

Recreational Tourism: Neoteric Part of Wine Tourism to Satisfy the Guest Enthusiasm

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Abstract;

Research Concept:

The topic “Recreational Tourism a Neoteric part of Wine Tourism to satisfy the Guest Enthusiasm” serves the core incorporation of recreational elements to elevate guest enthusiasm and satisfaction by offering diverse, immersive and memorable experiences. As wine tourism has evolved from a niche interest to a broader life style travelling choices, it must inculcate to expectation of modern traveller who values inclusive and personalized experiences.

Research Significance:

The inclusion of recreational tourism within wine tourism reflects a Neoteric (modern and innovation) shift that aligns with changing with guest expectations for holistic and immersive travel experience, recreational activities—such as cultural festivals, culinary experiences, outdoor sports, creative workshops—enrich the wine tourism offering, transforming it to a multifaceted leisure pursuit. Research in this area is pioneer as it explores how recreational elements can enhance guest enthusiasm, satisfaction, and engagement, contributing to destination competitiveness, extended visitors stay, and improve economy impact for wineries and local communities. Acknowledging, this integration also aids stakeholders in designing tourism experiences that are both emotionally fulfilling and economically sustainable.

Research Methodology:

This Research Paper has been adopted descriptive and exploratory design using secondary data sources to examine the synthesis of recreational tourism within wine tourism and its role in enhancing guest enthusiasm. This also plays an important role to analyse existing trends, new concepts, and various practices to understand the emerging needs of recreational tourism in wine tourism. To support this research paper, we have collected the secondary data from the academic journals, various data bases, reference books, various case studies related to wine tourism and recreational tourism, reputed websites and digital articles and Research Papers related to wine tourism and recreational tourism.

Research Framework:

This conceptual study focuses on the integrated pioneer elements like wine tourism (moderating variable), guest satisfaction, and facilities offered (recreational activities the independent variable) in wineries. Further, these elements are divided in independent variable, moderating variable and dependent variable (guest enthusiasm, satisfaction)

Research Findings:

This study or research paper focus on the various dimensional aspects of the recreational and wine tourism which together satisfy the guest desire or enthusiasm. This also helps guest to create most wonderful cherishing memories which will help them to be the loyal and repetitive guest for the winery. This study has showed the importance of recreational activities in guest life as it boosts their inner energy. This recreational tourism has also paved the way for the local vendors to earn their livelihood. This has also focus on the generation of income which contributes to the state’s economy. Last but not least it has also focused on the potentials gaps of the study which should be taken into consideration in future studies.

Keywords: Wine Tourism, Recreational activities, enthusiasm, satisfaction, Guest.

Introduction:

The most on list tourism or travel is the recreational or the leisure tourism. This tourism has attracted or catches the eye of the guest in such way that it has become the most wanted or eagerly awaited part of hectic life. This recreational tourism helps one to heal in positive manner. This tourism helps one to get relax, regenerate and get the peace of mind to again get ready for the new challenges of the life. The characteristic of recreational tourism may differ as per the activities and the services provided by the various wineries. This leisure tourism promotes the ones inset to get free off from the various stress which results in low productivity and capability to think. This activities which know as leisure or recreational tourism has grasp the market in such a way it contributes to the development of the nation's economy. This tourism also has paved the way for various service providers to set their business and earn good amount of benefits. The service providers like rental cars, local shops, vendors, small hotels etc does gets their share in this type of tourism. Tourism is one of the most prominent and fastest growing industry which has deepen its roots firmly in various sections of the tourism like cultural tourism, wellness tourism, Adventure tourism, wine tourism, Educational tourism, city break tourism, sun and sand tourism ,Eco tourism, Agriculture tourism, Business tourism, virtual tourism, religious tourism, health tourism and many more.

Tourism industry has changed the perspectives of travelling as it leads to reevaluate or recreates the ones self. Recreational tourism also has various positive impact as it creates several opportunities for society as a whole like job creation, revenue generation, local economic growth, community development, social interaction and last but not least the cultural exchange. This recreational tourism when gets combined with wine it plays a vital role to encourage the guest to enjoy the wine plus its facilities' therefore, we called it as wine tourism. Wine tourism is itself a wider concept to explore as it has various aspect of leisure to satisfy the guest needs to enjoy and get relaxed. Wine tourism provides ample of facilities to the guest which makes them happy and engaged in all sorts of activities which satisfies their needs and desires. Wine tourism caters all age groups with different facilities like tasting of wine, farm walk, tour to wine manufacturing, restaurants, wine and dine, music festivals, vocations, wedding ceremony, purchase of different wines and many more activities to recreate or regenerate. Wine tourism is also helps the local community to grow and build a good connect between the winery and the local people for distribution of grape fruit, farming, supply chain, local marketing and many more.

