

Crimea

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Crimea Latest News

Recently, US President Donald Trump proposed formal recognition of Crimea as Russian territory, potentially reversing America's long-standing opposition to the annexation.

About Crimea

- **Crimea** is an **autonomous republic** situated in **southern Ukraine**, located between the **Black Sea** and the **Sea of Azov**.
- The **Crimean Peninsula** is connected to mainland Ukraine through the **Perekop Isthmus**, a narrow 8 km land strip, and separated from the Sea of Azov by the **Arabat Spit**; **Kerch Strait** connects it to Russia via the **Crimean Bridge**.
- Historically called the **Tauric Peninsula**, Crimea has **witnessed multiple invasions and empires**, including the Ottomans and Russians, vying for its control.
- The **Crimean Mountains**, especially **Ai-Petri**, dominate the southern landscape, while small rivers like **Salhir and Alma** traverse the region.

- The **Kerch Peninsula** in the east contains **iron ore**, **mud volcanoes**, and **mineral springs**, fostering a **spa and mining industry**; the **Kerch Bridge** connects it to **Russia**.
- The city of **Simferopol** serves as the **administrative capital**, while **Sevastopol**, a deep-water port, is the **base of Russia's Black Sea Fleet**.

Crimea FAQs

Q1. Where is Crimea located?

Ans. Crimea is a peninsula located in the Black Sea, formerly part of Ukraine, now controlled by Russia.

Q2. Why is Crimea geopolitically important?

Ans. Crimea holds strategic value due to its naval base at Sevastopol, providing access to the Black Sea and Mediterranean.

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