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As tourists become more and more demanding the travel industry comes with new types of holidays tailored to people's unique interests. In today's podcast we are going to explore 6 types of tourism that do not conform to the basic stereotypes of travelling. If you're sick of beach holidays, and the thought of walking around the city following the tour guide gets your nerves, stay tuned to learn that there's more to travel than just that.

If you are a film fan this is something that will definitely tug at your heartstrings. You'll be able to follow the footsteps of the Game of Thrones' characters in Croatia, trace the adventures of Sherlock Holmes in the UK or see the alien landscapes of Star Wars in Tunisia. The experience of visiting places, being able to see, smell and touch the things previously seen on screen only is so compelling that a lot film locations become people's stamping grounds.

This may sound pretty unconventional, but there are some that are devoted voluntourism. This kind of tourism is aimed helping people or animals. Doing voluntary work gives tourists a chance to discover new places and cultures along with helping out those in need. This can be really challenging but it's a rewarding and worthwhile type of holiday.

For those of you more adventurous there is slum tourism. Also called reality tourism or poverty tourism, this way of travelling lets people see poor and crowded areas of cities such as slums in India or favelas in Brazil to look at the harsh reality that locals have to survive in. While growing popularity this type of tourism remains controversial as some people insist that it's just an excuse of wealthy people to satisfy their curiosity.

Another growing trend is gastronomy tourism which involves tasting as many local dishes as possible and getting acquainted the recipes of national dishes. Many will say it doesn't really differ regular tourism as while visiting a new place people normally try local food and drinks, but gastronomy tourism is travelling somewhere exclusively for its food and everything related to eating. If that appeals you, you should consider visiting Georgia for its khinkalis and wines, going to France to taste world's famous Camembert or travelling to the Chinese provinces to taste oolongs, red teas and Puer Yunnan.

People who want to burst out of their comfort zone and see the unspoilt corners of the planet can go organised jailoo tours. Popular destinations include the Amazon jungle, reserves of Africa, the forests of Siberia and the mountains of Asia. Not touched civilisation, these locations will allow tourists to experience primitive conditions, learn traditions, rituals and everyday routine of the indigenous population.

Last but not least and the most expensive the list is space tourism. Companies like Virgin Galactic and SpaceX are already making a lot effort to make this come true. the near future sub-orbital spaceflight will be delivered for those few who will be ready to pay that as it's extremely expensive. Another aspect of space tourism to take consideration is that it's physically demanding, so those wanting to have a unique take on the beauty of our planet will have to undergo a lot training programmes.

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