



HOSPITALITY ADMISSION GUIDE



SERVICE
EXCELLENCE
CARE

WELCOME

YOUR JOURNEY
STARTS HERE

HOSPITALITY

- PASSION
- SKILLS
- ATTITUDE
- GROWTH

FUTURE IN HOSPITALITY

Table of Content

01. Introduction	.....03
02. Hospitality Industry Overview	.....03
03. Major Branches of Hospitality	.....03
04. Hotel Management	.....04
05. Travel and Tourism	.....07
06. Event Management	.....10
07. Food & Beverage	.....13
08. Culinary Arts	.....16
09. Luxury & Resort Management	.....18
10. Important Sections in Hospitality Entrance Exams	.....20
11. Advantages and Challenges of the Hospitality Industry	.....21
12. FAQs on Hospitality Courses and Careers	.....22

Introduction

Whether you are fresh out of Class 10, finishing Class 12, or a graduate exploring specialisation, this guide provides comprehensive information on the hospitality industry. It covers major branches, eligibility criteria, entrance examinations, top colleges, essential skills, and career opportunities across the six key sectors of the hospitality domain.

Industry Overview

The hospitality industry is a global, people-first service sector covering accommodation, food & beverage, travel, and leisure.

India's travel and tourism sector contributed USD 231.6 billion to the economy in 2025, ranking 8th in the world, making this one of the most promising fields to enter.

- 24/7 operational industry with global career options
- Rapid growth driven by domestic & religious tourism
- Supports 371 million jobs worldwide (WTTC, 2025)
- Strong demand for skilled professionals post-pandemic
- Entry from Class 10, 12, or post-graduation
- Multiple paths: hotels, airlines, cruise, entrepreneurship

Branches of Hospitality

- Hotel Management
- Food & Beverage
- [Culinary Arts](#)
- Travel & Tourism
- Event Management
- Luxury & Resort



Hotel Management

Managing hotel operations: front office, housekeeping, guest services, and overall administration.

What it covers

- Front Office Operations
- Housekeeping
- Guest Services
- Revenue Management
- Hotel Administration
- Sales & Marketing

Hotel Management Courses Offered

UG Degree

Students who have completed their Class 12 from a recognised board with passing marks are eligible to apply for Hotel Management courses after 12th. Some colleges also demand English as a core subject. Students can check the popular courses below:

Courses	Duration
Bachelor of Hotel Management (BHM)	3- 4 yrs
B.Sc in Hospitality and Hotel Administration	3 yrs
BHMCT (Bachelor of Hotel Management & Catering Technology)	4 yrs
BBA in Hospitality Management	3 yrs

PG Degree

Students who have completed their graduation with 55 percent aggregate marks can apply. Check the popular courses below:

Courses	Details
MBA in Hospitality Management	Strategic hotel operations, revenue, leadership
Master of Hotel Management (MHM)	Advanced hotel operations and research
M.Sc in Hospitality Administration	Research-oriented hospitality programme
PG Diploma in Hospitality Management	Fast-track for working professionals

Certificate: Short-term certificate programmes

Students need to complete secondary education (10+2) from a recognised board. Some after 10th diploma courses are also available. Check below:

Courses	Duration
Certificate in Front Office Operations	3- 6 months
Certificate in Housekeeping Supervision	3- 6 months
Certificate in Hospitality Services	3 months

Diploma programmes

Students who have completed their 10th education can apply for different diploma courses listed below:

Courses	Details
Diploma in Hotel Management	Comprehensive hotel operations
Diploma in Front Office Management	Guest relations, reservations, PMS systems
Diploma in Housekeeping Management	Laundry, linen, room operations

Top Hotel Management Entrance Exams

UG Course Entrance Exams

- [NCHMCT JEE](#)
- CUET UG
- [MAH HM CET](#)
- IIHM eCHAT
- [GNIHM](#)

Top Hotel Management Colleges in India

India has more than 1,500 colleges offering Hotel Management courses, including government, private, and public-private institutions.