Wine tourism has long been a cherished part of the global travel landscape, attracting visitors who seek to explore vineyards, indulge in wine tastings, and learn about the intricate processes behind wine production. However, over the past decade, the concept of wine tourism has undergone a significant transformation. Beyond the traditional experiences, wine tourism has begun to embrace a more diverse and multifaceted approach, incorporating recreational activities that cater to a wider array of visitor interests. This evolution has given rise to what is now known as recreational wine tourism a dynamic and increasingly important aspect of the wine tourism sector.

Recreational tourism within the context of wine regions offers a unique blend of leisure, culture, sustainability, and education. Rather than focusing solely on wine tastings or vineyard tours, it integrates a wide range of activities such as guided hikes through scenic vineyards, culinary workshops, wine and food pairing experiences, and even art exhibitions or live performances. These experiences provide tourists with a deeper connection to the local culture and environment, enhancing their overall satisfaction and encouraging longer stays.

As wine tourism continues to evolve, understanding the role of recreational tourism in shaping this transformation is crucial. This literature review examines the emergence of recreational tourism as a key aspect of modern wine tourism. It explores how it enhances guest enthusiasm by offering diverse and immersive experiences, satisfying the growing demand for more personalized, engaging, and sustainable travel options. Through this lens, recreational tourism not only meets the expectations of today's visitors but also contributes to the sustainable growth and development of wine destinations. Wine tourism has traditionally been associated with vineyard visits and wine tastings, offering travelers a chance to explore the nuances of winemaking. However, as the tourism industry evolves, wine regions are increasingly incorporating recreational activities into their offerings, creating a more comprehensive and engaging visitor experience. This shift towards recreational wine tourism is a response to changing consumer expectations, as modern tourists seek more immersive, multi-dimensional experiences that extend beyond conventional wine-related activities. Recent studies, such as those by Li et al. (2023), highlight how the integration of outdoor activities, culinary experiences, and cultural events into wine tourism enriches the destination experience, making it more appealing to a broader range of tourists. The addition of recreational elements, such as guided vineyard hikes, food and wine pairings, and arts festivals, not only enhances visitor satisfaction but also aligns with the growing demand for sustainable and eco-conscious travel options (Simpson et al., 2018). This alignment with sustainability is particularly relevant in a time when environmental awareness is a key driver of consumer behavior (Silva et al., 2020).

Moreover, Martinez et al. (2021) argue that recreational tourism has the potential to transform rural areas by diversifying their tourism offerings, creating economic opportunities, and contributing to local community development. These recreational experiences, when paired with wine tourism, attract a wider demographic, including families, younger travelers, and those interested in cultural exploration and outdoor activities.

As the concept of recreational tourism becomes increasingly embedded in wine tourism, understanding its role in shaping guest enthusiasm and fostering sustainable growth is essential. This review examines the development of recreational wine tourism, emphasizing its ability to meet modern travelers' expectations for personalized, sustainable, and enriching experiences. Through this lens, wine regions can not only satisfy guest enthusiasm but also enhance their economic viability and regional branding (Oliveira et al., 2023).

Objectives:

1. To study the different facilities offered by wine industry for Guest satisfaction in Nasik Region.
2. To establish the importance of developing wine tourism on revenue generation in Nasik Region.
3. To study the impact of recreational tour as a part of Wine Tourism on Guest Satisfaction.
4. To evaluate the influence of facilities offered in wineries on guest satisfaction and tourism development.

Research Gap:

1. Limited Studies: While there is extensive research on wine tourism and its economic impacts, there is a lack of comprehensive studies specifically exploring how recreational activities enhance the wine tourism experience.
2. Diversity of Consumer Segments: Consumer Behavior: Much of the existing research focuses on general tourist demographics in wine tourism. There is a gap in understanding how different consumer segments (e.g., millennials, families, luxury tourists) experience

recreational wine tourism differently and how these experiences influence their satisfaction and loyalty.

