

Special Issue

Sustainable Tourism and the Cultural Landscape in Rural Areas

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This Special Issue of Sustainability, titled “Sustainable Tourism and the Cultural Landscape in Rural Areas”, seeks to provide an international platform for advancing theoretical perspectives, empirical research, and innovative practices related to the sustainable development of rural destinations. Contributions are invited that explore how cultural landscapes can be preserved, interpreted, and integrated into tourism strategies that balance economic benefits with environmental responsibility and socio-cultural well-being. We welcome interdisciplinary approaches that connect geography, tourism studies, environmental sciences, rural sociology, heritage management, and related fields. By gathering diverse perspectives, this Special Issue aims to highlight best practices and critical challenges in aligning cultural landscape conservation with sustainable tourism. The insights obtained will be of particular value to policymakers, practitioners, and researchers working to strengthen the resilience of rural areas and to ensure that tourism serves as a tool for inclusive, balanced, and long-term development.

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