Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) of Hotel Bookings

This project analyzes hotel booking data using **Pandas**, **Matplotlib**, **and Seaborn** to uncover key insights. The goal is to understand **booking trends**, **cancellations**, **customer behavior**, **revenue patterns**, **and geographical distribution** of guests. By identifying peak seasons, cancellation reasons, and pricing impacts, this EDA helps hotels optimize their strategies for **better revenue management and customer satisfaction**.

Goals of the Project:

- **1. Understand Booking Trends –** Analyze booking patterns across different months and hotel types.
- **2. Identify Cancellation Factors** Examine reasons and trends in reservation cancellations.
- **3. Revenue Analysis –** Study the impact of cancellations and booking rates on revenue.
- **4. Customer Segmentation –** Identify key customer groups based on demographics and booking behavior.
- **5. Market Segment Insights –** Evaluate the distribution of customers across different market segments.
- **5. Geographical Distribution –** Analyze the origin of guests and their booking preferences.
- **6. Impact of Price on Bookings –** Investigate how the Average Daily Rate (ADR) affects reservation and cancellation rates.
- **7. Seasonal Trends –** Detect peak and low booking periods for better planning and revenue management.

- **8. Data Cleaning & Preprocessing –** Handle missing values, remove outliers, and structure the dataset for better analysis.
- **9. Visual Insights –** Use Matplotlib and Seaborn to create visualizations that make data-driven insights easier to interpret.

Materials and Methods:

The data for this project comes from a hotel booking dataset, containing information about reservations, customer demographics, booking status, and hotel types. This dataset includes details such as check-in/check-out dates, market segments, cancellation status, lead time, and pricing (ADR). The analysis aims to understand booking patterns, customer preferences, seasonal demand, cancellation trends, and revenue insights to enhance decision-making in the hospitality industry.

General Part:

Libraries Import: Pandas, NumPy, Seaborn, Matplotlib

- **Dataset Exploration**: Initial dataset analysis, checking for missing values, duplicates, and generating summary statistics.
- Feature Engineering: Conversion of date columns, creation of new features like booking lead time and cancellation rates.
- Visualization in Pandas: Analysis of booking trends, cancellation patterns, customer segmentation, and revenue insights using various plots and charts.

Project Outcome & Insights:

The project performs **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)** on the **hotel booking dataset** to gain meaningful insights into booking trends, customer behavior, and revenue generation. Below are the key outcomes:

1. Booking Trends & Hotel Performance

- ◆ Hotel Type Analysis: Identifies booking trends in City Hotels vs. Resort Hotels to determine occupancy patterns.
- **Seasonality & Peak Periods**: Analyzes booking trends over time, helping hotels optimize pricing and availability during peak seasons.
- Market Segment Performance: Evaluates which customer segments (e.g., corporate, leisure, online travel agents) drive the most bookings.

2. Customer Behavior Analysis

- **Booking Lead Time**: Examines how far in advance guests book their stays, aiding hotels in revenue management.
- Cancellation Patterns: Identifies factors contributing to booking cancellations, helping in policy adjustments to reduce cancellations.
- **Guest Preferences**: Analyzes preferences for meal plans, room types, and special requests, assisting in personalized service offerings.

3. Revenue & Profitability Insights

- Average Daily Rate (ADR) Analysis: Tracks the ADR for different hotel types and booking sources to maximize revenue.
- Revenue Contribution by Customer Type: Identifies which guest categories (business, leisure, groups) contribute the most revenue.
- **Year-over-Year Revenue Growth**: Tracks yearly revenue trends to support business growth and financial planning.

4. Operational Efficiency & Logistics

- Length of Stay Impact: Evaluates how stay duration affects occupancy and revenue, helping optimize pricing strategies.
- Effect of Special Requests on Operations: Analyzes the impact of customer special requests on operational efficiency.
- Reservation Status Trends: Examines confirmed vs. canceled vs. no-show reservations to optimize hotel management strategies.

Key Questions and Insights to be Addressed:

1. What is the cancellation rate?

cancellation_rate = df['is_canceled'].mean() * 100

print(f"Overall Cancellation Rate: {cancellation_rate:.2f}%")

Answer:

Overall Cancellation Rate: 37.13%

2. Which hotel type has more cancellations?

cancellation_by_hotel = df.groupby('hotel')['is_canceled'].mean() * 100
print(cancellation_by_hotel)

Answer:

hotel

City Hotel 41.708175

Resort Hotel 27.975048

Name: is_canceled, dtype: float64

3. Which month has the highest number of cancellations?

df['reservation_status_date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['reservation_status_date'])
df['month'] = df['reservation_status_date'].dt.month
cancellations_by_month = df[df['is_canceled'] ==
1]['month'].value_counts().sort_index()
print(cancellations_by_month)

Answer:

month

- 1 6060
- 2 4351
- 3 3818
- 4 3464
- 5 3138
- 6 2901
- 7 4360
- 8 2684
- 9 2658
- 10 4141
- 11 3058
- 12 3519

Name: count, dtype: int64

4. Which country has the most cancellations?

cancelled_countries = df[df['is_canceled'] ==
1]['country'].value_counts().head(10)
print(cancelled_countries)

Answer:

country

PRT 27514

GBR 2453

ESP 2177

FRA 1934

ITA 1333 DEU 1218 IRL 832

BRA 830

USA 501

BEL 474

Name: count, dtype: int64

5. How does ADR (Average Daily Rate) vary for canceled vs. non-canceled bookings?

adr_comparison = df.groupby('is_canceled')['adr'].mean()
print(adr_comparison)

Answer:

is_canceled

0 100.210618

1 104.917985

Name: adr, dtype: float64

6. What is the most common market segment for bookings?

market_segment_counts = df['market_segment'].value_counts()
print(market_segment_counts)

Answer:

market_segment

Online TA 56402

Offline TA/TO 24159

Groups 19806

Direct 12448

Corporate 5111

Complementary 734

Aviation 237

Name: count, dtype: int64

7. Does lead time impact cancellation rate?

plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
sns.histplot(data=df, x='lead_time', hue='is_canceled', bins=50, kde=True)
plt.title("Lead Time vs Cancellation Rate")
plt.show()

Answer:

