

Improving the Activities of Airlines in the Development of Tourism in Uzbekistan

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Abstract: Airlines play a key role in the development of tourism, as they provide convenient and fast transport links between different countries and continents. Their regular flights and wide choice of destinations contribute to increasing the number of tourists and economic development in recipient countries. Thanks to air travel, tourists can easily reach popular resort destinations, cultural and historical attractions, which helps to increase tourism income and create new jobs. Thus, airlines play an important role in promoting tourism and bring significant benefits to both the economy and cultural exchange between countries.

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The national airline company "Uzbekistan Havo Yo'llari", established after independence, also has a lot of contributions. Currently, our national airline has 11 airports, and five of them — Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Urganch, and Termiz — have international status.

Tashkent Airport was renovated in 2001, and it was able to serve 1000 passengers per hour. Every year, 2 million people use the services of Tashkent airport.

From Tashkent to most major cities of the world, including Amsterdam, Andijan, Antalya, Ankara, Riyadh, Athens, Ashgabat, Baku, Bangkok, Bahrain, Belgrade, Birmingham, Bishkek, Bodrum, Bukhara, Ghana, Dhaka, Delhi, Doha, Dushanbe, Ekaterinburg, Erevan, Jeddah, Zarafshan, Irkutsk, Islamabad, Istanbul, Karachi, Kyiv, Krasnodar, Krasnoyarsk, Kuala Lumpur, London, Minsk, Moscow, Navoi, Namangan, Nizhnekamensk, Nizhny Novgorod, Novosibirsk, Nukus, New York, Alma -Ota, Osaka, Paris, Beijing, Perm, Saigon, Samara, Samarkand, St. Petersburg, Seoul, Simferopol, Rome, Rostov, Tbilisi, Tel Aviv, Termiz, Tehran, Tokyo, Tyumen, Urganch, Urumchi, Ufa, Frankfurt, Khabarovsk, Chelyabinsk, Sharjah, Karshi, Kazan cities can be reached by plane.

For the comfort of passengers, Tashkent airport has spacious and comfortable waiting areas equipped with furniture, round-the-clock passport, customs, border control services, information office, baggage transportation services, international telephone, ticket purchase and reservation counters, Duty-free shops, restaurants, and bars. , restaurants, currency exchange offices, VIP areas for high-profile guests, CIP area with increased comfort, etc.

Uzbekistan Airways, British Mediterranean Airlines, Aziana Airlines, INK, Avializing, Iran Air, Lufthansa, Turkish Airlines, Tbilaviamsheni, Ural Airlines, Streamline, Air Kazakhstan, Airways of Ukraine, Tajikistan, Armenian Airlines, Belavia, Pulkovo, Perms airways, Kavminvoduavia, Tatarstan, Company - TSS (Aviation) Limited, such as Aeroflot — Russian Airways, Aeroflot — Don, Sibir, Krasnoyarsk airways, Samara, Transaero, Domodedovo, Rusaero, Imeyr, Tapo-Avia airlines are served.

France, Scandinavian countries, England, and South Korea use Tashkent airport as a transit airport for their cargo planes. All types of aircraft produced in the world can be received at Tashkent airport.

Samarkand airport can serve 400 passengers per hour. From Samarkand, you can reach the cities of Tashkent, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Simferopol, and Kazan, as well as Japan and European countries. The airport has VIP - and CIP - areas, waiting areas, a mother and child room, a medical center, air ticket offices, a postal service room, international and long-distance telephone service, bars, a restaurant, a currency exchange booth, work on the opening of a new "Duty-free" shop is being conducted. In 2004, Samarkand Airport won the "Best Airport of the Year" nomination among airports serving up to 100,000 passengers a year in the CIS countries.

The New Bukhara Airport was launched in 1997 and received international status in 1999. It serves 150 passengers per hour. It has a spacious waiting area, buffets, shops, a midpoint, luggage storage, and VIP and CIP areas decorated in national traditions. From the Bukhara airport, you can fly to the cities of Tashkent, Moscow, St. Petersburg, and therefore to the CIS countries and other countries.

By the end of January-July 2023, 28,764 flights were carried out by the resident airlines of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and a total of 3,604,800 passengers were transported. Out of them, the number of foreign flights was 16,618, and the number of domestic intercity flights was 12,146.

During January-July 2023, in addition to Uzbekistan Airways, Qanot Sharq, Panorama Airways, and Humo Air Airlines, Centrum Air, Silk Avia, Asia Union Airlines, and Tashkent Air Airlines were established and started providing services.

Currently, Uzbekistan Airways JSC, Qanot Sharq, Centrum Air, Silk Avia, and Humo Air airlines offer 97 scheduled weekly flights to 12 domestic routes of the Republic of Uzbekistan and 154 weekly flights to 26 countries on international routes. 450 flights are being carried out.

Another important aspect is that 21 additional aircraft were delivered by JSC "Uzbekistan Airways" and private airlines during January-July to expand our national aviation fleet.

Today, the frequency of international flights to/from our country by resident and non-resident airlines has increased from 700 per week.

In January-July 2023, 45,682 aircraft were served through 11 international airports and airstrips in our republic.

Today, 52 international agreements have been signed between the Republic of Uzbekistan and foreign countries in the field of air transportation at the interstate and intergovernmental level, and the number of foreign airlines flying to our country has reached 37.

Currently, the number of flights operated by these airlines has doubled compared to 2018 and accounted for 49% of the total number of flights operated on international routes.

The volume of passenger transportation at the international airports of Uzbekistan reached a record level - 10 million. On December 29, the volume of passenger traffic in the international airports of Uzbekistan for 2023 reached a record level of 10 million.

By the end of 2022, the total volume of passenger transportation at the airports of Uzbekistan was 7.9 million people.

According to the data, in 2023 the airline made more than 32,000 flights (in 2022 — 28,127, an increase of 16%). Last year, 4.2 million passengers were transported. In addition, this year more than 50,000 tons of cargo was transported, including more than 30,000 tons on passenger planes (an increase of 7%).

In recent years, significant opportunities have been created for the private sector in the aviation services market. The number of airlines has reached 15, including 10 private ones. Last year, 28 new aircraft were purchased. As a result, the number of flights has doubled over the past seven years. Thanks to the transfer of Samarkand airport to private management, passenger traffic increased fourfold and reached a million.

However, aviation services grew by just 11.6 percent last year. Our country's strategy until 2030 plans to increase the number of air transportation fourfold. To achieve this goal, the industry's annual growth rate must be at least 20 percent.

This requires systematic work in the areas of infrastructure, management, prices, and quality. In our country, air ticket prices are relatively high. The number of both domestic and international flights is insufficient to meet existing demand. The bulk of flights continue to take place at the airports of Tashkent and Samarkand. Airports have limited capacity to handle aircraft and passengers, with ancillary services accounting for only 7 percent of their total revenue. The transit potential of the airports of Tashkent, Navoi, and Namangan is not fully used.

The process of obtaining an international credit rating for the national airline and its entry into IPO will begin. The airports of Bukhara, Namangan, Urgench, and Andijan will be transferred to private management and modernized. This year the number of flights is planned to increase by 20%.

Measures are envisaged to reduce costs in the industry by 20%. Old aircraft with high fuel consumption will be sold and modern, fuel-efficient aircraft will be purchased. A significant reduction in fuel consumption will be achieved through the selection of optimal flight routes to 72 destinations. Unused and unprofitable assets will be put up for sale.

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