

Culinary Tourism and its Role in Diversifying Punjab Tourism Offerings

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Abstract

Culinary tourism, a rapidly growing niche within the tourism industry, encompasses travel experiences focused on exploring local food and drink, connecting visitors with a region's unique culinary traditions. This paper examines culinary tourism in Punjab, India, a region known for its rich flavors, traditional cooking techniques, and vibrant food culture. Punjab's culinary offerings, especially in cities like Amritsar, Jalandhar, and Patiala, have the potential to diversify and enhance its tourism appeal beyond religious and cultural tourism, attracting food enthusiasts and promoting cultural exchange. Through a descriptive analytical approach, this study explores how culinary tourism can serve as a driver for local economic development, supporting small businesses and local farmers while preserving Punjab's cultural heritage. By highlighting local food festivals, traditional dishes, and farm-to-table experiences, the paper addresses how Punjab can leverage its culinary heritage to position itself as a premier destination for food tourism. Furthermore, this research emphasizes the role of culinary tourism in supporting sustainable economic development, underlining its potential to create jobs, preserve traditions, and diversify Punjab's tourism market. The findings suggest that a robust culinary tourism strategy in Punjab can not only elevate the region's tourism profile but also contribute to a more resilient local economy.

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Introduction

Culinary tourism – Culinary tourists often seek out authentic dining experiences, such as visiting local markets, street food stalls, or family-run restaurants. They may also participate in cooking classes, food tours, or wine tastings to gain a deeper understanding of the region's culinary heritage. The benefits of culinary tourism are numerous. It can help to promote local economies by supporting small businesses and farmers. It can also foster cultural exchange and understanding between people from different backgrounds. Culinary tourism, also known as food tourism or gastronomic tourism, involves traveling to different destinations with the primary purpose of experiencing the local food and beverage offerings. It goes beyond merely dining out; it encompasses a range of activities such as visiting markets, participating in cooking classes, tasting traditional dishes, and even engaging with local producers and chefs.

Culinary tourism in Punjab

Food tourism, often known as culinary tourism, is defined as the study of food with a view to tourism. However, the style, texture, appearance, and consequently the colour of the cuisine are quite different from those of other states. In India, food is regarded as a form of art that is passed down from generation to generation and has an unmatched style

(Kumar, 2018). Punjab is a prominent province in terms of preparation, culture, and history. The primary goal of this study is to assess Punjab's culinary tourism potential, with a focus on Amritsar, Jalandhar, and Patiala. The descriptive analytic style was selected for the study, which is communicative in nature and attempts to provide an overview of Punjab's culinary tourism industry as well as visitor opinions of it. Culinary tourism is increasingly recognized as a vital component in diversifying and enhancing the appeal of a destination's tourism offerings. For Punjab, a region traditionally celebrated for its rich cultural and religious heritage, integrating culinary tourism presents an opportunity to broaden its tourism appeal and attract new visitor demographics. Culinary tourism focuses on exploring and enjoying local food and drink as a central element of the travel experience, offering a unique way for visitors to engage with a region's culture and traditions. As Hall and Mitchell (2001) note, culinary tourism extends beyond mere eating; it involves an immersive experience where travelers engage deeply with a destination's culinary culture. This form of tourism has surged in popularity as more people seek authentic and distinctive experiences. Punjab, known for its vibrant food culture, provides an ideal setting for this type of tourism. The region's cuisine, rich in flavours and steeped in tradition, offers visitors a chance to experience Punjabi culture through its culinary practices. By embracing culinary tourism, Punjab can showcase its diverse food heritage, from street food vendors to high-end dining establishments, making the region more attractive to food enthusiasts and culturally curious travelers alike. Hjalager and Richards (2002) emphasize that food is a crucial element of cultural identity and heritage. Through culinary experiences, visitors can gain insights into a region's history, traditions, and social customs. In Punjab, where food plays a central role in cultural practices and social interactions, culinary tourism offers a way to preserve and promote this cultural heritage. By highlighting traditional dishes, cooking methods, and communal dining practices, Punjab can provide tourists with an authentic and engaging cultural experience that goes beyond traditional sightseeing. Cohen and Avieli (2004) highlight the potential of culinary tourism to diversify tourism offerings, especially in regions that are already known for other attractions. Punjab's reputation for religious and heritage tourism can be complemented by a robust culinary tourism strategy. This diversification is essential for creating a more resilient tourism sector that attracts a wider range of visitors. Incorporating culinary experiences into Punjab's tourism strategy can draw tourists interested in food and cultural exploration, thus broadening the region's appeal and enhancing its overall tourism profile. Smith and Costello (2009) discuss how food festivals can play a significant role in promoting culinary tourism. These events offer a concentrated experience of a region's food culture and can attract large numbers of visitors. For Punjab, organizing food festivals centered around local specialties, such as Amritsari kulcha or traditional Punjabi thali, can be a powerful tool for tourism promotion. Such festivals not only celebrate Punjabi cuisine but also create a festive atmosphere that enhances the visitor experience. They provide a platform for local producers and artisans to showcase their products, supporting the local economy and preserving culinary traditions.

