# Internet Distribution of Travel and Tourism Services: USA – Europe - Brazil

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### Overview

- 1. <u>USA</u>: Trends in the US online travel market
- 2. <u>Europe</u>: Trends in the European online travel market and comparison with the USA
- 3. <u>Brazil</u>: Trend in Internet usage + Tentative status for the Brazilian online travel market: Airlines - and hotels

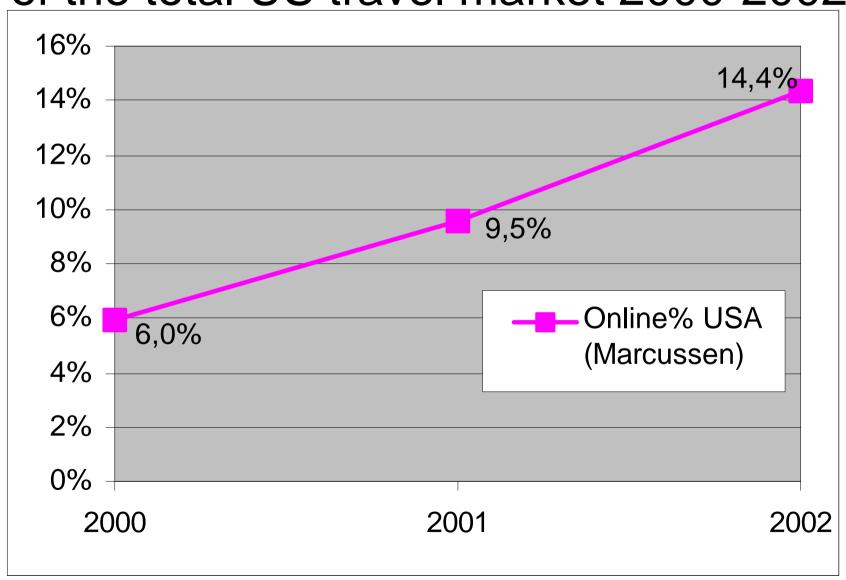
### **Abstract**

- 1. This presentation will discuss the evolution of the online marketplace for travel and tourism services, comparing and contrasting the development in the USA and Europe. Tentatively, the development in Latin America will be discussed, based on key indicators of telecom, computer and Internet usage.
- 2. Examples of the most successful sites for travel and tourisms services in terms of revenue generated in the US and in the different countries in Europe will be shown, and based on that it will be discussed what type of travel services is likely to catch on first in Latin America, e.g. Brazil.
- 3. The field of Internet distribution of hotels is reviewed. The roles of GDS', online agencies, hotel chains, hotel associations and destination marketing/management organisations are discussed.

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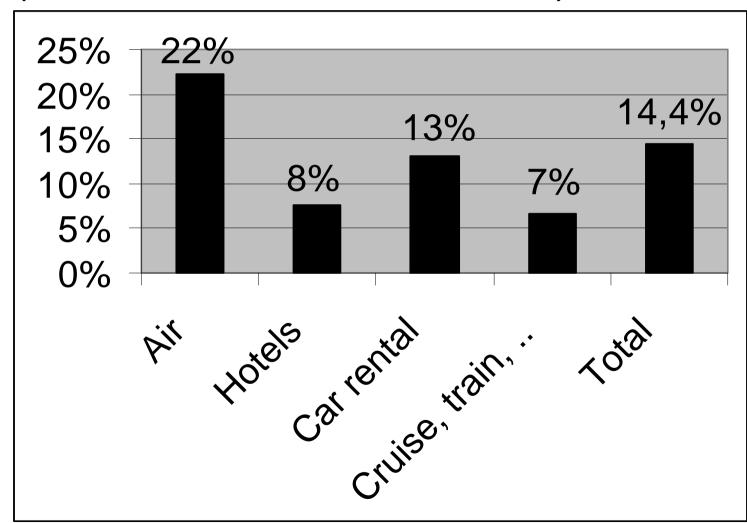
Trends in the US online travel market

## The US online travel market in percent of the total US travel market 2000-2002

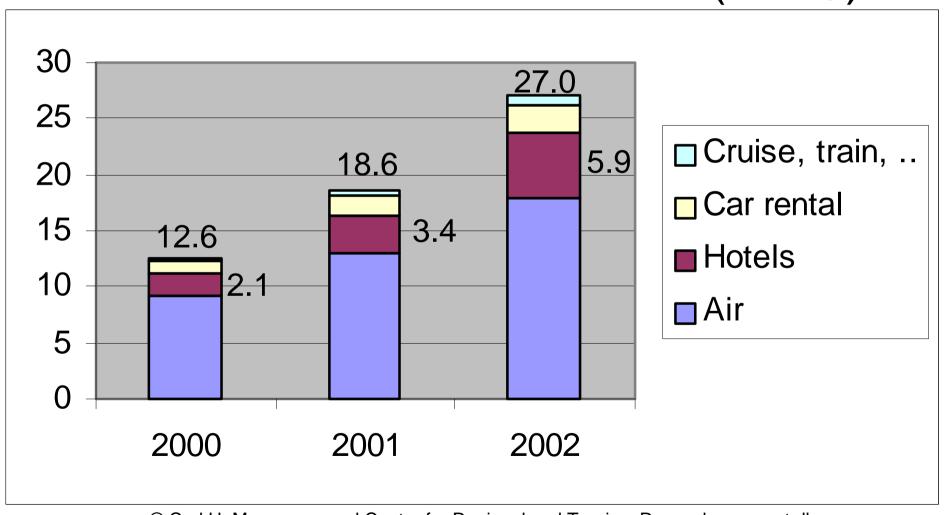


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# 8% of hotel revenue in the US market was generated by online bookings (vs. 22% of airticket sales) in 2002

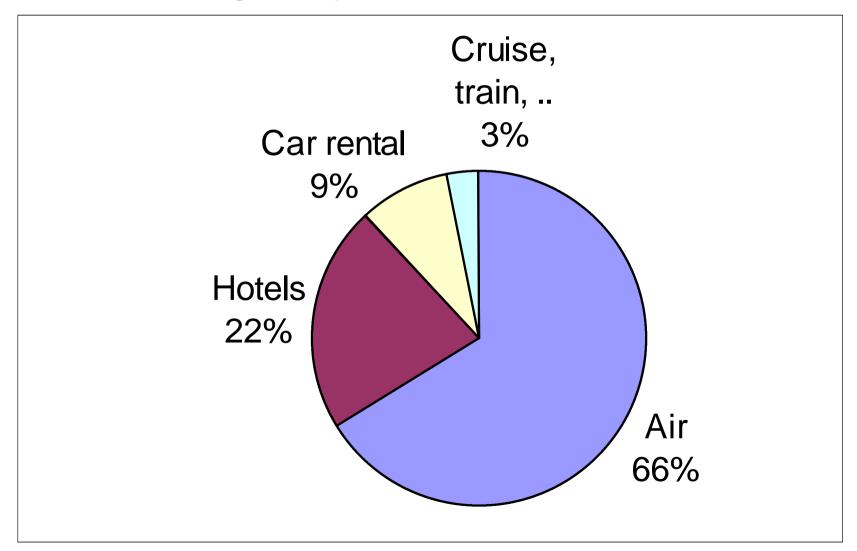


# In absolute values all types of travel services increased in the US online travel market 2000-2 (bn. \$)

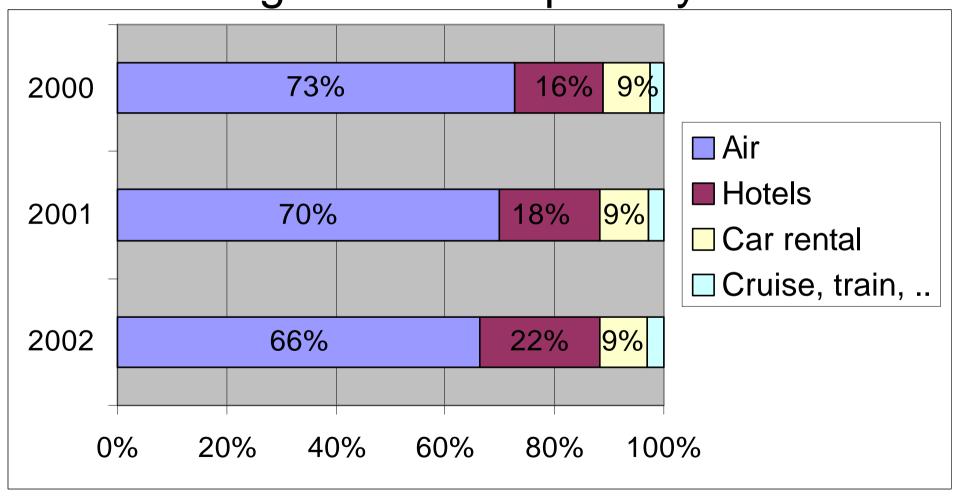


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# Airtickets accounted for 66% of the US online travel sales in 2002 – hotels was 2nd largest type of service with 22%

