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1. Geographical location

Vladivostok is the capital and administrative center of Primorsky Krai, Russia. It is located in the Far East Russia at the head of Zolotoy Rog (Golden Horn Bay) that is on the western peninsula separating the Ussuri and Amur bays on the Sea of Japan. This area is a few kilometers from the North Korea and China's border. It is the last station of the Trans-Siberian railway and is home to about 606,500 residents. Covering a total area of 331 kilometers squared ((127.86 sq miles), the city stretches approximately 30 Km from north to south and 12 km from east to west. The highest point in the city is Mount Kholodilnik which stands at an elevation of l257 meters (843 ft) above sea level which is often confused with Eagle's Nest Hill that is 199 meters hence the highest in the downtown area but not in the whole city. The city's average elevation is approximately 81.29 Meters (266.71 Feet) above sea level.

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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Vladivostok Being The Largest City In Primorsky Krai Has A Good Transport Linkage To The Neighboring Cities And Towns. Airport Of Vladivostok Receives International Flights Especially From China And North Korea. Seoul (754km) And Tokyo (1061 Km) Are Much Closer To Vladivostok Than Moscow Which Is 6416 Km (flying Distance) Away. Other Cities And Towns Closer To Vladivostok Include Trudovoye (36 Km), Russkiy (34.8 Km), Partizansk (170.6 Km) And Dongning In China Which Is 125.4 Km Away.



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3. Significance

Proximity to the Pacific has made Vladivostok the home port of the Russian Pacific Fleet. The city's commercial port is the largest in the country on the Pacific and much of the economy depends on the trade and business activities such as shipping and commercial fishing concentrated on the harbors. Mainly a port city, Vladivostok is also the eastern terminus of the Trans-Siberian Railway. The city holds its own charm as a major tourist destination as well. Though not as fascinating as the other magnificent Russian cities, Vladivostok has some of the great architectural marvels of the past eras like anywhere else in Russia.



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4. History

Vladivostok's historical timeline is heavily influenced by the Chinese. This was due to the fact that a number of ancient settlements that set foot in Vladivostok belonged to the country. Later on of course, the area of Vladivostok was given up by China and handed over to the Russians as part of the Treaty of Aigun of 1858 and the Treaty of Peking of 1860. After the treaties were agreed and signed upon, Vladivostok was taken into the Russian empire and it was an important territory for Russia because the city was built so that it could serve as Russia's naval presence in the Pacific Ocean and aid in increasing Russia's grip on the eastern portion of its empire.

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5. Cultural identity

As is the case with the Russians, Vladivostok's culture is also deeply rooted in music, arts, ballet, museums and theater. Depending on what the preference is, Vladivostok has ample cultural wealth in different forms to keep travelers interested and enchanted. The city is also blessed with huge green expanses in the shape of parks and squares. Overall, there is a lineup of iconic places which a tourist can visit in order to get up-close and personal with the cultural bearings of Vladivostok. To list some of the cultural highlights: Vladivostok Pops Orchestra, Arsenyev Primorye Museum, Maxim Gorky Academic Theater, Russian Opera House and Pokrovskiy Park.

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6. Natural resources

It has a large deposit of natural resources such as oil, natural gas, coal, slate, uranium ore, etc. It also has a reserve of salt, gypsum, clay, rocks, chalk, bauxite, manganese, uranium, lignite, coal, natural gas, petroleum, silica, hydropower, metals, manganese, iron ore, oil, coal, zinc, tin, limestone and salt. It is a home to various species of flora and fauna. It occupies a leading position in the world wood provision. It is a land of wild mushrooms, berries, herbs, wetlands and

meadows.

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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Memorialnaya Gvardeyskaya Krasnoznamyonnaya podvodnaya lodka S-56

Standing as a major part of Vladivostok's celebrated history, this museum is an abode to the glorious vessel as well as an image of how the submarine's crew fought storms, repelled torpedo attacks, and found its way through heat and cold to aid the Northern fleet. Browse through the separate rooms for each of the submarine's sections with their original expositions.

