



# Wakayama Tourism Review

## Submission Guidelines

### About the Journal

Wakayama Tourism Review (WTR) is a peer-reviewed journal published by Center for Tourism Research (CTR), Wakayama University. WTR aims to showcase and disseminate research activities conducted by CTR researchers to a wide-ranging domestic and international audience.

### Article Category

- Short Communication

WTR's Short Communication will publish the following types of articles:

- Empirical and conceptual research
- Short review/State-of-the-art review
- Discussion paper
- Field report
- Case study
- Current issues/trends in tourism and related industries
- Updates on ongoing research
- Discussion of future research needs

### Submission Requirements

- To be eligible to submit manuscripts to WTR, authors need to be CTR affiliated researchers (including CTR Visiting Fellows). If submitting a co-authored manuscript, either a lead author or a corresponding author needs to be a CTR researcher.
- Authors who were invited by the Editorial Board are also eligible to submit their manuscripts.
- A maximum of one article per issue can be submitted by each researcher as a first author.

### Preparation of Manuscripts

- WTR only publishes articles in English. Please ensure that your manuscript is free of grammatical, spelling and other common errors. The journal accepts both British and American spellings, but the same spelling should be used consistently throughout the manuscript. Non-native English writers are recommended to use a professional proofreader before submission.
- Manuscripts should be between 1,500 and 2,500 words in length including the title, abstract (up to 150 words), keywords (up to five), main body, tables, figures, acknowledgment, and references.
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- A short biography of each author (about 100 words) should also be provided. Biographies are excluded from the word count. Please include a photo of each author.
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- Manuscripts will then be subject to a double-blind peer review conducted by reviewers assigned by the Editorial Board.
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