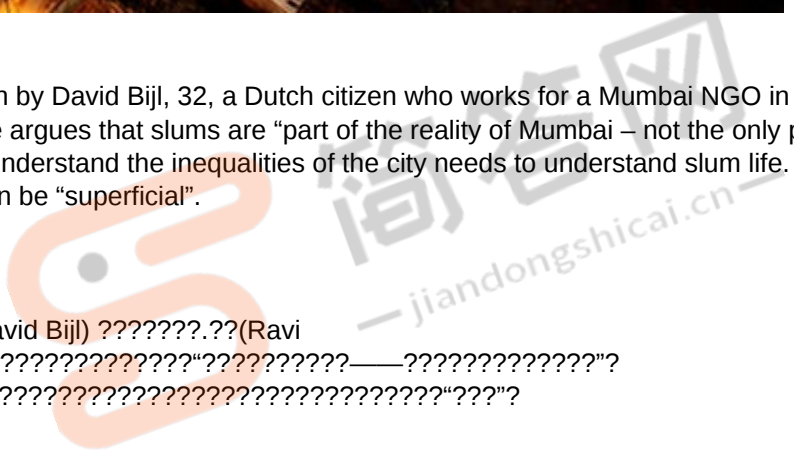




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0 rupee rate for one night's stay will go to the host family. "I am already helping families who want to invite guests to stay," he said.

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Around 60% of Mumbai's 20 million residents live in slums, giving rise to the city's moniker "Slumbai". Housing is scarce and so expensive that even the wealthiest residents grumble over rents and purchase prices.

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Tours of Mumbai's slums are not new, but remain controversial. Supporters say they offer a window into the true nature of poverty, arguing that both sides benefit from the interaction, particularly if the proceeds go to residents.

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But critics decry what they see as “poverty tourism”, which they claim is exploitative and demeaning.

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Asim Shaikh, manager of Reality Tours and Travels, has been taking foreign tourists into Mumbai's Dharavi slum, which sprawls over more than 160 hectares, for the past 11 years. He claims the trips are "a way to dispel the negative image of life in the slums as dirty and crime-infested, and of seeing normal people going about their lives".

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"It also shows how slum-dwellers manage diversity – Indians of every faith and every corner of the country live in Dharavi," said Shaikh.

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However, Jockin Arputham, president of the advocacy group Slum Dwellers International, criticised the plans.

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