



THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO GUEST BLOGGING

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Welcome to Guest Blogging 101

Guest blogging, also known as “guest posting”, is the practice of writing and publishing an article on someone else’s blog or website in order to build relationships, exposure, authority, and links.

Aside from creating an opportunity to share your insights with a vast number of online users, guest blogging also paves the way for sending traffic to your blog and improving your website’s SEO.

This guide takes you to the challenging yet fun process of guest blogging. It covers everything you need to know from tips and tricks on how to find great guest posting opportunities, to sending effective outreach emails that will surely get your engaging articles published.



1 | Guest Blogging

1A | What is Guest Blogging?

Guest blogging, also known as “guest posting”, is a popular content marketing strategy for blogs and businesses. It refers to an off-page SEO strategy of writing content to be published on another blog or website in exchange for a link to your blog, website, or social media page.

Guest posting is an effective way to acquire backlinks, gain exposure, and enhance the author’s popularity. By providing good blog posts for other sites to publish, you can reach a wide audience who can visit your site and help you achieve your goals.

1B | Three Ways Guest Posting Can Help Grow Your Online Audience

1. Guest posting improves your SEO

Guest blogging helps you effectively generate inbound links to your website and boost your site's link profile. Backlinks are one of the most important ranking factors in SEO – and guest posting on a top-notch site makes it easy for you to gain high-quality backlinks.

You can have your links placed within the body of the article, which is ideal since they're more likely to be clicked by readers. You can also have it placed on the biographical paragraph (author bio) at the end of the article, which speaks about your background and your company or business.

2. Guest posting helps build authority and branding

If you're guest posting for your personal brand, your business, or a client's website, guest blogging can be an effective tool for building authority and increasing brand awareness. The key is to have your guest post published on authority blogs in your niche in order to be known by the right audience.

3. Guest posting leads to high-quality traffic

Are you selling a product or offering a service? Next to increasing awareness, the highly-qualified traffic your brand or business website gets from the links in your guest posts can also lead to conversion.

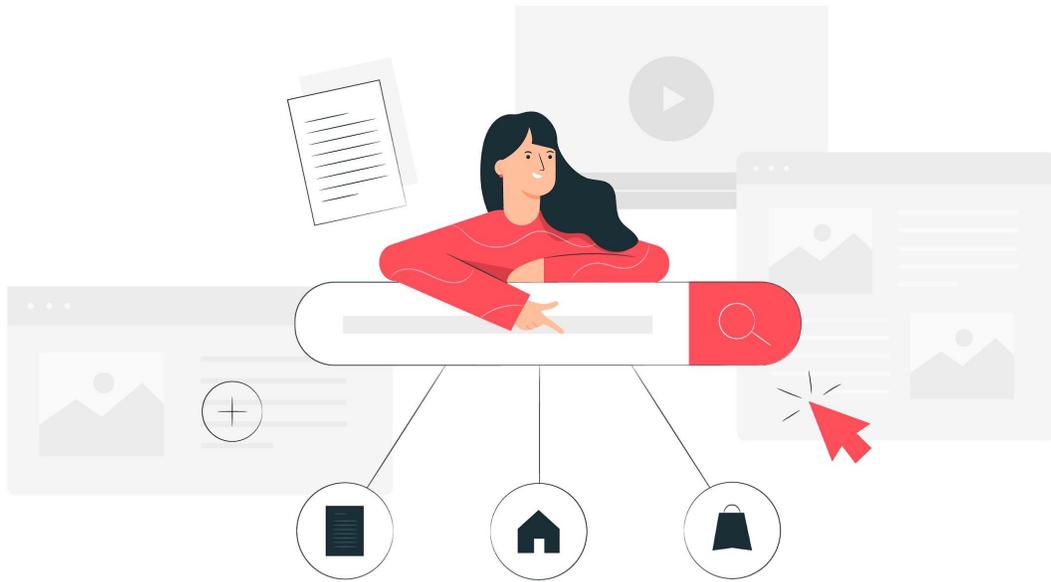
1C | The Core Goals of Guest Blogging

Before you begin a guest blogging campaign, you need to decide first what your main objective is. Establishing a goal will help you determine the best blogs to submit guest posts to.

There are three main guest blogging goals:

- To build backlinks to your website
- To get exposure or traffic back to your website
- To position yourself as an authoritative brand/personality in the industry

If your goal is to build backlinks to your site and rank in the SERPs, you need to target blogs with high domain authority. If you want to be well-known in the industry and get more exposure back to your site, then you'll need to find blogs with a large-sized and engaged audience. With the right kind of content on the right blog, you can achieve all three of these things.



2 | Link Prospecting: How to Find Guest Blogging Opportunities

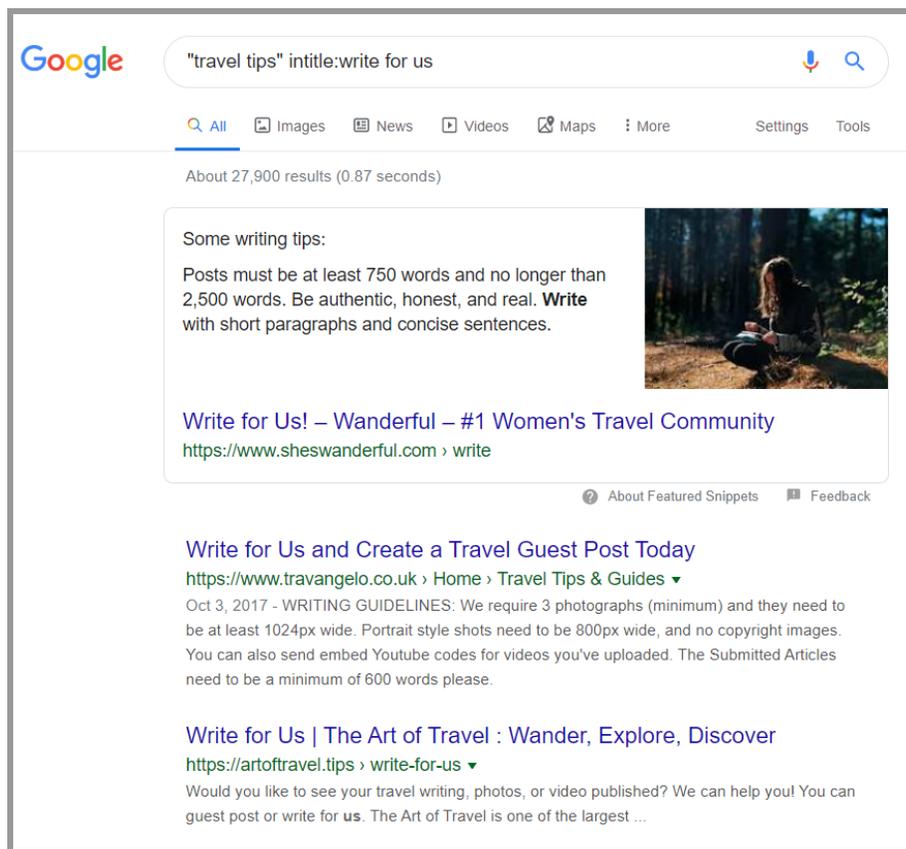
2A | Finding High-quality Guest Post Targets

Guest blogging isn't just about putting some quality effort into writing an excellent, buzz-worthy article. For a guest blogging strategy to be successful, you need to be resourceful when looking for high-quality sites to contribute to.

We call it **link prospecting**, the process of finding relevant backlink targets based on the criteria of high-quality backlinks.

Here are 7 proven strategies to prospect the web and find the best guest posting opportunities.

1. Using Google Search Strings



Google is the best place to start link prospecting. A successful Google search string entails a well-curated combination of these three essential elements: keyword, search query, and advanced search operator.

- ★ **Keyword** – Choose broad keywords that define the industry and/or the market of the client.
- ★ **Search query** – A search query refers to a specific term or phrase you put into the search box to pull up a list of relevant results.
- ★ **Advanced search operator** – An advanced search operator is a character or a string of characters used to narrow the focus of your search and give you

exactly what you need. Combined with search queries, search operators retrieve more specific and relevant results.

Here are some of the most commonly used search operators.

