

Petrozavodsk

Petrozavodsk is the capital city of the Republic of Karelia, Russia.

It is standing on the shores of Lake Onega.

The population of Petrozavodsk is about 275,000 (2015), the area - 135 sq. km.

The City Day in Petrozavodsk is celebrated on the last Saturday of June, in honor of the liberation of the city from the Finnish army during the Second World War. Kukkovka hill (193 meters) is the highest point in the city.

The climate of Petrozavodsk city area is continental, with some features of marine climate. Winters are long and mild, summers are short and cool. The average temperature in January is minus 9.3 degrees Celsius, in July - plus 17 degrees Celsius.

The population of the city consists mainly of Russians (86.7% in 2010). Besides, there are Karels (about 20% of all Karels reside in the city, 4%), Finns (1.8%), and Veps (over 50% of all Veps of Karelia and 25% of all Veps of Russia reside in the city, 1%). In general people of about 50 nationalities live in Petrozavodsk.

The local industry is represented by engineering and metalworking, forestry and wood processing, stone processing, construction, food, light and printing industries.

Petrozavodsk is located about 1028 km north of Moscow, 428 km north-east of St. Petersburg, about 350 km east of Finland by roads. The federal highway E105 M18 "Kola" (St. Petersburg - Murmansk - Norway) passes through the city. It is also a large railway hub (to St. Petersburg, Murmansk, Sortavala, Kostomuksha).

The airport of Petrozavodsk is located 12 km north-east of the city. Flights to Moscow and St. Petersburg are available.

Kizhi Island, located 68 km away from the city, is a must-see once you find yourself in Petrozavodsk. The famous Kizhi church ensemble can be found here, a real masterpiece of wooden architecture of the 18th and 19th centuries, which is protected by UNESCO. All parts of this ensemble reflect the mastery and skill of ancient Russian wood architects. The central point of this ensemble is Preobrazhenskaya Church, constructed with an axe without a single nail.

MY FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY

My most favorite place in the town is harbor.

I believe it is the most beautiful place in the town.

On the harbor, there are many monuments and sculptures.

One of the statues, is Monument to Peter the Great, who was the founder of the city.

Sculpture of fisherman's from twin city of Duluth (Minnesota, USA), started gallery of sculptures in Petrozavodsk. It has been installed back in 1991, by Raphael Consuegra. Sculpture depicts

two fishermen. One is Russian and another is American and together they are throwing netting in the water, It Symbolizes joint labor.

Because of this, harbor is most popular place to visit in Petrozavodsk, here you can view most beautiful sunrises at the morning and night lights on the street during the night.