



The City of Taganrog

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Business in Taganrog

The City of Taganrog is the leading industrial center of the Rostov Oblast. Local industries include aerospace, machine-building, automobile, metallurgy, engineering, steel and iron industry, metal traders and processors, timber, woodwork, pulp and paper, food, light, chemical and industry of construction materials.

Taganrog's plants and factories have a significant place in the Russian market. City industry is the leading in the overall regional export trade, with Tagmet and Krasny Kotelschik plants being the largest exporters. More than 31,000 people are engaged in small business.

The area around Taganrog has a great industrial potential, a diversified agricultural industry, production plants and a modern infrastructure. The location of Taganrog on the intersection of traffic routes and the seaport facilitate access to the emerging CIS markets.

Investor Information

Conveniently located on the shore of Azov Sea, foreign direct investment into Taganrog assures optimal access to Russian, CIS and Asian markets. The City boasts a highly skilled workforce operating in fair and friendly business environment with low taxes and an excellent infrastructure.

Taganrog has many amenities for international companies: large transport centers, political stability, considerable industrial potential, developed banking system, existing transit traffic flow from the European part of Russia to Europe, Asia, and North Africa, with the Pan-European Transport Corridor IX, approved by European Community as the priority North-South route, goes through Taganrog.

The local government of Taganrog is committed to the creation of an attractive investment environment through the local investment laws, taxation incentives and for-

eign investors' protection. For more information on this - go to our web site at www.taganrogcity.com.

Foreign Relations

Taganrog has Sister City relationships and Partnership City relationships in Germany (Lüdenscheid und Badenweiler), Bulgaria (Cherven Bryag), Ukraine (Mariupol) and Netherlands (Vlissingen). The goal of the Sister City and Partnership City programs is to promote the City of Taganrog abroad through business, cultural, and educational exchanges. The program focuses on promoting economic ties while strengthening cultural understanding. By building friendships between the people and governments of Taganrog and our Sister Cities, we educate our children about the world and its diverse people, we strengthen our economies through business alliances, and we promote nation-building through city-to-city exchanges.

The City is also an active member of the International Black Sea Club (IBSC), currently presiding the IBSC Business Council. These and other international relations are the result of mutual cooperation in economy, science, culture and other areas.

Visiting Taganrog

Peter the Great founded the fortress and port city of Taganrog in 1698. Its rise and development are closely connected with the great and dramatic history of the Russian Empire, with its century-long struggle for the access to southern seas. Here for the first time, fireworks in honor of Azov Russian Navy's victories took place, that Navy being created by Peter the Great. And as "The Birthplace of Anton Chekhov," Taganrog offers remarkable sites dedicated to childhood and youth of the Russian playwright and short-story writer.

Taganrog does not resemble other seaside towns by the very fact that its location

is not in a quiet harbor, but on a hill. The town is open to every wind - both from steppe or sea. In the wide, beam-like streets running down from the former fortress straight to the steppe distances, and in green shadowy boulevard alleys accompanying them, in the architectural image of the houses which unite the classical strictness with the baroque magnificence, in all this something new, wayward, southern and peculiar can be witnessed. In spite of the fact that the city has already celebrated its 306th anniversary and went through the industrial construction epoch, it has preserved its unique layout and monuments of history and architecture. To a large extent it is due to the Great Russian writer Anton Pavlovich Chekhov who was born and lived here. Everything is sanctified by the reminder of him in the city: the small house where he was born, the high school where he studied, his father's shop where he had to serve, and, of course, those quiet streets, mansions which today are associated with the past.

Now Taganrog is an important research, cultural and industrial center in Southern Russia. It has a vast network of educational establishments, ranging from Radio Engineering University and Teachers Training College to technical and vocational lyceums and high schools. Apart from that, it is a city situated in a resort area as to its climate, which allows one to take a splendid rest here.

History can be found around almost every bend in Taganrog. The memorial theater, Chekhov library, several museums, such as Chekhov House, Literary Museum, Durov Museum, Art Museum and other stand as hallmarks of the Russian culture. Taganrog is a native city of Anton Chekhov; names of Alexander Pushkin, Pyotr Tchaikovsky, Faina Ranevskaya, Konstantin Paustovsky, Ivan Vasilenko, Victor Bregeda, Konstantin Savitski and many other famous artists are brought in mind when Taganrog is named. □