**Boosting Operational Efficiency in Hospitality**

# Part 1

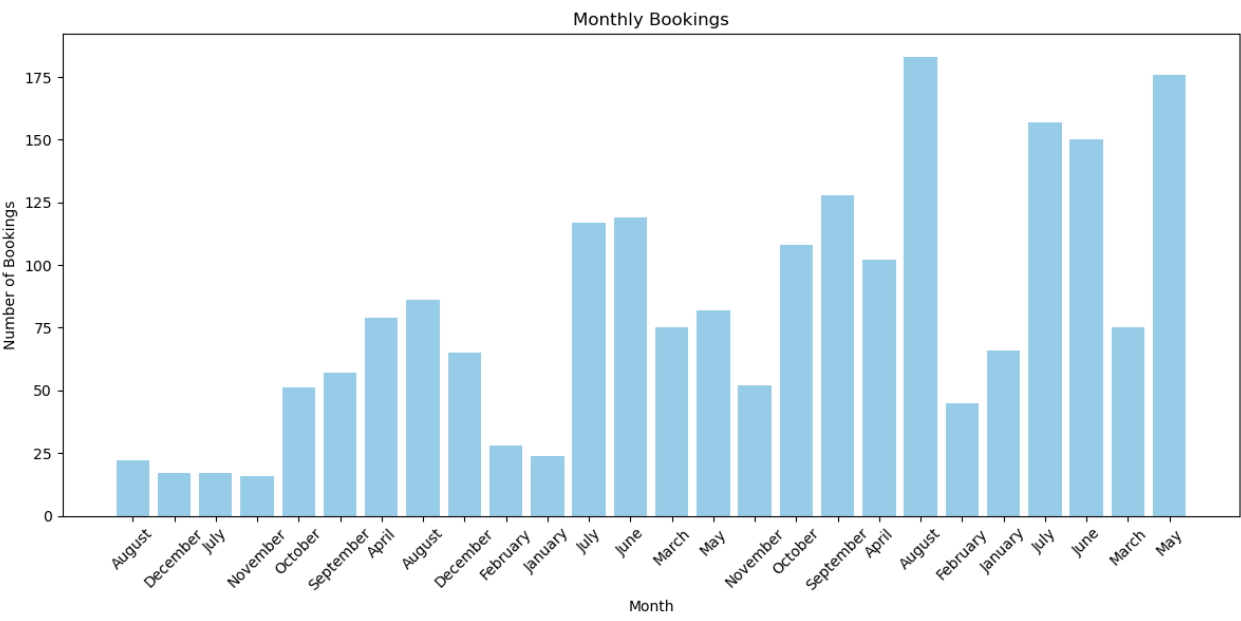
**Task 1: Data Cleaning**

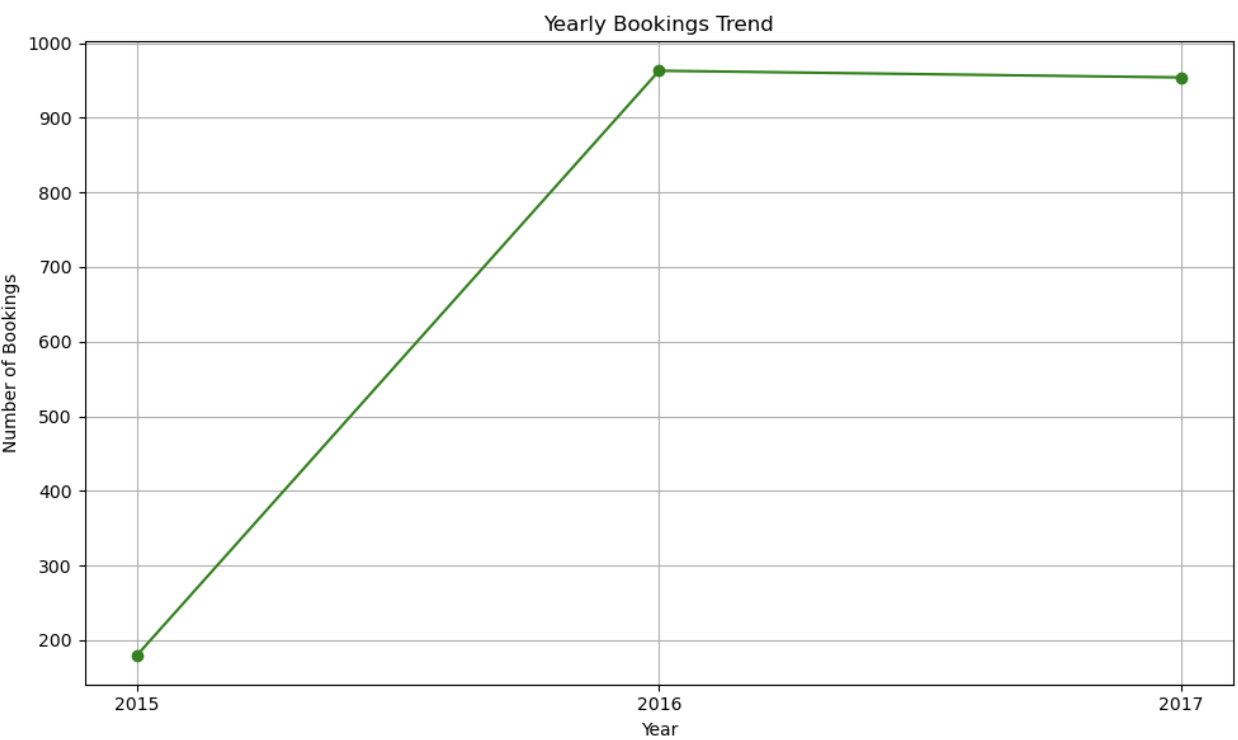
**Interpretations:**

* Since there are relatively few missing values in this column (127 out of 2097), we can choose to impute them using a simple method such as median imputation.
* Since the company column has a high number of missing values (2066 out of 2097), imputing them may not be the best approach, as it could introduce bias into the data.
* Instead, we can consider dropping the company column entirely, especially if it's not critical for our analysis.

**Task 2: Booking Pattern Analysis**

**Task 2.1. What are the peak booking periods for the hotel?**





**Interpretations:**

* Peak booking period for the hotel: (2017, 'August')

## Task 2.2. Is there a relationship between lead time and the likelihood of a booking being cancelled?

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**Interpretations:**

* There is a correlation between lead time and the likelihood of cancellation between 0 days to 250 days.

## Task 2.3. How do booking patterns vary by month, week, and day of the week?

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**Interpretations:**

* The highest number of bookings by month occurs in July and August. For a week, it's the 18th week, and for a day of the week, it's Saturday.

**Task 3: Booking Cancellation Analysis**

**Task 3.1. What factors influence booking cancellations?**

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**Interpretations:**

* The month with the highest count of cancellations is August with 89 cancellations.

**Task 3.2. Are there specific trends or patterns in cancellations over time?**

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**Interpretations:**

* In 2016, the month with the highest number of cancellations was September with 34 cancellations.
* In 2017, the month with the highest number of cancellations was March with 53 cancellations.

