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Fewer people are visiting England

National statistics issued by the Home Office show that the overall number of people visiting England either for general or business purposes has reduced.

In 2000, 8,930,000 people visited England. This fell to 6,860,000 in 2009 showing a 23% decrease.

So why are fewer people coming to visit the UK?

Although the UK has a reasonably high crime rate, since 2001 it has reduced significantly. In 2001/2002, 12,618,000 incidents of crime were reported which reduced by 15% in 2008/2009 with 10,687,000 incidents of crime. The main area for incidents of crime is London which also has the highest population than other UK cities.

The UK is the 2nd most expensive place to visit in the world. The average hotel price in the UK is £83 per night. In the London area it costs an average £110 for a hotel with good standards. An international newspaper costs around £1.20, 80 pence less than a cup of coffee.

As many Brits would say, the British weather is so unpredictable, with temperatures peaking 25° in the summer and falling to 5° in the winter.

However, the UK is not all bad. It has a proud, rich and varied history with amazing agriculture and beautiful landscapes. London is the home of many sightseeing attractions such as Buckingham palace and the Tower of London.

We are set to see the number of visitors boom as well as the cost of hotel prices as London is the host of the 2012 Olympics. Visitors will get a true taste of British culture and hopefully won't resist coming back for more!

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