

The city (30.5 thousand inhabitants) of the republican subordination and the center of the city council, is located on the Black Sea coast at the confluence of the rivers Ulu Uzen and Demerdzhi.



The first written mention about Alushta is dated from the VI century and was written by the Byzantine historian Procopius of Caesarea, who reported about the construction of the fortress Aluston.

Then the city was destroyed by the Mongols, restored and expanded by the Genoese, and again destroyed by the Turks. Stronghold was no longer revived, the stones were taken away to build houses, and the lower round tower (Ashagi-kul) - perhaps the only symbol of ancient Aluston was kept to the descendants.

During the next Russian-Turkish War (1768-1774 gg.) the Turks were dislodged from Alushta, in summer 1774 Russian garrison which was three times less than the enemy repulsed the attack of the enemies, landing from the sea and counting 7000.

In the XIX century the church of All Saints and the Crimean Theodore Stratilatus was built here, it is still the main Orthodox holy city (1842, architects G. Torricelli, K. Eshliman).

In the 1870's large-scale wine farms were founded here, and in 1902 Alushta, received the status of the city, gradually turns into a climatic health resort.

In 1934 the largest tourist centre in the Crimea was founded in Alushta, sanatorium were built and even the colonnade on the sea-front, confirming that Alushta is a resort.

Nowadays the Great Alushta (subordinated to the city council area) stretches along the Black Sea coast for tens of kilometers from Ajudag mountain to the valley of the river Uskut.

New boom of resort construction is experienced now in the city - instead of the major trade union and departmental health resorts of Soviet-era, small hostels, hotels and restaurants are

erected in the accelerated tempo. There is a great number of museums in Alushta: Local History - Crimean Nature Reserve, memorial museums devoted to the Writers S. Sergeyev-Tsenskiy I. Shmelev and architect Beketov.

## Location

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