

Kazakhstan in Perspective: The Eastern Influence is still there in Kazakhstan



Kazakhstan has mixed the old with the modern. They co-exist together. European cultures mix with cultures from central Asia, Turkey, Russia, Arabia, Iran and China. Indeed, international exhibitions from other countries are constantly the situation in Kazakhstan and where recently South Korea was represented for several weeks. In this respect diversified cultures meet together in Kazakhstan in a atmosphere of cooperation and peaceful coexistence.

There are many remarkably things that the world owes to Kazakhstan and where the Tulip and the Apple come from. Indeed, Almaty the old capitol city's translation into Kazakh is the word apple.

In 1999 according to the resolution of UNESCO Astana was awarded with a medal and the honourable title of "City of Peace"



Therefore Kazakhstan is nothing like Borat's fabled film and the world should know what a completely different world this developing nation really is.

Indeed Almaty the old capitol is also one of the most wonderful and beautiful cities that anyone could ever visit, with tree-lined and flowered mini-parks between city centre roads, it is a sheer joy to walk from street to street to the many modern shopping malls. Other major Kazakh cities such as Shymkent, Kyzylorda, Taraz and Karaganda are just as fascinating and filled full of modern and historical central Asian culture.

Indeed with over 50 cities to choose from there's a lot to learn about Kazakhstan and where the old 'silk' road' meets head on with a dynamic and ever-emerging nation

Kazakhstan is a truly extraordinary country !

The Diversity of Kazakhstan

From Space flight to mountain ranges and ski resorts to ultra modern cities, Kazakhstan can boast a diversity not seen in most countries,





Kazakh National Opera House



Kazakhstan is a multi-cultural society where old meets new. Kazakh Ballet and Opera are as good as anywhere in the world. Indeed, some of their musicians are internationally acclaimed and where sell-out concerts around the world are the norm. The traditional Kazakh guitar is a single or two string instrument and remarkable to witness and see. International touring groups from Russia and East Asia are a constant joy to see and witness. Culture is one of Kazakhstan's greatest assets and where the past (the silk road and the nomadic ways of life et al) and a modern society mingle as one.

Food is also a major part of Kazakhstan culture and all delicacies can be found from Japanese fish to Scottish salmon. Indeed, Kazakhstan offers all international dishes from their excellent and numerous restaurants and where westerners will not be disappointed.

Modern Travel Links in Astana and throughout Kazakhstan



Modern Rail System and the Night Sleeper make even travel in Kazakhstan comfortable when travelling over a 1,000 Kilometres at a time.



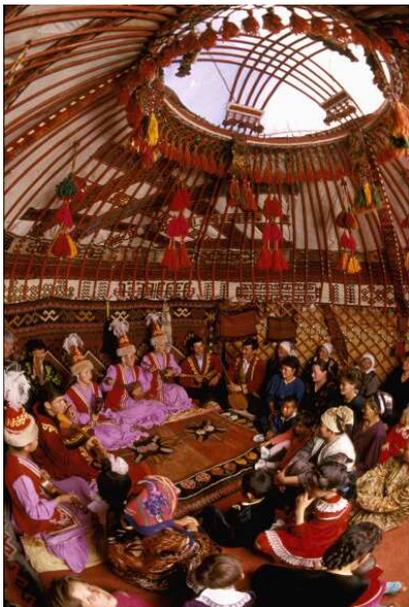
A Modern fleet of Aircraft make travel in Kazakhstan quick and comfortable.

Kazakhstan Culture

Kazakhstan has centuries of Eurasian culture, which blends well with the modern society of Kazakhstan.



A Kazakh Orchestra



Typical Kazakh Tent

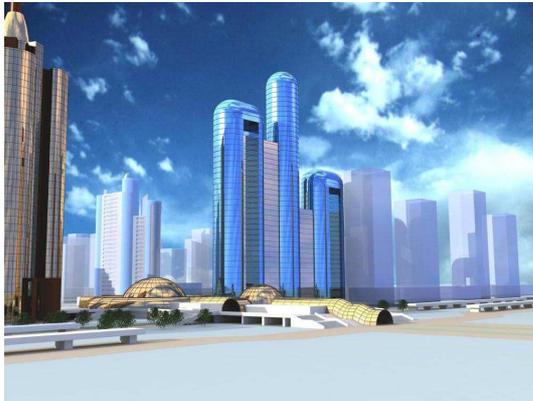


Kazakh Warrior Robes



West and East join together and Miss Kazakhstan is a testament of this Eurasian mix.

