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Development of Historical and Cultural Recreation in the Period of Globalization

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Abstract: Tourism plays a vital role in the global economic landscape, contributing approximately 10% to the world's GDP and providing employment for over 260 million people. Among its diverse sectors, historical and cultural recreation is gaining prominence due to its potential for sustainable development and cultural preservation. This paper explores the development of historical and cultural recreation, emphasizing its significance in enhancing regional tourism, especially in the context of globalization. Using methodological tools such as comparative analysis and statistical evaluation, the research highlights how historical sites, cultural monuments, and archaeological landmarks contribute to socio-economic growth. The case of Namangan region illustrates how historical and cultural assets can be effectively integrated into tourism strategies, with more than 250 sites offering opportunities for educational, spiritual, and leisure-based tourism. The findings underscore the importance of modern infrastructure, digital promotion, and strategic planning in optimizing the recreational value of cultural heritage. Additionally, the paper advocates for the inclusion of pilgrimage-based recreation within traditional classifications to enrich cultural tourism offerings. Sustainable investment in recreational infrastructure and heritage conservation is essential for boosting tourism flows, job creation, and regional development. The research concludes that a well-organized, historically-rooted recreation sector can significantly enhance both national identity and economic resilience in Uzbekistan and beyond.

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1. Introduction

Following the attainment of independence, one of the critical strategic objectives of the Republic of Uzbekistan has become the sustainable and efficient advancement of all economic sectors. Among these, particular emphasis has been placed on rapidly developing the recreation sector and recreational activities due to their significant potential to enhance economic stability, create employment opportunities, and improve the quality of life for the population [1].

Effectively utilizing recreational resources is essential, as it significantly contributes to both national and regional recreational growth, laying the foundation for a robust recreational industry. This industry can stimulate other economic sectors such as tourism, hospitality, transportation, and healthcare, creating a multiplier effect within the broader economy [2].

Achieving this goal requires establishing comprehensive state support systems aimed at creating a well-organized recreational landscape across the country. Such support systems must encompass several dimensions, including the promotion of diverse

recreational activities tailored to various demographic groups and preferences, and the development of efficient marketing and advertising mechanisms to increase public awareness and stimulate demand for recreational services [3].

Furthermore, establishing modern, reliable, and accessible recreational infrastructure is essential for maximizing the sector's potential. This involves developing parks, sports complexes, wellness centers, and cultural and historical sites equipped with modern amenities and facilities. Ensuring high safety standards and providing quality recreational experiences will further attract domestic and international visitors, thus bolstering economic returns and enhancing the nation's global image [4].

Moreover, integrating sustainable practices into the development of recreational infrastructure and activities is crucial. This includes environmentally friendly designs, sustainable resource management, and the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage sites. Such sustainable approaches will ensure the longevity of recreational resources and help maintain ecological balance [5].

Nowadays, numerous countries recognize the strategic importance of recreation and the efficient use of recreational resources, incorporating these aspects into their broader economic development strategies. Therefore, Uzbekistan's strategic investment and commitment to recreational development will not only ensure long-term economic growth but also significantly enhance societal well-being and cultural cohesion.

Critical Analysis of the Literature on the Subject

A. S. Kuskov, V. L. Golubeva, and T. N. Odintsova categorized recreational resources into four primary groups: water-beach recreation, mountain recreation, historical-cultural recreation, and health-therapeutic recreation. Water-beach recreation typically includes seaside activities, swimming, sunbathing, and various water sports, significantly contributing to the tourism economies of coastal regions. Mountain recreation encompasses activities such as hiking, skiing, climbing, and adventure sports, promoting health, wellness, and environmental appreciation. Historical-cultural recreation involves tourism related to historical sites, monuments, museums, and cultural festivals, fostering cultural awareness and heritage preservation [6], [7]. Health-therapeutic recreation is oriented towards spa treatments, medical tourism, wellness retreats, and natural therapeutic locations, vital for health recovery and promoting overall wellbeing.

