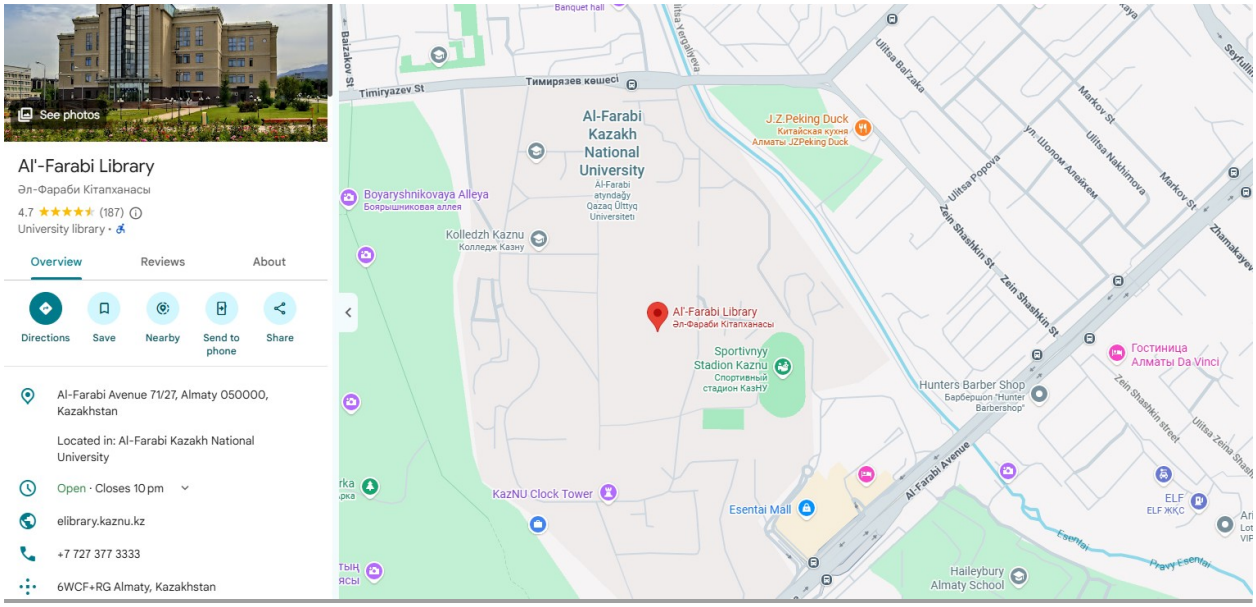
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

Venue & Practical Information

📍 Location & Venue

- **Address:** Al-Farabi Avenue 71, Almaty, Kazakhstan [Al-Farabi Kazakh National University]
- **Conference Venue:** The conference sessions and events will take place at the **Al-Farabi Library** [Al'-Farabi Library]
- **About the Campus:** KazNU is a unique "city within a city" university campus featuring a well-developed infrastructure: academic buildings, research institutes, the U. Zholdasbekov Palace of Students, a technopark, sports complexes, and green alleys.



🏨 Accommodation & Hotel Recommendations

Almaty offers a wide range of housing options, from cozy apartments to international five-star hotels. For conference participants, we recommend staying in the Bostandyk District (near Al-Farabi Avenue) or in the city center for convenient transport access.

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Recommended Hotels near Al-Farabi University and Within Easy Access (Booking.com):

1. **Mildom City Hotel** — Clean, comfortable rooms; excellent free Wi-Fi; free private parking; and convenient room facilities such as an electric kettle and refrigerator. https://www.booking.com/Share-3OFSaf

