

Zaporizhzhia oblast is a land with a great river, open steppes, and a strength forged by history. Across its over 27,000 square kilometers, the Ukrainian character took shape and the spirit of freedom was born. This is the land where the Dnipro River became a symbol of liberty and the Cossack heritage became the foundation of a nation.

Located in southeastern Ukraine along the lower reaches of the Dnipro River, the region sits upon what has long been the country's primary artery. It was here that the river once tore through stone rapids, creating a unique natural landscape that offered both protection and inspiration for centuries.

On Khortytsia, the largest island in the Dnipro, rose the Zaporozhian Sich – the military, political, and spiritual heart of the free Cossacks. It was here that the principles of self-governance, brotherhood, and the struggle for independence were forged, forming the bedrock of the Ukrainian state tradition.

This region blends the majesty of the steppe with industrial might. Zaporizhzhia is one of Ukraine's most powerful industrial hubs, home to metallurgical giants, engineering plants, and vital energy facilities. The Zaporizhzhia Hydroelectric Station, built in the 20th century, is a symbol of modernization and engineering brilliance, as well as a cornerstone of the national power grid.

The region's nature is both diverse and unique. It is renowned for its nature reserves, rolling ravines, gullies and protected steppe lands, as well as the shores of the Sea of Azov. Landmarks like the Molochnyi Estuary, the Obytichna Spit, and the Azov steppes are unique landscapes, forming the distinctive natural identity of the region.

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## We Are Strong. We Are United. Zaporizhzhia Oblast



The land of Zaporizhzhia has given many prominent figures to Ukraine and the world. Among them was Oleksandr Dovzhenko, a titan of world cinema, who drew his inspiration from the vast reaches of the Dnipro. The lives of many leaders in science, culture, and engineering – who helped build modern Ukraine – are connected to this land.

*In 2022, Zaporizhzhia oblast became a primary target of russian aggression. Parts of its territory were occupied, and the region has endured missile strikes, constant shelling, and terror against its civilian population. The Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant – the largest in Europe – has fallen under threat, becoming a global symbol of nuclear blackmail by russia.*

Yet, Zaporizhzhia stood firm. It became a sanctuary for hundreds of thousands of displaced persons and a bulwark of the southern front. The people of Zaporizhzhia oblast have joined the ranks of the Armed Forces, volunteering, and serving as doctors and energy workers. They hold the home front and believe in victory, for Zaporizhzhia oblast embodies the spirit of Khortytsia, the power of the Dnipro, and the resilience of people who know the true price of freedom.

We are strong, we are united, and this unity will win.

Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the Heroes!

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nickel-plated  
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## Mintage

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