

Tourist hot spots

1 Talk about the map and statistics with your partner. Answer the questions.

- 1 What information do the statistics give us?
- 2 Which countries have a similar number of visitors?
- 3 Is there anything you find surprising?

2a Read the texts about three of the most popular places for tourists to visit. Does each person like his or her city?

TOP TEN TOURIST DESTINATIONS			
Country	International visitors (millions)	Country	International visitors (millions)
1 France	83.7	6 Turkey	39.8
2 the US	74.8	7 Germany	33.0
3 Spain	65.0	8 UK	32.6
4 China	55.6	9 Russia	29.8
5 Italy	48.6	10 Mexico	29.1



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## Top ten tourist cities

International tourism increased 4.3% last year with 1.133 billion of us travelling abroad for our holidays. But what's it like living in the most popular places on the planet? Meet teenagers who live in three of the top ten tourist cities.



**Paris, France**

Paris is a beautiful city and it's multicultural, too, with people from many different countries. My mother is from Algeria and in my school, a lot of us speak two languages. I have friends whose families are from Vietnam, the Caribbean and Senegal. We live in an apartment on the edge of the city so we don't see many tourists in my neighbourhood. But I understand why they want to come here! Paris is a small city and the most famous monuments and museums are in the city centre, so you can walk a lot. And, of course, the food is legendary!

Audrey, 13



**Hong Kong, China**

Hong Kong is the number one tourist city in the world, and I'm not surprised! It's an amazing place – a city that never sleeps. Even at night, it's always noisy and full of people. For tourists, there are plenty of things to do, like visit some monuments or go to a night market on Temple Street. You can also take a boat trip and look at the skyscrapers along the amazing Hong Kong skyline. We live in a small flat, and sometimes I want to escape and find clean air and space, but Hong Kong is my home and I feel homesick whenever I'm away.

Han, 13



**Antalya, Turkey**

Antalya is on the Mediterranean, and its beautiful location has put it firmly in the top ten tourist cities in the world. We couldn't live here without the tourists because both my parents work in a hotel. We live in a small house in a central part of the city but my neighbourhood feels like a village, with a baker, hairdresser, cafés and restaurants where everyone knows each other. I think tourists should try to get away from the beach and see the parts of the city where normal people live. In my opinion, Antalya has too many tourists, but I don't want to live anywhere else.

Mehtap, 12

**2b Read the texts again and decide if the sentences are True (T) or False (F).**

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| 1 A lot of Audrey's friends are from West Africa. T / F | 4 Han wants to move out of Hong Kong to a quieter place. T / F      |
| 2 Audrey doesn't live near the famous monuments. T / F  | 5 Mehtap's parents work in tourism. T / F                           |
| 3 Hong Kong is a very crowded city. T / F               | 6 There are often lots of tourists in Mehtap's neighbourhood. T / F |

**2c Read the sentences and complete the table. Put a tick (✓) in the city they refer to.**

	Paris	Hong Kong	Antalya
1 There are a lot of tall buildings.			
2 It's a small city.			
3 People come here for a beach holiday.			
4 Many of the monuments are in the city centre.			
5 A lot of people rely on tourism for their income.			
6 There's a market that's open at night.			

**Gateway to culture**

**3a Work with a partner and answer the questions.**

- Which cities or places in your country are popular with tourists?
- Have you ever visited a big city in another country? Tell your partner about it.
- Which of the three cities in the article would you like to visit? Why?

**PROJECT**

**3b You are going to work on a presentation about popular tourist destinations in different parts of the world. Read the questions and prepare your project research.**

- Work in small groups. Choose a country in addition to your own country and do research on the Internet to find information about the following:
  - a city or place in each country which is popular with tourists
  - how many people visit it each year
  - what kinds of things tourists can do
  - what kinds of things tourists can see.
- Work together and discuss what you found out. Decide how to present your information to the class. This can be a slideshow, a presentation or a poster.

**3c Present your information to the class. What were the main similarities and differences between your country and the country you chose.**