101 Ways to Price an Attraction

...and what visitors really think about Dynamic Pricing

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by providing

pricing consulting, segmentation, primary research, dashboarding & strategy to help grow earned income



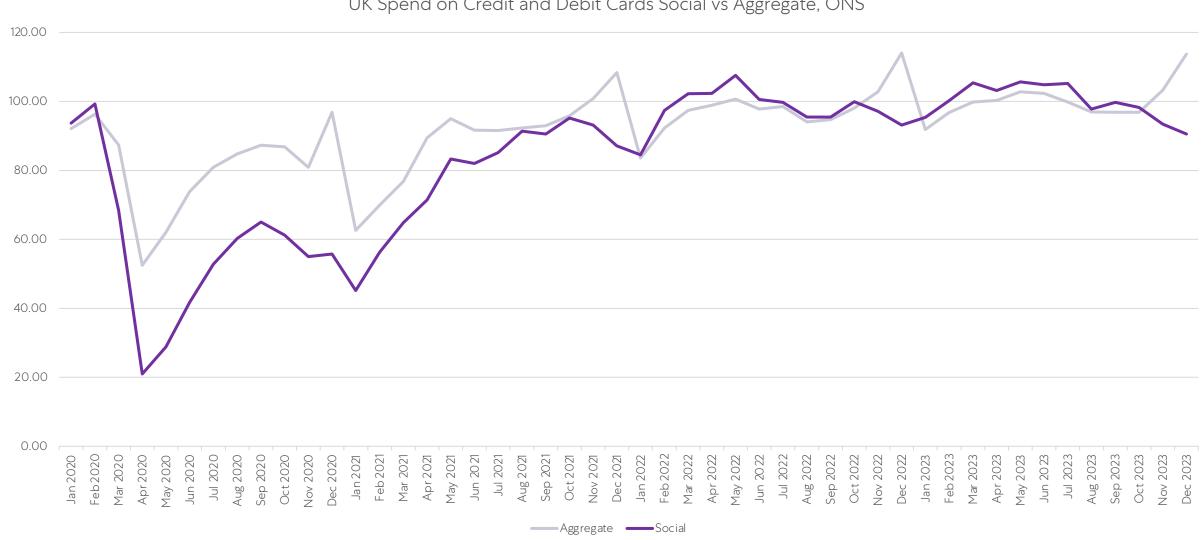
Hello

Since 2003, we've worked with more than 750 organisations worldwide, including world leading visitor attractions, performing arts venues, festivals and strategic funders in the UK, Europe, USA, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

We work approx. 50:50 with performing arts organisations and visitor/heritage attractions, publicly funded and commercial.



UK Credit and Debit Card spend in "social" category has recovered from 2020

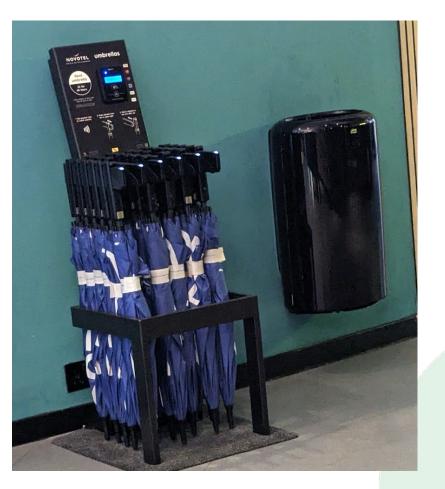


UK Spend on Credit and Debit Cards Social vs Aggregate, ONS

We're in a period of enormous change in pricing practice, driven by the combination of cost increases and changing audiences, as much as shareholder demand

Let's go back to 2010...

'People are willing to pay more if they think the price is fair. Companies therefore make prices fair to ensure people buy their products. For example, if an umbrella firm applied surge pricing to their products during a storm, it'd be unfair and customers would seek out other manufacturers who weren't raising their prices.'



The Myth of Fair Value (and How to Take Advantage of It)

William Poundstone

PRICELESS

Let's go back to 2010...

'One big loss is less painful than several small losses. Compare a \$90 parking ticket with three \$30 ones.

You're not just paying \$30 three times, you're paying \$30 plus the pain of a financial loss three times.

By contrast, paying \$90 once is just one hit.'

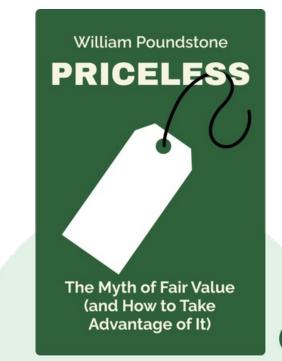


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'But what if people are sure nobody can track the pricing process? Then they tend to get greedy.

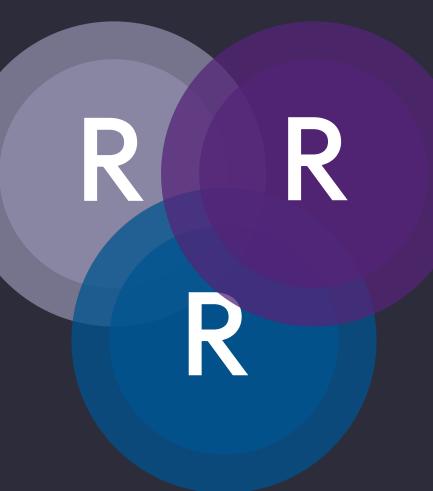
People care more about being fair when they know they're being observed or when the customer/partner knows the pricing process.'



