

KRONSTADT: NAVAL BASE AND HISTORY OF RUSSIAN NAVY



Brief description:

Kronstadt is an early 18th-century foundation which became an important international centre of commerce whose trade role was eclipsed by the growth of its strategic significance in the ensuing centuries as the primary maritime defence outpost of the former Russian capital. It is now the port city in Kronshtadtsky District of the federal city of Saint Petersburg, Russia, located on Kotlin Island, 30 kilometers west of Saint Petersburg, near the head of the Gulf of Finland. It is linked to the former Russian capital by a combination levee-causeway-seagate, the St Petersburg Dam, part of the city's flood defences, which also acts as road access to Kotlin island from the mainland.



The main attraction: St. Nicholas Naval Cathedral

Морской собор святителя Николая Чудотворца — построенный последним, самый крупный из морских соборов Российской империи. Воздвигнут в 1903—1913 гг. в Кронштадте в неовизантийском стиле по проекту В. А. Косякова.

Как писал в 1910 г. сам Косяков: «С 1902 г. в г. Кронштадт производится постройка Морского Собора — памятника чинам флота, погибшим при исполнении служебного долга... Храм сооружается по высочайше одобренному проекту и во все время хода постройки является предметом особого внимания их императорских величеств».

Приход храма относится к Санкт-Петербургской епархии Русской православной церкви, располагается на территории Кронштадтского благочиннического округа. Настоятель собора — архимандрит Алексей.

С мая 2013 года считается главным храмом Военно-морского флота России и центром Военного округа Санкт-Петербургской епархии.



Kronstadt's forts

The forts of Kronstadt are defensive installations on the southern and northern side of the island of Kotlin, on which the Kronstadt fortress was built. What are forts? The word Fort comes from the Latin fortis and the French fort, which means strong and strong, and fortification is the strengthening and creation of fortifications.

Peter I for the first time realized the idea of building a fortress fortress, consisting of a core and additional fortifications in front of it - forts. Why were needed forts near the island of Kotlin? Russia fought for access to the sea and in order to securely block the path of the Swedish ships to the lands of the Neva Bay and St. Petersburg, Peter decided to further strengthen the defense of the Kronstadt fortress.

Starting from 1704 until the beginning of the 20th century, a chain of fortresses was built to protect St. Petersburg from the sea - the forts of Kronstadt, consisting of the 21st fortification, seventeen of which are located in the Gulf of Finland. These fortresses-islands towering among the water surface arouse particular interest among tourists





Kotlin

Также в честь острова Котлин, на котором расположен Кронштадт, был назван набирающий популярность язык программирования Kotlin. Язык был представлен общественности в июле 2011 года петербургской компанией JetBrains и ориентирован на разработку приложений на Android.

1. How can you characterize
Kronstadt city?

- A. Port city
- B. Metropolis
- C. Fortress
- D. Northern capital

2. What is the main attraction of Kronstadt?

- A. The main street of the city
- B. Forts
- C. St. Nicholas Naval Cathedral

3. How many forts
near Kronstadt?

A. 17

B. 21

C. 25