

## **Abstract**

**Title:** Motivational aspects for the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage.

**Objectives:** The aim of the thesis was to find out the motivational aspects of pilgrims from the Czech Republic to the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

**Methods:** The method of questionnaire survey was used for data collection, which was made in the Google Forms program. The questionnaire was filled out by 287 respondents from the Czech Republic, 218 of them were women and 69 were men. The data were evaluated by using basic statistical methods and the results were analyzed by graphs and tables in Microsoft Excel.

**Results:** The most frequent main motivational aspect for the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela is spiritual motivation with 33,5 %, the second most frequent motivational aspect is escape from routine with 20,2 % and the third is cultural–touristic motivation with 12,9 %. Religious motivation has only 7 %. The most frequent secondary motivational aspects are cultural–touristic motivation 17,5 %, escape from routine 17,3 %, gaining new experiences 17,1 % and sports motivation 16,9 %. Furthermore, it was found that the motivation for the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage differs according to gender. The most frequent motivational aspect for both men and women is spiritual motivation, but the second most frequent motivation for women is escape from routine and for men it is cultural–tourism motivation. It was found that during the pilgrimage, the motivation of 20 % of the respondents were changed, of which 42,9 % on the aspect of socialization/sharing time with others.

**Conclusion:** Spiritual motivation is the most frequent motivational aspect for pilgrims from the Czech Republic. But other motivational aspects such as social, cultural–tourism, religious, psychological, sports or health also dominate. The religious aspect is one of the least frequented motivational aspect among Czech pilgrims.

**Keywords:** motivation, St. Jacob's pilgrimage, pilgrimage route, pilgrimage.