

2016 level 2 first text translated

Nowadays, tourism is accessible for many people and there are many places that are worth visiting. There are isolated and warm beaches where the forest reaches the edge of the sand. There is a jungle whose primitive air belongs to another time. We tourists think that this way of travelling will broaden our horizons and enrich our minds. We believe that we have the right to decide what we do in these parts of the world without thinking about the environmental consequences and as a result, we are hurting our forests with activities such as hiking, mountain biking, abseiling and camping.

In view of lots of people arriving into this natural space, in some places you have to pay a fee to visit these kinds of places to help support the conservation. Nevertheless there are a lot of people who consider this tax an ineffective and excessive. Most naturalists and specialists believe that this measure isn't the solution. There exist examples of conservation such as the forest of Muniellos in Asturias or the island of Kapiti in New Zealand which don't allow more than a certain amount of people per day.

Each and every one of us is responsible for the environment. If we want to keep safe and enjoy the spaces we will have to start to change our attitude. When we enter a natural space we should take into account some rules. The golden rule is to not leave a trace of our passage. For this, we should treat these natural sanctuaries with respect, as if we were watching a work of art. Nobody would think of taking a stone from a cathedral. If we don't realise the damage that we do after entering natural spaces we will run the risk of losing the opportunity of discovering the hidden and most beautiful places on our planet. We would see ourselves obliged to lose the pleasure of the liberty of coming and going wherever we want. We must ask ourselves, "how would we feel if we had to look at natural beauty from a distance, without being able to disembark on an isolated island or walk along the coast?"