



Career Options in **TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT**

This field provides an understanding of the tourism and hospitality industry, including its organizational structure, service systems, communication and transportation linkages, legal and regulatory environment, financial aspects, and operational requirements, with an international emphasis on strategic management and marketing approaches.

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS: Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of occupations related to this major. Specific requirements based on education level for each occupation may vary. For additional information and assistance, please speak with a Career Center Consultant.

Bachelor's Degree/Entry Level

Front desk supervisor
Room sales manager
Catering sales manager
Food and beverage service manager
Meeting and convention planner
Assistant club manager
Convention services supervisor

Advanced Degree/Experience Needed

Hotel general manager
Hotel sales and marketing director
Corporate travel planner
Food and beverage director
Multi-unit restaurant manager
Hospital administrator
Club general manager

SAMPLE WORK SETTINGS:

Hotels, Resorts and Spas
Contract Management Companies
Airline Industry
Visitor and Convention bureaus

Restaurants
Hospitals
Country Clubs
Consulting Firms

Theme Parks
Cruise Lines
Social Clubs
Colleges and Universities

RELATED MAJOR SKILLS & CHARACTERISTICS FOR TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT MAJORS:

Excellent organization skills
Learn etiquette and social customs
Excellent customer service skills
Excellent communication skills
Detail oriented

Imaginative/creative in solving problems
Ability to meet deadlines, even during periods of great stress
Ability to work long or unusual hours and on holidays
Enjoy working with a wide variety of people

SAMPLE GW RESOURCES:

GW CAREER CENTER RESOURCES: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/career/>

GWork: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/career>

Career Search: <http://www.careersearch.net/gwu>

Career Resource Room:

Books: Opportunities in Recreation and Leisure Careers
Travel and Hospitality
50 Coolest Jobs in Sports
Sports Marketing
Career Opportunities in the Sports Industry
Careers for Sports Nuts and Other Athletic Types

GW DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION: <http://www.gwutourism.org/>

Undergraduate Program Information: <http://www.gwu.edu/~sbpm/ugrad/academics/bachba.html>

Graduate Program Information:

MBA Concentration: <http://www.sbpm.gwu.edu/pmba/current/elective.htm#thm>

Master of Tourism Administration Program: <http://gwutourism.org/MTAhome.htm>

SAMPLE WEBSITES:

Career Planning Resources:

Careers in Hospitality and Tourism: <http://omni.cc.purdue.edu/~alltson/career.htm>
Career Builder: www.careerbuilder.com
CareerSite: www.careersite.com
Career Web: www.employmentguide.com/site/index.htm
College Grad Job Hunter: www.collegegrad.com
Hospitality Career Net: www.hospitalitycareernet.com
Hospitality Careers Online: www.hcareers.com/
Hotel Career Solutions: <http://www.hotelcareersolutions.com/> (cooperative link with GWU)
Quintessential Career and Job-Hunting Resource Guide: www.quintcareers.com
Tourism and Hospitality jobs, employment, careers: omni.cc.purdue.edu/~alltson/career.htm

Job Search Resources:

Adventures in Hospitality Careers: <http://www.hospitalityadventures.com/>
Bentley Price Associates: <http://www.bentleyprice.com/>
Cool Works: www.coolworks.com
Cruise Line Employment Info <http://www.cruiselinejobs.com/>
eHotelier.com: www.ehotelier.com
Entertainment Careers: <http://www.entertainmentcareers.net/>
Hospitality Jobs: <http://www.webfanciers.com>
Hospitality Jobs Online: www.hospitalityonline.com/jobs
Hospitality Net: www.hospitalitynet.org/
Hotel Jobs Network: www.hospitalityjobs.com
Hotel Online: www.hotel-online.com/
Hotel/Restaurant/Travel Job Openings: <http://www.nationjob.com/hotel/>
Plan Soft Career Opportunities: jobs.mpoint.com
MeetingJobs.com: www.meetingjobs.com/index_2.html
Resort Jobs: www.resortjobs.com/index.html
RestaurantJobs.com: www.restaurantjobs.com
Traveljobz: www.traveljobz.net

Professional Organizations & Associations:

American Hotel and Motel Association: www.ahma.com
American Society of Travel Agents: www.astanet.com
Club Managers Association of America: www.cmaa.org
Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education: www.chrie.org
International Hotel & Restaurant Association: www.ih-ra.com
National Restaurant Association: www.restaurant.org
Professional Convention Management Association: www.pcma.org
Bahamas Hotel Association: <http://www.bhahotels.com/> (cooperative link with GWU)
World Tourism Organization: <http://www.world-tourism.org/> (cooperative link with GWU)

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