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Carbon footprint of global tourism is huge – 10th May, 2018

Level 0

Climate scientists say tourism causes over 8 per cent of greenhouse gasses. This figure will increase. Their study looked at the CO2 emissions from transport, hotels, restaurants, shopping, etc. Researchers looked at tourism in 189 countries. They studied the effect of over one million tourism businesses.

Domestic travel caused more CO2 emissions than international travel. Air travel caused the most. The countries with the biggest tourism carbon footprints were the USA, China, India and Germany. Their emissions will increase because more of their citizens will travel. Travelers should cut their carbon footprint to help Earth.

Level 1

Climate scientists in Australia say tourism causes over 8 per cent of greenhouse gasses. This figure will increase in the future. Their study looked at the tourism carbon footprint. It looked at the CO2 emissions from transport, events, hotels, restaurants and shopping. Over 18 months, researchers looked at tourism in 189 countries. A researcher said her team studied the impact on the environment of over one million businesses involved in tourism.

Domestic travel caused more CO2 emissions than international travel. Air travel caused the most emissions. Flying will increase emissions as people become richer. The countries with the biggest tourism carbon footprints were the USA, China, India and Germany. Their carbon emissions will increase as more of their citizens travel. Holiday-makers should reduce their carbon footprint so their vacations cause less harm to Earth.

Level 2

Climate scientists in Australia say tourism causes over 8 per cent of greenhouse gasses. They say that this figure will increase because the tourism industry is growing. Their study looked at the carbon footprint of different areas of tourism. It studied the CO2 emissions from transport, events, hotels, restaurants and shopping (including making souvenirs). Researchers spent 18 months on their research. They looked at the tourist activities of 189 countries. A researcher said her team analyzed the impact on the environment of over one million businesses involved in tourism.

The researchers said domestic travel caused more CO2 emissions than international travel. Air travel was the largest part of all tourism. Flying will continue to increase emissions as more people become richer. The countries with the biggest tourism carbon footprints were the largest and richest nations - the USA, China, India and Germany. Their carbon emissions will increase as more of their citizens travel. The researchers said holiday-makers should try and reduce their carbon footprint so their vacations cause less harm to the planet.

Level 3

Climate scientists from the University of Sydney in Australia say tourism causes over 8 per cent of greenhouse gasses. They also say that this figure will continue to increase because the tourism industry is growing. Their study looked at the carbon footprint of many different areas of tourism. It studied the CO2 emissions from transport, events, hotels, restaurants and shopping. It even researched the carbon emissions from producing souvenirs. The researchers spent 18 months conducting the research. They included the tourist activities of 189 countries. Researcher Dr Arunima Malik said her team analyzed the impact on the environment of over one million businesses involved in tourism.

The researchers said domestic travel was a bigger cause of CO2 emissions than international or business travel. Air travel was the largest part of tourism's footprint. The researchers said flying would continue to increase global emissions as more people in the world become richer. The countries causing the most harm were the biggest and richest nations. The USA, China, India and Germany had the largest tourism carbon footprints. Their carbon emissions will continue to increase as more of their citizens travel. The researchers encouraged holiday-makers and travelers to try and reduce their carbon footprint when on vacation so their travel causes less harm to the planet.