

Review of: "Ancient Houses in Ben Tre City: A Multifaceted Approach to Preserve Artistic Architectural Heritage and Boost Local Tourism"

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After reviewing the article "Ancient Houses in Ben Tre City: A Multifaceted Approach to Preserve Artistic Architectural Heritage and Boost Local Tourism," I would like to begin by noting that the article addresses an issue of importance to heritage preservation and tourism development, with a specific focus on the ancient houses of Ben Tre. The combination of architectural heritage preservation and local tourism promotion represents a relevant approach to urban sustainability. The research is supported by a well-founded theoretical framework, citing previous studies and relevant legislation, demonstrating a thorough understanding of the historical, legal, and cultural context. In addition, the inclusion of technical solutions for conservation demonstrates a practical and well-researched approach.

The article is notable for its interdisciplinary nature, integrating knowledge of architecture, history, urban planning, and tourism. This not only enriches the discussion but also broadens its relevance to a more diverse academic audience. It proposes concrete solutions for the conservation and tourism promotion of the case study, such as the use of climate-adapted restoration techniques and the promotion of specialized cultural tourism. These recommendations are of value to policy makers, conservationists, and tourism developers.

I would like to suggest the following improvements to the article:

- It would be beneficial to make the research objectives clearer at the beginning of the article and to be more specific about the research questions guiding the study.
- The inclusion of case studies or examples from other cities that have successfully implemented conservation and tourism promotion strategies could enrich the analysis and provide comparative perspectives.
- The article could benefit from a more detailed discussion of the challenges and constraints faced in the process of conservation and tourism promotion, including financial aspects, local resilience, or logistical challenges.
- An expansion of the conclusions section to include specific recommendations for future research could be useful. This could include thematic areas not explored in the article that require additional attention or suggestions for improving conservation and promotion methodologies.

In conclusion, the article provides a valuable contribution to the field of cultural heritage and tourism development, notable for its interdisciplinary and applied approach. However, to further strengthen its academic and practical impact, it is recommended to clarify the research objectives, include international comparisons, discuss limitations and challenges more thoroughly, and provide more detailed future recommendations.

