Unit 9 - Tourism Marketing (THM1009)

Competences: – at the end of the module/unit the learner will have acquired the responsibility and autonomy to:

- a) Discuss the key concepts and principles of marketing as applied to destinations and tourism experience
- b) Identify current issues associated with destination marketing
- c) Examine and assess the effectiveness of marketing strategies applied to tourism
- d) Engage in tourism and marketing research and inquiry to inform strategic decision making and problem solving
- e) Work independently and as a team member to collect and analyse information aimed at problem solving and decision making in Marketing issues
- f) Describe the digital trends that are developing in the business-to-consumer and business-to-business markets

Knowledge – at the end of the module/unit the learner will have been exposed to the following: (This can be a list of knowledge/content items)

- a) An understanding of the marketing process within the tourism and hospitality industries.
- b) An understanding of the customer buying stages in the tourism and hospitality industries.
- c) Knowledge on the design and implementation of an effective marketing campaign.
- d) An appreciation of the concept of brand loyalty in tourism and hospitality.
- e) An understanding of the internal and external environments affecting digital marketing.

Skills – at the end of the module/unit the learner will have mastered the following skills:

Applying knowledge and understanding

The learner will be able to:

- a) Design and develop a marketing plan
- b) Demonstrate skills in oral and written marketing communication
- c) Demonstrate critical and analytical thinking in accordance with professional marketing contexts
- d) Interpret a tourism marketing plan through the use of decision making tools such as marketing planning, competitor analyses, SWOT, PESTEL, 5 Forces Model, PLC (Extended PLC), BCG Matrix and developing the marketing mix.
- e) Apply best practice frameworks for developing a digital marketing strategy.

Judgment Skills and Critical Abilities

The learner will be able to:

- a) Evaluate the importance of marketing research in a particular context in the tourism, travel, and hospitality sectors
- b) Investigate how information technology can revolutionise particular tourism marketing campaigns and marketing communications.