Insights from Airbnb Analysis from Pre-COVID Period

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Objective

- Improve strategies to revive the business the business in the post-COVID period.
- Understand the key-insights from AirBnB NYC business in pre-COVID period.
- ▶ Estimate customer preferences for the post-COVID period travel.

Background

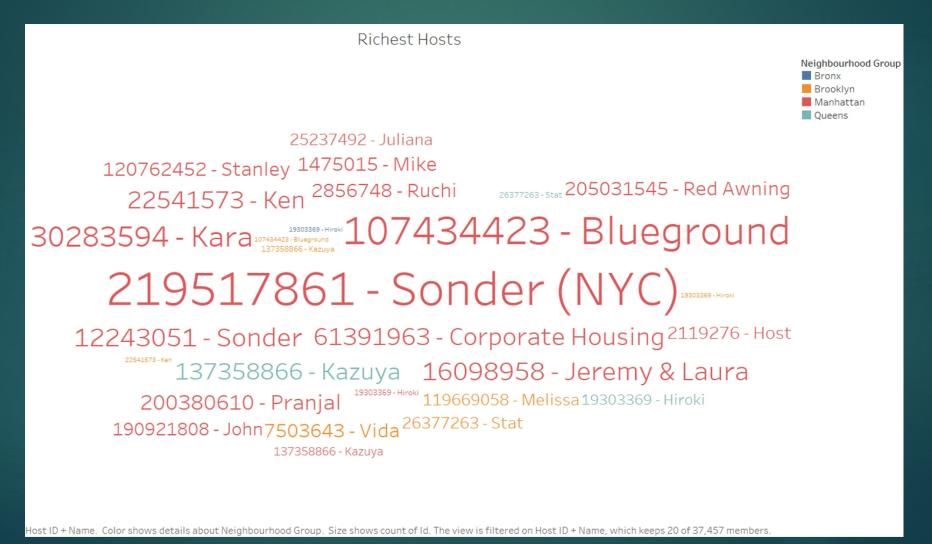
- ► The COVID-19 pandemic affected Airbnb business due to travel restriction.
- ▶ The revenue took the largest hit in NYC in the Q2 in 2020.
- Now the travel restriction are lifted, the business should be operated to recover the loss.

Objective of the analysis of the Airbnb NYC data

- Customer preference and rating of different hosts of Airbnb in were analyzed.
- The data was analyzed to derive key insights from the Pre-COVID period.
- ▶ The insights will be used to take decisions for the NYC Airbnb business for travel in post-COVID period.

Richest hosts in NY area

Hosts from the **Manhattan** area have the most number of listings. Sonder (NYC), Blue ground and Kara being on the top. **Sonder (NYC)** has a staggering **327** listings. The 4th being **Kazuya**, which interestingly has listings in **Queens, Manhattan and Brooklyn**.



Map - Most Listings & Average Price

Both in terms of most listings and average price, it is evident from the graph that **Manhattan** is at the top, followed by **Brooklyn**.



Room type v/s Pricing v/s Availability

Apartments and private rooms should be made available for more number of days in a year as the company is losing out on high revenue potential. Entire homes/apartments are the most expensive and shared rooms are the cheapest, for obvious reasons. However, when it comes to availability, the shared rooms are available for little less than half a year on average, whereas apartments and private rooms are available only for a little more than a quarter of a year on average.



Minimum Nights v/s Listings

Hosts imposing a **higher minimum nights** should be encouraged for going easy on the criterion, to get more bookings. Listings with minimum nights criterion less **than a fortnight** are the **most** (approx. **43k** listings), which means there is a huge market for **shorter duration** stays. Those with **15 days to a month** of criterion are approx. **5k** listings, which is a huge drop. Hence, hosts should be encouraged to have this criterion preferably **less than 15 days**.



Revenue v/s Price

Assumption: Since we do not know the number of nights the guests have stayed, we will consider the variable "minimum nights" to calculate the revenue per booking.

Premium properties should either **increase the availability** (more days per year) or **increase the minimum nights** criterion as many of them don't seem to be making much revenue per booking. The scatter plot shows us a lot of **high price listings** at the **bottom** of our plot which is not good for the business.



Recommendation

- ▶ Manhattan and Brooklyn areas are preferred neighbourhoods area. Hence those areas should be targeted.
- ► Apartments and private rooms should be made available for more number of days in a year as the company is losing out on high revenue potential
- Hosts imposing a higher minimum nights should be encouraged for going easy on the criterion, to get more bookings.

Appendix

- ► The important variable in the data dictionary are neighborhood_group, room_type, price, location & reviews.
- Data methodology has been included with the presentation in the file folder.
- ▶ We have used AirBnB data from the year 2019.

Thank You