

## SUMMARY

**Subject matter:** Religious space as a basis of pilgrimage tourism and modern technology of its organization in the international practice.

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**Information about customer organization: travel agency "Light".**

**Topicality of the research:** Pilgrimage is currently one of the hottest topics. Growing demand for pilgrim tourism generates its increased development in Russia and in particular in the North Caucasus. The pilgrimage of Muslims of the North Caucasus in the holy places of Islam, its features and problems of the organization, despite the increased interest in the last decades by the researchers, is still poorly studied subject. Drinking Hajj of the Russian government, the Caucasus and the local administration reveals the confessional nature of the North Caucasus.

**Objective of the research:** to achieve effective organization of the Muslim pilgrimage tourism to Saudi Arabia.

**Tasks:**

- Investigate the religious space as a basis of pilgrimage tourism.
- explore international and national approaches to the organization of pilgrimage tourism.
- to identify the challenges and opportunities of the organization of pilgrimage tourism.
- consider technology pilgrimage tourism organization for Muslims in the North Caucasus.
- develop practical recommendations for the creation of a single pilgrim center (EOC) in the North Caucasus to improve the organization of pilgrimage tours to Saudi Arabia.

**Scientific novelty of work consists in that:**

- conducted clarification "religious space as a basis of pilgrimage tourism" category with a view to use in empirical research.
- developed a method of organizing a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia;
- practical recommendations on the creation of a single pilgrim center (EOC) in the North Caucasus to improve the organization of pilgrimage tours to Saudi Arabia.

**Theoretical and practical significance.** Contained in the thesis, new materials and scientific facts are of value to cultural studies, cultural anthropology, philosophy, and other humanities (including the emerging science of tourism), applying to the different aspects of the pilgrimage and ritual. Implemented in the study approach to coverage of selected issues could provide the basis for new directions in development as the theme of pilgrimage, and related topics.

Theoretical provisions and materials of the dissertation can be used in training courses cultural studies, philosophy, religion, tourism, history, cultural anthropology; may serve as a basis for special subjects, as well as the development of excursions and tours of religious, educational, informative nature and other types of travel.

**Results of the research are:** This research is essential for the production of the travel agency "Light" to improve the organization of pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia.

**Recommendations.** According to one of the objectives of the thesis, we made recommendations on the creation of the One pilgrim center (EOC), where everyone can get professional help to learn about the pilgrimage and to prepare for it properly. Of course, the establishment of the EOC is very important and necessary initiative, the need for which is rapidly maturing, because the organization of the Hajj requires not only expertise, but also a very serious preparation.

Work at the center will focus on the experience of major international Hajj operators, such as Turkey, Indonesia, Malaysia and other countries, which each year produce more than 150 thousand pilgrims.