



Roots Tourism: A Sustainable Development Path?

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Dear Colleagues,

Roots tourism is a macro-segment of heritage tourism that includes different forms of vacations by people who are part of ethnic minorities or communities afflicted in the past by large outgoing migration.

The socio-cultural dimension of sustainable tourism, often neglected in studies, is concerned with tourism that is “equitable and democratic, provides fair and equal opportunities for current and future generations to get involved within decision making processes, empowers local communities, and respects their cultural values and integrity, thereby contributing to an improved quality of life”.

This specific aspect of tourism sustainability in many cases has a greater, longer lasting, and irreversible impact on the host community.

The objective of this Special Issue is to explore how roots tourism can contribute to a more sustainable development of destinations, focusing on its socio-cultural impact.

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