

CAPSTONE PROJECT 1

EDA ON HOTEL BOOKING ANALYSIS

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Problem Statement:



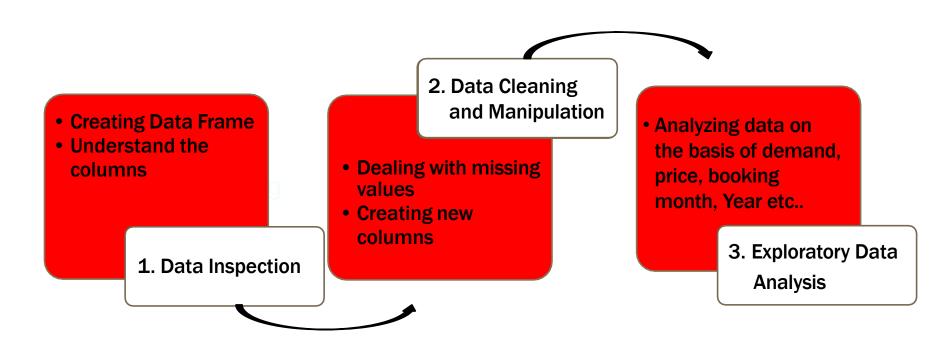
- In this project we will be analyzing Hotel Booking data. This data set contains booking information for a City hotel and a Resort hotel along with information on various booking criteria such as booking season, pricing data, length of stay, number of adults, children and babies, parking spaces, market segment and many more.
- Primary objective is to explore and inspect the dataset; and discover important features using Exploratory Data Analysis that can govern bookings and help hotels penetrate deep into market, thereby attracting more customers.
- Secondary objective is help the customers in deciding best period to visit places while availing low accommodation cost benefits.



Work Flow:



> We will divide our work flow into following 3 steps.





Data Exploration and Inspection:



- ➤ Libraries imported:
 - Data manipulation: numpy and pandas
 - Data visualization : matplotlib and seaborn
- ➤ Initial dataset size: 119390 rows and 32 columns.

Data contains following features:

- hotel: Resort Hotel or City Hotel
- is_canceled: Value indicating if the booking was canceled (1) or not (0)
- lead_time: Number of days that elapsed between the entering date of the booking and the arrival date
- arrival_date_year: Year of arrival date
- arrival date month: Month of arrival date
- arrival_date_week_number: Week number of year for arrival date arrival_date_day_of_month: Day of arrival date
- stays_in_weekend_nights: Number of weekend nights
- stays_in_week_nights: Number of week nights.
- · adults: Number of adults
- children: Number of children
- babies: Number of babies
- meal: Type of meal booked
- country: Country of origin.

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Data Exploration and Inspection:



- market_segment: Market segment designation (TA/TO)
- distribution_channel: Booking distribution channel.(T/A/TO)
- is_repeated_guest: is a repeated guest (1) or not (0)
- previous_cancellations: Number of previous bookings that were cancelled prior to the current booking
- previous_bookings_not_canceled: Number of previous bookings not cancelled by the customer prior to the current booking
- reserved_room_type: Code of room type reserved.
- assigned_room_type: Code for the type of room assigned to the booking.
- booking_changes: Number of changes made to the booking
- deposit_type: No Deposit, Non Refund, Refundable.
- agent: ID of the travel agency that made the booking
- company: ID of the company/entity that made the booking.
- days_in_waiting_list: Number of days the booking was in the waiting list before it was confirmed to the
 customer
- customer_type: type of customer. Contract, Group, Transient, Transient party.
- adr: Average Daily Rate as defined by dividing the sum of all lodging transactions by the total number of staying nights
- required_car_parking_spaces: Number of car parking spaces required by the customer total_of_special_requests: Number of special requests made by the customer (e.g. twin bed or high floor)
- reservation status: Reservation last status.



Data Cleaning and Manipulation:



I. Handling Null values: Columns company, agent, country and children

```
#Checking for null count and its percentage in each and every column to make decision on how to handle those
null df = pd.DataFrame(data.isnull().sum().sort values(ascending = False)[:6], columns=['Null values'])
null df['Null Percentage'] = null df['Null values'] / data.shape[0] * 100
null df
                     Null values Null Percentage
                          112593
                                        94.306893
      company
       agent
                           16340
                                         13.686238
                                         0.408744
      country
                             488
      children
                                         0.003350
                                         0.000000
 reserved room type
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#Filling null values in agent with 0 assuming those rooms were booked without any
data["agent"].fillna(0,inplace=True)

#Filling null values in children with 0 assuming 0 children in that family
data["children"].fillna(0,inplace=True)

#Filling null values in Country with 'Other' category assuming tourist belong to
data["country"].fillna('other',inplace = True)
```



Data Cleaning and Manipulation:

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II. Dropping irrelevant columns and rows

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#Droping company column because it contains 94% null data
data.drop(['company'], axis=1, inplace=True)

