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My response was one of twenty travel bloggers' responses chosen to print.

Tammie Dooley from [Solo Road Trip](#):

There isn't any. Being a tourist has been spoiled by a few bad apples, while travelers have been over-romanticized. There's the occasional overbearing, insensitive boars, clutching their entitlements like carry-on luggage. Then there are travelers waxing poetically about the lack of an itinerary, mingling with the locals, eating from street stalls, tipping our noses at those staying in 5 star hotels, riding around in cushy buses, being led around like lambs with meals and breaks mandated. Two weeks into a four week backpacking trip in China, I wanted to sell my son to be one of them. We travelers are a snobbish lot. I'm also a flyfisherman. I know about snobbery. It's ugly; I'm guilty. The world deserves to see the world – tourist or traveler. Curiosity should be encouraged. The experience of sating it is an individual choice. Besides, without tourists to make fun of, we'd founder on our arrogance.

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