

Novosibirsk is the third most populous city in Russia (population of over 1.6 million people). The city was founded in 1893 as a transport hub.

The city was originally called **Novonikolayevsk**, in honor of both Saint Nicholas and of the reigning Tsar Nicholas II. It became a large industrial center during the Stalin period. In 1962, it became the first city in the world to reach a population of 1 million people within 70 years of being founded.

The majority of the population lives in apartment buildings and private houses are rare.

Novosibirsk is Russia's scientific centre. The city hosts over 100 R&D (Research and development) organizations, a science campus, the General Committee of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Over 1,500 doctors of science and 3,400 candidates of science live and work here.

City of Sports both professional and amateur sports are well developed in Novosibirsk.

The Longest Underground Bridge in the World across the River Ob connects two stations of the Novosibirsk underground: Studencheskaya and Rechnoy Vokzal. The total length of the structure is 2,145 meters.

Come to Novosibirsk and you will not forget this wonderful city!

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