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Booking Season is a high-opportunity window early in the year when many future private events are locked in.

Use this checklist to assess how prepared your venue is to capture and convert event leads this busy Booking Season.



Inquiry & Lead Speed



CENTRALIZED INTAKE:

Every new inquiry flows into a single central system

THE “FIRST MOVER” RULE:

Ownership is clearly assigned for the first response

STANDARDIZED FOLLOW-UP:

Response time expectations are defined across the team

INBOX INDEPENDENCE:

Sales don't stop if one person is out; the team has shared visibility into all threads



Digital Experience & Visuals



CURRENT VISUAL ASSETS:

High-res photo galleries and video tours are ready to share

COLLATERAL READINESS:

Digital brochures and “lookbooks” are updated with 2026 pricing and current venue upgrades

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

Recent photos of various setups (ceremony vs. reception vs. corporate tasting) are easily accessible to help leads “see” the space



Communication & Conversion



CENTRALIZED DASHBOARD:

All event details and communication live in one place

TASK MANAGEMENT:

Team members can easily track the event booking progress and action items for conversion

BRANDED DOCUMENTS:

Proposals and quotes are professional-looking and fast to generate and share

REAL-TIME UPDATES:

Lead tracking software that is reliable and automated



Pricing, Policies & Space



TRANSPARENT PACKAGING:

Packages, minimums, room fees, and policies are clearly defined

CAPACITY CLARITY:

Space and layout options are easy to communicate

TRACKABLE DOCUMENTATION:

Team members and planners have clarity from the beginning

SPACE BUFFERS:

Documented boundaries between public guest areas and private event spaces to proactively manage guest expectations



Calendar Strategy & Forecasting



REVENUE FORECASTING:

Visibility into upcoming booked vs. tentative events

HIGH-VALUE PRIORITIZATION:

High-demand and revenue-generating dates are identified and prioritized

LEAD SCORING:

The team knows which inquiries are “filler” business vs. high-revenue “anchor” events.

REAL-TIME CALENDAR:

A single source of truth for event planning, with the team regularly reviewing the booking season pipeline.



Team Alignment



SYNCHRONIZED DATA:

Sales, events, and operations share the same visibility to real-time event details

SEAMLESS HANDOFFS:

Workflows between roles are consistent and documented

SCALABLE CAPACITY:

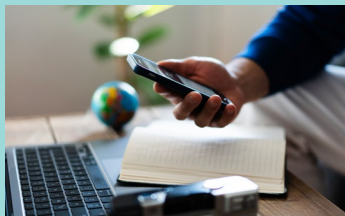
Workloads are balanced during high-volume periods

CENTRALIZED COMMUNICATION:

Shared access to vital info to prevent “inbox silos”

The Booking Season Advantage

Venues that perform best during Booking Season have:



Lower Friction:

They make it easier for a guest or planner to say “Yes” faster.



Higher Throughput:

The team can manage 3x the inquiries with streamlined event operations.



Predictable Growth:

Build stronger, more predictable calendars, and lock in revenue early.



Want to Optimize Your Booking Season Workflow?

Don't let your busiest season be your most stressful. Tripleseat helps event teams:

- **Centralize** inquiries & communication
- **Protect** your margins with clear pricing and automated task management.
- **Generate** professional proposals & floorplans in minutes
- **Forecast** event revenue with confidence

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