Government Hotel Management Colleges in India

College Type	College Name	Hotel Management Course Fees
Govt.	IHM Bhubaneswar	INR 2.76 L
Govt.	IHM Lucknow	INR 3.68 L
Govt.	IHM Ranchi	INR 2.96 L
Govt.	IHM Hyderabad	INR 25,000
Govt.	IHM Shimla	INR 50,000 - 70,000
Govt.	IHM Mumbai	INR 3.91 L
Govt.	Jamia Millia Islamia	INR 1.52 L
Govt.	Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University	INR 2.8 L

Private Hotel Management Colleges in India

College Type	College Name	Hotel Management Course Fees
Private	Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management	INR 5 L
Private	School of Hotel and Catering Management, VELS Institute of Science	INR 1.5 L - 1.68 L
Private	NSHM Institute of Hotel and Tourism Management	INR 5.05 L
Private	Chitkara College of Hospitality Management	INR 3.25 L - 7.14 L
Private	Army Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology	INR 7.27 L

Key Skills Required

- Communication
- Leadership
- Customer service
- Problem-solving
- Time management
- Cultural awareness

Hotel Management: Career & Salary

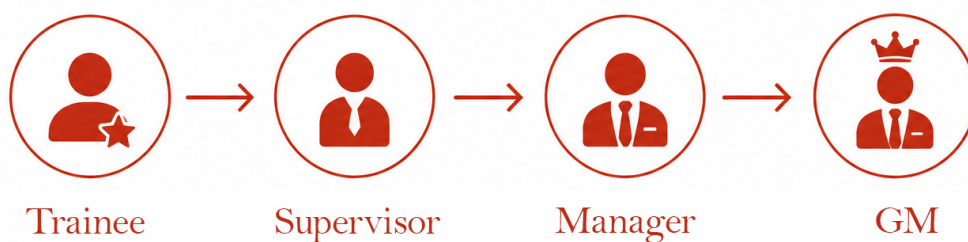
Candidates can see popular jobs that they can go for after completing the course below –

Top Job Profiles	Starting Salary (INR)	Highest Salary (INR)
Hotel Manager	1.6 LPA	51 LPA
Front Desk Officer	1 LPA	7 LPA
Event Manager	1.9 LPA	61.3 LPA
Housekeeping Manager	3 LPA	16 LPA
Chef	4 LPA	15 LPA
Banquet Manager	3 LPA	33.5 LPA
Steward	1 LPA	4 LPA

Hotel Management Top Recruiters

- Ambassador Group of Hotels
- Mansingh Group of Hotels
- Oberoi Group of Hotels
- Sarovar Park Group of Hotels
- Sinclair's Group of Hotels
- Best Western Group of Hotels
- Casino Group of Hotels
- Clarks Group of Hotels
- Fortune Park Group of Hotels
- ITDC Group of Hotels
- Jaypee Group of Hotels

GROWTH PATH



Travel & Tourism

Planning and managing travel experiences, from travel agencies to destination management and airline hospitality.



What it covers

Tour Operations, Travel Planning, Destination Management, Airlines & Cabin Crew, Religious & Heritage Tourism, MICE Tourism

Travel & Tourism Courses Offered

UG Travel and Tourism Courses

Candidates can see list of UG Travel and Tourism courses below –

- [BBA](#)
- [BA](#)
- [BHMTT](#)
- [BSc](#)
- BVoc

Eligibility

- Candidates must have passed Class 12 from a recognised board.
- A minimum aggregate score of 50% to 60% is generally required.

PG Travel and Tourism Courses

Candidates can see list of PG Travel and Tourism courses below -

- MBA/[PGDM](#)
- MHMTT
- MA
- [MSc](#)
- MVoc

Eligibility

- Candidates must hold a relevant undergraduate degree.
- Most institutes require an aggregate score between 45% and 60%.

Diploma Programmes

- Diploma in Travel Management
- Diploma in Tourism Operations
- Diploma in Hospitality & Tourism

Eligibility

- Candidates should have passed Class 12 from a recognised board.
- An aggregate score of 50% to 60% is usually required for admission.

Key Skills Required

- Geography knowledge
- Foreign languages
- Itinerary planning
- Sales ability
- Cultural sensitivity
- Digital tools

Top Travel & Tourism Government Colleges

College Type	Course Level	College Name	Total Fees (INR)
Govt.	UG	Jamia Millia Islamia	INR 1.52 L
Govt.	UG	Banaras Hindu University	INR 2.4 L
Govt.	UG	Indira Gandhi National Open University	INR 10,000
Govt.	UG	Gujarat University	INR 1.5 L - 5.36 L
Govt.	UG	Osmania University	INR 4.6 L
Govt.	PG	Jamia Millia Islamia	INR 1.52 L

