

# TOURISTS, GO HOME



In Spain, there has been a lot of news about overtourism recently. Overtourism happens when too many tourists visit a place, causing problems for local people and the environment.

Many residents are unhappy because the high number of tourists makes their daily life difficult. Streets and public spaces become very crowded, and prices for things like food and rent go up. The local people feel that their city is changing in ways they don't like.

Thousands of people in Spain are protesting against mass tourism. In Barcelona, residents have sprayed tourists in restaurants with water

guns. On the island of Mallorca, 10,000 people went to the streets holding banners that read: "Enough is enough!" and "Mallorca is not for sale."

To tackle this problem, the government is taking action. They are trying to limit the number of tourists in some popular areas and are encouraging visitors to explore less-known places. Additionally, some new rules are being introduced to protect the environment and reduce the impact of tourism.

Local businesses are also helping by promoting activities that respect the local culture and environment. For example, some tour companies are offering eco-friendly tours and working to support local traditions.

It is important to balance tourism with the needs of local communities. By making changes, Spain hopes to improve the situation for both residents and tourists.

## Answer the questions about the Text

1. What is overtourism?

2. How does overtourism affect local residents?

3. How are the people from Barcelona reacting?

4. What actions is the government taking to address overtourism?

5. What are some new rules introduced to help with the problem?

6. How are local businesses contributing to solving overtourism?

7. What type of tours are some companies offering to support the environment?

8. Why is it important to balance tourism with the needs of local communities?

9. What are some problems that arise when too many tourists visit a place?

10. How might limiting the number of tourists benefit both residents and visitors?

## Give your opinion

1. Do you think overtourism is a serious problem in your country or city?

2. How would you feel if your favorite local places became very crowded with tourists?

3. Do you agree with the government's actions to limit the number of tourists? Why or why not?

4. What other solutions might help to reduce the impact of overtourism?

5. Do you think the population should attack the tourists in order to limit overtourism? Why? Why not?