What is your objective?

Reach

- Maximise 👀/ 🎙
- Minimal / no personal data collection§
- Mission-led?
- Maybe funded / ads/sponsor backed?



Relationship

- Personal data collection
- Lifetime value

• Revenue

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PARTICIPATIVE PRICING

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Virtue Signalling

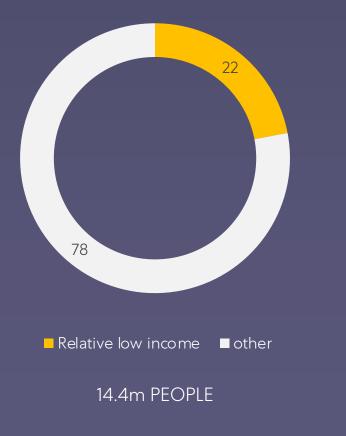
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Vs Signalling Theory

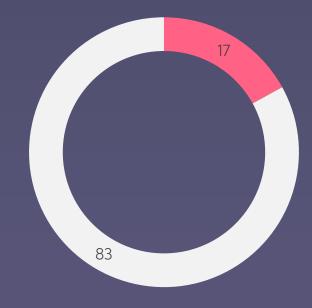
We all signal things, all the time

Universality and low-income visitors

Relative low income/poverty



Absolute poverty



Absolute poverty other

8.9m PEOPLE

What's out there? Visitor Attractions

	Organisation	Access Scheme	Price	Additional info
	Roman Baths	Discovery Card	Free	Available for all with resident's card in Bath and NE Somerset
Heritage	Historic Royal Palaces	-	£1	For up to 6 members in family. Ticket gives 50% off catering
	Historic Dockyard Chatham	Medway Residents	£2	Medway residents only. For up to 6 members in family.
	Eden	-	£1	Limited number released per season
Nature –	Kew Gardens	Kew for one pound	£1	-
based	RHS Gardens	Access for all	£1	For up to 5 people.
	Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Open Concession	£6	Self-identified concession
Museums	London Transport Museum - £1 V		Valid as an annual pass	
&	Eureka! Science + Discovery centre	-	£1	Seasonal offer from December to January
Galleries	Sainsbury Centre	Universal Ticket	Pay What You Can	Open to all
Zoos	ZSL	Universal Credit Tickets	£3 to £5	Must be booked in advance, available for 11am or 1pm

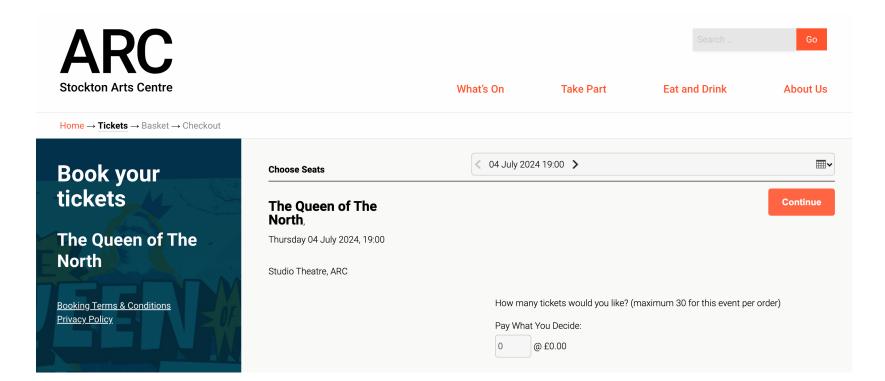
What's out there? Performing Arts

	Organisation	Access Scheme	Pricing	Additional info
	Young Vic	Neighbourhood Theatre	2 Free Tickets	Local residents can sign up to mailing lists and receive tickets for selected performances, find discounts and access to community initiatives
	Traverse Theatre	Traverse £1 Tickets	£1	Online registration for low income and under 25s. Volume limited.
	Harlow Playhouse	Pay What You Can	£2 to £10	Selected performances - raised from 0 - £10 due to high number of no shows.
	Nottingham Playhouse	Pay What You Can Performances	£2 to £10	Selected Performances, max 2 per household, includes free programme
	National Theatre Scotland	Theatre for a Fiver	£5	Online mailing list of discount codes
	Arcola Theatre	Pay what you can Tuesdays	Average spend £5	Available on night of the performance
Arts	Bristol Old Vic	Open Concession	£5 off	3 price bands presented at check out, open concession, standard, pay it forward
	Lyceum Theatre	Registered Unemployed Concession	£5 to £10	Available for £10 in advance, £5 on the door.
	Stratford East	Pay What You Can Performances	From £6*	Selected performances
	Battersea Arts Centre	Pay What You Can	From £8*	Majority performances
	Norwich Theatre	My Theatre	£10	Online registration then shown discounted seats, up to 6 tickets per person per performance
	Opera North: Leeds Grand Theatre	Low income concesion	£10	For best available tickets, excluding dress circle

* Audience can contact the box office for cheaper tickets if they are unable to pay this minimum online amount.

