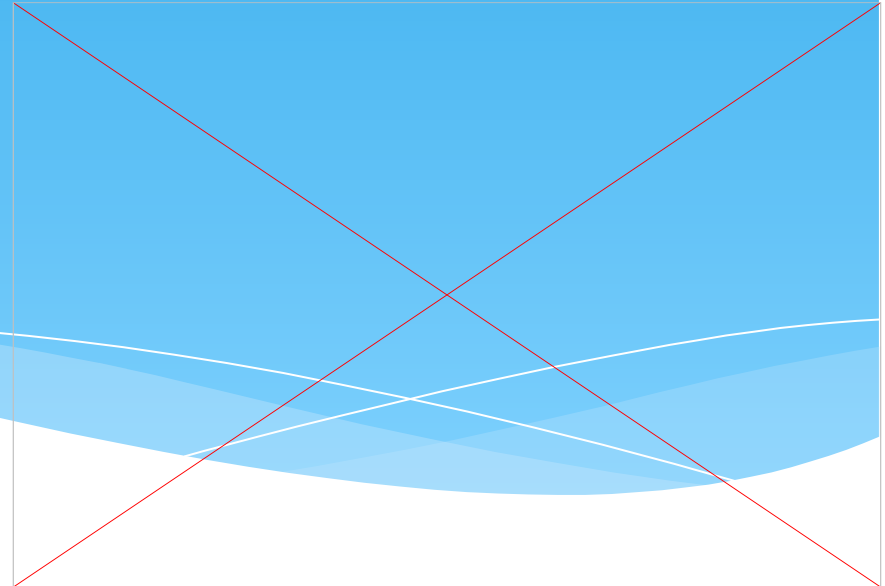


Kazakhstan



The capital of Kazakhstan **Astana** – the youngest capital in the world. In 1999 Astana was awarded the UNESCO prize «City for Peace» («City of the world»). This means that here live people of different nationalities and religions.



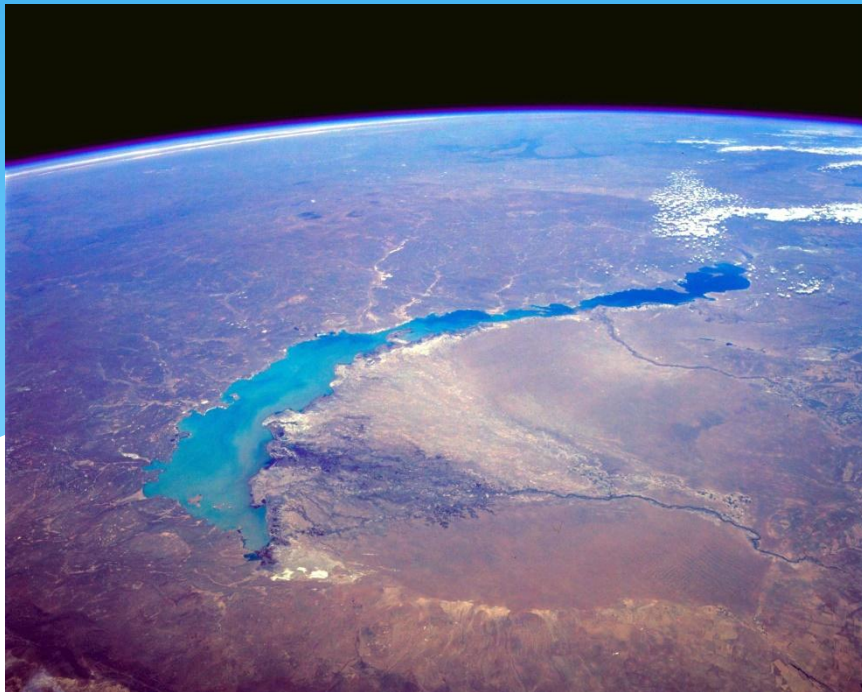
The world's largest high-mountain skating rink "Medeo"





The second largest salt lake in the world — **Balkhash.**

Half fresh water, half salt.
The phenomenon is still not explained by scientists.



Baikonur



The first in the world (and the largest) cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. With "Baikonur" was made the first flight of cosmonaut and launched the world's first artificial satellites of the Earth, Sun, Moon.



Charyn canyon (length 154 km), which is often compared to the American Grand Canyon in Colorado

