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Selfie-stick ban

博物馆禁止在室内使用自拍棒



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凡尔赛宫是欧洲第一个对自拍棒下禁令的博物馆。这是因为博物馆认为这些能伸缩的金属棒有损坏艺术品的危险。请听记者 Hugh Schofield 的报道：

Selfie-sticks are **all the rage** among tourists in Paris, especially Asian tourists. The **expanding poles** allow you to hold your mobile **device** at a distance of several feet, in order to get a wider picture of yourself, your friends and whatever's behind you.

But increasingly museums and **galleries** are worried not just about the **disruption** from group-selfies, but also the risk **posed** to pictures, **tapestries** and **sculptures** from people **brandishing** long sticks in crowded rooms.

Signs are now going up in Versailles saying they are banned from use: the Louvre and the Pompidou Centre are likely **to follow suit**.

Questions

1. According to the report, which tourists in Paris are particularly keen on using selfie-sticks?
2. True or false? *Selfie-sticks help you take a close-up photograph of you and your friends.*
3. Why are museums and galleries worried about people using selfie-sticks?
4. What do the new signs being put up in the Palace of Versailles say?

Vocabulary and definitions

all the rage	特别流行
expanding poles	伸缩棒
device	装置, 设备
galleries	画廊
disruption	扰乱
posed	对...造成
tapestries	挂毯
sculptures	雕塑
brandishing	挥舞
to follow suit	跟着做

Answers to the questions

1. According to the report, which tourists in Paris are particularly keen on using selfie-sticks?

ANSWER: Selfie-sticks are all the rage among tourists in Paris, especially Asian tourists.

2. True or false? *Selfie-sticks help you take a close-up photograph of you and your friends.*

ANSWER: False. Selfie-sticks allow you to hold your mobile device at a distance of several feet, in order to get a wider picture of yourself, your friends and whatever's behind you.

3. Why are museums and galleries worried about people using selfie-sticks?

ANSWER: They are worried about the disruption from group-selfies, and also possible damage to pictures, tapestries and sculptures.

4. What do the new signs being put up in the Palace of Versailles say?

ANSWER: Selfie-sticks are banned.