- **inurl:** This search operator will allow you to find results that contain a specific keyword in the URL, be it the domain name or the slug.
- **intitle:** Similarly, the intitle search operator returns results that contain the specific keyword in the title of the page.
- **intext:** The intext search operator narrows down the results to pages containing the specified term in the text
- **inanchor:** This search operator limits the results to pages containing the terms you specify in the anchor text in links to the page
- **site:** The site search operator can be used to specify the organization type.

Examples of Winning Search Strings

For tried and tested search operators and queries that retrieve the best results, you may refer to the following templates:

Your Keyword + "write for us"	Your Keyword + "submit content"
Your Keyword + "guest article"	Your Keyword + "submit your content"
Your Keyword + "guest post opportunities"	Your Keyword + "submit post"
Your Keyword + "this is a guest post by"	Your Keyword + "This post was written by"
Your Keyword + "contributing writer"	Your Keyword + "guest post courtesy of "
Your Keyword + "want to write for"	Your Keyword + "guest posting guidelines"
Your Keyword + "submit blog post"	Your Keyword + "submit an article"
Your Keyword + "contribute to our site"	Your Keyword + "contributor guidelines"
Your Keyword + "guest column"	Your Keyword + "contributing writer"
Your Keyword + "become a guest blogger"	Your Keyword + "become an author"
Your Keyword + "guest blogger"	Your Keyword + "become guest writer"
Your Keyword + "guest posts wanted"	Your Keyword + "become a contributor"
Your Keyword + "looking for guest posts"	Your Keyword + "submit guest post"
Your Keyword + "guest posts wanted"	Your Keyword + "submit an article"

Your Keyword + “guest blogger wanted”	Your Keyword + “submit article”
Your Keyword + “accepting guest posts”	Your Keyword + “guest author”
Your Keyword + “writers wanted”	Your Keyword + inurl: “guest blogger”
Your Keyword “articles wanted”	Your Keyword + inurl: “guest post”

2. Utilizing Guest Posting Software

Another effective way is to search using guest posting directories and networks that keep the most updated, curated database of websites that accept guest posts. These directories are designed to make link prospecting easier for you.

In most cases, you just need to provide the niche or category you’re looking for and the directories will show the best results. You may narrow down the results depending on the websites’ domain authority (DA), page authority (PA), traffic, bounce rate, and location.

Examples of Guest Posting Tools:

1. My Blog Guest

The screenshot shows the search interface for My Blog Guest. The search criteria are:

- Category: Lifestyle (Fashion, Shopping, Hobbies, ...)
- Country: --Any country--
- Tags: (empty)
- Owner: (empty)
- Only available in MBG Direct:
- With articles from MBG gallery:

 The search results table is as follows:

Name	Blog Name	Articles Posted	Blog Type	User
BallHyped Sports Blogs [US]	BallHyped Sports Blogs [US]	27	Sports	ballhyped
Momalia de Batom [BR]	Momalia de Batom [BR]	22	Beauty	monalialadebatom
MyBloggerLife [US]	MyBloggerLife [US]	21	Lifestyle	mybloggerlife

Site: <https://myblogguest.com>

2. Guest Post Engine

The screenshot shows the search interface for Guest Post Engine. The search criteria are:

- Search: FASHION
- Filters: Verified, DA, PA, Traffic, Bounce Rate, Top Countries

 The search results table is as follows:

Website	DA	PA	Traffic	Bounce Rate	Top Countries	Google Indexed	Guideline URL	Report Spam
secretstajit	31	31	290k	38.92%	us	View pages	View URL	🚫
nextluxury.com	65	51	2,019,17k	85.13%	us	View pages	View URL	🚫
beautyofleek.com	27	22	5,24k	41.58%	gr	View pages	View URL	🚫
beautytipic.com	52	43	125,24k	78.11%	us	View pages	View URL	🚫
mybeautygym.com	31	43	2,44k	41.55%	in	View pages	View URL	🚫
infogadofatica.com	28	32	9,89k	59.6%	ng	View pages	View URL	🚫
beinggirlsh.com	21	22	1,28k	22.82%	us	View pages	View URL	🚫
plugseek.com	33	29	1,41k	84.63%	au	View pages	View URL	🚫
trendbuzzer.com	32	30	1,51k	68.13%	gb	View pages	View URL	🚫

Site: <https://www.guestpostengine.com/>

3. Guest Post Tracker

Blog Title	Category	IP Address	DA	SS	Free/Paid	Submit Post
blog.hubspot.com	Marketing	72.246.204.235	89		Free	Submit on Page
searchengineland.com	Marketing	208.80.6.139	89		Free	Submit on Page
business2community.com	Marketing	166.78.238.159	82		Free	Submit on Page
socialmediatoday.com	Marketing	104.25.249.16	82		Free	Submit on Page
marketingland.com	Marketing	208.80.6.76	82		Free	Submit on Page
contentmarketinginstitute.com	Marketing	45.79.136.29	81		Free	Submit on Page
allbusiness.com	Marketing	104.25.5.19	80		Free	Submit on Page
allbusiness.com	Marketing	104.25.4.19	79		\$999.00	Submit on Page
marketingprofs.com	Marketing	72.3.191.176	78		Free	Submit on Page
polespositionmarketing.com	Marketing	86.39.49.231	77		Free	Submit on Page
smallbiztrends.com	Marketing	104.20.55.192	76		Free	Submit on Page
dailyblogtips.com	Marketing	192.232.240.130	75		Free	Submit on Page

Site: <https://www.guestposttracker.com/>

4. Big Guest Posting

We've found 8,569 results related to your keywords that accept guest posts. You can turn off **Deep Search** for more accurate but less results and also browse by **niche**.

You can use the filter below to sort by relevance (default), Domain Authority or social reach.

Sort by relevance

Website	Details	DA	FB likes	Followers	Dropped	Match	Open	Flag
to*****com	Show	45	108,501	14,275		Explain	Guest page	
ta*****com	Show	26	0	0		Explain	Guest page	
www.bo*****com	Show	66	33,585	67,626		Explain	Guest page	
www.bl*****com	Show	37	0	58		Explain	Guest page	
no*****com	Show	19	0	0		Explain	Guest page	
ni*****com	Show	29	5,314	2,699		Explain	Guest page	
am*****com	Show	22	1,527	92		Explain	Guest page	
ad*****com	Show	49	0	0		Explain	Guest page	
va*****com	Show	39	0	0		Explain	Guest page	
www.wd*****com	Show	46	22,652	38,838		Explain	Guest page	

Site: <https://www.bigguestposting.com>

3. Leveraging Social Media

There are many ways social media can be used to your advantage. Look for guest posting opportunities on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Just enter a basic guest post search string such as “keyword + guest post” or “guest posting opportunities”.

You may follow a couple of high-authority blog owners who accept guest posts. You can even join guest blogging communities in social media pages where you can engage with blog owners and writers, sharing similar goals.

4. Looking for Guest Blog Compilations

[100+ Websites to Submit Guest Posts \[Categorized\] - Accessily](#)
<https://accessily.com> › [blog](#) › [websites-to-submit-guest-posts](#) ▼
 Feb 11, 2019 - **100+ Websites to Submit Guest Posts** [Categorized] **Guest Post** on Tours and **Travel** Ideas ... **Guest Post** on **Trip** and Tour Advice Blog.

[150+ Travel Blogs Accepting Guest Posts - Birds of a Feather](#)
<https://www.birdsofafaatherpress.com> › [travel-blogs-accepting-guest-posts](#) ▼
 If you're looking for additional advice and inspiration about how to use **guest blogging** to build your audience and **travel** brand check out my **guest blogging** ...

[List of 300+ Websites That Accept Guest Posts & Contributions ...](#)
<https://solvid.co.uk> › [180-websites-that-accept-guest-posts](#) ▼
 Oct 2, 2017 - Here are 11 main benefits of **guest blogging** for other **websites**: ... on Forbes, 10s or even **100s** of thousands of people would read your article, ...

[List of Guest Blogging Sites \(140+ best sites\) - Peter Sandeen](#)
<https://petersandeen.com> › [list-of-guest-blogging-sites](#) ▼
 ... should write for. No small or inactive **sites** even if they **accept guest posts**. ... Sure, you need to get several things right to get **100+** subscribers from each **guest post** you write. But the first step is **Travel**. **Travel sites that accept guest posts**.

If you don't want to spend hours searching for guest posting opportunities in the traditional way, you can use this cheat sheet. Simply type "list of sites that accept guest posts" along with your keyword, and you'll find a goldmine of guest blogging sites, collected and curated by other bloggers for you.

