

WORKING WITH THE TRAVEL TRADE

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INVEST FOR GROWTH



British

Columbia*



(WA*, CA, OR)





China

Mexico

MAINTAIN OUR STRENGTH





Ontario*

(Ski)



United

Kingdom









Australia

Japan

RESPOND AND MONITOR





India



France



South East Asia



Global Marketing Partnerships

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Overseas Representation:

- UK
- Germany
- Australia
- China
- Japan
- Mexico **NEW!**



Strategy

CAPTIVATE:

CREATE EMOTIONAL URGENCY TO VISIT BC

ADVOCATE: AMPLIFY TRAVELLER ADVOCACY ABOUT BC

GENERATE:

GENERATE LEADS FOR BC TOURISM BUSINESSES, OTAs AND TRAVEL TRADE



Global Marketing Partnerships

- Captivate Tell our Story
 - Travel media relations (print, online, influencers and broadcast) to increase awareness
 - Content marketing
 - Destination Canada content marketing in key markets
 - NA, UK, Germany, Australia, Japan, China, Mexico
 - Digital, social media influencers, travel trade integration
 - Content integration on OTA/Rating sites
 - Social media (owned and partner channels)
- Generate
 - Generate business to BC through traditional travel trade and OTAs
 - Increase BC product/itineraries seasonality, length of stay, product info/experiences
 - Education/training/fams
 - Marketing promotions to drive sales
- Advocate
 - Amplify BC's message globally (owned and partner channels), grow engagement and foster ongoing sharing of BC stories



TRAVEL TRADE READY



Are you Export Ready?

CRITERIA

- Proven Track Record and Safety
- Inquiries and Reservations
- Marketing
- Contracting and Payment

Market Ready Standards

Destination BC in partnership with the tourism industry developed a set of market ready criteria to assist BC's tourism industry to remain competitive with other national and international tourism destinations. The Market Ready Standards have been broken down into 3-categories of "readiness" to assist tourism-related businesses in progressively increasing the quality and professionalism of their operation.

Visitor Ready

These criteria are used to determine if a tourism supplier is ready to offer "visitor ready" product to consumers.

Visitor Ready: Refers to a business which has all of their licenses, permits and insurance in place in order to operate legally.

Criteria

- The following criteria must be met if a business is to be classified as "visitor ready". The business must:
- Maintain good standing of all applicable business licenses, insurance, and legislative requirements.
 Maintain a staffed business location with a set schedule of operating hours.
- Provide a contact telephone number or email contact year-round. If closed for season, provide automated response through voicemail and or email.
- · Have branded on-site signage.

Comments:

This is the basic level required to legally conduct business in a British Columbia community. Meeting this standard means the operator/facility qualifies for a business listing, but not necessarily cost-shared promotions.

Market Ready

These criteria are used to determine if a tourism supplier is ready to offer "market ready" product to consumers.

Market Ready: Refers to a business that markets to potential visitors; communicates with potential visitors year-round, and is ready to accept advanced reservations.

Criteria

The following criteria must be met if a business is to be classified as "market ready".

- The business must meet visitor ready criteria plus:
 - Provide a published pricing policy.
 - Have a published consumer billing, payment, and cancellation policy.
 - Have marketing materials such as brochure, rack card or website.
 - Have site based parking in close proximity.
 During operating season, maintain a 24-48 hour response time; or less, to inquiries and a 24 hour response time
 - to reservation/booking requests. Be prepared to communicate and accept reservations by telephone, fax and/or e-mail and provide same day
 - confirmation of booking arrangements.
 - Have high resolution images and video footage for promotional and training purposes.
 - Have frontline staff who are trained in customer service (such as WorldHost® or equivalent customer training program)
 - Be an active stakeholder or eligible to become a stakeholder of your local tourism association.

Comments:

This is the basic level of readiness to conduct tourism operations. Meeting this standard means the operator/facility qualifies for a business listing, is entitled to participate in cost-shared promotions for local and regional markets, and is entitled to participate in out-of-province marketing programs, but not overseas markets and/or the travel trade.



Are You Travel Trade Ready?

