KAZAKHSTAN



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Quick Facts

- Became independent on 16th of December 1991
- Capital: Astana
- 9th largest country in the world
- Largest city: Almaty (1.6 million people)
- Official languages: Kazakh 1st and Russian 2nd
- Ethnic groups: Kazakh (63.1%), Russian (23.7%), German (1.1%)
- Population: 16 million people

History and Culture of Kazakhs

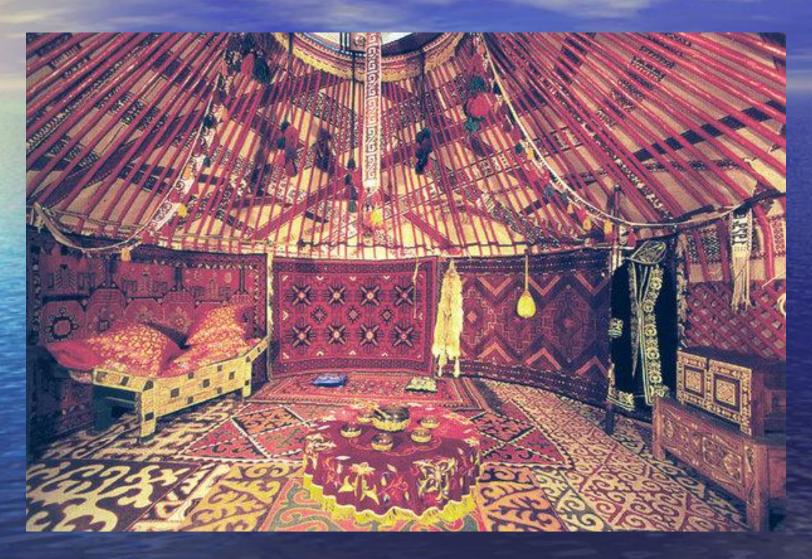


- Territory was inhabited from stone age by nomadic tribes
- Served as a transition zone for Silk Way, connecting East and West
- Distinct group emerged in 16th century, lead by Janibek and Gerei
- It is called "Altyn Adam" which means "Golden man". It is costume of ancient warrior. It was found in 1969 in South part of Kazakhstan (V-VI a.d.)

Horse riding skills



Interior of Kazakh yurt





Kazakh bride and groom



Kazakh bride and her sisters-in-l aw

Qusbegi – eagle hunters



National dish "Beshbarmak"



