

TOURISM AND SEX: A THEORETICAL
Exploration from the Perspective of Homoeroticism and Space

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This paper explores the relationship between tourism and homoeroticism. The discussion derives from the analysis of case studies published elsewhere by the authors. To understand the relationship between tourism and homoerotic practices from a spatial perspective, the authors begin by disassociating "Tourism and Sex" from the concept of "Sex Tourism", on account of the crucial role played by the identities in the analysis of the different concepts and discourses of the phenomenon. The discussion then shifts to sexual consumption during travel and the supposedly greater proclivity to have sex by those travelers who favor homoerotic practices compared to those who do not. Finally, some examples of studies concerning tourism and gender in Latin America are provided.

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