

## Educating Tourists on Religious Tolerance May Be the Solution

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The dictionary describes tolerance as the ability or willingness to tolerate something in particular the existence of opinion or behavior that does not necessarily agree with your opinion. Through education and interaction with others will help the tourists tolerate and understand the religious history, culture and environment of a community. Most tourists can adapt to different religious beliefs and traditions for a short period of time while on vacation, even if there is a difference of opinion.

Tourism and its associated practices interact with religious life and the institutions of religion in virtually every corner of the world. Bob Jones University/Religious Art Museum in Greenville, SC houses over 400 religious, original paintings by artists such as Botticelli and Tintoretto. This Museum is recognized as one of the finest collections of European Old Masters paintings in America. This Museum was

founded by Dr. Bob Jones to enhance the Universities Fine Arts and Religion Department.

Religion is a set of beliefs that is held by a certain groups of people and there are many different religions. Muslims pray five times a day, dawn, noon, afternoon, sunset and night.

They also require women to wear an abaya to cover their heads when visiting a mosque. When tourists take adventures to foreign countries, they must respect the community wishes but don't have to agree with their religious traditions. The best way to understand religion is to educate yourself, attend festivals and events, historical and religious tours and assimilate through places of worship. Lastly, get acquainted with the social conduct of your environment and don't perceive anything that is different as being wrong.

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