

Review of: "Tourists' Activities and their Impacts on Chinhoyi Caves Heritage Site, Zimbabwe"

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1. In the abstract, state the specific research method for the study.
2. Add 'Chinhoyi caves' and 'Zimbabwe' to the keywords
3. The first section of the introduction should present international perspective on heritage tourism after briefly describing its conceptual meaning in tourism studies. Take out the rhetoric question on Zimbabwe's case from that section. It will be relevant at the last section when you write on the Zimbabwean case. In that last section where you expose the study gaps in the Zimbabwean context, review briefly the previous studies on tourism and specifically heritage tourism (if any) and highlight their methods and contributions. Then you discuss what is left (the gaps that need to be addressed, its novelty and why it's important at this time in improving the state of tourism in Zimbabwe. After that, state the specific research objectives for the study. Consolidate the section with the problem statement and research objectives.
4. The methods section needs to be significantly improved. It needs to indicate the study type and study design (s) as well as their justifications/appropriateness for the study. How was the interview guide designed and tested/validated? What ethical protocols were followed in recruiting the study participants and in protecting their privacy in relation to the data garnered from them? What do you mean by unplanned observation? Observations a part of a study should be planned with a well-designed observation guide with clearly stated angle of observation and attributes. What data analytical method was used where the ATLAS tool was used to assist? These matters must be thoroughly discussed.
5. The themes for the presentation of the findings of the study are good. However, fine-tune them in relation to the study's objectives. Also, provide the Socio-demographic information of the study participants. This should precede the findings and discussion section. Also, for each of the strands (from the study participants) presented, add a description of the study participant using their categories such as staff, visitor, etc., the kind of interview conducted, gender and age as well as date for the interview).
6. There should be a distinct or separate discussion section where intelligent and scholarly inferences from the study are discussed with previous literature to make academically rigorous meanings.
7. In the concluding section, after highlighting the summary of the study, present drawn tentative conclusions made must equally suggest implementation actors or agencies. More so, 'how' each of the recommendations made should be carried out must be clearly articulated.

