Overview:
This lesson plan will challenge participants to interrogate attitudes and behaviors associated with U.S. travelers and tourists and develop their own personal ethical principles for traveling and global learning. They will watch a documentary and read several articles that will help them learn about ethical issues with tourism and travel/study abroad. Then, they will write an essay about their own “ethic for global learning.”

Background and Information:
My Ethic for Global Learning is created by Richard Slimbach, Professor of Global Studies at Azusa Pacific University, and Anthony Ogden, Associate Vice Provost for Global Engagement at the University of Wyoming. It is uploaded to the UK Education Abroad Faculty Toolkit (see citation below).

Objectives:
As a result of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. "Analyze typical attitudes and behaviors of some U.S. students and travelers so as to recognize and challenge hedonistic tendencies in contemporary education abroad practices."
2. "Consider the potential positive and negative effects of student travel and tourism on host communities and the environment."

Time:
3 hours

Group Size:
Entire group

Materials:
Copies of the My Ethic for Global Learning Handout (in both Links and Downloads), Cannibal Tours film, required readings listed in the lesson plan (see Links).

Intercultural Development Continuum Stages:
• Denial
• Minimization
• Acceptance

AAC&U Intercultural Knowledge and Competence Goals:
Cultural Self-Awareness:
• To articulate insights into own cultural rules and biases (e.g., seeking complexity; aware of how their experiences have shaped these rules, and how to recognize and respond to cultural biases, resulting in a shift in self-description).
Knowledge of Cultural Worldview Frameworks:

- To demonstrate sophisticated understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs & practices.

Links to Activity Instructions:

- [My Ethic for Global Learning instructions on the UK Education Abroad Faculty Toolkit](https://www.uky.edu/toolkit/node/29)

Related Tools:

*Similar tools:*

- Civic Action Scrapbook
- Community Partners
- Ethical Photography & Community-Engaged Global Learning
- Fair Trade Learning
- To Hell with Good Intentions

*Related assessment tools:*

- Global Learning Short Scale
- Public Affairs Scale