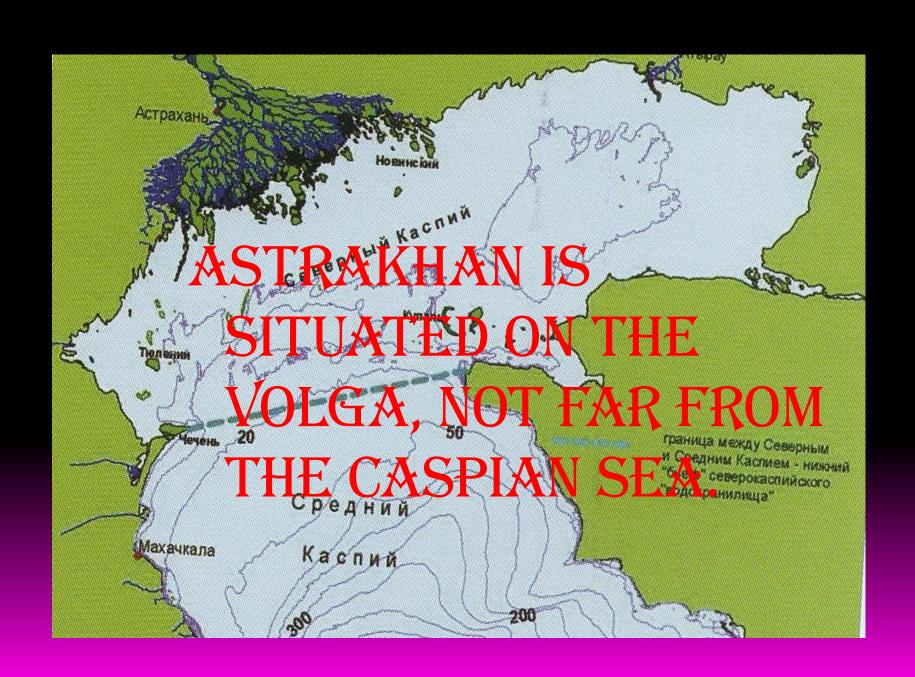
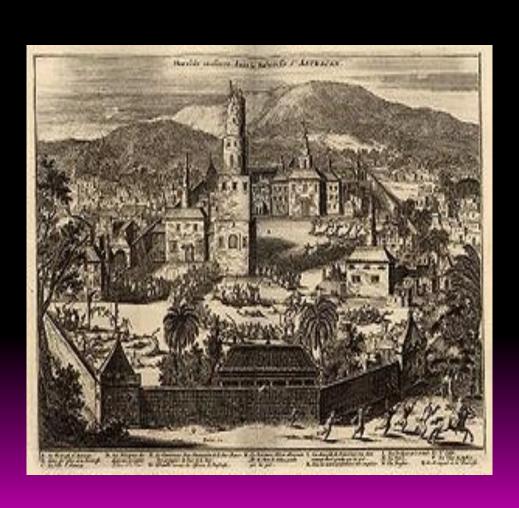
WELCOME IN THE CITY OF ASTRAKHAN.





 The city has an interesting history. There was an ancient city Ityl in the third century on the right bank of the river. It was a capital of the Khasaren.





In old chronicle we can read the name

"Astrakhan" or "Adshitarkhan".

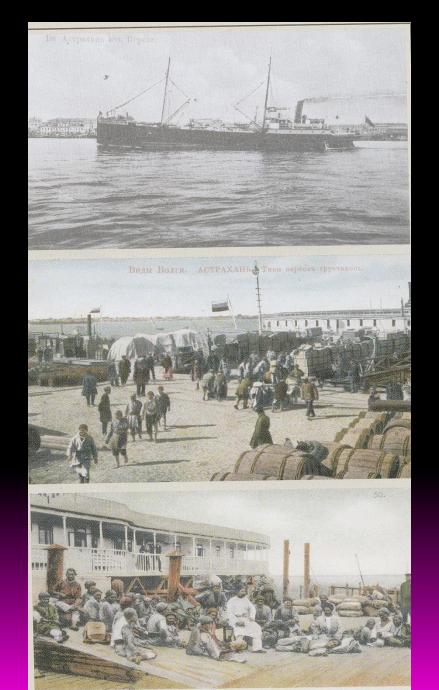
But in 14-th century Timur's

troops destroyed the city, and it was

restored in 15-th century again and
became the capital of khanats.



