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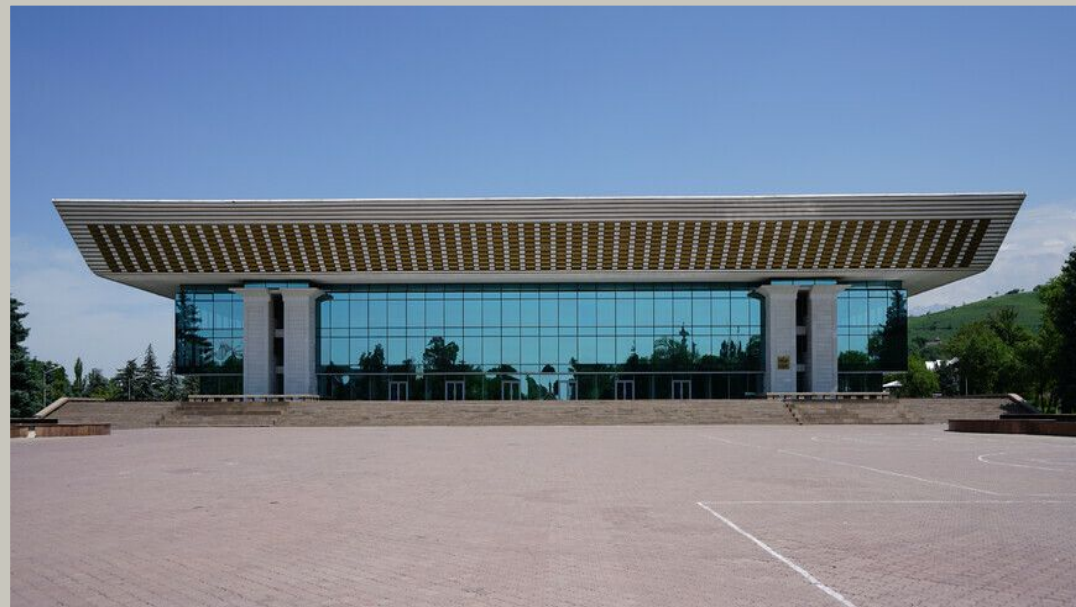
Almaty is the largest city and cultural and economic center of Kazakhstan, widely known in the country as the "Southern Capital". According to the latest statistics, the actual population of Almaty (the former capital of the republic) is 1,716,779. The city received its first historical name (Almaty) back in the late Middle Ages, when there was a transshipment base for Turkic-Mongolian settlers in this area. In 1854, the Zailiyskoye military fortification was formed at this place, which was later renamed Vernoe, and then (in 1867) - Almaty. After that, the actively developing settlement received the name Verny, which did not change until 1921, when the authorities of the Kazakh SSR decided to rename the city to Alma-Ata (by the way, this name is still used on the territory of the Russian Federation). And only since 1993, the city finally received its official name, which is used today - Almaty.



What to see in

Almaty
The most popular tourist attraction in Almaty is the

Palace of the Republic. In second place in the ranking is the Central State Museum, located next door (on the opposite street). Here you can get to know more about the historical culture of Kazakhstan - the museum's exposition numbers about two thousand different cultural monuments, among which the main archaeological value of the state is a copy of the "Golden Man".



While in Alma-Ata, you do not need to puzzle over how to usefully conduct a cultural program, because the city houses about 270 cultural institutions, in the list of which you will find theaters, museums, art galleries, philharmonic societies and much more. For tourists with children, it will be informative to visit the Houses of Children's Art. In addition, in Alma-Ata you will find more than a hundred historical monuments and monumental art



You can admire and enjoy the enchanting panoramic view of Almaty from the Kok Tobe mountain, which literally translates as "Green Hill". To get to the highest point of the mountain range, located at an altitude of about 1100 meters, a cable car is provided. The departure point is in the square of the Palace of the Republic, and the landmark is the city cinema "Arman". At the top of the mountain is the Almaty TV Tower, as well as small shops selling local souvenirs, drinking establishments, a zoo and various attractions that start working from 11 pm until midnight.

Fans of extreme sports (skiing or snowboarding) should definitely visit Alma-Ata in winter. The well-known ski resorts Ak-Bulak and Tabagan are located near the city. The high-altitude skating rink "Medeo" deserves special attention, which is located at a dizzying height of 1700 meters. In summer, you can also usefully spend time in the mountains - for example, see with your own eyes the petroglyphs of Tamgaly or visit the Charyn Canyon, famous for its mesmerizing Valley of Castles.



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