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Room keys. You will use our app to enable your smart phone to act as a room key, meaning no more lengthy queues at reception.

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All of the above solutions provide an added level of service for the guest. For TOWNHOUSE, they provide access to valuable data on guest habits and preferences. Used effectively, this data will help us streamline operations and optimise our revenue-generating services.









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## **WEBSITE**

Our website will be another invaluable tool for our marketing and sales strategy. Some obvious basics will be essential, such as full optimisation on all platforms, a slick integrated booking engine for rooms sales, membership CTA's as well as great looking imagery and video. The website analytics tool and our booking engine analytics will provide us with the information that we need in order to understand: Is our website performing? How good is it in terms of usability, information & revenue conversion? Is it easy to use? Is it fast enough?

We will define our website KPI's in line with our budget and ensure that the website performs to this standard. We will use heat maps to understand how to improve our website's usability and where to position our all important booking links.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Every guest will be encouraged to become a member of TOWNHOUSE. We will do this on the website, in our app and through our Hosts team at the property. We will incentivise our guests by giving them 10% of our published rates...Always. From a marketing perspective we will receive invaluable data such as location, birthday & age and target our strategy accordingly & ensure loyalty from our members. Membership will also help us combat rate parity with OTA's and over time, help us reduce our commission model.



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