# TOURISM POLICIES AND FASHION, ART AND FOOD INDUSTRIES

Economic considerations and the need for policies

**Lecture 11** 

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# **Learning objectives**

- ✓ Goals of tourism industry and related constraints.
- ✓ Know about balance of payments.
- ✓ Understand multipliers.
- ✓ Introduction to tourism policy
- ✓ How the objective of tourism policy are achieved.

## Three major goals of tourism

- Maximize psychological experience for tourists.
- Maximize profits for firms providing goods and services to tourists.
- Maximize direct (primary) and indirect (secondary) impacts of tourist expenditures on a community or region.

These goals are often compatible but in certain situations can be incompatible.

# Constraints faced in tourism goal attainment

- Demand
- Supply of attractive resources
- Technical and environmental constraints
- Time constraints
- Indivisibilities
- Legal constraints
- Self-imposed constraints
- Lack of knowledge
- Limits on supportive resources

# **Balance of payment effects**

The **balance of payments** is a statement of all transactions made between entities in one country and the rest of the world over a defined period of time.

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The formula is: Y = C + I + G + (X - M)
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#### where

Y =gross domestic product

C =consumer expenditures

I = investments

G = government expenditures

X = exports

M = imports

If imports (M) exceed exports (X), then the difference (X – M) will be a negative number, and Y will thus be smaller.

#### **Economic effects**

#### Direct Effect

Result from visitors spending money in tourist enterprises.

#### Indirect Effect

The multiplier impact: visitor spending circulates and recirculates.

#### Income Multiplier

## Income multiplier

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Multiplier = \frac{1}{1 - MPC}
where
         M = \text{marginal (extra)}
         P = propensity (inclination)
         C = \text{consume (spending, } MPC)
         S = savings (money out of circulation, MPS)
Suppose $1,000 of tourist expenditure and an MPC of \frac{1}{2}. Then
                   $1,000.00
                      $500.00 ½ × 1,000
                        250.00^{+} (\frac{1}{2})^2 \times 1,000
                        125.00 + (\frac{1}{2})^3 \times 1,000
                         62.50 (\frac{1}{2})^4 \times 1,000
                          ^+ 31.25 (\frac{1}{2})^5 \times 1,000
                          15.63 (\frac{1}{2})^6 \times 1,000
                           7.81 \binom{1}{2}^7 \times 1,000
         $2,000.00 (approx.)
     Multiply: \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} \times \$1,000, \text{ or } 2 \times \$1,000 = \$2,000
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### **PAUSE**

### The need for policies

For any policy, you should ask yourself...

... 3 Questions:

- 1. Why should policy makers intervene?
- 2. How should policies be designed?
- 3. What are the effects of policies?

## Who formulate policies

- Tourism policy is a set of discourses, decisions, and practices driven by governments, sometimes in collaboration with private or social actors, with the intention to achieve diverse objectives related to tourism.
- Defining tourism policy as a public policy means that it is formulated by the **public** sector, which comprises central government and local authorities.

# The objective of policies

Principal reasons for governments involvement in tourism development:

- **Economic reasons**: balance of payment situation, regional development, etc.
- Social considerations: cultural exchange, revival of traditional crafts
- Environmental impact of tourism

# How are the objectives of tourism policies achieved

- Planning
- Legislation and Regulation
- Facilitation of Tourism Development
- Tourism Taxation (e.g. taxes on commercial tourism products; taxes on tourist, etc.)
- Education and Training

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