**Popular European destinations want fewer tourists (World and Press)**

**Words & Phrases:**

to hover e.g. over someone or something

to stay in one place for an extended period

a sentiment shared

an opinion that is popular within a certain group

to be confronted with

to be challenged by something or someone

influx

something that has increased

resistance is growing

the opposition is increasing

limit the number of e.g. cruise ships

to keep the number under a certain limit

limit the size of e.g. groups

to halt growth once a certain point is reached

to impose sth. e.g. an on-the-spot fine

restrict something

to come in droves

to appear in big groups

economically depressed

a slowdown in economic activity

tourism boom

a lot of demand for tourism

to consider sth. e.g. a summer destination

to consider something as a holiday destination

forced into hibernation

to be forced to take a long pause

to embrace sth.

To support something

a sudden jump in tourism

tourism increases sharply

to come at a cost

to incur unexpected damages or effort

backlash

to act in retaliation because of something

to reduce sth. e.g. bus access

to decrease the amount or accessibility of something

to book ahead

to make an early booking

to limit slots available

to keep the number of slots to a certain level

to curb

to restrain

to provide sth e.g. fewer parking spaces/docks

to supply something

there are limits to how far one can go

describing that there are things one should not do from a moral perspective or that something is of such a feat that nobody can achieve it

a core principle

a guiding concept which should be taken account for every decision

to enshrine sth. e.g. free movement

to preserve or protect something / keep it from being harmed

to increase accommodation

to expand an area in which people can live in

elitist

a view in which people believe that society should be lead by an elite

backslide

to go back to a more primitive time

to encourage fines/awareness campaigns

to motivate people to punish bad behaviours and raise awareness

to encourage strategies for better managing the flow of e.g. tourists

to motivate people to punish bad behaviours and raise awareness

to erect sth. e.g. official signs

to build something

to reclaim

to take back from

an affordable, alternative source of fresh produce

provide access to reasonably priced and fresh agricultural and natural resources

to recreate sth.

To buil­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­d something again

a sense of belonging

the feeling of fitting in

to be torn apart

to rip something into many parts through use of excessive force

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**Please answer the following questions (in detail):**

1. **The text provides information on various restrictions to curb and control mass tourism. Please give an overview of the different approaches chosen by European capitals.**

The most common approach to improve the situation is by limiting group sizes or disincentivize overcrowding by introducing entrance fees. Barcelona, for instance, banned groups coming from a certain market called “Mercat de la Boqueria” and out restrictions on some hotels in the city centre.

Amsterdam banned new hotels and tourist shops, as well as increased hotel taxes to decrease interest in booking a hotel. Amsterdam also started to impose on-the-spot fines for public drunkenness or urination.

Other major port cities that are known for being popular tourist destinations like Venice want to implement entrance fees to the city or limit the number of cruise ship dockings in the ports, like the city of Bruggs does.

1. **Specify the consequences Hallstatt’s residents have to cope with due to the influx of tourists?**

Starting with the positive consequences, the local economy has been on the uprising compared to the last ten years. Hallstatt has always been a summer destination with a heavily declining economy each winter. Businesses now stay open all-year which benefits their profits immensely and results in young people staying in town instead of searching for jobs and better opportunities in bigger cities.

Negative consequences on the other hand include a loss of privacy for many of Hallstatt’s residents, plus the vast number of tourists every year, straining the people living in the town.

1. **Please comment on controversial aspects in terms of the measures implemented to deal with mass tourism.**

A quite harsh measure is to limit the parking spaces for busses or docks for cruise ships which clashes with the freedom of movement philosophy which plays a notable part in the principle of democracy. It also hurts the Schengen agreement in the case of European countries.

Another rather controversial measure is to increase taxation on accommodation or introducing entrance fees for certain parts of cities, which often leads to some destination being limited or reserved for elitists that can afford living there.

1. **Researchers advocate a specific course of action. Please comment on their suggestions and include examples.**

Most researcher’s advice against increasing the price of travel and accommodation as it may limit trips to certain locations to elitists. They rather recommend proposing fines for misconduct or to increase funding in awareness campaigns. They also suggest developing better strategies for dealing with the vast amounts of tourists.

An example would be to advertise beaches to divert tourists from city centres, a strategy used by Amsterdam’s tourist management. The city also launched a campaign called “enjoy and respect” with the goal of reminding visitors to behave during their stay.

1. **Hallstatt’s residents fear to be torn apart by the droves of tourists. Please comment on the importance of „a sense of belonging“.**

Hallstatt’s residents have been robbed of their sense of belonging due to the vast number of tourists in a comparably small town. They dealt with this by diverting the tourists to the lesser known farmers market in the outskirts instead of having them in the crowded city centre.

A certain sense of belonging is a base need of every human, so they generally try to find ways to include themselves in their society or to find people that think similarly to them.