



IELTS writing T2 Course

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Session 7

A lot of places in the world rely on tourism as a main source of income. Unfortunately, tourism can also be a source of problems if it is not managed correctly.

- Do you think the advantages of tourism in the modern world outweigh the disadvantages.*



Formula for advantage/disadvantage

Side 1	Side 2
Body 1: (dis)advantage 1 Body 2: (dis)advantage 2	Body 3: (dis)advantages 1&2 + why they are not very significant



Points to remember:

- **You need to talk about both “advantages and disadvantages” regardless of your own position.**
- **Make sure you have taken care of the plural ‘S’, that is two advantages and two disadvantages.**
- **The side that you disagree with can be a little less developed. If so, put the two (dis)advantages in one body paragraph and find a way to refute them (rebuttal)**



Sample one

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Another sample



Introduction (Paraphrase of the topic+ View)

Nowadays tourism generates a significant portion of national income for many countries, but it has certain drawbacks too. In this essay I will present why the advantages of tourism outweighs the disadvantages in our modern world.



Body 1 (advantages 1 and 2)

The two main advantages of developed tourism industry are boost in country's economy and a large number of new job openings for the local people. Firstly, tourists spend money on a wide range of services, including hotels and amusement facilities. This way, tourism yields an additional income, greatly supporting the country's economy. Secondly, tourism increases the level of employment by bringing new jobs. For instance, common visits to a place by tourists is likely to increase the tour guides, hotel staff and employees of retail services, convincing business owners to hire more people for these positions.



Body 2 (disadvantages 1&2, and why they are not very strong)

However, tourism has some major disadvantages like destruction of popular tourist destinations and development of illegal economic activities. Ancient buildings, temples and monuments struggle to cope with a vast amount of visitor's traffic and get damaged. Also, the large number of tourists can cause environmental problems. For instance, when places of interest are overcrowded, natural resources often become overexploited. What's more, the presence of a considerable number of tourists with a lot of money to spend, and often carrying valuables such as cameras and jewelry, increases the attraction for criminals and brings with it activities like robbery and drug dealing. However, proper hospitality management and correct usage of tourism revenue by the local government can eliminate these disadvantages.



Conclusion (use of although to highlight the favorite argument)

To conclude, although tourism can have certain negative effects like destructive impact and growth of crime rate, it has an extremely positive influence on country's economy and provides a large number of new jobs for the local people. I believe that these benefits of tourism outweigh its drawbacks.