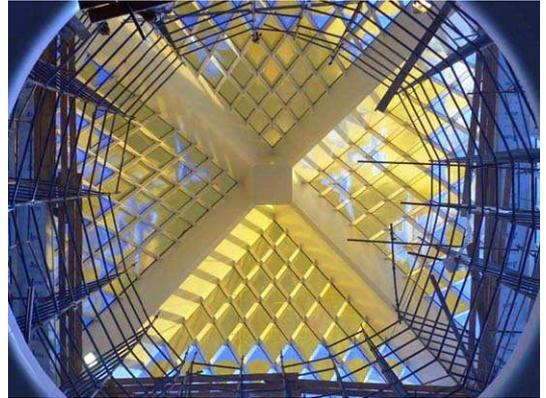
Examples of further Modern Buildings either under construction or planned for the future of Astana, the capitol of Kazakhstan



Many international architects are working in Kazakhstan. From the United Kingdom Sir Norman Foster Group, one of the world's top architects and where several major building have now been completed by this group alone. Further leading-edge buildings are being developed in Kazakhstan and principally in the capitol Astana – city of many worlds.



Interior of the Palace of Peace from the top



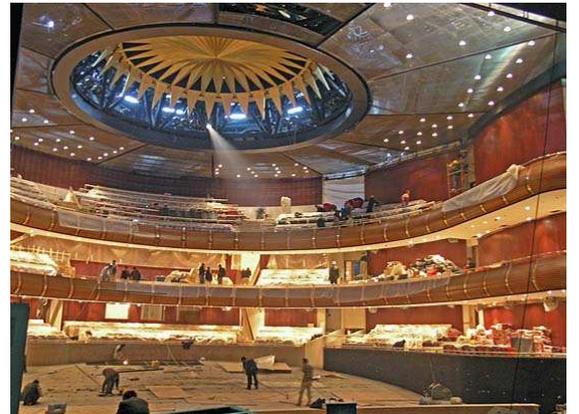
Interior of the Palace of Peace – the pinnacle



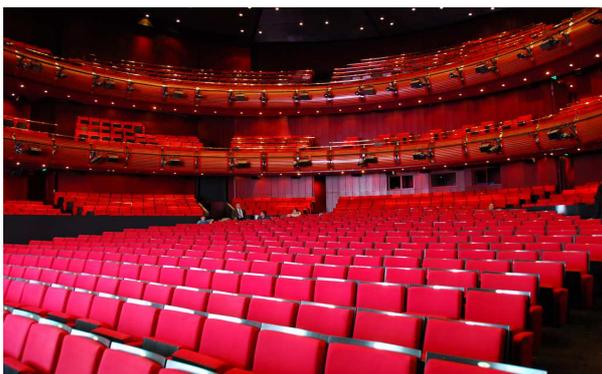
Interiors of the Palace of Peace with glazed doves of peace



Doves of the Palace of Peace



Interiors of the Palace of Peace (above and below)





Astana's Modern Buildings



Typical Astana by the River in the summertime

Religious Diversity and Tolerance in Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan is a modern, secular state promoting ethnic and religious diversity and tolerance and is home to more than 100 ethnic groups and more than 40 faiths. These include **Islam, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox, and other religions** coexisting in the Republic. Since its independence, Kazakhstan has hosted two international conferences that brought together secular and religious leaders to highlight religious freedom in Kazakhstan and promote world peace.



Palace of Peace

The 'Pyramid' Building, created by the President of Kazakhstan for all the religions of the world to gather and work in harmony for world peace.



