



Sustainability

---

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

---

CiteScore: 7.7

Impact Factor: 3.3

Special Issue Reprint

# Tourism, Sustainable Development, and Cultural Heritage

**Edited by: Nicholas Wise and Takamitsu Jimura**

Tourism is increasingly tied to broader urban, regional, and rural change, as destinations seek to renew place image, diversify economies, and meet evolving visitor demand. In this process, cultural heritage becomes an active resource rather than a passive asset. Heritage-based tourism can enhance competitiveness, strengthen local narratives, and foster community pride and cohesion. However, tourism-led regeneration may also create tensions when upgrades or visitor priorities overshadow resident needs. Whether outcomes such as resilience, renewal, and improved quality of life are achieved depends largely on governance and whose interests guide development. Sustainable development must therefore include cultural sustainability, not only economic performance. A holistic approach requires attention to how heritage is preserved, interpreted, and adapted across scales. When managed inclusively, tourism can reinforce identity, community empowerment, and well-being while keeping heritage relevant. Overall, tourism, cultural heritage, and sustainable development are closely interconnected. Sustainable tourism depends not just on attracting visitors, but on how places interpret heritage, engage communities, and balance continuity with change to support resilient and meaningful place development.



<https://www.mdpi.com/books/reprint/12766>