

## Standardized buildings

The layout of Shevchenko was in large parts similar to the typical pattern of soviet cities. Nevertheless, compared to the majority of cities in the USSR a lower dimension of the buildings could be noticed in the seaport. Thus standardized residential buildings with four to nine storeys dominated the townscape.



Standardized kindergarten (14th microdistrict)



Typical ensemble of high-rise buildings with arcades (8th microdistrict)



High-rise building on stilts (12th microdistrict)

Due to the privileged status of Shevchenko realization of the towns master plan was characterized by unusual congruence with the planning ideals of new towns. This led to a considerable higher level of comfort and design of residential and socio-cultural buildings in comparison to other cities.



Standardized School (29th microdistrict)

## Experimental and specifically designed buildings



Telecommunications building (6th microdistrict)



Administration building with mosaic (2nd microdistrict)



Monument honoring the victims of WW2 (7th microdistrict)



Great stairs and MiG monument (7th microdistrict)



Hotel "Intourist" at the coast of the Caspian sea (4th microdistrict)



Open staircases of residential buildings (22nd microdistrict)

# Shevchenko/Aktau - The heritage of an ideal socialist city Architecture and Urban Design



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High-rise building with arcades at night (8th microdistrict)



High-rise building with arcades - loggia side (12th microdistrict)



High-rise building "snake" on stilts (5th microdistrict)



Typical 5-storey residential building (14th microdistrict)



Rows of residential buildings (9th microdistrict)



5-storey residential buildings (29th microdistrict)



Main entrance of a school building (14th microdistrict)

In addition to the development of standardized buildings much attention has been placed on the research of alternative designs and construction methods. Hence so-called experimental buildings spread out all over the city. They consisted mostly of bricks which were made of the locally available shell chalk.



Administration complex - university entrance (14th microdistrict)



Administration complex - university façade (14th microdistrict)



Administration complex - courtyard (14th microdistrict)



Experimental building connecting standardized buildings (14th)

The experiments of architects and engineers were considered a valuable contribution to the improvement of living conditions in the southern USSR. This adaptation to the local circumstances, eg. by planning balconies and arcades gave birth to a specific style of modernist architecture in Shevchenko.



Lighthouse on top of a high-rise building on stilts (4th microdistrict)