

Introduction

Checkpoint 2 (English in Tourism), which comprises the book and the cassette at upper-intermediate level, has been designed for specific purposes, mainly for the students of tourism and those who are already involved in the tourism industry and need further learner training.

This course will give the student some understanding of the tourist activity and its development, and is concerned specifically with a range of topics such as special interest holidays, rural tourism, tourism and the environment, sustainable development, green issues and new environmental programmes, timeshare, tourism trade fairs, conference business, incentive travel programmes as well as national parks and nature reserves.

The latest developments and new tourist products have been included in both the listening and reading material. The vocabulary section concentrates on specific terminology, concepts and definitions used widely in the travel and tourism industry. *Checkpoint 2* provides authentic material followed by communication activities which, we hope, will motivate the student and allow him/her to provide an informed service to potential travellers.

The assignments have been designed to help develop and integrate the four skills, to revise and link the relevant structures that have been acquired previously and, consequently, to master the functions in order to use them adequately in real communicative situations. The book offers systematic practice in all specific language points.

It is hoped, therefore, that this book has not merely covered a certain pre-established syllabus, but will enhance the student's ability to understand, interpret and apply these new developments and patterns of tourism as they evolve.

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