HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE
THE GEOGRAPHY OF TRAVEL
Travel and Tourism Management
Geography - an area of study that deals with the location of countries, cities, rivers, mountains and lakes.

Working in the travel and tourism industry, it is important that you be familiar with travel destinations from around the world.
The best way to look at travel destinations is to look at a globe.

Flat maps distort the world map although we use them the most.

Keep the following basic information in mind when planning travel:

- **Equator** - an imaginary line drawn around the earth equally distant from both poles, dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres and constituting the parallel of latitude 0°.
- **Hemispheres** – a half of the earth, usually as divided into northern and southern halves by the equator, or into western and eastern halves by an imaginary line passing through the poles.
- **Latitude lines** - the angular distance of a place north or south of the earth’s equator, or of a celestial object north or south of the celestial equator, usually expressed in degrees and minutes.
- **Longitude lines** - the angular distance of a place east or west of the meridian at Greenwich, England, or west of the standard meridian of a celestial object, usually expressed in degrees and minutes.
There are many factors that affect travel.

These are just a few.
Continents are the largest masses of land on earth.

Islands are land surrounded by water on all sides and are frequent destinations for vacation or pleasure travel. Hawaii and islands in the tropics are popular vacation destinations.

Mountains are high outcropping of rock and soil. The volcanic mountains are among some of the most impressive including Hawaii’s Kilauea. The Kilauea has been erupting continuously for over 20 years.

Peninsulas and capes are projections of land into water and have water on three sides of the projection. Capes are smaller projections and an example is Cape Cod in Massachusetts.
The world is divided into 24 time zones and will tend to parallel longitude lines.

International date line is an imaginary line that goes north and south through the Pacific Ocean, one day is on the east side of the line and the following day is on the west side.

Ask students to identify the time zones on a globe or map.
More than 60% of the earth is covered in water.

- Gulfs – large areas of water that penetrate into land such as the Gulf of Mexico and usually open onto a sea or ocean.
- Lakes – smaller than gulfs and seas, usually have fresh water and are usually surrounded by land.
- Oceans – largest bodies of water all interconnected
  - four oceans:
    - Atlantic
    - Arctic
    - Indian
    - Pacific
- Rivers – large streams of water that empty into other bodies of water.
- Seas – next to the largest, usually salty and open to or sometimes a part of an ocean.
Certain wind patterns are quite predictable and can affect travel.

Hurricanes – storms with winds 74+ miles per hour. 80% occur from August through October and affect travel in Florida, the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico and Southeast Asia.

Temperature zones – areas between the Arctic or Antarctic circles and the Tropics – winds blow west to east.

Tropical zones – regions between approximately 23 degrees north of the equator and 23 degrees south of the equator – wind blow from east to west. Most resorts are located in this area.
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What does this quote mean to you?
LET’S REVIEW!

1. What is geography?
2. What is the best way to look at travel destinations?
3. Can you identify the equator, hemispheres and latitude and longitude lines on a globe?
4. What are some elements that can effect travel?
5. Name the seven continents.
6. How many time zones do we have?
7. How much of the earth is covered in water?
8. Is weather predictable?

Answers to the questions are found within the slide presentation or may vary with class discussion.
Questions?
REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

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