

# TOURISM KEYS: GETTING STARTED WITH WORDPRESS

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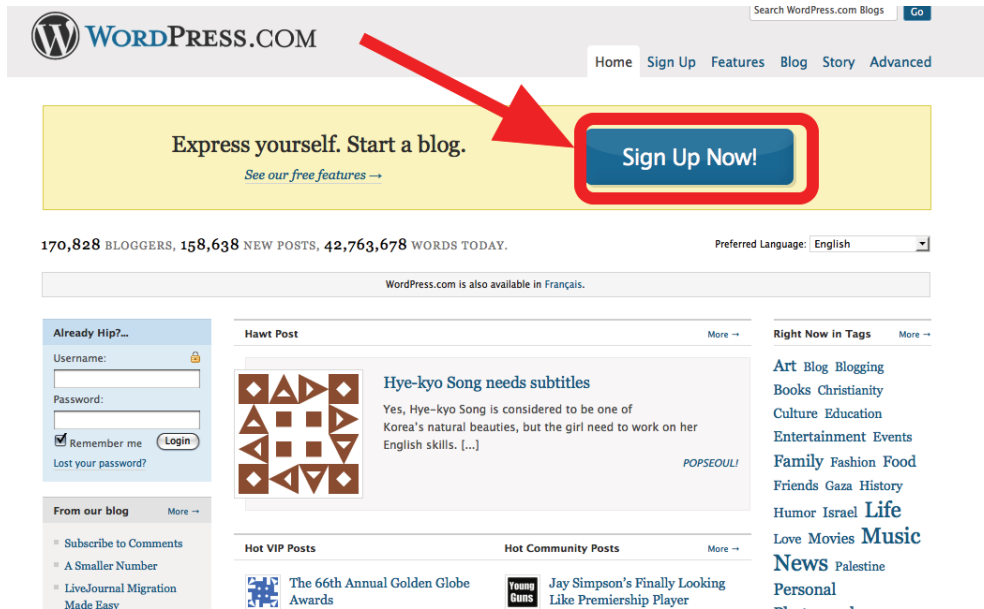


<http://www.tourismkeys.ca/blog>

## Step by Step: How to sign up for a FREE Wordpress Blog.

Follow these instructions to sign up for a Wordpress blog.

**Step 1: Go to [www.wordpress.com](http://www.wordpress.com) and click the sign up button.**



**Step 2: Fill out the form and then click the next button at the bottom of the screen to continue.**

## Get your own WordPress.com account in seconds

Fill out this one-step form and you'll be blogging seconds later!

Username	<input type="text" value="gmist"/> <small>(Must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only.)</small>
Password	<input type="password" value="....."/>
Confirm	<input type="password" value="....."/> <small>Use upper and lower case characters, numbers and symbols like !'£\$%^&amp;() in your password. Password Strength: <b>Strong</b></small>
Email Address	<input type="text" value="gmistcourse@gmail.com"/> <small>(We send important administration notices to this address so triple-check it.)</small>
Legal flotsam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have read and agree to the fascinating terms of service.
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Gimme a blog! (Like <a href="http://username.wordpress.com">username.wordpress.com</a> ) <input type="radio"/> Just a username, please.
<input type="button" value="Next -&gt;"/>	

Fill out the form and be sure to use your **gmail e-mail address**. You will also need to create a username and password. Be sure that the password is strong (a mix of letters and numbers is always a good choice.) Be sure that you check the box that you **agree to the terms of use**. Then click **Gimme a blog**. After you are done...click the **next** button at the bottom of the screen.

