

Tourist Attractions in Badakhshan Province, Its Role in the Local Economy

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ABSTRACT

Tourism is interpreted as an industry today, because the benefits of the flow of money from tourism are not just a few jobs and involve most of the economic sector, hence it is known as an industry. Obviously, the tourism industry ultimately provides products of the type of tourist services for world consumption, which is also called smokeless industry. Therefore, the attitude towards tourism should be a productive and industrial attitude, not a service and traditional one. In many countries, the world of tourism has acted as one of the key and main sectors for economic development and progress; The economic effects of tourism development are multiple and its most important effect is to create employment and income and help reduce unemployment and earn income and create jobs.

Badkshsh province in the northeast of Afghanistan, which has high mountains, deep valleys, high levels, raging waters, green valleys, lakes, waterfalls, geopolitical location and a common border with the civilized countries of China, Tajikistan and Pakistan and the Silk Road crossing. It has a good position in the region. This province with abundant untouched natural resources, pleasant and clean climate free from pollution and also has natural products and products and the geographical location of commerce that these characteristics and these characteristics can present a better image in the field of marketing. As a suitable and favorable province, it should be favorable for domestic and foreign investments and trade.

Keywords- tourism, geographical location, Lakes, waterfalls, rivers, mountains, valleys, valleys and natural resources.

I. INTRODUCTION

Although world tourism, like geography, has not been a science in ancient times, there have been strong links between the two, as geography has had a profound effect on world tourism. Mentioning that some geographers of the past were tourists and the world together and after touring the world around them, wrote a work about their research that can be found from scientists such as: Ibn Battuta, Abu Rihan al-Biruni, Nasser Khosrow Balkhi, Marco Polo, He named Huan Tsang and others. Geography is the part of human knowledge that discusses the characteristics of different regions of the earth and its physical and natural structure, as well as man and its relations with nature. For this reason, activities related to traveling and spending leisure time in one of the geographical locations in the science of geography are discussed. In

other words, what arises in the context of human relations with the environment or the place around him is the subject under study, so the study of tourist geography is one of the tasks of geography, according to its functional aspects, space and geographical location influenced by the role Human rest is in good hands. Because there is a strong relationship between humans and the environment, taking into account the economic, political, social and cultural conditions prevailing in the communities, it determines the territory of the tourist geography.

Badakhshan with its complex natural and geographical attractions, tall castles, lakes and ponds, smooth and roaring seas, waterfalls, deep and green valleys, high and flat surfaces, green plains, Guava climate, natural landscapes and Attractive sight and in general in terms of natural resources and its unique attractions is known as one of the best provinces in the

country and the world in the field of tourism. The province is of exceptional importance due to its commercial and dynamic geographical location of civilization and culture, ancient and legendary history and the point of retaliation of the Hindu Kush and Pamir mountain ranges, which has attracted the attention of tourists and foreign tourists. In the thirteenth century, during his trip to the Far East, through Badakhshan, he had observations and memories in this province, he was fascinated by its climate, and the disease he contracted was cured in this province.

Badakhshan province in terms of geographical location, geopolitics, ancient and mythical history, cultural features, natural resources, precious stones, lush valleys, deep valleys, towering mountains, roaring seas, jahils, waterfalls, springs And the point of retaliation of the Pamir and Hindu Kush dynasties are of exceptional importance. This province is extremely green, beautiful and free of pollution, which can play a significant role in attracting domestic and foreign tourists.

II. BADAKHSHAN IS A TREASURE TROVE OF TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Badakhshan province in terms of geographical location, natural resources, soaring mountains, deep valleys, roaring waters, lush valleys, lakes, waterfalls, highlands, rare wildlife, such as Marco Polo deer, snow leopard, raccoon, etc. Animals and birds, the confluence of the Pamir and Hindu Kush dynasties, as well as the historical and dynamic antiquity of civilization and culture, antiquities, recreational areas and natural beauties that have long attracted the attention of tourists and foreign tourists in terms of tourist attractions. Climate, natural features, glacial and mountainous environment. The province is in terms of tourism (international) and tourism (domestic) attractions, which in this regard in the eyes of the world and tourists from the past to the present has increased its status and prestige. Due to its special geographical location, this province has attractive landscapes and good natural attractions. Pamir high peaks, Noshakh and Taksar, vast and lush plains of Pamir highlands, Shiveh and Ish, hot springs and Ceylon, roaring rivers, long and winding valleys and other natural, cultural, historical and religious sites Like the tomb of Nasser Khosrow and the secret of Badakhshi, the art and companions of rare animals that are the ornaments of the name of Badakhshan, which all together constitute large tourist spots and natural attractions. If the tourism industry, in view of this beautiful, charming and unique natural situation, is promoted and introduced, and if the vague and unknown sides of these attractions are explored and researched, it can be said with certainty that the basic

