## **HOLIDAYS AND TRAVELLING**

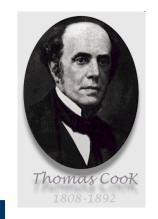


"Tour d'Eiffel", Paris

#### **Definition**

- Holidays and travelling [] tourism
- Tourism is travel for recreational, leisure or business purposes.
- Tourists are people who travel to and stay in places outside their usual environment for more than twenty-four hours.
- Tourism has become a popular global leisure activity. In 2008, there were over 922 million international tourist arrivals.





## A history of tourism

- Wealthy people have always traveled to distant parts of the world.
- The Romans started a tourism with their holiday villas in the Bay of Napels.
- In the 19th century, Grand Tour of Europe's cultural sites.
- In 1845 Thomas Cook organized the first package tour.

### **Recent developments**

- People have more money to spend and greater leisure time and they are also better-educated and have more sophisticated tastes.
- The developments in technology and transport infrastructure, such as jumbo jets, low-cost airlines have made many types of tourism more affordable.
- There have been a few setbacks in tourism:
  - Terrorist threats to tourist destinations (11th september).
  - A tsunami (2004). Thousands of lives were lost.



Airbus A380 (853 passengers)



Tsunami, Asia



Lascaux cave paintings

#### **Tourism in the future**

- The tourist idustry is growing very fast and will soon be the largest industry in the world.
- Because the tourists are destroying sites some replicas have been built (Lascaux caves – France)
- Technological improvement is likely to make:
  - Underwater hotels (Hydropolis in Dubai )
  - Space tourism







#### **Effects of tourism**

#### Positive:

- Economic effects:
  - It brings profit to the local and regional area
  - It creates new jobs (tourist guides, souvenir sellers...)
- Social & cultural effects:
  - Developing positive attitudes towards each other
  - Learning about each other's culture and customs
  - Reducing negative stereotypes
  - Developing friendships
  - Developing appreciation, understanding, respect, and tolerance for each other's culture

#### • Negative:

- Environmental Effects:
  - It destroys ecosystems and environments
  - Traffic jams, litter
  - Natural areas parks,rivers,woody areas get polluted and destroyed
  - Destroying sites (scratching names into the rocks...)
- Social effects
  - More crime tourists bring money, bad people rob them
  - Popular tourist destinations are abandoned by all local residents

## Types of travelling

- Explorers are people who travel in a particular continent or country for the purpose of learning about it and to discover something new.
- Lesure travel
  - winter tourism
  - visiting family and relatives (VFR) tourism
  - religious tourism
  - educational tourism
  - extreme tourism (adventure tourism, backpackers)
  - medical tourism
  - express tours



An explorer



Two backpackers

### **Most visited countries**

Rank	Country	<b>Tourist arrivals (2008)</b>
1	■ France	79.3 million
2	United States	58.0 million
3	Spain	57.3 million
4	China	53.0 million
5	<b>■</b> Italy	42.7 million
6	United Kingdom	30.2 million
7	Ukraine	25.4 million
8	Turkey	25.0 million
9	Germany	24.9 million
10	Mexico	22.6 million

## **Most visited cities**

Rank	City	Country	Tourist arrivals (2008)
1	Paris	■ France	15.6 million
2	London	■ United Kingdom	14.8 million
3	Bangkok	<b>T</b> hailand	10.8 million
4	Singapore	Singapore	10.0 million
5	New York City	United States	9.5 million
6	Hong Kong	China China	7.9 million
7	Istanbul	Turkey	7.0 million
8	Dubai	<b>□</b> UAE	6.9 million
9	Shanghai	China	6.6 million
10	Rome	<b>I</b> ■ Italy	6.1 million

## Most popular sites



The Statue of Liberty, New York



Big Ben, London



Niagara Falls, USA, Canada



The Giza Necropolis, Egypt

## Most popular sites



Colosseum in Rome, Italy



Sydney Opera House, Australia



The Temple of the Emerald Buddha in Bangkok, Thailand

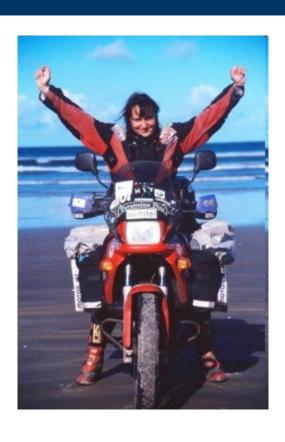


Parthenon in Athens, Greece



The Taj Mahal, India

#### Benka Pulko



- Benka Pulko is a Slovenian world traveler.
- She travelled across 75 countries and seven continents on a motorcycle.
- Her journey lasted five and a half years.

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