Sustainable Urban Tourism in Sub-Saharan Africa: Risk and Resilience.

Abstract

This book investigates urban tourism development in Sub-Saharan Africa, highlighting the challenges and risks involved, but also showcasing the potential benefits. Whilst much is written on Africa's rural environments, little has been written about the tourism potential of the vast natural, cultural and historical resources in the continent's urban areas. Yet these opportunities also come with considerable environmental, social and political challenges. This book interrogates the interactions between urban risks, tourism and sustainable development in Sub-Saharan African urban spaces. It addresses the underlying issues of governance, power, ownership, collaboration, justice, community empowerment and policies that influence tourism decision-making at local, national and regional levels. Interrogating the intricate relationships between tourism stakeholders, this book ultimately reflects on how urban risk can be mitigated, and how sustainable urban tourism can be harnessed for development. "Urban tourism in the developing world is an underappreciated yet vital topic. Increased urbanisation, often poor public infrastructure, and increased threats, not least of which are global environmental change and the climate crisis, highlight the need for greater research on the interrelationships between urban tourism, risk and resilience at various scales. This edited volume on Sub-Saharan Africa is extremely timely and welcome and provides a rich source of insights and experiences that will prove extremely valuable for those concerned with tourism and urbanisation both now and in the future. This volume is strongly recommended." - Professor Michael Hall, Department of Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand "Sustainability debates concerning tourism in sub-Saharan Africa traditionally are framed in the context of the continent's rural and protected areas. This volume breaks new ground in African tourism scholarship by re-focussing sustainability debates upon Africa's growing cities, acknowledging them as leading tourism destinations, and interrogating the linkages between urban risks, tourism and urban sustainability. Leonard, Musavengane and Siakwah have assembled a rich original collection of theoretical and empirical material which provides a new benchmark for researchers on sustainability and tourism in the global urban South in general and sub-Saharan Africa more specifically." - Professor Christian M. Rogerson, Research Professor, School of Tourism & Hospitality, University of Johannesburg, South Africa "This book is a highly recommended source for researchers who are interested in urban tourism development in sub-Saharan Africa. The book highlights the challenges and risks involved, but also showcases the potential benefits of tourism on natural, cultural, political, and historical resources of the continent's urban areas by exploring four main themes: (1) urban tourism and environmental pollution risks, (2) peace tourism, battlefields and war risks, (3) tourism, climate change and flood risks, and (4) inclusive urban tourism and enclaves. This is a must have reference book for academics and practitioners who are interested in urban tourism development in sub-Saharan Africa." - Professor Dogan Gursoy, Taco Bell Distinguished Professor, School of Hospitality Business Management, Carson College of Business, Washington State University

"Africa will be the epicenter of tourism in the future as it will be one of the few places offering authentic experiences. This book is a welcome addition to the literature about tourism in Africa supporting the continent to develop travel and link urban tourism, risks, and sustainable development. This book is highly recommended as it interrogates these relations in the sub-Saharan African urban spaces. It does this by drawing on themes such as governance, environmental justice, power, ownership, xenophobia, collaboration, empowerment, climate change, human settlements and policies that influence tourism and tourism decision-making at various local, regional and national levels. Through its rich theoretical and empirical contributions by African scholars the book will be of value to academics, decision makers, city planners, tourism managers and students alike to reflect on how sustainable urban tourism can be achieved in African urban spaces." - Professor Dimitrios Buhalis, Distinguished Professor, International Centre for Tourism and Hospitality Research, Bournemouth University Business School, United Kingdom