**Step 3: Fill out this form and click the Signup button at the bottom of the screen.**

The screenshot shows the WordPress.com sign-up form. At the top, there is a search bar for WordPress.com Blogs and a 'Go' button. Below this is a navigation menu with links for Home, Sign Up, Features, Blog, Story, and Advanced. The main form area is divided into several sections: 'Blog Domain' with the text 'gmistcourse.wordpress.com' and a note that the address will be domain.wordpress.com; 'Blog Title' with the text 'The little restaurant on the hill'; 'Language' with a dropdown menu set to 'en - English'; and 'Privacy' with a checked checkbox indicating the user wants their blog to appear in search engines. At the bottom of the form, a 'Signup →' button is highlighted with a red box. The footer contains links for 24/7 Support, Free Features, Premium Features, VIP, Terms of Service, Privacy, and other resources, along with the text 'AN AUTOMATTIC INVENTION'.

Be careful when you fill out the blog domain name. It cannot be changed.

(Example of a blog domain name: gmistcourse.wordpress.com)

The blog title or any other details can be changed later. Your blog title should reflect your business name or organization. When you are finished click the signup button at the bottom of the screen.

**Step 4: You can add more about yourself if you wish. Then check your g-mail to confirm registration.**

## Check Your Email to Complete Registration

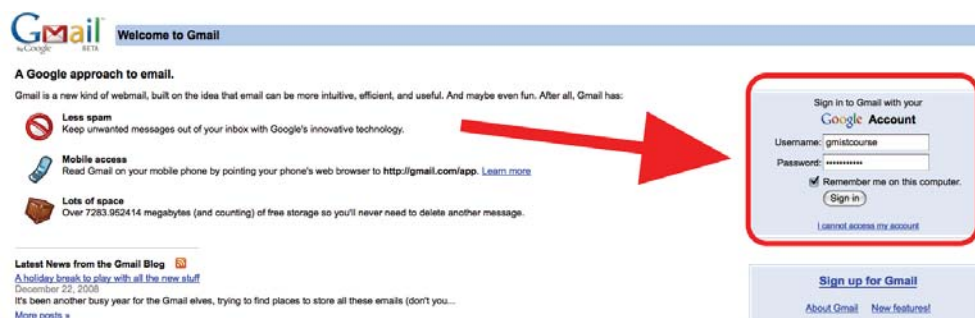
An email has been sent to [gmistcourse@gmail.com](mailto:gmistcourse@gmail.com) to activate your account. Check your inbox and click the link in the message. It should arrive within 30 minutes. If you do not activate your account within two days, you will have to sign up again.

### Update Your Profile!

If you haven't got your activation email why not update your profile while you wait?

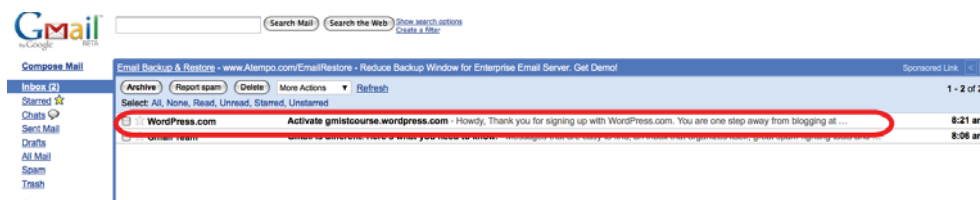
First Name:	<input type="text"/>
Last Name:	<input type="text"/>
About Yourself:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Save Profile →"/>	

**Step 5: Check your gmail by going to [www.gmail.com](http://www.gmail.com) and type in your username and password info.**



Type in your username and password information and then click the sign in button.

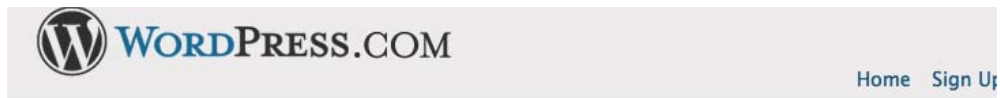
**Step 6: You will see an e-mail from Wordpress in your inbox. Click to open it and confirm registration.**



**Step 7: Click the link to open the e-mail from Wordpress ...Then click the link to activate your blog.**



**Step 8: Once you have clicked to activate your blog you should see this screen...**



**Your account is now active!**

Username:

Password:

Keep track of your username and password information for your wordpress blog. **WRITE IT DOWN!**