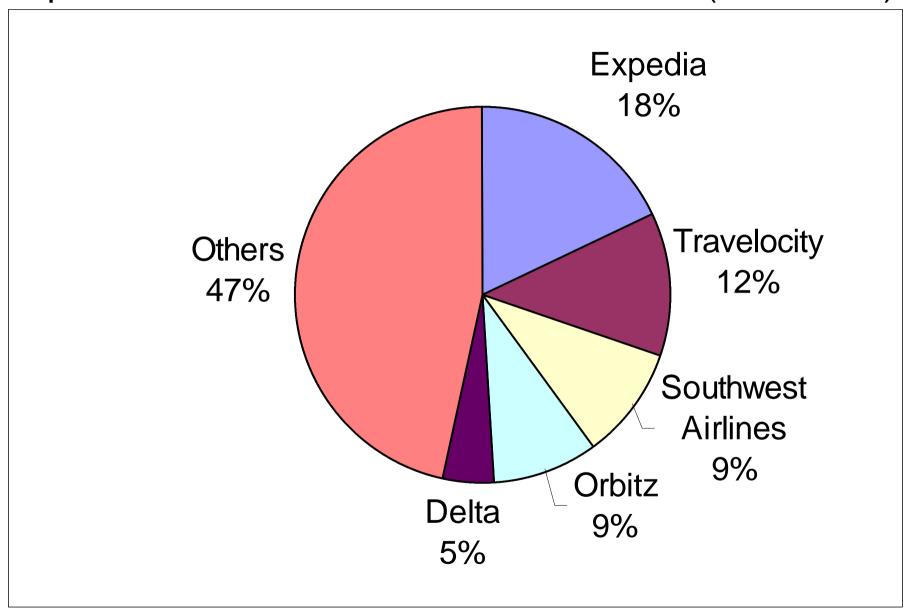


# Hotels have been increasing their share of the US online travel market during the last couple of years



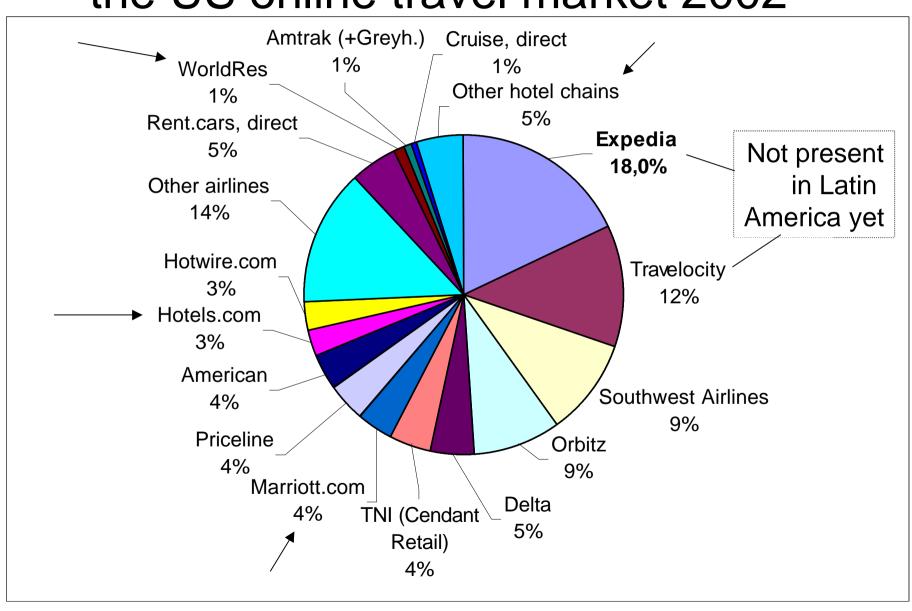
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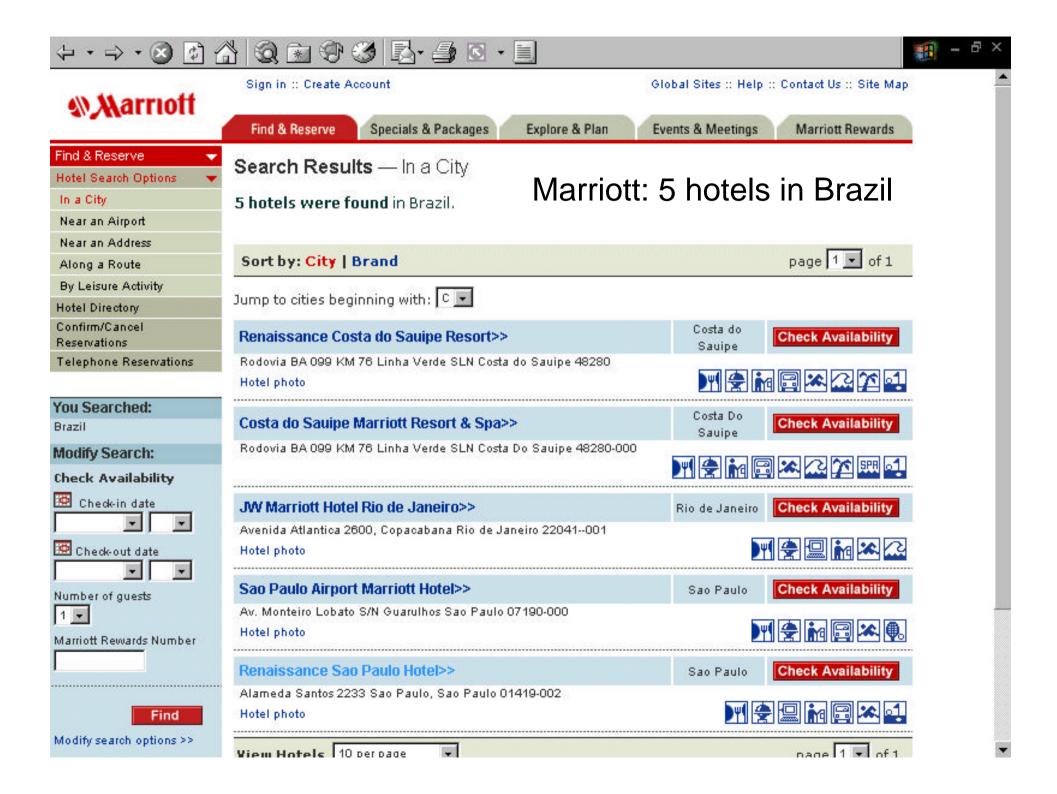
Top 5 in the US online travel market 2002 (27.0 bn. \$)



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## Marriott – largest pure hotel site in the US online travel market 2002











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op Cities: New York, Las Vegas

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Departure Date

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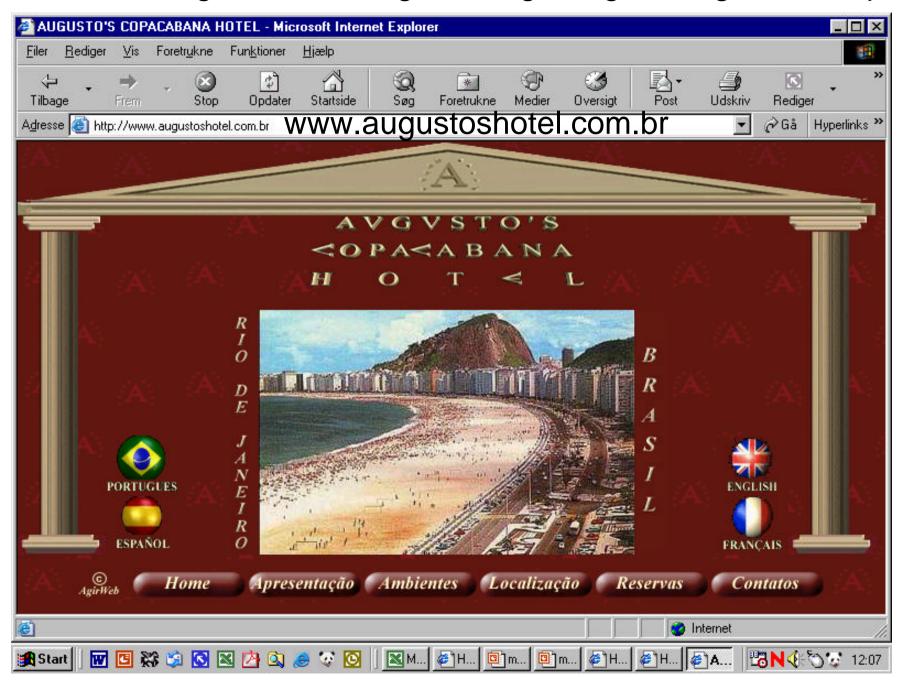






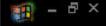


Hotels.com got the booking, although Augusto's got "home page".



