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National INNdex helps you quickly locate a motel in almost any town in the USA of several thousand population or more.

Simply select the state and town you plan to visit, and National INNdex will provide you with a list of motels, including their national chain affiliation, location, local phone number and national reservation number. You will also be informed of the availability (or non-availability) of some basic motel amenities:

- Restaurant on the premises or nearby
- Cocktail lounge on the premises or nearby
- Indoor or outdoor swimming pool
- Meeting room facilities

This information can be displayed on-screen or in a printed report (great to give to the boss).

Although National INNdex is aimed at traveling businessmen and vacationing families, it is invaluable to anyone who travels.

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Based on up-to-date information made public by the various national motel chains, the shareware version's database contains over 2,200 motels affiliated with Days Inn (tm) and Motel 6 (tm).

Registered users receive a much larger database of over 5,300 motels, growing to 10,000 motels by 10-1-95, in the following chains (subject to change):

- Best Western (tm)    Days Inn (tm)    Motel 6 (tm)

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Registered users may also purchase updates to the database at any time. The registration fee is a very affordable \$29.00, and updates

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are priced at \$12.50 each. If you register before the completion date for the database (October 1, 1995), you will be entitled to ONE FREE UPDATE any time after the completion date.

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National INNdex is entirely menu operated, and is so easy that a separate user manual is unnecessary. We have provided a help system that gives you context-sensitive access to an online manual at any time by simply pressing the <F1> key (you are reading part of it now).

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To make a National INNdex menu selection, use the arrow keys to highlight your selection, then press <Enter>. Alternately, you can type the first letter of a menu selection, then press <Enter>.

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The shareware version of National INNdex has a 30 day trial period, during which you may use the program free of charge. After that period, you are expected to register and submit a \$29.00 registration fee. In exchange for your registration you will receive a copy of the entire 5,300+ motel database (growing to 10,000, motels by October 1, 1995). Registered users are also able to purchase updated data at any time for the modest price of \$12.50 per update.

For detailed registration information, including our SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER, select REGISTER from the main menu.

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When you register as a National INNdex user, you receive a copy of the entire 5,300+ motel database, which will grow to 10,000 motels by about October 1, 1995.

As a registered user, you will be able to purchase updated data for your copy of National INNdex any time for \$12.50. The updates include hundreds of additions and deletions, phone number changes (we are getting many changes of area code) and any new chains that have been added. We suggest that you update your data semi-annually.

---- SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER ----

As of the date this shareware version of National INNdex was released for distribution, the large registered user motel database was over 50% complete. We expect to have it finished by October 1, 1995.

In the meantime, if you register before October 1, 1995 you will receive a coupon for a FREE UPDATE to the completed database. You may redeem the coupon any time after October 1, 1995.

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You can register as a National INNdex user in any one of three convenient ways:

\* You can register with a credit card (MasterCharge, Visa, American Express)

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can Express, Discover) through Public Software Library. Specify product ID 11770 and request the registration option for \$29.00.

Phone orders 1-800-242-4775 or 713-524-6394

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\* If you are a CompuServe user, you can use their shareware registration service (GO SWREG). Use Reg ID 4536. The \$29.00 registration fee will be added to your CompuServe service charges.

\* You can register directly with us by mail order. At the main menu, select REGISTER, and at the register menu select MAIL ORDER

You will be prompted for information such as your name and address, and a filled-out order form will be prepared in your printer.

Mail order registrations must be paid for by check or money order. To order by credit card, please see the previous page. Foreign mail orders must include a check or money order in US funds drawn on a US bank.

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When you became a registered National INNdex user, you received a copy of the entire motel database as it stood at that time.

The National INNdex database is constantly changing, with motels added and deleted, changes in phone numbers (many area codes are being changed), etc. It is important that you keep your registered copy of National INNdex up to date, and you can do that by purchasing a data update twice a year.

Data updates can be purchased for \$12.50 each in one of these three easy ways:

\* You can purchase with a credit card (MasterCharge, Visa, Ameri-



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ABOUT - Displays important information regarding the program description, shareware, licensing, registration, data subscriptions and updating the program's data.

REGISTER - Displays information explaining why and how you should register as a National INNdex user.

SEARCH - Selects the state and city for motel display.

DISPLAY - Displays the motel data for the state and city selected. You must select a state and city with SEARCH before using DISPLAY.

PRINT - Prints the motel data for the city and state selected. You must select a state and city with SEARCH before using PRINT.

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OPTIONS - Select program options, including the ability to include only certain motel chains, exclude certain motel chains or change the screen colors. Options also include installation of updated data and creating a shareware copy for a friend.

QUIT - Returns you to DOS or your DOS menu.

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The About Menu displays important general information about the National INNdex Program.

National INNdex - Explains what National INNdex does and how it works.

Shareware - Explains the shareware concept, and why it is important to you.

License - Displays the license governing your use of National INNdex. PLEASE READ.



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Registration - Explains why you should register as a National INN-dex user, and how data updates work for you.

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The Register Menu displays information about registering as a National INN-dex user.

Advantages - Explains why you should register and how little it costs. It also tells you about the bonus for those who register before October 1, 1995!