Literature Reviews

Hall and Mitchell (2001): define culinary tourism as exploring and savoring food and drink as a central part of the travel experience. They highlight that culinary tourism is more than just eating; it's about immersing oneself in the local culture. This type of tourism has become increasingly popular as travelers seek authentic, unique experiences. It encompasses a range of activities, from exploring local markets and food producers to participating in cooking classes and food festivals. In Punjab, where food is deeply embedded in the cultural fabric, culinary tourism offers a compelling way to showcase the region's rich culinary heritage. By focusing on Punjabi cuisine, which features diverse flavors and traditional cooking methods, this form of tourism can attract food enthusiasts and bolster the region's tourism sector.

Das (2024) This research explores culinary tourism's impact on destination attraction, emphasizing how culture, identity, and food experiences shape travel choices. Survey data reveals a strong link between culinary reputation

and destination appeal. The study recommends incorporating stakeholder perspectives and qualitative insights to deepen understanding of culinary tourism's role in destination perception.

Hjalager and Richards (2002) :emphasize that food is crucial in representing and sharing culture. They argue that food reflects cultural identity and heritage, providing travelers with insights into a region's history, traditions, and social customs. In Punjab, where food plays a pivotal role in cultural identity, culinary tourism offers a unique way to engage with the local culture. Punjab's cuisine, known for its rich flavors and traditional cooking practices, provides an opportunity for deeper cultural interaction. Promoting culinary tourism can highlight not just the food but also the broader cultural richness of Punjab, enhancing its appeal as a diverse travel destination.

Cohen and Avieli (2004) : discuss how culinary tourism can diversify a region's tourism offerings, especially for areas known for other attractions. In Punjab, renowned for its religious and heritage tourism, adding culinary tourism can attract a new demographic of visitors. This diversification is essential for creating a sustainable tourism industry that isn't overly dependent on a single attraction. By integrating culinary tourism into its strategy, Punjab can broaden its appeal and draw tourists interested in food, culture, and authentic experiences, contributing to the region's economic stability and expanding its market reach.

Smith and Costello (2009): highlight the role of food festivals in promoting culinary tourism, noting their potential to draw large crowds. Food festivals celebrate local cuisine and provide visitors with an immersive experience of a region's food culture. In Punjab, hosting festivals focused on regional specialties like Amritsari kulcha or traditional Punjabi thali can be an effective tourism strategy. These festivals not only attract food lovers but also create a lively atmosphere that enhances the tourist experience. They also offer a platform for local producers and artisans to showcase their products, benefiting the local economy and preserving culinary traditions.

Everett and Aitchison (2008) : explore how culinary tourism can contribute to sustainable development, especially in rural areas. In Punjab, where agriculture is a key part of the economy, culinary tourism can connect tourists with local farming practices. Encouraging visits to farms, tasting locally grown foods, and learning about traditional farming methods can support local farmers and preserve agricultural practices. Promoting farm-to-table experiences can also reduce the environmental impact of tourism by minimizing food imports and transportation. This approach not only supports sustainability but also ensures that tourism benefits are more evenly distributed among rural communities.

Tikkanen (2007) :discusses how food can differentiate a destination in a competitive tourism market. Destinations offering unique culinary experiences are more likely to stand out and attract tourists seeking something special. Punjab's distinctive cuisine, featuring spices, dairy products, and traditional cooking methods like tandoor, can be a major draw for food enthusiasts. Highlighting unique dishes such as butter chicken, sarson da saag, and makki di roti can help Punjab distinguish itself as a top destination for culinary tourism, building a strong regional brand and attracting visitors.

