

Coronavirus Cuts Jobs

Read the article and then answer the questions



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). They say that the tourism industry could shrink by up to 25 per cent, as 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. Some countries that are doing this are America, Iran, the UK and the UAE. 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 travelling.

The tourism industry makes up 10 per cent of the world's economy and jobs. It is one of the industries hardest hit by the COVID-19 virus. Businesses such as airlines, cruise ships and hotels have suffered big losses. Many flight companies are scared their businesses will close. World-famous tourist sites and destinations are deserted and empty. Many sporting events have been cancelled including the 2020 Summer Olympics held in Tokyo as well as many concerts and festivals. This could cause so many companies, restaurants, shops and cafes to go out of business as tourists stay away from crowded places. Tourism is a key industry in many parts of the world. The WTTC said that tourism would take 10 months to recover after the virus.

1 Answer the questions about the reading

1. How many jobs could be lost worldwide because of Covid-19?

2. By what percentage could the tourism industry shrink by?

3. How many days do people need to self-quarantine for?

5. Name 2 businesses that have suffered big losses because of Covid-19.

6. Where were the Summer Olympics 2020 supposed to be held?

7. How many months will it take for the tourism industry to recover?



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