**Task 3.3. Can we identify high-risk bookings that are more likely to be cancelled?**

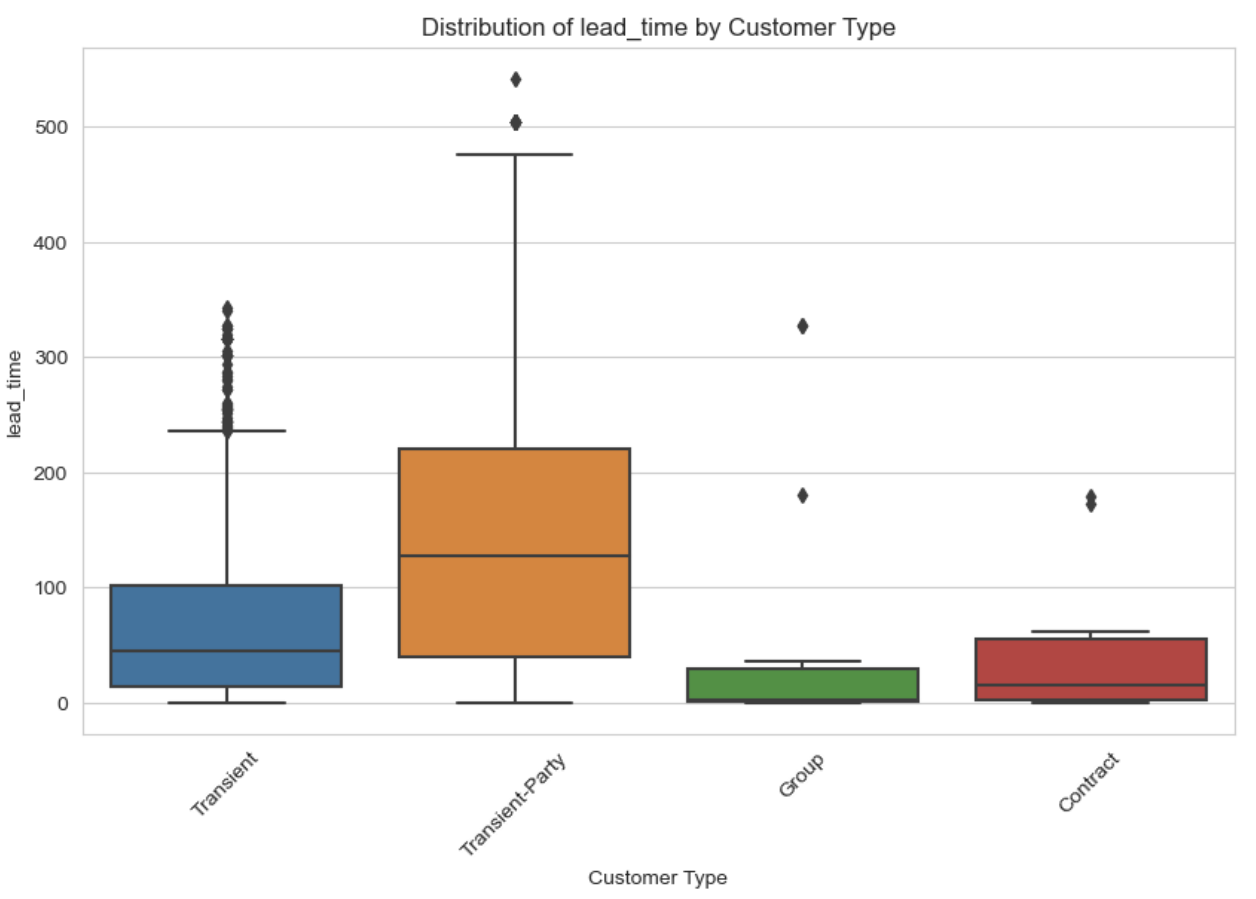
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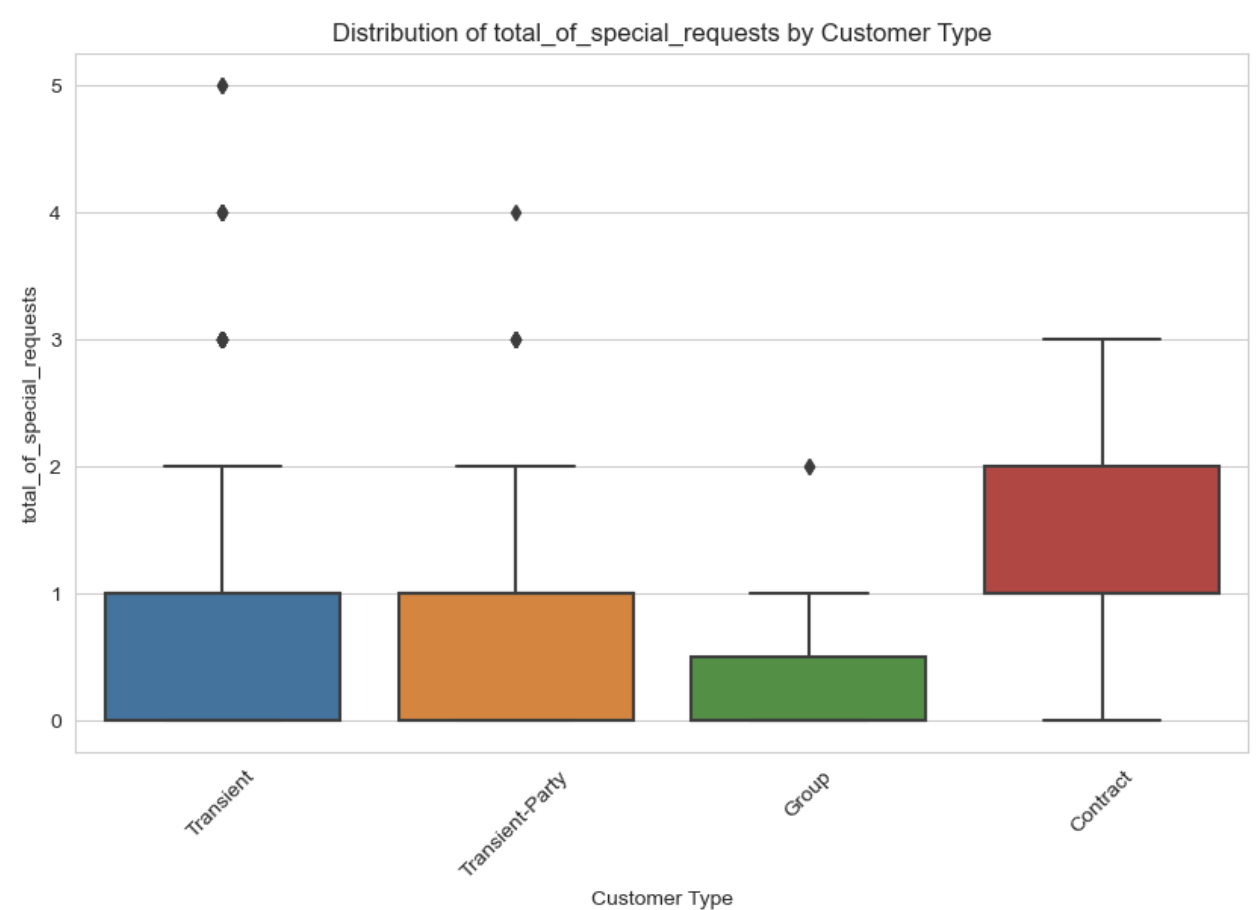
**Interpretations:**

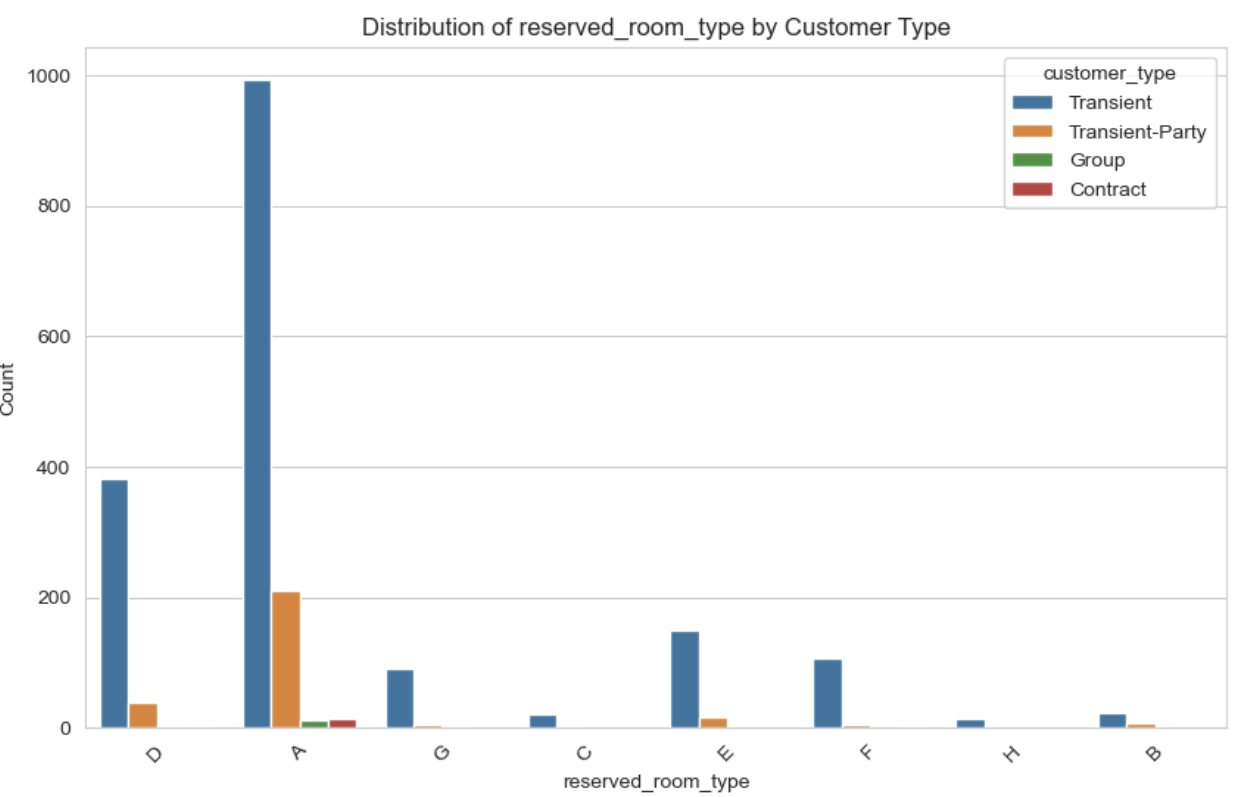
* For Leadtime, the category with the highest cancellation rate is 139 with a cancellation rate of 100 %.
* For distribution channel, the category with the highest cancellation rate is GDS with a cancellation rate of 59 %.
* For deposit type, the category with the highest cancellation rate is Refundable with a cancellation rate of 100 %.
* For customer type, the category with the highest cancellation rate is Transient with a cancellation rate of 27 %.
* For previous cancellations, the category with the highest cancellation rate is 0 with a cancellation rate of 23 %.
* For previous bookings not canceled, the category with the highest cancellation rate is 2 with a cancellation rate of 100 %

