

## Travelport and GTTP join hands to create opportunities in Travel and Tourism

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Travelport, the leading distribution services and e-commerce provider for the global travel industry, will work together with the Global Travel and Tourism Partnership (GTTP) in Southern Africa this week, to launch training sessions to develop Tourism teachers in the field of technology in the travel and tourism industry. This is the first initiative of its kind in the region.

GTTP, a multi-country educational program to introduce high school learners to career opportunities in Travel & Tourism, in association with Travelport in Southern Africa have launched the pilot for 'Technology used by the global travel industry and travel professionals' with a two day 'Train the Teacher' course in Cape Town and Johannesburg. Approximately twenty five high school Tourism teachers will be given the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of the technologies applied in the travel and tourism sector over two consecutive sessions.

"Travelport is proud to sponsor this important travel and technology curriculum for the Tourism teachers and learners of South Africa," said Robyn Christie, Travelport, General Manager, Travelport Southern Africa. "We wanted to develop a thought-provoking and relevant teaching tool that will inspire the learner to investigate the many wonderful career choices in the travel and tourism industry."

“We offer this online training program for the teachers of South Africa that will educate and engage their learners,” said Elsabé Engelbrecht, Director, GTTP South Africa. “The debate and interaction that will follow is set to create superb foundation to expose the group to the trade as well as the significant employment opportunities within the sector.”

## About Travelport

Travelport is the technology company which makes the experience of buying and managing travel continually better. It operates a travel commerce platform providing distribution, technology, payment and other solutions for the global travel and tourism industry. The company facilitates travel commerce by connecting the world’s leading travel providers with online and offline travel buyers in a proprietary business-to-business (B2B) travel platform.

Travelport has a leading position in airline merchandising, hotel content and distribution, car rental, mobile commerce and B2B payment solutions. The company also provides IT services to airlines, such as shopping, ticketing, departure control and other solutions. With net revenue of over \$2.5 billion in 2018, Travelport is headquartered in Langley, U.K., has over 3,700 employees and is represented in approximately 180 countries and territories.

## About the GTTP

The GTTP is a multi-country educational program to introduce students to career opportunities in Travel & Tourism. To date, more than a million and a half students in twelve countries have participated in the GTTP. School systems provide teachers and classrooms; local and international companies provide financial and in-kind support.

Some 2,900 local businesses share their expertise with teachers and students. Leading international companies that support the GTTP's global activities include: Amadeus, American Express, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Hertz, HRG, KDS, Lufthansa, Starwood, Travelport and the World Travel & Tourism Council, and their representatives form our Advisory Board.

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