5. Reverse Engineering (Finding your Competitor's Links)

You can look for the competitors' backlinks and use them to your advantage. First, do a quick competitor analysis. Look for sites that are ranking for a lot of keywords in your niche - these are your competitors.

Take their homepage URL and place it into a good backlink checker to see a list of all their backlinks. You may find that a good chunk of their backlinks came from guest posts.

Examples of Free Backlink Tools:

1. Open Link Profiler

The screenshot displays the Open Link Profiler interface for the domain hiparamatta.com. The main header indicates that 569 links from 222 websites point to the domain. Key statistics are shown in four green boxes: 99.9% Unique Links (222), 85.1% Links to Home Page (484), 80.3% Trusted Links (457), and a Link Influence Score (LIS) of 45% (registered on 23 Feb 2016). The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like Backlinks, Link Dissection, and SEO Tools. A central area contains filters for Source URL, Destination URL, Trust, LIS, Page title, Anchor text, Top Industry, Industry, Link context, Special, Added on, Last seen, and Sort by. Below the filters, a table shows the first 20 of 569 links, including details like LIS, Page title & link source, Anchor text & link destination, and an Action column with 'Learn More' and 'Link' buttons.

- Know more about Open Link Profiler here: <http://openlinkprofiler.org/>

2. SEO Review Tools

The screenshot shows the SEO Review Tools interface for hiparamatta.com. The main heading is 'MOST VALUABLE BACKLINKS'. The 'Input' section shows the URL https://hiparamatta.com/. A 'Note' states that the report is limited to the top backlinks pointing to the page (showing 1 link per domain). Key statistics are displayed in four boxes: 734 External backlinks (Pointing to: page), 73% Follow links (percentage), 176 Referring Domains (Pointing to: page), and 142 Referring IP's (Pointing to: page). Below these are tabs for 'Backlink results', 'Most popular anchor text', and 'Most popular URLs'. A table lists the top backlinks with columns for Icon, URL, Anchor text, Nofollow, Ahrefs Domain Rating, Total links, and MOZ DA/PA. Two links are shown: one from yourstory.com with an anchor text of 'Holiday Inn Paramatta' and a domain rating of 84, and another from thriveglobal.com with an anchor text of 'hotel room' and a domain rating of 83.

- Know more about SEO Review Tools here:

<https://www.seoreviewtools.com/valuable-backlinks-checker/>

3. The Hoth

Backlinks Report for
hiparramatta.com/

Pro-tip
We recommend running the report twice - once with 'www' included in the domain and once without.
[Run report with www. URL](#)

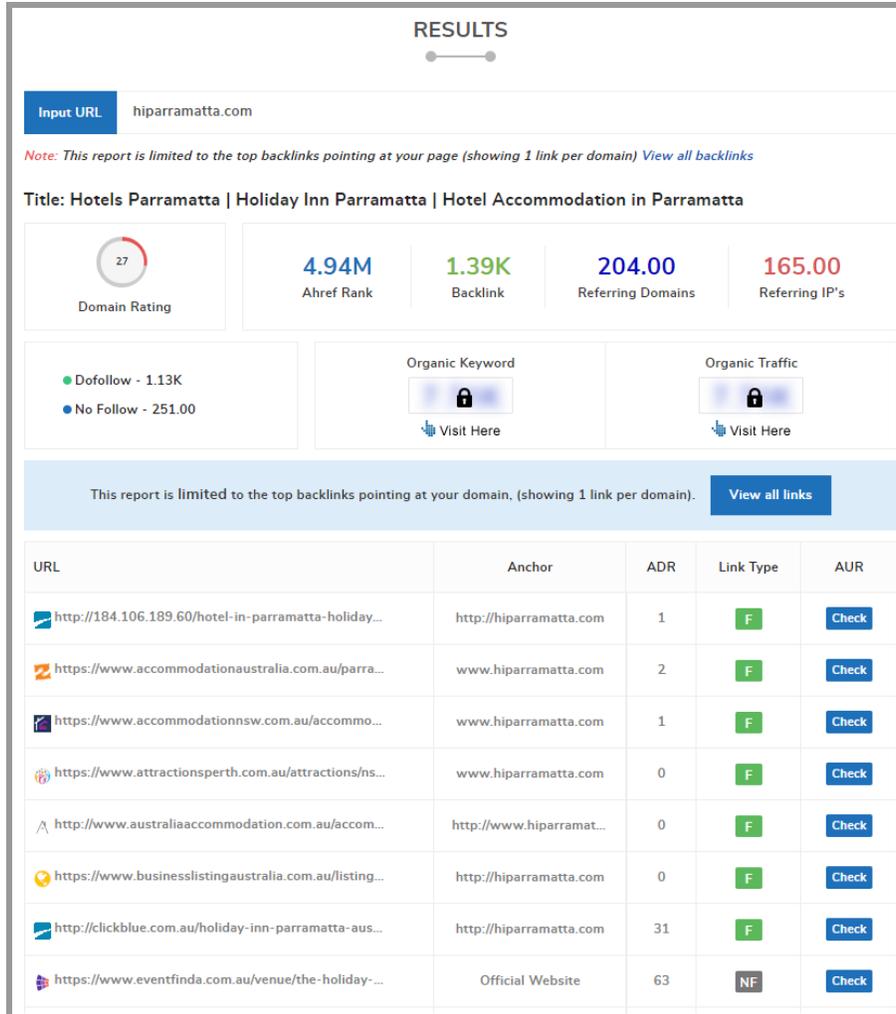
BACKLINK METRICS

1385 Total External Backlinks	204 Total Referring Domains	82 % Dofollow Backlinks	165 Referring IP's
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URL	Anchor Text	Nofollow	DR
https://www.australiatravelforum.net/ ↳ http://hiparramatta.com/	Accommodation Sydney	dofollow	4 /100
https://www.earthhour.org.au/get-involved/bus... ↳ https://hiparramatta.com/	no anchor text	dofollow	62 /100
https://www.sydney.com/destinations/sydney/sy... ↳ https://hiparramatta.com/	Visit Website	nofollow	77 /100
https://www.opentable.com/r/twenty-one-fifty-... ↳ https://hiparramatta.com/dining/twenty-one-fifty/	http://www.hiparrama...	dofollow	91 /100
https://en.paperblog.com/six-awesome-ways-to-... ↳ https://hiparramatta.com/	Holiday Inn Parramat...	nofollow	78 /100
http://www.solitudetesting.com/ ↳ https://hiparramatta.com/	Parramatta hotel	dofollow	0 /100
https://sitesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fusea... ↳ http://hiparramatta.com/	Holiday Inn Parramat...	dofollow	82 /100
http://www.worldblindunion.org/English/resour... ↳ https://hiparramatta.com/traveling-with-medical-conditi...	The Complete Guide t...	dofollow	66 /100
http://www.discoverparramatta.com/conferences ↳ https://hiparramatta.com/	Holiday Inn	dofollow	45 /100

- Know more about The Hoth here: <https://www.thehoth.com/backlinks-checker/>

4. Small SEO Tools Backlink Checker



- Know more about Small SEO Tools Backlink Checker here: <https://smallseotools.com/backlink-checker/>

6. Using Google Reverse Image Search

This is one of the advanced strategies you may try.

First, find someone in your niche who writes tons of content online and is likely to contribute to a lot of blogs. Second, grab the URL of the headshot they used for their author bylines. Lastly, place that URL into Google reverse image. You'll now get to see a list of sites they've guest posted on.

7. Social networking with bloggers and webmasters

Build a good relationship and keep in touch with the bloggers and webmasters are working with. Have a good record of their contact details in place. Should you run out of guest posting targets, you may ask them for referrals. You may even be referred to a high-authority site.

2B | Checking the Quality of Your Target Guest Blogs

Knowing the different strategies in seeking guest post targets isn't enough - you should also know how to separate the winners from the losers. When comparing sites, see if they have the following criteria.

1. It should have the ability to rank in the SERPs

- **Domain Authority (DA)** - Domain Authority (DA) is a metric developed by MOZ which aims to predict the ranking strength of a website over time on the search engine result pages (SERPs). The ranking scores are measured by evaluating several factors, such as linking root domains and the number of total inbound and external links.