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Expedia.com: 79 hotels in Rio (of 2134=4%)



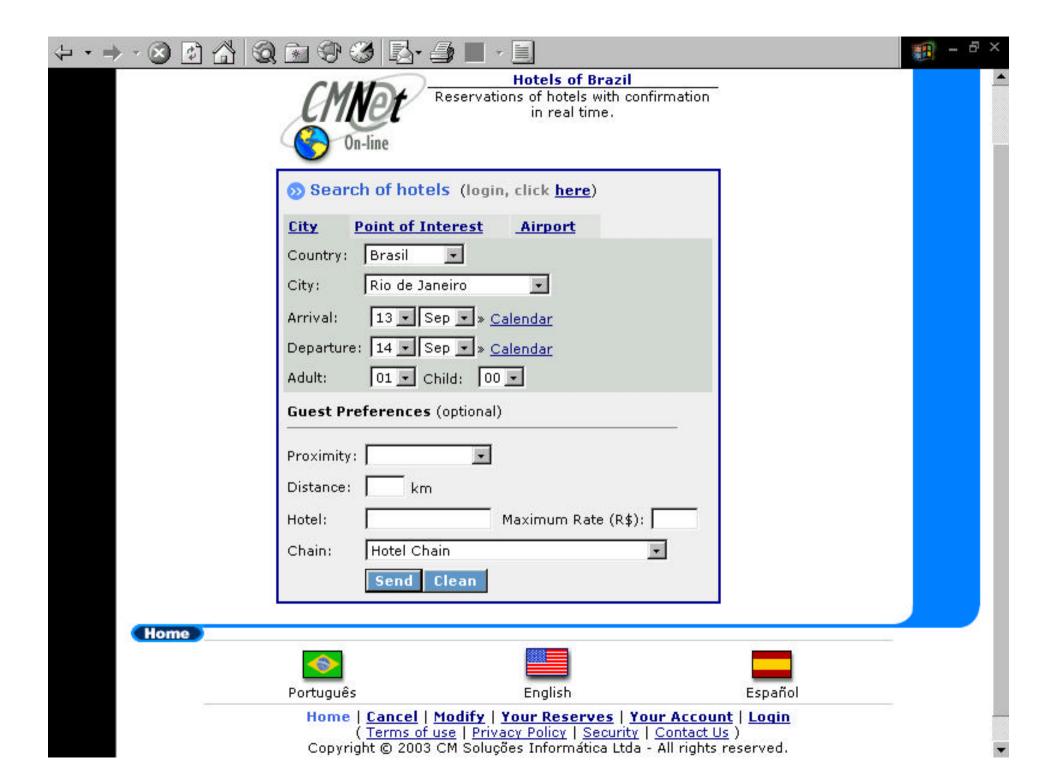




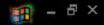












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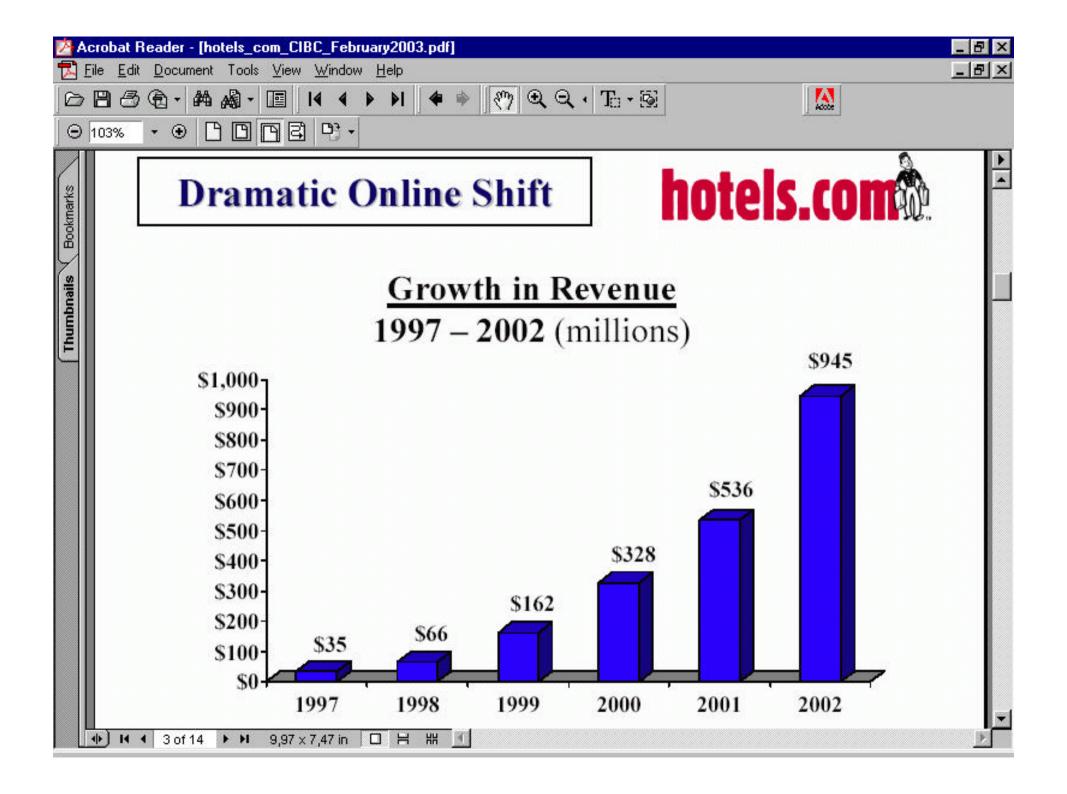
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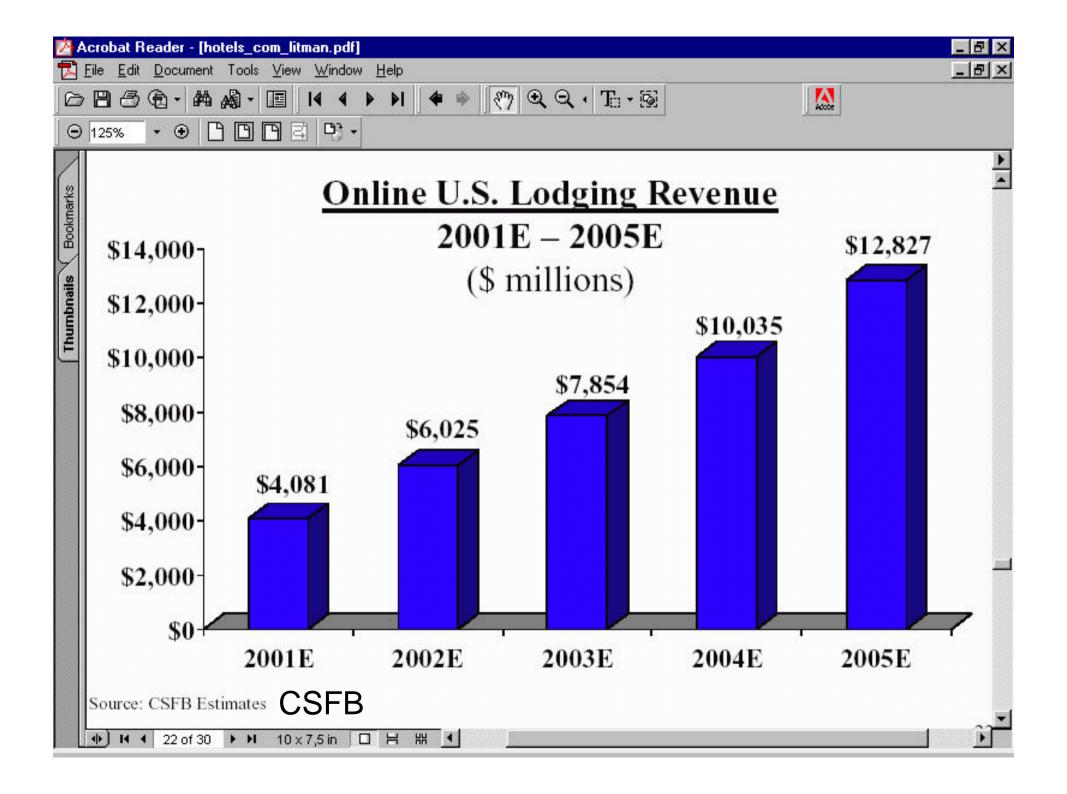
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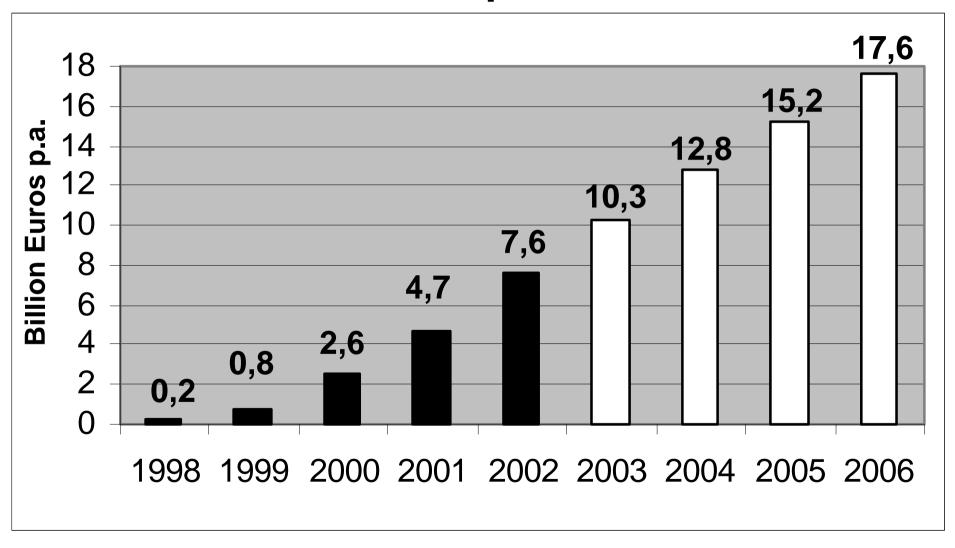


