

Sightseeing in Ozersk

Despite being an industrial town Ozersk has quite a lot of places of interest waiting to be discovered. Let's make a tour of this small Ural town.

While visiting Ozersk there are really a lot of attractions to choose from. Most offer history, patriotism, emotion, wonderful scenery.

The monument to the founders of Ozersk

This monument was completed in 1988. The sculptor is A.S. Gilev. The monument is located in Komsomolskaya Square.

You can see a statue of Prometheus with a torch in his hand on the top of the monument.

The monument is dedicated to the builders, the first generation of MAYAK's workers and military units whose work during the first years of the town was self-sacrificing.

The monument to I.V. Kurchatov

In fact, Ozersk is a town of science and scientists. First of all, we associate the history of our town with the name of an outstanding physicist I.V.Kurchatov. I.V.Kurchatov headed the work in creation of nuclear weapons and led the team which produced plutonium for Soviet nuclear weapons.

Symbolically, the most important monument of the town is the monument to I.V.Kurchatov in Kurchatov Square. The sculptor is A.S. Gilev.

It attracts and inspires the residents and visitors of Ozersk because that great man was an outstanding Soviet physicist, a statesman, a great patriot of our country, three times the Hero of Socialist Labour.

Eternal Flame

The memorial "Eternal flame" was completed on the 28th of October 1968. The architect is K.S. Zaikin. The monument bears an inscription: «Eternal glory to the Motherland's defenders».

The eternal flame burns in the memory of military casualties of the Civil War and the Great Patriotic War.

Besides, in 2000 the names of young men who perished during the military actions in Afganistan and Chechnya were carved on the plates.



Every year on Victory Day people come to this monument to commemorate the soldiers who died in battle, lay wreaths of flowers at it and pay their respect to the veterans. Parades are also held in front of the monument.

The monument to Victory

The monument to Victory by the sculptor A.P.Kudryavtsev is located on the bank of Lake Irtyash in Naberezhnaya Street. It was opened in 2000 to mark the 55th anniversary of the great victory over fascism. The monument is a figure of a beautiful woman holding a baby on her lap. In her right hand she has a huge sword that symbolizes the military power of Russia. The child is a symbol of world peace.

On the 9th of May many people choose to come to the monument and bring flowers. Then at 7 p.m there's a one-minute silence. It's the site where people stop and think quietly about the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice – gave their lives for other people.



Ozersk is a well designed town. Straight streets, wide avenues, spacious parks, magnificent embankments of the lakes create the unique appearance of Ozersk.

The oldest street is **Lenin Street**.

The street will lead you to the local drama theatre “Our Home”. The building is modelled after a classical Greek temple.

The choice of performances can satisfy any taste. Not only classic performances and plays but also a great number of modern musicals and children's shows are staged in the theatre.



The widest and the most popular street in our town is **Karl Marx Avenue**. You can find different shops with just anything to buy there.

A big fountain is the main attraction for children and their parents, just the place to sit and relax on a hot summer day.



But the most fascinating is **Pushkin Street**. During the spring time it is full of stunning apple blossoms. It is a great time to visit and admire it.

Ozersk is famous for its picturesque scenery as it is surrounded by gorgeous lakes and forests.



The embankment

There is a wonderful embankment on the bank of Lake Irtyash. It was constructed a couple of years ago and it has become the favourite site of the people living in Ozersk. It is not surprising as it provides one of the best views of Ozersk surroundings.



Ozersk Park of Culture and Recreation

The park is located on the picturesque coast of Lake Irtyash. Whether you enjoy spending time



outdoors or want to raise your fitness levels, here are some suggestions for walking, jogging, rollerblading, cycling, boating, yachting and a thoroughly good day out. Take in the beautiful, relaxing surroundings of the park with free entrance. The park offers many exclusive events and openings throughout the year including national holidays e.g. Maslenitsa.

The Rotunda

Ozersk features some outstanding scenery with the famous Rotunda which has really become a symbol of the town. At sunrise and sunset the view is especially breathtaking. The Rotunda creates the perfect environment in which to relax and reflect.

Besides, this romantic spot is the silent witness of many dates. No wonder, it is one of the places traditionally visited by newly married couples.



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2. to be devoted
3. to honour (2)

4. a place (2)
5. war victims
6. events
7. admire (2)
8. places of interest
9. a monument

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1. magnificent (6) – *fascinating, stunning, gorgeous, wonderful, picturesque, breathtaking*
2. to be devoted – *to be dedicated*
3. to honour (2) – *to pay respect, to commemorate,*
4. a place (2) – *a site, a spot*
5. war victims – *military casualties*
6. events – *openings*
7. admire(2) – *enjoy, take in*
8. places of interest – *attractions*
9. a monument – *a memorial*

Task 2. **Translate the word combinations and use them in the sentences of your own.**

1. быть завершённым – *to be completed*
2. возглавлять работу – *to head the work*
3. привлекать и вдохновлять – *to attract and inspire*
4. военные действия – *military actions*

5. погибнуть на полях сражений. – *to die in battle*
6. возлагать венки – *to lay wreaths of flowers*
7. мир во всем мире – *world peace*
8. быть простроенным по образцу – *to be modelled after*
9. с неё открывается один из лучших видов – *it provides one of the best views of*
10. улучшать физическую форму – *to raise one's fitness level*
11. бесплатный вход – *free entrance*

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