basis in income We will see nationalism and a very effective role in job opportunities and the growth of economic, social and cultural activities in this province. Undoubtedly, tourism is the second or third most lucrative industry in the world today, and it can be extremely effective in our country's economy, if we can provide better security conditions for tourists and foreign tourists. We will see economic growth. It is considered a basic need for the Badakhshan Tourism Office, with the support of the relevant ministry and other partner institutions, to take measures to provide the necessary facilities to tourists and to provide a good environment and facilities.

III. BADAKHSHAN NATURAL AND TOURIST LAKES AND WATERFALLS

The ignoramuses of Badakhshan province are important in several ways; Naturally, tourism, agriculture, culture and economy, which can become one of the most lucrative sources of income and development for the government and the private sector by investing in government and non-governmental development institutions, which is an investment. It requires serious and compassionate efforts, which can be a good source of development for Badakhshan and for the country as a whole in the first place. These ignoramuses are as follows: the ignorance of style, the ignorance of Zarkul lake "Victoria", the ignorance of Chaqmaqin lake, the ignorance of Topkhaneh lake, the ignorance of the association and the ignorance of Yarkh lake

Shiva Lake:

This lake is like a turquoise jewel; It is located on the high plain of Shaveh district, Sheghnan district, Badakhshan province. It is clear and blue in the four seasons of the year, but unlike the chakmaqin lake, there is no zarkul lake or fish house. During the Democratic Republic, they brought fish but it did not work. This lake is located 120 km from Faizabad city, the capital of Badakhshan province. It is 15 km long and 3.5 km wide and its depth is more than one thousand meters. Its height above sea level is 3146 meters. Gharjuin gorge is 4200 meters and Gharibal mountain is 3600 meters above sea level and except in summer it is icy in other seasons. The water of ignorance flows from the waters of the glacial mountains to this ignorance. lake Shivah is one of the tourist areas of Badakhshan and is located in a corner of Dasht-e Shivah and was created millions of years ago. No one knows how it came to be. It attracts every slave, it is extremely important for tourism and world tourism, and the wild animals live around this ignorance. If the mountains and valleys around it are made green and forested by the developing institutions, on the one hand, its beauty will be increased and on the other hand, it will be a bed for birds and animals.



Figure 1: Shivah Lake

Zarkul Lake "Victoria":

This lake is located near lake Chaqmaqin in the Pamir region of Badakhshan province. This lake is the first source of the Amu Darya River, which is frozen except in summer in other seasons. Its northern coast is 6 km long, its southern coast is 10 km long and its width is 4.5 km. Its altitude is 3129 meters above sea level and its estimated length is 18 kilometers from the border between Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Wild; Such as: Marco Polo, Goat, Snow Leopard, Brown Bear and other wild animals.



Figure 2: Zarqul Lake

Chaqmatin Lake:

This lake is located approximately 400 km from the city of Faizabad, the capital of the province, near the border with China, in the Pamir Range. It originates and originates, its length from east to west is 17 km and its width is 2.5 km. Its surroundings and beach are green and lush. Near lake they have houses made of wool and live there, and this lake is one of the fish houses in Badakhshan, which has sweet and delicious fish and many birds live in it.



Figure 3: Chaqmaqin Lake

Topkhaneh Lake:

This basin is one of the famous basins of Badakhshan province which is located in Topkhaneh area of Zibak district, on the border between Chitral Pakistan and Kran and Manjan districts of Badakhshan province with a length of 3 km and a width of about 650 meters and more than 4000 Meters above sea level, near Topkhaneh in the village of Skolt, there is a white waterfall, beautiful water and a mineral spring in Sanglij. It is cold. At the end of lake, the ball house has another small pond. Both ponds have delicious and abundant spotted fish, which is specific to this region, which can be called the fish house of Afghanistan. Can bring development. Due to its location on the road to Badakhshan and Pakistan, this basin has been a route for people since the Mojahedin war until now. It is surrounded by high mountains, and is surrounded by greenery and scenery that has a special beauty.