Best Practices

- Group vs FIT business priorities
- Support trade and media fam tours
- Attending trade shows
- Work with RTOs
- Hire front line staff with language expertise
- Commit to operation dates
- Work with your local DMO, RDMO and PMO
- Check list:

http://www.destinationbc.ca/getattachment/Resources/Touri sm-Planning-Resources/Market-Ready-Standards/Market_Ready_Standards.pdf.aspx

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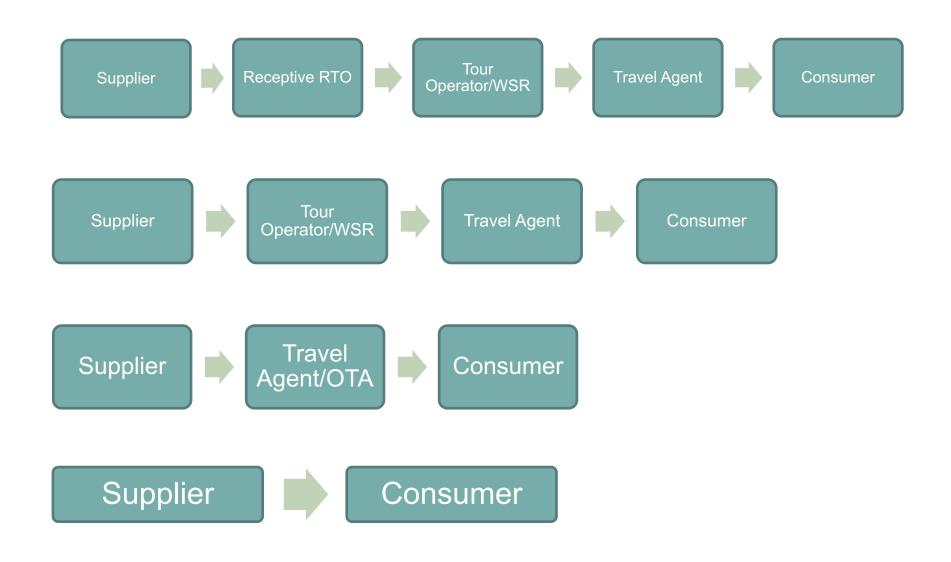


Who are the Travel Trade?

Intermediaries in travel and tourism industry:

- Receptive Tour Operator
- Tour Operator
- Wholesaler
- Travel Agent
- OTA (Online Travel Agency)







Receptive Tour Operator (RTO)

- Inbound travel
- Sells to Tour Operators and Wholesalers internationally
- May specialize in a market or sell globally





Tour Operator

- Located in the market they sell to, either to travel agent or direct to consumer
- Promote outbound travel
- May contract with inbound RTO or tour supplier
- Put together components (e.g. hotel, transportation, sightseeing)
- Have an extensive database for marketing





Wholesaler

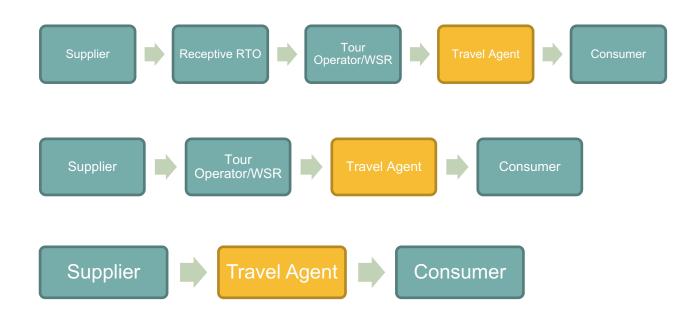
- Intermediary between tourism supplier and retail travel agent
- May sell direct to a consumer as well





Travel Agent

- Direct link to the consumer
- Independent or part of a chain
- Buy through tour operator, wholesaler, or direct
- Important channel for long-haul consumer bookings





Online Travel Agent (OTA)

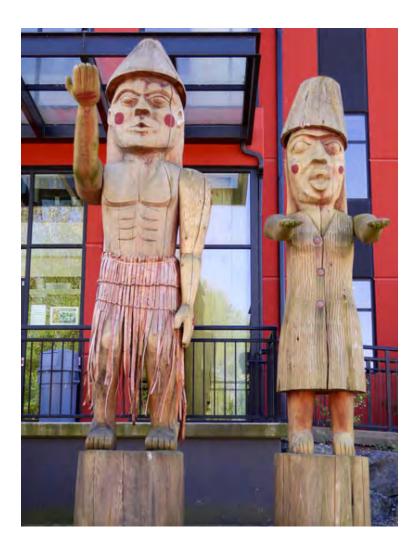
- "Online Travel Agent"
- Example: Expedia, Booking.com, CTrip
- Focus on hotels, air, car rental, some packaging
- Require a high commission from supplier
- Sells direct to consumers (changing)





Supplier

- A tourism business such as:
 - Accommodation
 - Attraction
 - Museum
 - Activity provider
 - Transportation





Cost of Supply Chain



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WHY WORK WITH THE TRAVEL TRADE?

