

## **THE PROSPECT OF ECOTOURISM PLACES IN UZBEKISTAN**

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**Annotation:** This article provides information about the development of ecotourism in Uzbekistan, its advantages, problems and opportunities, potential and available areas for ecotourism. In addition, we organize relevant literature about extreme and ecotourism, including scientific articles, reports, lectures and case studies.

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In recent years, innovative, new and innovative forms of tourism have been emerging around the world. We will study the extreme and ecotourism of such new directions that are suitable for our Uzbek mentality and can be developed. Favorable conditions have been created for the development of tourism potential in the republic and the active attraction of investments in this field. At the same time, there are ample opportunities to fully utilize the potential of tourism demonstration objects and recreation zones in the country, to increase the activity of domestic and foreign tourists and to develop business activities in the regions.

In the decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated April 26, 2023 No. PQ-135 "On additional measures to rapidly develop the tourism potential of the Republic and further increase the number of local and foreign tourists", increasing tourism potential in the regions , promoting tourist objects and their unique features, improving the quality of tourism services provided by the population in the regions, and assisting in improving the qualifications of personnel.

In a broad sense, ecotourism (green tourism) is a form of sustainable tourism aimed at visiting natural areas. means traveling in an environmentally responsible manner in relation to unspoiled natural areas to explore and enjoy places of natural and cultural interest that provide socio-economic participation, using these activities.

Of course, ecotourism has developed in many countries and is becoming popular nowadays. Taking this into account, there are many unknown and touristic areas for ecotourism in Uzbekistan. I will introduce some of them.

At present, extreme and ecotourism is becoming popular in Uzbekistan with opportunities for fun and adventurous travel in mountainous regions, desert landscapes and historical monuments. One of these resorts is the terrain of Namangan region, which is rich in tourism opportunities in terms of its nature. Pop Snow Palace, which is located in the "QAMCHIQ" pass at an altitude of 1700 meters above sea level, is one of such tourist resorts. In this resort, the snow does not melt in December, January, February and even March. This is the place for those who miss the snow. It is especially fun to fly on a 230-meter ski. Every day, hundreds of local tourists enjoy the pleasure of gliding with the help of special air cushions. Also, a 430-meter-long ropeway has been put into operation in Karsaroi. Currently, the construction of campsites for family vacationers continues.

The Ministry of Tourism and Sports is conducting relevant studies on the establishment of the "Maidanak" tourist-recreational zone in Qamashi district of Kashkadarya region. The possibility of placing grass, ``camping'', ``glamping'', eco-houses, light construction containers, construction of a gallows road, and more than 100 guest houses in nearby villages is being studied in Maidanak arboretsums. .

At present, the road, electricity supply, water and sewage infrastructure up to the territory of the XIV century shrine and mosque "Langar ota" and "Maidanak" observatory, which is located 176 km from Karshi city, have been studied, and a corresponding project has been developed. coming out.

In addition, it is planned to build more than 100 guest houses in the villages of Kokbulok, Ortadara, Chukurqishloq, Kattaora, Bogabad. It is planned to develop "Mountain trek" and "Mountain bike" extreme tourism services in the region by diversifying the provided services. At the same time, it is expected to build a ropeway, a 3-star hotel, and a health center.

Our next destination is the town of Sangardak---Surkhandarya region, Sariosia district, 30 km from the city of Denov and 205 km from the city of Termiz. The Hisar mountain range stretches across the territory, and the Surkhandarya, Topalangdarya, Obizarang and other mountain rivers flow through it. Sangardak --- It is one of the highest waterfalls in Uzbekistan. The waterfall falls from the mountain rock 120 meters above the ground level. Tourists mainly visit the waterfall in May-September. The waterfall is surrounded by iron fences, and the safety of tourists is ensured. Iron stairs provide a close view of the waterfall. Stairs are built on the path leading up, and an iron gate is installed at the entrance. As usual, iron platforms and wide verandas were built every 10-15 meters and this was built as another convenience for tourists to watch the waterfall. In the upper part of the Sangardak waterfall, there is the shrine of Khojailgor, and on the side of it is the shrine of Sharsharamzor. For this reason, the visit of tourists is constantly observed in this area throughout the year.

"Shahimardon" tourist zone in Fergana district serves as a place of rest for tourists as an ecotourism destination of Fergana region. Shahimardon is one of the most beautiful places in Uzbekistan. The city is located 55 km south of Fergana, 1,500 meters above sea level, among the mountains of the Aloy ridge. The Aq-su and Kok-su mountain rivers wash Shohimardon from both sides and merge into one river - the Shahimardon stream. It is interesting that on the way from Ferghana, you have to cross the Shahimardan-say river seven times to reach the village. As a result of the exchange of territories between Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan in the 1930s, Shahimardan became part of Uzbekistan and formed an enclave - a unique small island surrounded by the lands of the Botken region of Kyrgyzstan; The distance to the main territory of Uzbekistan is about 17 km. Kulikubban Lake or Blue Lake is located seven kilometers southeast of Shahimardan. It was formed after a series of earthquakes in 1776. The lake is located 1724 meters above sea level. It is 170 meters long, 60 meters wide, and 5 to 10 meters deep. In summer, the water temperature rises to 10-15 degrees. A two-kilometer cable car leads to the lake. This corner of nature is a favorite for both locals and tourists.

There are a lot of lovers of tourism in the above-mentioned places of rest in our country. There are many opportunities to develop this type of tourism in Uzbekistan, to create conditions for tourists to come face to face with extreme and ecotourism. Surkhandarya, Chimyon, Aral region, Tashkent, Jizzakh, Chorvok regions ... Each of these places is worth studying, observing, developing and, of course, visiting.

Since the task of turning tourism into one of the main sectors of our economy in our country has risen to the level of state policy, in this article I talked about the new, sufficient opportunities and conditions of this sector.

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