

The Relationship between tourism, heritage and local communities

The Case of the World Heritage Site of Petra in Jordan



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