Participative Pricing: Pay What You Can / Feel





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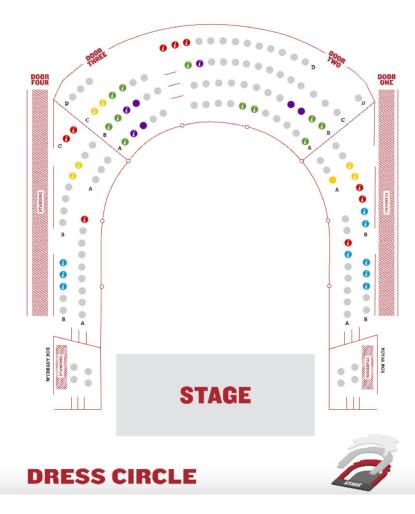
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		* All orders will be subject to a fee of $\pounds2.00$		



Participative Pricing: Pay It Forward





Prices

	Pay It Forward	Standard	Companion for disabled patron	Open Concession	Wheelchair User Concession	Wheelchair User Standard	Wheelchair User Pay it Forward
Band A	£54.00	£44.00	£39.00	£39.00	-	-	-
Band B	£45.00	£35.00	£30.00	£30.00	-	-	-
😑 Band C	£39.00	£29.00	£24.00	£24.00	-	-	-
Band D	£35.00	£25.00	£20.00	£20.00	-	-	-
Band E	£26.00	£16.00	£11.00	£11.00	-	-	-
Wheelchair	-	-	-	-	£11.00	£16.00	£26.00
Unavailable							

Meanwhile, at the other end of the spectrum...

Saturday, 24 August 2024		
18:15 2024 Tattoo: Journeys	from £ 35.00 to £ 770.00	BUY TICKETS
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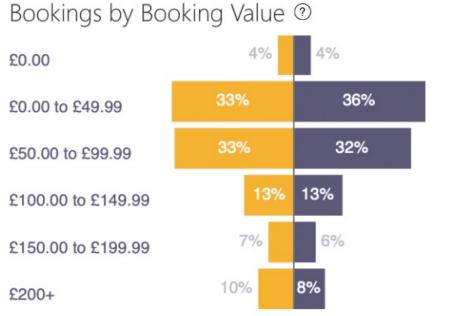
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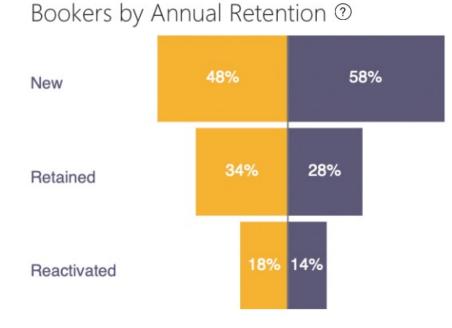
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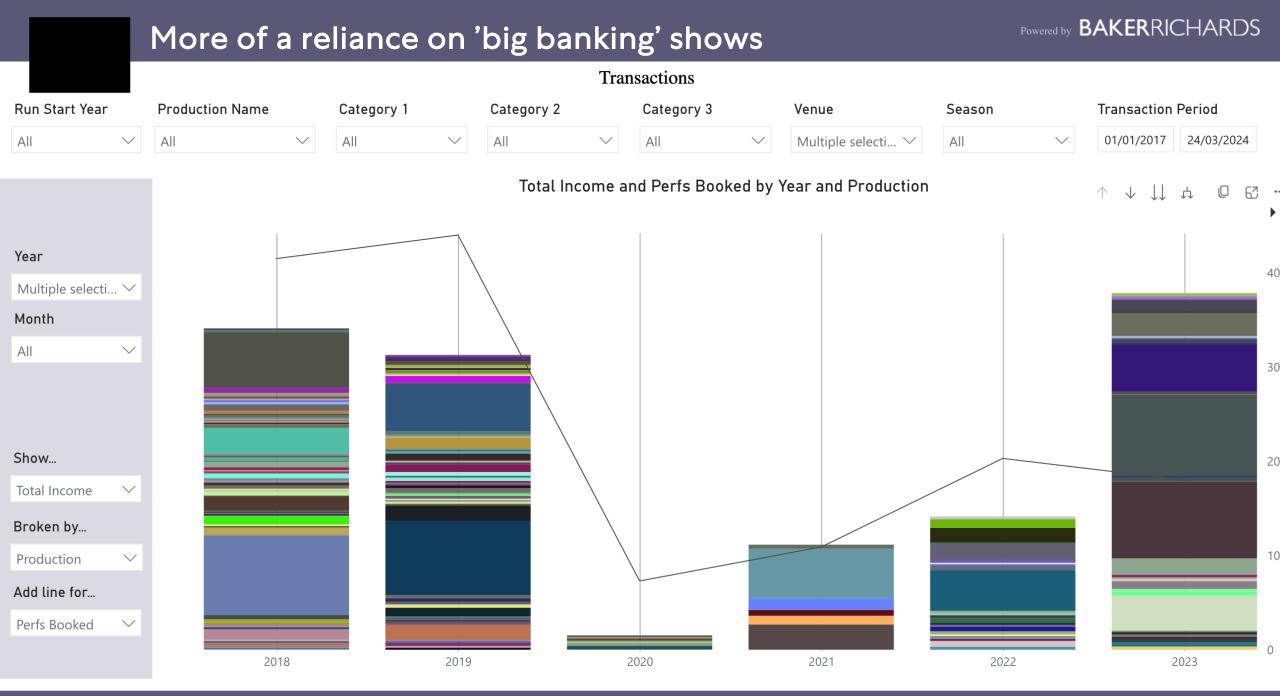
What's going on with audiences?



