Special Issue

Sustainable Nature-Based Tourism

Message from the Guest Editors

This SI aims to explore the evolving interconnections between nature-based tourism and sustainability, expanding on existing research that highlights tourism's potential for conservation, community development, and place-based heritage valorization. Our objective is to bridge these strands by foregrounding new insights into governance models, visitor-host relationships, and ecosystem resilience. We particularly welcome interdisciplinary approaches that draw on diverse scientific fields to explore new and evolving topics, such as neurotourism and neuromarketing, and the constant redefinition of destination image dimensions. By doing so, the Special Issue will extend current debates and highlight how innovative research can inform practical strategies for sustainable development. The proposed manuscript could also address governance frameworks, participatory management, and innovative policies that balance visitor experience with biodiversity protection. By bringing together interdisciplinary perspectives, this collection will complement and extend current literature by highlighting emerging practices and critical challenges at the intersection of nature, tourism, and sustainability.

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