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THE MID-MONTH COMMUNITY ADVERTISER AND EVENT REMINDER

## US Tourism Industry Hopes for a Boom; DO TRAVELERS WANT TO VISIT A SAFE DESTINATION

Jonas Martiny - Travel Online

In the next decade, the US tourism industry is hoping for a boom. The country will host of the FIFA World Cup in 2026 (jointly with Canada and Mexico), while the Summer Olympics will be held in Los Angeles in 2028. The Rugby World Cup will also be held in the US in 2031.

Before Trump took office earlier this year, the US tourism industry was already seeing fewer travelers from abroad. According to official statistics from the US National Travel and Tourism Office, the US counted just over 72 million international arrivals in the USA in 2024. In 2018 and 2019, the figure was around 80 million. France and Spain, meanwhile, have overtaken

group of visitors to the States, with just under 17 million people, followed by the UK (4 million), Indians (2.2 million) and Germans (2 million). Naturally, the tourism industry hopes to keep visitor numbers high, but the timing couldn't be worse.

The Trump administration has announced it is considering barring entry to the US from citizens whose countries do not meet its vetting standards, introduced a more restrictive visa policy, as well as stricter entry controls and a stricter deportation policy.

Several German citizens were denied entry and placed into detention upon arrival in the US. The 29-year-old Berlin tattoo artist Jessica Brösche was taken into custody by US Customs and Border Protection and held at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center for more than six weeks after attempting to cross to the US from Tijuana, Mexico.

As a result, the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin is now informing German travelers about the stricter requirements. "A criminal conviction in the United States, false information regarding the purpose of stay, or even a slight overstay of the visa upon entry or exit can lead to arrest, detention, and deportation upon entry or exit," information on the ministry's website says.

The German government also issued a warning to transgender and nonbinary citizens and residents planning to visit the US, saying that anyone whose passport contains the gender marker "X," or whose gender entry differs from the gender entry given at birth, should contact a US diplomatic mission before traveling.

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## Huntington Beach Approves Agreement for Lifeguard Tower Advertisement



By Matt Szabo / Staff Writer

Advertisements are a step closer to appearing on the back of each lifeguard tower on Huntington City Beach.

The City Council Tuesday night approved a three-year agreement with a Huntington Beach-based company, Rio Media, to implement the program.

Five council members approved the agreement, including Mayor Pat Burns and Mayor Pro Tem Casey McKeon. Councilman Butch Twining recused himself, as he said he was friends with one of the bidders, while Councilman Andrew Gruel was absent. "This is a great revenue generating opportunity, getting creative," McKeon said. "This is done very tastefully, and it's a good public service."

City officials first unveiled a design for the back of 24 towers on Huntington City Beach last November, an opportunity identified by the Huntington Beach Fire Department. In addition to the advertisements, the design includes beach safety information and a QR code to access safebeachday.com.

Rio estimated that the tower advertisements could generate at least \$1 million annually, 70% of which would go to the city and 30% of which would go to the vendor. High-traffic towers are expected to generate about half of that total.

A request for proposals process brought two of the bidders, and the city went with Rio.

Huntington Beach Fire Chief Eric McCoy said during Tuesday night's meeting that a local company would also be doing the wraps for the towers.

"We'll have two H.B. companies involved in the process, which is something we're really excited about," McCoy said.



the US as the world's most popular travel destinations.

In terms of who is traveling to the US, after Canadians, Mexicans make up the second-largest

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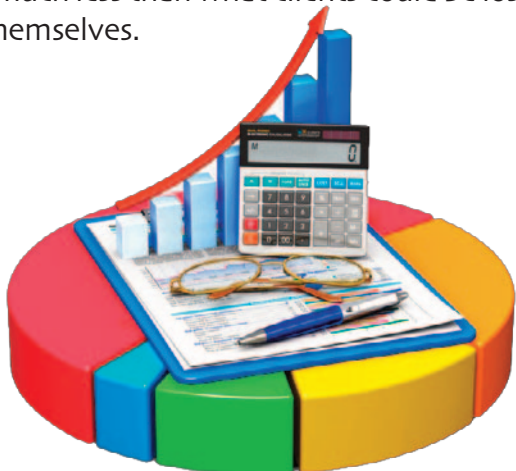


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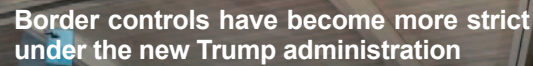
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