

Tourism Correlation Of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan And Turkmenistan With Germany

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Abstract: Tourism of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan with Germany is growing. The countries are interested in developing ecotourism, cultural tourism, and infrastructure. Tourism is considered one of the important areas of cultural and economic cooperation between the two countries. In the following article tourism relations between two states are discussed deeply. In this scientific article, such methods as content analysis, historical-analytical method were used, which allowed to analyze the events, documents and sources of tourism relations of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan with Germany.

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Introduction: Tourism ties of Kyrgyzstan and Germany

Kyrgyzstan and Germany cooperate in tourism sphere too. The countries are interested in developing ecotourism, cultural tourism, and infrastructure.

Some areas of tourism cooperation between two sides:

- Ecotourism – they are projects and tour packages that highlight Kyrgyzstan's natural beauty, its mountainous terrain, lakes, and nature reserves.
- Cultural tourism – cultural exchanges, joint festivals, art exhibitions, and culinary tours.
- Tourism infrastructure development – improving transports, transportation networks, accommodations, and tourism services.

In 2024, more than 23,000 German tourists visited Kyrgyzstan, and in the first half of 2025, more than 10,000 tourists visited the country. Germany remains one of Kyrgyzstan's leading tourism partners.

Developing tourism ties between Kyrgyzstan and Germany is beneficial for both two countries. Some of the benefits for Kyrgyzstan are the following:

- Promoting Kyrgyzstan's tourism potential
- Development of transport infrastructure
- Prospects for joint projects

A Kyrgyz-German business forum was held in Cholpon-

Ata, Kyrgyzstan as part of the "Days of German Economy in Kyrgyzstan" events in 2025. "Today's forum is an excellent opportunity to summarize our joint collaboration and discuss prospects for partnership not only as colleagues but also as friends," said Adylbek Kasymaliev.

Key areas of Kyrgyz-German cooperation:

- sustainable economic growth in Kyrgyzstan
- 11.5 percent increase in GDP from January to July 2025
- simplification of administrative procedures
- modernization of the tax system
- the introduction of digital services to attract investors.

During the meeting special attention was paid to agriculture, climate conditions, and environmentally friendly products, making the country an attractive partner for processing and export.

During the meeting the Prime Minister also noted the development of the following:

- hydropower and renewable energy projects
- the importance of the mining industry
- the exploration and processing of rare metals.

"Kyrgyzstan strives to build an innovative, sustainable,

and globally open economy. We are ready to implement joint projects with Germany and form a strategic partnership based on trust, mutual respect, and constructive cooperation," says the Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan during the meeting.

Kyrgyzstan is actively strengthening its position in the international tourism arena, attracting the attention of tourism businesses from Germany and Japan.

From May 30 to June 5, the country hosted the international DRV Destination Forum, organized by the German Travel Industry Association. Fifty-seven leading tour operators and travel agents participated. This was the first forum of this level held in Kyrgyzstan, highlighting the growing interest in the country as a tourist destination.

The forum was organized with the support of the "Green Economy and Sustainable Private Sector Development" project. Moreover, with the assistance of the embassies of Germany, the European Union, and the Swiss government.

A rich program was prepared for the German participants, as excursions around Bishkek and trips to Issyk-Kul, allowing them to gain a deeper understanding of Kyrgyzstan's culture, history and nature.

It should be noted that the active participation of the Republic of Tajikistan in the international exhibition "ITB Berlin" provides a favorable basis for maximizing the country's tourism potential, attracting large numbers of tourists, and strengthening effective cooperation between domestic and international tourism companies.

Tourism ties of Tajikistan and Germany

In March 2024, within the framework of the International Tourism Exhibition ITB-Berlin 2024 in Berlin (Germany), a meeting between the First Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Tourism Development under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, Rustam Kholmatiyon, and representatives of the tourism sector of foreign countries and international tourism companies was held.

During the meeting, the following issues were discussed:

- the development of cooperation to attract foreign tourists to the Republic of Tajikistan
- the development of various tourist routes
- the exchange of experience and other issues.

On June 15, 2022, Ambassador Imomudin Sattorov met with the head of the International Tourism Trade Fair (ITB Berlin) David Reuts.

The parties of Germany and Kazakhstan discussed the

potential and opportunities for tourism in Tajikistan and expressed their readiness to further develop cooperation in tourism and promote this industry.

Imoudin Sattorov stated that Tajikistan has a rich cultural and historical heritage, a favorable and comfortable geographical location, and attractive landscapes for tourism development. Therefore, in order to attract more foreign tourists, Tajikistan introduced a unilateral visa-free regime for 52 countries from January 1, 2022, and a direct Dushanbe-Munich-Dushanbe flight was established on June 6, 2022.

Tajikistan has joined the World Tourism Organization in 2007, and has been participating in the events of this prestigious organization within the framework of the State Tourism Development Program since 2011.

Tourism ties of Turkmenistan and Germany

Turkmenistan and Germany are developing cooperation in the field of tourism.

Since Turkmenistan has not reached a visa liberalization agreement with EU member states and does not have any bilateral agreement with Germany on free movement, its citizens must obtain an entry permit to visit Germany.

Citizens of Turkmenistan require a valid Schengen visa to enter Germany. For short-term trips, such as tourism, a Type C visa is required, as Germany is part of the Schengen Area.

Tourist Visa to Germany for Citizens of Turkmenistan is intended for excursions, vacations, visiting family or friends, and short-term cultural events in Germany. It also allows citizens of Turkmenistan to visit other Schengen Area countries. The visa is valid for up to 90 days within any 180-day period, but employment is prohibited.

In March, 2025, online negotiations took place between representatives of Turkmenistan's tourism sector and employees of the German company NUMA GmbH.

The company's CEO, Dalia Altuntepe, briefed her colleagues from Turkmenistan on the specifics of the European tourism market and, in particular, on the activities of NUMA GmbH. The company organizes tours to:

- Turkey
- the Balkans
- Central Asia.

Altuntepe noted the growing interest of tourists in Turkmenistan, including the Avaza National Tourist Zone.

The director of the German company expressed positive attitude in participating in the tourism forum to be held in Ashgabat. During the meeting, prospects for bilateral cooperation were discussed, which will contribute to enhancing Turkmenistan's tourism potential.

A German company has expressed interest in organizing tours to Turkmenistan and promoting the country as an attractive tourist destination in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, according to the newspaper "Neutral Turkmenistan."

CONCLUSION

Tourism of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan with Germany is developing. The countries are interested in developing ecotourism, cultural tourism, and infrastructure. In Kyrgyz and German tourism cooperation special attention is paid to agriculture, climate conditions, and environmentally friendly products, making the country an attractive partner for processing and export. In Tadjik and German tourism cooperation key attention is paid to the development of cooperation to attract foreign tourists to the Republic of Tajikistan, the development of various tourist routes and the exchange of experience. In Turkmen and German tourism cooperation key attention is paid to the spheres as organizing tours to Turkmenistan and promoting the country as an attractive tourist destination.

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