3. Sustainability Practices in Recreational Wine Tourism: Eco-Conscious Tourism: Although sustainability is increasingly important in tourism, the intersection of sustainability practices with recreational activities in wine tourism is underexplored. Research is needed to understand how sustainable practices not only meet eco-conscious consumer demands but also enhance recreational experiences and overall satisfaction.
4. Cultural and Authenticity Dimensions: Cultural Engagement: While many studies reference the importance of cultural experiences in tourism, there is limited inquiry into how authentic cultural engagements (local art, music, workshops) impact the recreational aspects of wine tourism. This gap creates an opportunity to explore how these elements contribute to positive guest experiences and enhance the allure of wine destinations

Research Scope the Study:

1. Geographical Scope: The study will focus on specific wine-producing regions known for their recreational tourism offerings. It may also consider emerging wine regions that are gaining popularity among tourists who seek unique recreational experiences.
2. Temporal Scope: The study will examine recent developments in wine tourism and recreational tourism practices, particularly from 2010 to the present. This time frame will account for evolving trends and shifts in visitor preferences, particularly in response to global events. Seasonal variations in tourist activities during peak and off-peak seasons may also be explored to understand how they impact guest enthusiasm.
3. Conceptual Scope: The study has investigate the relationship between recreational tourism activities (such as outdoor adventures, culinary experiences, cultural engagements, and events) and wine tourism. It will specifically explore how these recreational activities contribute to guest satisfaction and willingness to participate in wine tourism. The research is dwelling into concepts such as experiential marketing, guest engagement, sustainability practices in wine tourism, and the use of technology in enhancing the recreational aspects of wine tourism.
4. Target Population: Target participants are included tourists who visit wine regions for recreational purposes,

Methodological Scope:

1. Data for this particular Research paper has been gain through secondary data bases. This study demands the Qualitative Data which has been gain by the articles, research papers, case studies, references, goggle platforms and recognized websites.
2. .Focus on Guest Enthusiasm: The study specifically examine the factors contributing to guest enthusiasm and satisfaction in wine tourism. This includes motivations for visiting, types of recreational activities pursued, and the influences of local culture and events.

Research Methodology:

1) Consequences of Study:

1. This recreational tourism enhances the guest's experience by practicing the combination of wine tasting with recreational activities.
2. Guest appreciate the various facilities or activities which leads them to extreme satisfaction.
3. Recreational tourism fasters the emotional connection between the guest and the leisure activities provided by the wineries which builds the loyalty between the guest and winery.
4. Experiences of the guest helps to encourage the socialization among the customer and builds a sense of community.

5. These recreational activities in winery helps guest to get relax and stress free.
6. Exploration recreational tourism may compromise wine tourism authenticity.
7. Distraction can be happen due to less focus on wine as compare to recreational activities.
8. Leisure activities may increase cost, potentially deterring budget conscious guest.
9. These recreational activities at winery may led to overcrowding, dismissing experience etc.
10. These activities may led harm to environment contradicting sustainable wine tourism principles.

2) Demarcation of Study:

- This study of “Recreational Tourism a Neotric part of Wine Tourism to satisfy the Guest enthusiasm”. Is carried out in Nashik Region of Maharashtra.
- This region is also known as the “Wine Capital of Maharashtra”.

3) Sample Techniques:

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Literature Review:

- **Introduction to Wine Tourism** - Wine tourism, often categorized as a niche segment within the broader tourism industry, has evolved significantly over the past few decades. Studies by Hall, Sharples, Cambourne, and Macionis (2000) define wine tourism as a form of tourism where visitors travel to vineyard regions to experience the local wine culture. This includes activities such as wine tasting, vineyard tours, and participation in wine festivals.
- **The Intersection of Recreational Tourism and Wine Tourism** - Recreational tourism, defined as travel that seeks leisure and entertainment, has found a distinct place within wine tourism. According to Getz and Brown (2006), wine tourism not only satisfies the palate of tourists but also serves to enhance their overall experience through recreational activities (e.g., picnics, outdoor sports, and local cuisine).
- **Culinary Experiences:** Research indicates that the desire for immersive culinary experiences drives wine tourists to seek recreational opportunities (Kivela & Crofts, 2006). Activities such as gourmet dining in vineyard settings tie closely into the wine tourism experience.
- **Adventure Tourism:** The blending of wine tourism with adventure tourism is increasingly popular. Visitors are attracted to experiences that may include cycling through vineyards or hiking in wine-producing regions, thus appealing to a more adventurous tourist segment (Sparks & Pan, 2017).
- **Guest Enthusiasm and Satisfaction** - Understanding guest enthusiasm is critical for enhancing the overall tourism experience. According to research by Pik kemaat et al. (2009), the novelty and unique experiences that wine tourism offers contribute to heightened visitor satisfaction.