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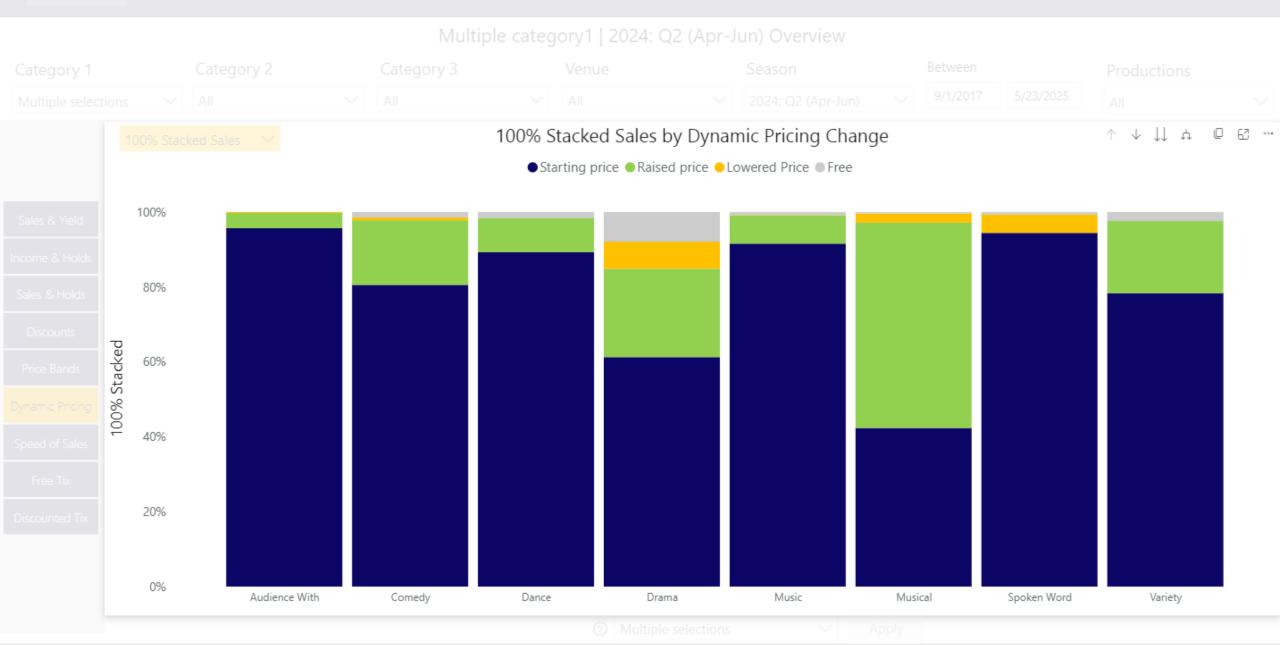
2024 to end of April 2023



The inevitable emergence of dynamic pricing (though often implemented manually)



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But what about visitor attractions, and customer attitudes?

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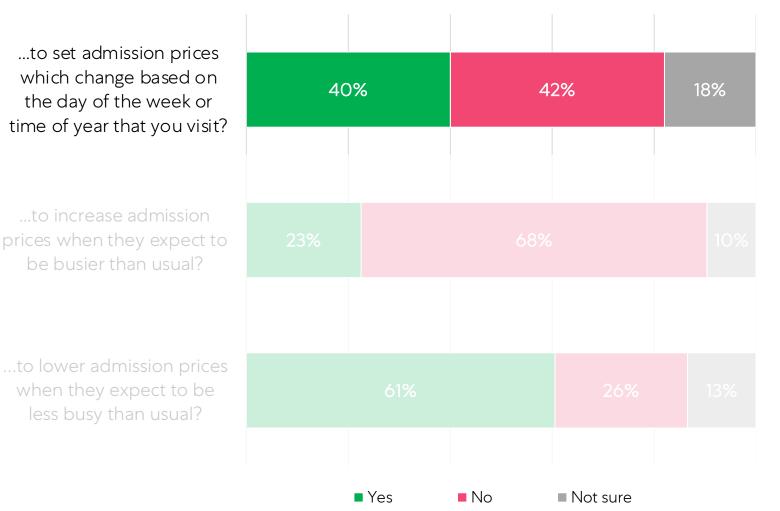
Dayparts / timed ticketing usually an essential component

Common Dynamic Pricing variables

- % capacity sold Speed of sale
- Time to admission
- Weather / inbound flights / other external signals

....but do visitors like it?

Approval of pricing practices



Do you think it's OK for visitor attractions...

