

# Khortytsya Island

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Khortytsya National Reserve - is not just the largest island on the Dnieper, but the unique natural and historical complex. The uniqueness of this place is widely recognized in 2007 Khortytsya was named one of the "Seven Wonders of Ukraine".



- National Reserve " Khortytsya " - research and recreational and educational institution that provides protection of historical, cultural and natural objects, collects, studies, preserves and promotes the interest associated with the history of Zaporizhzhya Cossacks



- Khortytsya Island - the largest island on the Dnipro River (length 12.5 km, maximum width - up to 2.5 km). This is the only comprehensive historical, cultural and natural attractions covering the period from the Mesolithic to the XX century. Reserve "Khortytsya" listed in the State Register of Monuments of Ukraine. On its territory there are 63 archaeological and historical monuments, 33 of which are put on public record



- Every year, Khortytsya on average almost 200 thousand visitors, including more than 100 000 - School-aged children. This suggests that Khortytsya is one of the most interesting tourist sites in Ukraine.

On the territory of the museum you'll see ruins of genuine defensive walls, life items, coins, weapon, and cannons while granitic plates are to make you feel moving along the cave. Ancient barrows, Scythian plates, stone sculptures in the open-air are performed in the most delicate and unobtrusive way as if no one touched it all before. Guide signs on the island are there to find your bearings on the ground. .





On Khortytsia you might see exotic plants, centuries-old trees, a centenary wild pear, old oaks, Tatar maples, black and silver poplars, pine forests, all together to compose more than 960 species. In gullies mainly you are going to meet more than 30 species of wild animals and 120 species of birds, including roes, wild boars, foxes, mooses, kites, herons, turtles and the others.





- The Island of Khortytsia is peculiar in that all the different types of Ukrainian landscape are represented here — from steppes to mountains. In the steep banks, stows, and marsh soils 1,052 species of higher plants grow, 657 of which are wild-growing and aboriginal to the area, 41 relicts species, the remnants of primordial times and endemics, plants that spread over small areas.



Despite the fact that the Island is practically located in the centre of a city with the population of almost 1 million people, 4 species of amphibians, 7 species of reptiles, 140 species of birds, and 18 species of mammals are recorded as inhabiting the Island. Arthropods are represented by 165 different species, 11 of which are on the endangered species list of Ukraine.

