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Divide this essay up into four paragraphs: an introduction, 2 body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Highlight the topic sentence for each body paragraph. Highlight the thesis statement.

The tourist industry is thriving in many developing nations. In Cambodia, for example, international visitors flock to Angkor Wat and other places of interest, bringing in large amounts of foreign currency and creating employment in the process. Despite this, the wealth generated by tourism does not always flow down to the poor, and this industry can even destroy the traditions of local communities. Offering vocational training to poor people and promoting ecotourism are two practical solutions to these problems. Providing training for the less privileged would enable them to profit from tourism. The hospitality industry requires skilled workers. Five-star hotels, for instance, need highly-trained food and beverage staff, and also multi-lingual receptionists to provide the level of service expected by foreign guests. Poorer people do not usually have the opportunity to learn these skills and therefore can only secure poorly-paid employment. Some of the tax revenue that tourism generates could be used to provide hospitality training to the poor. If they received this training, they would be able to get higher-paying jobs in the tourist industry. Ecotourism is an excellent way for poorer communities to receive the financial advantages of tourism, without sacrificing tradition. This style of travel enables tourists to experience the regular way of life in developing countries. Instead of staying at an international hotel, the visitors stay at a local village. This gives them an insight into the local traditions and customs and provides the villagers with some much-needed income. So, ecotourism has financial rewards for local people and also helps them to maintain their own culture. To sum up, providing training programs for poorer people and promoting ecotourism are two ways in which they can benefit financially from tourism while still keeping their own culture.

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Paragraph 1: Background… Despite this, 2 problems ***2 solutions***	The tourist industry is thriving in many developing nations. In Cambodia, for example, international visitors flock to Angkor Wat and other places of interest, bringing in large amounts of foreign currency and creating employment in the process. Despite this, the wealth generated by tourism does not always flow down to the poor, and this industry can even destroy the traditions of local communities. ***Offering vocational training to poor people and promoting ecotourism are two practical solutions to these problems.***
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