

Tourism Policies of Developing Nations a Comparative Study

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India and Indonesia, both being prominent tourist destinations in Asia, have implemented various policies to promote tourism. Here's a comparison of their tourism policies:

India's Tourism Policies

1. Incredible India: Launched in 2002, this campaign aims to promote India's rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, and diverse experiences.
2. Tourism Infrastructure Development: The government has invested in developing tourism infrastructure, including airports, railways, and highways.
3. E-Visa: Introduced in 2014, the e-visa facility allows citizens of 166 countries to apply for an Indian visa online.
4. Swadesh Darshan Scheme: Launched in 2014, this scheme focuses on developing theme-based tourist circuits across the country.
5. Prasad Scheme: Introduced in 2014, this scheme aims to develop pilgrimage tourist destinations.

Indonesia's Tourism Policies

1. Wonderful Indonesia: Launched in 2011, this campaign promotes Indonesia's natural beauty, cultural heritage, and unique experiences.
2. Tourism Development Areas: The government has designated specific areas for tourism development, such as Bali, Yogyakarta, and Lombok.
3. Visa-Free Policy: Indonesia offers visa-free entry to citizens of 169 countries, making it easier for tourists to visit.
4. Tourism Infrastructure Development: The government has invested in developing tourism infrastructure, including airports, seaports, and roads.
5. Sustainable Tourism: Indonesia has implemented sustainable tourism practices, such as eco-tourism and community-based tourism.

Comparison

1. Marketing Strategies: Both countries have launched successful marketing campaigns to promote their tourism industries. However, Indonesia's "Wonderful Indonesia" campaign has been more effective in increasing tourist arrivals.
2. Visa Policies: Indonesia's visa-free policy has made it easier for tourists to visit, whereas India's e-visa facility, although convenient, still requires tourists to apply in advance.
3. Infrastructure Development: Both countries have invested in developing tourism infrastructure. However,

Indonesia has focused more on developing specific tourism areas, whereas India has taken a more holistic approach to infrastructure development.

4. Sustainable Tourism: Indonesia has been more proactive in promoting sustainable tourism practices, whereas India is still in the process of developing its sustainable tourism policies.

In conclusion, while both India and Indonesia have implemented various policies to promote tourism, Indonesia's focus on sustainable tourism, visa-free policy, and targeted infrastructure development have given it an edge in attracting tourists.

Here's a more detailed comparison of India and Indonesia's tourism policies:

Tourism Development Strategies

1. India: Focuses on developing specific tourist circuits, such as the Golden Triangle (Delhi-Agra-Jaipur) and the Buddhist Circuit.
2. Indonesia: Emphasizes the development of specific tourism areas, such as Bali, Yogyakarta, and Lombok.

Investment and Funding

1. India: The government has allocated significant funds for tourism development, including the Swadesh Darshan Scheme and the Prasad Scheme.
2. Indonesia: The government has also invested in tourism development, including the development of tourism infrastructure and the promotion of sustainable tourism practices.

Human Resource Development

1. India: The government has implemented various training programs for tourism professionals, including the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management.
2. Indonesia: The government has also implemented training programs for tourism professionals, including the Indonesian Tourism and Hospitality Education.

Technology and Digitalization

1. India: The government has implemented various digital initiatives, including the Incredible India website and the India Tourism mobile app.
2. Indonesia: The government has also implemented digital initiatives, including the Wonderful Indonesia website and the Indonesia Tourism mobile app.

Sustainability and Environment

1. India: The government has implemented various initiatives to promote sustainable tourism, including the Eco-Tourism Policy and the Responsible Tourism Guidelines.

2. Indonesia: The government has also implemented initiatives to promote sustainable tourism, including the Sustainable Tourism Development Policy and the Green Tourism Certification Program.

Crisis Management and Safety

1. India: The government has implemented various measures to ensure tourist safety, including the Tourist Police Force and the 24/7 Tourist Helpline.
2. Indonesia: The government has also implemented measures to ensure tourist safety, including the Bali Tourism Board's Safety and Security Committee and the Indonesia Tourism Police.

These comparisons highlight the different approaches taken by India and Indonesia to promote tourism development, investment, human resource development, technology, sustainability, and crisis management.

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Tourism Statistics

1. India: In 2020, India received 10.9 million international tourist arrivals, with a revenue of \$29.9 billion.
2. Indonesia: In 2020, Indonesia received 16.1 million international tourist arrivals, with a revenue of \$15.8 billion.