Use Moz Link Explorer, the best tool for checking the authoritative link profile of a website. Paste their homepage URL on the box to get data including their DA, inbound and outbound links, ranking keywords, and their metrics over time.

2. It needs to have an authoritative link profile

Find out the quality of websites linking to your target guest post site and the ones your target guest post site is linking to.

- **Inbound links (backlinks)** - An inbound link (backlink) refers to a link from an external website to your site. The backlinks shouldn't come from paid sites.

- **Outbound links** - A good website links to authoritative websites and other external websites associated with their niche. You shouldn't associate with websites that link to sites that promote porn, casinos, pills, and other adult content.

3. It receives high traffic

If you want to obtain traffic, then look for high-traffic sites. While you can't check their analytics, you can see their sociability levels across the web. See whether they have social media pages and whether they have a significant number of followers.

4. It's niche-related

See if the site you're looking into is related to your niche. Ideally, you would love to post your article about hotels and vacation tips on a travel blog, where it can be viewed and shared by travel enthusiasts - not on a blog related to tech and digital marketing.

5. The website publishes engaging content

Check whether the blog provides value to its visitors by publishing high-quality content. Are their articles informative and relevant? Do the blog postings have healthy comments? How do their social shares work?

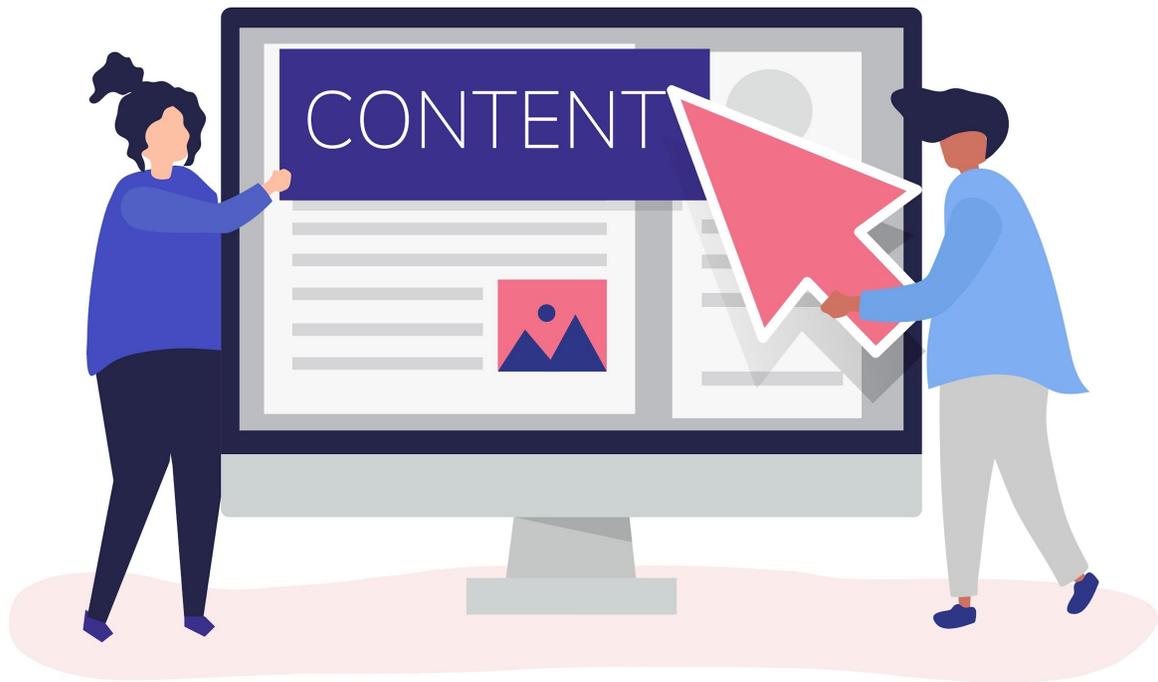
6. The website is currently active

Make sure the blog is active and is regularly publishing content. If you notice that the site's most recent post is dated six months ago, look elsewhere. It'll give you a harder time in your email outreach efforts.

2C | Key Elements of a Successful Link Prospecting Strategy

Link prospecting entails a mix of creativity, experience, and technical understanding. To push your guest blogging campaign forward, your link prospecting strategy needs to have the following key elements:

- **Detailed Research** - Typing a few keywords into the Google search box and getting the results is never enough. You need to have a blending of knowledge, skills, and patience when finding backlink targets.
- **Quality Assurance** - Next to finding new, relevant sites, you need to ensure the quality of these sites before any attempt to build links.
- **Creativity** - From using advanced search operators to leveraging social media, you constantly need to find unique yet effective ways to explore the web and look for new websites.
- **Advanced Tools** - Link prospecting one of the most time-consuming and challenging aspects of link building. It's a must to have access to the best SEO tools to save time and deliver great results.



3 | Generating Content: How to Submit a Great Guest Post

What truly makes a great guest post? This is one of the first few questions you may ask. Should you aim for a 1000+ word count? Does it need to have lots of pictures? Do you need to have at least 7 subtopics?

The short answer is, all boils down to the quality of the blog you're submitting your guest post to. Below are some good tips for making your guest post as great as possible.

3A | Writing a Link-worthy, Share-worthy Guest Post

1. Make it easy and fun to read

Content creation is the most exciting phase of guest blogging. Make sure every article is not only informative but original and interesting as well. It should contain attention-grabbing headlines and subheadings, relevant keywords, and appealing images for a better reading experience.

2. Get to know your target blog's content

The rule of thumb is to format your guest posts like the ones on the blog you're submitting to. Pay attention to their formatting, like their use of subheadings, images, and quotes. If the site has lengthy 1000+ word posts with one photo per subtopic, your post should have the similar elements. If it has short 500-word articles with only a featured image, do the same for your content.

2. It should be informative, not promotional

Your guest post should be a valuable source of information – not a promotional article about your business, products, and services. You can, however, place an anchor text within the body of the article but make sure it's discreet and relevant. Any information about your company should be reserved for the author bio.

3. Include a call to action statement

At the end of your guest post, make sure to add a call to action for comments. A short sentence like, “what can you say about this [topic]? Share your thoughts below” can generate discussion and improve the quality of your guest post.

3B | Crafting a Good Author Bio

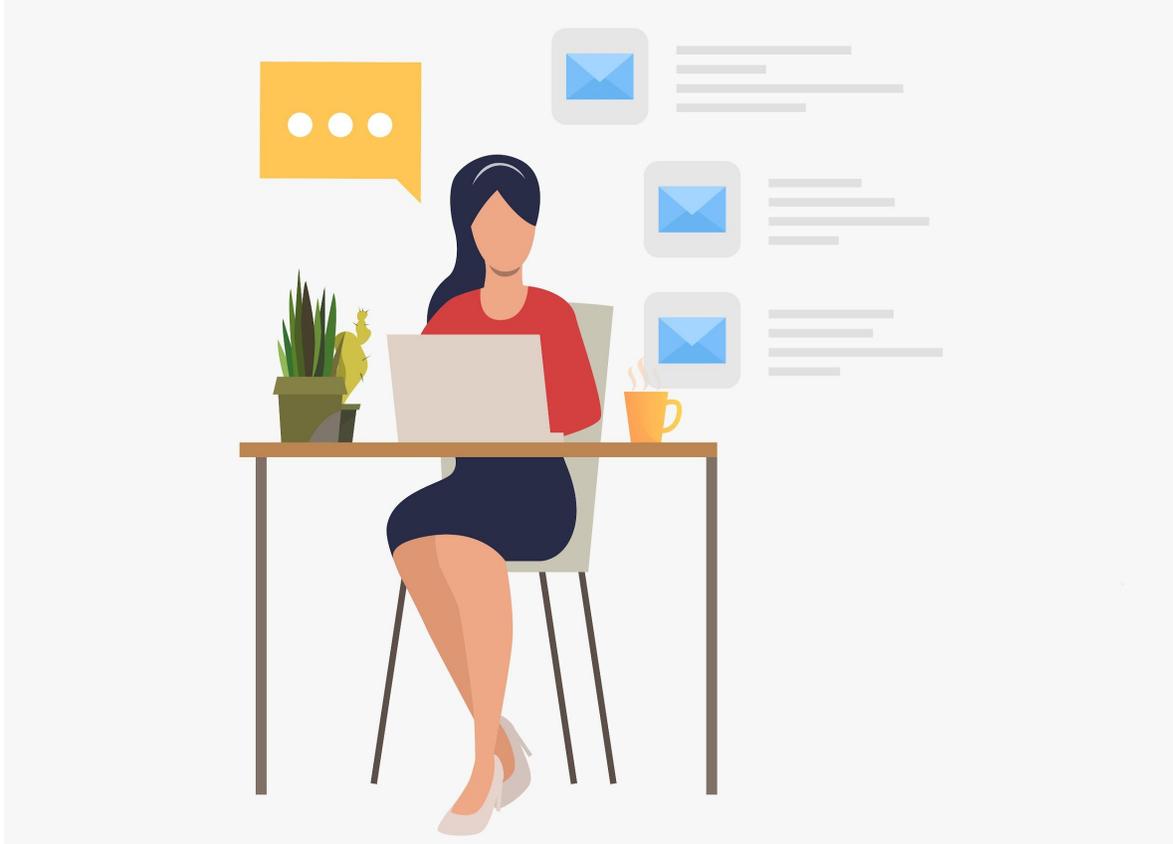
You may encounter blogs that only allow one do-follow link and/or the ones that don't allow links within the content body. In many cases, the author bio is the only place

