

Sky Burial Coming Near You

Not your average tourist guide





Scene of Sky Burial in Larung Gar Buddhist Academy

Tourist Attraction or Disrespectful?



Now a days in Tibet, sky burials are a tourist attraction. Sure, it's an unusual practice and that makes it unique to seek out, but since when did paying to watch and interfering with a funeral become acceptable? This is the norm to tourists who don't think twice about the fact that they are disrespecting the family of the dead and the Tibetan culture.

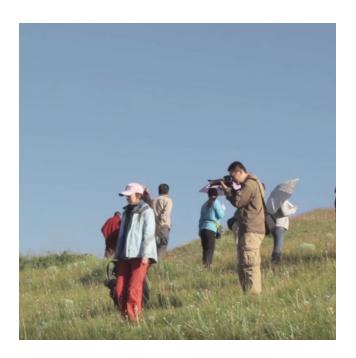
Cover image: Flying Vulture

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I am going to complain. When we get back let's get a refund on our ticket

-John Lui

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The Other Point of View

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While I was travelling in China, my tour guide took me a sky burial without me knowing what it actually was. He just said it was an interesting event that "only happens in Tibet." Once I arrived and realized what was going on, I tried to explain the wrongness to the others around me, but no one listened. They just kept taking pictures until a monk came and shooed us out.

Image:Sky Burials: Tradition Becomes Controversial Tourist Attraction







Top: Flying Vultures
Bottom Left:Sky Burials: Tradition Becomes Controversial Tourist Attraction Bottom Right: Vulture
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