

# 2012 Ukraine Tour Itinerary

## cities we will visit

*Kyiv (3 nights) - Odessa (3 nights) - Vinnytsia (1 night) - Chernivtsi (2 nights)  
Carpathians (2 nights) - Uzhgorod (2 nights) - L'viv (4 nights) - Ternopil (2 nights)  
Ivano-Frankivsk (1 night) - L'viv (1 night) - Vienna (1 night)*

### **AUGUST 13. Day1**

After your departure from your home cities, we will all gather in Toronto for our 6:25 departure from Toronto terminal 1 on Air Austria Flight #72

### **AUGUST 14. Day2**

Arrive in Kyiv, we will meet our tour guide at the Boryspil Airport who will be with us throughout our tour of Ukraine. Transfer to the hotel by an air conditioned coach. We'll spend three nights at the Lybid Hotel in Kyiv. Dinner will be at a local Restaurant after check-in our hotel.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION:** LYBID HOTEL, 1, Peremohy Sq., Kyiv 1135 TEL: (380-44) 236-00-63

### **AUGUST 15. Day 3**

Buffet breakfast at the Lybid Hotel in Kyiv.

Today we will have **Grand city-tour of Kyiv.**

Lunch at "Opanas" Ukrainian- restaurant.

Visit to an **open area museum of rural architecture and rural life**, the area where people used to live and work in the 18-19 century, where you can view exhibits of their homes, household, and ritual buildings, manufacture clothes, production instruments, household articles, agricultural implements. This excursion will help you to imagine the way of life of Ukrainians in old days. This afternoon will be a free day to take in the sights of Kyiv on your own, do some shopping on the world famous Khreschatyk Street.

**Welcome gala Dinner at the UKRAINIAN restaurant with music and dancing.**

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### **AUGUST 16. Day 4**

Buffet Breakfast at the Lybid Hotel in Kyiv.

Today we will visit **Pecherska Lavra Monastery** with its Baroque churches and **Burial caves**, and tour around the territory of the former Pechersk fortress, **Visit to Holodomor Victims Memorial.**

Lunch at the local restaurant.

Today we'll park beside St. Andrew's Church and walk down **Andriivskiy Uzviz** (this is your first chance to pick up your authentic Ukrainian Souvenirs).

Dinner. After dinner we'll go on a **boat ride on the Dnipro River.**

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### **AUGUST 17. Day 5**

After breakfast we're enroute to Odessa.

Lunch by the way in Uman - a small town (dating back to 1609) on the Umanka River. The town is famous for its **LANDSCAPE PARK "SOFYIVKA"**. The park was laid out in 1791 by Count S. Pototski, the landlord of numerous estates in Ukraine & named in honor of his wife Sophia. A short tour of Sophia's Park.

Arrival to Odesa. "Smile! You are in Odessa," they say, and in a way it is true. Odessa is known as the capital of humor where the «Yumorina» festival is held annually on April 1. Check in the Black Sea Hotel, where we will spend our next 3 nights.

Dinner at Hotel Restaurant.

**ACCOMMODATION:** HOTEL CHORNE MORE (BLACK SEA HOTEL) 59 RICHELIEVSKAYA ST., ODESA 65023 TEL: (380 482) 242-028

### **AUGUST 18. Day 6**

After breakfast **Orientation City tour** which gives you a chance to plunge into the history of Odessa and admire the variety of architectural styles and monuments of the city, often reckoned as the "Pearl by the Black Sea". We will see the largest Ukrainian port and a Monument of Duc de Richelieu – the first Odessa governor who was the Frenchman. Odessa today is the one of the most beautiful cities in Ukraine.

Lunch at the city restaurant.

Free time after lunch.

Optionally - **visit to "Privoz" - famous Odesa's Old food market.**

Dinner at "Troubadour" restaurant.

