

## Walking Tour through Almaty's Heart

Immerse yourself in the essence of Almaty on our captivating tour through its vibrant central districts. Our journey begins in the enchanting "**Golden Quarter**," a living testament to the city's rich history and cultural legacy. Strolling near the Hotel Rixos, we'll encounter a splendid example of **pre-Soviet architecture** and delve into fascinating tales of the visionary architects who shaped this gem nestled at the foot of the Alatau Mountain range. Uncover the intriguing history behind the **NKVD's buildings**, remnants of the Soviet secret police, whose iconic constructivist-style headquarters still draws attention in the city center.

Marvel at the architectural wonders that stand as enduring relics of Alma-Ata's Soviet era. From the grandeur of **Stalinist masterpieces** to the captivating glamor of **Soviet Modernism**, each structure narrates a tale of the former Kazakh capital's bygone glory. As we wander through Panfilov Street, a historic nexus of Kazakh society, we'll have the opportunity to look at incredible displays of **Soviet monumental art**, including intricately adorned facades, plaster murals, and bas-relief sculptures.

Descending into the vibrant tapestry of the "Lower Quarter," we'll immerse ourselves in a lively neighborhood bursting with local flavor. Amidst the lively avenues of "**Arbat**," **Panfilov Park**, and the renowned **Green Bazaar**, you will witness the soul and heartbeat of the city come alive. Admire the majesty of the Ascension Cathedral and pay a visit to the heroes of WWII at a poignant Soviet monument. We'll conclude our journey amidst the bustling atmosphere of the Green Bazaar, where bargaining for treasures in a kaleidoscope of sights, sounds, and flavors provides a glimpse into Almaty's rich cultural tapestry.

This walking tour will be a fascinating adventure through the heart of Almaty, where history, culture, and tradition converge to craft a memorable experience. Join us as we uncover hidden gems and iconic landmarks that define this unforgettable place.

### What you'll see:

- Almaty Hotel Mosaic
- Zenkov's Cathedral
- Green Bazaar
- Arasan Bathhouse
- Panfilov Park
- Symbat stained glass
- Otyrar Hotel reliefs and murals
- And more...

### What you'll learn:

- The fascinating stories of the architects who first designed Almaty
- A dramatic story of Kazakh history
- The seismic history of the city
- The Central Asian food and its peculiarities
- Much more...

**Starting point:** By the entrance of Hotel Rixos, <https://shorturl.at/bcDQU>

**Ending point:** Green Bazaar, <https://shorturl.at/fhCP7>

**Starting time:** 2pm

**Duration:** 3h

**Distance:** 3/4 Km

## Photos

