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| **Country** | **Annual tourist income ($ millions)** |
| USA | 66,547 |
| Spain | 33,609 |
| France | 32,329 |
| Italy | 26,915 |
| China | 20,385 |
| Germany | 19,158 |
| UK | 17,591 |
| Austria | 11,237 |
| Hong Kong | 10.117 |
| Greece | 9,741 |

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| **Country** | **Number of tourists (millions)** |
| France | 76.0 |
| Spain | 55.6 |
| USA | 46.1 |
| China | 41.8 |
| Italy | 36.5 |
| UK | 30.0 |
| Germany | 21.5 |
| Mexico | 20.6 |
| Turkey | 20.2 |
| Austria | 20.2 |

Questions to discuss….

1.Why has France had the top most number of tourists for the last ten years?

2. Why does the USA earn the top most from tourism yet it only has the third largest number of tourist arrivals?

3. Why is China high in both tables?

4. Why do countries such as Turkey appear in the top 10 of number of tourist arrivals list but not the annual tourist income?

5. What is the balance of richer and poorer countries in the tables?

Answers….

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**The economic importance of tourism**

Countries with the most tourist arrivals 2005

Countries with largest tourist receipts 2005