LOCAL MARKETING CALENDAR 2025

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INTRODUCTION



Why is localised marketing so important?

Localised marketing means tailoring your marketing strategies and campaigns to meet the specific preferences, needs and cultural nuances of a particular nation and country. Localising involves adapting content, messaging, and promotional tactics to resonate effectively with the local audience.

Localising your marketing is important to enhance relevance and connect with the target audience, leading to better engagement and customer loyalty. By localising, you'll create more personalised and effective campaigns, improving your brand perception, driving higher conversion rates, and ultimately increasing sales. Localising your marketing efforts will also help you avoid cultural missteps and ensure that the brand message resonates positively with the local customers.

Content that resonates with locals

Writing localised, translated ads and copy, even if English ones perform okay, can significantly boost your marketing effectiveness. While your English ads and copy may reach a broad audience, the localised and translated content resonates more deeply with local consumers. This connection enhances trust, brand loyalty, and engagement, leading to higher conversion and retention rates. Localised ads will also help you stand out in competitive markets where your brand is yet to gain awareness.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The Local Marketing Calendar is a guide to your target markets' most important dates, cultural celebrations and customs. Use this guide to find out when it's the right time to post around a specific holiday, find days that resonate with socially conscious consumers, and understand what your local competitors are doing to win over their customers.

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOUR SUCCESS

MakesYouLocal has helped over 1000 webshops on their international expansion. Our native experts optimise webshops to match local demands, translate webshop & product texts in 22 languages and take care or the daily operations, like customer service and social media monitoring, making sure your business can reach it's full potential abroad.

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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE NORWEGIANS?

TOP CHANNELS:



3.15 million users



3.49 million users



2.60 million users



1.80 million users



1.89 million users

TOP ONLINE PURCHASES:



Fashion



Beauty products



Health & pharmacy products



Sports & leisure



Home electronics

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OCTOBER OKTOBER

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THEME OF THE MONTH:

Breast Cancer Awareness Month | *Brystkreftmåneden* - *Rosa sløyfe-aksjonen*

Businesses across sectors take part in the campaign, selling pink products or donating a portion of sales. Many wear the pink ribbon or light buildings up in pink hue to show support. The campaign is led by the Norwegian Cancer Society and Brystkreftforeningen.

PHENOMENON:

Wintertime | Vintertid

Daylight hours decrease quickly in October, and by the end of the month, the switch to winter time reinforces the sense of darker days ahead. This seasonal change influences daily routines, energy levels, and creates a stronger focus on indoor activities and lighting.

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHT:

Autumn break | *Høstferie*

The autumn school break, Hestferie, ushers Norwegians into the full autumn experience. The vibrant colours of falling leaves create beautiful landscapes, as the crisp air signals the approach of winter. Families spend time outdoors, head to their cabins and enjoy the last of the autumn hikes before the weather turns cold.

October

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

14-23 Bergen International Film Festival

One of Norway's largest film festivals. Showcases over 120 documentary and feature films from around the world.

IMPORTANT DATES

POPULAR HASTAGS

| 1st Potato day Potetdagen Cooking events, recipe sharing, and promotions highlight the potato's central role in Norwegian cuisine. Supermarkets and food brands run campaigns featuring potato-based products, offering special discounts and recipe ideas. | #potetdagen #diggpotet #potetfest |
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| 26th End of Daylight Saving Time Vintertid Clocks are set back one hour, giving people an extra hour of sleep. Brands in the wellness or home goods sectors promote products like cozy blankets or sleep aids, aligning with the theme of "extra sleep." | #vintertid #vintertid #stillklokka |
| 31st Halloween Halloween Children dress up in costumes and go trick-or-treating, while brands run Halloween promotions, sell costumes, and share spooky content. | #halloween #halloweendecor #halloweenfeiring |

SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS DATES -

POPULAR HASTAGS

| 1st International Day of Older Persons Den internasjonale dagen for eldre personer | #theinternationaldayforolderpersons #eldredagen #eldresrettigheter |
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| 2nd World Farm Animals Day Verdensdagen for gårdsdyr | #worldfarmanimalsday #worldfarmanimalsday #WorldDayForFarmedAnimals |
| 4th World Animal Day Verdens dyredag | #verdensdyredag #worldanimalday #dyrevelferd |
| 10th World Mental Health Day Verdensdagen for psykisk helse | #verdensdagenforpsykiskhelse #verdensdagenforpsykiskhelse #alleharenpsykiskhelse |
| 24th United Nations Day FN-dagen | #fndagen #unitednationsday #UnitedNations |
| 24th International Day of Climate action Den internasjonale dagen for klimatiltak | #internationaldayofclimateaction #ClimateAction #ClimateActionDay |
| 26th World Sustainability Day (note: might change annually) Verdens bærekraftsdag | #bærekraftsdagen #worldsustainabilityday #SustainabilityGoals |