you're allowed to include self-promotion backlinks to your website, blog, or social media.

Example:

Author Bio: Mina Corpuz is one of the lifestyle writers for [Aspect Hotel Park West Dublin](#), a modern hotel, delivering exceptional accommodation in Dublin and dining experiences for leisure and corporate travelers. Writing articles about travel, food, and lifestyle is one thing she finds enjoyable, next to petting her cat."

Aside from a creative description of who you are as a blogger and what you do, your author bio should include a link back to your site (home page or a specific web page) with your target anchor text. Your anchor text can be the name of your business or a target keyword. If you want to increase social media followers, you may include put "follow me on [insert social media page link]" at the end of your bio.



4 | Email Outreach: How to Send Effective Outreach Emails

Webmasters receive tons of emails every day. Whether you're pitching an idea or submitting a full guest post, your goal is to make your email stand out, from your subject line to your content title.

4A | Preparing to Pitch a Guest Post

1. Collate prospects in a spreadsheet

Keep a record of all your niche-relevant guest post targets. Look for their email address, which is usually written along with the guidelines, and include it in your spreadsheet. You may also reach the webmaster via their on-site contact form or social media page.

The spreadsheet should include the following: Website name, URL, niche, and contact details. You may even include the DA.

2. Read and understand the writing guidelines

Write for Us

Welcome to TourAndTravelBlog.com- A multi-author travel content publishing platform designed for travelers, travel bloggers, writers who want to share their personal stories and travel ideas with the world.

Why Become a Contributor?

We, respect your opinion as well. If you wish to participate as Contributor at TourAndTravelBlog.com, you are most welcome. Once you submit the article, our dedicated team will review your submission and let you know of the updates ASAP.

We always welcome unique, high-quality and creative articles that cover the following topics:

1. Adventures
2. Destination
3. Travel News
4. Culture
5. Trip Ideas
6. Travel Ideas and more.

Before contacting the blog owner, read and understand their guest posting policies and craft your content in accordance with the guidelines. Determine their do's and don'ts, the required word count, and the number of backlinks allowed in the content.

Does the blog owner want you to pitch a content idea first? Or do they want you to submit a full article? What's their ideal format? Do you have to create an account and submit your article for review via WordPress?

4B | Crafting a Winning Email Outreach

1. Pay attention to your email subject line

Email subject lines matter - it's the first thing your recipient sees when he checks his inbox. If you feel like your messages are being ignored, chances are your email subjects are overly generic or spammy.

An email subject line should be short, simple yet attention-grabbing - something that will create curiosity and urgency on your recipient's end. Another tip is to make it personalized by adding the blog name.

Below are some of the winning subjects you may use:

Guest post proposal for [blog name]	Check out these link-worthy guest post ideas for your [blog name]
Guest post inquiry for [blog name]	Hey [blogger name], here's a great guest post idea for [blog name]
Guest post request for [blog name]	New guest post ideas for [blog name]
Great content ideas for [blog name]	Add value to your subscribers: content ideas for [blog name]
Unique [niche] content ideas for [blog name]	Feed your content-hungry blog: content ideas for [blog name]
Review these 3 blog post ideas for [blog name]	You haven't covered this topic, right?
Free high-quality articles for [blog name]	Let's discuss your new blog post
High-quality guest post request for [blog name]	Request: Guest post ideas for [blog name]

Other tips:

- Don't use all capital letters and unnecessary exclamation points
- Avoid sugarcoating
- Make sure it doesn't sound spammy
- Avoid unnecessary adjectives and adverbs

2. Establish a good persona

Put yourself in the shoes of your prospective website administrator. Of course, you'd prefer receiving articles from passionate content writers who are genuinely interested in your blog, instead of publishing spammy, poorly-written promotional articles from random link builders.

When sending an email outreach, send the notion that you're a friendly, trustworthy, and skilled blogger who is eager to provide valuable content for the blog's readers. You can present yourself as a regular reader of their blog or someone who randomly stumbled upon their website while researching for something.

3. State why you should be a guest blogger

Your past writing accomplishments can also be used as a selling point. Consider including 1-3 links to your top published articles elsewhere just to give your recipient a gist of your writing style.

4. Personalize your email

Don't just say, "hi admin" and copy-paste a generic-sounding email. Personalize every email outreach.

When looking for prospects, make sure to determine the name of the administrator. You can find it in their "about us" page. If the name isn't stated, just put address the blog owner using the name of the blog name + admin (e.g. *Hello Tour and Travel Blog Admin*)

It would also be smart to mention the blog's previous works to imply that you've been following the blog for quite some time.

5. Keep your email short and precise

Nobody likes to read long, wordy, and boring emails so keep yours short and straightforward. Avoid sugar coating and using unnecessary adjectives and adverbs. Make sure to add a clear call-to-action statement or question at the end of the email.

6. Prepare a killer pitch

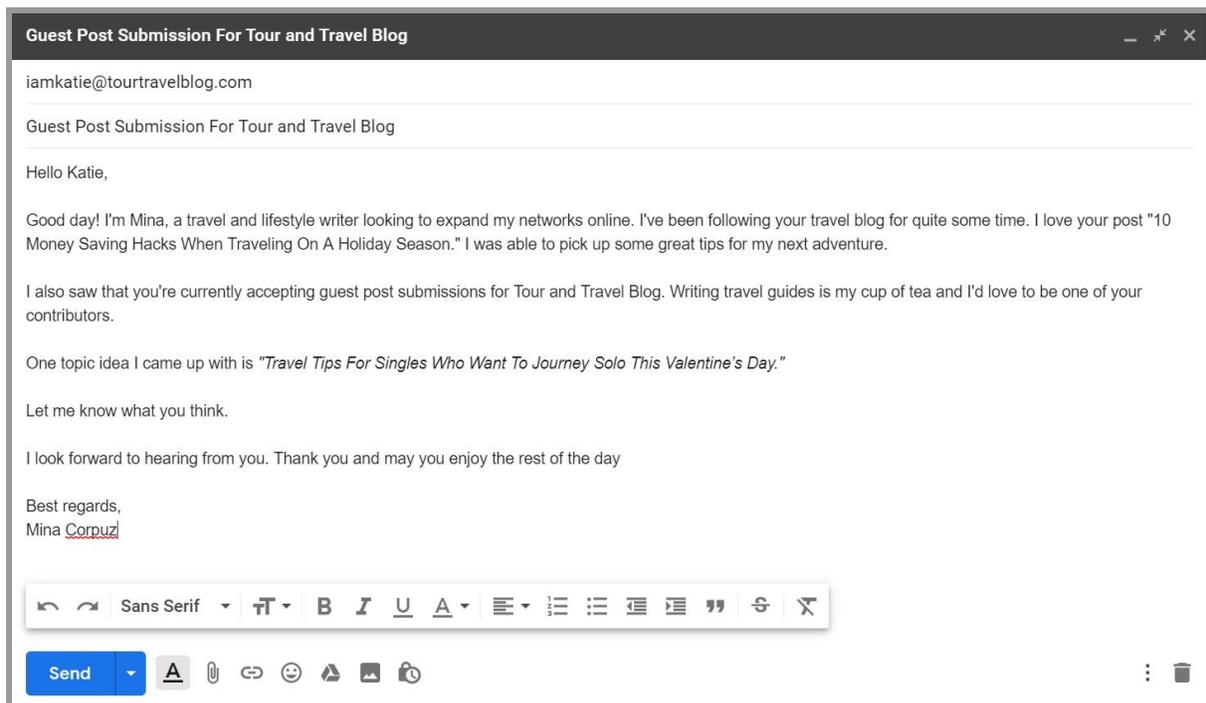
No matter how good your content topic is, it's unlikely to be accepted if you don't package and promote it enough.

