



Overtourism: The Impact of Too Many Tourists

Introduction

What do you think?

1. What do you like to do when you visit a new city or country?
2. Have you ever travelled to a place that was very busy with tourists? How did you feel?
3. Do you think that travelling to popular places can affect the local environment or people? How?

Vocabulary

Match the words from the text with their definitions.

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| 1. Tourism | A. Trash or harmful chemicals in the environment |
| 2. Crowds | B. Acting in a way that is careful and aware of the environment and local communities |
| 3. Pollution | C. Famous places that attract many visitors |
| 4. Sustainable | D. The number of people in one place, making it difficult to move or enjoy |
| 5. Overtourism | E. Too many tourists in one area causing damage |
| 6. Landmarks | F. Traveling to a place for fun or leisure |
| 7. Economy | G. The history, culture, and traditions of a community or country |
| 8. Heritage | H. Popular places that people travel to |
| 9. Destinations | I. Relating to the people or things from a particular area |
| 10. Local | J. The businesses and industries that make money in a place |



Speaking

Look at the photos, what can you tell about them? Use the vocabulary from the previous exercise (additional file).

Reading

Complete the text with the words below.

crowded season increase beaches year people mountains

Overtourism happens when too many (1) visit the same place at the same time. Popular cities and countries can become very (2), especially during the holiday (3) This can be bad for the environment, local people, and businesses.

When there are too many tourists, the prices of things like food, transport, and hotels can (4) Local people often find it hard to live in their own city because of high prices. The environment also suffers from pollution. For example, plastic waste from tourists can be left in parks and on (5) In some places, nature is damaged because tourists are not careful about where they walk or what they touch.

Overtourism is not only a problem in big cities. It also affects small towns and rural areas, especially those with natural landmarks like (6) or beaches. These places can be ruined by too many visitors, who don't understand the importance of protecting nature.

To stop overtourism, some cities are trying to make tourism more sustainable. This means encouraging visitors to come at different times of the (7) or to explore less popular places.



Comprehension

True or False? Read the statements and decide if they are true or false.

1. Overtourism only happens in big cities.
2. Local people in crowded tourist areas can struggle with high prices.
3. Pollution is not an issue in popular tourist destinations.
4. Tourists can damage nature by walking in the wrong places.
5. Some cities are encouraging tourists to come during the holiday season.
6. Overtourism can hurt small towns and rural areas.
7. Tourists leave plastic waste in the environment.
8. Sustainable tourism means travelling in a way that helps protect nature.
9. Nature is never affected by tourists.
10. Overtourism can increase the prices of food and transport.

Speaking

Here are 10 opinions about tourism. What do you think?

1. Tourists should only visit places that are not too crowded.
2. It is important for tourists to respect local traditions and culture.
3. Tourism is bad for the environment.
4. We should limit the number of tourists in popular places.
5. Tourists often do more harm than good in small towns.
6. Hotels and businesses should try to reduce pollution.
7. It is better to visit less popular destinations instead of famous ones.
8. Overtourism hurts local businesses.
9. I like to travel to places that are full of tourists.
10. Tourists should pay higher prices to protect the environment.