

Yekaterinburg is a large industrial, cultural and transportational centre of the Russian Federation. It is situated on the conventional geographic border between Europe and Asia. The population is around 1.4 million people. It is an administrative centre of the Urals federal district (one out of seven federal districts). In terms of major economic indicators (absolute figures) Yekaterinburg comes third after Moscow and St. Petersburg. It was founded in 1723.












The city is an important **educational centre**. There are more than 30 higher education establishments. Today the largest all-embracing educational park called the Great Eurasian University is being created. The Urals State Academy of Law (former Sverdlovsk Law Institute) – one of the most famous REC (research educational centres) specializing in training law students – is situated in Yekaterinburg. More than 13 thousand students study there.

Yekaterinburg is very important for the Russian Federation **international communication**. There are businesses in the city with foreign investments from 64 countries and trade-economic relations are maintained with different economic subjects from more than 110 countries. There is a number of diplomatic missions of various countries and international organizations in the city. In particular, there are the following diplomatic missions in Yekaterinburg:







-  Honorary Consul of Austria;
-  Honorary Consul of the Republic of Armenia;
-  Embassy division of Belarusian Republic;
-  Bulgarian Consulate General;
-  British Consulate General (with visa department);
-  Hungarian Consulate General (with visa department);
-  Vietnamese Consulate General;
-  Honorary Consul of Italy;
-  Consulate General of the Kirghiz Republic;
-  Consulate General of China People's Republic;
-  Embassy division of Mongolia;
-  U.S. Consulate General (with visa department);
-  French Consulate General (with visa department);
-  Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany (with visa department);
-  Czech Republic Consulate General (with visa department).

The consulate of the following countries are planned to be open:

-  Consulate General of Azerbaijan (2008);
-  Greece (status is being specified);
-  Trade Promotion Office of Denmark (2008)
-  Honorary Consul of the Democratic Republic of Congo;
-  Italian Consulate General;
-  Serbia (status is being specified);
-  Consulate General of Tajikistan;
-  Honorary Consul of South Korea (2008);
-  Japan (status is being specified).

Besides diplomatic missions there are also:

-  Regional Office of the Hungarian Trade Mission;
-  Office of the Ukraine Trade Mission;
-  Representation of Finish-Russian Chamber of Commerce in Ural region;
-  "Czech Trade" Promotion Agency;
-  American Information Resource Centre;

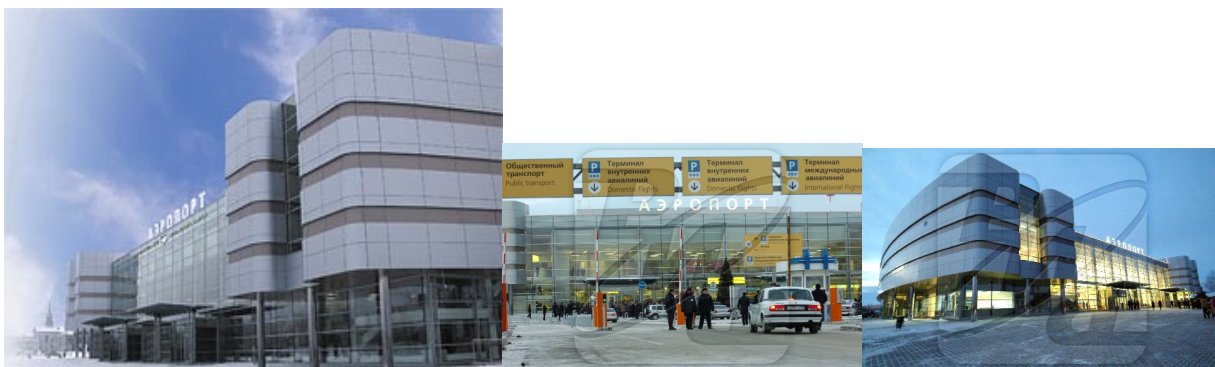
-  Informational Centre of the British Council;
-  Regional Centre of the French Language and Culture;
-  Japanese Information Centre;
-  Department of Goethe Institute, Centre of the German Language and Culture;
-  Italian Trade Commission;
-  Information Resource Centre of the European Council;



