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Why no one loves a British tourist

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1 THE HOLIDAY season has barely begun, and
already we've had a crackdown by Greek
police on British tourists in Faliraki on
Rhodes, with the episode of Simon Topp
5 showing his bottom, earning Simon a night in
jail. Now a British television crew is reported
to be under siege in its hotel, a Greek mob
outside blaming them for encouraging such
antics.
2 10 As if encouragement were needed. A
survey by the online travel service,
Expedia.co.uk, reveals that Britons are the
most unwelcome tourists of all. In seventeen
tourist offices around the world we've been
15 voted the rudest, least likely to speak the
lingo, least gastronomically adventurous. Our
overall score was minus 44 points. The
Germans were the winners with plus 41, and
there's a kind of symmetry in this since one

20 of the things that makes Britons abroad so
particularly unwelcome is our habit of
boasting about how we're better than the
Germans at everything.

3 Why do Britons treat 'abroad' as some
25 secret place of licence – like going behind the
bike sheds or, worse, going behind the hedge?
Back in the Seventies and Eighties I would
have said it was triggered by an inferiority
complex of the most agonising kind. I would
30 have said that this promoted a desire to
sabotage a pleasanter, better-ordered world
than our own. But now this country's
economy is strong, our PM popular abroad,
our football teams not too terrible. We often
35 read that we are the envy of the world.

4 So I now prefer a less inspired theory,
based on the physical environment of abroad.
The trains run more or less on time, it doesn't
always rain, the food tastes of something,
40 people say 'Good morning' in shops... Well,
it all goes to your head. And what goes to
your head fastest of all is the beer and wine
available all the time. Our body clocks are
still attuned to pubs closing at 11, and the
45 need to beat the deadline. A Briton going
from here to the more liberal licensing
regimes on the continent is in the position of a
prisoner coming out of jail after a long
sentence. And prisoners coming out of jail go
50 on binges.

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Let op: beantwoord een open vraag altijd in het Nederlands, behalve als het anders is aangegeven.

Als je in het Engels antwoordt, levert dat 0 punten op.

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“such antics” (regels 8-9)

- 1p 1 Welk concreet voorbeeld van “such antics” staat in de tekst? Citeer dit voorbeeld.

“As if encouragement were needed.” (regel 10)

- 1p 2 *Wie* hebben geen aanmoediging nodig *waartoe*? Vul de volgende zin aan:
..... hebben geen aanmoediging nodig om

“Britons treat ‘abroad’ as some secret place of licence” (lines 24-25)

- 1p 3 What could have been the cause of this in the past, according to Andrew Martin in paragraph 3?
- A Britons did not have enough self-respect.
 - B Britons had the feeling that they owned the world.
 - C Britons led too disciplined lives at home.
 - D Britons used to be aggressive and violent in their own country, too.

“Britons treat ‘abroad’ as some secret place of licence” (regels 24-25)

- 1p 4 Welke verklaring voor dit verschijnsel krijgt de meeste aandacht in alinea 4?