TC94: Travel broadens the mind – do you agree or disagree? – error correction

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Many people firmly believe that travel broadens the mind: you experience a variety of different culture, you have the chance of meet people from different backgrounds and with a different perspective to the world, and you can see the societies and lifestyles that have emerged from different historical contexts.

I am highly sceptical about all of this, and believe that tourism can often narrow rather than broaden the mind. For most people travel is a very superficial experience and consists of visiting a series of familiar tourist attractions and mix with people from one’s own country and background. Usually there is a very little interaction with local people, and without a high degree of knowledge of the local language this is, in any case, virtually impossible. If anything this type of tourism only reinforce pre-existing ideas about national stereotype and the fact that people return home feeling that they have some knowledge of the country, and can therefore speak with authorities, is another unfortunate result. Travel is fine if you enjoy it, but do not pretend you are broadening your mind. If you want to do this – read a book.