

Time Corps

Official Guide to Time Travel



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Foreword

For thousands of years Humanity has been intrigued by the idea of Time Travel and the fantasy of being able to erase mistakes or flash forward for but a glimpse of the future. Anthropologists have for decades researched folklore and stories in cultures across the globe. It was a phenomenon that transcended across generations; an idea that was never truly born, but continued a lineage not unlike our own. Father to son, mother to daughter: humanity retold stories of regret and the shortage of time. Each and every generation came to the same conclusion: that Time Travel was the way to solve all and any problems, at least if it were ever possible. Only through correction could perfection be obtained.

In 1947, the birth of the transistor paved the way for a huge and unstoppable force of science and technology. Within a few short decades, computers which had once spanned rooms could soon be held in the palm of the hand. Storage capacity excelled from bytes through to terabytes by the late 20th century; and whilst these storage capacities are negligible by today's standards, these were ground-breaking milestones in a century plagued by bitter wars, intolerance and racism.

As technology eased the burden of working life, humanity was awarded the opportunity to seek the fantasies it had to date confined to science fiction. From Voyager 2 to Hubble and the International Space Station, the 20th century truly defined our place in the galaxy and our philosophies on life, the universe and time. Every year boundaries were broken. Each decade preconceptions were smashed. Despite the economic problems of the era commonly known as The Black Period, humanity's development as a species was driven to astronomical heights by science and technology. The unexpected economic crash halted most scientific advances for decades, and in some cases centuries. However, in 2049, the Moon was finally colonised, and just fifty years later so, too, was Mars. However, it was not until 2132 that the greatest achievement of humanity was made. Time Travel.

I was lucky enough to meet Francois Savetier and Nikolai Ramenov, the two inventors of the first Time Machine. I posed as a quaint scholar interested in their work - at this point they were still scouting for funds and desperately sacrificing their own livelihoods for the dream that we would all come to appreciate. They were both so dedicated and meticulous. To them, I must have been but a grain of sand in an outgoing tide. But to me? These men defined who I was; for without them I would never have been. My mother was migrant from the 25th century while my father was born four hundred years later. It was a miracle they even breathed the same air; and without these two heroes of humanity, all would have been lost right down to the words on this page.

From fantasy to essentialism, Time Travel is as much a part of humanity as our thoughts, our unique ethos and our blanket empathy for all that once lived, and all that ever could be.

Professor RJ Mendeleev

Welcome to Time Travel

If you are reading this, then you are most likely a newbie to Time Travel, or at least someone who hasn't hopped onto the Network in a while! Rest assured that it's not as daunting as you think. This guide is designed to set your mind at ease and walk you through everything you need to know about the fastest mode of Transport!

Time Corps are with you every step of the way, from today, yesterday and to infinity!

A History of Time Travel

Time Travel: The Origin

Many argue that, had not HG Wells popularised the concept, the idea might have been lost entirely. However, the origins of time travel extend far back towards Ancient Grecian and Hindu mythologies. Whilst many theories were described - as well as many fantastical stories - it was not until the late 20th century before these ideas were seriously entertained.

Harald Marshall, known as the Pioneer of Time Travel, was born on the 4th October 2033. His parents were Julia and Hector, both teachers at a local state education faculty in Nebraska, USA. An only child, Harald was diagnosed with severe Asperger's Syndrome. Excelling to a Master's degree in physics by the time he was seventeen, he had completed his first PhD by the he was twenty. However, it was not until his fourth doctorate that he finally settled on the concept of Time Travel and experimented with atomic particles, founding the basis for which to transport matter through a temporal field. Sadly, Harald Marshall disappeared without a trace on the 8th March 2071, to the horror of the contemporary scientific community. It has since been discovered that he was indeed taken by Time Travelers from the future, where he lived out the rest knowing that his life's work had eventually paid off.

However, the true point of achievable Time Travel came when, in 2098, Francois Savetier, at the age of 18, abruptly realised that he should not continue his History degree, but pursue his dreams of becoming an electronic engineer. Inspired, Francois graduated with distinction and immediately started his PhD in advanced physics, where he met his scientific partner, Nikolai Ramenov. Francois and Nikolai worked together on many failed prototypes, including the Helfinger 7, which unfortunately killed two lab technicians in its third experiment. What followed was nearly a decade of hardship for the two scientists. While Francois was convinced of their ability, Nikolai struggled and for many years he was estranged from his old friend and colleague. However, the tragic death of their professor brought the two back together and they sourced funding from an anonymous source - which many conspiracy theories insist was the eponymous Savetier himself. In a little under three years, they had completed the first logged incident of Time Travel. Testing inanimate objects, they moved them at first seconds forward in time before venturing to minutes and eventually hours and days. Once secure in their device's ability, they tested the first ever animal in Time Travel. Fluffy, the bunny, was advanced into time two months and for eight horrifying weeks the scientists waited to see if their plans were fruitful.

