The table below shows statistics about the top five countries for international tourism in 2012 and 2013.

Country	Number of tourists, 2012 (millions)	Number of tourists, 2013 (millions)	Tourist spending, 2012	Tourist spending, 2013
France	83.0	84.7	\$53.6 billion	\$56.1 billion
USA	66.7	69.8	\$126.2 billion	\$139.6 billion
Spain	57.5	60.7	\$56.3 billion	\$60.4 billion
China	57.7	55.7	\$50.0 billion	\$51.7 billion
Italy	46.4	47.7	\$41.2 billion	\$43.9 billion

Question

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Introduction

The table compares the five highest ranking countries in terms of the number of visits and the money spent by tourists over a period of two years

Overview - 2 sentences, 2 main points

It is clear that France was the world's most popular tourist destination in the years 2012 and 2013. However, the USA earned by far the most revenue from tourism over the same period.

Details - compare the lines

In 2012, 83 million **tourists visited** France, and the USA was the second most visited country, with 66.7 million tourists. Spain and China **each received** just under 58 million visitors, while Italy was **ranked fifth** with 46.4 million tourists. 2013 **saw a rise** of between 1 and 4 million tourist visits to each country, **with the exception of China**, which received 2 million fewer visitors than in the pervious year.

Details

Spending **by tourists visiting** the USA increased from \$126.2 billion in 2012 to \$139.6 billion in 2013, and these figures were **well over twice as high as** those for any other country. Spain received the second highest **amounts of** tourist **revenue** rising from \$56.3 billion to \$60.4 billion, **followed by** France, China and Italy. Interestingly, **despite falling numbers** of tourists, Chinese revenue from tourism **rose by** \$1.7 billion in 2013.

Vocabulary

- five highest rankin countries
- the world's most popular tourist destination
- earned by for the most
- revenue from tourism
- the second most visited country
- received ... visitors
- ranked fifth
- 2013 saw a rise of
- fewer visitors than in the previous year
- these figures were well over twice as high as
- amounts of tourist revenue
- despite falling numbers
- saw a rise, increased, rising from, rose by.