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What are the benefits and drawbacks of tourism?

In recent years some countries have experienced very rapid tourism development. This has resulted in much higher standards of living for local communities. However, this situation may bring some problems for the host countries as a whole. This essay will discuss some of the advantages and the disadvantages of tourism.

First of all, tourism promotes international understanding and cooperation among nations. In this regard, the importance of breaking down barriers between countries is undeniable. By this I mean people from different lands ~~whit-with~~ diverse cultures can socialize effectively regardless of their race and religions. Observing different ways of living and interacting with others helps holiday-makers become more open-minded and see their own culture's more objectively.

Another important advantage that needs to be taken into account is that travellers can broaden their horizons by travelling. In other words, travelling enriches the minds and leads to having a wider range of experiences.

Tourism brings investment and better infrastructure to poorer communities; it plays a key role in economic growth by providing job opportunities and possibilities of higher-earning jobs.

On the other hand, although tourists in many countries are a significant source of revenue, they are frowned upon for various reasons. Tourism can cause environmental destruction such as serious forms of pollution. Likewise, lots of tourist sites have a history of detrimental effects caused by large numbers of visitors which it is incumbent on the government to take required measures to address this ~~momentous—pressing~~ issue. One of the problems associated with this industry is cultural degradation; lack of understanding of customs and traditions of people may lead to debasinge the host culture.

To sum up, relying heavily on tourism and using up natural resources to support it can deprive the local population ~~of from~~ their natural rights to these resources.