Address : Korabelnaya nab., Vladivostok, Primorskiy kray, Russia, 690091

Zipcode: 690091

Location: 43.113327199999, 131.891593699999

Contact: +74232225170

Nearest Public Transport : Lazo St Bus Station Entry Fee : 100 RUB 50 RUB for using camera Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required: 1.5

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

7.1.2. Vladivostok Funicular

Hop on this 60-second fun-filled ride leading you to the top of the 100-meter Orlinaya (Eagle) Hill rewarding you with breath-taking views of the Zolotoy Rog (Goldern Horn) Bay. Also renowned as the 'Ladder of the Health', it has turned into a popular tourist attraction despite the short length of the route.

Address: Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia, 690091

Zipcode: 690091

Location: 43.1174118, 131.900240899999

Nearest Public Transport : DVGTU Bus Station

Entry Fee: 10 RUB

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

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Buy Ticket: No

7.1.3. Voroshilov Battery

Thronged by thousands of naval history aficionados all around the year, Voroshilovskaya Batareya Museum is an abode to the Voroshilov Battery that served as a reliable defense of Russian Far Eastern borders till 1997. Browse through the historical artifacts comprising of 20th-century maps, portraits of the commanders, photos, as well as shell samples. Explore the battery from inside and explore its dungeons and passages to perceive what a daunting force it used to be at that time.

Address : Русский, о. Русский, Владивосток, Primorsky Krai, Russia, 690000

Zipcode : 690000

Location: 43.1144009, 131.900995999999

Contact: +74232225170

Website: http://museumtof.ru/

Nearest Public Transport: Vladivostok Railway Station

Entry Fee: 100 RUB

Open & Close Timing: Wednesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Closed on

Monday and Tuesday

Time Required: 2

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

7.1.4. Vladivostok Fortress

A recognized wonder of Russian fortification art, the Vladivostok Fortress has several sites perched on the hills, at rock's bottom as well as at the seashore. Being a part of city's most visited attractions, this citadel was built at the turn of 19th-20th centuries and is considered one of the most powerful naval fortresses in the world. If military science and history of this alluring seaside city pique you, then head to this fortress and also take back home some amazing clicks.

Address : Batareynaya ul., 4 A, Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia, 690091

Zipcode: 690091

Location: 43.1217380999999, 131.875986199999

Contact: +74232400896

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Website: http://www.vladfort.ru/

Nearest Public Transport : Semyonovskaya Bus Station

Entry Fee: 120 RUB

Open & Close Timing : Summer: Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Winter: Daily

10:00hrs-17:00hrs Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time: 20 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.5. Muzey Avtomotostariny

If you are a car aficionado, then this is the place for you. The Antique Automobile Museum is an abode to automobiles as well as motorcycles dating back from the 1930s to 1970s. Don't miss out on the major highlight being the 1948 M&M-green GAZ-20 'Pobeda' (Victory). Browse through the 8 decades of time traveling cars and hundreds of engineering drawings, tucker parts, and numerous experimental engines.

Address : Sakhalinskaya St., 2A, Vladivostok 690080, Russia

Zipcode: 690080

Location: 43.2639725, 132.0273886

Contact: +74232212477

Website: http://www.automotomuseum.vl.ru/

Nearest Public Transport : Sakhalinskaya Bus Station

Entry Fee: 100 RUB

Open & Close Timing: Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required: 1.5

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Zolotoy Rog

The Zolotoy Rog, also known as the Golden Horn, splits the city in half and is a secluded horn-shaped bay in the Sea of Japan. Spanning 7 kilometers in length and 2 kilometers in width, it is 20-27 meters deep commanding breath-taking views and stands as the most beautiful place in the city. The alluring blue stripe of the bay attracts visitors and has turned into a major tourist attraction.

Address: Zolotoy Rog Bay, 690012

Zipcode : 690012

Location: 43.108332999999, 131.898610999999

Nearest Public Transport: Prichalnaya Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Popov Island

Labeled as one of the largest and most picturesque islands, Popov Island is renowned for its underwater landscape, clear view beaches, and unimaginable rocky capes jam-packed with guesthouses and dachas. Head here with your better half and take in the alluring views of the gulf along with the numerous islands and if you are a sports lover, you may try Scuba Diving as well. Don't miss out on the motley carpet of sea stars that enfold the seashore.