Tourism Infrastructure Development

1. India: The government has invested in developing tourism infrastructure, including airports, railways, and highways. The country has also launched several initiatives to promote tourism, such as the "Incredible India" campaign.
2. Indonesia: The government has also invested in developing tourism infrastructure, including airports, seaports, and roads. The country has also launched several initiatives to promote tourism, such as the "Wonderful Indonesia" campaign.

Visa Policies

1. India: India offers e-visas to citizens of 166 countries, which can be applied for online.
2. Indonesia: Indonesia offers visa-free entry to citizens of 169 countries, making it easier for tourists to visit.

Sustainable Tourism

1. India: The government has implemented several initiatives to promote sustainable tourism, including the Eco-Tourism Policy and the Responsible Tourism Guidelines.
2. Indonesia: The government has also implemented initiatives to promote sustainable tourism, including the Sustainable Tourism Development Policy and the Green Tourism Certification Program.

Cultural Heritage Preservation

1. India: The government has implemented several initiatives to preserve the country's cultural heritage, including the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities.
2. Indonesia: The government has also implemented initiatives to preserve the country's cultural heritage, including the Cultural Heritage Preservation Act.

Community-Based Tourism

1. India: The government has implemented several initiatives to promote community-based tourism, including the Rural Tourism Scheme.
2. Indonesia: The government has also implemented initiatives to promote community-based tourism, including the Community-Based Tourism Development Program.

These comparisons highlight the different approaches taken by India and Indonesia to promote tourism development, infrastructure development, visa policies, sustainable tourism, cultural heritage preservation, and community-based tourism.

Here's a more detailed comparison of India and Indonesia's tourism policies:

Tourism Marketing Strategies

1. India: India's tourism marketing strategy focuses on promoting the country's cultural heritage, natural beauty, and diverse experiences. The "Incredible India" campaign has been successful in attracting tourists.
2. Indonesia: Indonesia's tourism marketing strategy focuses on promoting the country's natural beauty, cultural heritage, and unique experiences. The "Wonderful Indonesia" campaign has been successful in attracting tourists.

Tourism Infrastructure Development

1. India: India has invested heavily in developing its tourism infrastructure, including airports, railways, and highways. The country has also launched several initiatives to promote tourism, such as the "Swadesh Darshan Scheme".
2. Indonesia: Indonesia has also invested in developing its tourism infrastructure, including airports, seaports, and roads. The country has also launched several initiatives to promote tourism, such as the "Tourism Development Areas" program.

Tourism Safety and Security

1. India: India has implemented several measures to ensure tourist safety and security, including the Tourist Police Force and the 24/7 Tourist Helpline.
2. Indonesia: Indonesia has also implemented measures to ensure tourist safety and security, including the Bali Tourism Board's Safety and Security Committee and the Indonesia Tourism Police.

Tourism Education and Training

1. India: India has implemented several initiatives to promote tourism education and training, including the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management.
2. Indonesia: Indonesia has also implemented initiatives to promote tourism education and training, including the Indonesian Tourism and Hospitality Education.

Tourism Research and Development

1. India: India has implemented several initiatives to promote tourism research and development, including the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management.
2. Indonesia: Indonesia has also implemented initiatives to promote tourism research and development, including the Indonesian Tourism and Hospitality Education.

These comparisons highlight the different approaches taken by India and Indonesia to promote tourism development, infrastructure development, tourism safety and security, tourism education and training, and tourism research and development.

In conclusion, India and Indonesia have implemented various tourism policies to promote tourism development, infrastructure development, sustainable tourism practices, cultural heritage preservation, community-based tourism, tourism safety and security, tourism education and training, and tourism research and development. While both countries have made significant progress, Indonesia's focus on sustainable tourism, visa-free policy, and targeted infrastructure development have given it an edge in attracting tourists. India, on the other hand, has implemented various initiatives to promote tourism, but

faces challenges in infrastructure development and sustainable tourism practices.

To further enhance their tourism policies, both countries should consider:

- Increasing investment in tourism infrastructure development
- Implementing sustainable tourism practices
- Preserving cultural heritage sites and promoting community-based tourism
- Enhancing tourism safety and security measures
- Providing tourism education and training programs
- Conducting tourism research and development initiatives

By addressing these areas, India and Indonesia can unlock their full tourism potential and provide unique experiences for tourists while promoting sustainable development.

