

# CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background

Indonesia is a beautiful rich country in its natural resources. Indonesia also has so many potential in tourism attraction objects. Many places of interest in Indonesia are so famous all around the world because of its historical heritages, cultural diversities and the unique characteristic of the places of interest.

Tourism is a journey that is intended to have pleasure and leisure. Meyers(2009) states that tourism is travel activity that consider the time of their original place to the area of interest for reasons not to settle or make a living but merely to satisfy curiosity, to spend free time or holidays as well as other purposes. During tour they just spend time for making it happy. There is no disappointed during enjoying tourism activities.

Heritage tourism, nature tourism and water sport tourism are a good combination for Indonesia to develop its tourism. Many people will think to take this kind of tourism when they are in vacation But there is another kind of tourism that also can contribute to get tourist to come to Indonesia. That is Pilgrimage.

A pilgrimage is a journey or search of moral or spiritual significance. Typically, it is a journey to a shrine or other locations of importance to a person's beliefs and faith, although sometimes it can be a metaphorical journey into someone's own beliefs. Many religions attach spiritual importance to particular places: the place of birth or death of founders or saints, or to the place of their "calling" or spiritual awakening, or of their connection (visual or verbal) with the divine, to locations where miracles were performed or witnessed, or locations where a deity is said to live or be "housed," or any site that is seen to have special spiritual powers. Such sites may be commemorated with shrines or temples that devotees are encouraged to visit for their own spiritual benefit: to be healed or have questions answered or to achieve some other spiritual benefit.

A person who makes such a journey is called pilgrim. According to Ficci(2012) a pilgrim (from the Latin *peregrinus*) is a traveler (literally one who has come from afar) who is on a journey to a holy place. Typically, this is a physical journey to go to some place of special significance to the adherent of a particular religious belief systems. In the spiritual literature of Christianity, the concept of pilgrim and pilgrimage may refer to the experience of life in the world or to the inner path of the spiritual aspirant from a state of wretchedness to a state of beatitude.

Actually, people who has holidays may have something fun and challenge them to do tourism destination their tourism activities. They have different styles to spend their times in their tourism activities. In common, whenever the tourists go to the tourism destinations, they want to get excellent services from parties who get involved in their trip. The parties offer them beautiful and exotic places.

The potencies of Kiai Muara Ogan Mosque is a place of Pilgrimage activity, which offer exotic place, because it is located near the Musi river. Pilgrim visit and do ziarah in Friday in the month of Shaban. Before Ramadhan there is a Ziarah Kubro and they visit a tomb of Kiai Marogan to celebrate the birth of Kiai Marogan Mosque. Besides that many relics and histories in Kiai Marogan Mosque can be introduced by tourists. Tourists does not really know about Kiai Muara Ogan Mosque, they usually goes to Agung mosque, Siguntang Hill, Musi River.

By knowing this, the author writes the final report entitled "**The Potencies of Kiai Muara Ogan Mosque as one Part of Pilgrimage Place in Palembang**". This final report is aim to sensitize the public and the government that tourism is one of the important sectors to know about the Potencies of Kiai Marogan Mosque as one Part of Pilgrimage Place in Palembang. It will give a good impression of this town if we can handle it with the right strategy . This paper is expected to be a learning material for the public and the government to improve the patterns of thinking about tourism especially pilgrimage that is not optimum enough to develop by the Palembang government generally and South Sumatera Government especially.

## **1.2 Problem**

The problems of this report are:

1. What are the potencies of Kiai Muara Ogan Mosque as the Pilgrimage Place in Palembang city?
2. What are the problems faced by the government in developing Kiai Muara Ogan Mosque as the Pilgrimage Place in Palembang city?

### **1.3 Purpose and Benefits**

#### **1.3.1. Purpose**

1. To describe the potencies of Kiai Muara Ogan Mosque as the Pilgrimage Place in Palembang city.
2. To describe the problems faced by the government in developing Kiai Muara Ogan Mosque as the Pilgrimage Place in Palembang city.

#### **1.3.2 Benefits**

The benefits of this report are:

1. For Institution

To give the information and knowledge for the student of State Polytechnic of Sriwijaya about the potencies and the problems of Kiai Muara Ogan Mosque as the Pilgrimage Place in Palembang city.

2. For Palembang tourism Government

To give some inputs for the potencies and the problems of Kiai Muara Ogan Mosque as the Pilgrimage Place in Palembang city.