

Health Threats in Tourism Course
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1. Explain, in no more than 500 words, the main impacts of heat waves on the health of national and international travelers.

Ans: 1. Health of Travellers and Heat Wave Vision

One of the greatest impacts of heat waves is on the health of both national and international travelers particularly the ones who did not anticipate such high levels of heat. Heat-related ills are top of a continuum of disorders with heat fatigue as its mildest end, and heat stroke fatality as its worst.

Direct Health Effects: The symptoms of heat exhaustion are intensive sweating, weakness, nausea, headaches and dizziness. Otherwise, it can even come to the point of the heat stroke when a person has a fever, their mental state changes, and organs could fail. The tourists of the colder parts are in more danger as the body is not accustomed to extreme heat.

Susceptible Groups: At-risk groups include elderly passengers, small children, pregnant women and patients affected by some diseases which are chronic in nature like diabetes and heart diseases or respiratory disorders. The mechanisms of heat regulation of the body may be

influenced by such medicines as drugs that eliminate the excess fluid, antihistamines as well as certain blood pressure stimulators.

Dehydration and Associated Disorders: Waves of heat accelerate evacuation of fluid through accelerated sweating and breathing. Due to dehydration, an individual can experience kidney, blood clotting, and electrolytic complications. People are tempted not to count their water needs especially during sight seeing or when they are wasting some time out.

Indirect Health Consequences: The heat waves strain the health care system of the area, which may limit health care operations to the visitors. Respiratory conditions like asthma become more difficult to treat due to the worsening condition of the air during hot incidents. The immunity and decision making may be influenced by disturbed sleeping because of increased temperatures at night.

Behavioral and Activity Limitation: Severe temperatures change schedules of tourists and this may end up disappointing and leading to losses. Indoors confinement may have resulted to stress and limitation of cultural experience. Heat exhaustion can cause one to make wrong decisions and experience accidents.

Geographic Factor: Foreign travellers may not adjust to exotic climactic systems, or they lack location experience or skill of practise of safety of heat. The difference between the temperature experienced in the tourist regions and the rest could be between 5-10A degrees in regions that have high production of urban heat islands.

Prevention and mitigation: Travellers are suggested to check up weather forecasts, adjust schedules to spend time in the open when temperatures are at their lowest, wear proper clothes, hydrate well, and keep in mind the warnings of heat illness. The before travel health consultation is the key to the vulnerable persons.

This is an increased cause of concern in the travel sector due to the growth in number and magnitude of heat waves because of climate change; hence, more intensive preparedness programs and education programs to travelers.

2. Describe, in no more than 500 words, the interconnected relationship between air pollution and a destination's image.

Ans: 2. Interconnection between Air Pollution and Destination Image

The relation between air pollution and destination image is complicated in two-way traffic which has enormous impact on the pattern and economic performance of tourism. Poor air pollution levels may negatively hurt the rating of any destination and at the same time influence the experiences that shape the opinions of visitors.

Visual Effect and an Instant Impression: Air pollution leaves first-hand negative visual obstacles to favorable destination experiences. Smog spoils panoramas, dims even the most beautiful architecture, and it produces blurry ugly shots in advertising and other photos. Perception of tourism has been a huge problem in cities such as Beijing and Delhi who have had to contend with air induced pollution that literally cloy their tourist attractions in layers of smog.

Health Bubble and Risk Perception: Tourists are getting inclined towards health-related issues when choosing a destination. Tourists who value health will not visit a highly polluted country especially families with children, elderly tourists and/or those asthmatic and prone to respiratory diseases. In the case of health advisories announced concerning pollution, negative associations that can only be forgotten with changes in air quality are formed when the media covers such advises.

Digital Reputation and Social Media: In digital future visitor created content is the key factor influencing destination image immediately. Tourists who post their pictures on dirty skies or those with masks will develop viral negative impressions. In contrast, unspoiled, clean environments catalyze the positive social media traffic which improves the appeal of the destinations.

Economic Implications: According to research, air pollution in cities can be rated as severe and this actually has quantifiable effects on the revenues of the tourism sector. Tourists can extend the stays, reduce outdoor activities, or decline to come to the destination. The effects on the economy go beyond tourist levels to international business travel and hosting capacities of conferences.

Competitive Disadvantage: There is competition among destinations to attract the attention of the tourists in the world. The cities whose air is of poor quality lose their competitiveness to those which are cleaner. As an example, certain international meetings have changed location due to poor environmental condition in highly polluted cities to other places with a better environment.

Recovery and Image Rehabilitation: Recovery by air quality If destination image can be improved as dramatically by improved air quality is evidenced by the pollution reduction strategies in selected cities that have practiced successful pollution reduction strategies. Image recovery is, however, always behind environmental improvement, and to reverse the dire thoughts one, has to constantly market as well as wait.

Seasonal Fluctuations: The pollution trends in most tourist destinations are seasonal and influence tourism movements. City pollution during winter in places such as New Delhi or smog during the summer season in Los Angeles has a foreseeable effect on tourist satisfaction and the Vietnamese tourist to re-visit his or her position.

Policy Responses: There is a growing acknowledgements by destinations that economic prosperity is directly linked to the quality of the environment. Pollution reduction measures are adopted by cities not only to ensure health of its residents but also to ensure that their cities remain competitive enough to attract tourism.

This cross-relationship points to the fact that sound environmental management and destination marketing cannot be divorced in effective tourism development plans.