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Drawing on case studies from across the world, *Tourism Geography* offers a concise review of established geographies of tourism and shows how new patterns in the production and consumption of tourist places are fashioning the new tourism geographies of the twenty-first century.

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