#Droping rows where there is no data on adults, children, babies combined
no_guest=data[data['adults']+data['babies']+data['children']==0]
data.drop(no_guest.index, inplace=True)
```





Data Cleaning and Manipulation:



III. Parsing date in string to Datetime format

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#Parsing reservation_status date into datetime
data['reservation_status_date'] = pd.to_datetime(data['reservation_status_date'], format = '%Y-%m-%d')

#Parsing arrival_date_month into datetime and adding a new column with parsed month number
data['arrival_month'] = data['arrival_date_month'].apply(lambda x : datetime.strptime(x,'%B'))
data['arrival_month'] = data['arrival_month'].apply(lambda x : x.month) #Will be used for sorting columns months wise
```

IV. Feature Engineering

- a. 'total_people' = total of adults, children and babies
- b. 'total_stay' = total of weekend nights and weekdays nights

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#Adding new column "total_pepole" by adding columns values of 'adults', 'children' and 'babies'
data['total_people'] = data['adults'] + data['children'] + data ['babies']

#Adding new column 'total_stay' by adding columns values of 'stays_in_weekend_nights' and 'stays_in_week_nights'
data['total_stay'] = data ['stays_in_weekend_nights'] + data ['stays_in_week_nights']
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Booking percentage of different type of Hotels

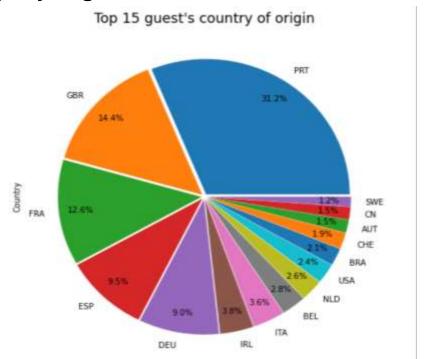


- Majority of the guest prefer City Hotel over Resort Hotel
- 2/3rd of total guest prefer City Hotel





Home country of majority of guests



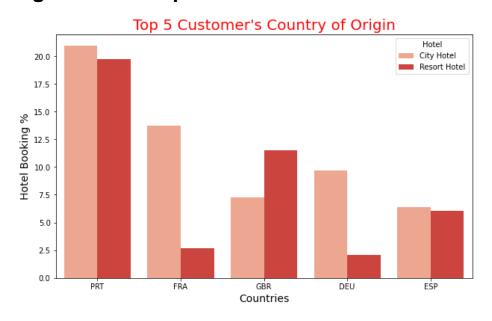
INFERENCE:

• From plotted pie chart, its evident that most of guest visiting these City hotels and Resort hotels are from Portugal and other European countries namely Britain, France, Spain and Germany.





Hotel preference of guest from Top 5 Countries

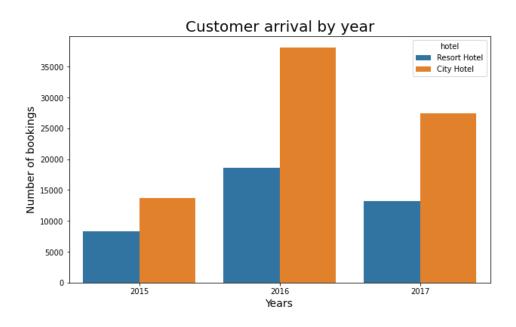


- Guest from southern European countries like Portugal and Spain prefer City Hotel and Resort Hotel equally
- Guest from northern European countries like France and Germany prefer City Hotel a lot more than Resort Hotel
- Guest from Britain prefers lavish Resort hotels





Overview of guest's visit over different years



INFERENCE:

• As we can see that 2016 was the year where number of hotel booking was highest followed by total booking in 2017 and 2015





Booking trend round the year



- Peak visiting season is from mid June to August because of summer breaks in Europe
- Off season is from November to February because of cold weather throughout Europe
- Guests can consider visiting these hotels during month of June and September to enjoy decent weather with almost full availability of hotels accommodation.





Price trend round the year

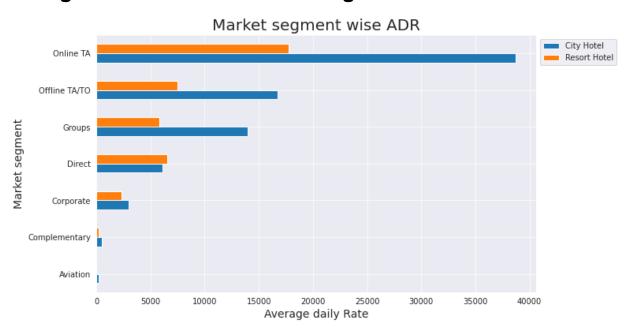


- Pricing trend is highly correlated with booking trend when it comes to Resort hotel
- Pricing trend here indicates that during Peak season, price for Resort hotels is triple compared to off-season
- Pricing trend for City hotels suggests almost same pricing throughout the year with bit of fluctuation during May to August