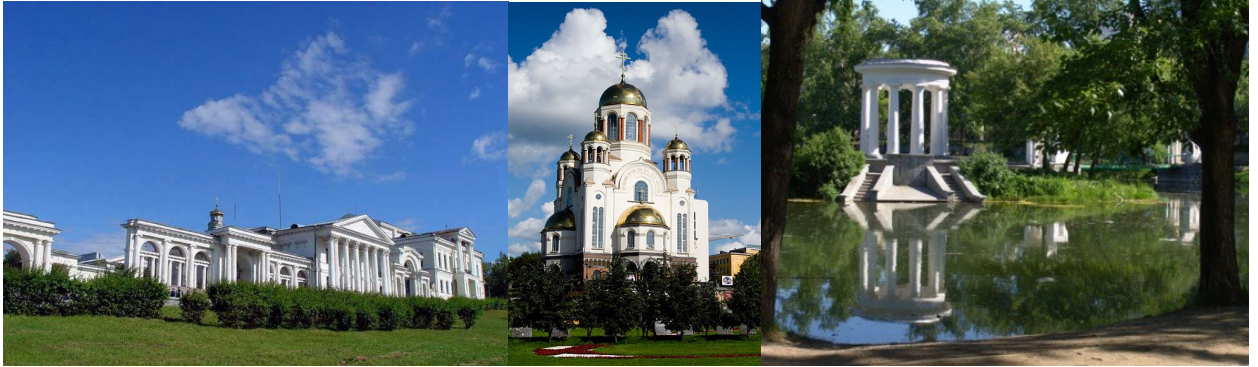
In terms of **transport infrastructure** the region is highly developed. Main air carriage centres are Koltsovo International Airport and Uktus (for business aviation). Koltsovo International Airport (<http://www.koltsovo.ru>) is the most rapidly developing air company in Russia. It works with 30 Russian and International air companies to connect Yekaterinburg with 104 cities and through convenient transfers – international hubs – with the whole world. In 2007 2.5 millions passengers flew with Koltsovo Airport. Direct regular international flights to Frankfurt on the Main, Munich, London, Vienna, Prague, Budapest, Dubai, Tashkent, Dushanbe, Bishkek, Almaty and to many other cities are very popular with Koltsovo clients. More than 15 return flights every day connect Yekaterinburg and Moscow.



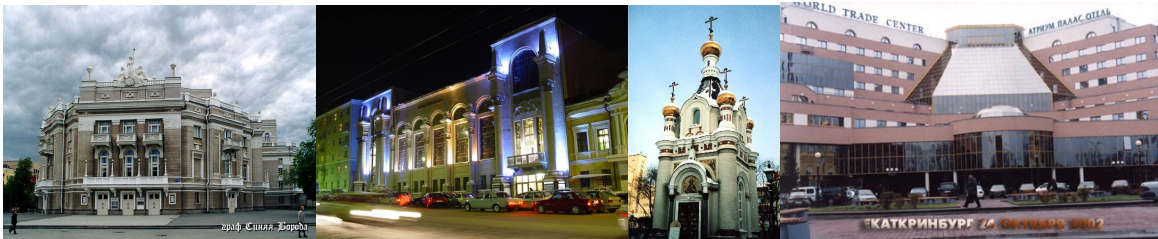
Many international carriers have their offices in Koltsovo Airport. They are:
Austrian airlines, tel.: +7 (343) 376-63-76, 376-37-66; fax: 376-37-55. www.aua.com;
British airways, tel.: +7 (343) 264-42-16(17); fax: 264-42-79. www.britishairways.com;
Czech airlines, tel.: +7 (343) 264-62-13(14); fax: 264-62-13. www.czechairlines.ru;
Lufthansa, tel.: +7 (343) 264-36-80, 264-77-71(72); fax: 264-77-73. www.lufthansa.com;
Malev, tel./ fax: +7 (343) 264-42-46; www.malev.ru;
Turkish airlines, tel.: +7 (343) 264-20-40; 226-81-80; www.thy.com;
Aeroflot – Russian Airlines, tel./ fax: +7 (343) 264-76-97; 356-55-70/71; www.aeroflot.ru;
State Unitary Aviation Enterprise «Tajik Air» tel.: +7 (343) 264-20-63 www.tajikair.tj;
National Air Company (NAC) «Uzbekistan Airways» tel./ fax: +7 (343) 376-64-44, 376-31-20; www.uzairways.com;
OJSC «Altyn Air» tel./ fax: +7 (343) 370-17-26; www.altynair.kg/ru/.



Beautiful are architectural masterpieces of the old city of Yekaterinburg. The All Saints Temple-on-Blood that was built in commemoration of the tragical events which happened in Yekaterinburg in 1918 and are connected with the death of the last Russian Emperor family leaves no one untouched.



City guests will enjoy visiting the Opera and Ballet House in which Galina Vishnevskaya started her career, Sverdlovsk State Academic Philharmonic Society and various chapels. The World Trade Centre Atrium provides comfortable facilities for work and accommodation.



The magnificent countryside of the Urals and the picturesque scenes of Chusovaya river are unforgettable.

