

Intermediate A, Round 2

TOPIC: *That major tourist destinations should significantly limit the number of tourists that can visit*

1. Type of Topic

This is a normative debate. This means that the affirmative team proposes a 'model' (a policy on how this idea would be implemented). This model should be clearly described to outline what the affirmative team will make to the status quo, and how these changes will be enacted. The negative team can either support the status quo or provide a counter-model. The counter-model must be different from the status quo, but also different from the model provided by the affirmative team. The negative team should clearly identify whether they are supporting the status quo or proposing a counter-model.

2. Background / Context

Tourism, to some countries, is an important industry that largely contributes to economies by earning revenue and creating jobs. However, over tourism has become a prevalent concern, leading to many issues including environmental degradation, over consumption of resources, and reduction in quality of life for citizens. Countries like Mexico have a prominent Tourism industry, making up 15.5% of its total GDP, while countries like Cambodia benefit from an additional 2.4 million jobs due to the industry. Yet, countries like Barcelona suffer from overcrowding, population congestion and pollution, leading it to become one of Europe's most populated countries.

3. Questions for Consideration

- What is considered a major tourist destination?
- Is there an alternative approach to limit the harms of over tourism that doesn't involve a cap on tourists?
- What is the new system of allowing tourists to visit these destinations?
- Does the government have a principal obligation to their citizens?
- How important should economic benefits weigh in the debate?
- How would this impact countries that heavily rely on the tourist industry?

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