GEOGRAPHIC TAXONOMY IN TOURISM - Contribution to the methodology of tourism research

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The participation of geography in the study and understanding of tourism as an economic activity is remarkable. The development of tourism and its branches is almost unimaginable without the knowledge of geographic parameters and determinants which, among other things, define its taxonomy. Identification of any tourist movements are named by the predominant geographic elements.

For example, from the group of relief elements are defined different tourist branches such as: mountain, speleology, mountain climbing and other tourism. In addition, relief affects indirectly on the development of other tourist branches such as, for example, the winter or summer form of tourism.

The other geographic sciences have an irreplaceable basis in tourism taxonomy. It is impossible to imagine the development of winter tourism without snowfalls, which are the subject of meteorology and climatology, and again, they are from the geographic science system. The same applies to the development of summer tourism, which is closely linked with the waters of the sea and the land, which are the subject of oceanology and land hydrology; also from the system of geographic sciences. All these and other sciences together form a network system for determination of tourism taxonomy.

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