



TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF TAJIKISTAN

FACILITATION OF TRANSBOUNDARY ROUTES AND INTERCOUNTRY TOURIST PRODUCTS

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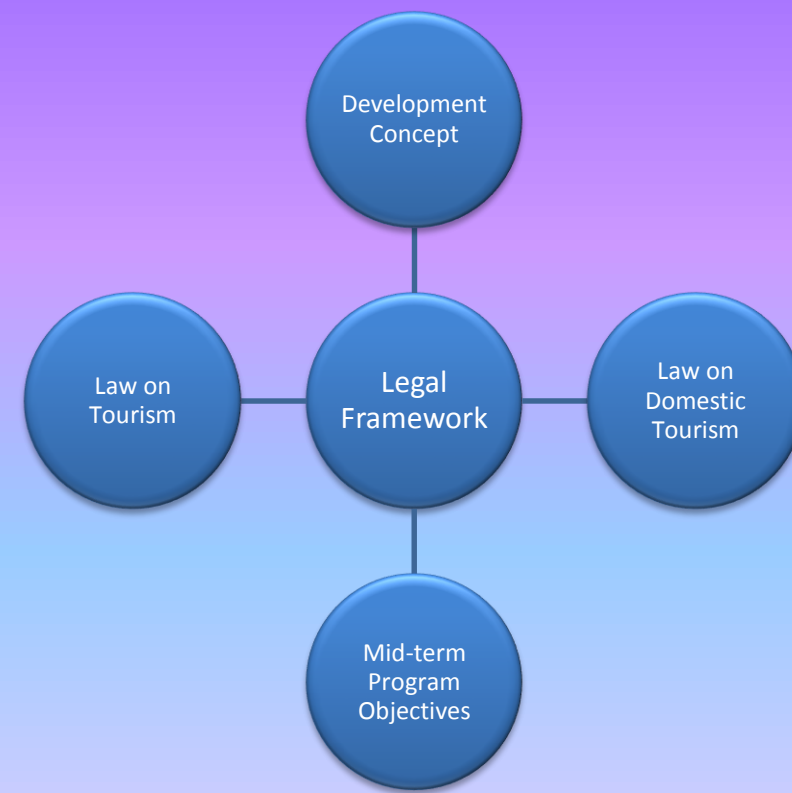
Tourism in Tajikistan

Priority economy sector

President announced year 2018 – as the Year of Tourism and Crafts Development



Favorable legal, organizational and economic environment created for development of the modern tourist industry in the country.

