Travel Geometry: Macro- and Micro-Scale Considerations

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The purpose of this paper is to examine the range of possible itinerary models depicting the possible movements of tourists at both the macro- (inter-destination) and micro- (intra-destination) scales. A deductive method is used to identify the proposed models, with different models developed based on an assessment of the impact of various intervening factors on tourist movements. In total, 10 different patterns of movement were identified. These include variations of a petal pattern and a stem and petal pattern; a point to point patterns, which exists more in convenience zone adjacent to the accommodations locus, and linear stopover touring pattern with a moving accommodations locus. Impacts of distance decay from the source/accommodations locus can also be postulated, along with secondary peak regions and regions of non-travel, including unknown Terra Incognita and Zones of Fear and avoidance. There may be points of interest in these zones, but they are not visited.