Tourism Topic

IELTS Writing Task 2 in Febuary 2015

Many museums and historical sites are mainly visited by tourists but not local people.Why is this the case and what can be done to attract more local people to visit theseplaces?

There are a number of factors that explain why many museums and historical sites fail to  
attract the attention of the locals. However, this issue can be resolved by adopting a number of solutions, as will now be discussed.

Perhaps the primary reason is that local inhabitants often do not have interest in visiting these places as they tend not to be attracted by places and objects that are familiar to their cultural backgrounds. For example, many museums in Ho Chi Minh City welcome thousands of travelers from Hanoi annually, in contrast to the number of local residents who visit the museums and historical sites here in my home city of Hanoi. Another reason stems from historical attractions themselves. They are often poorly conserved due to a low budget for operation while the authority does not make an attempt to improve the situation. Take the Air Defense museum in Hanoi as an example. For years, there has been no change for the better, at least visually, to attract the locals, and this is the reason why most of its visitors are tourists.

However, a range of available options can be taken to tackle the problem. The simplest one is that the authority should continue campaigns aiming at encouraging local people to visit these attractions. They could also consider rearranging and redecorating historical places to make them more interesting and attractive for all visitors. To achieve this, the  
government ought to allocate more public money to the conservation of these places.  
In conclusion, various measures need to be taken to gain back local residents’ interest in  
museums and historical sites.

Useful Vocabulary & Expressions:• To stem fromExample: Most people’s insecurities stem from something that happened in their  
childhood.

• To allocate smth to smth: to give something officially to somebody/something for  
a particular purpose  
Example: More funds will now be allocated to charitable organizations.  
• To gain someone’s interest back

*IELTS Writing Task 2 in May 2015****Many people believe that international tourism is a bad thing for their country. What are the reasons? Solutions to change negative attitudes?***

There are several reasons why many people have a negative attitude towards international  
tourism. However, this can be handled by adopting possible solutions, as will now be  
discussed.

Firstly, the influx of foreign travelers is often associated with an increase in the level of environmental pollution. Many tourists throw rubbish into the surroundings irresponsibly,  
which contributes to air, water and soil contamination. In addition, there might be a  
growing demand for transport, decreasing the air quality at the tourist destination.

Secondly, international tourism increases the odds of spreading infectious diseases into the local community. Viruses such as Ebola and H5N1 can become a threat to the locals if an infected traveler visits their country. In Vietnam, for example, many people died after a visitor from Hong Kong carried the H5N1 virus to the country in 2003. This example makes it clear why many people are still against the development of international tourism.

However, there are a range of options that can be taken to improve the situation. One  
measure would be that the government should continue campaigns to raise the awareness  
of tourists when they pay a visit to a new land. Travellers should be encouraged to put  
waste into the right place or to use public transport if possible. Another remedy is that there should be medical checks at airports and borders. This is to guarantee that infected visitors should be quarantined to halt the spread of the disease.

In conclusion, negative feelings about global tourism still are common in society. However, this can be resolved by taking the above suggestions.

**Useful Vocabulary & Expressions:**• **The influx of smb/smth**: the fact of a lot of people, money or things arriving  
somewhere  
*Example: a massive/sudden influx of visitors.*

• **To be associated with smth:** having a connection between people or things in your  
mind  
*Example: I always associate the smell of baking with my childhood.*

• **The odds of something:** the degree to which something is likely to happen  
*Example: The odds are that (= it is likely that) she'll win.*

• **To pay a visit to somewhere**

• **To halt something:** to stop; to make somebody/something stop  
*Example: We are failing to halt the destruction of the rainforest*

IELTS Writing Task 2 in December 2016

Topic: International travel has many advantages to both the travellers and the countryvisited. Do advantages outweigh disadvantages?

It is true that citizens around the world tend to show fancy for travelling overseas. From  
my perspective, journeys to foreign nations bring more benefits than drawbacks.

Admittedly, several problems could arise along with international tours. Firstly, visitors  
from overseas may be required to pay considerably higher prices for their  
accommodation or other holiday services because numerous native citizens take the  
chance to make a huge profit from foreign individuals. Secondly, in fact, several  
international tourists bring infectious diseases, especially Ebola or MERS to tourist  
attractions, posing a threat to the local community health. Finally, there is every  
likelihood of holiday destinations being put under environmental threats as a  
consequence of a massive influx of foreign tourists to these venues with low awareness  
of the importance of environmental protection.

However, international visits have more positive impacts on tourists as well as host  
countries. With regard to travelers, thanks to setting foot in a strange nation, they would  
have an opportunity to become more broad-minded when getting to know about different  
customs, lifestyles and rituals. Additionally, enjoying the breath- taking views of  
destination countries and their diverse delicacies may assist visitors to escape from the  
hustle and bustle of their busy life to have unforgettable memories and recharge  
their own batteries. In terms of local countries, an increase in the number of travelers  
from abroad to their localities could generate a variety of job opportunities related to  
tour guide or accommodation services for local residents and help reduce  
unemployment rate, followed by an improvement in economic prosperity. Equally  
importantly, international tourism is attributed to the enhancement of cultural  
communication and mutual understanding between nations.

To summarize, despite several mentioned-above shortcomings, I personally believe that  
international tourism denotes a positive trend for both individuals and society.