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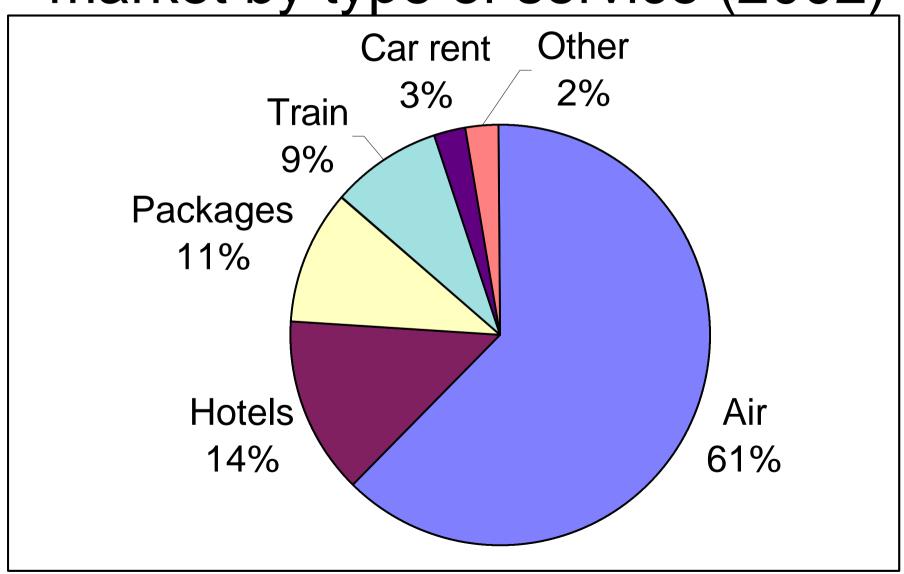
# Trends in the European online travel/tourism market

- and comparison with the USA

## Trends in overall online travel market size - Western Europe 1998–2002-2006



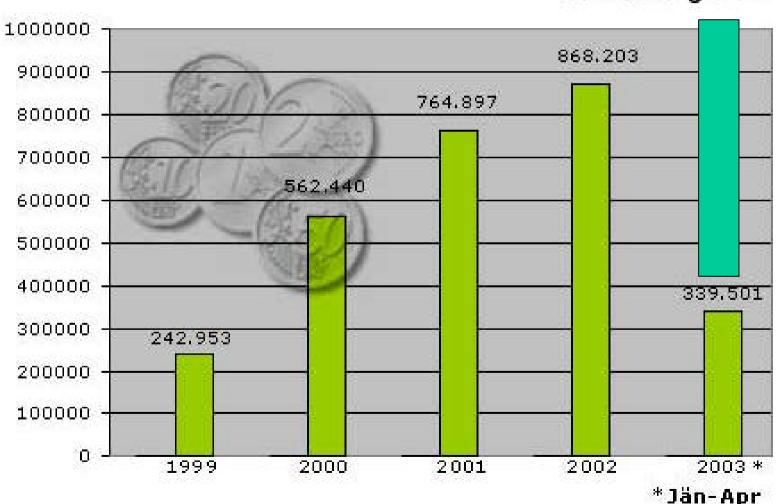
The European online travel market by type of service (2002)

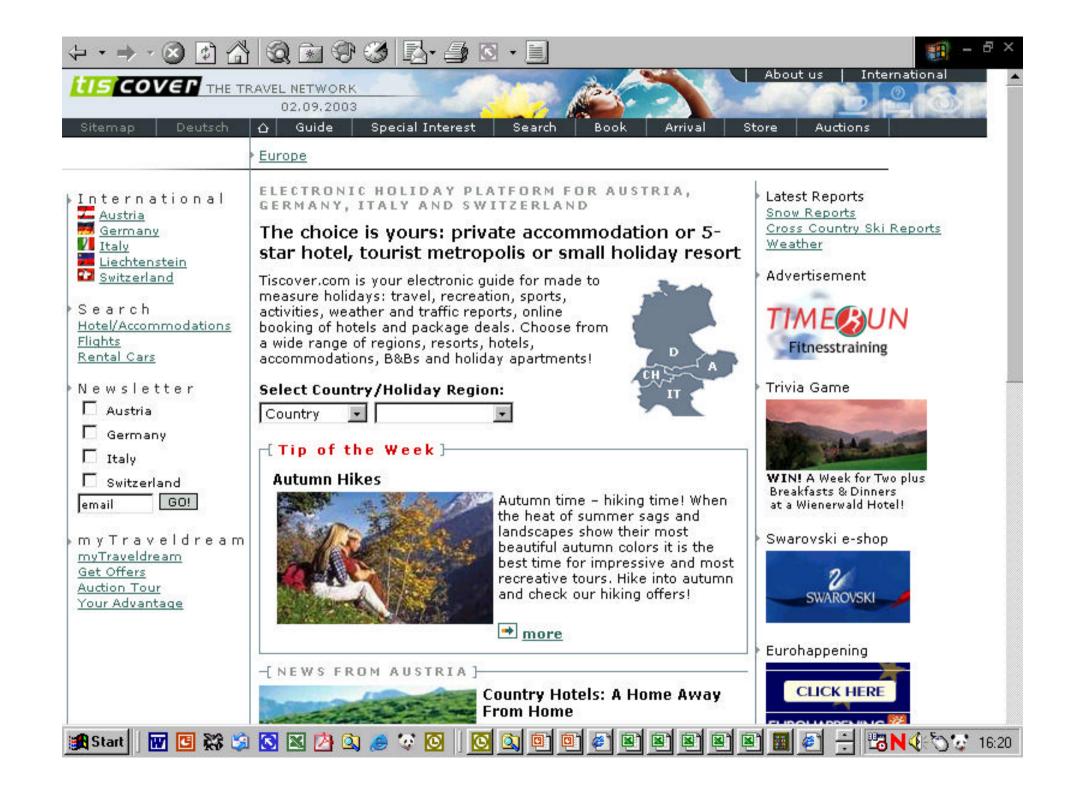


# The largest hotel booking site in Europe is tiscover.com, Austria

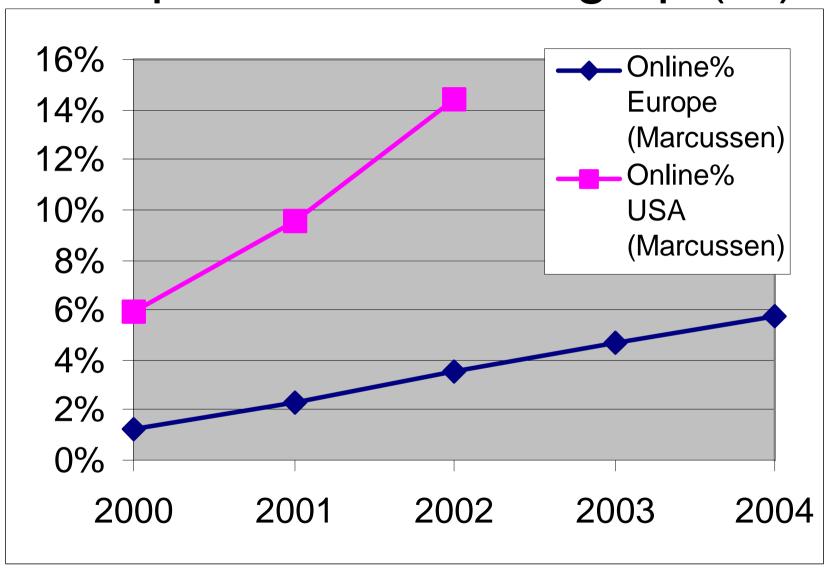


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## Europe is not catching up (%)