Evenly split on variable pricing

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...to set admission prices which change based on the day of the week or time of year that you visit?

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68% don't think it's OK to increase prices

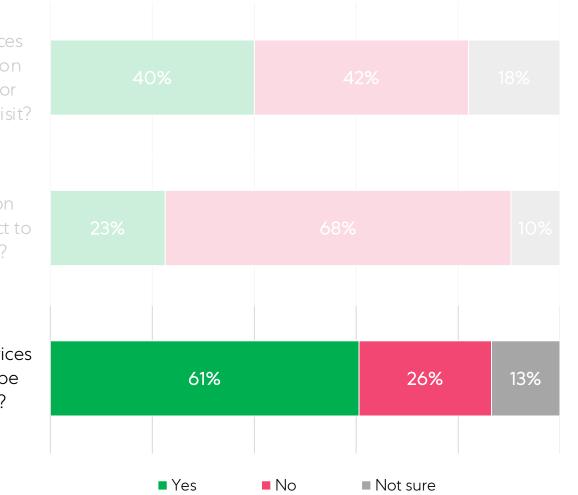
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61% think it's OK to lower prices

So we have...

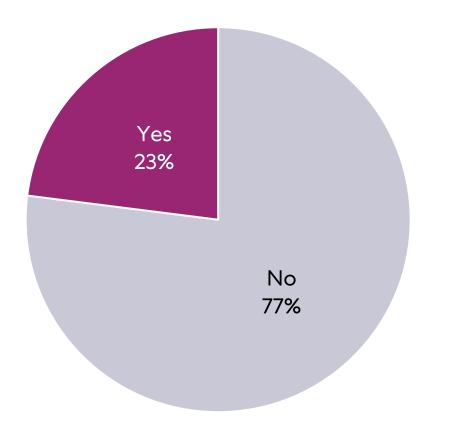
Intrinsic price sensitivity

Do people even know what dynamic pricing is?



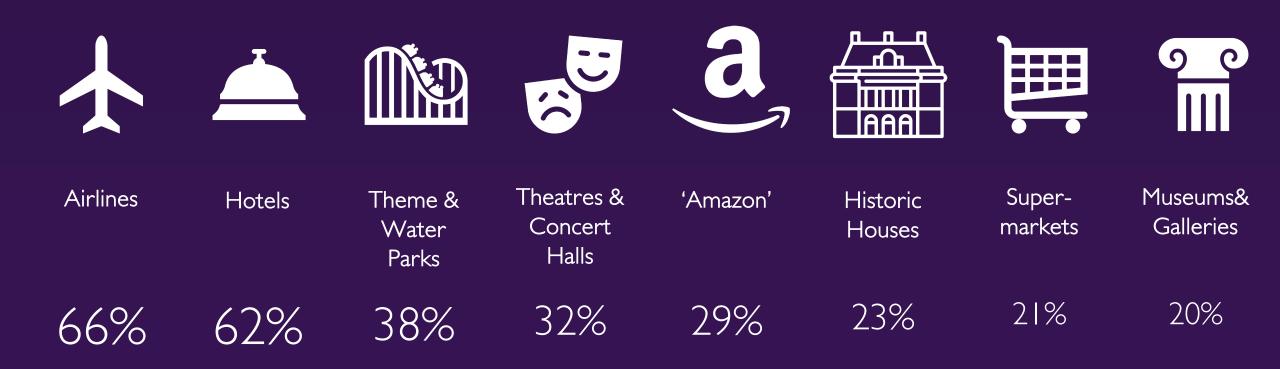
Familiarity with dynamic pricing

Have you heard of dynamic, or demand-based pricing before?



 Less than a quarter had previously heard of dynamic pricing

"Dynamic pricing is when an organisation changes the price of a product or service up or down after it has gone on sale, often based on the level of demand." To what extent do you usually expect the below industries to price in this dynamic way?



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Understanding that these industries commonly use dynamic pricing is low



Theatres & Concert Halls

32%

29%

'Amazon'



Supermarkets

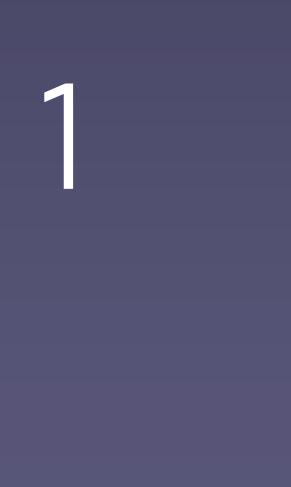
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Pricing experiments

