

***Although tourism is a very profitable business, it can have a damaging effect on local communities. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer and include any examples from your own knowledge or experience.***

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A very important reward of tourism is money for developing country as direct spending by visitors has a positive impact on business profitability and employment growth. The expectations and needs of visitors can often lead to the creation of new businesses and commercial activities like hotels, restaurants, car rental agencies, tour companies, service stations, souvenir shops, sports equipment rentals, and much more. So that there are many opportunities for employment for young people and for people interested in part time or casual work. An excellent example would be The Bahamas, an island country located in the Atlantic Ocean northeast of Cuba. Approximately 30% of all persons in The Bahamas are directly employed in tourism. If tourists do not come to the Bahamas for a period of time, persons employed directly in tourism could begin to lose their jobs and this would be felt in every sector of the economy.

On the other hand, tourism can have a damaging effect on local communities as environmental destruction. The over-development of some areas leads to ugly, crowded tourist spots and tourists cause environmental damage through forest fires, destruction of sand dunes and increased pollution. There are many exotic or picturesque places that can be dramatically damaged by the action of the tourists. In addition, the impact of tourism may destroy the local way of life. People can be influenced by the tourists in many aspects, such as giving up some traditions, not using the local goods anymore. To illustrate this case, some say that Tourism has a negative effect on the Bahamian culture. Many Bahamians would prefer to listen to some rapper or R&B singer rather than a Bahamian artist singing Bahamian music.

In a nutshell, I would like to say that society needs to be fully aware of both good and bad consequences of tourism before any action is taken. The advantages and disadvantages of tourism can be in balance if we are become more attentive to each other and the world around us.

## Revised

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In ~~a nutshell~~ conclusion, I would like to say that society needs to be fully aware of both good and bad consequences of tourism before any action is taken. The advantages and disadvantages of tourism can be in balance if we are ~~become more~~ attentive to each other and the world around us.

Excellent. A little long for IELTS but still very good vocabulary and your two paragraph body structure works well for this Advantage/Disadvantage essay. Note that 'nutshell' is too informal for IELTS...also it refers to a summary more than a conclusion. Nice job



benefit

*noun*

...an advantage or profit gained from something.

synonyms: good, sake, interest, welfare, well-being, satisfaction, enjoyment, advantage, comfort, ease, convenience;