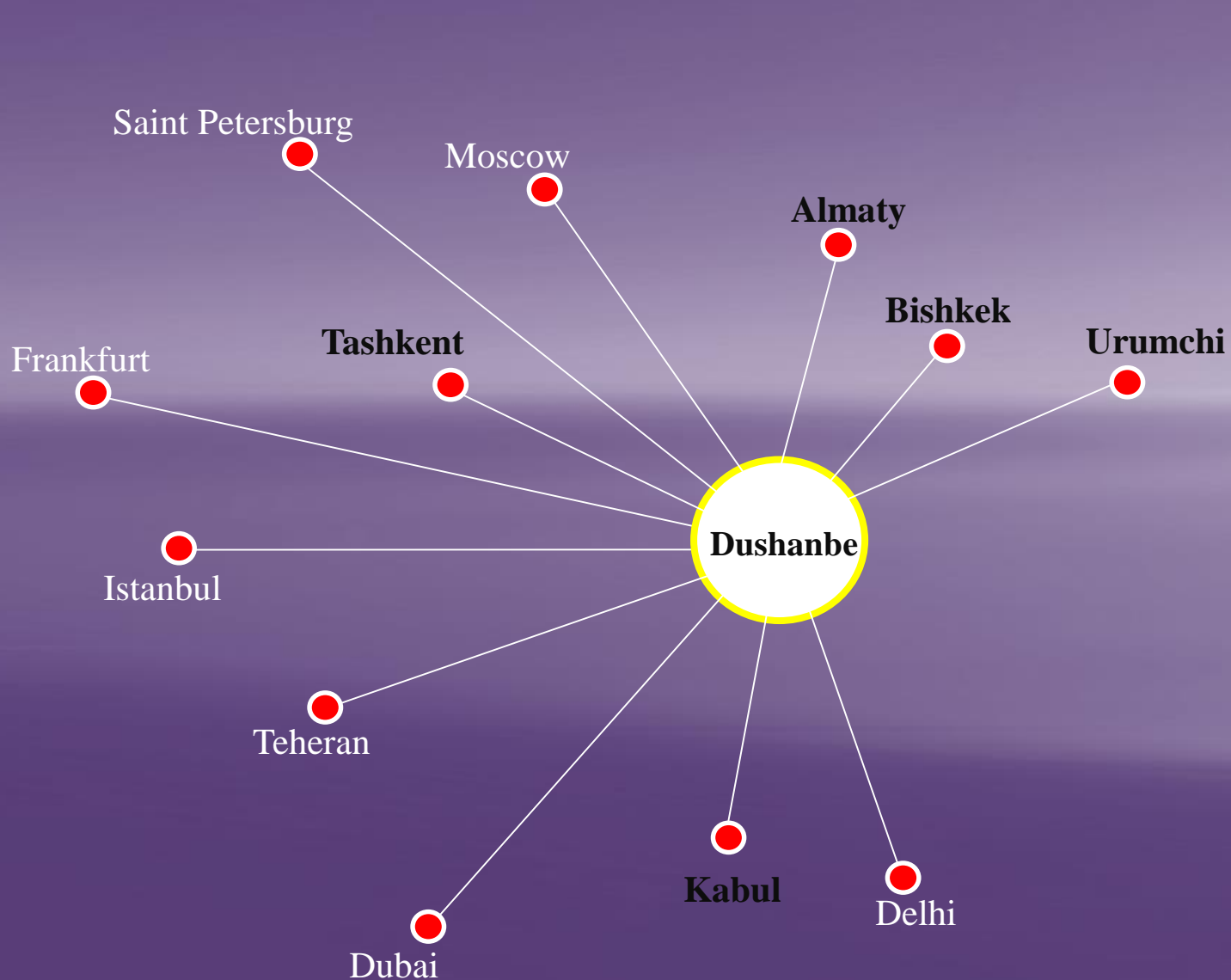


Visas

- Tajikistan has a simplified visa regime for citizens of more than 112 foreign countries
- Visa-free regime is implemented for more than 10 countries, including 4 CAREC countries: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and Uzbekistan
- E-visa has been in place since June 2016
- Since June 1 2018, a registration period of foreign citizens arriving to Tajikistan increased from 3 to 10 days, and for tourists - for the period their tourist visa validity, which is not more than 45 days.



CONNECTIVITY – Air connectivity between Tajikistan and CAREC countries, and with other countries