Considering current global tourism trends and the increasing emphasis on spirituality and religious practices, it is advisable to include pilgrimage recreation as an additional significant category. Pilgrimage recreation involves journeys to sacred sites, religious monuments, shrines, and participation in religious ceremonies or festivals [8], [9]. This form of recreation not only fulfills spiritual needs and personal enrichment but also significantly contributes to cultural exchanges, inter-religious understanding, and sustainable regional economic growth. Thus, integrating pilgrimage recreation into the existing classification system provides a more comprehensive understanding and effective utilization of recreational resources.

2. Materials and Methods

This research paper focuses on historical and cultural recreation, highlighting it as one of the crucial components within the broader scope of recreational activities. Various methodological approaches, including comparative analysis, monographic observation, and statistical analysis, have been employed in conducting this research. The paper clearly defines historical and cultural recreation, illustrating how leveraging this direction can significantly enhance the development of tourism and recreational sectors within a region. By emphasizing historical and cultural assets, regions can foster increased tourism flows, support local economies, and encourage cultural exchange, thereby achieving sustainable and balanced regional development.

3. Results

The significance of recreation is increasingly recognized globally, driven by structural transformations in the world economic system over recent decades. As global living standards improve and disposable incomes rise, demand for recreation and tourism correspondingly increases. This phenomenon enhances the role and broadens the functions of the recreation and tourism sectors, influencing economic growth, social well-being, and regional development [10], [11].

The primary objective of recreation involves promoting socio-economic development within various regions by establishing comprehensive recreational infrastructure and ensuring its efficient operation. Effective management of recreational facilities not only fosters tourism development but also contributes significantly to job creation, improved local infrastructure, and enhanced quality of life for the local population.

Considering contemporary trends in global tourism and the growing demand for diverse recreational experiences, it is advisable to integrate pilgrimage recreation into the broader classification of recreational resources. Pilgrimage recreation encompasses journeys to religiously and culturally significant locations, facilitating spiritual enrichment, cultural interaction, and mutual understanding among diverse groups of people. This integration will enable comprehensive and strategic planning within the recreation sector, supporting sustainable economic growth and cultural heritage preservation [12], [13].

Historical and cultural recreation

The historical and cultural potential of the country serves as a solid basis for the development of historical and cultural recreation in the regions. There are many types of historical and cultural potential in the country, including historical monuments, memorial sites, folk handicrafts, museums, all objects of cultural heritage, see Figure 1.

