

Special Issue

Geotourism: Towards Geoconservation and Economic Beneficiation

Message from the Guest Editors

Geotourism has emerged as a new novel tourism paradigm. Despite this, there remains a paucity of research, particularly in its contribution to geoconservation and local economic beneficiation. The integration of geotourism and geoconservation concepts into national tourism policies and strategies is not yet widespread. Numerous nations and regions are currently contending with challenges such as extreme climate change events, anthropogenic and natural impacts on geological heritage, and the absence of economic benefits derived from natural resources. Considering these challenges, researchers have identified geotourism as a burgeoning field of study and a viable solution for stimulating and generating local economic benefits, while simultaneously conserving significant geoh heritage sites. This Special Issue is dedicated to the interdisciplinary concept of geotourism, underscoring its crucial role in safeguarding geological heritage and fostering local economic beneficiation through the sustainable utilization of notable geological features, landscapes, and associated heritage assets.

Guest Editors

Dr. Khodani Matshusa

Department of Environmental Sciences, School of Ecological and Human Sustainability, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa

Prof. Dr. Llewellyn Leonard

Department of Environmental Sciences, School of Ecological and Human Sustainability, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa

Deadline for manuscript submissions

31 May 2026



Tourism and Hospitality

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

CiteScore 3.7



mdpi.com/si/254474

Tourism and Hospitality
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
tourismhosp@mdpi.com

[mdpi.com/journal/
tourismhosp](https://mdpi.com/journal/tourismhosp)





Tourism and Hospitality

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

CiteScore 3.7



[mdpi.com/journal/
tourismhosp](https://mdpi.com/journal/tourismhosp)



About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

I am honored to serve as Editor-in-Chief of *Tourism and Hospitality*, a platform for sharing insights, trends, and solutions to global challenges in our industry. We welcome relevant, evidence-based, and forward-thinking research that fosters a sustainable and resilient future. I look forward to collaborating with our team and authors to make the journal engaging, inclusive, and impactful.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Lewis Ting On Cheung
York Business School, York St. John University, York, UK

Author Benefits

Open Access

— free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, EBSCO, and other databases.

Rapid Publication:

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 17.6 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 5.5 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the first half of 2025).