NOVEMBER NOVEMBER

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THEME OF THE MONTH:

Quiet Transitions and Cozy Moments | Rolige Overganger og Koselige Øyeblikk

November is a month of quiet transition. The days grow shorter, and the cold sets in, prompting people to seek warmth indoors. It's a time for reflection, rest, and early preparations for Christmas. With the peaceful, grey landscape, many enjoy cozy moments at home, sipping warm drinks and begin to plan for the festive season ahead.

PHENOMENON:

Polar night | *Mørketid*

The polar night begins in the northern parts in late November. Above the Arctic Circle, the sun stays below the horizon for weeks, only allowing a few hours of bluish twilight each day. In Tromsø, this lasts from around November 27 to mid-January.

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHT:

Christmas preparations | Forjulsforberedelser

Holiday preparations are kicked off by the Black Friday shopping craze. By the end of the month, holiday decorations appear in stores as people begin planning meals, gifts, and gatherings. The festive spirit builds, with excitement growing for the upcoming Christmas season.

November

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Jul i Vinterland i Oslo

Oslo's largest Christmas market typically opens in late Novemberoffering a wide array of festive stalls with holiday goods, crafts, and seasonal treats.

Pepperkakebyen i Bergen

The world's largest gingerbread village, built annually in Bergen.

IMPORTANT DATES

POPULAR HASHTAGS

| 1st All Saints' Day Allehelgensdag The day is dedicated to remembering the deceased, and many visit cemeteries and light candles. | #farsdag #farsdag #godfarsdag |
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| 9th Father's Day Farsdag Families celebrate dads with small gifts, breakfast in bed, or homemade cards on the second Sunday of November. | #allehelgensdag #allehelgensdag #allehelgensaften |
| 11th Singles' Day Singles' Day Singles' Day is growing in popularity in Norway, with many shops and online stores offering special deals and discounts to kick off the holiday shopping season. | #singlesday #singlesdaysale #singlesdaynorge |
| 28th Black Friday Black Friday Black Friday and Black Week have made November the key month for shopping. Discounts are abundant, and consumer spending rises as people hunt for holiday deals, marking the start of Christmas preparation. | #blackfriday #blackfridaysales #blackweek |
| 30th First Advent Sunday Ferste sendag i advent Marks the start of the Advent season. Many light the first candle in the Advent wreath; churches begin preparations for Christmas | #førstesøndagiadvent #førstesøndagiadvent 🍨 |

SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS DATES -

POPULAR HASTAGS

| 1st World Vegan Day <i>Verdens vegandag</i> | #vegandag #vegandagen #worldveganday |
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| 13th World Kindness Day Verdens vennlighetsdag | #verdensvennlighetsdag #godhetsdagen #spreadkindness |
| 16th International Day for Tolerance Den internasjonale toleransedagen | #toleransedagen #toleranse #tolerance |
| 17th World Prematurity Day Verdens prematurdag | #prematurdagen #verdensprematurdag #verdensprematurdag17november |
| 20th Universal Children's Day Verdens barnedag | #verdensbarnedag #forbarna #barnsrettigheter |

DECEMBERDESEMBER

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THEME OF THE MONTH: Christmas Traditions | Norske juletradisjoner

December is deeply shaped by Christmas traditions that create a sense of belonging. From the start of Advent, homes are decorated with stars, candles, and wreaths, and families bake traditional cookies known as syv slag. Other classic meals include ribbe (dried and salted lamb ribs) and pinnekjett (seasoned pork belly) served on Christmas Eve

PHENOMENON:

Post-Christmas Sales | Romjul

Physical stores open between 27th – 31st again, and many people return to work. Most online and physical shops run 'last chance' campaigns widely known as *Romjulssalg* with extensive promotions, discounts, and special offers.

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHT:

Advent Calendars | Adventskalendere

Advent calendars build daily excitement as Christmas approaches. From simple paper calendars to chocolate treats, activity-based versions, or elaborate gift calendars, they bring joy to both children and adults. Advent series aired on TV are another nostalgic countdown staple that unites generations and makes the season special.

December

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Dec 1-23 Jul på Norsk folkemuseum

At the Norwegian Museum of Cultural History, you can experience exhibitions, a Christmas-decorated museum, and activities for both adults and children.