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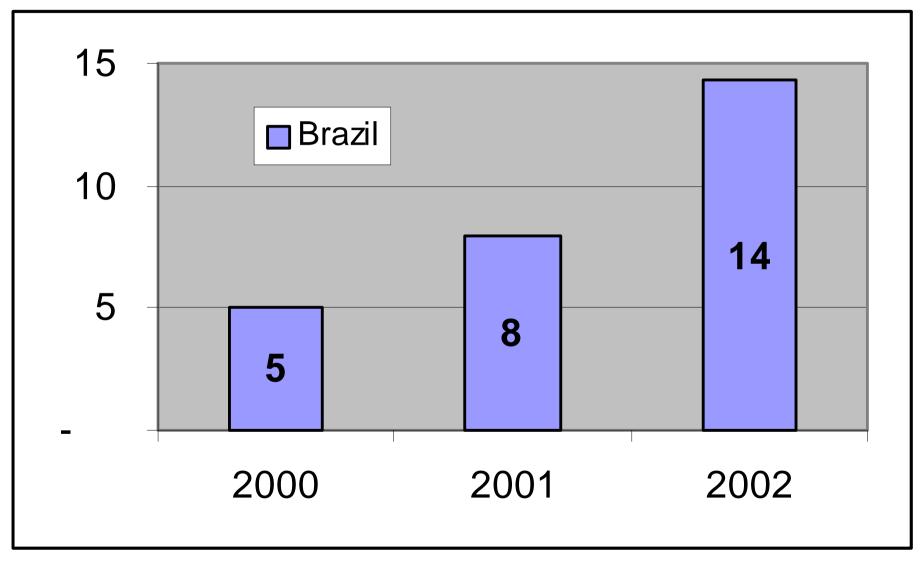
Tentative status and outlook:

Internet users 2000-2002

Airlines – and hotels online

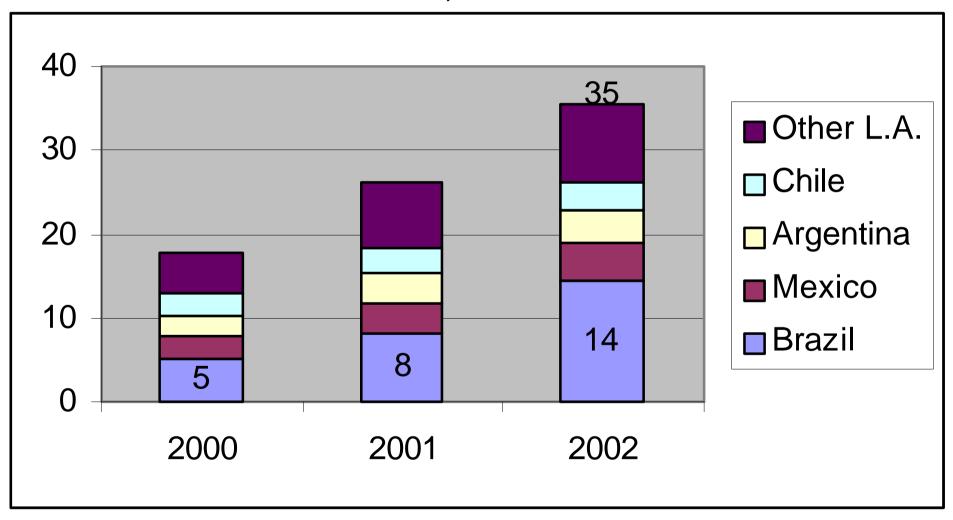
- Hotel chains online
- Hotels in SP, Rio, .. and a seaside resort (Buzio) online

### Internet users in Brazil, 2000-2002



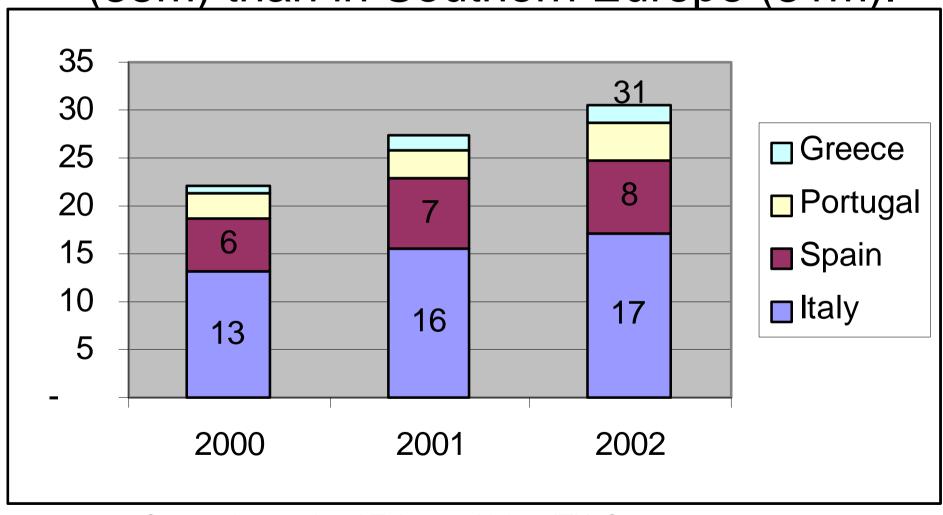
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# Internet users in Latin America, 35 million in 2002, of which Brazil 40%



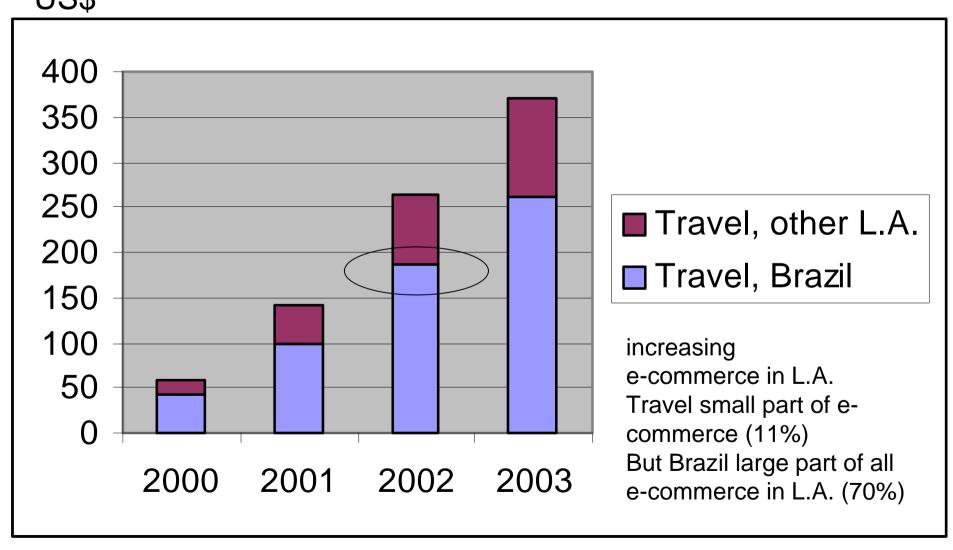
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Soon more Internet users Brazil than in Italy. More internet users in L.A. (35m) than in Southern Europe (31m).