- **Engagement with Local Culture:** Tourists seek opportunities to engage with the cultural aspects of wine production, promoting a deeper appreciation and satisfaction (Alonso & O'Neill, 2011). Such engagement boosts emotional connections, leading to stronger loyalty and repeat visits.
- **Events and Festivals:** Wine festivals and events serve as significant attractions, amplifying guest enthusiasm (Conway, 2016). Research indicates that these events not only drive tourism but also provide opportunities for recreational engagement through music, food, and local art, thus enhancing visitor satisfaction.
- **Sustainability in Wine Tourism** -Sustainability has emerged as a key theme within recreational and wine tourism. Studies by Tesone (2006) highlight the importance of promoting sustainable practices to meet the expectations of eco-conscious tourists.
- **Eco-Tourism Practices:** Vineyards that adopt sustainable farming practices often promote themselves as eco-tourism destinations, which aligns closely with guest enthusiasm for responsible travel (Nicholson & Pearce, 2001).
- **The Role of Technology**-The integration of technology is reshaping the wine tourism experience. Mobile applications that provide information on vineyards, wine trails, and personalized tours are increasingly popular (Drahos & Zandrino, 2021).
- **Virtual Experiences:** The use of virtual reality and augmented reality in wine tourism allows guests unable to visit regions physically to experience them virtually, satisfying curiosity and enthusiasm (Kirk & Tima, 2020). Recent years, wine tourism has evolved beyond traditional vineyard tours and tastings, integrating more recreational elements to enhance the visitor experience. This evolution aligns with a growing demand for immersive and engaging tourism activities.

Social Media and Digital Platform:

- Hall and Robeston (2018) underscore the influence of digital platforms and social media in promoting wine destinations, allowing travelers to discover and plan interactive experiences ahead of time. Such exposure has heightened expectations, prompting wineries to diversify their offering.
- **Sustainability:** Simpson et al. (2018) discuss how sustainability has become a vital component of modern wine tourism. Visitors increasingly value environmentally responsible practices, and recreational activities are now being designed to align with these values. For instance, eco-friendly vineyard walks and cycling tours have gained popularity, combining leisure with sustainability.
- **Exploration:** Tourist motivation remains a key area of exploration. Alonso et al. (2019) identify relaxation and exploration as significant motivators, suggesting that recreational components such as picnics in the vineyard, outdoor concerts, and nature trails can fulfill these desires. Similarly, Oliveira et al. (2023) highlight the role of cultural and educational experiences in tourist satisfaction, reinforcing the value of workshops, culinary classes, and heritage storytelling in wine tourism.
- **Economic Perspective:** From an economic perspective, Silva et al. (2020) note that expanding wine tourism to include recreational activities positively affects local employment and business growth. Recreational tourism creates new job opportunities and supports small enterprises that provide complementary services, such as local guides and event coordinators.

- **Paring Concept:** Food and wine pairing experiences, explored by Pinto et al. (2020), further enrich the recreational dimension of wine tourism. Culinary tourism, when paired with entertainment or cultural showcases, contributes to a multisensory experience that delights guests and enhances their overall enthusiasm.
- **Regional Development:** The potential of wine tourism to stimulate rural development is addressed by Martinez et al. (2021), who emphasize the revitalization of underdeveloped regions through diversified tourism products. Recreational tourism offers rural areas a chance to attract wider audiences, including families and younger travelers, by incorporating leisure-based experiences.

