

OTHER TRAVEL APPLICATIONS

While direct-to-the-home videotex service is generating most of the headlines and excitement these days, it is important to recognize that videotex is a medium that offers many more possibilities than the delivery of computer communications services to the home. Some applications require minimal investments. A few examples follow, many of which could be applied to companies and organizations in the travel and leisure sector.

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- Small, inexpensive stand-alone units, costing about the same as a personal computer, are already in use at exhibits and trade shows, providing powerful sales, promotional and advertising information.
- With video projection units, videotex is replacing traditional 35 mm projectors for audio-visual briefings, "travelogues" and sales.
- Videotex systems, located in shopping malls, stations, airports, hotel lobbies and public plazas are being used to advertise services and provide information.
- Videotex units are being used within stores, banks and other commercial outlets to provide high-impact advertising and promotional messages to on-premises customers. Many of these already include travel information.
- At hotels, they provide information on convention activity and other services.

- Videotex is being used in the office to bring the business manager or executive information such as up-to-the-minute stock, commodities, and money market activities, currency exchange rates and other business information.
- Some companies are using videotex as a training tool, to familiarize new employees with procedures and operations.
- Combined with other technologies, such as videodisc, they are providing a powerful new user-selectable advertising and promotion medium, with full TV production values.