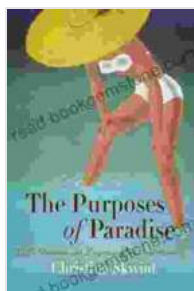


Tourism and Empire in Cuba and Hawai'i: A Historical Perspective

Tourism has been a major industry in Cuba and Hawai'i for over a century. In both cases, tourism was initially developed by foreign interests as a way to exploit the natural resources and labor of these islands. Over time, however, tourism has become increasingly important to the local economies of Cuba and Hawai'i, and has played a significant role in shaping the cultural and political development of both islands.



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Cuba

Tourism in Cuba began in the late 19th century, when American tourists began to visit the island to escape the cold winter months. By the early 20th century, Cuba had become a major tourist destination, with Havana becoming known as the "Paris of the Caribbean." However, the Cuban Revolution of 1959 led to a sharp decline in tourism, as the new

government nationalized the tourism industry and closed the island to most foreign visitors.

In the 1990s, Cuba began to reopen to tourism, as the government sought to boost the economy. Tourism has since become one of the most important industries in Cuba, and has helped to improve the living standards of many Cubans. However, the tourism industry in Cuba is still heavily controlled by the government, and there are concerns that it is not enough to benefit the local population.

Hawai'i

Tourism in Hawai'i began in the early 19th century, when missionaries and whalers arrived on the islands. By the late 19th century, Hawai'i had become a popular destination for wealthy Americans and Europeans, who were drawn to the islands' stunning natural beauty and warm climate. In 1898, Hawai'i was annexed by the United States, and tourism continued to grow in the 20th century, as the islands became a popular destination for American tourists.

After World War II, tourism in Hawai'i boomed, as the islands became a popular destination for honeymooners and families. In the 1960s and 1970s, Hawai'i became a major hub for the Asian tourism market, and the islands continue to be a popular destination for tourists from all over the world.

The Impact of Tourism on Cuba and Hawai'i

Tourism has had a significant impact on both Cuba and Hawai'i. In Cuba, tourism has helped to improve the economy and raise the living standards of many Cubans. However, the tourism industry is still heavily controlled by

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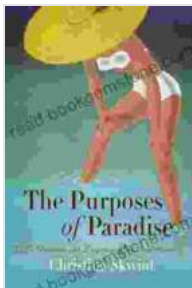
In Hawai'i, tourism has led to the growth of the hospitality industry and the construction of new hotels and resorts. However, tourism has also contributed to the gentrification of Hawai'i, as wealthy visitors have purchased vacation homes and driven up the cost of living for local residents.

Tourism is a complex industry that can have both positive and negative impacts on the communities it touches. In Cuba and Hawai'i, tourism has played a significant role in the economic and cultural development of both islands. However, it is important to ensure that tourism benefits the local population and does not contribute to negative social and environmental impacts.





Tourists enjoying the beach in Hawai'i



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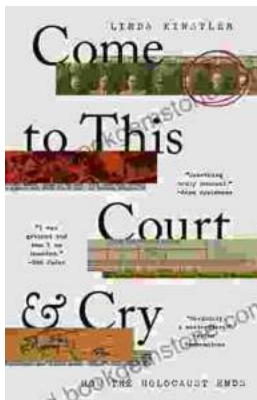
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