Bessière (1998) : argues that gastronomic identity is crucial for regional branding. In Punjab, food is deeply intertwined with cultural and social practices, making it a natural focus for branding efforts. The region's gastronomic identity, built on traditional recipes and local ingredients, can be promoted through culinary tourism. By emphasizing this identity in marketing campaigns, food festivals, and collaborations with local chefs, Punjab can establish itself as a destination known for its rich culinary heritage.

Wolf (2006) :examines the economic impact of culinary tourism, noting its potential to stimulate local economies by supporting small businesses and traditional food producers. In Punjab, culinary tourism can boost economic development by creating opportunities for entrepreneurs in the food and hospitality sectors. Food tours, cooking

classes, and farm-to-table experiences can generate income, provide jobs, and lead to new infrastructure investments like food markets and restaurants. By focusing on the economic benefits of culinary tourism, Punjab can attract investment and promote sustainable growth.

Richards (2002): highlights how culinary tourism connects with cultural heritage, suggesting that food offers a tangible way for tourists to engage with a destination's culture. In Punjab, where food reflects the region's history and traditions, culinary tourism provides an authentic experience. Showcasing traditional recipes and local ingredients helps preserve culinary practices and allows tourists to connect more deeply with Punjabi culture. This approach not only enhances the tourist experience but also supports the transmission of culinary knowledge to future generations.

Quan and Wang (2004) :explore the motivations behind culinary tourism, finding that tourists are driven by a desire to experience authenticity, local culture, and new flavors. In Punjab, culinary tourism can cater to these interests by offering a range of food experiences, from street food to fine dining. The communal nature of Punjabi meals also offers opportunities for meaningful cultural exchanges. By catering to these motivations, Punjab can attract a diverse range of tourists and create memorable experiences that encourage repeat visits.

Gheorghe et al. (2014) :address the challenges of promoting culinary tourism, including the need for infrastructure development, quality standards, and effective marketing. For Punjab, ensuring that infrastructure supports an influx of culinary tourists and maintaining high food safety standards are crucial. Effective marketing strategies, such as leveraging digital platforms and collaborating with food influencers, can raise awareness of Punjab's culinary offerings. Addressing these challenges will help Punjab position itself as a leading culinary tourism destination.

Kivela and Crotts (2006) :discuss how food enhances the overall travel experience, noting that culinary experiences can significantly boost tourist satisfaction. For many travelers, food is a key part of their journey, offering a sensory exploration of a destination's culture. In Punjab, where food is central to life, culinary tourism provides a unique way for tourists to engage with the region. Whether enjoying a traditional Punjabi breakfast or participating in cooking classes, food tourism can enrich the overall travel experience.

Munar and Jacobsen (2014) : explore how social media influences tourism, particularly through food-related content on platforms like Instagram and YouTube. Social media can amplify culinary tourism efforts by showcasing Punjab's unique food culture to a global audience. Sharing images of Punjabi dishes and videos of cooking methods can attract tourists inspired by what they see online. Engaging with social media trends and food influencers can enhance Punjab's visibility as a culinary destination and appeal to a younger, tech-savvy audience.

Smith and Puczkó (2009) : examine the connection between culinary and health tourism, noting a growing interest in wellness tourism that includes healthy eating experiences. For Punjab, integrating culinary tourism with health and wellness can attract health-conscious travelers. Offering Ayurvedic food tours, healthy cooking classes, and farm visits emphasizing organic produce can cater to this niche market. This approach aligns with global trends toward health and wellness tourism while diversifying Punjab's tourism offerings.

Getz (2008) :explores how events, particularly seasonal and themed ones, can attract tourists. In culinary tourism, events like food festivals and harvest celebrations can be major attractions. Punjab, with its agricultural calendar, is well-suited to host seasonal events aligned with harvest periods like Baisakhi. These events can showcase seasonal dishes and traditional cooking methods, offering a unique, time-specific experience. Aligning culinary tourism with agricultural seasons can enhance the authenticity of the tourist experience and encourage repeat visits.

