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Sustainable Destination Development: Tourism and Society

Message from the Guest Editors

Tourism affects host destinations culturally, economically, socially, and environmentally. While economic benefits are often prioritised, sustainable destination development requires the adoption of a holistic approach. Responsible tourism minimises negative effects like overcrowding, cultural loss, and environmental degradation while enhancing community engagement and heritage preservation. Effective policies should balance economic growth with sustainability by promoting green infrastructure, community-led initiatives, and responsible visitor behaviour. Stakeholders, including governments and tourism operators, must integrate sustainability into their planning to ensure long-term benefits for both residents and visitors, fostering a positive relationship between tourism and society. This Special Issue will explore the multi-dimensional impacts of tourism on host destinations, emphasising the balance between economic gains and long-term sustainability and critically examining responsible tourism practices that contribute to culturally sensitive, socially inclusive, and environmentally conscious development.

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