

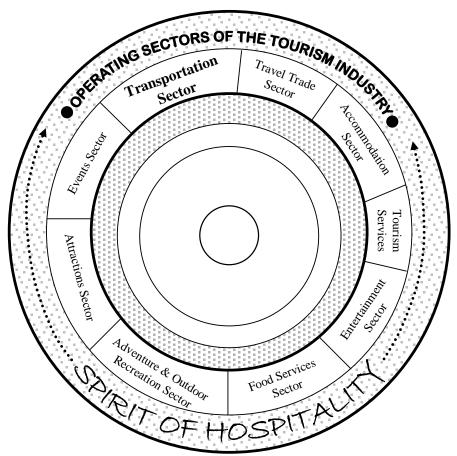
## **Learning Objectives**

- Comprehend the importance of transportation in tourism.
- Understand the airline industry and its role in travel.
- Examine the domination of the automobile in travel.
- Learn about the role of rail and motor coach travel.
- Study the cruise industry.

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## Operating Sectors of the Tourism Industry

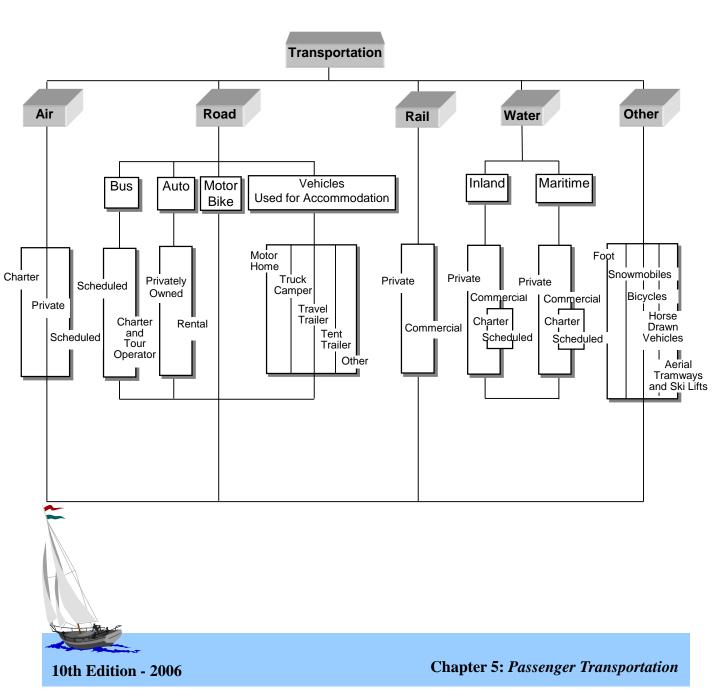




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### **Passenger Transportation Structure**



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## Urgent Transportation Problems

- 1. Congestion
- 2. Safety and security
- 3. Environmental damage
- 4. Seasonality



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# **Airline Industry**

- World airline industry carries over 1 billion passengers per year.
- The U.S. airline industry in 2005
  - \* Employs 600,000 people
  - \* Records revenues of over \$100 billion

However, since 2001, U.S. carriers have suffered large losses. A weak air transportation system affects the rental car business, hotels, and attractions.

Low-cost carriers are growing.

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## **Rail Industry**

 Reached its peak volume in the U.S. in 1920.



- Major railroads want out of the passenger service business (except commuter service). Passenger service depends on Amtrak. The situation is similar in Canada with passenger service dependent on VIA Rail.
- Passenger rail service is much more important outside of North America. Efficient, economical, high speed trains provide an alternative to air travel.

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# Motor coach Industry

- Intercity bus passengers tend to be lower income non-business travelers who are very price sensitive.
- Intercity bus service is becoming less important due to increased auto ownership and aggressive airline pricing.
- Bus travel is characterized by:
  - More travel to and from rural areas and small towns than other modes of transportation.
  - Lower average ticket revenues than other modes.
- Intercity bus industry is a smallbusiness industry with a great deal of flexibility.
  - Many bus companies focus primarily or exclusively on charter, tour or commuter operations.

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## **Automobile**

- Most popular mode of travel in the world because of affordability, flexibility, and convenience.
- In the U.S., the Travel Industry
   Association of America reports that
   80% of person-trips are made by auto.
- Rental car industry growing in importance.
  - \* Grosses approximately \$20 billion per year.







# **Cruise Industry**

- Fastest growing segment of the travel industry.
- Since 1980 had average annual growth rate of 8.1%.
- Expanding fleets.
- Adding new ports of call.
- Seeing consolidation.

 Served by the Cruise Lines International Association.