Top Travel & Tourism Private Colleges

College Type	Course Level	College Name	Total Fees (INR)
Private	UG	Amity University Noida	INR 8.8 L
Private	UG	Galgotias University	INR 3.68 L
Private	UG	Amity University Lucknow	INR 8.16 L
Private	UG	Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management	INR 5 L
Private	UG	Amity University Kolkata	INR 4.84 L
Private	PG	Amity University Jaipur	INR 4.64 L
Private	PG	Amity University Kolkata	INR 9.1 L - 10.84 L



Travel & Tourism Career & Salary

Travel and Tourism is a growing field of employment due to the constant increase in India's tourism industry. Entry-level jobs are Travel Agents or Tour Guides. Other job roles include Travel Agents, Guides, and Event Planners, and managerial positions like Hotel and Resort Managers, etc.

Job Profiles	Average Salary (in INR)
Tourism Manager	4.2 LPA
Travel Officer/Coordinator	4 LPA
Travel Executive	2.9 LPA
Holiday/Travel Agent	2.5 LPA
Airlines/Ground Staff	2 LPA

Growth Drivers

Religious, domestic, wedding & MICE tourism

International Scope

UAE, Singapore, Australia, Canada, Europe

Event Management

Planning and executing events, from destination weddings and concerts to corporate conferences and exhibitions.

What it covers

Wedding Planning, Corporate Events, Exhibitions & Trade Shows, Concert & Entertainment, Vendor Coordination, Budget Management



Event Management Courses

UG Degree programmes

Candidates must have passed Class 12 from a recognised board to apply for UG courses. A minimum qualifying percentage is required as per institute norms.

Course	Duration
BBA in Event Management	3 Years
B.Sc in Event and Hospitality Management	3 Years
BA in Mass Communication & Event Management	3 Years
BHM with Event Management Electives	3 Years

PG Degree programmes

Candidates must hold a relevant undergraduate degree with at least 50% marks to be eligible for PG courses. Some institutes may also require candidates to qualify for an entrance examination.

Course	Details
MBA in Event Management	Focuses on event strategy, business development, sponsorship management, and profit & loss (P&L) management.
PG Diploma in Event Management	An intensive, industry-oriented programme
MBA in Hospitality & Event Management	Combines hospitality management with event leadership
M.Sc in Experience & Event Management	Emphasizes consumer experience, event design, and experiential marketing.

Diploma programmes

UG Diploma: Candidates must have passed Class 12 with at least 50% marks to apply UG diploma programmes. Students planning for PG diploma courses must hold a UG degree with a minimum of 50% marks.

Course	Details
Diploma in Event Management	Full-spectrum events training including live project execution
Diploma in PR & Event Management	Media relations, brand events, publicity
Diploma in Wedding & Celebration Management	Destination weddings, luxury events

Key Skills Required

- Organisational skills
- Creativity
- Communication
- Vendor negotiation
- Budget management
- Pressure handling

Event Management Top Colleges

Approximately 200+ colleges offer Event Management courses in India. Out of which 15+ are government, 100+ private, & 5+ are public-private.

Top Government Colleges for Event Management

College Type	College Name	Approx. Course Fees
Govt.	Uttarakhand Residential University	INR 15,000
Govt.	University of Rajasthan	INR 65,000 - 3.8 L
Govt.	Central University of Himachal Pradesh	INR 14,000
Govt.	Kushabhau Thakre Patrakarita Avam Jansanchar Vishwavidyalaya	INR 52,000 – 73,000

Top Private Colleges for Event Management

College Type	College Name	Approx. Course Fees
Private	Chandigarh University	INR 3.36 L - 8.72 L
Private	MIT World Peace University	INR 3.4 L - 8.8 L
Private	Amity University Jaipur	INR 4.64 L
Private	Rayat Bahra University	INR 3.2 L



Event Management Career & Salary

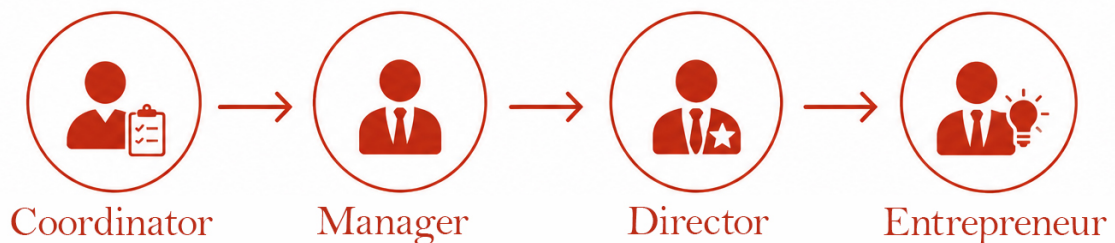
Those who have graduated from this course have a long list of jobs that they can opt for profiles:

