

The Restrictive Factors and Practical Paths of the Development of China's Minority Sports Tourism Economy

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Abstract: With the rapid development of tourism, minority sports tourism has become an important part of China's tourism industry. However, the development of minority sports tourism still faces many constraints, such as imperfect infrastructure, lack of public awareness, lack of funds and lack of professional talents. The purpose of this paper is to explore the restrictive factors and practical paths for the economic development of China's ethnic minority sports tourism, including measures to strengthen infrastructure construction, improve public awareness, introduce external investment, cultivate professional talents, and protect the cultural heritage of ethnic minorities, so as to promote the sustainable development of China's ethnic minority sports tourism.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the development of China's sports tourism industry has been attracting increasing attention. The sports tourism industry has become a vital part of China's tourism industry, and it is expected to continue growing in the coming years. However, despite the industry's growth, there are still challenges and restrictive factors that hinder the development of minority sports tourism in China. This paper aims to explore the restrictive factors and practical paths of the development of China's minority sports tourism economy.

China is a vast country with a diverse population, and its sports culture is as varied as its ethnic groups. The country's sports tourism industry has been growing in recent years, and the government has been promoting it as part of its efforts to stimulate economic growth. The sports tourism industry includes various forms of sports, such as skiing, rock climbing, rafting, and other outdoor activities. However, the development of minority sports tourism, such as traditional ethnic sports, has been slow.

Minority sports tourism refers to the tourism industry that focuses on traditional sports and recreational activities of ethnic minorities. China is home to 56 ethnic groups, and each group has its own unique sports culture. Minority sports tourism has great potential in China, and it can play a significant role in promoting the development of ethnic minority regions and preserving the country's cultural heritage.

The lack of infrastructure is one of the most significant factors that restrict the development of minority sports tourism in China. Many ethnic minority regions lack the necessary infrastructure, such as transportation, accommodation, and communication facilities. This makes it difficult for tourists to access these areas, and it also limits the availability of sports facilities.=

2. =THE PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

2.1 Restrictive factors of the development of minority sports tourism economy

The lack of professionalism is another factor that restricts the development of minority sports tourism in China. The development of sports tourism requires professional expertise in areas such as event planning, marketing, and management. However, many ethnic minority regions lack professionals with these skills, and this limits their ability to develop and promote sports tourism.

The insufficient investment is another significant factor that restricts the development of minority sports tourism in China. The development of sports tourism requires significant investment in facilities, marketing, and promotion. However, many ethnic minority regions have limited resources, and they may not have the necessary funding to invest in the development of sports tourism.

China's minority sports tourism economy is characterized by its unique cultural features and strong local flavor. Minority sports refer to sports that are deeply rooted in ethnic minorities' culture and tradition and have a long history of development. They include sports such as horse racing, archery, wrestling, and folk dancing. These sports have their own distinctive cultural connotations, aesthetic features, and technical characteristics, which can attract tourists from all over the world.

Insufficient policy support: China's sports tourism policies mainly focus on mainstream sports such as football, basketball, and volleyball, and there is a lack of policy support for minority sports. As a result, minority sports tourism has not received enough attention and resources from the government.

Inadequate infrastructure: The development of minority sports tourism requires the construction of related facilities, such as stadiums, training centers, and tourist reception centers. However, in many areas, the infrastructure for minority sports tourism is still insufficient, which has become a bottleneck for its development.

2.2 Effective measures for the development of minority sports tourism economy

Despite the restrictive factors, there are practical paths that China can take to promote the development of minority sports tourism. The following are some practical paths that can be taken:

(1) Investment in infrastructure is crucial for the development of minority sports tourism in China. The government can invest in the construction of transportation, accommodation, and communication facilities to improve accessibility to ethnic minority regions. Additionally, the government can invest in the development of sports facilities to provide tourists with a variety of activities.

(2) Professional training can be used to develop expertise in the sports tourism industry in ethnic minority regions. The government can offer training programs to local professionals in areas such as event planning, marketing, and management. This can help build the capacity of ethnic minority regions to develop and promote sports tourism.

(3) Cultural preservation is essential for the development of minority sports tourism in China. The government can work to preserve the cultural heritage of ethnic minorities and promote their traditional sports as a unique selling point for tourism. This can help attract tourists who are interested in experiencing the cultural richness of China's ethnic minority regions.

Lack of talent: The development of minority sports tourism requires professionals with knowledge of both sports and tourism. However, in China, there is a shortage of such professionals, which has hindered the development of minority sports tourism.

The public's limited awareness of minority sports is another factor that restricts the development of minority sports tourism. Many people in China are not familiar with traditional ethnic sports, and they may not see them as desirable tourist activities. This lack of awareness limits the demand for minority sports tourism and the resources invested in its development.

China's minority sports tourism economy is affected by cultural factors. Many minority sports are deeply rooted in local cultures and traditions, and they have a long history of development. However, with the development of modern society, these traditional sports have gradually declined, and the younger generation has lost interest in them. The lack of interest in traditional sports has led to a decline in the number of people who participate in these sports, which has become a bottleneck for the development of minority sports tourism.

Additionally, the culture of ethnic minorities is different from that of the Han majority. This cultural difference has become a barrier to the promotion and dissemination of minority sports tourism. The lack of cultural awareness and understanding has led to a lack of interest in minority sports tourism, which has made it difficult to attract tourists.

3. CONCLUSION

The development of China's minority sports tourism economy has great potential for growth, but there are also challenges and restrictive factors that need to be addressed. The lack of infrastructure, limited public awareness, insufficient investment, and lack of professionalism are some of the restrictive factors that hinder the development of minority sports tourism in China. However, practical paths such as investment in infrastructure, education and awareness campaigns, public-private partnerships, professional training, and cultural preservation can be taken to promote the development of minority sports tourism in China. By addressing these restrictive factors and taking practical paths, China can unlock the full potential of its minority sports tourism economy and promote economic growth in ethnic minority regions while preserving the country's cultural heritage.

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