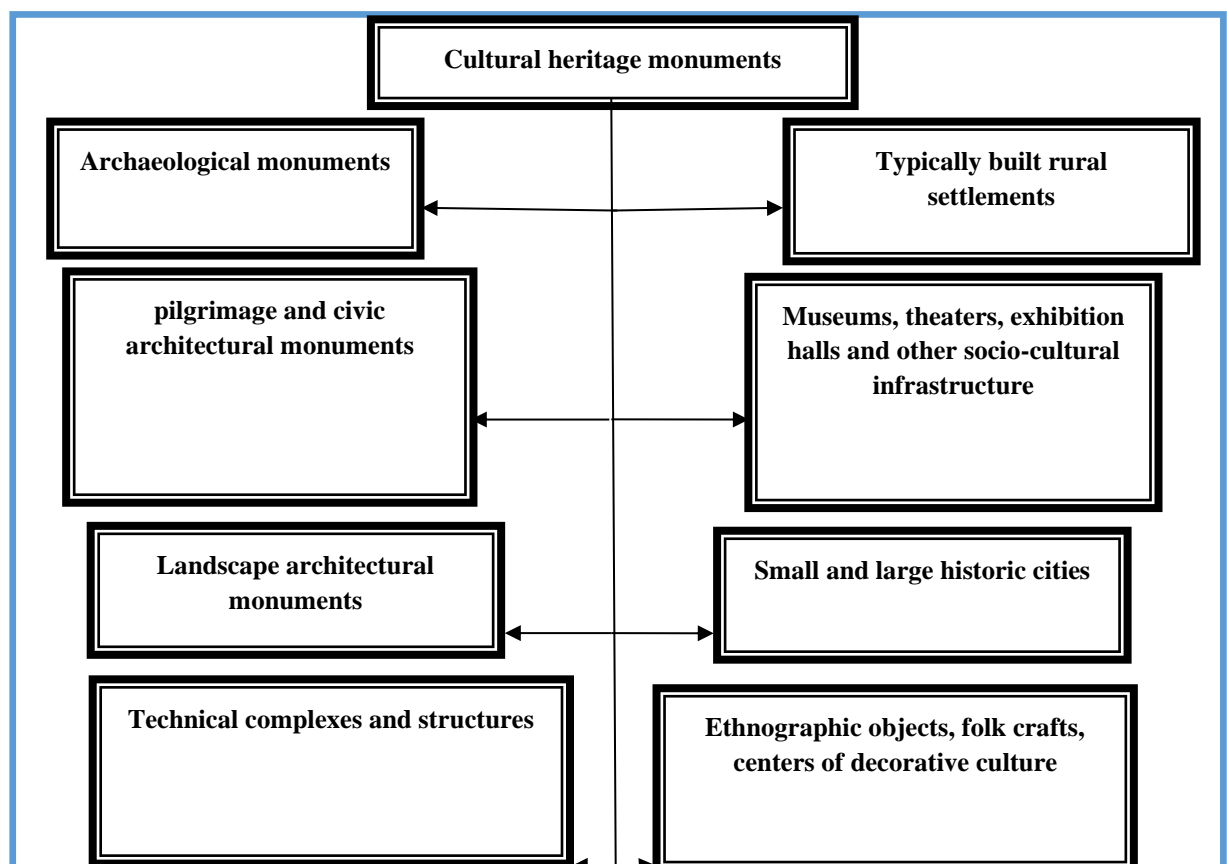


Figure 1. Cultural heritage monuments.

Cultural heritage means the heritage formed during the development of historical development, accumulated in a certain area. The historical and cultural sites of the regions have always attracted tourists. This is because each region has its own unique historical and cultural heritage sites, which serve to conduct research across large areas. Wherever people live, they build their own historical and cultural heritage. The historical value of these objects will gradually increase over the years. The most important task in this regard is to use them carefully and pass them on to future generations [14].

Historical and cultural potential are objects formed in socio-cultural development as a result of economic and domestic activities of the population. Any tourist visiting the country is primarily interested in cultural heritage complexes. Of course, the main place in the cultural heritage complexes is occupied by nature, cities and their parks, squares, streets, green areas of courtyards, scenic and orchards in rural areas, various religious sites, landscape parks and gardens of ancient structures. Of course, they should not damage the historical landscape during use.

Cultural and historical sites play an important role in this type of recreation and are taken into account in the development of tourist routes in different directions. By studying the cultural heritage and increasing its artistic and historical value, one can learn about the collection of clothes of that period, household items, national handicrafts, performances based on different traditions, theatrical activities, many national holidays, songs and festivals. . This provides an opportunity to increase the number of visitors to the existing cultural heritage in the area. The value of cultural heritage is the most important factor for recreational purposes, and their preservation is relevant. Many museum exhibits require moderate heat and humidity. Also, knowing the value of cultural heritage allows us to determine their place in world and artistic culture on the basis of the work of sorting cultural complexes [15]. This will require field trips to explore the importance of the complexes locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. For cultural complexes, it is important that they are a reliable complex and how much they have the capacity to receive visitors. The more vacationers visit, the higher the recreational pressure in the area. Therefore, in order to carry out recreational activities, it is necessary to determine the number of visitors to the cultural complexes and manage the groups of vacationers, the correct allocation of time, pre-season preparations for the growing season.