In 1556 Ivan the Terrible combined Astrakhan khanate and Russia. In two years the city was built on the left bank of the Volga. So began the history of modern Astrakhan.



became a great trade centre in the south



The Kremlin was built in Astrakhan in 16-th century with many towers and Troitsky Cathedral.



Peter the Great founded the Admiralty. He has built a port in the south of Russia.



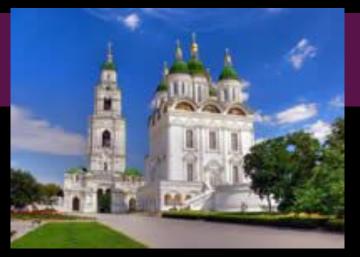
Astrakhan is a big and beautiful city now. There are more than 500 thousand inhabitants in it.





There is a seaport, an airport, a railway station, a river boat station in the city. Shipbuilding and Fishery are highly developed in Astrakhan. Universities, institutes, colleges, three theatres, museums, a Gallery, many churches are there in Astrakhan.





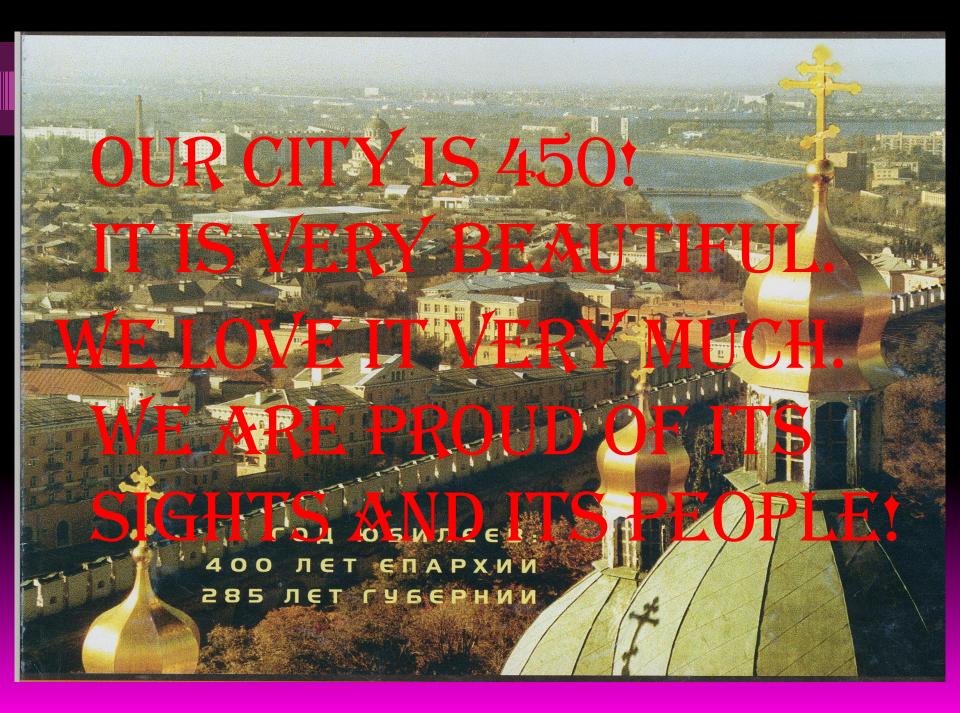


Historical monuments, beautiful buildings, parks and gardens are worth seeing. The Kremlin with the Uspensky Cathedral is a masterpiece of architecture.





The symbol of Astrakha n is Caspian





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