Job Profile	Starting Salary INR	Average Salary INR
Event Coordinator	3.7 LPA	18 LPA
Event Planner	4.3 LPA	15 LPA
Event Manager	5.9 LPA	19.5 LPA
Wedding Planner	4.2 LPA	18.9 LPA
Corporate Event Planner	5 LPA	15 LPA
Event Sales Manager	6 LPA	10 LPA

Booming segment

Destination weddings, MICE, corporate events

GROWTH PATH



Food & Beverage

Restaurant operations, food service, and outlet management across hotels, airlines, cafes, and cruise lines.

What it covers

Restaurant Operations, Bar & Beverage Service, Outlet Management, Menu Planning, F&B Cost Control, Airline & Cruise Catering



Food & Beverage Courses Offered

UG Degree: Undergraduate degree programmes

Candidates must have passed Class 12 from any stream, preferably Arts or [Science](#) from a recognized board. Some colleges or universities may also require minimum aggregate marks for admission.

Course	Duration
BHM with F&B Specialisation	3–4 Years
B.Sc in Hospitality and Hotel Administration	3 Years
BBA in Hospitality Management	3 Years

PG Degree Programmes

Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline from a recognized university to apply for PG programmes.

Course	Details
MBA in Hospitality Management (F&B focus)	Revenue, outlet strategy, leadership
PG Diploma in F&B Management	Intensive operational and managerial training
M.Sc in Hospitality Administration	Research + advanced F&B operations

Certificate: Short-term certificate programmes

Candidates should have passed Class 10 or Class 12 from any stream from a recognized board to pursue a certification course.

Course	Details
Certificate in Food & Beverage Service	Table service, guest interaction, POS systems
Certificate in Bartending & Mixology	Cocktails, bar setup, beverage knowledge
Certificate in Sommelier Basics / Wine Service	Wine pairing, cellar management

Diploma programmes

Candidates should have passed Class 10 or Class 12 from any stream from a recognized board to get admission in the following courses.

Course	Details
Diploma in Food & Beverage Service	Outlet management, service standards, costing
Diploma in Restaurant Management	Staffing, menu design, financial planning
Diploma in Catering Management	Institutional and airline catering operations

Key Skills Required

- Guest service
- Team coordination
- Menu knowledge
- Upselling
- Hygiene standards
- Stamina

Food & Beverage Top Entrance Exams

- NCHMCT JEE
- [IIHM eCHAT](#)
- CUET
- MAH HM CET
- UGAT



Top Colleges for Food & Beverage

Students can find more than 250 [Food and Beverage Service colleges in India](#), of which 127 are private and 55 are government colleges.

Top Food & Beverage Government Colleges

College Name	College Type	Approx. Course Fees
IHM Mumbai	Govt.	INR 3.91 L
IHM Kolkata	Govt.	INR 50,000
IGNOU	Govt.	INR 3,000
IHM Lucknow	Govt.	INR 3.68 L
IHM Goa	Govt.	INR 25,000 – 70,000
IHM Hyderabad	Govt.	INR 25,000
IHM Chennai	Govt.	INR 15,160 - 27,360
IHM Shimla	Govt.	INR 50,000 – 70,000

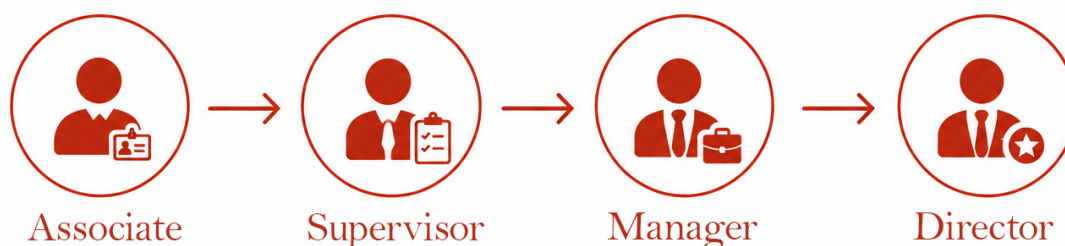
Top Food & Beverage Private Colleges

College Name	College Type	Approx. Course Fees
Ashok Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Private	INR 3.09 L
CGC Landran	Private	INR 4.08 L
Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj University	Private	INR 3.21 L
Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management	Private	INR 5 L
Lovely Professional University	Private	INR 6.4 L
RIG Institute of Hospitality and Management	Private	INR 1.2 L

