

***Journal of Ecotourism***  
**Special Issue – Call for Papers**  
**Sustainable Indigenous Tourism: Innovations in Community-based Research and Management**

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In principle, Indigenous tourism fosters, promotes and preserves Indigenous culture and traditions, and is closely in line with Indigenous perspectives on sustainability. In practice, it is steadily growing in Indigenous communities worldwide. In addition, sustainable Indigenous tourism increase community capacity as it focuses on ways to improve and sustain the well being of the host community.

Community-based tourism, more broadly, involves community empowerment, ownership, and management of the unique characteristics that makes a community's essence of place and function as a tourist attraction. The principles of community-based tourism better ensure local people's interests by promoting local management and ownership. Further, it places at the forefront local community needs, participatory approaches to decision making, access to resources, equitable distribution of economic benefits, local entrepreneurship and economic diversity.

With Indigenous communities in mind, benefits include the means to preserve and promote Indigenous culture and traditions, increased education for Indigenous residents and non-Indigenous visitors alike, knowledge and training, and financial stability for the establishment of sustainable, community-owned tourism businesses. The development of such businesses can also provide more opportunities for Indigenous peoples to play a prominent role in regional and national politics and economies. There are, however, issues and barriers faced by Indigenous communities who wish to pursue tourism. This special issue is seeking papers that explore sustainable Indigenous tourism development through varied research methodologies and management case studies. Specifically, we are looking for papers that focus on:

- Case studies that showcase best practices of sustainable Indigenous tourism;
- Research methodologies and management approaches undertaken with communities to develop and enhance sustainable Indigenous tourism;
- Exploration of barriers to sustainable Indigenous tourism;
- Examples of partnerships with public or private sector entities that have enhanced or negatively impacted Indigenous communities pursuing tourism;
- Economic impact studies related to Indigenous tourism development;
- Market based studies focused on the potential for sustainable Indigenous tourism development.

This special issue is secured within the *Journal of Ecotourism*, and acts as a follow up to an April 2017 symposium on the topic (<http://sustainableindigenoustourism.com>).

This is an open call. We welcome papers presented at the symposium as well as others that fit the theme.

Please submit full manuscripts directly to the journal's Scholar One Manuscripts system, noting that the submission should be considered for this special issue. Submissions led by Indigenous scholars, or including Indigenous authors/communities are strongly encouraged.

For expressions of interest or questions please contact the guest editors Drs. Graci and Maher ([sgraci@ryerson.ca](mailto:sgraci@ryerson.ca) and [pat\\_maher@cbu.ca](mailto:pat_maher@cbu.ca)).

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- Expected review completion (initial referee response and author revisions): Fall 2018
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