

Tackling overtourism

Tourism can be really fun, but it can also bring problems. Watch the video to find out more about overtourism, and what we can do to be responsible tourists.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–j) with the vocabulary (1–10).

Vocabulary

1. housing prices
2. a local
3. a downside
4. overtourism
5. a historic site
6. to vandalise
7. a tourist attraction
8. a fee
9. a holiday destination
10. off the beaten track

Definition

- a. a person who lives in a place, not a visitor or tourist
- b. when too many people visit a place and it gets damaged
- c. an amount of money someone pays for a particular thing
- d. to intentionally damage property belonging to other people
- e. a disadvantage of a situation
- f. something people see or do when they're on holiday
- g. a place where people go for holidays
- h. money people pay to have somewhere to live
- i. a place where few people go, far from any main roads and towns
- j. a building, structure or natural area that is important because of what happened there in the past

Tasks

Task 1

Choose the four problems that are mentioned in the video.

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- _____ There are too many cars and motorbikes on the roads.
- _____ Some tourists damage historic sites.
- _____ Restaurants don't make enough money.
- _____ Some cultural traditions have become tourist attractions.
- _____ In many tourist destinations, it's too expensive for local people to rent a house or flat.

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

destinations	responsible tourist	overtourism
natural environments	downsides	tourist tax

1. Although tourism is fun, it also has a lot of
2. Some of the world's most popular holiday have too many visitors.
3. Many and historic sites are being damaged.
4. Many countries are making an effort to deal with
5. In some places, visitors have to pay a '.....' if they want to visit.
6. A is someone who respects the local culture and environment.

Discussion

What do you think? What are the advantages and disadvantages of tourism?

Answers

Preparation task

1. h
2. a
3. e
4. b
5. j
6. d
7. f
8. c
9. g
10. i

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Task 2

1. downsides
2. destinations
3. natural environments
4. overtourism
5. tourist tax
6. responsible tourist