

6 Sustainability and Resilience in a New Tourism Era

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

- Critically explain the interrelationship between sustainability and resilience in tourism and analyse how their integration supports more adaptive and ethical tourism futures.
- Identify and evaluate key transformation drivers, including environmental, social, technological, and governance-related factors, that are reshaping tourism in the 21st century.
- Apply the principles of adaptive governance and participatory planning to assess destination management strategies in times of disruption and uncertainty.
- Analyse the role of digital innovation and smart technologies in enhancing visitor management, resilience-building, and sustainable tourism practices.
- Evaluate policy instruments and stakeholder roles in promoting a collaborative, inclusive approach to resilient and sustainable tourism development.

Introduction

This chapter will explore the evolving relationship between sustainability and resilience in contemporary tourism. It will begin by examining how traditional growth-oriented tourism models are increasingly incompatible with current global challenges, including environmental degradation, social inequity, and uncertainty. This chapter then introduces sustainability and resilience as connected yet distinct paradigms, sustainability offering a long-term normative vision, with resilience providing the tools to help navigate change. It will then discuss the