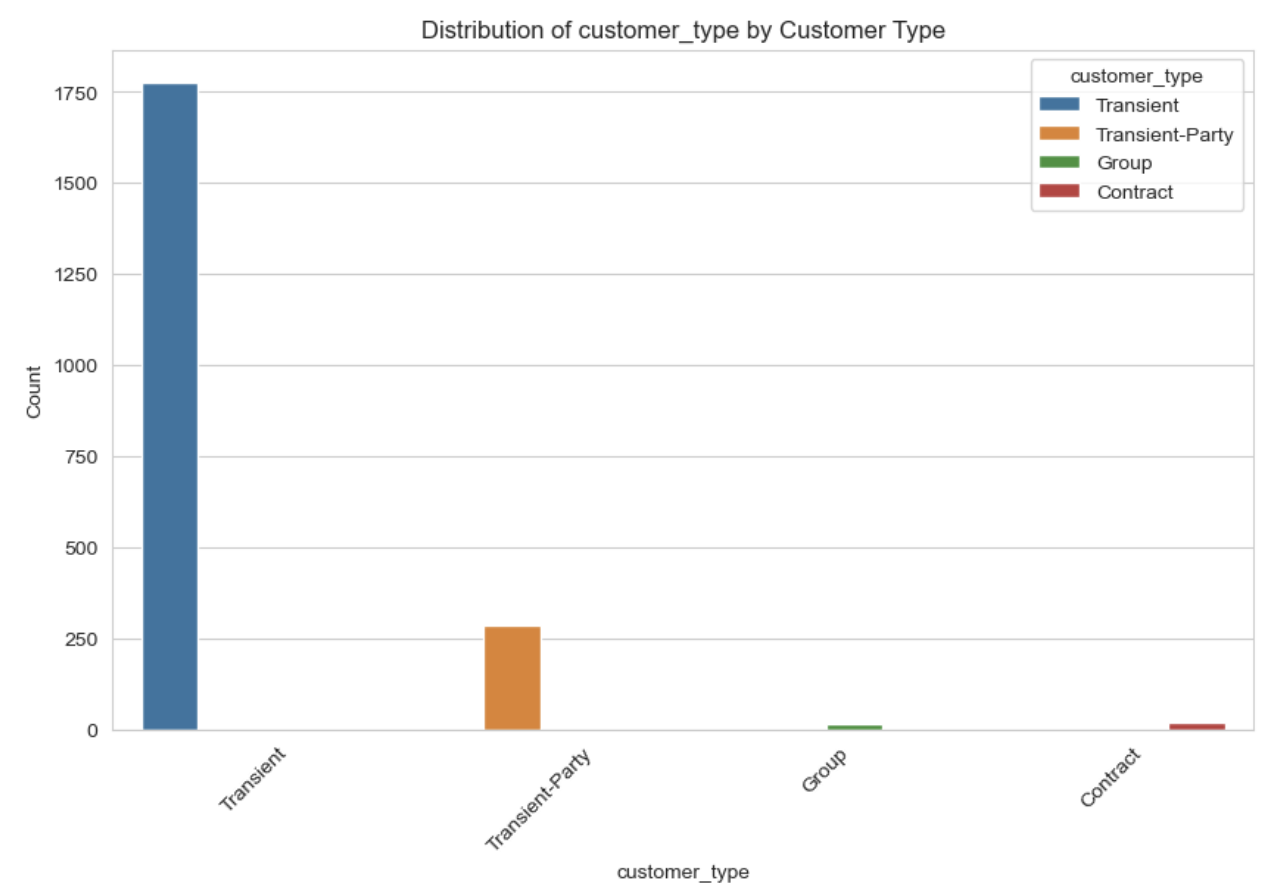
**Task 4: Customer Behavioral Segmentation**

**Task 4.1. Are there distinct patterns in the lead time, special requests, or room preferences for different customer segments?**

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**Interpretations:**

* Lead Time: Transient customers typically book closer to their arrival dates.
* Total Special Requests: Transient customers make the most special requests during their stay.
* Reserved Room Type: Room type A sees a high count of bookings from Transient-Party customers.
* Customer Type: Transient customers dominate the dataset, indicating a preference for short-term stays.

**Task 4.2. Which marketing channels are most effective for reaching specific customer segments?**

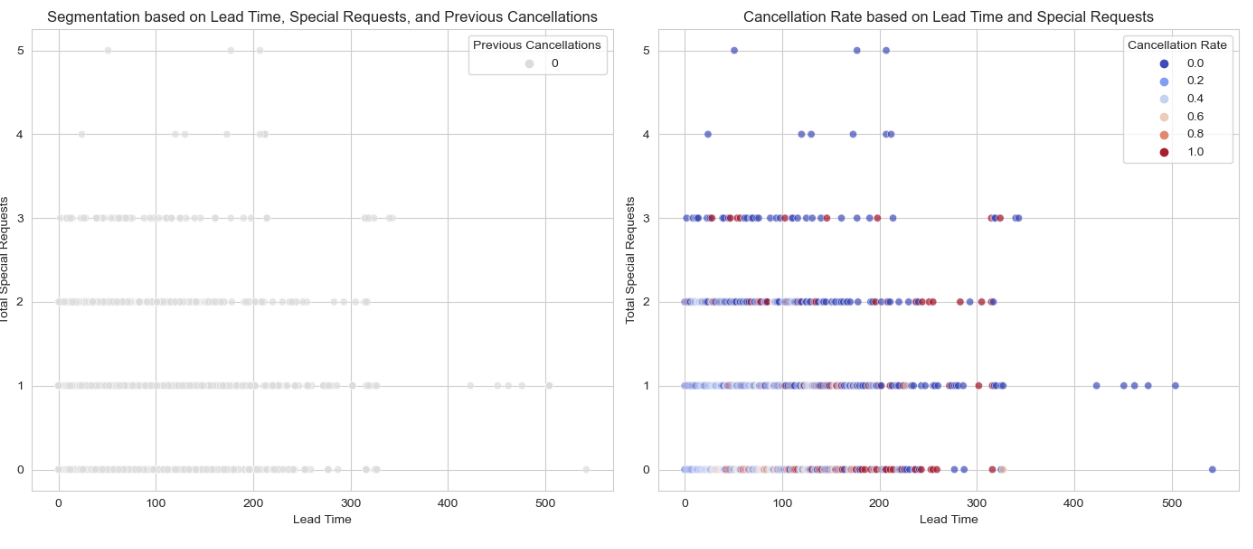
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**Interpretations:**

1. Column: meal
   * Difference in cancellation rates: 81.82%
   * Interpretation: The cancellation rate varies significantly across different categories of meal, indicating its strong influence on booking cancellations.
2. Column: deposit type
   * Difference in cancellation rates: 76.15%
   * Interpretation: The cancellation rate varies significantly across different categories of deposit type, indicating its strong influence on booking cancellations.
3. Column: distribution channel
   * Difference in cancellation rates: 59.09%
   * Interpretation: The cancellation rate varies significantly across different categories of distribution channel, indicating its strong influence on booking cancellations customer types.