Objectives

1. Assess the potential of culinary tourism in Amritsar, Jalandhar, and Patiala to enhance local tourism through unique culinary experiences
2. Evaluate the economic impact of culinary tourism on local businesses and farmers

Research Methodology

The research methodology for the study on "Culinary Tourism and its Role in Diversifying Punjab Tourism Offerings" employs a descriptive analytical approach, primarily utilizing surveys to gather data from both culinary tourists and local stakeholders in the regions of Amritsar, Jalandhar, and Patiala. The surveys will be designed to capture visitor perceptions and experiences related to culinary tourism, including their preferences for dining experiences, engagement in local food practices, and awareness of Punjab's culinary heritage. Additionally, the surveys will target local businesses and farmers to assess the economic impact of culinary tourism, focusing on how it supports small enterprises and contributes to the local economy. Data will be analyzed quantitatively to identify trends and correlations, providing insights into the potential of culinary tourism as a means of enhancing Punjab's tourism offerings while promoting cultural preservation and economic sustainability.

Measurement and Sampling

The measurement and sampling for this study on Punjabi cuisine will involve conducting a survey with 100 participants, using convenience sampling to target both culinary tourists and local stakeholders. The survey will feature quantitative questions on satisfaction and the significance of local cuisine in travel choices, along with open-ended questions for qualitative insights. This approach aims to capture a broad perspective on the role of Punjabi cuisine in culinary tourism and its economic impacts.

Data Interpretation

Demographic Category	Subcategory	Responses	Percentage
Age	Under 18	25	25%
	18-24	38	38%
	25-34	19	19%
	35-44	11	11%
	45and above	7	7%
Gender	Male	55	55%

	Female	44	44%
	No response	1	1%
Employment Status	Part-time	16	16%
	Full-time	40	40%
	Student	10	10%
	retired	8	8%
	Business	26	26%
Income Status (monthly)	Less than 10,000	9	9%
	10,000-20,000	40	40%
	20,000-30,000	29	29%
	30,000-40,000	9	9%
	40,000and above	13	13%

Source :Online Survey

Interpretation

The demographic research data provides valuable insights into the potential impact of culinary tourism on diversifying Punjab's tourism offerings. With a majority of respondents aged 18 to 24 (38%), culinary experiences are likely to appeal to a younger audience eager for authentic cultural interactions. The gender distribution, showing a slight male predominance (55%), suggests that culinary tourism initiatives may need to consider diverse marketing strategies to engage both men and women effectively. Employment status indicates a significant portion of full-time workers (40%) and business owners (26%), which could be leveraged to promote culinary tourism packages that cater to both leisure and corporate travel. Furthermore, the income data reveals that 40% of respondents earn between 10,000 and 20,000 monthly, highlighting a demographic that may seek affordable yet enriching culinary experiences. Overall, these demographics underscore a promising opportunity for Punjab to enhance its tourism offerings through culinary tourism, appealing to a young, diverse audience while fostering local economic development.

Table No.2 How familiar are you with Punjabi Cuisine?

Familiar Level	Responses	Percentage
Very familiar	80	80%
Somewhat familiar	19.3	19.3%
Not familiar at all	0.7	0.7%

Source :Online Survey

Interpretation

The data indicates a strong familiarity with Punjabi cuisine among respondents, with a significant 80% expressing that they are "very familiar." This high level of awareness suggests a solid foundation for promoting culinary tourism in Punjab, as potential visitors are likely to be more interested in experiencing regional flavors and dishes. Additionally, 19.3% of respondents are "somewhat familiar," indicating an opportunity for targeted marketing strategies to enhance their knowledge and interest in Punjabi culinary offerings. The negligible percentage (0.7%) of respondents who are "not familiar at all" suggests that culinary tourism initiatives can build upon an already positive perception of Punjabi cuisine, maximizing engagement and attracting a diverse audience. Overall, this familiarity serves as a strong asset in diversifying Punjab's tourism offerings through culinary experiences.

Table NO.3 Which of the following culinary experiences are you most interested in?

Culinary Experiences	Responses	Percentage
Street food tours	42	42%
Food festivals	24	24%
Visits to local Markets	18	18%
Fine dining experiences	16	16%

Source :Online Survey

Interpretation

The data reveals a strong interest in various culinary experiences, with 42% of respondents favoring street food festivals. This indicates a significant opportunity to showcase Punjab's vibrant street food culture. 24% expressed interest in food and cultural festivals, emphasizing the appeal of combining culinary experiences with cultural events. Visits to local markets received 18% interest, highlighting the value of authentic interactions with vendors. In contrast, fine dining experiences attracted only 16% interest, suggesting that while upscale dining has its place, it is less prioritized than more casual, immersive experiences. Overall, culinary tourism strategies should focus on street food and local market experiences to align with visitor interests.