Figure 4: Topkhaneh Lake

Anjuman Lake:

This lake is located in Kran and Manjan districts of Badakhshan province, between Panjshir and Badakhshan mountains, from which the Kokcheh Sea originates. This lake is one of the clear and beautiful lakes. Unfortunately, there is no exact information about its length and width. People of Kran and Manjan districts of Badakhshan and fairies of Panjshir province are having fun next to it.



Figure 5: Anjuman Lake

Yarakh Lake:

This basin is located in Yarakh village of Roshan district of Sheghnan and Layt Badakhshan districts and its name is taken from this village. There are about 23 families living on the shore of this pond and it is on the Amu River, Lake Sheikha flows into it, it has

a lot of fish that has delicious and sweet meat and it can be a good place for fish farming. Recently, a car road has been built next to this pond, and Agha Khan's office has taken several pleasure boats into this pond to beautify and attract tourists, which will be used by locals and tourists, and a hotel has also been built next to it.



Figure 6: Yarekh Lake

Natural Waterfalls:

Badakhshan waterfalls are the most beautiful, full of water and at the same time the largest known waterfalls in the country, due to the existence of the highest peak and valleys, its lush steep mountains, which are the most beautiful and famous: Yakhshirah waterfall, Abgarch waterfall and Skolt waterfall.

These waterfalls are named after the locals and no scientific research has been done so far.

Yakhshaira Waterfall:

This waterfall is one of the most beautiful waterfalls in the country in Badakhshan province, which is located in Yakhshaira village of Warduj district of Badakhshan. According to the locals, the waterfall is 45 meters long and 7 meters wide. In autumn and winter, it reaches 2 cubic meters. In spring, summer and autumn, around this waterfall, the greens adorn the beautiful meadows with a variety of colorful mountain flowers, and each side is fragrant with human fragrances. According to the locals, there are spotted fish of different colors in the Yen waterfall basin. In the northeastern part, there is a garnite mine that has been mined a little, and at the head of the spring, there is a gold mine that has not been mined yet.



Figure 7: Yakhshaira Waterfall

Abgarch Waterfall:

This waterfall is one of the most beautiful and beautiful waterfalls in the country, it is located in Abgarch village of Wakhan district of Badakhshan, which is one of the national and vast parks of the country. It originates from the Wakhan Mountains and flows into the Wakhan River along the last road. Near it is a dense forest of trees through which the Wakhan River flows, which attracts the attention of every servant, and in this forest birds There is a rarity such as nightingale or "chkavk" and some wild animals are also present.



Figure 8: Abgarch Waterfall

Skol Waterfall:

This waterfall is one of the most beautiful and beautiful waterfalls in the country, it is located in Zibak district of Badakhshan province, it originates from Zebak Rocky Mountains, and it flows in Skolt village, its water is clear and clean.

IV. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF TOURISM IN BADAKHSHANE

The basic goal of regional and local economic development is to create economic opportunities to create employment (employment and self – employment). Job creation is a process that includes increasing the quantity, quality and diversity of sustainable work opportunities, including the creation of income opportunities. Creating a healthy local economy is not a random thing, but a detailed plan considering local needs, local opportunities and the growth of local capacities is considering to be a necessary condition for the sustainable development of the local economy, and plans include planning and creating programs. The different option are based on the advantages of the region and the place.

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the world in the field of tourism due to its unique attractions.

Badakhshan province in general in terms of natural resources and tourist attractions is one of the provinces that has a high and first place in the country and has long attracted the attention of tourists from European, American and other countries. Fortunately, the Badakhshan local government, especially the tourism directorate of the Department of Information and Culture, has a good program in place to identify and develop tourism. Tourism is now becoming one of the main sectors of the world trade economy and it has been mentioned as the main pillar of sustainable development.

Badakhshan is also known in the field of tourism due to its many unique attractions. In general, this province is one of the first provinces in terms of natural resources and tourist attractions in the country and has long attracted the attention of all tourists from European, American and other countries. Badakhshan local government will publish a good letter in order to identify and develop tourism, a yearbook on this occasion that introduces the cultural resources, natural attractions, beautiful landscapes and historical monuments of the province.