Food & Beverage Career & Salary

- [Chef](#) (experienced) - INR 6 LPA to 8 LPA
- F&B Manager - INR 7 LPA to 10 LPA
- Waiter/Waitress - INR 3 LPA to 4 LPA
- Bartender - INR 4 LPA to 5 LPA

GROWTH PATH



Culinary Arts

Cooking, baking, and food presentation, from classical techniques to international cuisines and modern gastronomy.

What it covers

International Cuisines, [Bakery & Confectionery](#), Pastry Arts, Food Styling, Kitchen Operations, Molecular Gastronomy



Culinary Arts Courses Offered

UG Culinary Arts Courses

- B.Sc. in Culinary Arts
- BA in Culinary Arts
- BVoc in Culinary Arts
- BHM (Bachelor of Hotel Management)
- BCT & CA (Bachelor of Catering Technology & Culinary Arts)
- BBA in Culinary Arts / Hospitality
- BHMCT (Bachelor of Hotel Management and Catering Technology)

Eligibility

- Class 12 from any stream with minimum 45 percent aggregate score from a recognized board.

PG Culinary Arts Courses

- MSc in Culinary Arts
- MA in Culinary Arts

Eligibility

- Bachelor's degree in Culinary Arts, like a BSc in Culinary Arts or a relevant discipline.

Diploma Culinary Arts Courses

- After 10th Diploma in Culinary Arts
- UG Diploma in Culinary Arts
- PG Diploma in Culinary Arts

Culinary Arts Government Colleges

College Category	College Name	Approx. Course Fees
Govt.	IHM Mumbai	INR 3.91 L
Govt.	IHM Chennai	INR 15,160 - 27,360
Govt.	IHM Hyderabad	INR 25,000
Govt.	Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University	INR 2.24 L
Govt.	Dayalbagh Educational Institute	INR 41,250
Govt.	Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University	INR 12,000
Govt.	Jiwaji University	INR 86,000 - INR 94,000
Govt.	Kurukshetra University	INR 1.39 L - 2.14 L

Culinary Arts Private Colleges

College Category	College Name	Approx. Course Fees
Private	Welcomgroup Graduate School of Hotel Administration	INR 12.36 L
Private	M.S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences	INR 10 L
Private	Symbiosis School of Culinary Arts	INR 12 L - 16.5 L
Private	Chitkara College of Hospitality Management	INR 3.25 L - 7.14 L
Private	NSHM Institute of Hotel and Tourism Management	INR 5.05 L
Private	Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management	INR 5 L
Private	Jaipur National University	INR 1.02 L

Key skills needed

- Creativity
- Attention to detail
- Taste sensitivity

Culinary Arts Career & salary

Culinary Arts graduates can explore careers in hotels, restaurants, cruises, airlines, and event management, with popular roles including Chef, Food Stylist, and Food Researcher.

Job Profiles	Average Salary
Director Culinary Operations	INR 29 LPA
Culinary Chef	INR 3 LPA
Presentation Designer	INR 7.59 LPA
Chocolate Artisan	INR 4.7 LPA
Chef Consultant	INR 5 LPA
Pastry Chef	INR 7 LPA
Food Technologist	INR 3.8 LPA

Luxury & Resort Management

High-end hospitality in luxury hotels and resorts, personalised service, premium guest experiences, and global placements.

What it covers

Premium Guest Experience, Butler & Concierge Services, Spa & Wellness Resort Operations, Luxury Brand Management, VIP & Celebrity Handling



Luxury & Resort Management Courses Offered

UG Courses

Students who have passed class 12 from any stream can apply for the UG courses. Students must have English as a compulsory subject. A few popular courses are:

Course	Duration
BHM with Luxury / Resort Specialisation	3–4 Years
B.Sc in Hospitality and Hotel Administration	3 Years
BBA in Luxury & Hospitality Management	3 Years

PG Courses

Bachelor's in hotel management or business with a minimum 50% is necessary to pursue the following courses.

Course	Details
MBA in Luxury Hospitality Management	Luxury strategy, guest experience design, brand management
Master of Hotel Management (MHM)	Advanced operational and leadership training
PG Diploma in Luxury & Resort Management	1 yr. fast-track for working hospitality professionals

Diploma programmes

Class 12th with the English subject is essential to apply for various diploma courses.

