

Hospitality In the Cor-19 Era

What is Hospitality? Hospitality comes from Hospice an old French word meaning to provide care/shelter for travelers. The concept of hospitality is as old as civilization itself. Its development from the ancient custom of breaking bread with passing strangers to the operations of today's multi-faceted hospitality conglomerates makes fascinating reading and interesting comparisons can be made with today's hospitality management.

In the older days such as ancient times they had a lot of Taverns in Greece, Rome, and medieval times, coffee houses. Even Taverns were built in Jamestown, Virginia during the early days of the settlement. It was in Boston where the first Ordinary was recorded - Cole's Ordinary - in 1663.

After ~~Cole's~~ Cole's, the next recorded ~~tavern~~ ordinary was Hudson's House in 1640.

The Dutch built the first known Tavern in New York - the Stadt Huys in 1642. Early colonial American Inns and ~~taverns~~ Taverns are steeped as much in history as they are in hospitality.

The next year, Kneiger's Tavern opened on Bowling Green New York City. During the Revolution, this Tavern, then called the King's Arms, became the revolutionary headquarters of British General Gage.

The even more famous Francis Tavern was the revolutionary headquarters of General George Washington and was the place where he made his famous Farewell address. It is still operating today. As the colonies grew from scattered settlements to towns and cities

More and more travelers appeared along with more accommodations to serve them. The Inn, tavern or "ordinary" in the colonies soon became a gathering place for residents, a place where they ~~can~~ could catch up on the latest gossip, keep up with current events, hold meetings and conduct business.

The Innkeeper was often the most respected member of the community and was always one of its more ~~substantial~~ substantial citizens. The Innkeeper usually held some local elected office and sometime rose much higher than that. John Adams, the second president of the United States owned and managed his own tavern between 1783 and 1789. The Revolutionary War did little to change the character of these public places. They maintained their position as social centers, political gathering places, newsrooms, watering holes and travelers' rests; now, however, these places were going by different names - hotels that reflected a growing French influence in the new nation.

So what does the hotel industry look like in this era of Cor-19? Is ~~the~~ ^{there} more guest or ~~less~~ guest? If its less guest what are the hotels doing to draw guest in. Not enough guest the hotel business and employees loose out.

The next thing I want to talk about is the atmosphere of the hospitality at the hotels. Is it still warm and welcoming due to Cor-19? I worked at three ~~hotels~~ small hotels. I didn't know the pineapple is the symbol of hospitality. Pineapple has enjoyed a

a rich and romantic heritage as a symbol of welcome, friendship and hospitality. Pineapples were brought back from the West Indies by early European explorers during the seventeenth century. From that time on, the pineapple was cultivated in Europe and became the favored fruit to serve to royalty and the elite. The pineapple was later introduced into North America and became a part of North American hospitality as well. Pineapples were displayed at doors or on gate posts, announcing to friends and acquaintances: 'The ship is in! Come join us. Food and drink for all! Since its introduction, the pineapple has been internationally recognized as a symbol of hospitality and a sign of friendliness, warmth, cheer, graciousness and conviviality. Is pineapple in this era during COVID-19 still a symbol of hospitality?

The hospitality and tourism industry is the largest and fastest-growing industry groupings in the world. One of the most exciting aspects of the industry is that it is made up of so many different professions. What picture comes to mind when you think about a career in hospitality and tourism? Do you picture a chef, a general manager, owners of their own businesses, a director of marketing or an event manager? The possibilities are many and varied, ranging from positions in restaurant, resorts, air and cruise lines, theme parks, attractions and casinos, to name a few of several sectors of the hospitality and tourism industries.

If Hospitality and Tourism industry is the largest and fastest growing industry groupings in the world what does it look like in the COVID-19 era

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