Start with a straightforward yet catchy title for your guest post idea. You may also include a short description of what your content is about. You can also include a maximum of three topics. Your pitch should always be centered around the intention of providing benefit to your prospective blog.

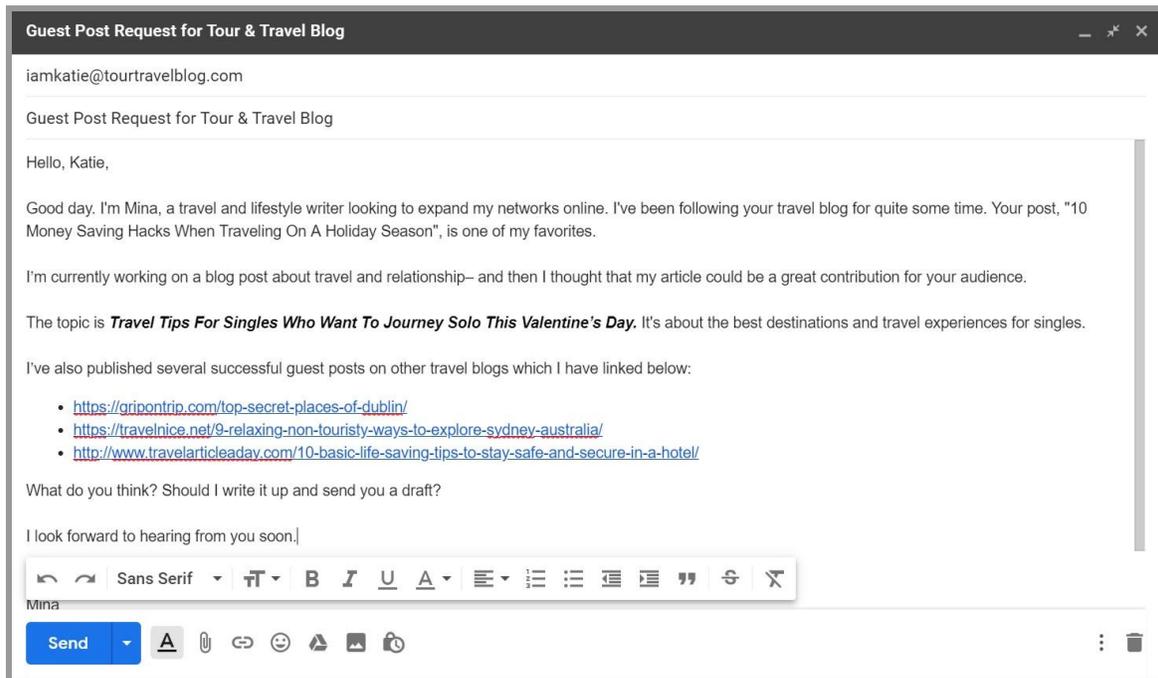
Next, briefly state your achievements and guest posts on other popular websites.

Examples of winning email templates:

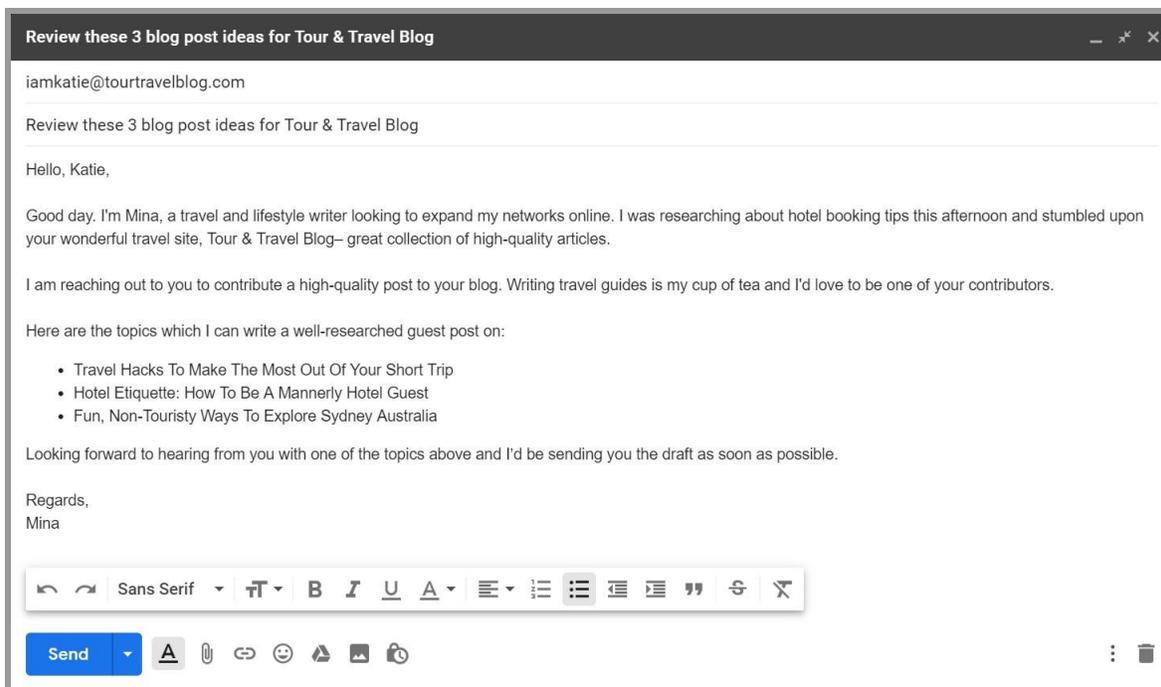
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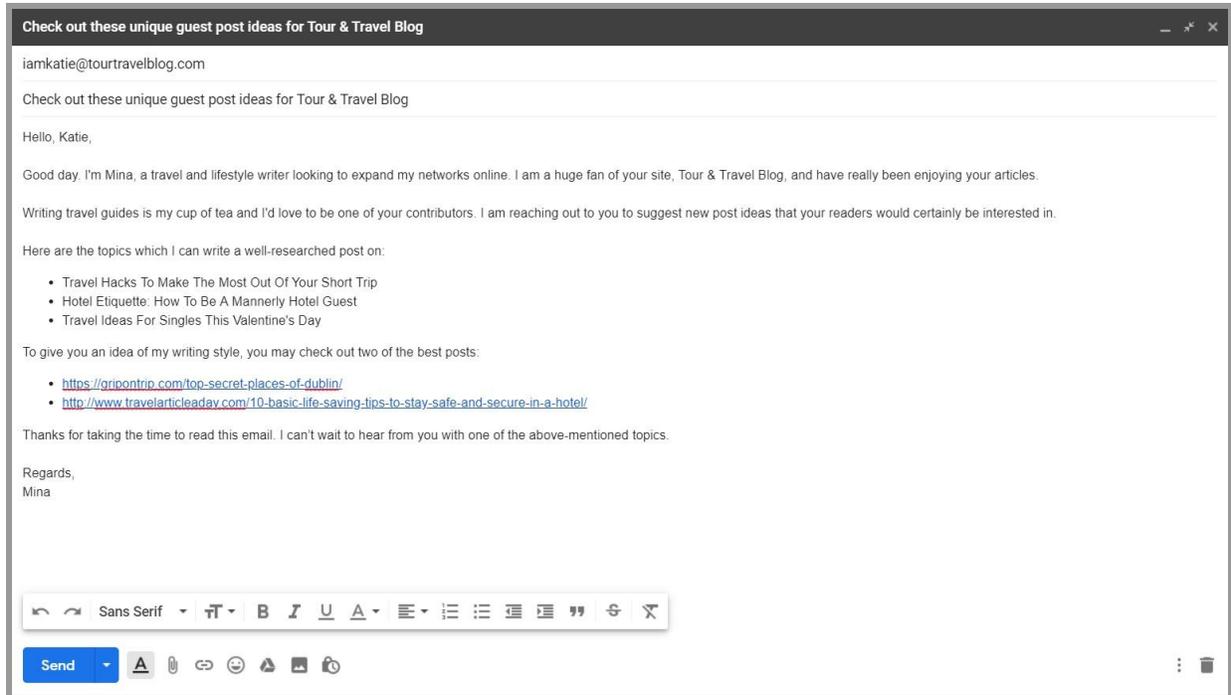
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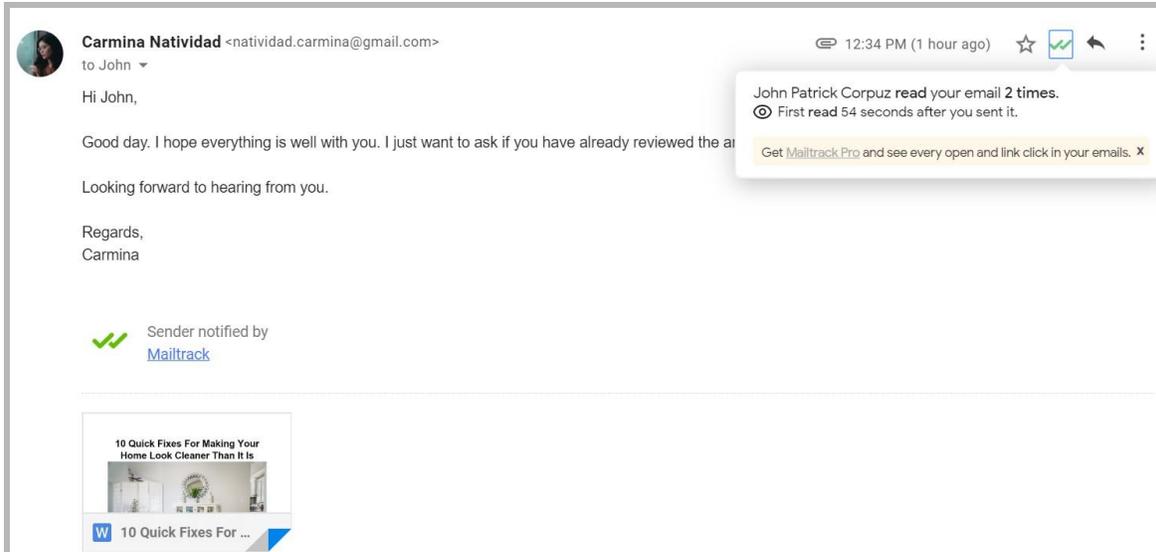
7. Track your submission with mail trackers