With the success of Fluffy, they rolled out a full animal testing plan - which many protested, but to their credit not a single animal suffered or died. With a phenomenal 100% success rate, human testing was carried out just as Francois and Nikolai celebrated their fourth decade of research. After this period closed, it was then that they opened their patent up for public sale, with the secret fore knowledge that the eventual buyers would establish Time Corps.

In their old age, Francois and Nikolai said their goodbyes to their respective families and stepped into their own device to explore the universe that they opened up for us.

The Establishment of Time Corps

In 2146, Time Corps was established and on the 12th of May 2147, the first meeting of The Committee was held. Still shrouded in secrecy, which has sprouted many rumours and conspiracy theories, the meeting has been sealed off from Time and given the utmost security, with military divisions across decades and centuries keeping watch on the movements around this Timezone so that the rules of the universe can be upheld no matter what.

Time Corps took on the mantle of the first and only Time Transportation Network, or TTN. Regulations, whilst a priority, were not the first to be established, but rather the regions and accessibility of certain Timezones. It was agreed that every point in time prior to the inception of Time Corps should be restricted, with access mainly granted for educational and research purposes as well as the exotic holidays. Rather than operating an on-demand service, Time Corp opted for the operating model it now runs, scheduling shuttle services between various Timezones. Taking inspiration from London's Underground network, Time Corps established the first scheduled Time Travel services for businessmen who could afford it. With this success, Time Corps branched out and by 2184, they had established the first network of Time Transits.

As demand rose, these shuttle services spearheaded the Localised Time Network, LTN, that has been implemented across the globe. These LTNs focussed on commuter based travel, with short journeys of a few hours or a several days on offer. With Time Travel still an expensive cost and drain on resources, pricing was apportioned to the appropriate jump in deviated time. Therefore, it made simpler one-hour journeys cheaper and the less used alternatives more expensive. With the help of The Committee, a full network of Time Transits was established and delegates setup to represent Diplomatic Consulates in each and every significant Timezone Interval.

As Time Corps profits soared, they reinvested into the Network. Longer jumps into time were scheduled and became so popular that they had to be separated out from the LTNs. Many Y-Terminals, as they came to be known, were established in old city airports in order to prevent overcrowding for local services, which serve Hourly (H), Daily (D) and Weekly (W) commuter travel.

The Time Corps operating model has not changed significantly over the years. As technology naturally progressed, it allowed for greater efficiency, as well as gradual expansion of the network both geographically and chronologically.

Getting Ready to Travel

Step 1. The Microchip

By now you should have had your microchip installed – so if you haven't, please submit your form to the Time Vetting Team for your application to be processed! Even if you are not going far into the future, we won't allow you to board our service until you have the Time Corps Certified chip!

If we feel that your microchip has been tampered with, we reserve the right to deny boarding and instruct that you replace your microchip at the earliest convenience.

Step 2. Visas

For short trips of a few days or weeks into the future, you won't need a visa if you are travelling from your native or adopted Timezone. However, if your journey does require a visa you will be subject to a strict vetting system and a code of conduct that you must adhere to for the duration of your trip

Time Migration is important to Time Corps and has been incorporated into everyday Time Travelling life. We do not discriminate against Time Immigrants and we urge all passengers who are faced with such discrimination to report the incident to your local Time Corps Helpdesk, who will be able to take the matter further.

As a reminder, here is a brief overview of the Time Visa Guidelines

- Time Travellers wishing to travel backwards to Timezones that pre-date Time Travel should have the valid visa in which to do so. These can be applied for at the local Time Embassy, but very often require Educational or Governmental Sponsorships. Special dedicated Timezones have been established for school trips, where there is strict governance of the tour itself.
- Citizens wishing to relocate permanently to another Timezone must apply for the relevant visa. Once migration is successful, then the applicant may **not** return to their native Timezone without due reason - a matter that is usually presided over by the Time Court.
- Citizens wishing to holiday to another Timezone must apply for short-stay visas and those who travel frequently for work must hold up to date visas which their place of work must renew regularly to ensure no disruption to travel.
- Time Refugees are accepted on a case-by-case basis. Often refugees are migrated to a specific Timezone together in order to establish a small community, where their collective histories can be monitored and managed.

If you think you need a visa or have any questions on the process, contact your local Time Embassy for details.

Once you've got the microchip and any applicable visas, you are ready to board one of our shuttles. Don't forget that your ticket is for a specific service only.

Step 3. Boarding

Please arrive to your LTN at least one minute before the shuttle departs to allow for ticket verification. If you are travelling through one of our Y-Terminals, we recommend arriving at least half an hour before departure to allow for your visa and ticket to be validated.

Step 4. Arrival

Arriving at your new destination can be both exciting and daunting. Please remember to take care when leaving the shuttle as other members of your group may be feeling overwhelmed. Be mindful of the culture you have arrived into and if you are unsure of the practises of that Timezone, consult our Time Corps Helpdesk.

