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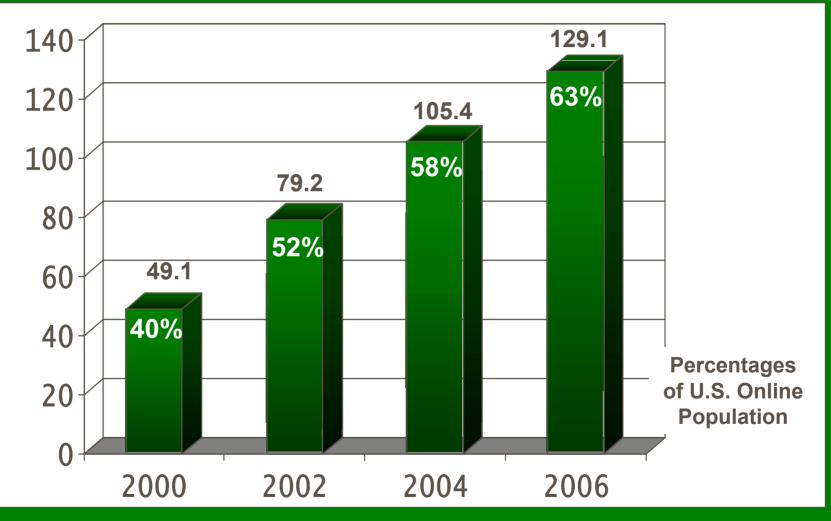


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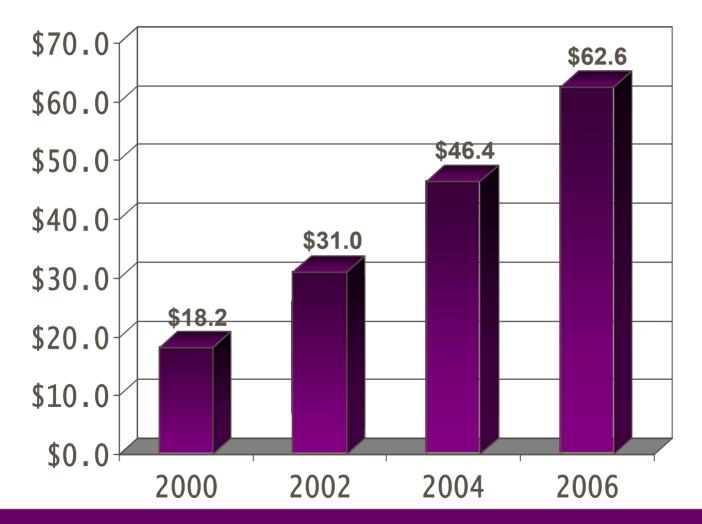
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#### U.S. Online Buying Population



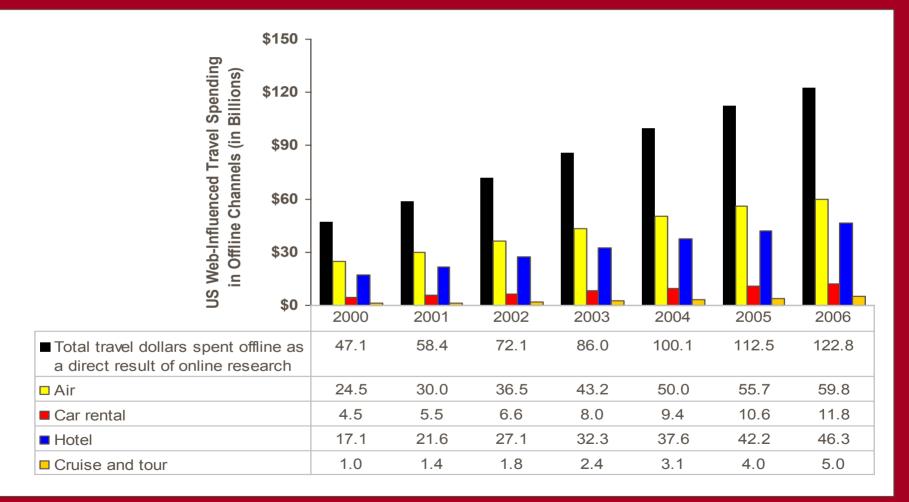
Source: Jupiter Media Metrix Expressed in Millions

#### **U.S. Online Travel Booking Revenue**



Source: Jupiter Media Metrix Expressed in Billions

#### The Web Influences Travel Purchases Made Offline



#### Source: Jupiter Media Metrix, 2001

#### Leading Source of Information for key life Decisions

Specialized Information					
Sources	Internet	TV	Newspaper	Radio	Magazine
<b>Reference Information</b>	<b>54%</b>	1%	2%	<1%	2%
<b>Travel Information</b>	<mark>51%</mark>	<mark>3%</mark>	9%	1%	9%
Health Information	39%	14%	12%	2%	20%
Product Reviews	31%	11%	11%	1%	21%
Auto Information	30%	4%	24%	1%	9%
Financial Information	28%	9%	19%	1%	1%
Technology News	24%	12%	11%	12%	13%

Source: Forrester Research – Survey of US Consumers

"The internet presents a great opportunity for smaller, regionalized businesses to market and sell their services as consumers continue to turn to the Web as a primary channel for researching and purchasing travel."

Lyn Oakes, Respond

"It's hard to consider going to a place that doesn't have a web site"

"I need to see my accommodations before I book my reservation"

"If they are not on the web, I don't even know they exist"

TIA Online Consumer Survey, 2002

## e-тip #1: Use What You've Got!

Print, Radio & TV Ads

- Promotional Pieces
- Business Cards
- Brochures
- Logos

## e-Tip #2: Get Graphical!

Purchase low-cost banner ad space

- Trade banners & logo links
- Post online coupons
- Sponsor targeted e-newsletters
- Create "I know something you don't" interactive ads

## e-Tip #3: Smile for the Engines

- Write rich, meaningful copy
- Use targeted, keywords & phrases
- Uniquely title all pages
- Use descriptive text links
- Don't try to trick the masters!

# e-тip #4: Link It Up!

Link everything within your site
Link to relevant outside sites
Ask relevant sites to link back
Don't befriend bad links!

## e-Tip #5: No Postage Necessary Allow for easy viral marketing Email past customers valuable info Create an e-newsletter Link your email signature

Don't be a Spammer!

"It [email] deserves a spot in the list of great communications inventions such as the printing press, telegraph and telephone," *Pacific Research Institute for Technology Studies* 

#### The 21<sup>st</sup> Century is here, so Face 'The Truths'

- It's getting harder and harder to get noticed on the Internet but it's not impossible.
- Getting noticed on the Net requires that you be proactive in promoting your site, spending time on marketing every day.
- Consumers are not waiting for you to get online, they're booking with those who are online.
- What worked yesterday probably won't work today, and will certainly not work tomorrow.



This book I bought on the Web is out of date and it was only published last week...

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