



Sky Burial Coming Near You

Not your average tourist guide





Scene of Sky Burial in Larung Gar Buddhist Academy

Tourist Attraction or Disrespectful?

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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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