

**TOURISM AND AVIATION: THE IMPACT OF AVIATION ON THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN UZBEKISTAN**

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**ABSTRACT**

Tourism and aviation regularly interact with each other. These industries play an important role in the country's economy, as both of them create a large number of jobs and generate an income stream to the country's economy. The valuable and dynamic interaction of these two aspects of the economy can lead to the country's economic growth. Although air transport and tourism are interdependent sectors, there is little research on their interaction. In addition, it is important to indicate the impact of aviation on development of tourism. The purpose of this literature review is to explore the relationship between these two major sectors of the economy by comparing with other literature sources and to explore the role of aviation in tourism development in Uzbekistan.

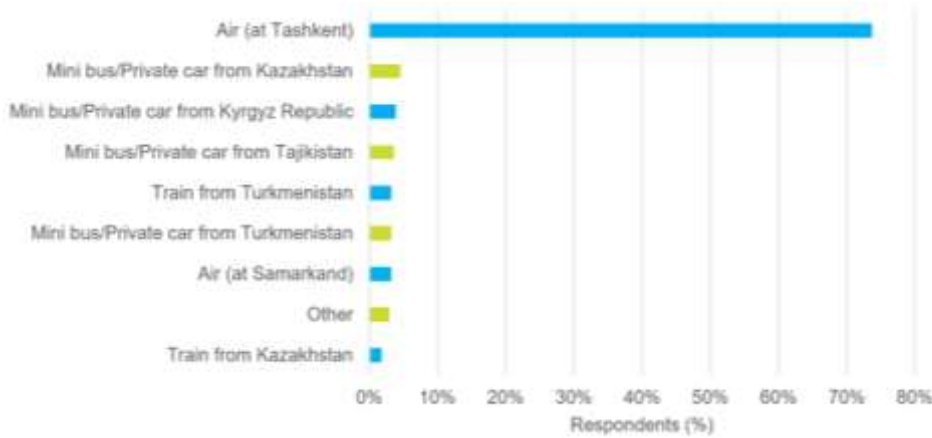
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**INTRODUCTION**

According to Graham, transport is significant component of tourism which links the tourist generating area with tourist destinations and aviation is growing mode of transport for tourism market in modern times (Graham et al., 2008). Another statement was mentioned by Theobald 'tourism has grown significantly since the creation of the commercial airline industry and the advent of jet aircraft in the 1950s' (Theobald, 2005). Indeed, following this incident, there has been an explosive growth in the tourism sector. In addition, another reason of tourism development is that air travel prices have dropped by up to 60% since the 1970s, people began to travel more, as it became accessible (Spot, 2018). Accessibility is very important for destination and further development of tourism of that area. It is not enough to prepare comfortable tourist destinations, amazing tourist attractions and unique tourist products for developing tourism. All of them are useless if there is no any transport to get to this place. Aviation is most reliable mode of transport which can connect any destinations from short to long distance. According to the UNWTO, 'the share of air travel has increased from 46% in 2000 to 59% in 2019, while land transport has decreased from 49% to 35% in the same period' (UNWTO, 2020). These statistics show that the role of aviation in tourism industry is becoming increasingly important.

**THE ROLE OF AIRLINES AND AIRPORTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM  
IN UZBEKISTAN**

Aviation plays an important role in the development of tourism in Uzbekistan. It is impossible to develop the tourism sector in the country without aviation. Because Uzbekistan, in terms of its geographical position, belongs to a "double landlocked country", since it does not have a direct outlet to the sea. Aviation is the main way for international tourists to arrive in Uzbekistan (Spot, 2018). Uzbekistan visitor Economy Survey 2014 (UNWTO) shows that the most common mode of transport (74%) arriving in Tashkent was aircraft (UNWTO, 2016).



Source: World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Uzbekistan visitor Economy Survey 2014

According to the UNWTO survey, more than half (56%) of international tourists came to Uzbekistan by Uzbekistan Airways (UNWTO, 2016). One of the reasons that most tourists chose Uzbekistan Airways is preference of direct flights. Uzbekistan’s national airline uses direct flights with Europe, Asia and even USA with its Dreamliner Boeing-787.

Rank	Airline	Total respondents	
		Number	Percentage
1	Uzbekistan Airways	102	50%
2	Turkish Airlines	25	14%
3	Aeroflot	16	9%
4	Air France	7	4%
5	Korean Air	6	3%
6	Czech Airlines	5	3%
7	Air Astana	4	2%
8	Asiana Airlines	3	1%
9	China Southern Airlines	2	1%
10	El Al Israel Airlines	2	1%
11	Scandinavia Air	2	1%
12	Transaero Airlines	2	1%
13	Air India	1	1%
14	Air Kyrgyzstan	1	1%
15	Iran Air	1	1%
16	S7 Airlines	1	1%
17	Tajik Air	1	1%

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This safest national airline (Airline Ratings, 2021) of Uzbekistan almost always leads the rating among the airlines of the CIS countries. Uzbekistan has great potential for improving aviation. Because, as shown above, it already has its own reliable airline that can withstand the competition in the market among airlines. All 11 airports have international status and are being reconstructed.

**CONCLUSION**

The future of tourism and its contribution to the economy depends to a large extent on the development of air transport (UN news, 2013). From the above, it follows that there is a delicate connection between tourism and aviation. From the provided statistics and sources, it is noticed that for the further development of the tourism industry in Uzbekistan, the simultaneous development of aviation is important. Ensuring safety and high quality

of service both at air travel and at the place which is destination point, demonstrates a good relationship between tourism and aviation, and will have a positive impact on the further development of tourism in Uzbekistan.

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