Credit Card - Explains how to register by credit card with an easy phone call to an 800 number.

CompuServe (TM) - Explains how to register using CompuServe's SWREG feature.

Mail Order - If you prefer to register by mail, this selection creates a handy mail order form for your convenience.

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The state menu selects the state you wish to use for your motel search. All 50 states are included, plus the District of Columbia. The state you select will be shown below the window.

Simply scroll down to the state you wish to select, and press <Enter>.

After selecting a state, the city menu for that state will appear (see next help page).

To exit the state menu without making a selection, press <Esc>.

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The city menu displays all of the cities represented in the database for the state you selected. It selects the city you plan to visit. If you have invoked the RESTRICT CHAINS option, only the cities having motels in the active chains will displayed.

Simply scroll down to the city you wish to select, and press <Enter>. To exit without selecting a city, press <Esc>.

Notice that some city names include the word "area" (example: Chicago area). When you select an area, you are actually selecting a group of suburbs. Most cities that have an area menu entry also have an entry for the city itself. Example: Chicago  
 Chicago area

If you select a city that is not an area, you will be returned to the main menu, where you can DISPLAY or PRINT the motels in the city you selected.

If you select an area, the suburb menu will appear.  
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The suburb menu displays all of the suburban towns represented in the database for the city you selected. If you have invoked the RESTRICT CHAINS option, only the suburbs in the active chains will be displayed. You may select up to three suburbs at a time.

Simply scroll down to the suburb you wish to select, and press <Enter>. After selecting a first or second suburb, the menu returns so that you can select another one. After the third selection, you will be returned to the main menu, where you can DISPLAY or PRINT the motels in the suburbs you have selected.

If you only wish to select one or two suburbs, press <ESC> when you are through selecting.

To exit the menu without making a selection, press <Esc> before selecting a suburb.

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For each motel displayed, the following information is shown:

FIRST LINE - The name of the motel chain and, if applicable, the name of the motel.

SECOND LINE - The location of the motel. These abbreviations may be used:

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ST - State highway	E - East
St - Street	W - West
Hwy - Highway	NE - Northeast
Ex - Exit	SE - Southeast
Cnr - Corner	SW - Southwest
@ - At	NW - Northwest

THIRD LINE - The motel's local phone number on the left, and the chain's national reservation number on the right.

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FOURTH LINE - The availability of a restaurant or a cocktail lounge. "On premises" means under the same roof as the motel. "Nearby" typically means within walking distance or a 1-2 minute drive.

If a motel is listed as "No adjacent restaurant", it is still reasonable to assume that a restaurant is located within a few minutes driving time in all but the most remote locations.

FIFTH LINE - The availability of an indoor or outdoor swimming pool on the site, and the availability of a meeting room on the premises (always reserve meeting rooms ahead of time).

Motel information is displayed up to three motels per screen. If more than 3 motels were found that meet your selection criteria, a box is displayed in the lower right corner of the screen with an arrow indicating how to scroll to see the remaining motels.

<PgDn> for more...

The state and city that you selected are shown above the first motel.

These keys are active during motel display:

<Home>, <up arrow> or <PgUp> - Scroll up one motel at a time.

<End>, <down arrow> or <PgDn> - Scroll down one motel at a time.

<Enter> - Scroll down three motels at a time.

<ESC> - Exit the display function and return to the main menu.

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A report containing the motel listings selected by your search criteria will be printed on your printer, up to eight motels per page. The same format used in screen displays is used for printed reports.

If you need to have the printer pause between pages for manual paper loading, select PAUSE AFTER PAGE, otherwise select CONTINUOUS.

National INNdex does not have the ability to change printer fonts or type size from the software. These changes should be made using your printer's front panel controls before printing.

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The options menu allows you to make certain configuration changes to the National INNdex software. These changes are permanent until you you change them again. It also enables you to restrict the display of certain motel chains, to apply updated data to the registered version of the program, and to make a new shareware copy for a friend.

**CHAINS - RESTRICT** - Enables you to tell National INNdex to use only certain motel chains, or to avoid using certain chains. This affects the SEARCH, DISPLAY and PRINT functions. You can also reset the system to use all chains.

**LOAD UPDATED DATA** - Automatically applies a data update to your registered copy of National INNdex. Each update contains hundreds of changes to the motel database. Select UPDATE on the main menu for information on ordering an update.

**PRINTER PORT** - Allows you to select parallel port 1 (LPT1) or parallel port 2 (LPT2) for output to the printer.  
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**BLUE SCREEN** - Sets the basic screen colors to white on blue.

**GREY SCREEN** - Sets the basic screen colors to white on grey.

**AQUA SCREEN** - Sets the basic screen colors to white on aqua.



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Because the information provided by the various motel chains differs to some extent, please note the following:

Super 8 - Adjacent restaurants may be fast food rather than full service in some locations.

Motel 6 - Does not indicate the availability of cocktail lounges. Any adjacent lounges are not mentioned, and are shown here as not available.

Days Inn - Indicates only the presence of a cocktail lounge on premises. Any adjacent lounges are not mentioned, and are shown here as not available.

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