



Ulyanovsk – my native city

There is no place like home

(English proverb)

Do you agree with the following statements?

- город семи ветров
- родина Ленина
- «Красная Мекка»
- авиационная столица России



Ulyanovsk



- Sinbirsk (until 1780), or Simbirsk (1780 – 1924)
- City and administrative center of Ulyanovsk oblast (region), western Russia
- It was renamed after V.I. Ulyanov (Lenin)

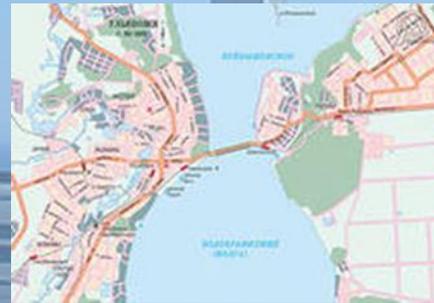


History

- Ulyanovsk is one of the oldest cities in the Middle Volga area.
- It was founded in 1648 by Bogdan Khitrovo who followed the order of the Russian tsar. The fort of "Simbirsk" (alternatively "Sinbirsk") was strategically placed on a hill on the Western bank of the Volga River. The fort was meant to protect the eastern frontier of the Russian Empire from the nomadic tribes .
- The first settlers were the people Nizhegorodskay region.
- The Simbirsk province was founded in 1796.
- Churches, cathedrals, monastery walls characterize early Simbirsk.

Geography

- Ulyanovsk Region is located on the Volga River 893 kilometers east from Moscow.
- Ulyanovsk has a humid continental climate (meaning hot summers and cold winters). Average temperature is -11°C (12°F) in January and $+19^{\circ}\text{C}$ (66°F) in July.
- The city consists of four districts:
 - ❖ Leninsky
 - ❖ Zheleznodorozhny
 - ❖ Zavolzhsky
 - ❖ Zasviyazhsky



Demographics

- The population of Ulyanovsk is 615 306 people (2013), (the 21th place in the Russian Federation)
- Ethnic composition:
 - ❖ Russians: 75%
 - ❖ Tatars: 11%
 - ❖ Chuvash: 9%
 - ❖ Mordvins: 3%
 - ❖ Others: 2%





Economy

- Uyanovsk is a major industrial city.
- The UAZ automobile manufacturing plant, Aviastar-SP Aircraft Company, and UMZ are based in the city along with a variety of light industry and food-processing enterprises.
- Tourism is a growing business in the city and the surrounding area.
- The 31st Airborne Brigade of the Russian Airborne Troops of the armed forces is based in Ulyanovsk.



Transportation

- A railway bridge across the Volga was built in 1912–1916 and two automobile lanes were added to it in 1953–1958.
- The official opening ceremony of the new (President's) bridge was in 2009. The bridge has a total length of 5.5 km, making it one of the longest in Europe.
- Public transportation in the city is provided by trams, trolleybuses, municipal buses, and minibuses.
- Ulyanovsk is served by the Ulyanovsk Vostochny Airport (the international airport) and Ulyanovsk Baratayevka Airport (Ulyanovsk Central Airport).



Education

There is a number of technical schools, colleges, universities in Ulyanovsk.

The largest universities are:

- Ulyanovsk State University, established in 1988 as a branch of Moscow State University. Now it is one of the largest higher educational institutions in the Volga region.
- Ulyanovsk State Technical University, established in 1957.
- Ulyanovsk State Pedagogical University the oldest university in the city.
- etc.



Culture and Architecture

- During the Soviet period, Ulyanovsk lost much of its historical heritage. The original wooden fort, ancient churches and cathedrals, old wooden houses were destroyed.
- Ulyanovsk has two theaters: The Drama Theatre and The Puppet Show.
- There are a lot of libraries, cinemas, museums and monuments.
- Novy Venetz which is on the top of Simbirsk Hill is considered the heart of the city.



Симбирск. Иоанновский Собор.



Famous people

- The Volga Region will be forever be associated with Lenin. Simbirsk is the birthplace of Vladimir Lenin (originally named Ulyanov), for whom it was renamed in 1924. His home is preserved as a museum.
- Our land has been the source of inspiration for talented people. We are proud of Goncharov, Plastov, Karamzin and other famous names connected with our region.



Sports



- The team “Volga” plays in the Russian Bandy Super League.
- An indoor arena for bandy (Russian hockey) is one of the first in Russia, and will have a capacity of 5 000. The outdoor stadium will be modernised and have a capacity of 18 000.
- The Bandy World Championships 2016 will be played in Ulyanovsk.
- In association football, FC Volga plays in "Urals-Volga" zone of the Russian Second Division.



Twin towns and sister cities

Ulyanovsk is **twinned** with:

-  Krefeld, Germany
-  Trabzon, Turkey
-  Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, United States
-  Macon, Georgia, United States
-  Shenzhen, China
-  Saransk, Russia
-  Zhukovsky, Russia
-  Gyumri, Armenia





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