**Task 4.3. How can marketing strategies be customized to resonate with specific customer segments, considering factors such as previous cancellations, booking lead time, and special requests?**

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**Interpretations:**

1. **Customer Segmentation**:
   * Customers with longer lead times and more special requests may cancel bookings, especially if they have a history of cancellations.
2. **Cancellation Rate Distribution**:
   * Areas with higher cancellation rates suggest segments prone to cancellations, guiding customized marketing strategies to reduce cancellations and improve retention.

# Part - 2

### ****Task 1: Revenue Management****

## Task 1.1. How does the Average Daily Rate (ADR) vary over time?

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**Interpretations:**

* The month(s) with the highest Average Daily Rate (ADR) is: August
* The highest ADR value is: 162.16

**Task 1.2. Can we identify pricing strategies that maximize revenue?**

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**Interpretations:**

1. **Revenue Maximization**: Hotels can use this insight to develop pricing strategies aimed at maximizing revenue. By strategically adjusting ADR based on demand, seasonality, and other factors, hotels can optimize revenue generation while maintaining occupancy rates.

**Task 1.3. Are there specific room types associated with higher ADR?**

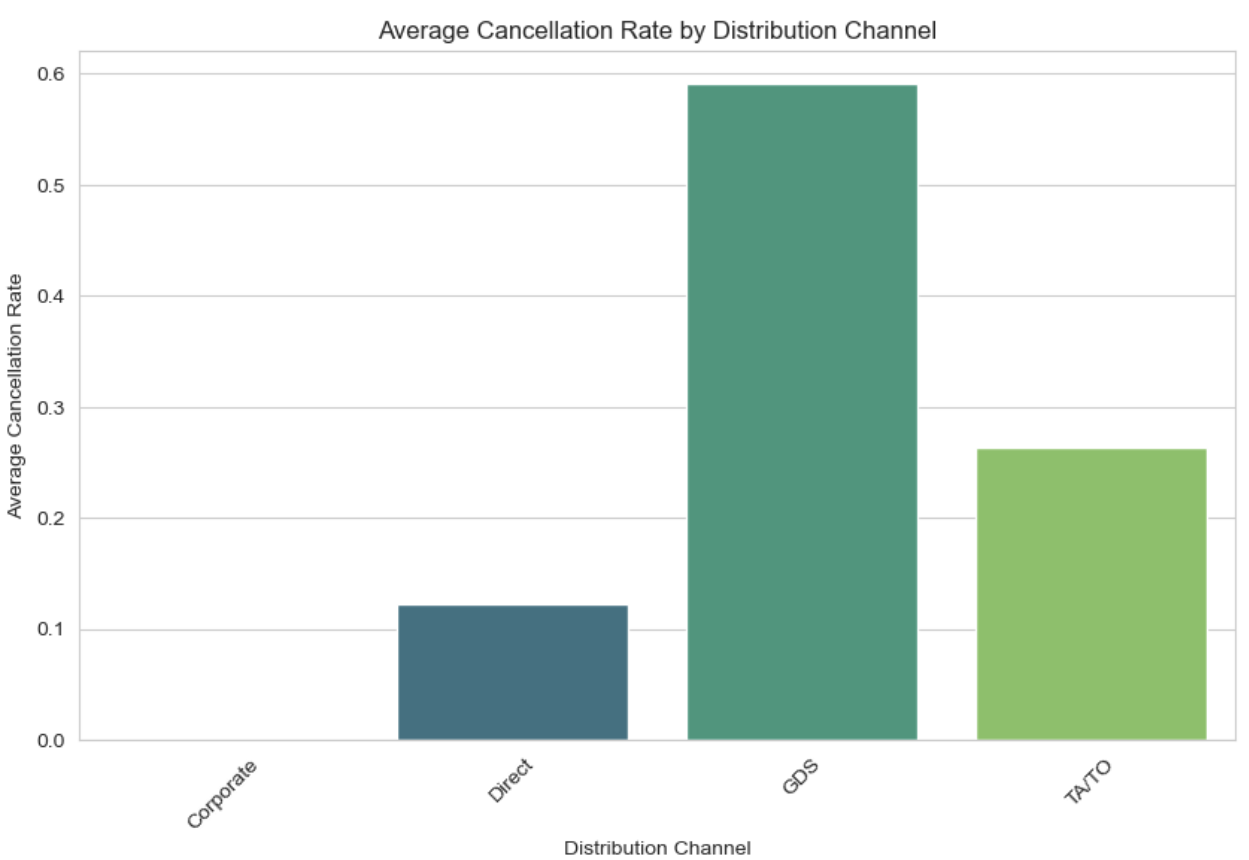
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**Interpretations:**

* The room type 'H' has the highest average daily rate (ADR) of $225.51.

**Task 2: Operational Efficiency**

**Task 2.1. What is the effectiveness of different booking distribution channels?**

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**Interpretations:**

* The highest cancellation rate is associated with the GDS distribution channel, at approximately 59%.

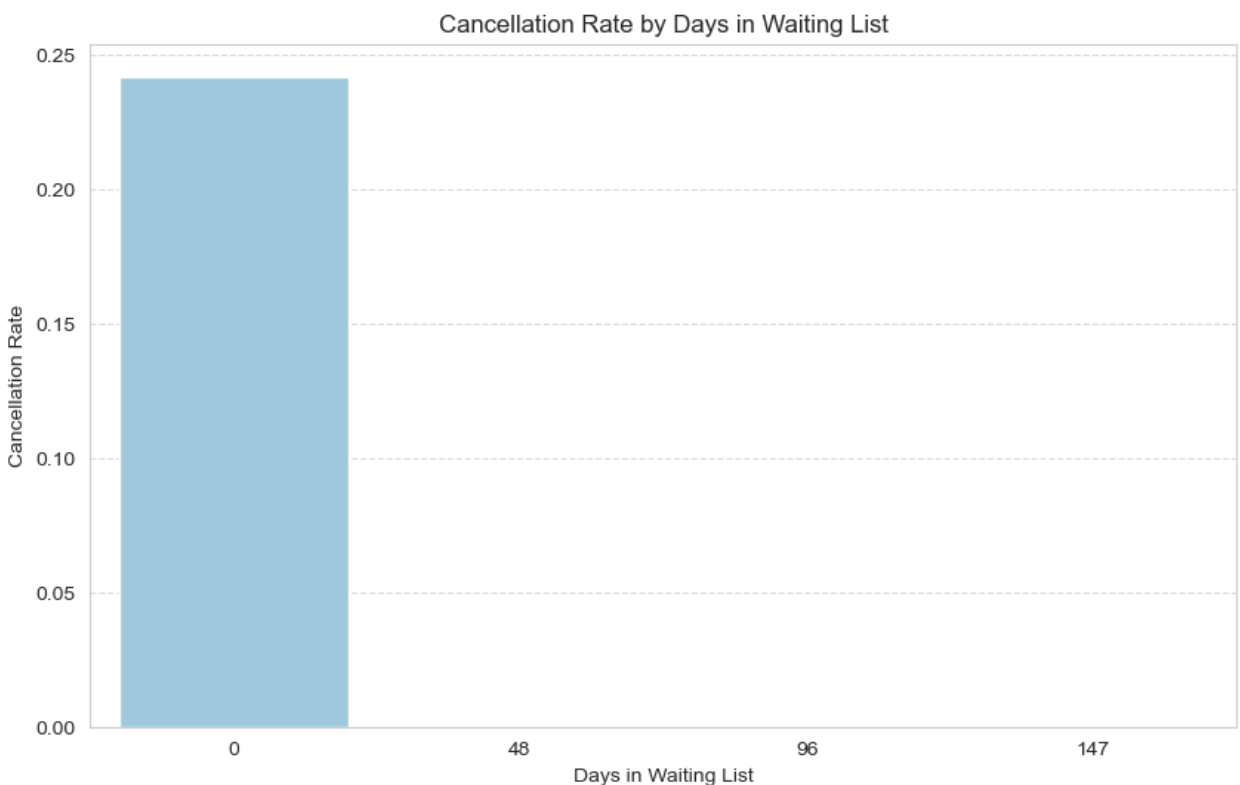
**Task 2.2. How do booking changes impact hotel operations?**

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**Interpretations:**

* The number of booking changes with the highest frequency is 1.

### Task 2.3. Is there a correlation between the duration a booking remains on the waiting list and the likelihood of cancellation?