Gone are the days when you send an email and just pray to get a response shortly, without any idea of whether or not it's delivered successfully. Now, you can use email trackers to check if your message is delivered and opened by its respective receiver. You can even see webmasters who choose to ignore your mail.

Mailtrack is the best tool to start with.

Mailtrack is an email tracking extension for Gmail, that allows you to know If the emails you've sent have been read or not. It's free and unlimited.

- (✓✓) means that your email has been sent, but not opened.
- (✓✓✓) means that your email has been opened.



It includes a “sent with mailtrack” signature. If you want to send emails without the signature, you may upgrade to the paid version, “Mailtrack Pro”. You may also check out other mail trackers including Yesware and Boomerang.

4C | Sending and Monitoring Your Guest Post Article

1. Bring the content idea to life

If a webmaster is interested in any of your content ideas, he/she will ask you to send the article for review. Depending on the quality of your content, you may be asked to revise your article to make it deem fit for the blog.

2. Generate a link-worthy guest post article

Paragraph Styles



10 Travel Tips for Singles Who Want to Journey Solo this Valentine's Day

Brace yourselves – the storm of starry-eyed romantics, displaying affection in public, is coming. For people who are in a relationship, this Valentine's Day might be the perfect time to express their love for their partners. But for other folks who are single, this occasion may seem a bit, well, cringe-worthy. It doesn't have to be.

Valentine's Day is a celebration of love in different forms. It can be love for a spouse. It can be love for parents, siblings, kids, and friends. It can be a love for the community. Lastly, it can be love for yourself.

Traveling is one of the best things you can do to show how much you love yourself. Just because you're single doesn't mean you'll be stuck at home, binge-watching series and avoiding social media. Go out. Explore. Visit places and do activities that spark joy.

Paragraph Styles

4. Go have a relaxing staycation in the city



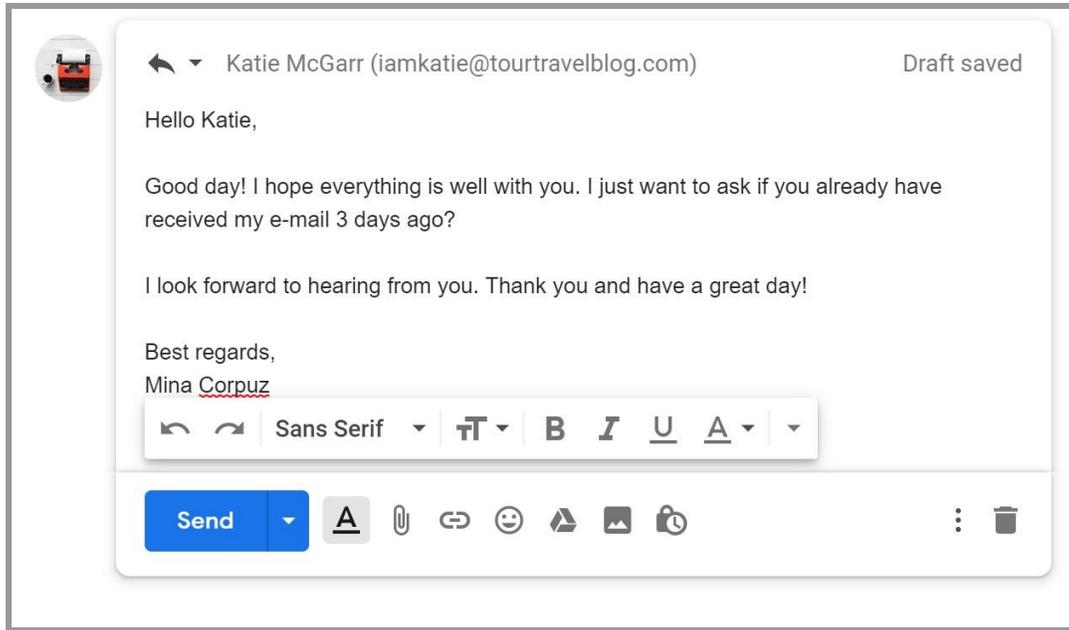
Can't travel far? Book a [hotel room](#) in the city all for yourself.

Enjoy the view of the skyscrapers from your balcony. Use hotel amenities including in-room television with free movies, roof deck swimming pool, spas, and buffet. You can also go out to nearby establishments, like restaurants, cafes, and pubs, malls, cinemas, and museums have the time of your life.

Before sending an article in, refer to the blog's "write for us" page and make sure you comply with the guidelines. The format of your article should be reader-friendly, with short paragraphs and subheadings for dissecting the wordy content, and relevant images for making it look appealing. Listicles, tips and tricks, and how-tos are commonly-used formats.

Ideally, you should include two backlinks in your guest post: one link in your article body and one in your author bio, and make sure to include semantic keywords.

3. Follow up, if necessary



Following up is easier if you have an email tracker. You become aware of why you can't get a response: it's either the recipient is inactive or the recipient blatantly ignores your message. The latter implies a lack of interest on the webmaster's end.