Interiors at different levels of the Palace of Peace



The Palace of Independence Conference Centre capable of managing over 5,000 delegates



Interior of the Palace of Independence



Only three of Astana's Modern Glass Buildings

A small selection of Astana's present Modern Buildings



Typical quality Hotel Interior



Typical quality Hotel Bedroom



Typical Modern Hotel



Typical relaxed Atmosphere in Astana in the summertime



Panoramic view of part of Astana



Astana at Night



Astana's Crystal Tower



Further Modern Government Buildings



Modern Astana



Astana by the River Banks



Astana's ultra-Modern Hotels



Astana's Modern Shopping Centres



Ultra-Modern Shopping Centre and Bank



Typical Suburbia Astana



Central Astana at Night



Central Astana at Night(typical skyline view)



Astana's Modern Stadia (and where more are planned)



Modern Stadia under Construction



Modern Shopping Centres in Astana



Central Astana with fountain displays



Central Astana at Night



Central Astana at Night (the City's Emblem)



Central Astana at Night (with wonderful walks)



Central Astana at Night (Fountains are a sheer delight)



Central Astana at Night (nightlife is vibrant)



Central Astana at Night by the River



Central Astana at Night in the Winter



Part of Central Astana



A typical Suburban Astana Street



Astana at Night (in winter a marvel to see)



Astana at Night (by the River)



Central Astana at Night



Central Astana at Night



Astana at Night (by the river)



Hotel Interiors



Hotel Bedrooms



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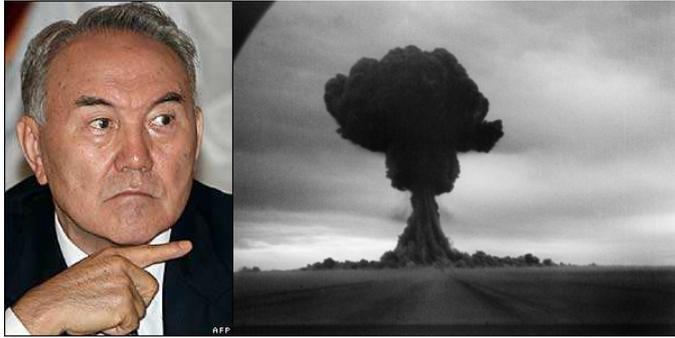
Modern Hotels



New 'fairy-tale' modern Structures (now complete)



Glass Structures



HE Dr. Nursultan Nazarbayev
The Man of Peace

One of the First things that he did when becoming President of Kazakhstan was to dismantle all the former USSR nuclear weapons that were on Kazakh soil and make Kazakhstan nuclear weapon free.

This was a statement of a ‘man of peace’.

The difference in Astana cannot be overstressed as the following pictures of the new capitol can only be seen as a remarkable achievement. In just ten years to this, is absolutely awe inspiring.



Modern Structures



New International Airport - Exterior



Interior



New Ministry Buildings



New Ministry Buildings



New 5* Hotels



New 5* Hotels

Kazakhstan in Perspective

The President and Republic of Kazakhstan has over a mere 10-years transformed its new capitol Astana into an ultra-modern city of the 'First Order'. Indeed, no one cannot fail to be impressed, as a mere decade ago the location of Astana had little to show. In this respect Astana was then little more than a windswept provincial town. Since then and to show the resolve and tenacity of the Kazakh people, a modern city has emerged that rivals the best in the world today. Indeed, given time Astana has the potential to be the No.1 ultra modern city in the world, for it is almost there already. With multi-storey blue glass skyline designed by Japan's finest architects, Astana is a sight to see.

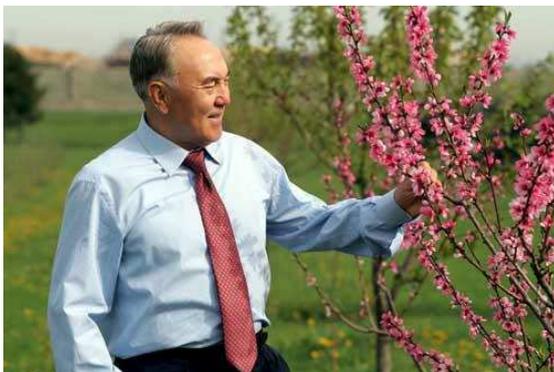
The Six Presidents in one. President



HE Dr. Nursultan Nazarbayev
The International Statesman



HE Dr. Nursultan Nazarbayev
The Man of Sport and Human Fitness



HE Dr. Nursultan Nazarbayev
The Environmentalist
Agent



HE Dr. Nursultan Nazarbayev
The Diplomat and Agent of Peace



HE Dr. Nursultan Nazarbayev
The Man of many talents,
not least, an accomplished Musician