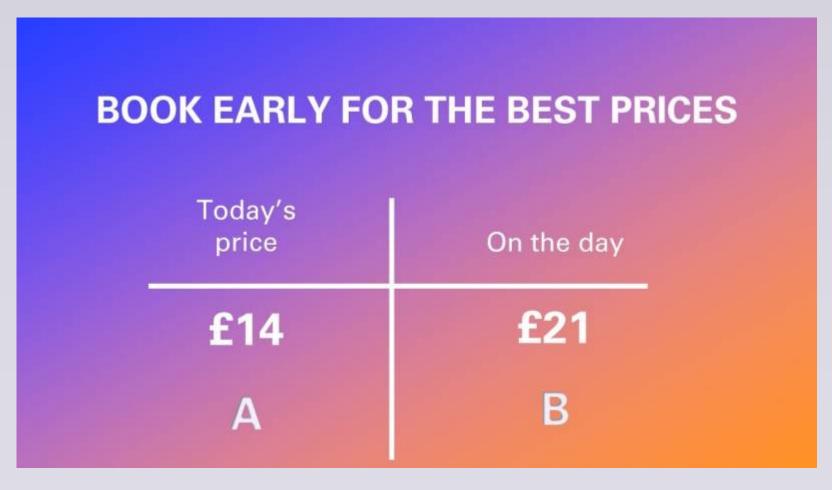


Advance booking discount with implicit dynamic pricing



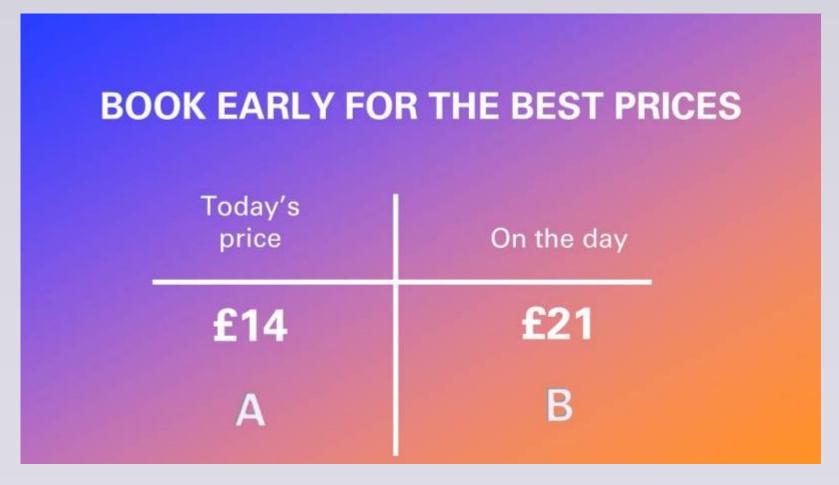
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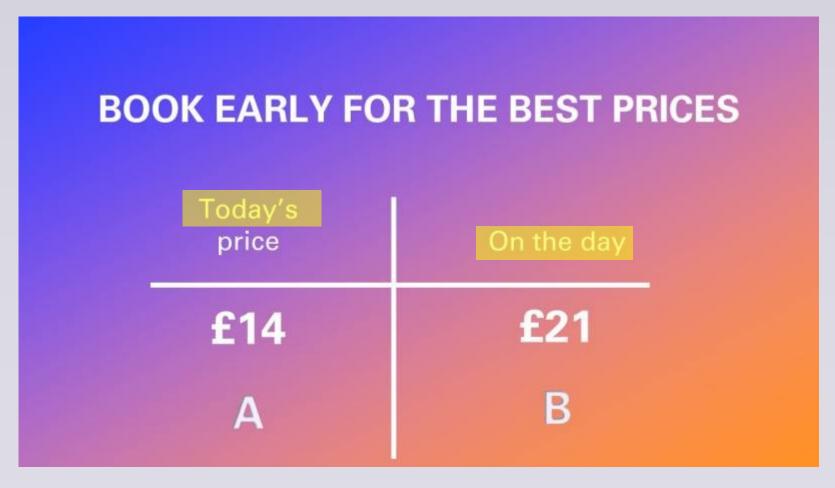
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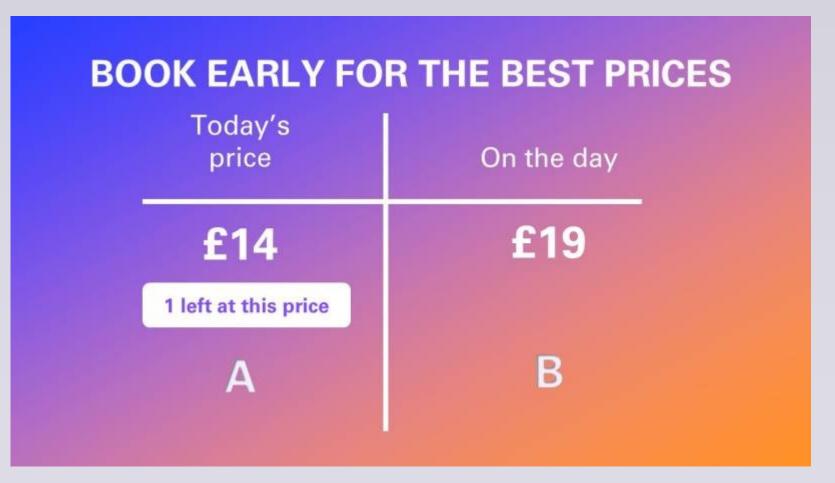
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Price thresholds and capacity scarcity

