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on
Internet of Things and Smart Tourism

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Technological innovation has been proven to be an essential driver for the evolution of tourism services by providing vital support for those looking to find new ways to effectively manage resources and deliver services. Travel and tourism leaders have recently embraced the smart tourism concept with interest. Indeed, they are making huge steps in designing innovative products and laying out a vision for how places and industry can use technology to meet sustainability goals, boost local economies, and improve services for everyone.

Within the smart tourism framework, the Internet of Things (IoT) is defined as a network of physical objects such as computers, phones, watches, sensors, vehicles, and other smart devices that enables these objects to collect and exchange data, so that they provide higher quality services. IoT is becoming a key source of innovation and creativity facilitating the evolution towards successful destination. For example, significant new developments based on Augmented Reality can advance the visitors experience in Museums and Fairs. Smart phones and watches can exchange data with beacons and/or other devices to increase the visitors’ satisfaction. The ability to harness real-time, highly granular data across a wide range of places, operations and services is changing the way the destination is managed and experienced. With the emergence of IoT, information and communications technologies (ICT) are now deeply embedded in the fabric of old and new places and tourism destinations, presenting new opportunities and challenges.

Topics

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- IoT and Smart Destinations
- IoT for Smarter Travel
- Smart Hotels
- Cyber-Physical Systems for Tourism
- Augmented Reality for Museums and Fairs
- 5G Mobile Technologies and Applications
- Beacon, NFC, RFID and other sensor technologies
- Smart Watches and Applications
Stream data mining for Tourism
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