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Chinese children's voices in leisure studies in RV driving family tourism

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Recreational Vehicle (RV) travel is gaining popularity among Chinese families, as this mode of travel offers a way to combine leisure and freedom journeys. RV travel in this study is limited to motorhomes. The scarcity of research on Chinese family travel within RV driving tourism necessitates an interdisciplinary study employing qualitative research methodologies that include the voices of children, parents, and grandparents. Little attention has been paid to Chinese family motorhomes for travel in developed countries such as New Zealand and Australia. The constructivist grounded theory approach is used in this study to employ family interviews and social media travel posts. This study aims to offer insights into family dynamics from the perspectives of all family members including children, parents, and grandparents. This involves a child-centred approach that gives children a voice and social agency. This study investigates Chinese family holiday experiences taking a multi-generational perspective focused on children. The investigation focuses on family quality holiday time together, their personal time, and other aspects of time from gender and generational perspectives. Data were collected using a combination of photo-elicitation interviews, and semi-structured family group interviews with an anticipated six to eight family cases including all family members. The methodological implications aim to empower children to articulate their views, experiences, and emotions and have the potential for wider applications in tourism research. The results obtained from the whole-family interviews with Chinese families are anticipated to provide theoretical and practical implications. Preliminary findings from the interviews with the children will be presented and are expected to enrich scholarship on Chinese family motorhome travel experiences and to trace multilevel impact factors behind the formation of leisure studies in RV tourism.

Keywords: *children; Chinese family; family leisure travel; RV tourism*

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