IELTS Writing Task 2 – Behavior Abroad

There are different customs in different countries related to how people eat, dress, and so on. Some think that people visiting a country should behave according to the customs of the country they visit.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Answer:

Traveling to foreign countries often has certain stringent obligations attached which tourists are expected to follow. Though this sentiment is justified there are relaxations to definite obligations.

Advocates would argue about the fact that abiding by the obligations means respecting the culture of the place. It is the guest's concern to befit in the place they have planned to travel. For instance, Middle East countries have numerous rigid practices functioning in which tourists majorly abide. In certain auspicious countries where religiosity is at its peak, practices like consumption of alcohol and dressing up freely is against the norms. To maintain the dignity of the place, tourists should abide by the practices, disrespecting which will cost them a bad impression. Defying the customs will result in the tourists being wrong as numerous international locations are liberal.

Nonetheless, in a few circumstances, the locals should be unified towards the desires of the tourists, especially in personal and religious beliefs. This can be explained by the example of a person hailing from a Muslim country be allowed to wear a headscarf on their visit to international nations. Even during the national anthem in the US, or cases alike, where people are supposed to remove their hats, the tourist shouldn't be asked to do so. Similar conduct should be followed in cases of personal dietary choices – vegan or vegetarian. Countries that are predominantly non-vegetarian should create substitutes for the ones who don't have the same. To conclude, travelers should follow the norms and customs of other nations but in certain instances related to religion or personal convictions, it can be counterbalanced.