1. **AIRIS Residence** — A modern design hotel praised by guests for friendly staff, comfortable beds, and a very clean, cozy environment. https://www.booking.com/Share-Z5zhL0C
2. **Meken Hotel Almaty** — Features exceptional American breakfasts, free on-site parking with electric vehicle charging, excellent free Wi-Fi, and clean modern rooms. https://www.booking.com/Share-yzYYIT
3. **ETHNO ALMATY Boutique Hotel** — A wonderful boutique hotel with a unique ethnic touch, a very clean environment, highly rated friendly staff, and continental breakfast options. https://www.booking.com/Share-ySmFR5W
4. **Jeppesen Residence** — Spacious apartment-style rooms with seating areas, located near the Almaty Botanical Gardens with great flexibility and free Wi-Fi. https://www.booking.com/Share-WLgU2w
5. **Grand Opera Hotel** — A hotel featuring classic interior design, a convenient central location, and good accessibility to main city thoroughfares. https://www.booking.com/Share-SKx3XR
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💡 **Booking Tip:**

> We recommend booking your accommodation in advance through platforms like Booking.com, as Almaty hosts many business and academic events during the autumn and spring seasons. Choose hotels with free cancellation options and reliable Wi-Fi.

🚙 Transportation Logistics

Getting to Al-Farabi KazNU and the Scientific Library is convenient from anywhere in the city:

- **Almaty International Airport (ALA):**
  - Located approximately 25–30 km from the campus.
  - Transport options from the airport include **airport buses** or taxis.
- **Taxis & Ride-Hailing:**

    - For getting around the city or traveling from the airport, you can use local ride-hailing applications such as **Yandex Go** or **Uber**, which operate reliably, are affordable, and eliminate language barriers.
- **Public Transport to KazNU:**
    - **Buses:** № 30, 32, 45, 70, 79, 124, 205. Stops are located directly along Al-Farabi Avenue and Timiryazev Street (near the upper and lower gates of the campus).
    - **Trolleybuses:** № 7, 9, 11.
    - **Metro:** The nearest metro station is **Baikonur**, from which you can easily take a short bus or taxi ride directly to the university campus.

🌤️ Weather and Climate

Almaty is located right at the foothills of the Zailiyskiy Alatau mountains, which makes the local climate quite harsh, humid, and dynamic:

- **Attire:** A **smart casual** dress code is recommended for conference sessions. Because the weather can be cold, snowy, and damp due to the proximity to the mountains, be sure to bring warm winter wear, a wind- and waterproof jacket, sturdy non-slip footwear, and gloves.
- **Considerations:** Mountain weather can shift rapidly with sudden drops in temperature and snowfalls. We strongly recommend checking the up-to-date weather forecast right before your trip.

🎄 City Exploration & Recommendations (Things to Do)

Make the most of your stay in Almaty by exploring its vibrant culture, historic landmarks, and world-famous mountain destinations:

- **Green Bazaar (Zelyony Bazar):**
    - A historic, bustling central marketplace where you can experience the authentic local atmosphere. It's the best place to taste and buy traditional Kazakh sweets, dried fruits, nuts, fresh local produce, and famous Kazakh horse meat delicacies (kazy).
- **Kok Tobe Hill:**
    - A recreation park located on a mountaintop overlooking the city. You can reach it via a scenic cable car ride from downtown. It features viewing platforms, amusement rides, cafes, and a famous Beatles monument.
- **Medeu & Shymbulak Ski Resort:**

    - **Medeu:** The world's highest-altitude Olympic-sized outdoor ice-skating rink, surrounded by majestic pine-covered mountains.
    - **Shymbulak:** Just above Medeu, Shymbulak is Central Asia's premier ski resort. It offers world-class slopes for skiing and snowboarding, modern gondolas, breathtaking alpine panoramas, equipment rentals, and cozy mountain restaurants. Perfect for both ski enthusiasts and sightseers.
- **Parks and Museums:**
    - **28 Panfilov Heroes Memorial Park:** Located in the heart of the city, featuring the stunning wooden Zenkov Cathedral (one of the tallest wooden buildings in the world) and the Memorial of Glory.
    - **Central State Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan:** One of the largest museums in Central Asia, showcasing rich exhibits on Kazakhstan's history, archaeology, traditional culture, and ethnography.
    - **First President's Park:** A beautifully landscaped park with grand fountains, walking alleys, and magnificent panoramic views of the mountains framing Al-Farabi Avenue.