The tourism industry, as the largest industry in the world, is the most important source of income and job opportunities for countries around the world, which today is among the most lucrative, clean and low-cost industries, due to its economic and social importance. Today, it is being considered and governments pay special attention to it. Today, it is one of the main and solid foundations of the world economy, including one of the most important and fast-growing industries in the world economic development.

Socially, the tourism industry is also of great importance for a region, the tourism industry is a service industry and can offer a variety of jobs in the labor markets. Employment in hotels, restaurants, tea houses, shops, handicrafts, guides, travel agencies and services in transport companies and in general the employment of all those who deal with foreign tourists in some form. They all need manpower, which increases in parallel with the increase in tourists, which in turn leads to business and employment in this borderland. When people in our society see that the world respects their cultural values and travels to visit this land smoothly and travels to this land from very long distances, they feel proud of the past. Strengthens and even renews itself. This is especially true for our society, which is experiencing rapid change, on the other hand, the tourism industry leads to cultural exchange between nations; This means that the annual movement of hundreds of thousands of tourists of different nationalities with different ideas and cultures to enter the region is effective in the worldview of millions of people in this community. The people of this ancient region of Badakhshani, in contact with foreigners, become acquainted with their culture, customs and thoughts, and

can mutually represent the culture and customs of this borderland.

Politically, tourism contributes to the advancement and stability of world peace by creating mutual understanding between nations. The travel of the citizens of foreign countries to this land makes them more familiar with the culture and civilization, the relative stability and peace of our people and government, despite the propaganda of the mass media. Unfortunately, as a result of the negative propaganda of Western and neighboring countries, a harsh and insecure image of Afghan culture has been created in the minds of the world and has caused the volume of travel to this land to decrease dramatically. Hence, positive propaganda can be effective in breaking these illusions. Therefore, today, world tourism is tied to the concept of dialogue between civilizations and nations and the exchange of culture between them; Therefore, establishing political, economic, cultural and technical relations with the countries of the world and the region and participating in organizations such as the Natir Eco region can contribute to tourism and the subsequent political, economic and social stability of this land. To plan properly for the tourism industry, invest in the future. We can attract tourism by making proper use of existing facilities and potentials. Of course, it should not be forgotten that the tourism industry is always growing and flourishing and has a rich income that never ends; And can be the center of economic, social and cultural development in Badakhshan.

V. THE GROWTH OF TOURISM AND WORLD TOURISM IN BADAKHSHAN

Badakhshan, with its nature, climate and geographical location, has a lot of potential for the growth of different types of tourism industry. Climate, high mountains, various domestic and wild animals, historical neighborhoods, seas and its ethnic and cultural diversity cause it to attract tourists of different levels from different countries of the world, which causes more prosperity in Badakhshan, creating 100 jobs. Young people become unemployed and the income of citizens and the government increases. In this province, there is the capacity to grow the forms of tourism industry.

The most important of them are:

- **Recreational tourism:** This type of tourism includes people or groups who travel to enjoy leisure, relax, use the warmer or cooler weather of their place of residence. Badakhshan, with its favorable climate, will become a suitable place for domestic and foreign tourists and families to have fun if the government builds the infrastructure and the private sector plays a major role. Diverse climate, seas and springs, high mountains, lush nature and the presence of cold and pleasant weather in summer in areas such as Shiveh, Shohada, Baharak, Jerm, Kran and Manjan, Raghistan, Ish, Zibak,

Ishkashim, Keshm, Tagab, Wakhan, Sheghnan, Darwaza and other places of interest in the province cause thousands of people to travel to these areas to spend summer vacations and leisure time. If there is infrastructure in these areas, the province will witness the hosting table of domestic and foreign tourists, as well as the construction of hotels, main roads and the provision of pleasure boats in Sheghnan style pond, Zibak ball house pond, Jahil Chaqmakhtin and Zarkul. Badakhshan Pamir will attract tourists

- **Cultural tourism:** This industry that pays special attention to cultural attractions. These fascinating aspects are different and include work done, museums, exhibitions and things like that. In developed countries, cultural attractions include art museums, plays, and other art and music programs. The traveler goes to a specific place to visit a famous museum. Cultural tourism and sightseeing in order to see natural landscapes are closely related to each other. Having a common culture between the residents of Badakhshan and neighboring countries causes hundreds of people to travel to Badakhshan every year and visit different people, strata and neighborhoods if there is a suitable bed.