Suggestions and Recommendation:

- **Integrate Recreational Activities:** Develop Thematic Experiences: Wine tourism operators should consider creating thematic events that combine wine tasting with recreational activities (such as hiking or culinary classes). This could enhance the overall guest experience and attract a broader range of tourists seeking diverse activities.
- **Conduct Visitor Experience Research:** Future studies should employ comprehensive visitor surveys and interviews to gather qualitative and quantitative data on guest experiences. This data can provide insights into specific factors that drive guest enthusiasm and satisfaction in wine tourism.
- **Focus on Diverse Consumer Segments:** Wine tourism stakeholders should design marketing campaigns targeting different demographic segments (e.g., families, millennials, luxury travelers), emphasizing recreational activities that appeal to these groups' unique interests.
- **Emphasize Sustainable Practices:** Vineyards and wine tourism operators should invest in sustainability training to enhance their understanding of eco-friendly practices. This emphasis can attract environmentally conscious tourists who value sustainable offerings alongside wine experiences.
- **Cultural Engagement Opportunities:** Wine tourism experiences should include authentic cultural engagements such as local art workshops, music performances, and culinary classes that incorporate local cuisine to create memorable visitor experiences.
- **Conduct Comparative Studies:** Future research should include comparative studies of wine tourism practices across different regions globally, which can reveal successful strategies and innovative practices that could be implemented universally.

Recommendations:

- **Collaboration among Stakeholders:** Encourage collaboration among wineries, local businesses, and tourism boards to create cohesive experiences that boost both wine tourism and recreational offerings. Joint marketing initiatives can enhance visibility and attract more visitors.
- **Develop Training and Educational Programs:** Establish programs for employees in the wine tourism sector to improve service quality and enhance guest engagement. Training can include topics like storytelling, customer service, and the science of wine and food pairings.
- **Implement Feedback Mechanisms:** Develop systems for collecting visitor feedback continuously, such as surveys post-visit or digital platforms for guest reviews. This information can be invaluable for understanding visitor desires and refining offerings.
- **Promote Off-Season Tourism:** Encourage tourism during off-peak seasons by promoting unique recreational experiences available during that time, such as harvest events, workshops, or guided tastings that focus on less crowded experiences.

- **Focus on Eco-Friendly Infrastructure:** Invest in eco-friendly infrastructure within vineyard areas, such as sustainable transport options, eco-friendly facilities, and initiatives that promote conservation of local habitats, attracting eco-conscious tourists.

Observations:

- These recreational activities encourages the interaction with the wine producers, local people and fellow tourist.
- Wine with dine combination of wine tasting with recreational activities deepens the understanding and appreciation of wine tourism as a whole.
- This also gives a different or unique place for Nashik Region for developing recreational tourism as pioneer part of wine tourism.
- It develops additional revenue generation for the local market and communities.
- Recreational activities focus on diverse interest of guest and also increases overall satisfaction.

Conclusion:

1. This study promotes the opportunities for growth, differentiation, and enhanced guest satisfaction by integrating recreational activities with wine experience in Nashik region.
2. This study also has shown diversifying its tourism offering. It has also increase guest indulgence and overall satisfaction.
3. It has also helped in additional revenue generation for local communities; which has fostered the local economic development.
4. This recreational tourism has also developed an unique concept of Wine tourism.
5. Recreational tourism has become a pivotal and innovative facet of contemporary wine tourism, responding to the evolving preferences of modern travelers. By offering diverse, immersive, and sustainable experiences, wine destinations are not only enhancing guest satisfaction but also contributing to broader economic and cultural development.
6. The integration of recreational activities such as eco-friendly tours, culinary workshops, and cultural showcases has transformed wine tourism into a multifaceted experience that appeals to a wide range of motivations, from relaxation and exploration to education and entertainment. Furthermore, as wine tourism continues to evolve, it presents significant opportunities for rural areas, promoting regional branding and sustainable development.
7. As demonstrated by recent studies, the neoteric shift toward recreational tourism is poised to satisfy guest enthusiasm while fostering the growth of the wine tourism industry in a holistic and sustainable manner.
8. In conclusion, recreational tourism has undeniably emerged as a vital and innovative component of wine tourism, enriching the experience for contemporary travelers. By blending leisure, culture, sustainability, and education, wine tourism has evolved into a more holistic experience that goes beyond simple vineyard visits or tastings. Modern tourists are no longer seeking just a product—they are looking for immersive experiences that engage their senses, provide meaningful connections with the local culture, and offer personal enrichment.
9. The integration of recreational activities such as guided vineyard hikes, wine and food pairings, and cultural festivals allows wine regions to cater to a broader spectrum of tourist motivations, from relaxation and exploration to deeper cultural and educational enrichment.
10. As discussed by scholars, these activities not only meet the growing enthusiasm of visitors but also significantly contribute to local economies, creating job opportunities and enhancing the appeal of rural and lesser-known wine regions.

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