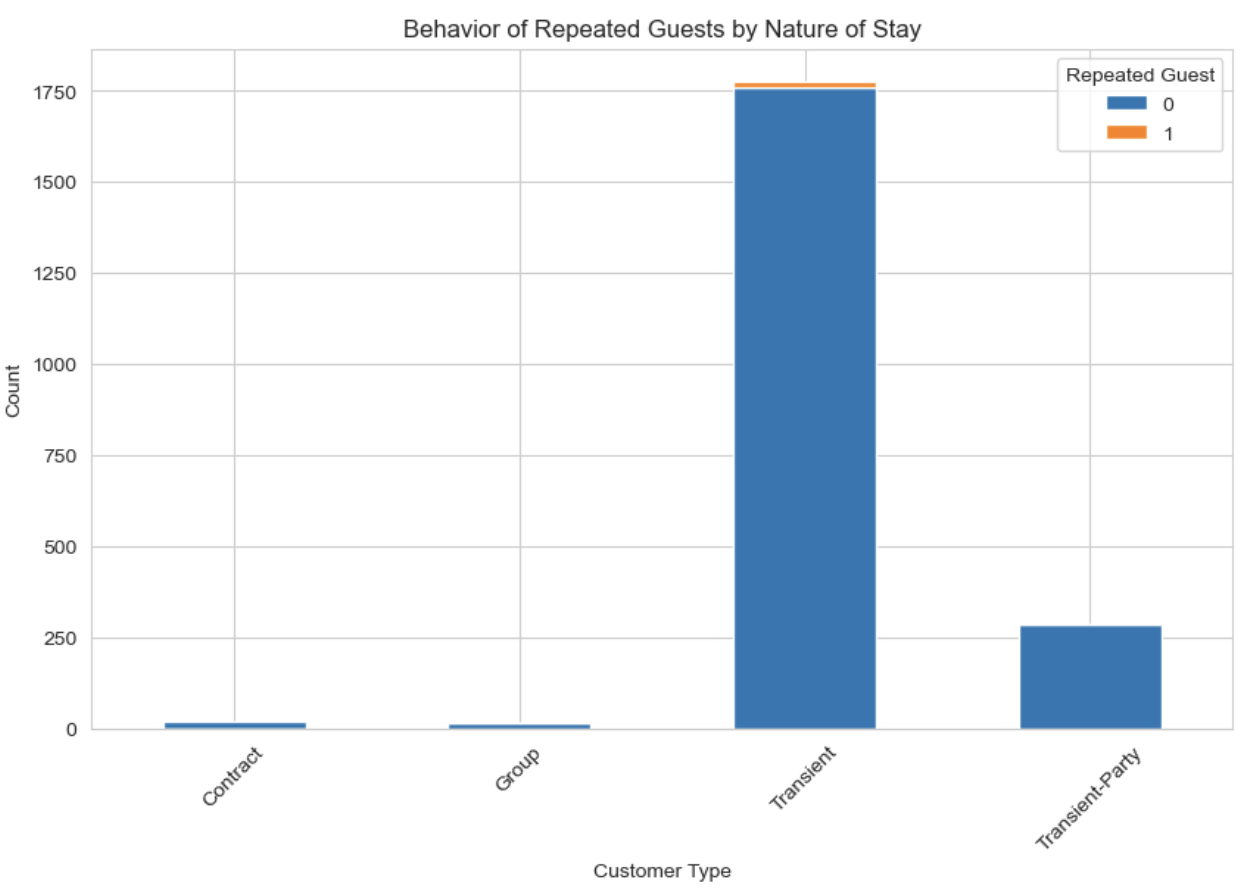


**Interpretations:**

* The waiting list duration with the highest cancellation rate is 0 days, with a cancellation rate of approximately 24.18%.

### ****Task 3: Loyalty Programs and Repeat Business****

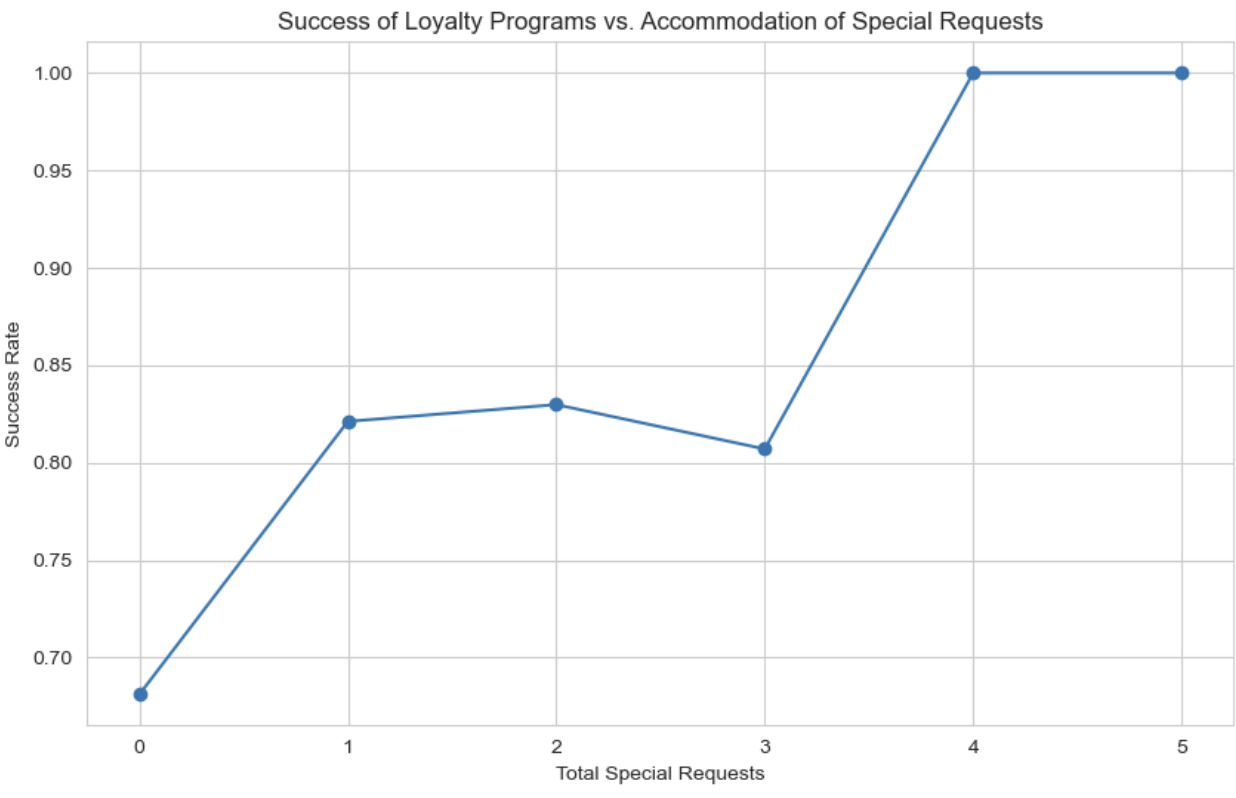
## Task 3.1. What is the behavior of repeated guests with respect to their nature of stay?



**Interpretations:**

* Customer Type with the Highest Count of Repeated Guests: Transient.

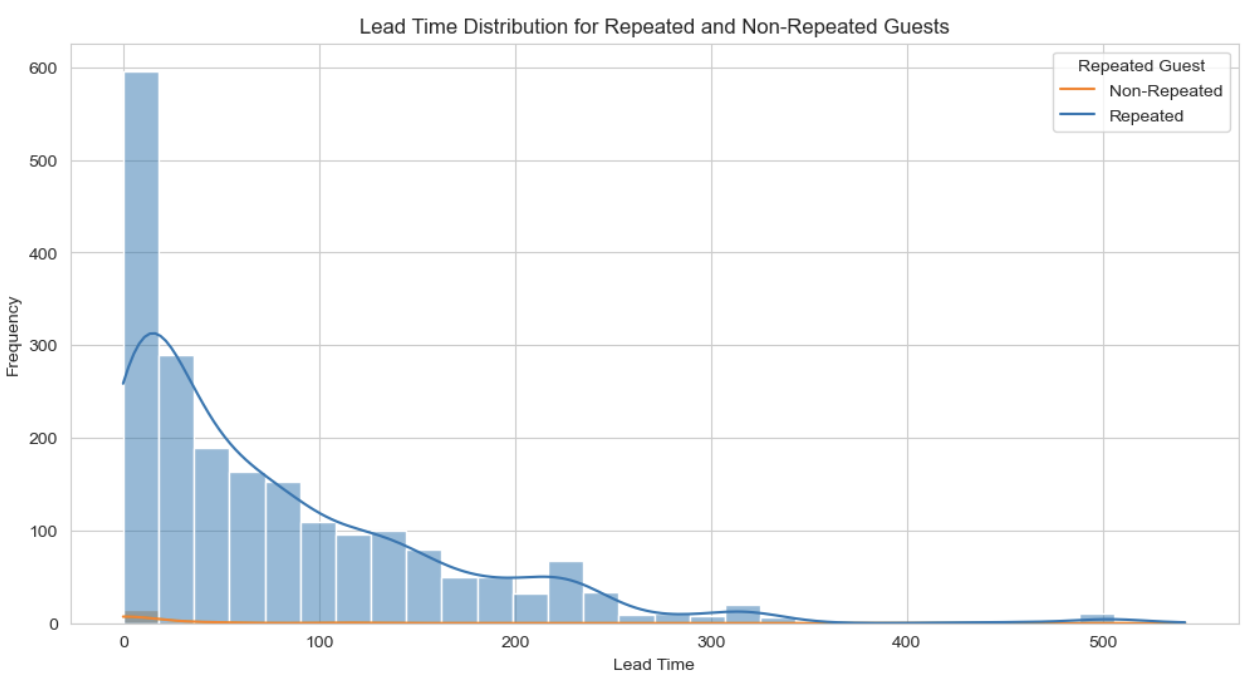
**Task 3.2. How does the success of loyalty programs relate to the accommodation of special requests from customers?**



