PDF 1 - The Responsible Traveller.



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1. Tourism: Who Benefits?

A small coastal town has become a popular tourist destination. Local businesses are doing well, but residents complain about rising rents, traffic, overcrowding and environmental damage.

Discuss:

- Should the town limit the number of visitors?
- Should tourists pay an additional environmental fee?
- Should local residents have a greater say in tourism development?
- Can tourism grow without damaging the character of a place?

Agree on three measures that would benefit both residents and visitors.

2. Choose the Holiday

You have ten days off and must choose one of these holidays:

- A luxury resort with excellent facilities but a large environmental footprint.
- A low-cost city break using public transport and locally owned accommodation.
- A volunteer holiday supporting a community project, with basic accommodation.
- A road trip through several small towns, staying in family-run guesthouses.

Compare cost, comfort, cultural experience and environmental impact. Which holiday would you choose, and what would make you change your mind?

3. The Tourist Behaviour Debate

Discuss whether the following behaviours are acceptable:

- Taking photographs of local people without asking.
- Wearing inappropriate clothing at religious or cultural sites.
- Bargaining aggressively with market sellers.
- Visiting fragile natural areas for social media photographs.
- Expecting local people to speak your language.
- Posting negative reviews after refusing to learn about local customs.

Choose one behaviour and prepare an argument for a short class debate.

4. Design a Better Travel Experience

In pairs, create a three-day travel experience for visitors to a destination you know.

Your plan must:

- Support local businesses.
- Include meaningful cultural experiences.
- Avoid unnecessary environmental damage.
- Be realistic in terms of cost and transport.

Present your itinerary and explain why it is better than a conventional tourist package.

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