Table No.4 how important is experiencing local culture through food during your travels ?

Importance of Experiencing Local Culture Through Food	Percentage
Very important	60%
Somewhat important	27%
Not important	13%

Source :Online Survey

Interpretation

The data highlights a strong inclination among respondents to connect with local culture through food, with 60% rating it as "very important." This significant majority suggests that culinary tourism can be an effective approach to attract visitors interested in exploring a region's cultural essence through its cuisine. Additionally, 27% of respondents consider this experience to be "somewhat important," showing that over three-quarters of participants value cultural engagement through food to some degree. Only 13% of respondents view it as "not important," indicating that culinary tourism has broad appeal across different interest levels. In summary, this data supports the idea that food- centered tourism initiatives in Punjab can successfully meet visitor preferences for cultural immersion, enhancing the overall travel experience.

Table no .5 what do you think is the biggest challenge in promoting culinary tourism in Punjab ?

Challenge in Promoting Culinary Tourism	Responses	Percentage
Lack of infrastructure	40	40%
Quality control	32	32%
Limited market efforts	28	28%

Source :Online Survey

Interpretation

The data indicates that lack of infrastructure is seen as the primary challenge in promoting culinary tourism in Punjab, with 40% of respondents identifying it as the main barrier. This suggests that improving basic amenities, transportation, and facilities could be essential to attract and accommodate culinary tourists effectively. Following this, 32% of respondents view quality control as a significant concern, indicating a need for consistent standards in food safety, presentation, and service to meet tourist expectations. Additionally, 28% believe that limited marketing efforts hinder the promotion of Punjab's culinary offerings, pointing to an opportunity for more targeted and expansive marketing campaigns. Overall, addressing these areas could enhance Punjab's appeal as a culinary tourism destination.

Table no . 6 In your opinion ,how does culinary tourism contribute to the local economy ?

Perceived Contribution of Culinary Tourism to the Local Economy	Percentage
No contribution	11%
Moderate contribution	33%
Significant contribution	24%
Very significant contribution	32%

Source :Online Survey

Interpretation

The data reflects a strong belief in the positive economic impact of culinary tourism on Punjab's local economy. A combined 56% of respondents view culinary tourism as having either a significant or very significant contribution (24% and 32%, respectively), indicating that many recognize its potential to drive economic growth through increased spending on local food, hospitality, and related services. Additionally, 33% consider its impact to be moderate, suggesting that while beneficial, some believe there is further room for development. Only 11% see culinary tourism as having no contribution, which underscores a general consensus on its economic benefits. This data highlights that culinary tourism not only adds cultural diversity to Punjab's tourism offerings but also presents a promising avenue for local economic development.

Table No.7 How appealing do you find food festivals as a way to experience Punjabi Cuisine

Appeal of Food Festivals for Experiencing Punjabi Cuisine	Responses	Percentage
Very appealing	64	64%
Somewhat appealing	26	26%
Not appealing	10	10%

Source :Online Survey

Interpretation

The data shows strong enthusiasm for food festivals as a means of experiencing Punjabi cuisine, with 64% of respondents finding them very appealing. This suggests that food festivals are highly effective in attracting tourists interested in authentic, diverse culinary experiences. 26% of respondents consider food festivals somewhat appealing, indicating that they are generally receptive but may benefit from additional attractions or themes to increase interest further. Only 10% find food festivals not appealing, suggesting minimal disinterest among potential visitors. Overall, this positive perception supports food festivals as a key strategy for diversifying Punjab's tourism offerings, drawing visitors who seek rich cultural and culinary immersion

Table No.8 How often do you choose restaurants that promote local ingredients or traditional cuisines?

