

## **Religious Tourism in Ukraine**

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**Introduction.** There is a suggestion in the religious world, that prayer is more effective in certain places, in one way or another connected with the history of religion and the blessing of God in the search for a long time the faithful go to pilgrimage tours.

Pilgrims visit not only temples, churches, monasteries, and holy rivers, lakes, etc. Religious tourism also commonly referred to as faith tourism, is a type of tourism, where people travel individually or in groups for pilgrimage or leisure (fellowship) purposes.

Modern religious tourists are more able to visit holy cities and around the world. The most famous holy cities are Mecca, Madinah, Karbala, Jerusalem and Varanasi. In the research used analysis method and historical method. In a separate area of tourism pilgrimage tours to Ukraine stood out recently. However, the Ukrainian lands can be rightfully called the cradle of Orthodoxy. Since ancient times, there was built a great number of churches, cathedrals and monasteries of great beauty with a high dome and bells.

Organization of international pilgrimage tourism in Ukraine is significantly inhibited by the presence of numerous problems, the solution of which is the case of the state, all organizations and institutions involved in tourism.

Regions of international pilgrimage tourism can and should be Prykarpattya and Transcarpathia related to culture and memorable places of the peoples related with Catholicism, Judaism, Armenian Church. Kiev, Chernigov, Odessa, Poltava and many other cities are carriers not only of the Christian monoculture and poly-culture both in the past and in our days. Here are preserved monuments of ancient Christian and pre-Christian - pagan civilization [2].

The main shrine of the Ukrainian Orthodoxy is considered to be the Kiev-Pechersk Lavra Monastery, founded in 1051. Now the complex is listed in the UNESCO World Heritage Site [1]. On campus there are several historical and cultural

museums, including the famous «Museum of Scythian gold». That is why almost all pilgrimage tours in Kiev start here.

Holy Dormition Pochayiv Lavra is a monastery in Pochayiv, Kremenets Raion, Ternopil Region, Ukraine. For centuries, it has been the foremost spiritual and ideological centre of various Orthodox denominations in Western Ukraine.

The Rosh Hashana is a large prayer assemblage of Breslover Hasidim held on the Jewish New Year. It specifically refers to the pilgrimage of tens of thousands of Hasidim to the city of Uman, Ukraine, but also refers to sizable Rosh Hashana gatherings of Breslover Hasidim in other locales around the world. In recent years the pilgrimage to Uman has attracted Jewish seekers from all levels of religious observance and affiliation, including introducing Sephardic Jews to Hasidic spirituality [1].

**Conclusion.** For the development of international pilgrimage tourism in Ukraine is extremely important to achieve the establishment and preservation of peaceful coexistence, peace, harmony among all ethnic groups and cultures, faiths and beliefs of the multinational Ukraine.

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