Music Instrument



- Dombra
 - Kobyz



Beauty of Kazakhstan



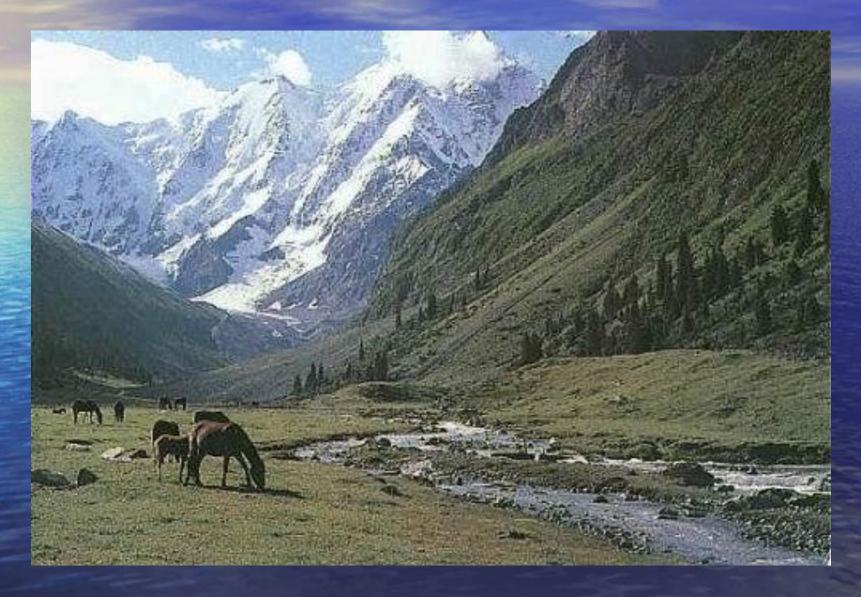
Landscape



Sharyn canyon



Mountains of Ala-Tau



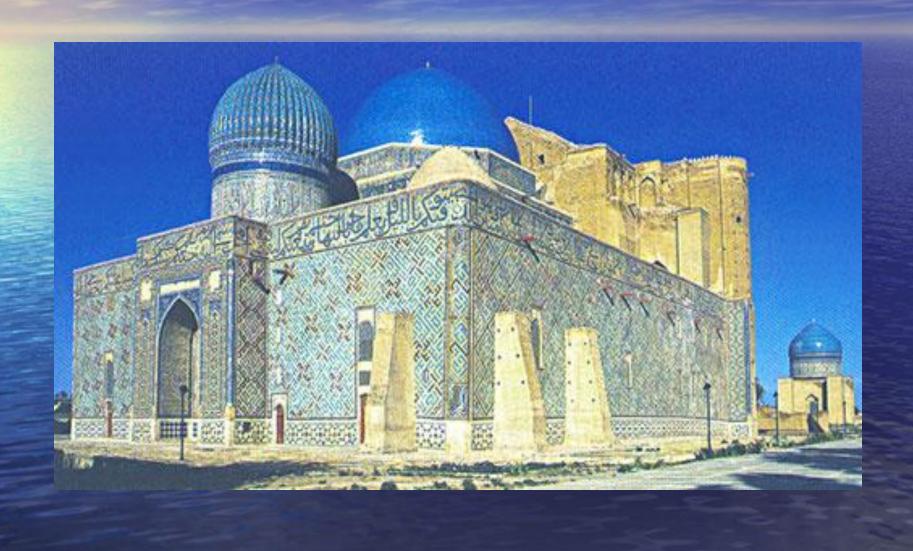
The best place of wilderness.



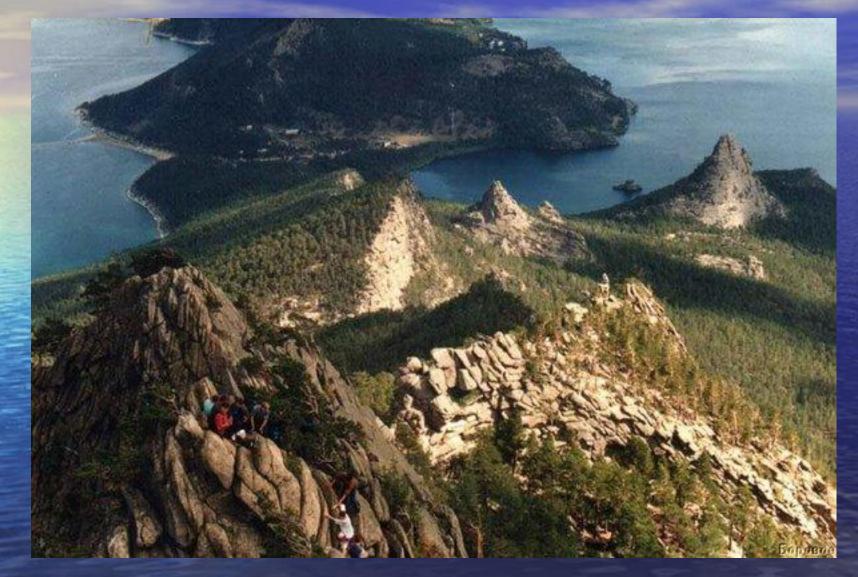
Beautiful mountains



14-century mausoleum of the Sufi preacher Qoja Ahmet Yassawi in the city of Türkistan



