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### Take Advantage of OpenTravel Member Benefits

Happy Holidays from OpenTravel! It's been an exciting year for us. As **the** source for travel industry connectivity, we've been heavily involved with various groups and events, creatively solving technology challenges for disparate systems that ultimately improve the entire travel experience from reservations to reviews.

Reflecting on everything OpenTravel has been involved in this year, we want to make sure **your membership is being utilized to its full advantage.** 



### **Highlighted Benefits**

#### OpenTravel Developers' Network

The OpenTravel Developers' Network (ODN) supports the collaborative nature of OpenTravel schema development. *Member access* to the ODN includes workgroup and project team documents, as well as resources such as the code list, implementation guide, an event calendar and more.

To take full advantage of the **OpenTravel Developers' Network**, register for member access directly on the site by clicking on the register link in the upper right hand corner.

#### **OpenTravel Model – Development Environment**

As OpenTravel efforts focus on benefiting the travel industry as a whole, members and non-members alike have access to the same OpenTravel tools. However, *OpenTravel members enjoy access to additional features within various tools*. The OpenTravel Model-Development Environment (OTM-DE) encapsulates OpenTravel's best practices and provides the tools to develop OTM objects and generate artifacts.

As a member, you have access to the latest updates to the OTM-DE before they are available to the public. The latest version of the OTM-DE can be found under the **Model Designer App web page**.

#### 2.0 Repository

The 2.0 Repository maintains libraries of objects across all travel verticals. It is a place to share work, leverage others' work and collaborate. The Repository saves a significant amount of time by allowing users to utilize previously developed concepts. Additionally, the 2.0 Repository allows members to access not only the published libraries, but also libraries that have **not** been finalized and published in the OTM Repository. This gives members the ability to start development prior to publication.

To request access to the 2.0 Repository, click here.

#### **Project Teams**

With your OpenTravel membership, you have the ability to influence OpenTravel standards and development. If you're not involved in any project teams, we'd love to have you join. Currently, OpenTravel is running project teams for 2.0 Model Build and 2.0 Hotel Descriptive Content with project teams spinning up for 2.0 Car Rental and 2.0 Rail. In addition to project team participation, member companies can run for chair positions of workgroups and committees.

To join a team or make a suggestion, email our Specifications Director Sandy Angel at **sandy.angel@opentravel.org**.

As an OpenTravel member, **you are connected with the industry's best and brightest minds** that are directly impacting the direction of travel industry connectivity. *There is no other organization that allows you to network with professionals from such a variety of verticals, including air, hotel, car, rail, cruise, golf and more.* 

### **Summary of Benefits**

- Obtain access to all features of OpenTravel's 2.0 object model solution, including the repository which allows you to add, reuse and extend objects, greatly reducing development time
- Influence the priority of projects and workgroups in order to more quickly accomplish goals that are beneficial to your company
- Participate in any project team that is relevant to your company's business needs
- Initiate and lead a project team to address industry needs



- Influence the structure of OpenTravel standards
- · Access members-only documentation and websites, including education and tutorials
- Get early access to specifications during member review periods
- Speed time-to-market for new products and new partners
- Lower the cost of implementation
- Gain credibility in the marketplace through membership and participation in an accepted and respected industry standards body
- Network with potential partners and potential customers
- Participate in a community of like-minded distribution professionals from the leading companies in the global travel industry who are committed to open standards
- Receive preferred pricing to OpenTravel events
- Prove your company's experience with OpenTravel schemas through OpenTravel's Message Registration Program
- Ask questions and get answers from OpenTravel implementation experts on the **OpenTravel Forum**

## Happy Holidays!

From the OpenTravel family to yours, best wishes for a wonderful holiday season, and a new year full of health and happiness. We are very appreciative of our members and all that you do to contribute to the success of OpenTravel, and we look forward to a fantastic 2019.

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