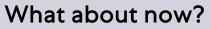
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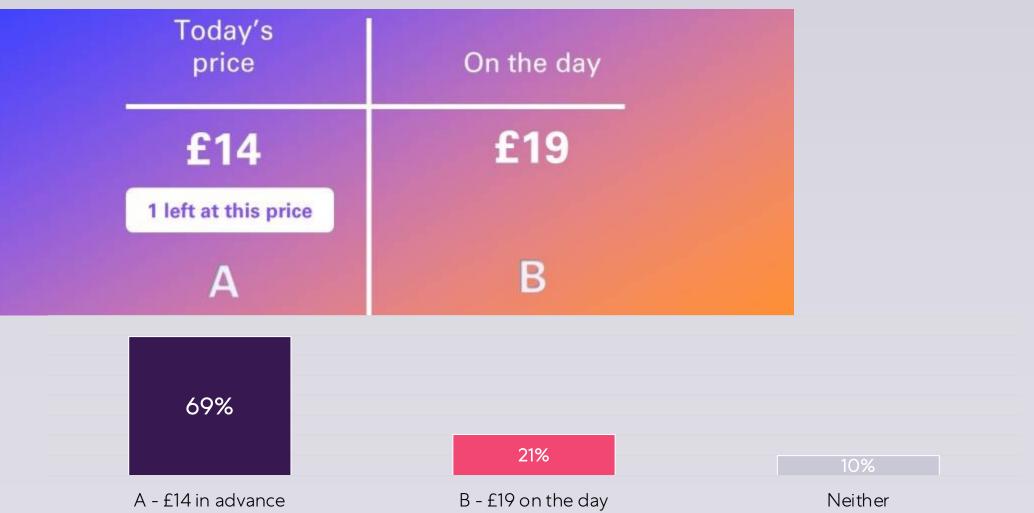
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Uncertain gate price

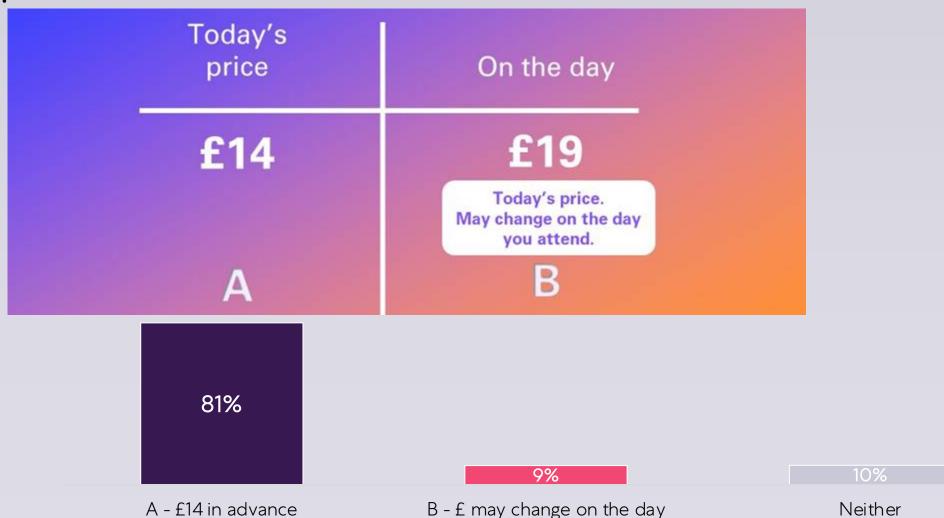


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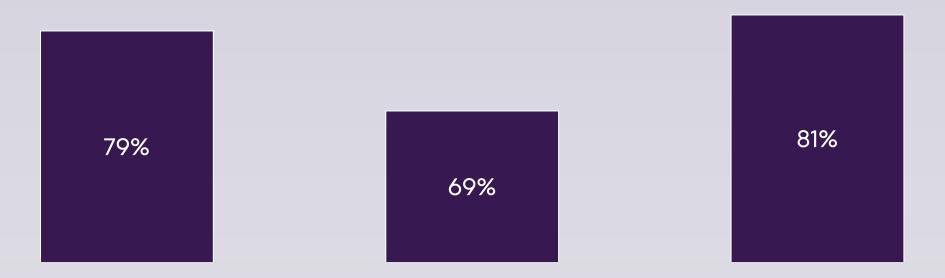


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Closing the gap pushes more people to on the day, but introducing uncertainty brings them back to advance booking



A - £14 in advance B - £21 on the day

A – £14 in advance (1 A – £14 in advance left) B – £ 19 may change on B – £19 on the day the day Back to this concept of....

"Pricing on the threshold of pain"

You visit a Visitor Attraction with a friend, and you are paying for both.

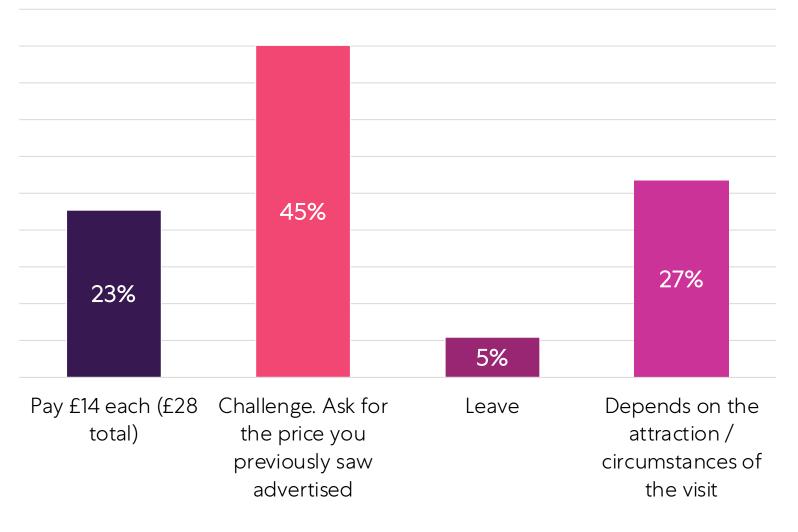
When you check the admission price on the website a few days in advance, **the advertised price is £10 each**.

