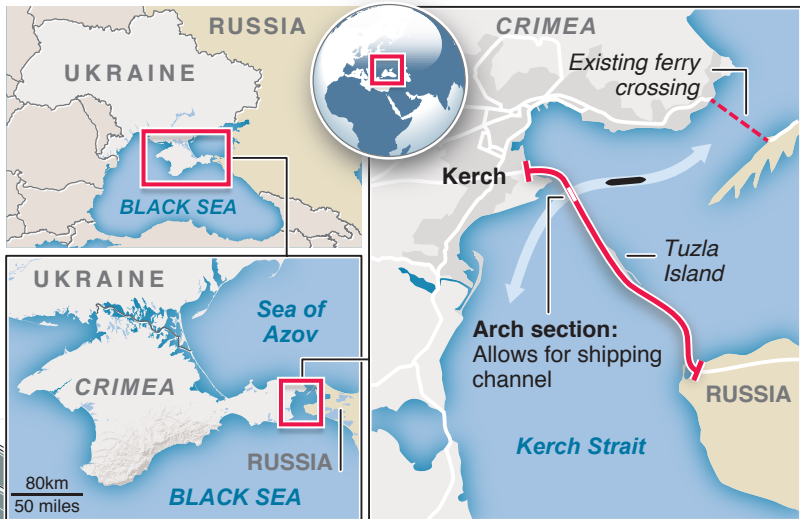


# Russian bridge to Crimea opens

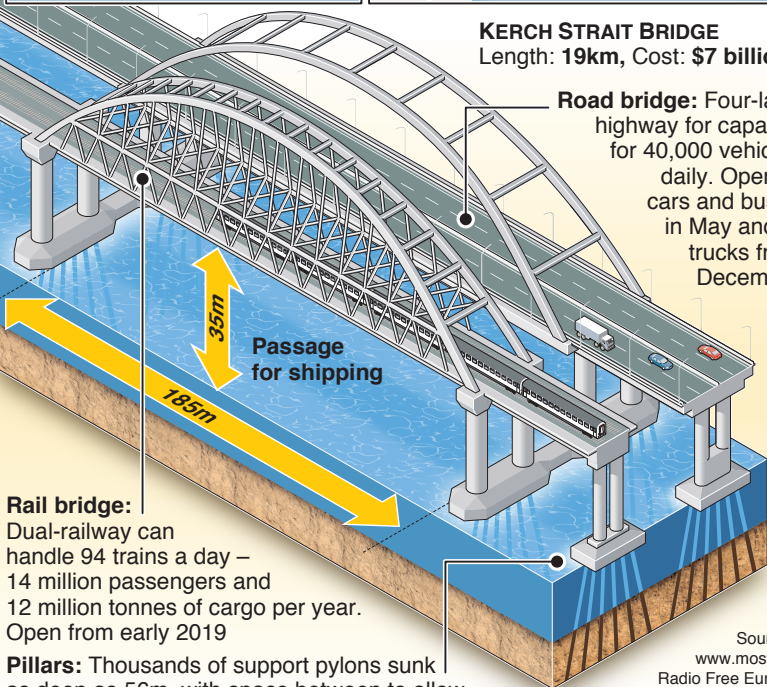
The Kerch Strait bridge is a flagship political project for Russia as it seeks to cement its hold on Crimea, annexed from Ukraine in 2014



## KERCH STRAIT BRIDGE

Length: 19km, Cost: \$7 billion

**Road bridge:** Four-lane highway for capacity for 40,000 vehicles daily. Open to cars and buses in May and to trucks from December



**Rail bridge:** Dual-railway can handle 94 trains a day – 14 million passengers and 12 million tonnes of cargo per year. Open from early 2019

**Pillars:** Thousands of support pylons sunk as deep as 56m, with space between to allow strong currents to flow through

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