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Advantages & Disadvantages of Eco-tourism

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Ecotourism: Advantages & Disadvantages

Ecotourism is a form of tourism that mainly focuses on the appreciation and understanding of nature. When ecotourists go on a trek with the intention to learn about nature, their trips can be transformative experiences by visiting areas where public access is limited. However, ecotours also have some drawbacks. In this article, we will explore what are the benefits and disadvantages of ecotourism in order to allow you to make realistic decisions as an eco-tourist traveller.



What Is Ecotourism?

Ecotourism is a form of tourism that aims to protect and preserve the environment. It is often associated with eco-friendly activities such as hiking, biking, birdwatching, and wildlife spotting. However, ecotourism can also be destructive if visitors ignore the impact they have on the environment.

Advantages of ecotourism include that it can create jobs and revenue for local communities; it can help conserve natural resources, and it can educate visitors about environmental issues. Disadvantages include that many eco-tourist activities are expensive, and some can be dangerous if done improperly.

Pro & Cons

There are many advantages and disadvantages to ecotourism.

+ The major advantages of eco-tourism are as follows:

- + 1. It helps preserve natural resources.
- + 3. It gives people a chance to see wildlife in its natural environment, which can be very different from when the animals are kept in captivity.
- + 3. It can improve local economies by providing jobs, income, and education opportunities.
- + 4. It helps preserve natural resources through ecotourism activities such as environmental education and sustainable development.
- + 5. It promotes international understanding by exposing people to different cultures and lifestyles.



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- ➊ The major disadvantages of eco-tourism are as follows:
- ➋ 1. If visitors take too many photos or videos without being respectful of the environment, they can damage habitats and disrupt animal populations.
 - ➌ 2. Some people may not appreciate the natural environment as much if they have never seen it before.
 - ➍ 3. Some eco-tourists may damage natural resources or disrupt wildlife habitats.
 - ➎ 4. Some eco-tourists may behave in an irresponsible or violent manner.
 - ➏ 5. Some eco-tourists may not comply with local regulations.

Does It Help to Preserve a Culture's Ecology?

There are many advantages and disadvantages to ecotourism. Some people argue that ecotourism helps preserve a culture's ecology, as tourists often do not cause extensive damage to the environment while visiting. However, other commentators suggest that ecotourism can actually be detrimental to a culture's ecology if visitors are not mindful of local customs and traditions.

Conclusion

Ecotourism, or travel that benefits the environment, is becoming increasingly popular. There are many advantages to ecotourism, including reducing the impact on the environment, creating jobs and income for locals, and promoting conservation.

However, there are also some disadvantages to ecotourism that should be considered before embarking on a trip. For example, local communities may not benefit as much from ecotourism as they would have if traditional tourism was the only source of income. Additionally, protected areas may be damaged by tourists who do not take into account the effects of their activities on ecosystems.



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ON-TOPIC ITEMS:

- **Trek:** noun [C] UK /**ˈ**trek/ US /**ˈ**trek/
a long walk over land such as hills, mountains, or forests
- **Transformative:** adjective UK /**ˈ**træns'fɔː.mə.tɪv/ US /**ˈ**træns'fɔːr.mə.tɪv/
causing a major change to something or someone, especially in a way that makes it or them better
- **Preserve:** verb UK /**ˈ**priːzə:v/ US /**ˈ**priːzə:v/
to keep something as it is, especially in order to prevent it from decaying or being damaged or destroyed
- **Eco-friendly:** adjective UK /**ˈ**iː.kəʊ.frend.li/ US /**ˈ**iː.koʊ.frend.li/ US /**ˈ**ek.oʊ.frend.li/
not harmful to the environment, or trying to help the environment
- **Destructive:** adjective UK /**ˈ**di'strʌk.tɪv/ US /**ˈ**di'strʌk.tɪv/
causing, or able to cause, damage
- **Revenue:** noun [U] UK /**ˈ**rev.ən.juː/ US /**ˈ**rev.ə.nuː/
the income that a government or company receives regularly
- **Conserve:** verb [T] UK /**ˈ**kən'sɜːv/ US /**ˈ**kən'sɜːv/
to keep and protect something from damage, change, or waste
- **Habitats:** noun [C or U] UK /**ˈ**hæb.ɪ.tæt/ US /**ˈ**hæb.ə.tæt/
the natural environment in which an animal or plant usually lives
- **Comply:** verb [I] formal UK /**ˈ**kəm'plaɪ/ US /**ˈ**kəm'plaɪ/
to act according to an order, set of rules, or request
- **Regulations:** noun [C or U] UK /**ˌ**reg.jə'leɪ.jən/ US /**ˌ**reg.jə'leɪ.jən/
an official rule or the act of controlling something
- **Ecology:** noun [U] UK /**ˈ**iː.kɒl.ə.dʒi/ US /**ˈ**iː.kɑː.lə.dʒi/
the relationships between the air, land, water, animals, plants, etc., usually of a particular area, or the scientific study of this
- **Detrimental:** adjective formal UK /**ˌ**det.rɪ'men.təl/ US /**ˌ**det.rə'men.təl/
causing harm or damage
- **Embark:** verb [I] US /**ɪ**m'bɑːk/
to go on to a ship or an aircraft
- **Ecosystems:** noun [C] UK /**ˈ**iː.kəʊ.sɪs.təm/ US /**ˈ**iː.koʊ.sɪs.təm/ US /**ˈ**e.koʊ.sɪs.təm/
all the living things in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

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