

Thematic Collection Name:

Tourism and Senior Citizens

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Brief description of thematic area

The aim of this thematic collection is to research the broad topic of tourism and senior citizens. The topic is an emerging one not only in the field of tourism but also in other disciplines and papers using qualitative methods from various disciplinary perspectives are welcome.

The world is aging; according to forecasts, by 2050 the number of people over the age of 65 will double and reach 1.5 billion, which will make up 26% of the world population. The aging population is one of the most significant social changes of the 21st century, with important implications for all sectors of society. This dramatic change is expected and known, it will affect various spheres of life and it is of great significance to both society and the economy. In this new reality, the attention given to the needs of the elderly population in tourism research is growing in importance.

The theory of active aging suggests that maintaining a person's activity is essential to achieving high levels of satisfaction in life. According to this theory, it is not only the frequency of the activity, which is important, but also the type of activity, the most important being informal activity, such as social interaction with relatives and friends, including tourism, leisure, and recreation, hiking or sports in open areas.

Nature sites are important for the general population, and even more for the growing elderly population; these areas are places for encounters with nature and social recreation, and contribute to physical and mental health. In most cases, the older population is not involved in designing nature sites, and this fact has implications for the way the sites are designed and used.

The thematic collection will focus on the topics of tourism planning and senior citizens' experiences. Potential paper topics include:

- Senior citizens' tourism experiences
- Senior citizens' tourism needs, feelings, and behavior
- Senior citizens' nature experiences
- Sense of place and space in older age
- Tourism planning for senior citizens

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Prospective authors should note that the qualitative methods focus of the thematic collection topic must be adequately developed and emphasised to meet the Journal's aims and scope.

Timeline and submission process

All papers should be submitted through the QRT online submission system available at: [Journal of Qualitative Research in Tourism](#)