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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION TO TOURISM TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the chapter, the students can:

- Discuss the relationship of tourism and transportation
- Explain the effects of transportation on tourism development
- Explain what is transportation management
- Briefly describe the modes of transportation

Tourism and Transportation

Tourism is the movement of people from their usual place of residence to another (destination) for either pleasure, recreation or other purpose. The transportation industry is responsible for moving people, animals, and goods from one location to another, whether by land, air, or sea. Transportation has been an essential piece of the travel industry. There is a general understanding that travel industry grows more when there are better transportation frameworks.

Transportation through its role of movement of goods and people, decisively influences the other branches of the world economy, including local and international tourism. Without transportation there won't be the travel and tourism industry, people won't have means to reach another places that they desire to see. Therefore, the development on transportation is linked to the development of tourism, if transportation grows, tourism also grows

Three critical aspects that frame the transport/tourism relationship:

- 1. Tourists ultimately travel to and from a destination (or several destinations).
- 2. Understanding supply and demand characteristics in relation to tourism is critical in the planning and management of transport infrastructure.
- The dynamic nature of transport can have significant impact on tourism in a destination; (disruptions can be political, natural or business)