Diversification of markets



- Variety of Overseas markets
- "Balanced Portfolio"





Greater Reach

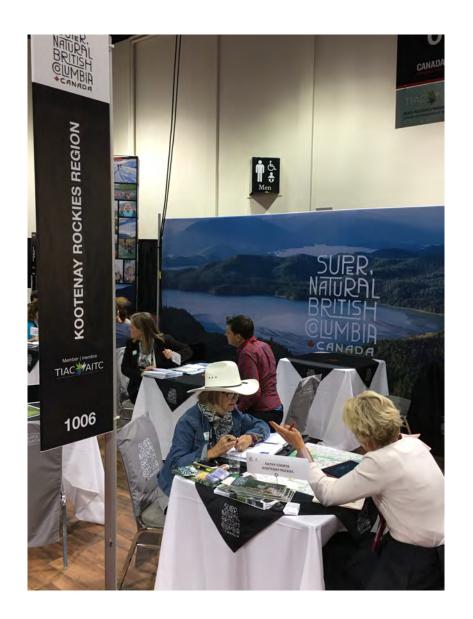
- More options to reach consumers
- Multiple distribution channels
- Cost of doing business: net rate or commission





Ease of Payment

- RTO acts as your banker
 - Collect payment from
 Overseas tour operator
 - Pay the supplier
 - Minimizes financial risk





Predictability of Bookings

• Advance bookings through Travel Trade for Overseas Consumers (anywhere from up to 8-12 months)





Support

- 24/7 support for operators' customers while they are travelling
- Foreign travel laws and consumer protection
- "Extension" of your sales team





Itinerary Development

• RTOs and Tour Operators create itineraries and packages making it easy for the Tour Operator to sell.

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9月前半ならば、シャチなどの海洋動物を目撃するチャンスもあります。

9月上旬から10月初旬までがスピリットペアーウォッチングのベストシーズンです。

ツアー提供元:生課感動の旅 株式会社ism 生産必須

ツアーハイライト 画像クリックで大きく表示します。







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苔むした。グレートペアーレインフォレストの奏で は心が癒されます。

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Summary

- Travel Trade are the key booking channel for Overseas markets.
- For Suppliers, working with an RTO is One Stop "shopping"
- Can reach FIT and group business from a variety of different markets



CONTACTING THE TRAVEL TRADE



Suggestions

- Contact your DMO, Region or Destination BC
- Start with the RTOs
- Sales calls, trade shows
- Know timing/cycle
- Be Export & Travel Trade Ready
- Follow up, follow up, follow up

Working with DBC

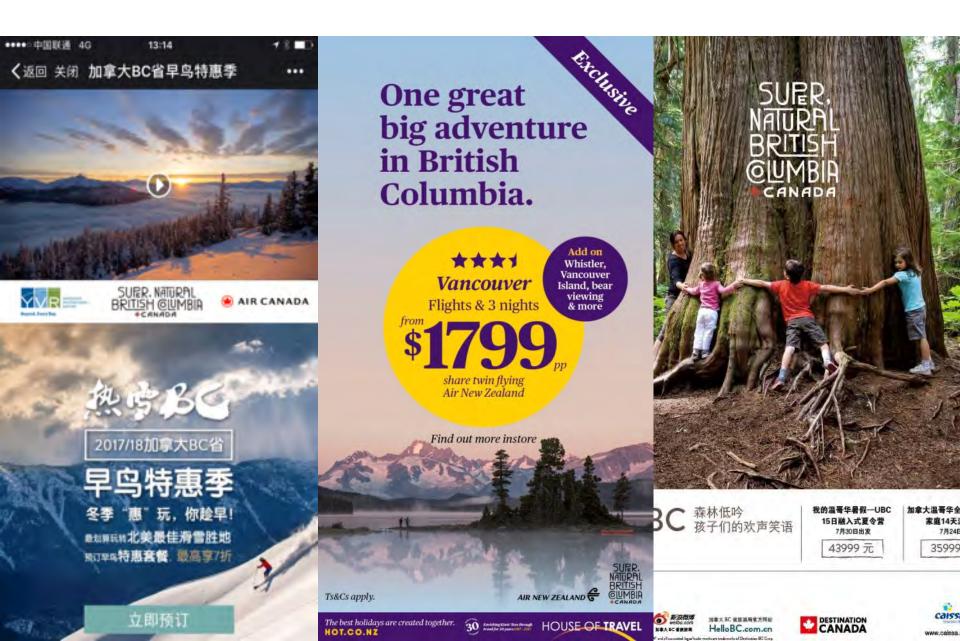


- Tell RDMOs (Kootenay Rockies Tourism) and DBC about your product
- Support Travel Trade & Media trips and Fam Tours
- DestinationBC.ca for research information (i.e market summaries)



Travel Trade







QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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