



**THE IMPACT OF TOURISM ON LANGUAGE ACQUISITION:
A NEW APPROACH TO TEACHING ENGLISH**

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Abstract: *In the modern era, tourism has become a significant factor in education and language acquisition. This article explores the connection between tourism and language learning, highlighting how tourism facilitates English language acquisition. Additionally, it presents methods and examples of how tourism-based approaches can enhance English language teaching.*

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Introduction

Tourism has become one of the most popular industries worldwide, playing a crucial role in communication between people from different countries [1]. As a result of developing tourism around the world, the tendency for learning languages is also widespread all over the world which also triggers to level up the literacy rate of people. English, as the most widely used international language, serves as a bridge for tourists and locals to interact effectively [2]. Many travelers seek to improve their English skills while exploring new destinations, making tourism a valuable tool for language acquisition.

The Role of Tourism in Language Learning When tourists visit foreign countries, they often need to communicate with locals for navigation, shopping, and cultural experiences. These interactions provide practical opportunities for language practice [3]. Unlike traditional classroom learning, where language use is often limited to theoretical exercises, real-life conversations with native speakers help tourists improve their fluency naturally [4]. Besides these, cultural exchanges between tourists and locals encourage the learning of essential phrases and expressions used in daily conversations. Travelers gradually develop their speaking





and listening skills by immersing themselves in an environment where English is actively spoken.

A Tourism-Based Language Learning Method A practical way to integrate tourism into language education is through role-playing exercises in the classroom. This way involves students taking on the roles of tourists and native speakers, simulating real-life interactions such as ordering food at a restaurant, asking for directions, or negotiating prices at a market. These activities not only help to improve language proficiency but also build students' confidence in using English outside the classroom. Additionally, educational tourism programs can be organized, where students visit English-speaking regions or interact with foreign visitors in their own country. This hands-on approach allows learners to experience authentic communication, reinforcing their language skills through direct engagement.

Conclusion: In conclusion, tourism provides a dynamic and immersive way to acquire language skills. By engaging in real-world conversations with native speakers, learners can develop their communication abilities more effectively than through traditional methods. Incorporating tourism-based strategies into language education can make learning more practical, enjoyable, and meaningful. As globalization continues to connect people from diverse backgrounds, mastering English through tourism will remain a valuable asset for both travelers and students alike.

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