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Tutorial 1

Internet – Planning My Success

This tutorial will give you an overview of why you should use the Internet to promote your business. This tutorial also references all the tutorials you might want to read.

Reading time: 15 minutes

Prerequisite: None



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1. Who is this document designed to assist?

These tutorials have been put together to help small and medium Australian tourism operators successfully market their business online. If you don't have a website for your business or have one that is not performing to your or your customer's expectations, these tutorials are for you.

2. Roadmap to success

What do I need to do and in what order? Each tutorial can be read independently and no technological background is required to understand their content. You are also welcome to print all the tutorials and read them chronologically.

Each tutorial should not take longer than 45 minutes to read.

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Glossary

3. Why the Internet?

The Internet is a network of computer networks, which anyone can access and participate in using a web-enabled computer. Users turn to the Internet to search for information and interact with other users such as friends, peers and communities. It comes as no surprise that travellers use the “net” extensively to plan and organise their trip. Latest international research shows that more than 80% of travellers do so

This signifies that- as a tourism business - you need to move your Internet strategy to the centre of your business model. Having a website that sits “on the side” will not be sufficient to compete in the online world.