Training course on Cybersecurity for Tourism and Hospitality Businesses

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Tourism and hospitality	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the fundamental principles and strategic importance of **Cybersecurity for Tourism and Hospitality Businesses**.
2. Understand the **common cyber threats, attack vectors, and vulnerabilities** specific to the industry.
3. Master methodologies for **conducting cybersecurity risk assessments and vulnerability management**.
4. Develop expertise in implementing **network security controls** (firewalls, intrusion detection, VPNs).
5. Formulate comprehensive strategies for **protecting sensitive guest data (PII, PCI DSS compliance)**.
6. Comprehend **data privacy regulations (GDPR, CCPA)** and their impact on cybersecurity practices.
7. Implement robust **incident response plans, disaster recovery, and business continuity strategies**.
8. Develop effective **employee security awareness training programs** and phishing prevention.

9. Understand **cloud security best practices** for hospitality systems.
10. Manage **third-party vendor risks and supply chain cybersecurity**.
11. Explore **emerging cyber threats** (e.g., ransomware, IoT vulnerabilities) and protective measures.
12. Design a comprehensive **Cybersecurity Framework and Action Plan** for a hospitality business.
13. Position themselves as strategic leaders capable of ensuring **digital resilience and guest trust** in tourism and hospitality.

Target Audience

This course is designed for professionals and aspiring individuals responsible for cybersecurity in tourism and hospitality:

1. **IT Managers & Directors in Hospitality:** Directly responsible for cybersecurity infrastructure.
2. **General Managers & Operations Leaders:** Overseeing business continuity and guest trust.
3. **Data Privacy Officers & Compliance Managers:** Ensuring regulatory adherence.
4. **Risk Management Professionals:** Assessing and mitigating cyber risks.
5. **Hotel Owners/Operators:** Concerned with protecting assets and reputation.
6. **Revenue Managers:** Understanding security implications for booking systems.
7. **Sales & Marketing Managers:** Protecting customer data.
8. **Hospitality & Tourism Students:** Focused on IT, risk, and compliance.

Course Duration: 10 Days

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Cybersecurity in Hospitality

- The Critical Importance of Cybersecurity in the Digital Age of Travel.
- Understanding the Unique Threat Landscape for Hospitality Businesses.
- Common Cyberattacks Targeting Hotels, Restaurants, and Tourism Operators.
- The Impact of Data Breaches: Financial, Reputational, Legal.
- Overview of a Comprehensive Cybersecurity Framework (e.g., NIST).

Module 2: Cybersecurity Risk Management and Assessment

- Identifying Critical Assets and Sensitive Data (PII, PCI Data, Loyalty Info).
- Conducting Cybersecurity Risk Assessments: Identifying Threats, Vulnerabilities, Impacts.
- Risk Prioritization and Mitigation Strategies.
- Developing a Risk Management Plan.
- Vulnerability Scanning and Penetration Testing Basics.

Module 3: Network Security for Hospitality Infrastructure

- Implementing Firewalls and Intrusion Detection/Prevention Systems (IDS/IPS).
- Secure Network Architecture: Segmentation, VLANs.
- Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) for Remote Access.
- Wireless Network Security (Guest Wi-Fi vs. Internal Network).
- Protecting Point-of-Sale (POS) Systems and Payment Terminals.

Module 4: Data Protection and Privacy Compliance

- Understanding PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard) for Payment Data.

- Compliance with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) for Guest Data.
- Compliance with CCPA (California Consumer Privacy Act) and other Regional Laws.
- Data Encryption Best Practices (Data at Rest, Data in Transit).
- Data Minimization and Retention Policies.

Module 5: Identity and Access Management (IAM)

- Implementing Strong Authentication Methods (Multi-Factor Authentication - MFA).
- Managing User Accounts and Permissions.
- Role-Based Access Control (RBAC).
- Password Policies and Management.
- Employee Onboarding and Offboarding Procedures for Security.

Module 6: Endpoint Security and Malware Prevention

- Protecting Endpoints: Computers, Mobile Devices, IoT Devices.
- Antivirus and Anti-Malware Solutions.
- Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR).
- Patch Management and Software Updates.
- USB and Removable Media Control.

Module 7: Incident Response and Disaster Recovery

- Developing a Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan (IRP).
- Steps in Incident Response: Identification, Containment, Eradication, Recovery, Post-Mortem.
- Building a Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) and Business Continuity Plan (BCP).
- Data Backup and Restoration Strategies.
- Communication During a Cyber Incident.

Module 8: Employee Security Awareness Training

- The Human Element in Cybersecurity: Training and Awareness.
- Phishing and Social Engineering Prevention Training.
- Secure Browsing and Email Practices.
- Reporting Suspicious Activities.
- Regular Security Awareness Campaigns.

Module 9: Third-Party Vendor Risk Management

- Assessing Cybersecurity Risks Associated with Third-Party Vendors (PMS, Booking Engines, Software Providers).
- Vendor Security Assessments and Due Diligence.
- Including Cybersecurity Clauses in Vendor Contracts.
- Monitoring Vendor Compliance.
- Managing Supply Chain Cybersecurity.

Module 10: Cloud Security for Hospitality Systems

- Understanding Cloud Security Models (IaaS, PaaS, SaaS).
- Securing Data and Applications in the Cloud.
- Cloud Access Security Brokers (CASB).
- Data Encryption in Cloud Environments.

- Best Practices for Cloud Configuration and Management.

Module 11: Emerging Threats and Technologies

- Understanding Ransomware Attacks and Mitigation Strategies.
- IoT Device Security in Smart Hotels.
- AI-Powered Cyberattacks and AI-Powered Defenses.
- Deepfakes and Their Impact on Reputation and Security.
- Future of Cybersecurity: Quantum Computing, Blockchain for Security.

Module 12: Developing a Cybersecurity Framework and Action Plan

- Practical Application: Designing a Tailored Cybersecurity Framework for a Hospitality Business.
- Identifying Key Priorities and Actionable Steps.
- Budgeting for Cybersecurity Investments.
- Building a Culture of Security Across the Organization.
- Continuous Improvement and Adaptation to the Evolving Threat Landscape.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.

- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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