Course	Details
Diploma in Luxury Hospitality Management	Premium operations, concierge, guest experience
Diploma in Resort Management	Resort operations, activities, F&B, spa, revenue
Diploma in Hotel & Resort Operations	Broad operational training for 5-star properties

Top Colleges for Luxury & Resort Management

College	Type	Approx. Course Fees
Welcomgroup Graduate School	Private	INR 12.36 L
IHM Aurangabad	Private	INR 5.88 L
Christ University	Private	INR 9.25 L

Key skills Required

- Impeccable grooming
- Foreign languages
- Emotional intelligence
- Discretion
- Attention to detail
- Global etiquette

Luxury & Resort Management Career & Salary

- Guest Relations Executive (entry): INR 3-5 LPA
- Concierge / Butler: INR 4-8 LPA
- Resort Operations Manager: INR 10-18 LPA
- General Manager - Luxury Property: INR 25-40 LPA

Top recruiters

Taj, Oberoi, Four Seasons, Aman Resorts, Ritz-Carlton

International scope

UAE, Switzerland, Singapore, Maldives, USA



Important Sections in Hospitality Entrance Exams

Most hospitality entrance exams such as NCHMCT JEE, MAH HM CET, IIHM eCHAT, etc assess candidates on the following sections:

Numerical Ability and Analytical Aptitude

- Percentages
- Profit and Loss
- Ratios and Proportions
- Time and Work
- Averages
- Basic Mathematics

Reasoning and Logical Deduction

- Number Series
- Coding-Decoding
- Blood Relations
- Puzzles
- Direction Sense
- Logical Reasoning

English Language

- Grammar
- Vocabulary
- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Reading Comprehension
- Sentence Correction
- Fill in the Blanks

General Knowledge and Current Affairs

- National and International Events
- Awards and Honours
- Sports
- Tourism and Hospitality Industry Updates
- Indian History and Geography

Aptitude for Service Sector

- Customer Service Skills
- Communication Skills
- Hospitality Awareness
- Problem-Solving Ability
- Situational Judgement

Hospitality and Tourism Awareness

- Hotel Industry Basics
- Travel and Tourism Concepts
- Famous Tourist Destinations
- Hospitality Terminology
- Current Trends in Tourism and Hospitality

Hospitality Industry Challenges & Advantages

A career in hospitality can be highly rewarding for students who enjoy interacting with people, working in dynamic environments, and building global careers. However, the industry also comes with challenges that every aspiring hotel management student should understand.



Pros and Cons of the Hospitality Industry

Pros	Cons
Excellent career opportunities in hotels, resorts, airlines, cruise lines, and event companies	Long working hours, especially during peak seasons and holidays
Fast career growth for talented and hardworking professionals	Physically demanding roles that require standing for extended periods
Opportunities to work in India and abroad	Shift-based work, including nights, weekends, and public holidays
Exposure to international guests and multicultural work environments	High-pressure situations when dealing with demanding customers
Attractive benefits such as service charge, meals, accommodation, and incentives	Initial salaries may be modest in some roles and locations
Diverse career paths in culinary arts, front office, housekeeping, sales, and management	Competition is intense for promotions and leadership positions
Entrepreneurial opportunities such as restaurants, catering, and consulting	Maintaining work-life balance can be challenging
Strong transferable skills in communication, leadership, and problem-solving	Consistent performance and excellent guest service are expected at all times



Is Math compulsory for Hotel Management?

Ans: No, Mathematics is not compulsory for most hotel management courses. Students from any stream, Arts, Commerce, and Science, can apply for hospitality programmes.

Can Arts students pursue Hospitality?

Ans: Yes, Arts students can pursue hospitality courses. Most hospitality institutes accept candidates from all streams. However, students must have completed Class 12 from a recognised board.

Which Hospitality field pays the highest?

Ans: Some of the highest-paying fields in hospitality are hotel management, luxury hotel operations, revenue management, hospitality consulting, cruise management, and international hospitality roles.

Is Hotel Management good for international careers?

Ans: Yes, hotel management offers excellent international career opportunities. Hospitality professionals can work in hotels, resorts, cruise lines, airlines, and tourism companies across different countries.

Are internships compulsory for Hospitality course?

Ans: Yes, internships are mandatory for most hospitality courses. Internships provide practical industry experience and help students develop professional skills for future job opportunities.