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### **AUGUST 19. *Day 7***

Today after breakfast we'll drive to the south of Odessa Region to see one of the Wonders of Ukraine –It's a **fascinating excursion to Belgorod-Dnestrovskiy fortress** - Akkerman - contemporary of Athenes & Damascus, Rome & Beirut, Yerevan and Tripoli. You'll see 2500 year old towers, bastions, listen to the stories. Following this visit, you will have an opportunity to view the excavation site of the ancient Greek colony of Tira founded in the 6th century BC. Get acquainted with the 1000-year long history of this antique settlement and walk through the evocative ruins including the old Greek temple and a Roman tower.

**Free time at the seaside. Time to swim and have a rest.**

Are you a thirstiest traveler? Then we are ready to introduce you one of the **best winery places in Ukraine** - **Shabo** - a famous resort and spa area. Here harmoniously boundless sea surface of the Black Sea and the waters of the Dniester estuary. **Tour at Wine Making Museum followed by the wine-tasting.** Return to Odessa. Lunch by the way in the local restaurant  
Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

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### **AUGUST 20. *Day 8.***

Breakfast at the hotel After breakfast we're going to say "Good bay" to Odessa and enroute to Vinnytsia. The first stop we are going to make at Nerubayske village to visit **Catacombs/Museum of Partisan Glory**. The sandstone on which Odessa stands is riddled with about 1000 km (620 miles) of tunnels, known as the katakombi (catacombs). Quarried out for building in the 19th century, they have since been used by smugglers, revolutionaries and WWII partisans. In Nerubayske village on the north-western edge of Odessa, a network of tunnels that sheltered partisans in WWII has been turned into the Museum of Partisan Glory. You'll walk in tunnels under the ground, where conditions of partisan camp are reconstructed. Check in at Podillia HOTEL. Dinner at a city Restaurant. Free time in the city.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: PODILLIA HOTEL4, PUSHKIN ST., VINNYTSYA, 21050. TEL: (380 432) 32 75 96.**

### **AUGUST 21. *Day 9***

After breakfast we'll drive to Kamianets-Podilskyy. By the way, we'll **visit the city-fortress Khotyn and Kaminets-Podylski** with its renowned medieval fortresses and numerous Orthodox, Armenian and Catholic churches, as well as Turkish Minarets. Kaminets-Podylski was founded more than 9 centuries ago. Many historical and architectural monuments have been preserved in this town-museum. The beautiful panorama of the fortress will bring you back to the medieval times. This 12th-century city has managed to preserve many historical and architectural monuments.

Lunch at the city restaurant.

By the way, we'll visit the city-fortress Khotyn . Arrival in Chernivtsi

Dinner at the "Bukovyna" Hotel after check-in.

**HOTEL ACCOMODATION: BUKOVYNA HOTEL, 124B Holovna Street, CHERNIVTSI**

### **AUGUST 22. *Day 10***

After breakfast, we'll have a **City tour of Chernivtsi**, the regional capital of Bukovina region. The city was founded in the 12th century, as a fortress to protect the Halych-Volyn principality from the nomadic tribes. It has a very rich history closely connected with the history of neighboring Romania and Moldavia . Today it is an administrative, cultural and economic centre of Northern Bukovina - the land of the beech woods picturesquely covering the Carpathian Mountains . The population of the city is over 260,000.

Lunch in city restaurant

**Visit to the Museum of Ukrainian Diaspora.** Take a closer look at Your ancestors! The exhibition starts from the materials telling us about the emigration movement on the territory of Bukovyna in the end XIX – first half of the XX century. During the times of Austro-Hungarian Empire more than 50 000 Bukovynians went overseas, mostly to Canada and the U.S. The exhibits describe the hard social and economic position of the territory, reasons for the first (so-called economic) emigration wave, the scale of people outflow.

Dinner.

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### **AUGUST 23. *Day 11***

Breakfast at the Hotel. After check-out we leave Chernivtsi & drive to Carpathian Mountains, by the way stop for **Lunch U Tarasa**- at the little farm of a Canadian Ukrainian. You will get an opportunity to learn about life in contemporary Ukraine from Canadian Ukrainian Family. **Visit to the Pysanka Museum in Kolomiya.**

The Ukrainian Carpathians make only a central part of the vast mountain chain which stretches for 1500 km.

