



## Theoretical and methodological foundations of the development of pilgrimage tourism in Uzbekistan .

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Researching the methodological, methodological and practical aspects of this issue from the point of view of revealing the characteristics and trends of the development of pilgrimage tourism in the conditions of global economic innovative changes and improving the organizational and economic mechanism of its effective development is important today.

It is worth noting that on January 5, 2019, the Concept of the development of the tourism sector in the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2019-2025, and on July 18, 2019, the new version of the Law "On Tourism" was adopted. <sup>1</sup>The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan said at a meeting dedicated to the prospects of consistent development of tourism, "Uzbekistan is a convenient country for both travel and pilgrimage. Because mother is in our land whole to the world known and famous has been our ancestors forever my heart found \_ They left a rich spiritual and cultural heritage to inheritance international on the field interest very " big " <sup>2</sup>. emphasized was \_

Pilgrimage tourism is considered by most researchers as a type of religious tourism. In particular, A.V. Babkin, M.B. Birzhakov, T.T. Khristov distinguish two main types of religious tourism: pilgrimage tourism and religious tourism in the direction of educational excursions. A.V. According to Babkin, religious tourism is a type of activity related to serving and meeting the needs of tourists visiting holy places and religious centers . Pilgrimage tourism is considered to be the visit of people who believe in a certain religion to holy places for the purpose of circumambulation <sup>3</sup>.

L.V. Baylagasov and M.I. The Gopps see pilgrimage tourism as a broader concept. According to them, pilgrimage tourism is not only related to religion, but also includes visiting the graves of

<sup>1</sup>"On additional measures for rapid development of tourism in the Republic of Uzbekistan" PF-5611, 05.01.2019.

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famous people or the house museum, and commemorating them<sup>4</sup>. Some scholars equate religious and pilgrimage tourism.

For example, M.A. According to Vinokurov, religious tourism (pilgrimage tourism) includes trips to participate in important religious ceremonies, tours to get acquainted with religious monuments or the history and culture of other religions, as well as scientific trips of experts related to religious issues<sup>5</sup>. K. A. Mazin believes that it is wrong to equate the concepts of "tourist" and "pilgrim", "tourism" and "pilgrimage". He does not agree with viewing pilgrimage as tourism<sup>6</sup>. But tourism as a type of activity does not differ from the concept of pilgrimage and its essence.

In the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on tourism, a tour is defined as a tourist trip for a specific period of time provided with a set of tourist services (booking, accommodation, meals, transport, recreation, excursion services and other services) in a specific direction. Based on this definition, pilgrimage can also be called a tour.

In our opinion, pilgrimage tourism includes trips to visit holy places, to pay respect to our great ancestors, to learn about their past life and created cultural, educational and historical heritage, to remember them, as well as to participate in religious ceremonies.

Although religious tourism and pilgrimage tourism are very close concepts, we believe that there are some differences between them. If religious tourism is carried out for the purpose of participating in customs, events, rituals directly related to religion, worshipping, circumambulating, performing various actions or learning them, pilgrimage tourism may not be related to religion at all. For example, the grave of the first President Islam Karimov is visited not only by those who believe in the religion of Islam, but also by our compatriots of other religions and foreigners or those who do not believe in any religion at all.

It should be noted that the role of Islam in the development of pilgrimage tourism in our country is incomparable. Uzbekistan is a blessed land where many great scholars who made a great contribution to the development of Islam grew up and created. Pilgrimage is the desire of people to worship holy places in order to heal their soul, body, and spirit, bless their loved ones, and show loyalty to their faith. Pilgrimage tourism is a type of religious tourism, which refers to the travel of people of different religions to the holy places of their religion for the purpose of pilgrimage.

As a result of the economic reforms carried out in our country, the system of regulating the field of pilgrimage tourism is composed of organizational structures that embody a certain level. According to the analysis, the strategic goal of the state regulation of the development of the pilgrimage tourism market is aimed at the socio-economic improvement of the country by creating a competitive tourism complex aimed at meeting the needs of tourists of national tourism products.

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