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Coronavirus puts 50 million tourism jobs at risk – 16th March, 2020

Level 0

The coronavirus could cut 50 million tourism jobs. The tourism industry could become 25% smaller. People are not travelling. More countries are closing borders and asking people to self-quarantine. A tourism expert said the pandemic is a big threat to the tourism industry and to those who work in it.

Tourism provides 10% of the world's jobs. It is one of the hardest hit industries. Korean Air is worried about its survival. Qantas cut international flights by 25%. World-famous sites are deserted, so restaurants and cafes could go out of business. Many hotel rooms will be empty for months. Tourism could take 10 months to recover.

Level 1

The coronavirus could cut 50 million tourism jobs worldwide. The World Travel and Tourism Council said the industry could become 25 per cent smaller. People are not travelling. More countries are taking action to fight COVID-19. This includes closing borders, requiring people self-quarantine for 14 days, and banning flights. A tourism expert said the pandemic is, "a significant threat to the industry as a whole, to those employed within it".

Ten per cent of the world's jobs is from tourism. It is one of the hardest hit industries. Airlines have big losses. Korean Air is worried about its survival. Qantas reduced international flights by 25 per cent. World-famous sites are deserted. This could cause restaurants and cafes to go out of business. Experts say over half of Hawaii's hotel rooms will be empty for the next few months. Tourism could take 10 months to recover after the virus has gone.

Level 2

The coronavirus could cut 50 million jobs worldwide in the tourism industry. This is what the World Travel and Tourism Council says. The tourism industry could become 25 per cent smaller. Many people are not travelling because more countries are taking action to fight COVID-19. This action includes closing borders, requiring people self-quarantine for 14 days, and banning flights from other countries. A tourism expert said the pandemic, "clearly presents a significant threat to the industry as a whole, to those employed within it, and those wishing to continue travelling".

Ten per cent of the world's GDP and jobs is from tourism. It is one of the industries hardest hit by the virus. Airlines and hotels have big losses. Korean Air warned the coronavirus could threaten its survival. Qantas reduced its international flights by nearly 25 per cent. World-famous sites are deserted. This could cause restaurants and cafes to go out of business as tourists stay away from crowded places. Experts predict that over half of Hawaii's hotel rooms will be empty for the next few months. Tourism could take 10 months to recover after the virus has gone.

Level 3

The coronavirus pandemic could cut up to 50 million jobs worldwide in the travel and tourism industry. This is according to the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC). The tourism industry could shrink by up to 25 per cent. Many people are staying at home and not travelling. Many people cannot travel as more and more countries are taking action to fight COVID-19. This action includes closing borders, requiring people self-quarantine for 14 days after arriving in a country, and banning flights from other countries. The head of the WTTC said the pandemic, "clearly presents a significant threat to the industry as a whole, to those employed within it, and those wishing to continue traveling."

The tourism industry makes up 10 per cent of the world's GDP and jobs. It is one of the industries hardest hit by the COVID-19 virus. Airlines, cruise ships and hotels have suffered big losses. Korean Air has warned that the coronavirus could threaten its survival. Australia's Qantas has reduced its international flights by nearly 25 per cent because of the outbreak. World-famous sites are deserted. This could cause restaurants and cafes to go out of business as tourists stay away from crowded places. Tourism is a key industry in Hawaii. Experts there predict that over half of Hawaii's hotel rooms will be empty over the next few months. The WTTC said that tourism would take 10 months to recover after the virus.

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