When you reach your destination, it is also important to remember that you must obey the laws of the country and Timezone that you are visiting – *even if your native Timezone has a conflicting or opposing legal system*. Civil crime is always punished in the Timezone the crime was committed, and that is not always pleasant!

Additionally, there are Time Laws which you must adhere to. For further reading on this as well as information regarding your personal data and Established Events, please see the end of this pamphlet.

From all of us at Time Corps, enjoy your visit to your chosen Timezone and we hope to welcome you back soon!

The Time Laws

Established at the inception of Time Corps, these laws are unyielding until the end of time. No amendments are to be considered and the Time Authority have full control over how these laws are regulated, with the Time Police ensuring that they are enforced.

Each Timezone has a corresponding Time Police division. Agents are in operation throughout history. Investigations can take place across the Timezone a crime was committed in and the suspect's native Timezone. Agents often live in non-Native Timezones for designated periods in order to blend in and fully understand the culture of their environment.

The Time Laws are very specific to Crimes Committed that otherwise could not have been achievable without Time Travel. For a comprehensive list of illegal activities, contact your local Time Embassy, but we have provided a few for your consideration below:

Monetary Gain

No one may use knowledge from historic or future events that they otherwise would not have obtained through the standard progression of time for financial gain. Companies or individuals may operate or work in non-Native Timezones, but any financial success must remain in the Timezone that it was earned in. Special bank accounts are granted for those wishing to save their earnings for future use in their Native Timezone. However, there are caps on the length at which these earnings can be saved for. These accounts can only be opened with a corresponding visa and approval from the Time Authority.

Though sentencing is usually given by the Time Court, a typical punishment could involve revocation of Time Traveller rights as well as the seizure of financial gains.

Theft

Criminals who have used Time Travel as a means to steal, con or by any other means take property or monetary assets without permission from the owner, are to be tried by the Time Court but sentenced to a punishment appropriate to the Timezone in which the crime was committed.

Anti-Tempustism

Discrimination or threat, verbal or physical, to a known Time Traveller is considered an offence. It is entirely up to the victim to press charges; but such a charge is taken as seriously as racism.

Murder

In the event that a murder that could not have otherwise been committed without the use of Time Travel, the murderer shall be tried under the Time Court but sentenced to a punishment appropriate to the Timezone in which the crime was committed.

If you feel that you may have committed a crime during your journey or may be the victim of a Time Crime, then please contact the Time Authority or your local Time Police station immediately.

Time Corps and Your Personal Data

Time Corps takes privacy extremely seriously. When you enter the Network, all personal details including your travel history and activity are stored on the centralised Databanks for preservation. In addition to Time Corps, only the Time Authority and Time Police have access to these Databanks. The location of these Databanks is kept under strict control and security. Personal data and activity is never removed, destroyed or deleted from the Databanks. Request to remove personal data from them can be seen as a Time Crime and requestors may be prosecuted.

We need to store your personal data and activity to understand the both our past and future, as well as to ensure the safety of every citizen of Planet Earth. So, while we'll know where you've been for millions of years to come, rest assured that it is all for the benefit of Mankind.

Established Events

One of the first things Time Travellers think they can do is change the past. Whilst it not a crime to attempt to change your own history – a task which many philosopher's find futile – our team of scientists and researchers have derived a mathematical model for Established Events.

We all make choices in life, every second of every day and sometimes these choices matter. Through the information stored in our Databanks, our scientists understand now that only a certain number of our choices dramatically affect history in the way might understand it. This model is best represented by a bell curve, where everything that happens between two points on the curve is deemed an Established Event. Every combination of our choices and decisions contained within these two parameters are actions that if not taken may affect whether that Event ever took place. This means that large events such as nuclear wars or global warming do happen, but that individual histories might change without steering the course of history in another direction.

Don't worry if you find that overwhelming though – that's what The Committee are here for and that's' why our dedicated Time Police are so busy! Never step into our Network thinking that you will change history, for our team will always been on hand to stop you from making those mistakes. However, if it's your intention to go back in time to change your own life, then we can't stop you – in fact, you could say we didn't!

And rest assured that if any activities leading up an Established Event have changed, we'll ensure you are updated when you next enter the Network so you never miss out!

Science has yet to explain the way we change our own histories – and if it is even possible. Time Corps does not impose any views on individuals using our Network, meaning that you are free to believe whatever your spiritual or religious idea is on altering the past. There are many literature works that seek to resolve this conundrum of time – please check out the gift shop to grab yourself a copy!

Time Corps Merchandise

At all our Y-Terminal locations as well as many LTNs, there are gift shops selling Time Corp merchandise. From T-shirts, to mugs, hats and socks – grab something for you or a loved one to show your appreciation of the fastest mode of transport there ever will be!

We ask only that you don't show them off to the locals before we existed – there was enough confusion back then!

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