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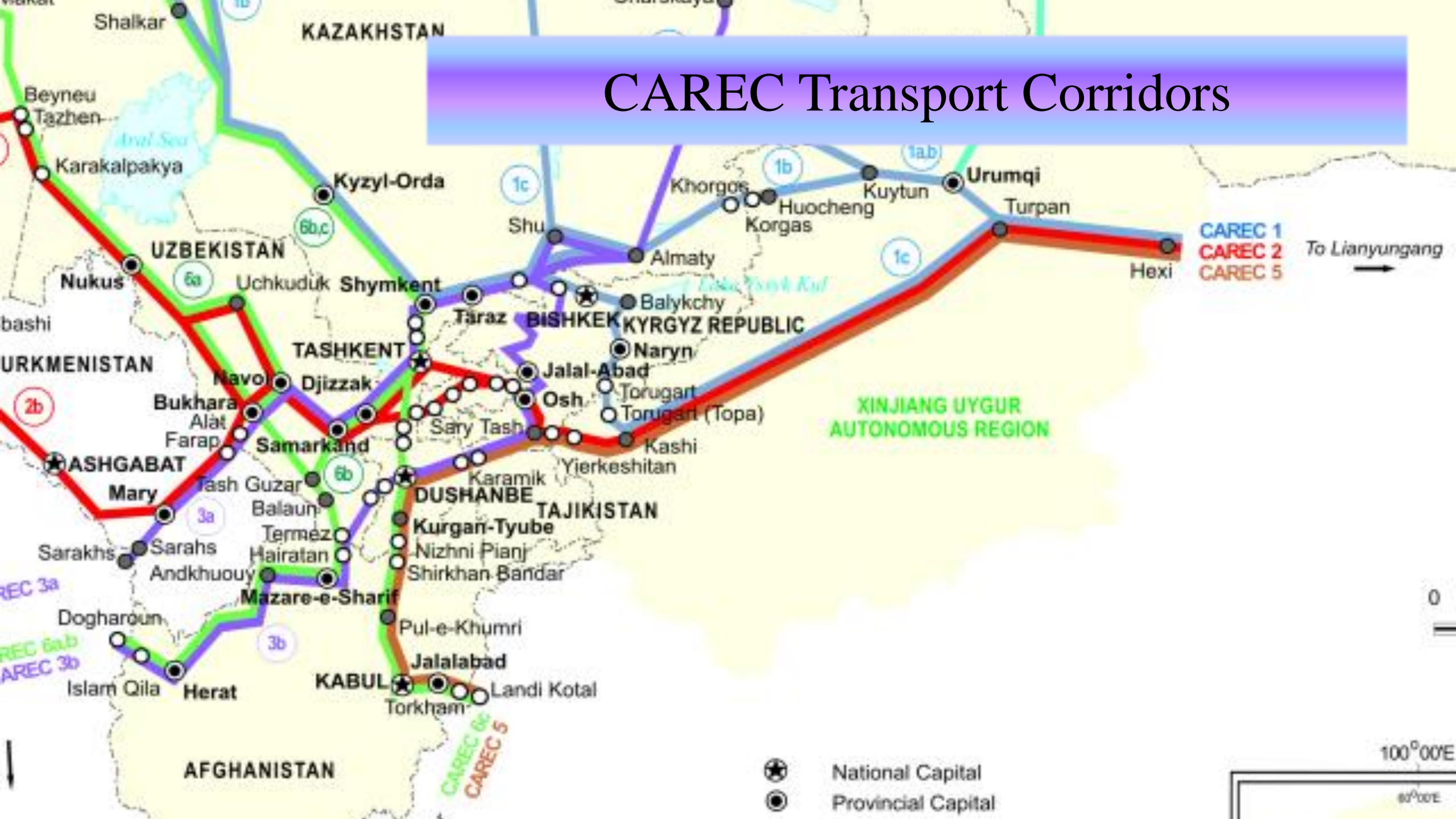
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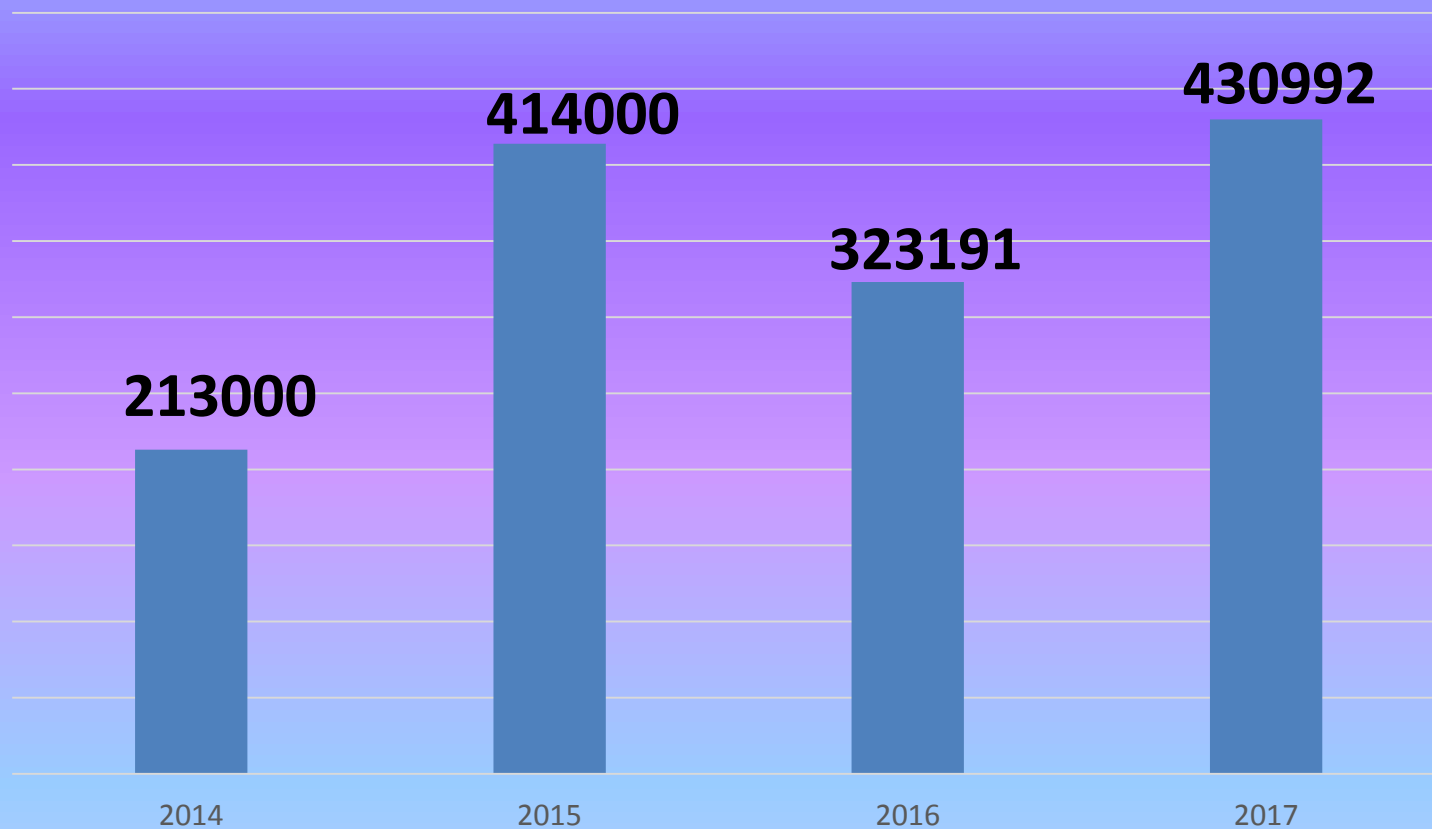
CAREC countries bordering with Tajikistan