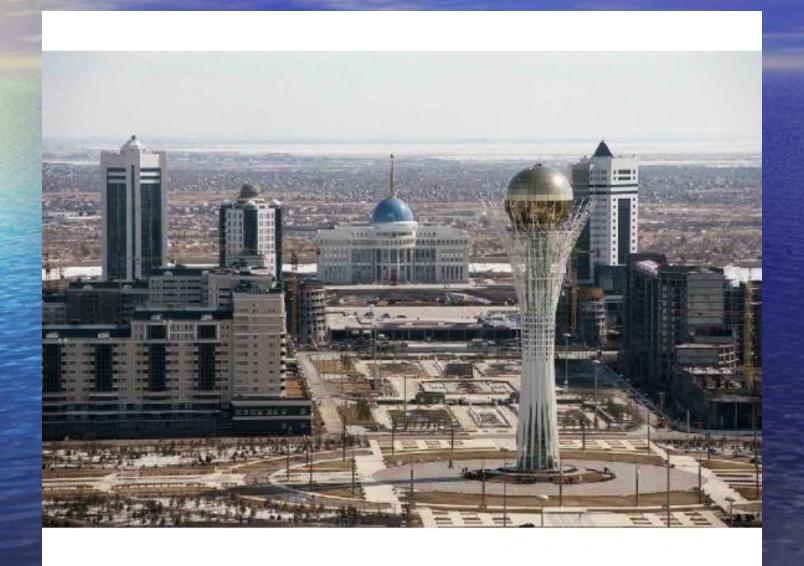
Burabay resort



Birch forest



Astana – capital since 1998



Bayterek tower





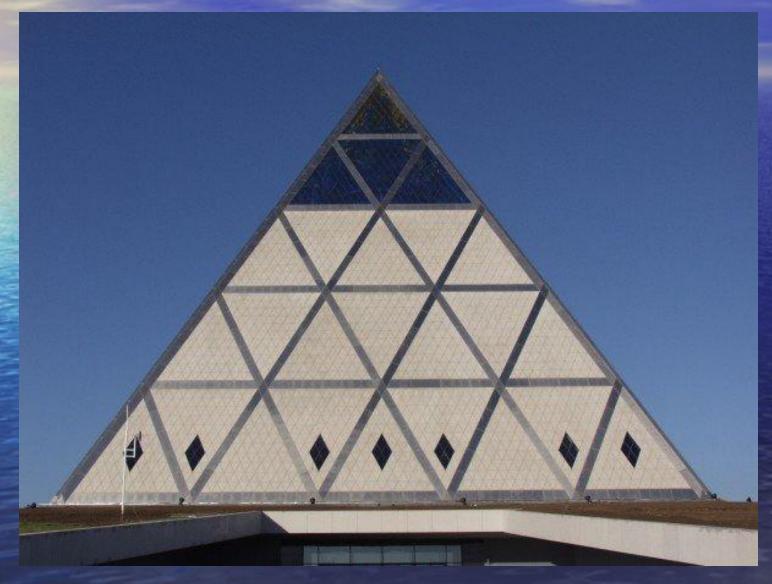
Population:802,980 people



Triumph of Astana



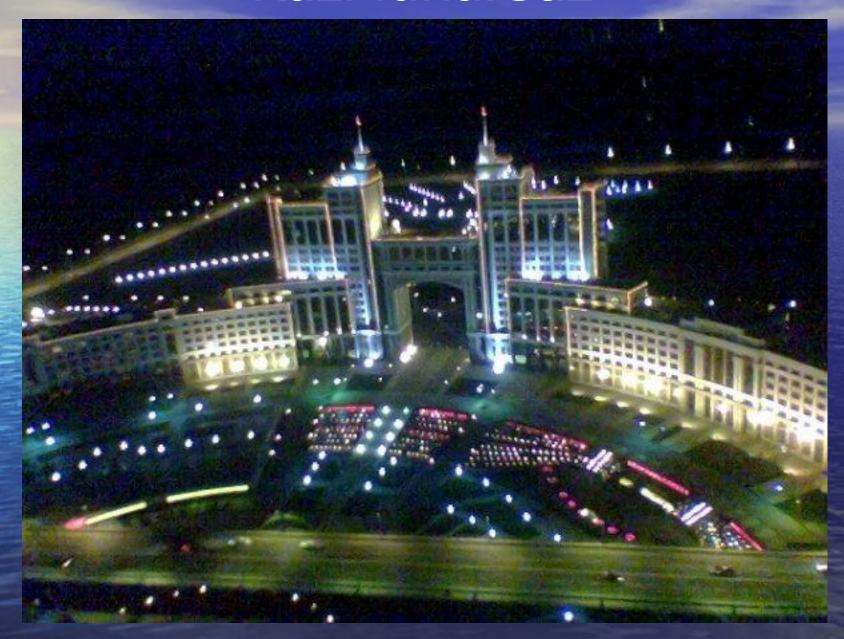
Pyramid of peace



Banks of Esil river in Astana



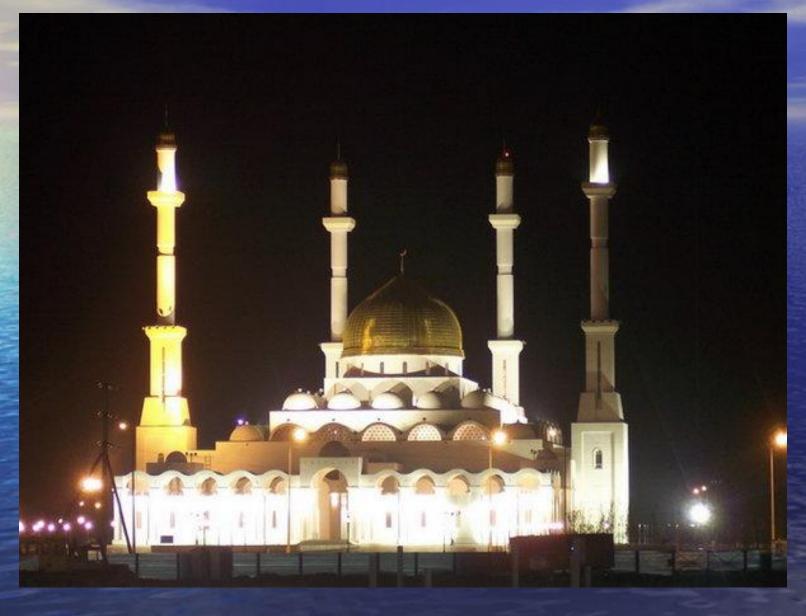
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Circus