- **Winter tourism:** Winter environment and climate Most areas of Badakhshan, especially areas such as Zibak, Ishkashm, Shiva, Ragma and Badakhshan Pamirs will be a suitable environment for domestic and foreign winter tourists. These areas if the government and the private sector cooperate The infrastructure will be a good place for winter sports and other winter festivals.

- **Group or family tourism:** In the recreational areas of Badakhshan, if there is a suitable infrastructure and bed for group and family tourists, especially the working class.

- **Wildlife Tourism:** Badakhshan, with its hundreds of wildlife species, will be a suitable breeding ground for tourists interested in wild animals and wildlife. Different types of birds and wild animals can be found in different parts of Badakhshan, especially the Pamirs, which have hundreds of interested visitors from different countries of the world. The world-famous Goat Mountain, Goat Eater, Marco Polo Deer and Snow Leopard are found in Badakhshan.

- **Sports tourism:** Badakhshan parishes with refreshing water and standing water for boating and skiing in winter, high mountains for mountaineering and snowy hills in winter for skiing are a good base for thousands of domestic and foreign visitors. Will attract.

- **Religious tourism:** In Badakhshan, the existence of holy and religious places such as: Nasser Khosrow pilgrimage in Hazrat Sayyid, Yamgan district, Mubarak cloak and other religious places causes to attract hundreds of visitors from different countries and Afghanistan.

- **Market tourism:** Establishment of free economic market in currencies between Badakhshan, Tajikistan and Badakhshan, Afghanistan The existence of

gemstones and other mines has caused thousands of tourists to visit Badakhshan.

- **Adventurous tourism:** Having high, rough and always snow-capped mountains causes dozens of adventurous tourists and tourists to visit Badakhshan.

- **Ancestor tourism:** The existence of a rich common identity, race, history and culture between the inhabitants of Marzboom and countries such as Tajikistan, China and Pakistan causes hundreds of tourists to search and explore Badakhshan.

VI. CONCLUSION

Tourism is an industry that has existed in human societies for a long time and is one of the most important sectors of the global economy that has the highest income generation and employment among various industries in the world, but today in a standard and purposeful way with a new approach to Development has found its place in economic activities, human coexistence and society. The phenomenon of tourism, due to its growing importance among nations, can have horizons in landscape, economic growth, in terms of geographical and environmental status in terms of climate, topography and hydrology that has natural attractions.

In the past, Badakhshan province, due to its natural geographical location and living indigenous cultures, has been a passageway for world travelers and even world travelers. Noshakh high peaks in Wakhan, Taksar Dar Keshm, Qashqar peak in Ragh dam, etc., each of which is full of high heights and has a suitable climate and atmosphere, the beautiful valleys of Sarghalan; Yamgan; Tishkan, Maimi, Sheghnan, Shourian, Kouf Ab, Tagab, Ghoimi, Eram Keshm, long and fertile areas, Jahils, high waterfalls, roaring waters, springs, plains such as Shadab Shiva, Raghistan, Parkamch Maimi and Ghoyimi Maimi, its lush plain, the highlands of the Pamirs, which is the second national park in the country and the beautiful natural landscapes of the Jahilis, and which attracts hundreds of domestic and foreign tourists to this province every year. This province, willingly or unwillingly, is a treasure trove of natural attractions of international tourism and inland tourism. If the tourism industry is promoted in a correct and fundamental way, considering the super-essential components, it can be said with complete confidence that the change in economic activities and local income is considered as a duty of the local government and its related institutions. To develop and expand this industry, the existing capacities must be used extensively.

Suggestions and views: With the understanding of this matter and the importance of this industry, the following items should be suggested in the growth of tourism culture:

- Establishment of decision centers in the growth of the tourism industry in cooperation with the relevant departments such as: Environment, Agriculture,

Municipality and Aga Khan Foundation in coordination with the Department of Information and Culture.

- Establishment of a tourism department within the Faculty of Social Sciences of Badakhshan University.
- Raising public awareness of the benefits of the tourism industry of the benefits of the tourism industry in the country and the world.
- Accurate and accurate introduction of natural and tourist attractions in Badakhshan.
- Providing security in tourist areas and its transit routes for the safety of tourists and those interested in Badakhshan.
- Construction of transportation routes to tourist spots.
- Providing rest areas in all areas related to this tourism industry.
- Encourage companies and the private sector to invest in this.

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