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Spiritual Tourism's Impact on Kerala, with Particular Reference to Sabarimala and its Surrounding Areas

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Abstract

In recent years, pilgrimage tourism has become more popular to draw visitors to a particular location. The Indian tourism business is fortunate in that it has a plethora of well-known religious tourist locations. Visits to these places assist in delivering numerous advantages to the host destination in terms of economic growth, regional development, and destination planning, among other things. Almost the whole population of Kerala is represented by pilgrims visiting the world-renowned Sabarimala temple in the Pathanamthitta district of Kerala, which is home to the temple.

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