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Online travel market on the rise in Latin America



# Which is or will be the largest travel site in Brazil, in terms of revenue generated online?

Certainly an airline, ... but will it be

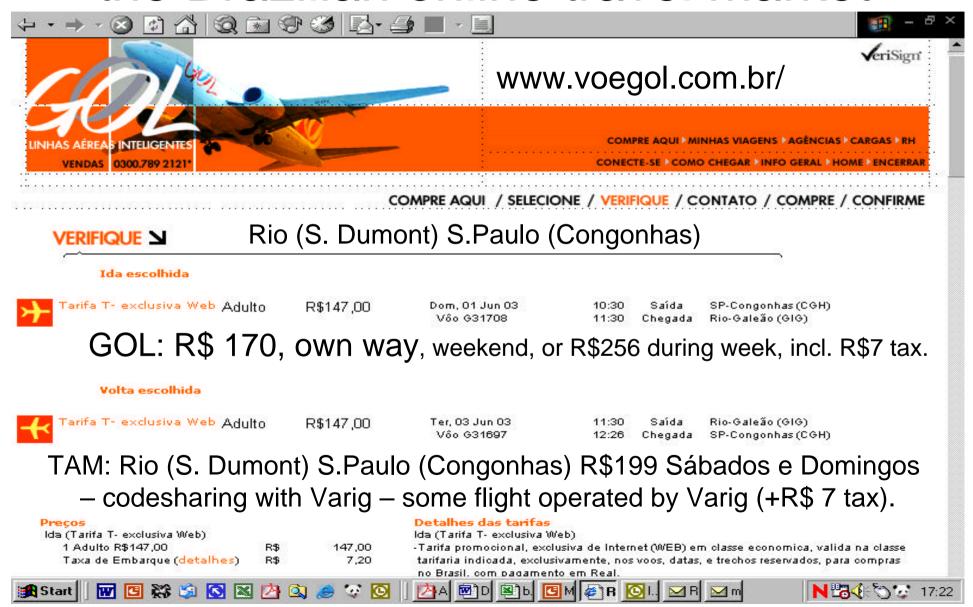
Varig 36% - merging with TAM 33% - or GOL 17% of domestic market (pass.km)

Varig: Great turnover, many international passengers

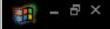
TAM: Many domestic passengers

**GOL**: Low prices at buzzy routes, domestic only

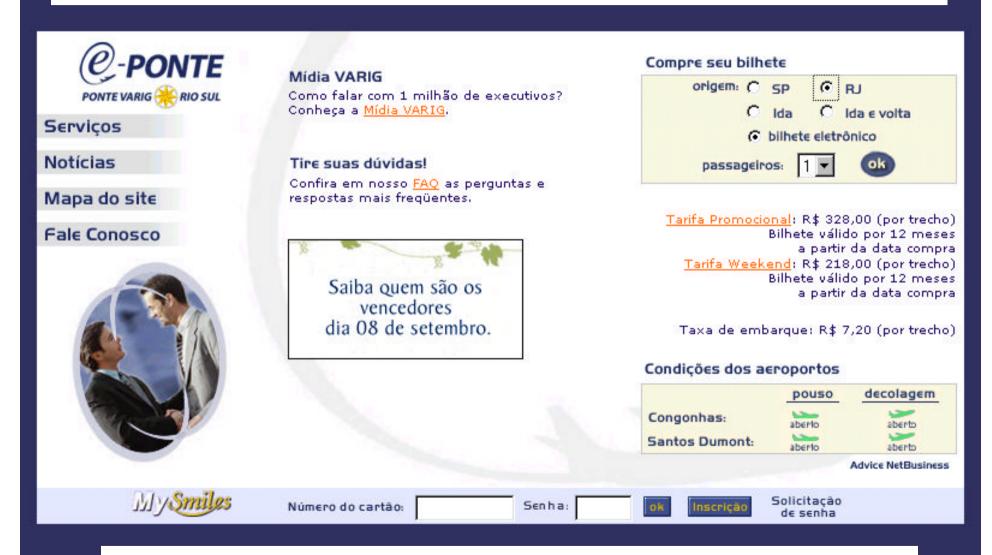
# GOL: A candidate for a high-flier in the Brazilian online travel market





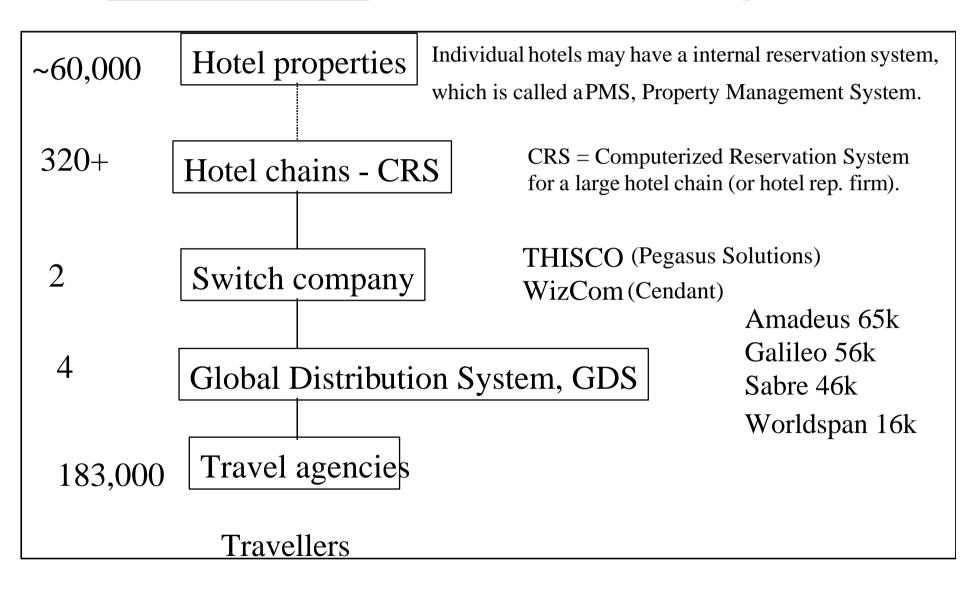


#### The Varig weekend offer is R\$ 225 – or R\$ 328 during week.



https://internetsegura.varig.com.br/eponte/index\_ssl.htm

## The <u>traditional</u> electronic hotel distribution chain - <u>before Internet</u>: Via GDS' to travel agencies



### Internet distribution for hotels

All the types of actors mentioned before

- and more, such as DMO's and online agents can act as a platform for making hotels present on the WWW for tourists and business travellers alike
- 1) with some kind of booking functionality:
- online 'real-time' bookings (with availability data and instant confirmation)
- or just bookings on a request basis and
- 2) with content (in one or more languages)

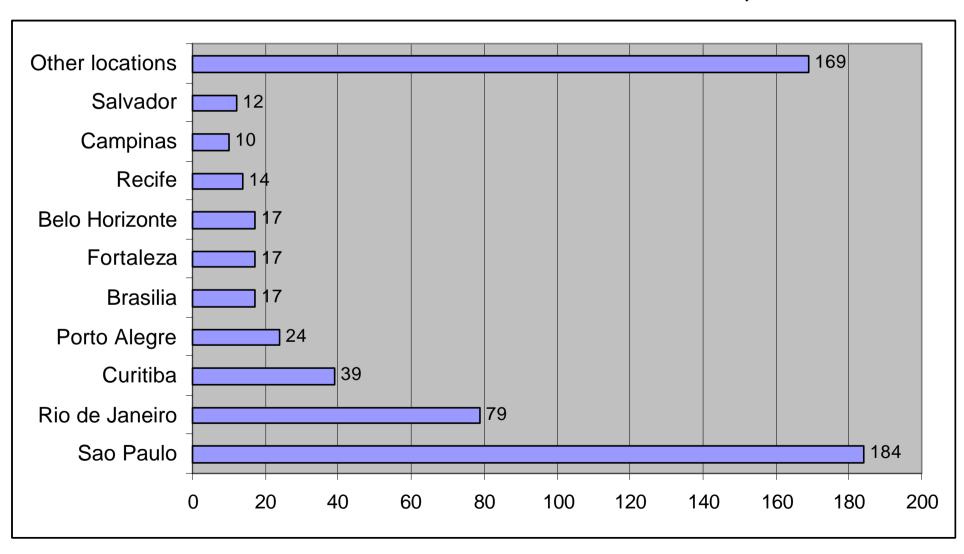
# Booking functionality of hotel web-sites:

No. of hotels	Booking on @ request basis only	Online "real- time" bookings
Single hotel	"Home pages" for a single hotel	Not common
Multiple hotels	Internet based hotel lists with booking request function	Hotels in chains (or similar) and advanced destinations

Hotels in cities with an international airport tend to be online bookable in real-time, with instant confirmation – if they are on the Internet at all.

Hotels in town without an international airport tend <u>not</u> to be online bookable in real-time, but many have a simple "home-page" anyway.