Average booking rate of different Market Segments



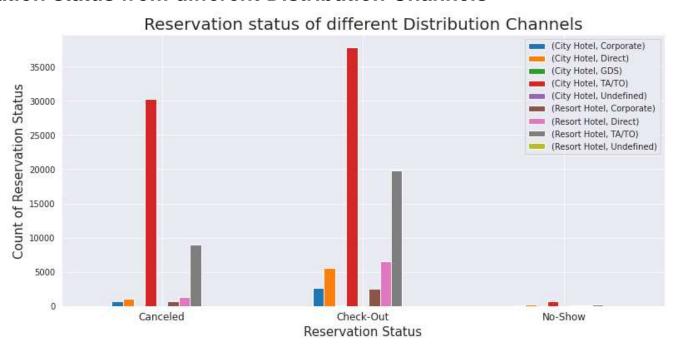
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 As we can see, Resort hotel and City hotel are getting the most of booking from Online travel agency and may be in future it will be monopoly by them. Hence hotel owners should promote more in different market segments





Reservation status from different Distribution Channels

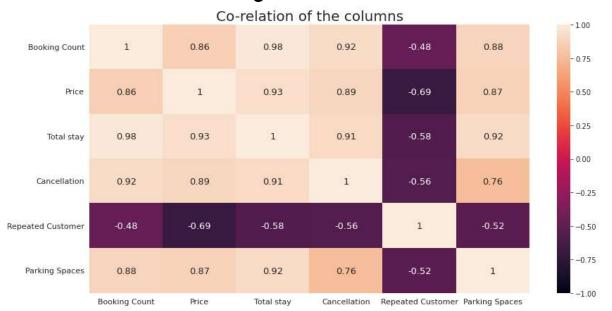


- We can infer from above graph that Bookings and Cancellations from both Hotels are more from Travel agency (TA/TO)
- Guest visiting both Hotels directly and via Corporate are less likely to cancel their booking
- We can notice a very small proportion of guest booking via Travel agency not showing up at Hotel





Correlation between different booking criteria

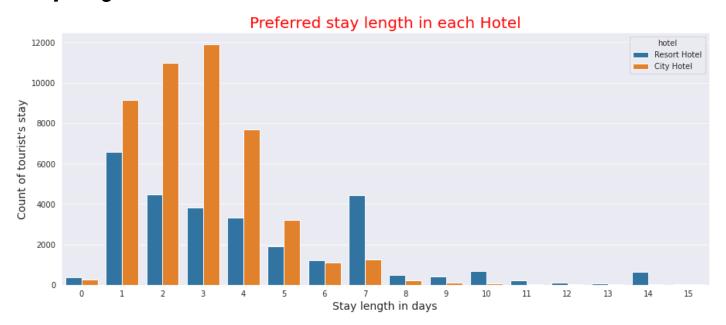


- There is high positive correlation between Booking, Pricing, Total Stay, Cancellations and Parking spaces where as negative correlation with Repeated guests
- With increase in Booking → Pricing, Total stay and Parking spaces occupation increases but increase in Pricing also leads to repeated Customers not visiting again
- There is firm correlation between Parking space and Cancellation inferring that people are more likely to cancel their booking if Parking space is not available.





Guest's stay length



- Guest prefer 1-4 days when staying in City Hotels
- Guest prefer 1-4 days when staying in Resort Hotels as well but 7 days stay is also popular choice among guests



Conclusion:



- Majority (66%) of the guests prefer City Hotel over Resort Hotel. Most of guest visiting these hotels are from European countries namely Portugal, Britain, France, Spain and Germany totaling to 75% of total booking count.
- Guest from southern European countries like Portugal and Spain prefer both hotels equally. Guest from northern European countries like France and Germany prefer City hotel nearly 10% more than Resort hotel. Guests from Britain prefers lavish Resort hotels nearly 5% more than Resort hotel. This indicated that people from different region of Europe prefer different type of accommodations and comforts.
- 2016 observed the highest booking reservations. From Booking trend its can be inferred that Peak visiting season is from mid June to August because of summer breaks in Europe while November to February is off season because of freezing cold weather throughout Europe.
- Around 11.5% of total reservations throughout year are coming from August whereas January has the least reservation of mere 5%. Guests can consider visiting these hotels during month of June and September to enjoy decent weather with almost full availability of hotels accommodation.
- Pricing trend is highly correlated with booking trend indicating that price for Resort hotels during peak season hikes to nearly 300% compared to off-season. Meanwhile, Pricing trend for City hotels suggests almost same pricing throughout the year with low fluctuation during busy period from May to August



Conclusion:



- Inspecting different market segments, it was concluded that Online travel agency holds monopoly as both hotels are getting the most of booking from Online travel agency (around 79%). Hotel owners should consider promoting their hotels more in different market segments to penetrate market more.
- Interestingly, most of the Cancellations for both Hotels are also from Travel agency (TA/TO) segment inffering that it is volatile market segment. Also, a very small proportion of guest booking via Travel agency do not showing up at Hotel. Guest visiting both Hotels directly and via Corporate are less likely to cancel their booking
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- There is firm correlation between Parking space and Cancellation inffering that people are more likely to cancel their booking if Parking space is not available.
- Ideally guest prefer to stay 1-4 days in both hotels but 7 days stay at Resort hotel is also a popular choice among guests.

