


1 SPEAKING

- a  Look at the photos on this page and answer the questions with a partner.
- 1 Have you seen any of these views before?
 - 2 What other classic views around the world can you think of?

2 READING

- a Read the article. Would you like to visit any of these places? Why / Why not?

Too Many Tourists

There's money to be made in tourism, and places often advertise themselves to make people want to visit. But you can get too much of a good thing, and visitor numbers are sometimes so high that they annoy the locals and even the visitors themselves. Here are a few places where there are just too many tourists.



Everybody wants to put themselves in this spectacular photo. This city on a mountaintop at 2,500 metres is one of the new seven Wonders of the World. The enormous stones of the buildings were cut and moved by the Incas 600 years ago, without the help of any machines. So many tourists go there that UNESCO has put it on a list of places in danger. From 2019, all foreign visitors will have to have a guide and follow certain paths through the site.

This classic view of Santorini shows the white buildings of the main town, nearly 600 metres above the blue waters of the Aegean Sea. It is built on the top of an old volcano. When the number of visitors arriving off cruise ships reached 10,000 a day, beautiful Santorini knew it was time to do something. From now on, there's going to be a daily limit of 8,000 visitors.



Tourists have put themselves in danger for this view in Norway. Known as Pulpit Rock, this spectacular rock 600 metres above the fjord is popular with climbers, BASE jumpers and tourists, too. Because of the number of accidents and emergencies, locals are asking for laws to stop people climbing to this spot.

Tourists sometimes annoy the local people. In this city, there have been times when locals have given the tourists a shower as they passed in the open-topped tour bus. And funnily enough, this city is called Bath! However, the real reason for this name is historical. There are hot springs here, and when the Romans were in Britain nearly 2,000 years ago, they built the large baths that give the city its name.



Do you know any places that have too many tourists? Use the comments to tell us what you think!



I love travelling, but I'm not going to visit any of the really famous tourist hot spots any more. Last year, we went to Ephesus in Turkey, and there were long queues to get to see the main sites. What's the point?

Lorraine S, Manchester, England



I live in a really spectacular place in Scotland. The sunsets are amazing, and the beaches are fantastic. But nobody has heard of it, and so we don't get many visitors. That's how I like it, so I'm not going to tell you where it is!

Andy P, Near Mallaig, Scotland



BETTER READING: READ AND MAKE NOTES

Sometimes you need to study texts to collect information. To help you, it can be useful to make short notes of the important points.

1 Read the article and make notes in the table below.

	Macchu Picchu	Santorini	Pulpit Rock	Bath
1 Country			Norway	
2 What's there?	Inca city			
3 A big number				2,000 years ago
4 A problem		visitors from cruise ships		
5 The result			laws to stop climbers	

b Find the words and phrases below in the text on page 54. Use the context to guess the meaning.


annoy spectacular enormous cruise ships
laws open-topped tour bus hot springs

c Choose the best ending for the sentences.

- 1 In these places, the visitors themselves are sometimes annoyed by ...
 - a the number of tourists.
 - b the way the places advertise themselves.
 - c the locals.
- 2 The Incas built Macchu Picchu ...
 - a over a period of 600 years.
 - b 2,500 metres away from a mountaintop.
 - c using large rocks which they cut and moved.
- 3 The main town in Santorini ...
 - a is on a popular beach.
 - b has a view which is beautiful and famous.
 - c is the place where many cruise ships begin their journey.
- 4 There is a problem with tourists at Pulpit Rock because ...
 - a they do dangerous things.
 - b they get in the way of the climbers and BASE jumpers.
 - c they cause accidents to other visitors.
- 5 The city of Bath has that name because ...
 - a people get a shower on the tour bus.
 - b there are natural swimming pools of hot water.
 - c the Romans built baths there.

d Read the comments by Lorraine and Andy in exercise 2a. What decisions have they made for the future? Do you agree with them?

3 SPEAKING

- a  Ask and answer the questions with a partner.
- 1 Do you like being a tourist and seeing all the famous sights and views in the places you visit?
 - 2 Do you have any bad experiences of being in a place with too many tourists?