Address : Popova Primorsky Krai Russia 690922

Zipcode: 690922

Location : 42.9655555999999, 131.7302778 Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Lazurnaya Bay

Adorned with picturesque sandy beach, healing air, stunning sea landscapes, and developed infrastructure, Lazurnaya Bay bags the tag of being the most popular recreation areas for the locals as well as tourists of Vladivostok. With the

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traditional name of "Shamora", which means sandy desert, this is among the most romantic sights of the Primorsky Krai and thronged by visitors all year round. Set on a sailing trip from here or admire the underwater beauty by diving or underwater walks, whereas during winter, you may also enjoy snowboarding, skiing, and other sports at the winter resort.

Address : Lazurnaya Bay, 690108

Zipcode: 690108

Location: 43.1953995, 132.1144928

Nearest Public Transport : Bukhta Lazurnaya Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Lighthouse Egersheld

Discovered in 1876, Lighthouse Egersheld stands among the oldest lighthouses in the Far East and rewards you with breathtaking views. It has served as not only the main indicator for seamen who enter Vladivostok's port but also as one of the key attractions for tourists visiting the city. This is the city's uttermost southern point and the 750-meter long spit is artificially raised.

Address: Tokarevsky Cape, Vladivostok 690065, Russia

Zipcode: 690065

Location: 43.0731352, 131.8431776

Website: http://exploreprimorye.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Krygina Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Svetlanskaya Street

Renowned as the main street of the city, Svetlanskaya Street was formerly known as Amerikanskaya Street in the days of 1873. Jam-packed with wooden edifices and tram transportations right in the middle of the street, it is thronged by tourists and makes for an amazing photography backdrop. With many shops and restaurants in the ruffle of new and old constructions makes it an interesting

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place to visit while in Vladivostok.

Address : Svetlanskaya Street, Vladivostok, Russia, 690000

Zipcode : 690000

Location: 43.115037, 131.907940599999

Nearest Public Transport : Tsirk Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Tsesarevich Embankment

Head for a romantic stroll at the Tsesarevich Embankment which is a 19th-century civil engineering work jam-packed with famous restaurants, cafés, and holiday markets. Rewarding you with a pleasant view, thanks to the stunning sea next to it, and amazing climate, it makes for a wonderful venue for events, strolling as well as shopping.

Address: Dalzavodskaya St., Vladivostok, Russia, 690001

Zipcode : 690001

Location: 43.1130788, 131.901127399999

Contact: +789147911588

Nearest Public Transport : Dalzavod Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Central Square

In the middle of hustle and bustle, Central Square stands as a common meeting place for locals and a tourist hotspot as well as a venue for any major events going on in the city. It is an intersection of 2 streets and features numerous monuments of fighters and army men. The Monument to the Fighters for Soviet Power, among the renowned identifiable structures of the city, stands right in the heart of the square. Encircled by an urban garden, there is also an open-air fish market which is definitely worth visiting coupled with a range of cafés and shops.

Address : Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, Russia, 690091

Zipcode: 690091

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Location: 43.1152496, 131.8851224

Nearest Public Transport: Tsentr Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Clover House Shopping Center

Renowned as the largest shopping destination in the city, this 4-storied structure has options for shopping, leisure, and entertainment, and plus there is also a lineup of cafes and restaurants where one can go to grab a bite after enjoying a day of retail therapy.

Address: Semenovskaya ul., 15, Vladivostok, Primorskiy kray, Russia, 690091

Zipcode: 690091

Location: 43.1188826, 131.883907799999

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Vladivostok GUM

Russia's signature departmental store has solid presence and value in the shopping scenery of Vladivostok. Enjoy a wholesome shopping experience when you set foot into this all-in-one single-stop shopping destination. Be it fashion or electronics, this store location has goods galore!

Address: Svetlanskaya St, 33, Vladivostok, Primorskiy kray, Russia, 690091

Zipcode : 690091

Location: 43.1155745, 131.887418799999

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Nostalgiya

Want to shop for local handicrafts and wonderful art pieces? This place is synonymous for its collection of handicrafts and artistry and what's more, most of the stuff is affordably priced!

Address : 1-ya Morskaya ul., 6/25, Vladivostok, Primorskiy kray, Russia, 690090

Zipcode: 690090

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Location: 43.112754, 131.877885

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No





8. Time Zone

Vladivostok follows Vladivostok Time Zone with UTC + 10 hours.



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