**Visit to the town of Yaremche** (population of 10,000), (Ukraine's comparable of Canada's Jasper area) that is the Hutsyl area of Ukraine. We'll visit the **Huk waterfall and the craft market**, where you may wish to purchase some of your handcrafted souvenirs as well as embroidered towels, etc.

**Check in Bukovel Hotel.** Bukovel hotel will be our home for next 2 nights. The balance of the day will be at leisure to relax. Bukovel, the beautiful and popular ski resort of Western Ukraine, here we can taste the mineral water "Bukovelska", enjoy the amazing panoramic mountain views. It might be possible to ride the ski-lift (optional).

Dinner.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: BUKOVEL HOTEL, Yaremche.**

### **AUGUST 24. *Day 12***

Today after breakfast we will have some time for rest in Carpathian mountains.

Admire the beauty of the picturesque foothills, eat Carpathian berries and enjoy breath taking view of the mountains, swim in the pool or just relax at the sun.

Today after lunch we will visit Polonyna Dovha and real **Gutcul farm in Carpathians** mountains and Visit private Museum Of Gutculian folk In Mykulycyn.

In the evening we'll enjoy **folk dinner "Hutsulski Vechornyci"**. Entertainment will be provided by the folk musicians.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: BUKOVEL HOTEL, Yaremche.**

### **AUGUST 25. *Day 13***

Today after breakfast will have a long drive to Transcarpathian region - land of beautiful mountains, mountain rivers, mineral springs, green forests and medieval castles.

**Photo pause in Rakhiv – Geographical Center of Europe**

Our way will go by Mountains through Rakhiv, the city population of 15,200 ( Rakhiv is one of several European locations vying for the symbolic right to be the Geographical Center of Europe with an elevation of 430 meters above sea level, and it's also Ukraine's most high-mountainous city) to the town of Uzhorod (population of 300,000).

Lunch in the real Gutsulian Kolyba Restaurant.

After our arrival in Uzhorod, we will have a **short city tour** and **visit to Uzhorod open area museum and Uzhorod Castle**. This city is located only 5 kilometers from the Slovakian border, and near border with Hungary on the Uzh River.

**Dinner at Open area fire terrace with Gypsy music and grilled meat.**

**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS: [UNHVARSKY WELNESS HOTEL, UZHOROD.](#)**

### **AUGUST 26. *Day 14***

After breakfast at our hotel, we'll visit **Mukachevo Castle**

Lunch at Pervak restaurant.

Also, later this afternoon we'll visit a **local winery**, where we'll have an opportunity **to taste Zakarpatian local wines**, since this is a grape country and the region is known for its magnificent wine.

Visit to **thermal open pool in Berehovo**. This territory is very close to famous Hungarian thermal spa resorts.

Dinner at a local restaurant. You'll have some free time to rest or explore the city on your own.

**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS: [UNHVARSKY WELNESS HOTEL, UZHOROD.](#)**

### **AUGUST 27. *Day 15***

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out.

Today we will go to Lviv and by the way visit the **Shenborn Castle**. After lunch we'll we enroute to Lviv- Beautiful city with the Renaissance architecture of city of 15th - 16th c.c. Lviv is now recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Today Lviv, is the heart and soul of the Western Ukraine with a population of 800,000. Prince Danylo Halytskyy built this city in 1256 and named it after his son Lev ("Lion").

Check in to George Hotel. Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: George HOTEL 1 Mitskevycha Sq 79008, LVIV PHONE: (+38 032) 232-62-36**

### **AUGUST 28. *Day 16***

Breakfast at Hotel in Lviv.

After breakfast we'll have a walking **City-tour of Old part of L'viv** with all its highlights: Rynok Square , Dominican Cathedral, Black House, Italian Courtyard, King's Jan III Sobeski residence. Latin Cathedral, Boims Chapel, the Assumption Church and Ensemble of Bernardine Monastery. Armenian Cathedral - one of the oldest in Lviv.

