their smartphones when travelling, up from 41% in 2015.”**

Google / Phocuswright Travel Study 2017



# SAY HELLO TO THE INVISIBLE TRAVELLER

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- Travel apps make price comparison easy
- But they also reduce contact with frontline staff – and in some cases eliminate it entirely
- This makes it difficult for suppliers to tell their story and differentiate themselves
- Which reduces their products to commodities, competing on price alone



# LEARN MORE ABOUT VOICEMAP

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"Lost your travel guidebook? Can't be bothered to carry one around? No need to fret, a popular celebrity could be at hand. At least that's the aim of VoiceMap, a cellphone application that offers personalized audio tours of cities around the world. In some cases, the guide could be a local journalist or knowledgeable resident. Gandalf himself, Sir Ian McKellen, has even created a tour for London's theater district."



"We may be biased, but could there be anything more helpful than having a journalist in your pocket when touring a new city? How about a historian, a novelist or just a really passionate local? VoiceMap culls city-specific stories from them all and fits them neatly into walking tours."



"High-quality self-guided walking tours...Narrated by local experts, they provide insight into corners of the city sometimes overlooked by regular guided tours."

## STORIES THAT MOVE YOU



How 10 years of travel led to a  
storytelling startup



It's about the storytellers