**Interpretations:**

* Special requests with a count of 4 and 5 have a 100% success rate.

**Task 3.3. What factors contribute to repeat business? Also, what is the distribution of lead time for repeated and non-repeated guests?**



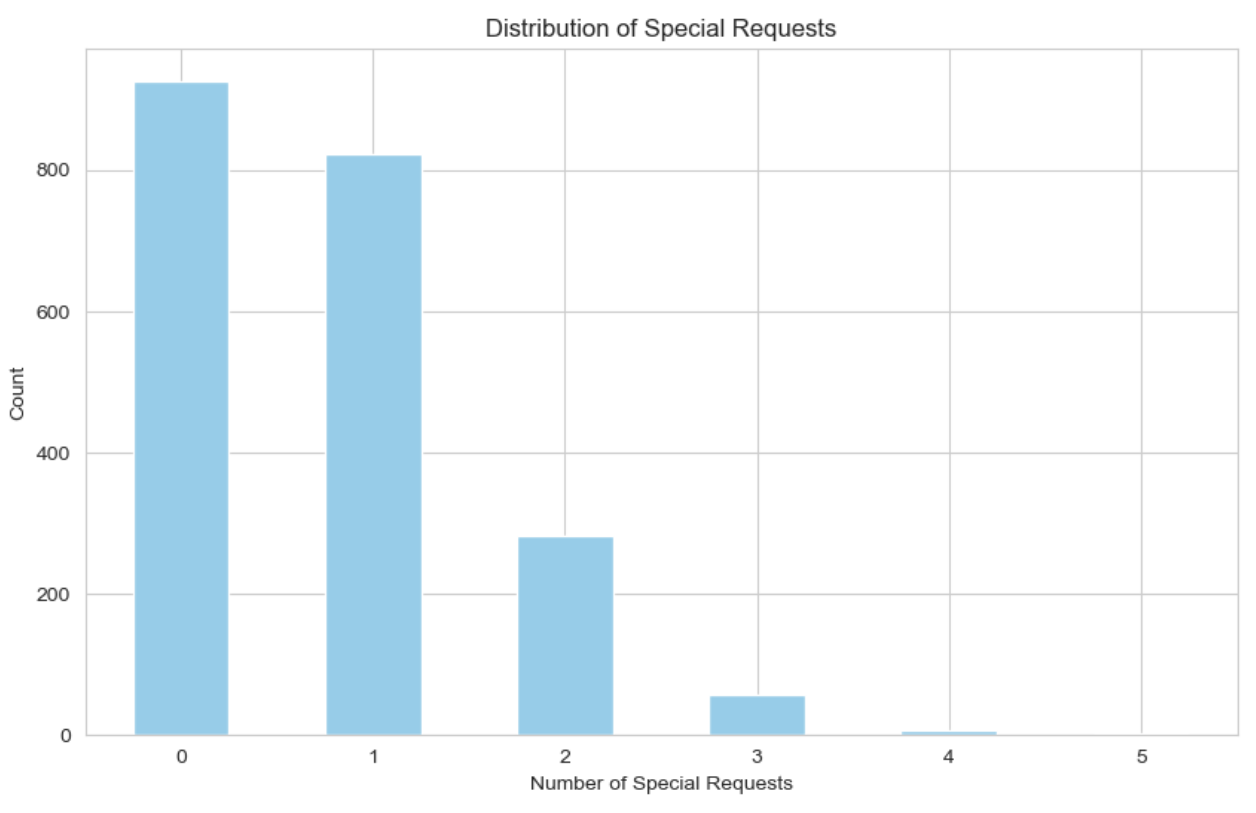
**Interpretations:**

1. **Factors Contributing to Repeat Business:**
   * Most repeat guests (is repeated guest = 1) have no previous cancellations or bookings not canceled (previous cancellations = 0, previous bookings not canceled = 0), totaling 2075 instances.
2. **Lead Time Distribution:**
   * Repeated Guests:
     + Mean lead time: 11.63 days; Median lead time: 0 days.
   * Non-Repeated Guests:
     + Mean lead time: 77.79 days; Median lead time: 51 days.

# Part - 3

**Task 1: Customer Satisfaction**

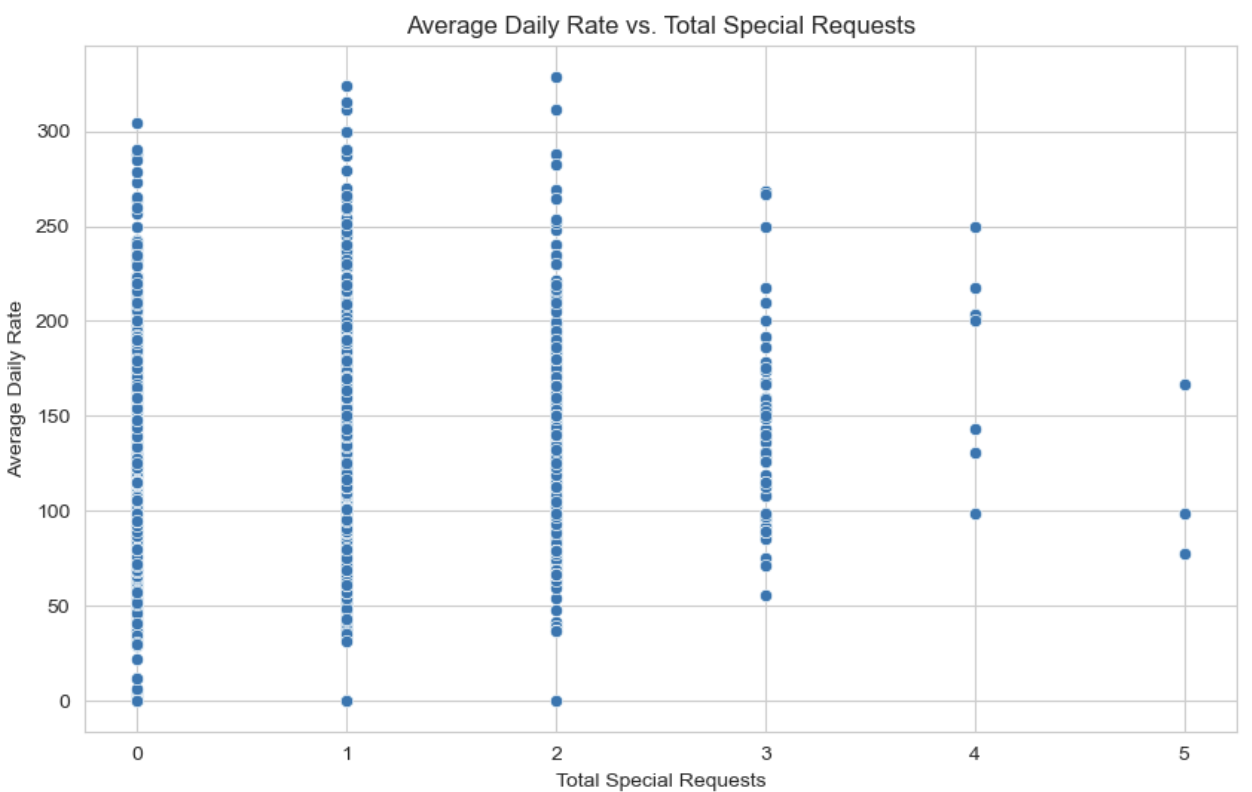
**Task 1.1. What is the distribution of the number and types of special requests made by guests?**

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**Interpretations:**

* The most common scenario is that 925 guests made no special requests during their stay.

