





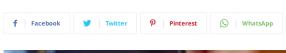
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Travelport taps travel startups for next-gen retailing





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Travelport, in partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS), is launching a new global accelerator program for travel startups.

It aims to address the industry's biggest retailing challenges.

"No single person or business has the solution to all of travel's retailing challenges," said Tom Kershaw, Chief Product & Technology Officer at Travelport.

"The most effective way to drive innovation, especially at pace, is to unite bright minds from diverse backgrounds and geographic locations."

The Travelport Accelerator will see tech startups looking to enter the travel space help solve a series of different travel retailing challenges, such as data protection, hyperpersonalization, and customer acquisition.

Once the challenge has been set, companies with existing technology and products that are relevant to the challenge are invited to apply.

Up to 10 companies will be selected to proceed to the next stage, which involves pitching solutions to a panel of travel companies, including American Express Global Business Travel, Priceline, Internova Travel Group, Direct Travel and Christopherson Business Travel.

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A group of up to three participants will be selected to move to the final round to collaborate with Travelport and AWS.

Each will be given access to the Travelport travel marketplace.

Selected start-ups may receive up to \$100,000 in AWS Activate credit and each participant will receive mentoring from travel domain and technical subject matter experts.

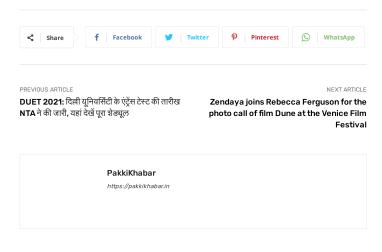
David Peller, Managing Director, AWS Travel and Hospitality, said: "Travelport Accelerator supports efforts by giving travel innovators the potential to pitch their technology to some of the most influential leaders in the global travel industry and to influence the future of travel retailing."

The first challenge set by Travelport and AWS is to introduce cutting-edge digital marketing technology for travel companies, which uses behavioral and demographic traveler data to deliver highly targeted and personalized, real-time offers to customers.

Entry forms are available at www.travelport.com/accelerator.

The deadline for submission is midnight Pacific Daylight Time (on Wednesday 22 September 2021.

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