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Yaroslavl is a city and the administrative center of Yaroslavl Oblast, Russia, located 250 kilometres northeast of Moscow. The historic part of the city, a World Heritage Site, is located at the confluence of the Volga and the Kotorosl Rivers. It is one of the Golden Ring cities, a group of historic cities northeast of Moscow that has played an important role in Russian history. Population: 591,486



The city of Yaroslavl is said to have been founded in 1010 as an outpost of the Principality of Rostov Veliky, and was first mentioned in 1071. The capital of an independent Principality of Yaroslavl from 1218, it

was incorporated into Muscovy in 1463. In the 17th century it was Russia's second largest city, and for a time (during the Polish occupation of Moscow in 1612), the country's de facto capital. Today, Yaroslavl is an important industrial centre and lies at the intersection of several major highways, railways, and waterways.



If taken by its date of first foundation, Yaroslavl is the oldest of all the currently existing towns on the Volga. Yaroslavl was founded by a prince of Kievan Rus Yaroslav the Wise during the period of his ruling the Principality of Rostov (988—1010) when he stepped ashore for the first time near the area now known as 'Strelka', a favourite contemporary park.



There is a legend telling us how this city and its symbol appeared. One day king Yaroslav was travelling by the river. He saw a beautiful place to build a city, but a tribe lived there. The tribe said “If Yaroslav beat a bear he could build a city”. Yaroslav beat the bear with an ax, so he was allowed to build a beautiful city there. Now the symbol of Yaroslavl is a bear with an ax.



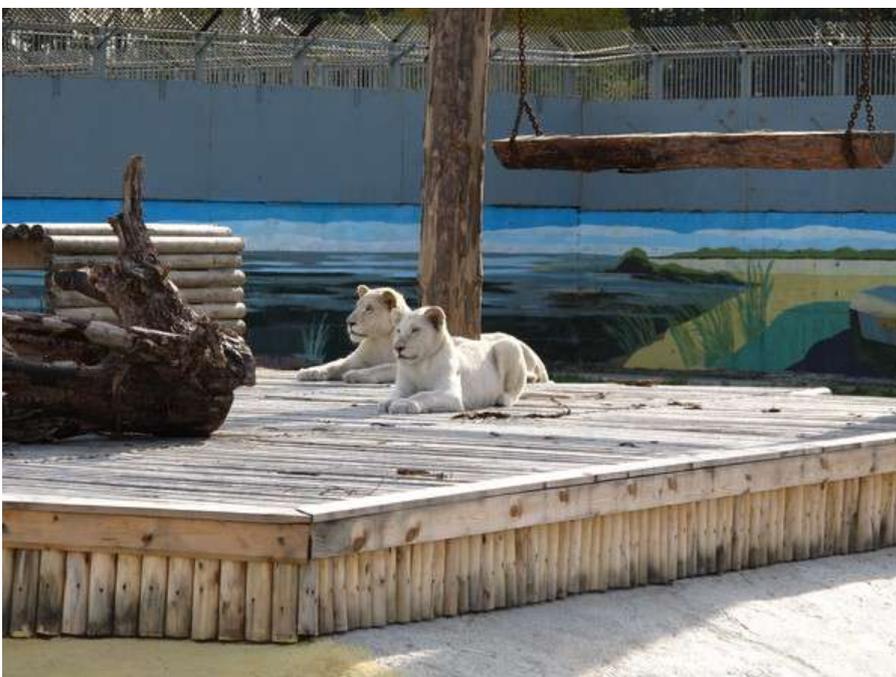
In Yaroslavl there are a lot of places of interest, for example: the zoo, St.

Ilija's cathedral, Museum of teddy bear and the museum "Music and time".



In the museum "Music and time" you can see 1000 musical instruments and clocks. They are new and old, from different countries and continents : Africa, Asia and Europe.

In the zoo there are a lot of animals from "Red book".



In the Museum of teddy bear there are hundreds of teddy bears from different countries. They are very old, but they look new.



Yaroslavl's founder's monument and coat of arms are depicted on the front of the 1000 ruble note.



It is a very interesting city. I think everyone must come and see this ancient city.