Dec 4-7 Julemarked på Røros

Røros is known for its picturesque Christmas market, which attracts thousands of visitors to experience lights, local food, and handicrafts.

IMPORTANT DATES

POPULAR HASHTAGS

| 7th, 14th, 21st Advent Sundays Every Sunday, a candle on the Advent wreath is lit. | #advent #jul |
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| 13th St Lucia Day Luciadagen Celebrated with candlelight processions, singing, and lussekatter saffron buns, especially at schools and kindergartens. | #førjulstid #luciadagen #luciatog #luciafeiring |
| 21st Winter Solstice Vintersolverv The shortest day and longest night of the year is seen as a turning point of winter | #vintersolverv #vintersol #vinterlys |
| 24th Christmas Eve Julaften The main day for Christmas celebrations in Norway. Families gather for dinner and gift-giving in the evening. Most stores close early. | #julaften #godjul #julestemning |
| 25th Christmas Day Første juledag A quiet day for family gatherings and holiday traditions. Many attend church and most businesses remain closed. | #førstejuledag #romjul #julestemning |
| 26th Boxing Day Andre juledag Norwegians spend time with family, enjoy outdoor activities like skiing or hiking, have movie nights, visit friends, and enjoy good food after the busy Christmas period. | #andrejuledag #romjul #julekos |
| 27th Romjul Romjul Romjul refers to the relaxed period between December 27 and December 31, where Norwegians unwind after Christmas and before New Year's Eve. | #romjul #romjulen #desember |
| 31st New Year's Eve Nyttårsaften Celebrated with fireworks, parties, and speeches. Although not a public holiday, most people have the day off or work shortened hours | #nyttårsaften #godtnyttår #fyrverkeri |

| 5th International Volunteer Day Den internasjonale frivillighetsdagen | #Frivillighetsdagen #Frivillig #IVD2025 |
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| 5th World Soil Day Verdens jorddag | #jorddag #moderjord #jordhelse |
| 6th Finnmark Liberation Day Frigjøringsdagen for Finnmark | #FrigjøringsdagenFinnmark #Vimåaldriglemme #Allierte |
| 10th Human Rights Day Menneskerettighetsdagen | #Menneskerettighetsdagen #Menneskerettigheter #StandUp4HumanRights |

"Norwegian online shoppers are among the most active in Europe, with over 85% of the population above the age of 14 shopping online. Notably, 83% of these consumers purchase products from international retailers."



AMALIE BORGUND KRISTIANSEN, Norwegian e-commerce assistant At Makesyoulocal

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LOCALISE AND ADAPT TO THE NEW MARKET

Europe is home to more than 740 million people of which an estimated 550 million are regularly shopping online. There are obvious similarities between markets and

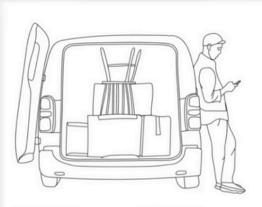
obvious similarities between markets and populations, but there are also important differences that should not be overlooked.

As mentioned above, it is crucial to be familiar with the needs and expectations of your new customers regarding for instance delivery, payments and return policy. Even if your neighbouring countries are culturally and geographically similar, there are always differences that are important to consider in order to build a successful conversion rate.

That being said, It is always easier to

That being said, it is always easier to enter a market that is similar to your home market. For example, more parallels can be drawn between Germany and Austria, than between Sweden and France.

If you are able to build trust and greet international customers visiting your webshop in a professional manner, your chances of generating sales increase significantly. To do that, there are several crucial factors to consider.



Payment methods

There are considerable differences between the ways in which customers from different European countries prefer to pay for their products and a great number of online shoppers will abandon number of online snoppers will abandon their order, and take their business elsewhere if a certain method of payment isn't available at check-out. Therefore, you should think carefully before you choose which payment

methods to offer. A good idea is to consult experienced providers of payment solutions in your home market to get insight and advice on the subject.

Delivery services

deliveries. Every time you launch in a new market, remember to consider which couriers your new customers are expecting to be able to choose from in

expecting to be able to choose from in your webshop.

All customers prefer a seamless shopping experience. This includes the delivery of their purchased product. A change of courier mid-transit, not being able to

courier mid-transit, not being able to track the order or other complications of the shipping process, can result in a negative experience for your customers. If you are planning to launch internationally, but currently only have a small volume of sales outside of your local market, then you probably won't have a lot of leverage to negotiate with, as you look for a local courier partner.

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