4. Know when to cancel submission

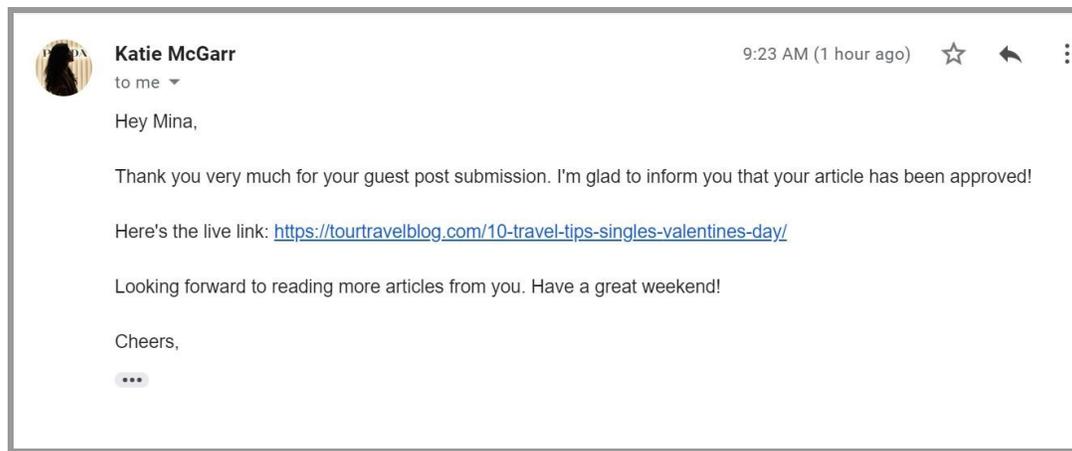
Ideally, you should receive a response within three days. If not, following up once is enough for you to decide whether to push through with your submission or cancel and move forward with a different guest posting blog. If you don't get a response after the first follow up, it's time to cancel your submission and move on.

Simply send a short, precise, and polite message, stating your withdrawal due to a lack of response.

4D | Storing your Published Guest Post

1. Checking the published article

Let's suppose your article has been published. Generally, the webmaster sends a brief email, informing the writer about the successful guest post and the article's live link.



You can also check the site from time to time to see if the webmaster has published your guest post.

After receiving the good news, review the published article and check if the links you placed are included in the final output.



If not, notify the webmaster right away. If you're satisfied with the output, send a short "thank you" email to the webmaster.

2. Collate everything in the guest post tracker

Simply copy the link of the published link and paste it on your guest post tracker. Put the final title of the article, the date posted, and the anchor texts placed.

3. Promote your guest post

To boost your published guest post's reach, webmasters would encourage you to share your post on your social media accounts,



5 | Must-Have Tools for Guest Blogging

Let's suppose you wanted to start a guest blogging campaign. You'll find some relevant sites that accept guest posts, compile them, make sure they're a good fit, look for their contact details, and send a well-crafted, personalized outreach email.

If you plan to target a few sites, you can do all these manually. But if you plan to target a large number of sites and build links efficiently, you need to use professional link prospecting tools.

Link building tools are designed to make your campaign easier every step of the way. Below are three of the best tools professional link builders swear by.

5A | Link Prospector

Link prospector quickly and efficiently looks up relevant link opportunities for guest blogging, niche directories, sponsorships, link pages, and more. It's designed to help link builders and content marketers search and organize outreach opportunities.

Step One: Choose your report type

REPORT NAME: Demo Report

Select Report Type: Demo Report

- Guest Posting: Discover blogs that allow guest posts and offer your writing services.
- Content Promoters: Find writers who are likely to cover your story, or repost your infographics and articles.
- Giveaways: Offer goods and services for use in contests.
- Commenting: Find the posts relevant to your key phrases. Join the conversation, and link to your site.
- Directories: Identify quality directories to help you get your site listed quickly.
- Blogs: Find the blogs that cover your industry, and are likely to post about your site.
- Research: Content: Find top tips for writing great content.
- Links Pages: Find the resource and links pages that will add a link to your site.
- Reviews: Look for people who review products or services in your space.
- Donations: Be charitable and earn links through sponsorship opportunities.
- Expert Interviews: Identify domain experts you can interview, or pitch your own expertise.
- Forums: Add value to the conversation and build brand equity.
- Professional Organizations: Locate trades and professional organizations you can join.
- Custom: Use any amount of research phrases you like.

Step Three: Find link opportunities

Domains (422 total, 680 paths total)	TLD	LTS (?)	PR (?)
www.realestate.com (+16)	com	200	6
www.biggerpockets.com (+9)	com	110	4
realestatetomato.typepad.com (+7)	com	76	4
www.zerohedge.com (+7)	com	71	6
www.ccm.com (+4)	com	49	6
www.linkedin.com (+5)	com	49	9
www.blackhatworld.com (+5)	com	47	3
www.thehillshome.com (+4)	com	43	5
wesleyquest.com (+4)	com	42	1

Step Two: Enter your keywords or keyphrases

REPORT NAME: Demo Report

Select Report Type: Demo Report

Show Advanced Options

Research Phrases

great keyword

Phrase 2

Phrase 3

Phrase 4

Phrase 5

Report Cost: 1 credit

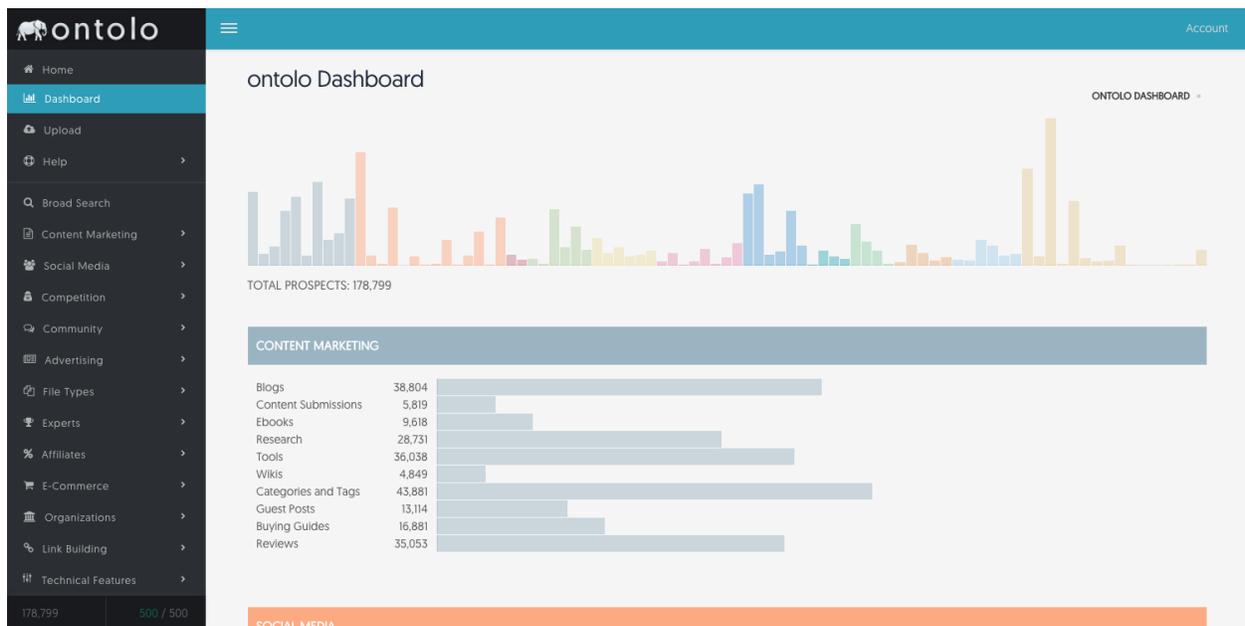
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What Are Research Phrases? Link Prospector How-To

Know more about Link Prospector here:

<https://linkprospector.citationlabs.com>

5B | Ontolo



Ontolo is another powerful tool you can use to find link prospects you can contact. No need to type advanced search queries on Google, think of other ways you can say “guest post” or “write for us”, and scan pages after pages - ontolo takes care of expanding your prospecting queries.

The tool instantly searches your prospects using advanced queries and narrows down the results depending on how you configure the tool and the type of keywords you provide.

Know more about Ontolo here: <https://ontolo.com/>

5C | Citation Labs

SELF-SERVICE OUTREACH TOOLS

Our laboratory includes developing and supporting outreach software. [Click on a tool to explore:](#)

- **LINK PROSPECTOR**
- **BROKEN LINK BUILDER**
- **CO-CITATION TOOL**
- **CONTACT FINDER**
- **ZIPSPROUT**

Citation Labs, the maker of Link Prospector, is an enterprise link building agency. Aside from Link Prospector, they have developed other tools for SEO specialists, link builders, content marketers, and CEOs, including the Broken Link Builder, Co-Citation Tool, Contact Finder, and Zipsprout.

Know more about Citation Labs here: <https://citationlabs.com/tools/>

6 | Guest Blogging Flow Chart

