

Foubert, L. (2018) “Men and women tourists’ desire to see the world: ‘curiosity’ and ‘a longing to learn’ as (self) fashioning motifs (1st-5th centuries C.E.)”, *Journal of Tourism History* 10, 5-20.

The article demonstrates that touring for the sake of curiosity and desire was a familiar element of Roman life and a common component of popular discourse. Writers in Antiquity recognised curiosity and desire as catalysts for human movement. They characterised travellers as curiosity-seeking sightseers, a representation that was not without ambiguity as both male and female travellers were criticised for exhibiting restless behaviour if they lost sight of their entrusted primary tasks *en route*. Even so, there seems to have been a common perception in Roman Antiquity that travellers often felt a desire to see for themselves what they had previously only heard or read about.