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IJCT has three main aims:

1. To publish scholarly research into the theory and practice of contents tourism from an international perspective.
2. To provide a bilingual forum in which researchers, tourism- or media-industry practitioners and fans can all contribute writings on contents tourism.
3. To integrate an analytical concept that emerged in Japan into global discourses on the linkages between popular culture and tourism.

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