CAREC Transport Corridors



Statistics of Tajik Tourist Market (tourist arrivals)



Intercountry Tourism Products and Initiatives

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- The Government of Tajikistan entered into bilateral agreements with many countries, including CAREC countries. In particular, bilateral intergovernmental agreements were signed with Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan
 - The agreement with the Government of Georgia has been drafted.



Agreements promote tourist experience in living, history and culture of nations



Historical tourism



Culture and customs



National crafts



National cuisine



Adventure tourism



Health, wellness and recreation

The Great Silk Road



Since ancient times, Tajikistan has been on the important historical routes of the Great Silk Road connecting East and West. It played the important role in international trade and cultural exchange by linking the areas of Bactria, Takharistan, Sogd, Istaravshan (Ustrushan) and Ferghana with India, Afghanistan and China.

Benefits

- Travel companies are exempt from income tax for the first five years of operation.



- Equipment and building materials imported for the purpose of construction and reconstruction of tourist infrastructure (hotels, resorts, tourist centers, etc.) are exempt from VAT and customs duties.

CAREC role for development of intercountry tourism initiatives

Tourism in Tajikistan faces the following challenges:

- Lack of necessary infrastructure;
- Expensive and difficult access by air and road transport;
- Limited investments in the sector;
- weak marketing and poorly promoted brand;
- Inaccurate statistics;
- Weak capacity and lack of qualified personnel;
- Immature training institutions;
- Underdeveloped private sector;
- Security assurance for tourists, etc.

Possible cooperation and interaction areas for CAREC countries

1. Creation of new intercountry tourist products, such as the Great Silk Road, and specialized tours: history, nature, gastronomy, geology, etc., and their promotion in the tourist markets;
2. Cooperation in the area of tourism infrastructure development: roads, guest houses, hotels, etc.
3. Development and implementation of a single methodology for collecting and summarizing statistical data on tourism development;
4. Training in tourism related matters and capacity building of institutions involved in the tourism sector, as well as experience exchange between CAREC member-countries;
5. Cooperation in the field of ensuring safety and security of tourists and reducing risks of joint tours;
6. Holding exhibitions, fairs, conferences, seminars with participation of private and public sector representatives from the CAREC countries;
7. Cooperation in joint promotion of various tourist destinations in the CAREC countries

Hospitality



A scenic mountain landscape featuring a large, rugged mountain peak with patches of snow, a calm lake reflecting the surrounding greenery and sky, and dense evergreen trees in the foreground and midground. The scene is captured in bright daylight under a clear blue sky.

Thank you for attention!