When you arrive on the day the price has risen to **£14** each.

What do you do?

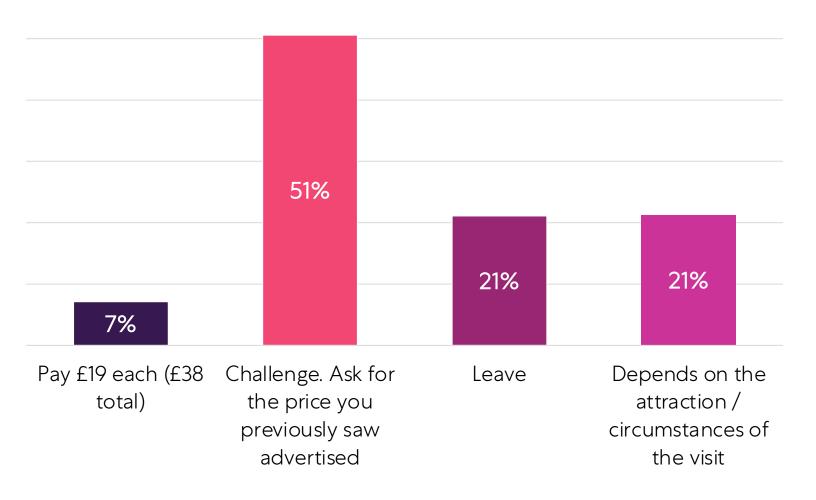
Expects £20 | Gate £28

What do you do?



Expects £20 | Gate £38

What do you do?



£19 each

Expects £20 | Gate £50

What do you do? 44% 39% 13% 4% Pay £25 each (£50 Challenge. Ask for Depends on the Leave the price you total) attraction / previously saw circumstances of advertised the visit

£25 each

The key is clear communication which helps people to make good choices, and tolerable variance

Florida Aquarium

What is Plan-Ahead Pricing?

The Florida Aquarium is proud to offer Plan-Ahead Pricing allowing you the opportunity to enjoy an Aquarium visit on a day that best accommodates both your budget and schedule.

Plan-Ahead Pricing helps make The Florida Aquarium more accessible to a variety of audiences to advance our mission to entertain, educate and inspire stewardship of the natural environment.



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Plan ahead! Ticket prices vary based on entry date. This new structure gives guests the opportunity to plan a visit on the day that best accommodates their budget and schedule. The further in advance you purchase tickets, the more you're likely to save! <u>Learn more</u> about plan-ahead pricing. Tickets now include the <u>VIP Memory Pass</u>. Admission is free for Military* and children under 3 years old. College students get a discount!**

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* Valid college ID required at Zoo Admissions.

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California Academy of Sciences



Select date and time

The Academy is open daily. You may enter at any time within your timeslot. If you don't see your desired timeslot, it is unavailable.

TODAY - Tuesday, December 13	
Select entry time	•
Select entry time	
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (Adult \$42.00)	
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Adult \$42.00)	
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (Adult \$42.00)	
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Somerset House: Ice rink

Tuesday 03 Jan 2023

Please note that the 10:00 session is a Chilled Out Session. These sessions will have music at lower levels, an extra indoor space as a chill out area if

γou need to take a break from the rink during γour session, and the environment on the ice will be quieter and more spacious. <u>Read more here.</u>

By purchasing a ticket you consent to all terms and conditions (view here).

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Please select a time below			
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Senior 60+	£14.00	0	~
Disabled	£14.00	0	~

16 Nov 2022 - 15 Jan 2023 Adult tickets from £10 - £22 + one-off transaction fee per order

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Somerset House: Ice rink

Skate

Tuesday 27 Dec 2022

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Essential Information (click here)

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09:00 22:00

Please select your ticket types

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Revenue Management in the Arts

- Variable pricing is giving way to Dynamic
- Manually-operated Dynamic is gradually giving way to algorithmic Dynamic
 - ...and premium seats are spreading, in size within a venue, and from venue to venue
- Pay What You Can is here to stay in some parts
- Not yet clear what the impact is on universality and whether, as public funding diminishes, there will be a backlash
- Dynamic is increasingly essential to some organisations fluid pricing is seen as the only sensible mitigation against a wide range of destabilising forces...

...but there are indications it doesn't work everywhere, and some are hitting the limits of the market's WTP even after extensive efforts to develop the market.

• So remodelling the cost base likely to come next – consolidation, partnership, mergers

Dynamic Pricing: Double the income, or double edged sword?

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