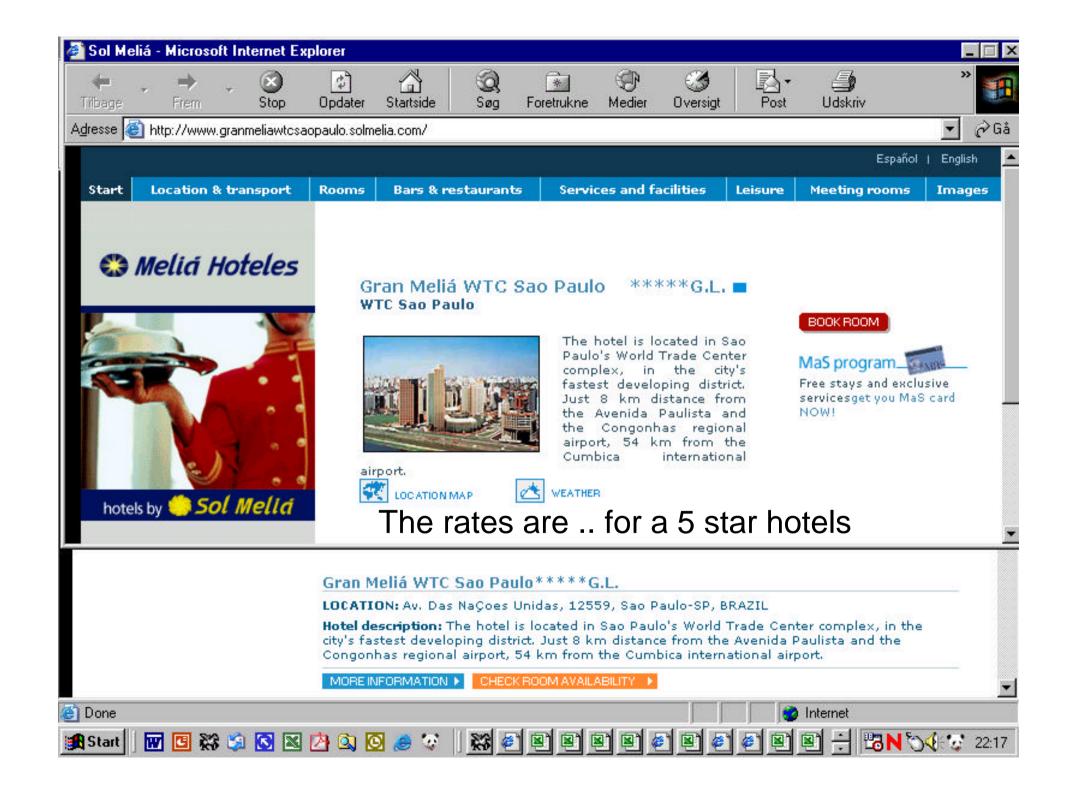
# Online real-time bookable hotels in Brazil: About 600 (~582) of 10,000.

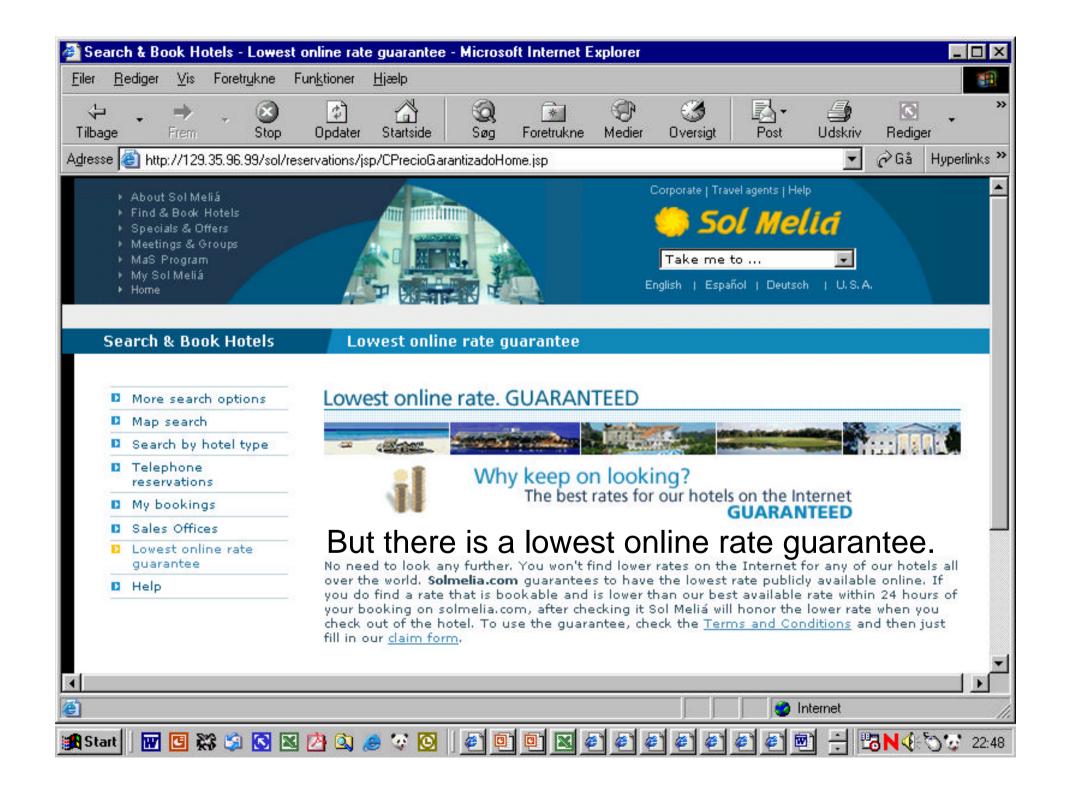


# Most major hotel chains in Brazil have got English language versions, and online (real-time) booking

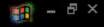
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www.choicehotels.com	34 (9 up)	Yes (b)	Yes
www.solmelia.es	23	Yes	Yes
www.hoteis-othon.com.br	22	Yes	Yes
www.bluetree.com.br	19	Yes	Yes
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transamerica <u>flats</u> .com.br/	17	Yes	CMNet
www.tropicalhotel.com.br/	10	No	Yes
www.bestwestern.com.br	9	Yes	Yes
Summithotels.com w/Estanplaza	8	Yes	Yes
www.utell.com w/Golden Tulip	<u>68</u>	Yes	Yes
	<u>343</u>		

<sup>(</sup>a) English at accorhotels.com; (b) In English, but not in Portuguese.





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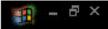














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Rep. 165 Braz. hotels in Internet and GDS

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# Three players make 348 hotels online bookable in real-time

reservhotel.com.br → reservehoteis.com.br (interlinkhotels.com.br) - Hotel rep. company: 165 hotels in Brazil (on web-site)

although: "São mais de 200 hotéis selecionados nas principais cidades do Brasil." ReservHOTEL International: represents 2120 hotels worldwide.

Major player	Brazil	Worldwide	Brazil %
ReservHOTEL	165	2120	8%
Utell	68	4500	1,5%
Accor Hotels	115	3835	3%
	348		

# How important are foreign guests for hotels in Brazil?

## Example:

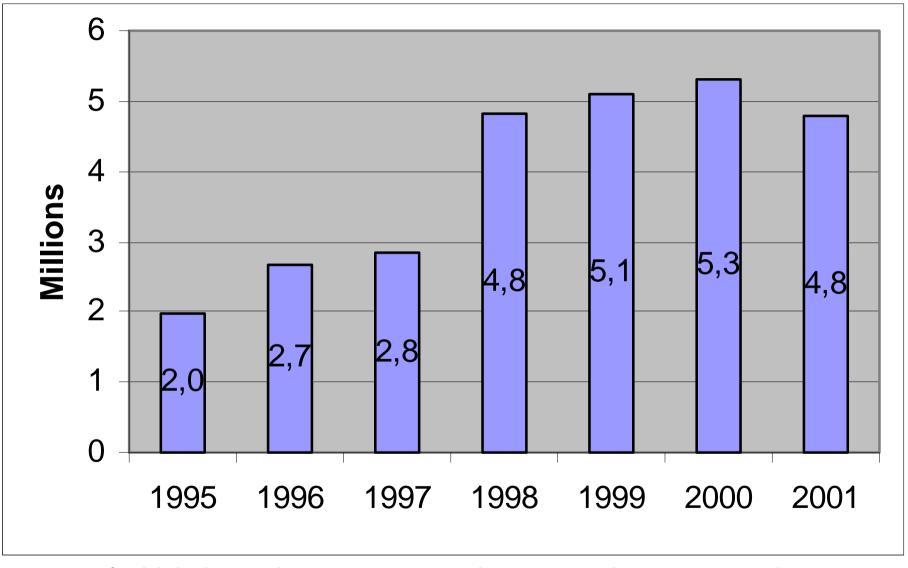
"Foreigners were responsible for 24% of the occupation of Rio de Janeiro state hotels." (2001)

In Rio de Janeiro state there were 2132 hotels, with an average of 69 beds per hotel (vs. 50 in Europe and 140 in the USA). Source: Study by IBGE,

http://www.expats.com.br/noticias.php?cod=2209, Febraury 5, 2002

In Brazil there are more than 10,000 hotels and similar establishments.

# International visitor arrivals - Brazil



... of which Argentina: 1.74 or 33% in 2000 and 1.37 or 29% in 2001.