Main mosque



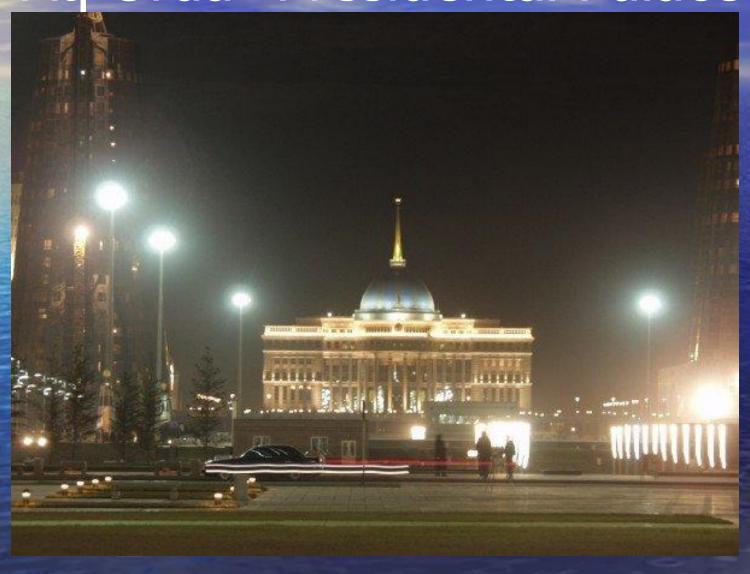
Almaty city



Mosque in Almaty







Zenkov Church



- Located in Panfilov Park
- Was built around 1907
- It is all wood and originally was built without any nails

Almaty is going to hold 2014 Asian Winter Olympic Games



Spaceship station - Baykonur



Launching of Kazakh Satellite (KazSat)



Kazakh pride

Monument of 'Three famous "bii" '



Kazakh sports







Our respect for the elders...



Kazakh hero girls in World War II



- Decision from August 28 1941, during World War II, a lot of Germans were deported from Russia to Kazakhstan and other Central Asian Countries
- In 1979 there were 900,000 German people living in Kazakhstan the largest population of Germans compared to other USSR countries

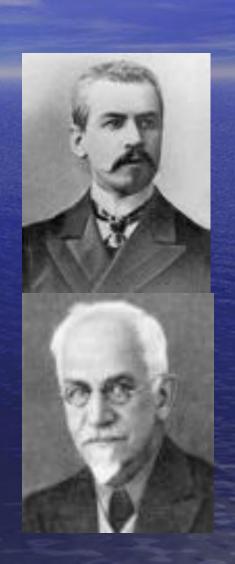
- After collapse of Soviet Union a lot of Germans migrated back to historical motherland -Germany
- In 1995 there were 502,500 Germans, or 3.2% of population
- Now this number is about 176,000 people, or 1.1% of population
- In 2003 massive migration stopped and some families even came back

- October 29th 1992 first German conference
 - Creation of the German Cultural Society "Vozrojdenie" (Revival)
- June 25th 1995 second German conference
 - Creation of Council of Germans in Kazakhstan
- Kazakh-German Goethe University, was created in 1994 in cooperation with German government
 - It is one of the largest ethnical universities in Central Asia, with branches all over Eurasia



Schmidt Alexander E.

- My grand grandfather
- Was born in Astrakhan March 12th 1871
- Soviet scientist, orientalist-arabist
- He was fluent in 14 languages (English, German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Latin, Greek, Ancient Hebrew and New Hebrew, Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Uzbek)
- Was teaching professor in St. Petersburg, Moscow and Tashkent Universities (Uzbekistan, were he became a rector of the University)



German people became a very important part of Soviet Union Countries, with their rich culture and traditions integrated in the cultural mix of post Soviet countries