Lunch at "Robert Doms" Brewery - restaurant and **visit to famous Lviv Brewery, tour of beer museum and beer tasting**. Free time in the city. Dinner at a local restaurant.

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### **AUGUST 29. *Day 17***

Breakfast at Hotel in Lviv.

We are going to start our morning like all the people of L'viv do – from the cup of aromatic coffee. We are going to **visit one of L'viv famous coffee-houses (kav'iarnia) and taste the delicious coffee L'viv style and coffee desserts** while listening to interesting coffee stories. H-m-m...tastes good! Also we will visit Lviv Hand made Chocolate factory it's your chance to buy chocolate souvenir from Lviv for people you love.

**Panoramic city tour of Lviv:** we'll visit Vysokyi Zamok (High Castle hill) with an unforgettable panorama of the entire city, we'll visit **Lychakiv Cemetery** one of most beautiful and old necropolis and the one of the largest Cemeteries known in Europe, the University of Ivan-Franko, St. George's Cathedral.

Lunch at "U Pani Stefy" Restaurant. Free time. Dinner at a local restaurant.

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### **AUGUST 30. *Day 18***

**Breakfast in L'viv. Check-out.**

**Today after breakfast we'll drive to Ternopil** Enroute we will see 2 famous Ukrainian Castles in Pidhirtci and Olesko. Excursion to the **Olesko Castle** - the branch of Lviv Art Gallery which is located in Castle.

Lunch will be at the Olesko Castle - restaurant "Grydnytcia".

After Lunch we'll depart to **Pochaiv Monastery** - the second largest Orthodox Holy place in Ukraine after Kievo -Pechersk Lavra. From Pochaiv we will drive to Ternopil which is about 70km. After our arrival we'll check-in to Teropil hotel.

Dinner at the hotel time for rest.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: HOTEL TERNOPII, 12 ZAMKOVA ST., TERNOPOL 282001. TEL: (380-352) 22-43-97.**

### **AUGUST 31. *Day 19***

Today after breakfast **City tour of Ternopil.**

After the Second World War most of the city was rebuilt with light colored buildings and plenty of lush greenery. Ternopil region is the picturesque land with ancient towns, medieval castles and unique caves.

This afternoon you'll have some leisure time to visit with your family or go on a " Seret Lake " cruise

Optionally – **visit to the orphanage.** Dinner will be at a Old Mill Restaurant.

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### **SEPTEMBER 1. *Day 20***

After breakfast we'll leave the Ternopil for Ivano- Frankivsk.

Check in to Nadia hotel.

After lunch we are leaving for Kolomiya. We will have **a school concert.**

And after we're invited to the real **Gutsuls' wedding** – with colorful traditions, fancy dresses, music, dances and lots of fun.

Drive to Ivano-Frankivsk.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION NADIYA HOTEL, IVANO-FRANKIVSK NEZALEZNOSTI STR TEL: 0342-72-70-75**

### **SEPTEMBER 2. *Day 21.***

Breakfast at Nadiya hotel. check out of the hotel.

City tour of Ivano-Frankivsk

Lunch at "Desiatka" beer club where we will enjoy "Oksamytowe" beer with our Lunch.

Drive to Lviv for our last night in Ukraine.

Check in to the hotel. Free time. **A farewell group dinner** to say good-bye to all new friends and a farewell to Ukraine is planned for this memorable final evening. Dinner with music and dancing at a "Hutsulskyi Dvir" open- area restaurant.

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### **SEPTEMBER 3. *Day 22***

Breakfast at the Hotel in Lviv.

Since this is your last day in Ukraine, today is Your last chance to buy authentic embroidery and gifts from Lviv at the "Vernisage"crafts Market, or do your final packing for your trip home.

Free time. Today after lunch, we will be transported from our hotel in Lviv to the Lviv International Airport, where we will board our plane to Vienna.

After landing at Vienna Airport we'll check in hotel.

**City tour of Vienna:** the Ring Boulevard, St. Stephan's Cathedral, the Danube, Prater, the Hundertwasser House. Dinner at a local restaurant.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION:**