Source: http://www.brazil.org.uk/

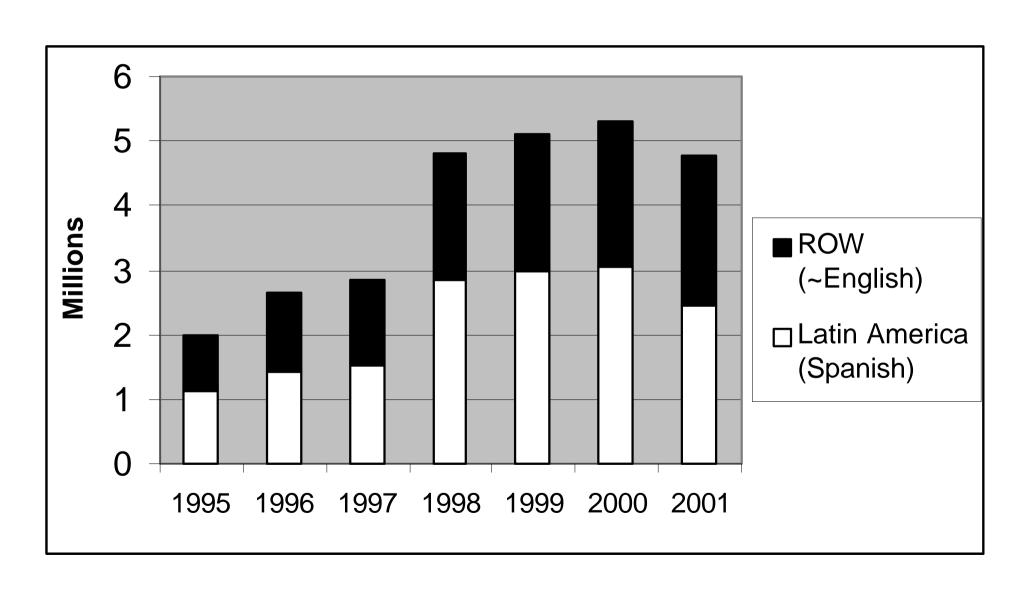
# Which should be the first foreign language version of website?

Spanish or English?

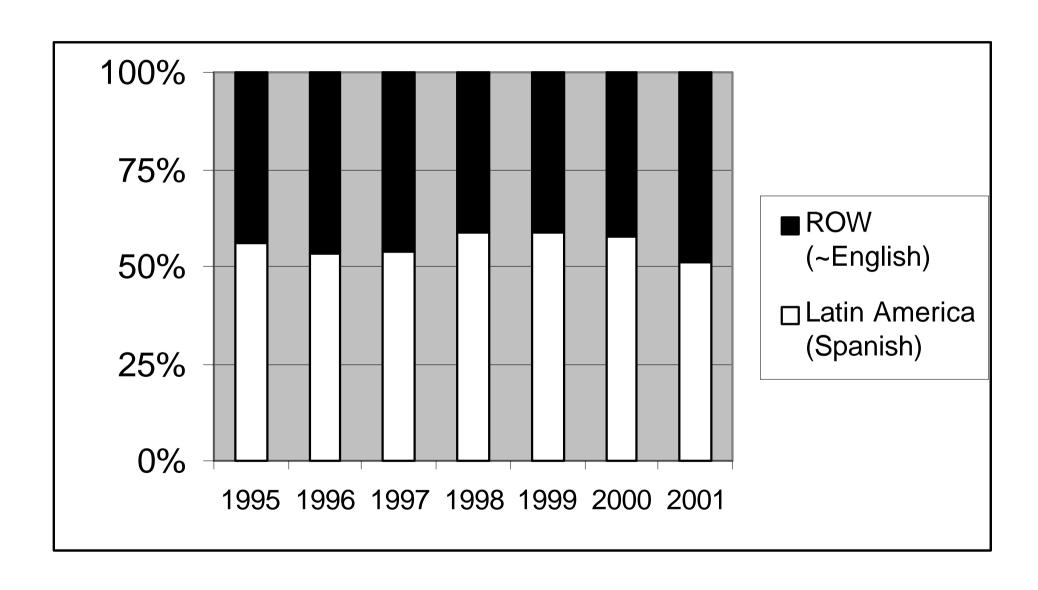
Or will the native language version do?

Ideally: English AND Spanish, in addition to native language version.

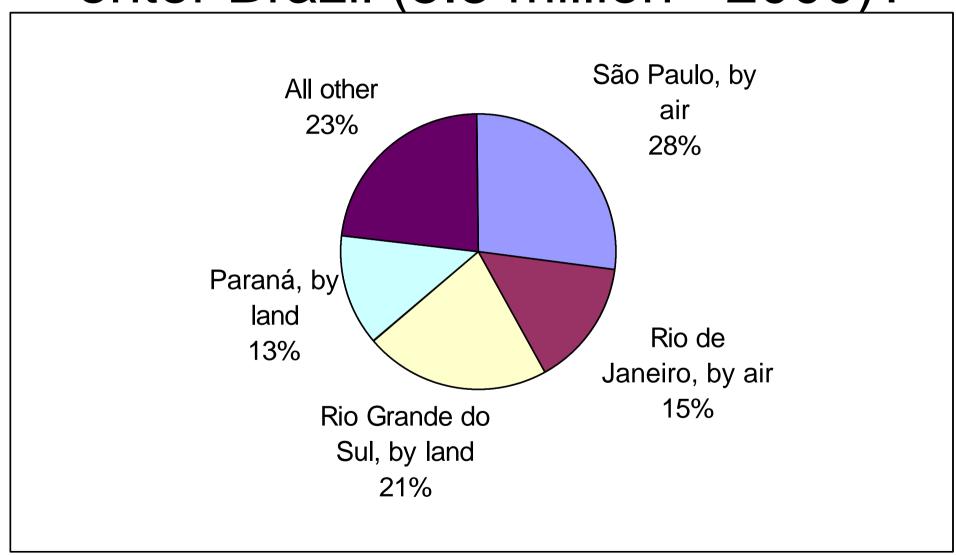
# International visitor arrivals - Brazil



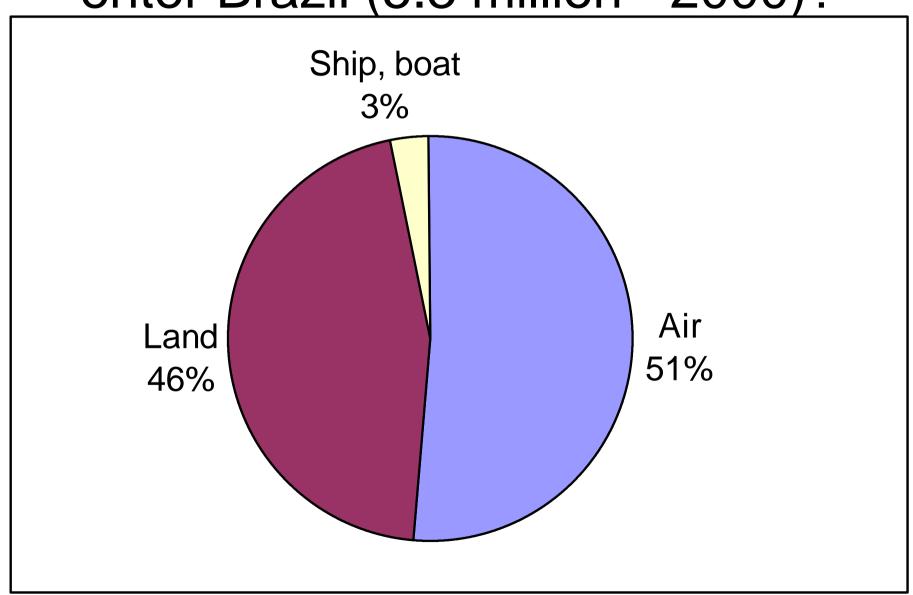
# International visitor arrivals - Brazil



# How did international visitors enter Brazil (5.3 million - 2000)?



# How did international visitors enter Brazil (5.3 million - 2000)?



# In some places .. like Buzios .. with many small and independent hotels .. Internet booking on a <u>request basis</u> makes sence

Hotels and inns at www.buziosonline.com.br/

Language versions at www.buziosonline.com.br/

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Portuguese 100% English 81% Spanish 25% French 4% Italian 2%

Also:

Buziosdirect.com.br: 41 (also Portuguese and English)

# Summary

- The USA was ahead of Europe by a factor 4 in 2002, in terms of Internet travel sales in their respective markets, both in absolute and relative terms.
- Airline tickets were the main type of service in both the USA and Europe, followed by hotels.
- In Latin America there were more Internet users that in the four Southern European countries (35 million vs. 31 million).
- Brazil had 14 million Internet users by the end of 2002, almost three times the number in year 2000 (5 million).
- There are probably around 600 out of a total of 10.000 hotels in Brazil, which are currently bookable online, in real-time (i.e. with instant confirmation). More that 2.000 hotels in Brazil have got a presence on a website.
- Online booking of travel related services in an initial stage in Brazil, but there is every reason to believe that it will increase quickly over the next few years.
- For small independent hotels in resorts outside of the main cities it makes sence to consider offering Internet booking on a request basis, for a start.