The use of recreational reliable cultural complexes needs to be improved. Such complexes are always of high interest to vacationers, who always want to visit them. "Also, today 4 cities of Uzbekistan and more than 31 historical monuments are included in the UNESCO World Heritage List". In the organization and implementation of cultural and historical recreation, it is necessary to determine the routes of travel of existing recreation groups to the objects. Cultural and historical objects are divided into material and spiritual types. Material objects include production facilities, other material assets of society, which contribute to historical development. Cultural and historical resources, which play an important role in the effective use of recreation, play an important role in the rapid development of recreational activities.

In our opinion, it is expedient to divide them into five major groups based on the main features of the cultural-historical direction. This is because these groups also include the remaining resources in the field, see Figure 2.

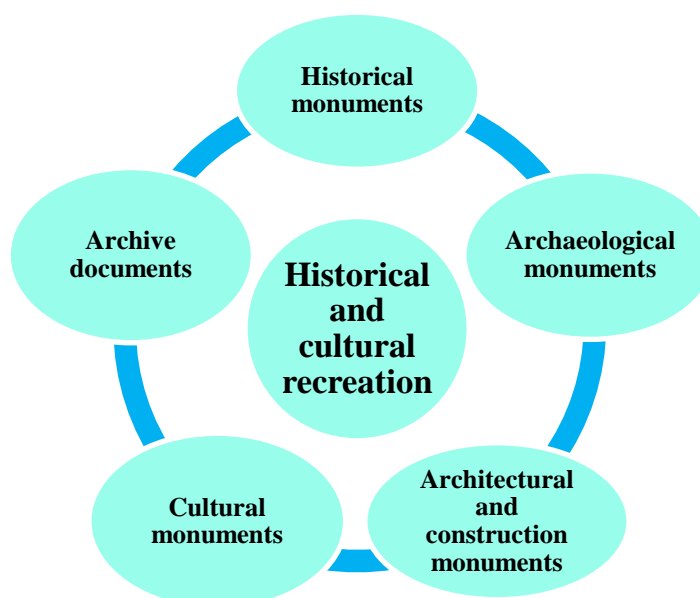


Figure 2. Historical and cultural recreation groups.

- a) Historical monuments can include historical sites, buildings, places associated with important historical events, as well as the cultural heritage of peoples, areas inhabited by famous historical figures.
- b) Archaeological monuments - these include cities and villages, the remains of ancient settlements, canals, roads, ancient settlements and their stone carvings, various landscapes, antiques, artifacts.
- c) Architectural and construction monuments - include architectural complexes, historical centers, symbolic squares, streets, ruins of ancient cities and villages, ancient military and industrial weapons, decorative landscapes, garden and park cultures.
- d) Cultural monuments - include various fine arts, decorative landscapes drawn by people.
- e) Archival documents - include acts and documents of public administration bodies, various written and graphic documents, films, as well as ancient manuscripts, ancient music and songs.

The cultural-historical direction is related to recreation, they are historical, cultural objects. It also organizes cultural and historical recreation, such as industrial facilities, agriculture, transport, theater, scientific and educational institutions, sports facilities, botanical gardens, zoos, ethnographic and folklore attractions, holiday events.

In our opinion, in order to ensure the arrival of tourists to the cultural and historical sites, first of all, it is advisable to have a brief description, full name of the object, location, information about the object in various literature, a drawing of the object. The availability of this information makes it convenient for all-round visitors. To do this, of course, it is necessary to inform cultural and historical sites for recreational purposes. To look at objects, it is necessary to classify the object in order to have a complete picture. This ensures the duration of the viewing time.

