



Call for papers

Tourism Geographies ●

Pre IGU-regional conference meeting

2-5 August 2018, La Malbaie, Charlevoix, Quebec, Canada

Tourism geographies have been a prominent contribution to many conferences organized by the International Geographical Union, the Canadian Association of Geographers and the American Association of Geographers. However, seldom have tourism geographies been at the heart of those events and often meetings have represented a regional rather than a global community of tourism geographers.

Tourism is inherently a geographical phenomenon with social, cultural, economic, political, and environmental significance. Tourism creates links between people and places, and connects different cultures and environments. Moreover, tourism is a major force for global change. It creates geographical imaginations, human mobilities and flows of culture, ideas, values, commodities, and capitals, and influences society far beyond the immediate tourism industry. At the same time, tourism is embedded in other global processes creating constraints and opportunities for its development. Furthermore, tourism is an important cause of, and target for, global environmental change. All this justifies the academic study of tourism and indeed, makes it an imperative endeavour for achieving a more sustainable future.

The central aim of this conference is to provide a platform for debating current research in tourism geographies. The conference has no particular topic and its ambition is to be inclusive. We encourage various perspectives on all issues addressed within tourism geographies. We also hope for a wide attendance in order to fulfill one of the purposes of the IGU, i.e. to facilitate learning by not only comparing different places, but also different approaches and traditions.

Canada with its outstanding tradition of research within tourism geographies, is an excellent place for such a conference. Roy Wolfe, Peter Murphy, Jan Lundgren, Richard Butler, Geoff Wall and Alison Gill, are all among the pioneers of the discipline and hence, celebrating and discussing previous achievement, current results and future research agendas is an appropriate undertaking.

Against this background the IGU Commission for the Geography of Tourism, Leisure and Global Change, the CAG Tourism and Recreation Study Group and the AAG Recreation, Tourism and Sports Specialty Group, in cooperation with the Department of Geography, Université Laval, are happy to invite the global community of tourism geographers to Charlevoix and Quebec.

Please also note that the conference is organized as a pre-event to the IGU Regional Conference and the Annual Conference of the CAG in Quebec City, 6-10 August 2018. Hence, delegates are encouraged to take part at this event, too. Even there the Commission offers a great number of sessions. For more information, please visit: <http://igu2018.ulaval.ca/>

IGU Tourism Pre-meeting 2018 – Practicalities

The event will take place in La Malbaie in the beautiful Charlevoix region in the province of Québec (Canada). La Malbaie and the Charlevoix region's has been and still is shaped by tourism. The name might be familiar as it will be host to the G7 Summit this coming May.



Venue and cost

Most of the sessions and activities of the conference will take place at Le Centre d'études collégiales en Charlevoix in La Malbaie (<http://ceccharlevoix.ca/nous-joindre.html>).

Registration cost is 755 CAN \$. It includes participation to the sessions and conferences, lunch and coffee breaks, welcoming cocktail, gala dinner and a half day field trip. Lodging, breakfasts and dinners (except gala) and transport to and from Québec City are not included. Participation rates for accompanying persons are under consideration.

Travel information

Québec City' airport (YQB- Jean-Lesage international airport) is the closest airport. However, participants can also consider and compare plane tickets to Montreal (YUL-Trudeau airport) which are usually more affordable. Be advised that Montréal is approximately 250km by car/bus from Québec City, which is another 150km away from La Malbaie. These distances are to be travelled by car, bus or train.

Accommodation

Several types of accommodation available, ranging from Fairmount Le Manoir Richelieu (where G7 leaders will meet) to a backpacker hostel. The same variety of choice is available for restaurants and food options go. See the DMO website here: <https://www.tourisme-charlevoix.com/en/sectors/la-malbaie/>. Participants are responsible for booking their own lodging. We advise to book early because it will be the peak of the season in August.

Registration

Information on registration and other information regarding practicalities will be available on the conference website that soon will be launched under the following domain: chairedetourisme.ulaval.ca.

Preliminary Schedule

August 1st: Delegates arrive La Malbaie

August 2nd: Registration, Meeting Sessions, Welcome Cocktail

August 3rd: Meeting Sessions

August 4th: Meeting Sessions, Closing Session, Conference Gala Dinner

August 5th: Field Trip (until noon)

Paper submission

Abstracts should be submitted not later than **15 March 2018** to dieter.muller@umu.se. All abstracts will be reviewed by the IGU Commission before being accepted for the conference. Notification of acceptance will be send out not later than 2 April 2018.

Abstracts should be in English language. Besides paper title, authors and affiliations, abstracts should not exceed 300 words and should contain information on theoretical background, methodology, results and conclusions, as well as five keywords. Abstracts have to be submitted in a compatible Word-format.

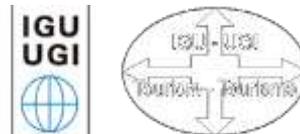
Organizers

The pre-conference meeting is co-organized jointly by

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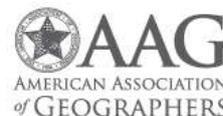
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