



## THE EFFECT OF CORONAVIRUS ON TOURISM IN UZBEKISTAN

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### Annotation

The article describes the coronavirus pandemic, one of the global problems of our time, and its negative impact on tourism in our country, the process of analysis and reform based on scientific data and conclusions. The reconstruction work carried out in the tourism sector of the country in the post-pandemic period is described on the basis of statistical data.

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In today's globalization process, the tourism sector plays a special role in the economic activity of countries as a source of high income. The impact of tourism on the economic and social life of the country is reflected in receipts in foreign currency, job creation, development of small business and private entrepreneurship, preservation of culture and values. Tourism is one of the fastest growing industries. According to experts, tourism will become the most profitable industry of the 21st century. Now this sphere is on the third place after automobile manufacturer and refinery in the world. Tourism also leads to the development of transport, food, hotels, trade, crafts, construction and other services. In addition, it serves to modernize the country's appearance, develop the hotel and restaurant industry, and forge links between industries such as transport and communications.

The global development of tourism is the most reliable and effective system that brings the countries of the world closer together and intensifies their interaction. The outgrowth of tourism has a positive effect on almost all industries, which leads to a dynamic growth of the country's economy.

But the sudden spreading of the coronavirus pandemic has dealt a global blow to the industry. Including our country.

During a pandemic, the dynamics of the development of the industry and the maintenance of growth indicators, which means the achievement of goals and the analysis of indicators in the context of these global problems (yoki issues) are among the topical aspects of the topic

In order to talk about this essential factor affecting tourism in our country and the world community, as well as determine the consequences and plans for the future, we must first of all organize the following work: Separate analysis of the characteristics of tourism development, in particular outbound and investment, by region Determine the characteristics of inbound tourism in developed regions Review of the experience of developed countries in the field of tourism at a high level and the achievements and problems yoki issues of the pandemic period, development trends. Analysis of specific protection and counteraction to trends and its development of the modern tourism market under the influence of new challenges Analyze reforms in the tourism sector in Uzbekistan based on world experience and justify a set of measures for systemic development. To analyze the problem and develop recommendations for its solution, the following methods were used: System analysis and an



integrated approach In Uzbekistan, in the process of a pandemic, special attention is paid to the development of tourism, its role in the economy, a number of reforms are being carried out. These reforms are one of the most vital steps in the development of Uzbek tourism . First of all, let's look at the reforms in the days of independence and the last 3-4 years: President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev in his Address to the Oliy Majlis Today, tourism is one of the most promising sectors of the national economy, economy. Uzbekistan is a country with great potential in the field of tourism. There are more than 7,300 cultural heritage sites in the country, most of which are included in the UNESCO list.

According to the State Committee for Tourism Development, 5.34 million tourists visited Uzbekistan in 2018. In 2017, their number was 2.69 million, which means that the number of tourists has doubled, showing an increase of 97% for the year. In 2016, their number reached 2.07 million. Last year, a visa-free regime was announced for nine countries, and the number of countries applying a simplified visa regime for their citizens increased from 12 to 50. On July 15, 2018, the system of registration and issuance of electronic entry visas was launched. Even though in the face of the pandemic, efforts to develop the sector and reform within the framework of the law have not diminished. In particular, the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan to support tourism and the development of tourism infrastructure in the economic situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic is an example of the above.

Strict compliance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-6002 dated May 28, 2020" On urgent measures to support the tourism industry to reduce the negative impact of the coronavirus pandemic and the requirements of the enhanced sanitary and epidemiological service. " the regime of tourism in order to ensure the implementation of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated June 19, 2020 No. PQ-4755 on additional measures for the development. Compensation for interest expenses of tourism entities provided for in this paragraph is distributed regardless of the number and volume of their loans, as well as the number of previously issued and / or issued compensations. If we look at the content of the decision, we will see that in our country, despite the attention to tourism and the pandemic, the volume of work in this area has not decreased. This can be analyzed using the example of our president's meetings, which took place even in a situation where the virus poses a direct threat. On December 9, a video conference was held under the chairmanship of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, at which the work carried out in the field of tourism and sports, as well as the tasks for the coming year, was discussed. In Uzbekistan, tourism is developing as one of the strategic sectors of the economy. Conditions in this area are expanding on the basis of a number of decrees and regulations. In particular, the number of countries whose citizens do not require a visa to our country has increased from 9 to 86, and the "electronic visa" system has been introduced for 53 countries. This difficult year for tourism has received a lot of support from the industry, including subsidies and loans.

At the meeting, which was held in a critical spirit, it was decided to review the approaches in the context of the coronavirus pandemic, as well as to restore the tourism potential of our country. There is also ample opportunity in Uzbekistan to focus on the rapidly developing tourism sector



Given that one in four new jobs will be created in the tourism sector in the next decade, tourism can make a significant contribution to employment reduction by creating additional jobs in Uzbekistan. This, in turn, is a great source of income for the population. In particular, the development of short-term travel, urban tourism, gastronomic tourism and pilgrimage tourism can be considered the basis of Uzbek tourism. Of course, no matter how difficult it may be, humanity still faces a difficult test, but with this in mind, we can achieve the desired result if we act in concert, following the policy pursued by our esteemed head of state. Uzbekistan occupies a high position in the Islamic world with little history. Muslim tourists tend to visit the shrines of Imam Bukhari at-Termizi and Moturudi. The Muslim tourism market is also expanding from year to year, and demand is also growing. A large tourist flow can be established by attracting tourists from Muslim countries and the development of honest tourism. In a pandemic, it is necessary to apply the experience of developed countries in the local context and, if possible, create a number of benefits for tourists in the form of various taxes and fees, passports and visas. For this, on the one hand, it is necessary to form the infrastructure of pilgrim tourism, on the other, to create a database of places of pilgrimage and create favorable conditions for pilgrims.

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