Archaeological Monuments - Archaeological monuments can include villages, castles, monuments carved in ancient stone, springs, remnants of ancient development, and more. These archeological monuments are of great interest to historians and archaeologists. They organize trips in different directions. Vacationers can often be enticed by rock carvings and displays of archeological exhibits. **Ethnographic monuments** - monuments of ethnographic culture of the population should be developed along tourist routes. These include museum exhibits, local historical museums, national handicrafts, wooden architectural monuments, and preserved local customs and cultural symbols. It is also worthwhile for museums to include in the exposition collections of national costumes, samples of folk art, the unique traditions of the population living in the regions. Ethnographic monuments can include

economic services (ancient mills, special flour warehouses) and places of worship, as well as the customs of small peoples. National handicrafts - this type is known from history, are examples of very ancient culture.

These centers will also contribute to the development of souvenir manufacturers on the basis of folk handicraft centers. In this regard, depending on the specialization of the regions, it is possible to establish a number of national handicrafts, including blacksmithing, kitchenware, souvenirs and women's embroidery.

4. Discussion

Namangan region was founded on March 6, 1941. The center is the city of Namangan. The land area is 7.44 thousand sq. Km. There are 128 urban areas (8 cities and 120 towns) and 99 rural citizens' assemblies in the region. It is considered convenient for recreation in the region. Effective use of them is one of the urgent tasks of today. The use of recreation will lead to the flourishing of recreational activities in the area. It should be noted that Namangan region is located in the Fergana Valley and has untapped recreational opportunities. Organization of archeological recreational activities in Namangan region, such as "Axsikent" historical and archeological monument, "Mugtepa" archeological complex, "Munchoktepa", "Buonamozor" and creation of new archeological parks at "Mugtepa", "Munchoktepa", "Buonamozor" necessary. "Development of scientific and historical concept of the complex on the basis of the results of in-depth scientific and archeological research, creation and regular updating of the database, organization of modern recreation areas outside the protected area, increasing the tourist potential of the object". The development of recreation and recreational activities in the region is one of the current issues. In the context of globalization, the role of recreation in improving and restoring human health is invaluable. is achieved through the use of.

The development of recreational activities in the region is organized under the influence of a number of factors:

- a) Improving the level of service in the region, optimizing prices, as well as promotions at recreational facilities and bases (offering vacationers for more than 10 days an additional 5 days, and in hotels for visitors from distant regions and neighboring republics for an additional 2 days bonus) increase the number of visitors from other regions;
- b) Improving the functioning of transport systems serving tourists, the organization of individual transport services;
- c) Acceleration of activities on the basis of mutually beneficial agreements between organizations engaged in various activities and facilities engaged in recreational activities;
- d) raising telecommunications, Internet and mobile services to a new level.

5. Conclusion

Considering the increasing significance and expanding role of recreation in the global economic system, further development and enhanced utilization of recreational resources have become essential. Advancing this sector will lead to a more dynamic recreational industry, amplifying the importance and impact of recreational activities within both national and regional contexts. The primary anticipated outcome of recreational activities is to provide effective opportunities for rest, recovery, and alleviation of physical and mental stress accumulated through daily work and routine activities.

The systematic development of recreational facilities and activities within various regions is crucial, as it facilitates continuous and sustainable operation of recreational complexes, thus mitigating the effects of seasonal limitations traditionally associated with recreation. Employing various scientific theories and modern concepts, such as diffusion

theory, can significantly enhance promotional strategies and advertising effectiveness, leading to broader public awareness and increased usage of recreational opportunities.

Specifically, Namangan region presents significant potential in historical and cultural recreation due to its numerous historical and cultural attractions. The region is remarkably rich in historical and cultural heritage, housing over 250 historical and cultural monuments. These include archeological sites such as Stone Age settlements, rock carvings, ancient cemeteries, Bronze Age villages, ruins of medieval fortresses and urban settlements, as well as distinctive architectural structures that vividly showcase the area's historical significance and cultural diversity.

Leveraging Namangan region's abundant historical and cultural resources will support the establishment of a robust tourism and recreational industry. Comprehensive development and effective management of these assets will stimulate regional economic growth, create new employment opportunities, and significantly contribute to the region's socio-economic advancement and cultural preservation.

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