

O'Rourke, *Cannibal Tours* [place and time tba]

***Tourists and Other Cannibals** – equating tourists with cannibals. What do western tourists “consume” as “cannibals?”

* Dennis O'Rourke, *Cannibal Tours*

Cannibal Tours. 1987

When tourists today journey to the farthest reaches of Papua New Guinea, is it the indigenous tribespeople or the white visitors who are the cultural oddity? This documentary explores the differences and the similarities that emerge when the two groups meet within the context of organized “travel adventure tours.” The filmmakers attempt to show the place of the “other” in popular imagination. Tourists travel on luxury cruises up the mysterious Sepik River in Papua New Guinea affording viewers a glimpse of the real reasons “civilized” people wish to encounter the “primitive.”

*Notice what the tourists say about the people of Papua New Guinea and their general attitudes towards them.

*Are they respectful or disdainful?

*Are they appreciative of the knowledge of the indigenous people?

*Which tourists [from which country] are the greatest consumers in this film?