

## Special Issue

# Cultural Sustainability in Tourism: Preserving Local Traditions and Heritage While Encouraging Responsible Travel for Sustainable Local Development

### Message from the Guest Editors

The cultural dimension of tourism has often been undervalued and under-researched, with greater emphasis placed on the economic and environmental aspects of sustainability and local development. The preservation of local heritage and traditions, alongside their valorization and promotion through tourism, can represent an opportunity for local development. Concerning tourist saturation, the challenge arises to promote responsible tourism, slow and/or proximity tourism, which contributes to the valorization of cultural elements. This Special Issue aims to explore how tourism can contribute, across different geographical and touristic contexts, to the preservation of traditions and heritage through local and regional examples of community-based tourism, participatory experiences, and creative approaches to the revaluation of local resources and cultures to foster sustainable local development, with emphasis on the cultural dimension. Contributions are invited for theoretical discussions on sustainable tourism, responsible tourism, and tourism degrowth, as well as methodological approaches to preservation studies from both supply and demand perspectives and case studies.

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