One Way Ticket-Route To Death: How Right Is To Promote As A Commercial Initiative?

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Abstract

In this study, it has been argued the efforts of combining the concept of euthanasia and assisted suicide in the last few years with the concept of tourism. This study aims to investigate the concepts of euthanasia/assisted suicide with their medical, legal and religious dimensions and how right it is to promote the practicing centers as commercial tourism initiatives. Initially, tourism and tourist concepts have been explained then medical and jurisdictional embodiments and applications have been detailed. It is pointed that, in many countries euthanasia and assisted suicide is forbidden while Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, United States of America, Canada and Colombia are the countries accepting euthanasia/assisted suicide. Switzerland has a unique place practicing euthanasia/assisted suicide although it is not accepted legally. Subsequently, religious point of view has been discussed and it has been clarified that euthanasia/assisted suicide and tourism concept cannot coexist.

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