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# Viking heritage tourism: Authenticity and Commodification

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### Abstract

This paper explores the key dimensions of the emerging Viking heritage tourism in Europe which consists of museums, heritage centers, theme parks, village reconstructions, and seasonal trading fairs or markets supplemented by the activities of Viking re-enactment or "living history" societies. Based on qualitative research, the geographical breadth of the Viking heritage tourism in Europe is outlined, giving brief case studies of each of the main types of tourist experience. This is followed with a discussion on how notions of authenticity and commodification are constructed by key participants through the staging of particular types of Viking tourism. The article concludes by noting how notions of regulation and performance operate in Viking heritage tourism.

Résumé

Le tourisme de l'héritage viking: authenticité et marchandisation. Cet article

examine les dimensions clés du tourisme émergent de l'héritage viking en Europe, qui consiste en petits musées locaux, musées, parcs thématiques, foires commerciales saisonnières ou marchés, qui sont complétés par les activités de la reproduction viking ou des associations d'histoire vivante. En se basant sur des recherches qualitatives, on fait un bref compte rendu du tourisme de l'héritage viking en Europe et présente en peu de mots des études de cas de chacun des genres principaux de l'expérience touristique. Ensuite on examine comment les idées de l'authenticité et de la marchandisation sont construites par les participants clés en organisant certaines sortes de tourisme viking. L'article se termine en notant comment fonctionnent les idées de régulation et de représentation dans le tourisme de l'héritage viking.



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## Mots-clés

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