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ZAPORIZHZHIA - A CITY OF RESILIENCE AND INDUSTRIAL CHALLENGES

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Transportation

The city’s infrastructure was a key advantage for the region. Before Russia’s full-scale invasion, Zaporizhzhia possessed a modern and convenient international airport that connected the city to various international destinations. Within the urban area, movement is facilitated by one of the longest main streets in Europe. Additionally, the Dnipro Dam (HES) remains a vital engineering landmark and a crucial part of the city's transport network.

Location

Zaporizhzhia is strategically situated in south-eastern Ukraine along the banks of the Dnipro River. This location offers a unique blend of historical heritage and dramatic river landscapes. The granite cliffs and the wild beauty of the Dnipro River, especially within the Khortytsia National Reserve, have always been the city's greatest natural treasures.

Facilities

The city offers a diverse range of facilities for residents and visitors.

Historical and natural sites: despite the heavy industrial presence, the city offered opportunities for nature lovers to enjoy kayaking trips around the islands or yacht cruises.

Architectural heritage: many visitors were drawn to the "Socialist Modernism" of the Sotsmisto district (the Sixth Settlement), which features futuristic motifs of early 20th-century urban planning.

Grand architecture: the city centre is famous for its grand buildings in the Stalinist Empire style, giving the main avenues a monumental atmosphere.

Weather

The local climate features distinct seasonal changes. Residents experience hot, dry summers and moderate, snowy winters.

Trade & Industry

Zaporizhzhia is a major industrial hub, home to world-renowned enterprises such as “Motor Sich,” various metallurgical plants, and the “ZAZ automobile factory”. While these facilities are central to the economy, their presence poses a significant threat to public health. The high level of pollution remains a critical issue for the local population. Consequently, there is a strong desire for a future where environmental protection laws are strictly enforced, and industrial plants finally install effective air and water filtration systems to protect both the environment and the people.