Reflections on Tourism to Living Religious Heritage Sites in Malta

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It is widely documented that tourism to sites of living religious heritage value is on the increase. This has led to different visitor management scenarios at a number of churches in Malta, geared at offering visitors a good experience, involving adequate access, interpretation and information. Through my study of six churches that represent a wide spectrum in the type and number of visitors, I will offer some insights into this experience. Based on the results obtained, a number of recommendations are made for best practice at living religious heritage sites, aimed at protecting their multiple values whilst informing good management practices.