

Ivanovo - Russian and Red Manchester

Ivanovo is the city in the European part of the Russian Federation. It is located near such large cities as Moscow, Yaroslavl, and Vladimir. It is the administrative center of Ivanovo Oblast. Also the city is part of the Golden Ring of Russia.

Ivanovo was founded in 1871 on the banks of the river Uvod. The river divides the city into two parts. The population of the city is 410 thousand people. The total area of Ivanovo is 104 square kilometers.

The city is famous for its textile industry. Many factories make clothes and fabrics. People in Ivanovo work hard in these factories. The textile industry started in the 19th century. Ivanovo was once called "the city of brides" because many women worked in textiles.

There are parks with various sculptures and places for reading books in Ivanovo. For example, the Stepanov Park, Harinka Park, Botanical Garden.

The main touristic attractions are: the Uspenskaya Church, the St. Vvedenskiy Monastery, the manor of Burylin merchants, the Monument to the fighters of the Revolution, and others.

The city also has theaters. People can watch plays and in the Ivanovo Drama Theater, it is very popular.

Summer is warm, but not hot; winter is frosty with snow cover. The coldest month of winter is January, and the warmest month of summer is July.

Ivanovo is a great place to visit. The people are friendly and welcoming. They are proud of their city.

1. True/False

- Ivanovo is located in the European part of Russia.
- The city isn't part of the Golden Ring of Russia.
- The river Uvod divides the city into 2 parts.
- The city is called "the city of grooms".
- The residents of the city are friendly and welcome tourists.

2. Fill in the blanks

- It is located near such large cities as _____.
- There are parks with various _____ in Ivanovo.
- Many factories make _____.
- The coldest month of winter is _____ and the warmest month of summer is _____.
- Ivanovo is a great place to _____.

3. Match the items with their descriptions

- a) Textile industry
- b) Stepanov Park
- c) The manor of Burylin merchants
- d) The Ivanovo Drama Theater

- 1) A place to see plays
- 2) A place to learn about history
- 3) Important for making clothes
- 4) A place to relax

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