Frequency of Choosing Restaurants Promoting Local Ingredients or Traditional Cuisines	Responses	Percentage
Always	50	50%
Often	23	23%
Rarely	7	7%
Never	4	4%

Source :Online Survey

Interpretation

The data reveals a strong preference among respondents for dining at restaurants that emphasize local ingredients and traditional cuisines, with 50% choosing these establishments always. This demonstrates a substantial demand for authentic, locally-sourced food, reinforcing the role of culinary tourism in showcasing Punjab's rich culinary heritage. Another 23% of respondents often seek out such restaurants, suggesting a significant portion of tourists and locals are inclined to support and explore traditional food offerings. Only a small percentage rarely (7%) or never (4%) choose these restaurants, indicating that most visitors appreciate local ingredients and traditional flavors. These findings suggest that emphasizing locally-sourced Punjabi cuisine can be a key strategy for enhancing and diversifying Punjab's tourism offerings, appealing to a broad audience interested in cultural immersion through food.

Table No. 9 How do you usually find out about culinary tourism options in Punjab?

Source of Information about Culinary Tourism Options	Responses	Percentage
Social media	47	47%
Travel blogs/Youtube	19	19%
Local Tourism	14	14%
Word of Mouth	13	13%
Other	7	7%

Source :Online Survey

Interpretation

The data suggests that social media is the primary source of information on culinary tourism in Punjab, with 47% of respondents using platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and others to discover local culinary experiences. This highlights the importance of leveraging social media for promoting Punjab's food culture and attracting younger, digitally connected audiences. 19% rely on travel blogs and YouTube, underscoring the role of content creators and

influencers in generating interest and providing insights into Punjabi cuisine. Local tourism resources, such as official websites or visitor centers, account for 14% of responses, suggesting they play a supportive but secondary role. Word of mouth (13%) reflects the influence of personal recommendations, while other sources (7%) indicate a minor reliance on additional channels. Overall, these findings support a focus on digital platforms for promoting culinary tourism in Punjab, which can help diversify the state's tourism offerings and attract food enthusiasts.

Findings

The research indicates that culinary tourism holds strong potential for diversifying Punjab's tourism offerings. Key findings include a high familiarity with Punjabi cuisine (80%), strong interest in street food tours (42%), and a preference for food festivals (64%). Social media (47%) is the primary information source, appealing to young, digitally-connected audiences. Additionally, a majority of respondents view culinary tourism as significantly contributing to the local economy, supporting small businesses and cultural preservation. Major challenges include infrastructure limitations (40%) and quality control (32%).

Conclusion

Culinary tourism represents a transformative opportunity for Punjab to diversify its tourism offerings while simultaneously driving local economic growth and cultural preservation. As a region renowned for its vibrant food culture, Punjab provides a unique backdrop for travelers seeking authentic culinary experiences that immerse them in local traditions and flavors. Research data underscores a strong consumer interest in culinary experiences, particularly food festivals, local markets, and traditional dining options, highlighting an increasing demand for meaningful engagement with the region's culinary heritage. By promoting local food practices and showcasing traditional dishes, Punjab can enhance its appeal to food enthusiasts and culturally curious travelers alike. Events such as food festivals that celebrate iconic Punjabi cuisine, such as Amritsari kulcha and traditional thalis, not only attract large numbers of visitors but also create festive atmospheres that enhance the overall tourist experience. Moreover, these festivals serve as platforms for local producers and artisans, fostering community engagement while supporting small businesses and farmers, which are vital to the local economy. Additionally, culinary tourism provides a vehicle for cultural exchange, allowing visitors to gain insights into Punjab's history, social customs, and communal dining practices. By integrating culinary tourism into its broader tourism strategy, Punjab can attract a more diverse demographic of visitors who seek to explore the region's gastronomic identity and heritage. This approach not only enriches the tourist experience but also contributes to sustainable economic development, as the tourism sector becomes less reliant on a single attraction and instead embraces a more multifaceted offering. Effective marketing strategies, such as leveraging social media and collaborations with food influencers, can further amplify Punjab's culinary tourism potential, reaching a global audience eager for unique travel experiences. Overall, by harnessing the power of culinary tourism, Punjab can position itself as a leading destination for gastronomic exploration, showcasing its rich food culture and enhancing its tourism profile while promoting economic resilience and cultural preservation for future generations (Hall & Mitchell, 2001; Hjalager & Richards, 2002; Cohen & Avieli, 2004).

Suggestions

To enhance culinary tourism in Punjab, improving infrastructure, ensuring quality control, and expanding targeted digital marketing are essential. Emphasizing street food, local markets, and food festivals aligns with visitor preferences. Collaboration with local businesses and digital influencers can also boost awareness and appeal.

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