**Task 1.2. Is there any relation between special requests made by customers and the average daily rate? Additionally, explores customer preferences and expectations for different room types.**



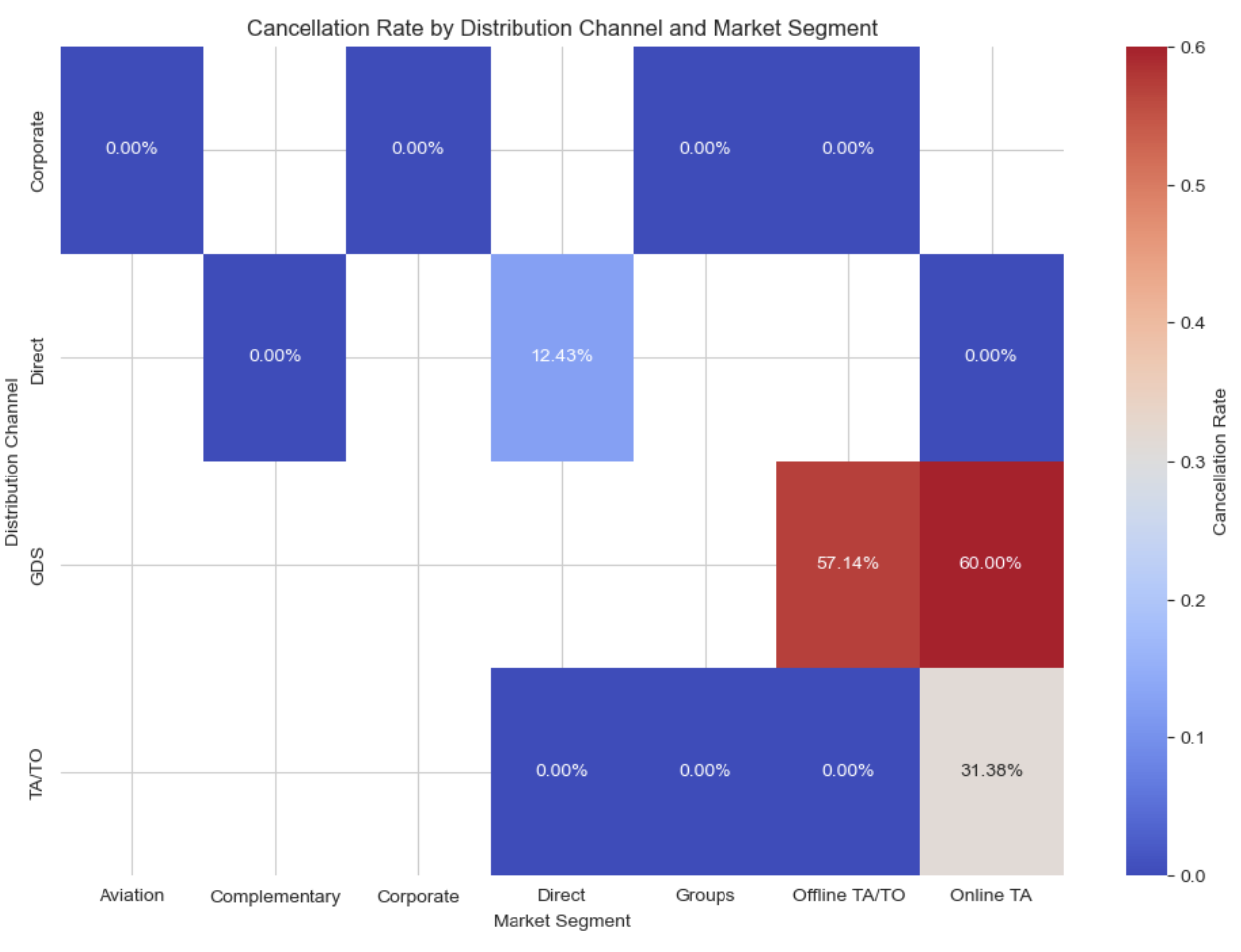


**Interpretations:**

* The room type with the highest count of special requests is room type A, with a total of 885 special requests.

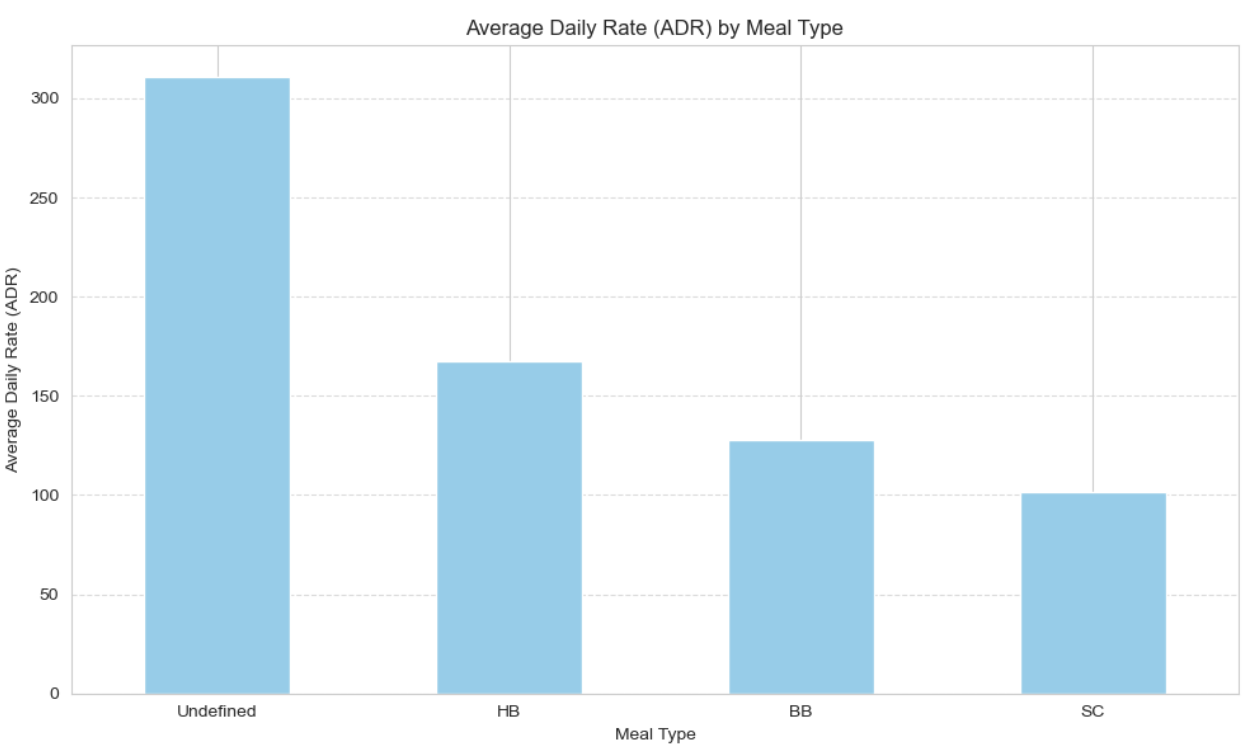
**Task 2: Marketing and Sales Optimization**

**Task 2.1. Which marketing channels and market segments contribute the most to successful bookings?**



**Interpretations:**

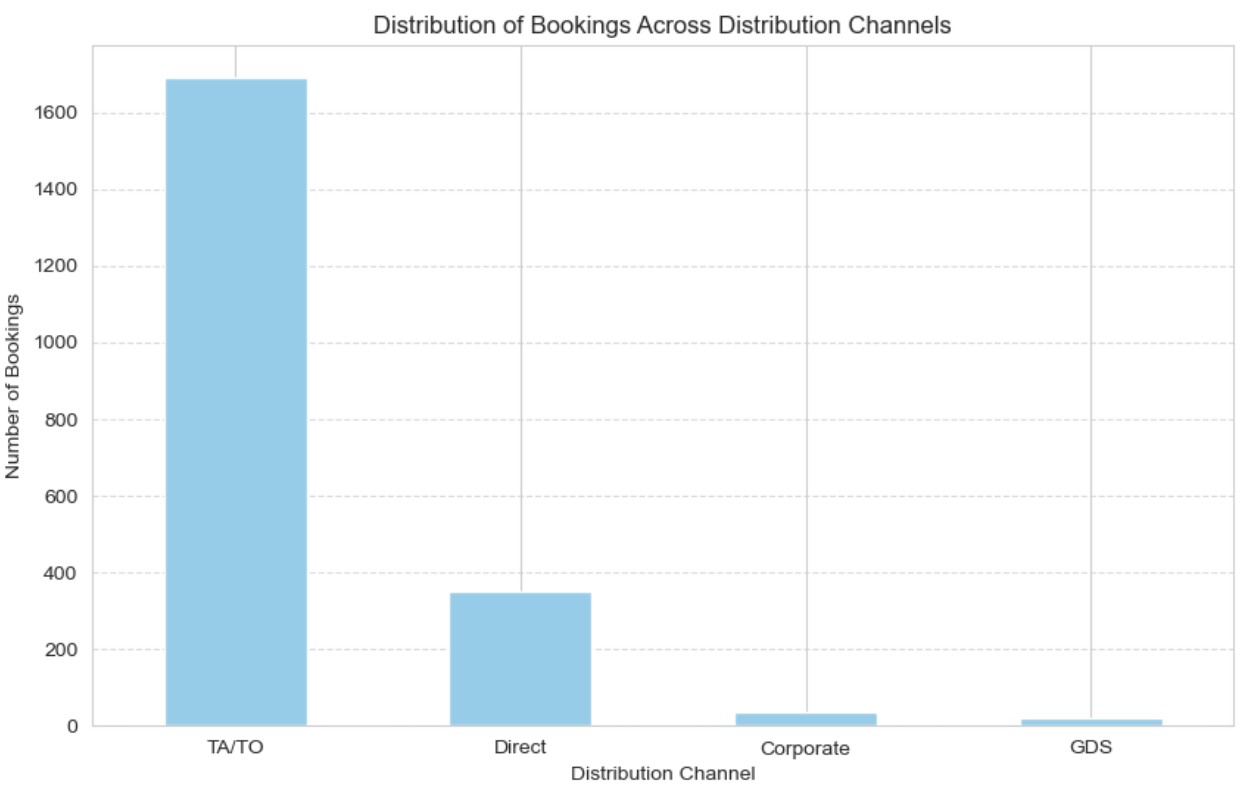
* Highest cancellation rate: GDS distribution channel with Online TA market segment at 60%.



**Interpretations:**

* ADR varies based on meal types.
* 'Full Board' guests have the highest ADR, followed by 'Half Board', 'Bed & Breakfast', and 'Undefined'
* This suggests a correlation between meal plans and accommodation pricing.

**Task 1.3. What is the distribution of bookings across various distribution channels?**



**Interpretations:**

* The distribution channel with the highest number of bookings is TA/TO, with a total of 1689 bookings.

### ****Task 3: Conclusion****

# Summarize all interpretations

**Part 1: Data Insights and Customer Dynamics**

* **Data Preprocessing and Cleaning**
  + Median imputation effectively addresses minor missing data issues, ensuring data integrity.
  + Columns with excessive missing data, like 'company', are recommended for removal to avoid analysis bias.
* **Booking Pattern Analysis**
  + August 2017 emerges as a peak booking period, indicating the need for strategic planning around this time.
  + A direct correlation between lead time and cancellation likelihood highlights the need for targeted cancellation mitigation strategies.
  + Booking patterns show July and August as high-demand months, with Saturdays seeing the most bookings, informing staffing and promotional activities.
* **Booking Cancellation Analysis**
  + August also leads in cancellations, pointing towards the necessity for specific retention strategies during peak months.
  + Yearly trends in cancellations suggest the importance of seasonal marketing and customer engagement strategies.
  + Identifying high-risk bookings (e.g., based on lead time, distribution channel, and deposit type) allows for proactive measures to reduce cancellations.
* **Customer Behavioral Segmentation**
  + Distinct patterns in booking behaviors across customer segments indicate opportunities for personalized service offerings.
  + Effective marketing channels differ by customer segment, underlining the importance of targeted communication strategies.
  + Customized marketing strategies based on previous cancellations, booking lead time, and special requests can enhance customer retention and satisfaction.

**Part 2: Operational and Financial Strategy**

* **Revenue Management**
  + The highest ADRs in August suggest room for dynamic pricing strategies to maximize revenue.
  + Specific room types, notably 'H', command higher ADRs, guiding inventory prioritization for revenue optimization.
* **Operational Efficiency**
  + The GDS distribution channel's high cancellation rate calls for a reassessment of booking channel strategies.
  + The impact of booking changes and waiting list durations on operations emphasizes the need for efficient booking management systems.
* **Loyalty Programs and Repeat Business**
  + The behavior of repeat guests underscores the effectiveness of loyalty programs, especially for those without prior cancellations.
  + Accommodating special requests significantly contributes to loyalty program success, suggesting personalized experiences drive repeat business.

**Part 3: Enhancing Guest Experience and Marketing Efficacy**

* **Customer Satisfaction**
  + A significant number of guests do not make special requests, indicating potential areas for proactive service enhancements.
  + The popularity of specific room types for special requests suggests opportunities for customized service offerings.
* **Marketing and Sales Optimization**
  + The effectiveness of marketing channels and segments in driving bookings highlights areas for strategic focus, particularly in managing cancellations and optimizing ADR through meal plan adjustments.
  + The distribution of bookings across channels, with TA/TO leading, indicates the importance of strengthening partnerships and offerings in these channels.

**Overall,** these interpretations reveal critical insights into data management, customer behavior, operational efficiency, revenue management, loyalty strategies, customer satisfaction, and marketing optimization. The findings emphasize the importance of strategic planning, personalized service offerings, efficient booking management, and targeted marketing strategies to enhance operational efficiency, guest experience, and profitability in the hospitality sectored enhancing customer satisfaction.

# Final Business Conclusions:

**Strategic Planning and Revenue Optimization**

* **Peak Period Management:** August emerges as a critical month for both bookings and cancellations. Strategic staffing, pricing, and promotional activities should be intensified around this period to maximize revenue and occupancy rates while minimizing cancellations.
* **Dynamic Pricing Models:** The variability in Average Daily Rate (ADR) and its correlation with room types and seasons suggests the adoption of dynamic pricing models. These models can optimize pricing based on demand, booking lead time, and room type preferences, enhancing revenue generation capabilities.
* **Room Type Differentiation:** High ADR associated with specific room types, such as type 'H', indicates a demand for premium accommodations. Investing in the quality and marketing of higher-tier room types can attract a more lucrative customer segment.

**Operational Efficiency and Customer Retention**

* **Cancellation Mitigation:** Identifying high-risk bookings through factors such as lead time and distribution channel allows for targeted interventions, such as personalized offers or flexible cancellation policies, to reduce cancellation rates.
* **Efficiency in Distribution Channels:** The high cancellation rate associated with the GDS channel suggests a need to reassess channel partnerships and commission structures. Emphasizing more reliable channels, like TA/TO, could improve booking stability and financial predictability.
* **Loyalty Program Enhancement:** The success of loyalty programs in attracting repeat business highlights the importance of personalizing guest experiences. Tailoring services to individual preferences, especially accommodating special requests, can significantly enhance guest loyalty and repeat business rates.

**Customer Experience and Market Positioning**

* **Guest Experience Customization:** A significant portion of guests making no special requests suggests an opportunity to proactively offer personalized services to enhance the guest experience. Upselling services or amenities based on customer behavior analysis could also increase revenue.
* **Targeted Marketing Strategies:** Understanding the effectiveness of different marketing channels and segments enables more targeted and efficient marketing spending. Tailoring marketing messages based on customer segment preferences, booking patterns, and cancellation trends can optimize marketing ROI.
* **Data-Driven Decision Making:** Continuous analysis of booking patterns, customer preferences, and operational metrics should inform strategic decisions. Implementing a data-driven culture can help anticipate market trends, adapt to guest needs, and stay competitive.

**Conclusion**

The analysis underscores the critical need for hospitality businesses to adopt a data-driven approach in managing operations, understanding customer behavior, and optimizing revenue strategies. By focusing on strategic planning for peak periods, enhancing operational efficiency, personalizing guest experiences, and deploying targeted marketing strategies, hospitality businesses can achieve improved occupancy rates, increased guest satisfaction, and higher profitability. Implementing these conclusions will not only address the current findings but also build resilience and adaptability in the face of future market dynamics and guest expectations escapeland profitability

## END - Thank You