



### Great Ukraine Fall Tour 2017

Style: Prestige | Dates: September 5-20, 2017 | Duration: 16 Days/ 15 Nights | Start Kyiv – End Lviv

Great Ukraine is a Cobblestone Freeway favorite! This is a PRESTIGE style tour so expect the very best of sightseeing, accommodations and restaurants!

Treat yourself to our most extensive tour that offers our travelers the opportunity to visit the most popular regions in Ukraine.

See the best of Ukraine at a comfortable pace; enjoy character-rich accommodations in great locations, a mix of private and public transportation and the best service!

See all the highlights of Ukraine - from east to west, ranging from the golden domes of Kyiv, the maritime charm of Odesa, to the quaint mountain villages of the Carpathian Mountains, the multicultural Chernivtsi and the 'Paris of Ukraine' – the beautiful Lviv.

Not only will you be exposed to the fantastic history that Ukraine has to offer, but you'll get up-close and personal with the people and culture of this wonderful land. This will be an unforgettable experience that will stay with you for a lifetime!

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites throughout Ukraine in Lviv, Kyiv and Chernivtsi
- Enjoy a tour and wine tasting at Ukraine's best Winery in Shabo, near Odesa
- Enjoy the Mystic Carpathian Mountains – attend a Cobblestone Freeway exclusive – traditional Hutsul Wedding
- Visit the village of Tulova – another Cobblestone Freeway exclusive
- Step inside the ornate and world-renowned Lviv Opera House
- Attend private concerts and cultural events exclusively for Cobblestone Freeway travelers



### **Day 1 – Tuesday, September 5**

Arrive in Kyiv – the capital of Ukraine!

After a transfer to your hotel in the heart of the city, take a walk around this town, and have a meal in one of the many local restaurants.

### **Day 2 – Wednesday, September 6**

Explore the old city district, see the new city centre, and wander down Andriivsky Uzviz, where Ukraine’s artists live and work, see the Golden Gates, the many beautiful Cathedrals, take a walk down Khreshchatyk Str. and Independence Square. In the afternoon we have a special treat – a traditional Ukrainian zabava, where everyone will have a chance to learn some traditional central Ukrainian songs and dances from our special guests! Intrigued? Good!

### **Day 3 – Thursday, September 7**

Today you’ll have a chance to visit a real spiritual Mecca – the Kyiv Lavra Cave Monastery. After a tour of the place, we will visit the Ivan Honchar museum that has an impressive collection of embroidery, musical instruments and more ethnographic treasures!

In the evening we will hop on a train a travel to beautiful Odessa!

### **HOTEL:**

Dnipro Hotel

[www.dniprohotel.ua](http://www.dniprohotel.ua)

2 Nights

1 Overnight sleeper train ride Kyiv - Odessa



### **Day 4 – Friday, September 8**

Welcome to the beautiful city of Odesa. Once we get checked in to our hotel, situated in the very heart of the city, you will have a chance to enjoy a leisurely walk through the city, learning its history and visiting the main tourist sites, including the Potiomkin steps, Derybasivska Street, and the local quay. In the afternoon we suggest a visit to the Opera and Ballet Theatre, considered one of the most beautiful ones in Europe!

### **Day 5 – Saturday, September 9**

There probably isn't anyone who wouldn't enjoy what we have planned for today! We will take you to a small town called Shabo! You will get a private tour of the premises, participate in a wine tasting with tips from a professional sommelier and then visit a gift shop to buy the products you enjoyed the most!

### **Day 6 – Sunday, September 10**

Free day to explore and enjoy the city on your own!

### **Day 7 – Monday, September 11**

In the morning, while we still have some time in the city, we will take you on excursion dedicated to the architectural heritage of Odesa. Also you will learn and literally experience how multinational Odesa is!

After lunch our adventure continues as we hop on the train and travel to the capital of Bukovyna – Chernivtsi!

### **HOTEL:**

'Ekaterina II' Hotel

<http://hotel-ekaterina.com>

3 Nights

1 overnight sleeper train ride Odessa - Chernivtsi



## The Journey

**Chernivtsi: September 12-14, 2017**

### **Day 8 – Tuesday, September 12**

Once we arrive in Chernivtsi and get checked in to our hotel, enjoy a leisurely walk around this beautiful, multicultural city and learn its long complicated history. Also enjoy a visit to the local University - the architectural ensemble of the main campus of the university, the Residence of Bukovynian and Dalmatian Metropolitans are included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Take the rest of the day to do some shopping, sit in a quaint coffee shop or simply relax at the hotel!

### **Day 9 – Wednesday, September 13**

We're taking you on a time travel today! Not literally, of course, but you'll get to see how the local princes and rulers lived – visit the fortress of Khotyn or Kamianets Podilsky. In the afternoon we have a special treat – a private performance of a local vocal folk ensemble called 'Holos'! You don't want to miss this! And to complete this perfect day – a Bukovynian style Zabava, when back to the city!

If you have relatives in Ukraine, you can take a day off from touring and visit with family. We can help you with all the arrangements.

### **Day 10 – Thursday, September 14**

Join us for a tour of the local ethnographic open air museum to see examples of the region's folk architecture. Afterwards we are heading to the village of Tulova, feel like part of a big family; walk around the village of Tulova, enjoy a joyful celebration with traditions, music and more! Experience the famous 'Ukrainian hospitality' at its best!

In the afternoon we will get back on the road and travel to the Carpathian mountains.

#### **HOTEL:**

'Bukovyna' Hotel

<http://bukovyna-hotel.com/?l=2>

2 Nights



### **Day 11 – Friday , September 15**

Another Cobblestone exclusive awaits! You are cordially invited to a Hutsul family house! You will learn traditional songs and customs, sample some local delicacies and experience real Carpathian hospitality!

After lunch we will attend a Music Presentation from Maestro musician and instrument maker Mykhailo Tafijchuk.

### **Day 12 – Saturday, September 16**

Today we will take our time and enjoy the beauty around us. You'll visit the local crafts bazaar where craftsmen from around the area bring in their works to sell. Then we will visit a beautiful old wooden church, and trust us, the location is stunning too. And last but not least – we will enjoy the best of traditional Hutsul cuisine at a local restaurant overlooking the river. The brave ones can visit the local waterfalls and maybe even go for a swim.

You'll have the afternoon off to relax at the resort.

### **Day 13 – Sunday, September 17**

We keep on exploring the beautiful region of Hutsulshchyna and all that it has to offer. Kosiv is famous for its ceramics. In the morning we'll learn all about traditional Hutsul ceramics – see how it's made. Maybe you'll even get to try your hand at it!

On our way to Lviv we'll stop in the city of Kolomyia and visit the famous Pysanka (Easter egg) museum to admire the best works!

Arriving in Lviv, we'll get you checked in, and take you out for a walk around this medieval town. To finish the day – we'll enjoy a delicious meal in one of the many local restaurants.

#### **HOTEL:**

'Zhyvytsia' B'n'B

<http://zhyvytsya.com.ua/>

3 Nights



## The Journey

Lviv: September 18-20 , 2017

### **Day 14 – Monday, September 18**

The city, often called the Paris of Ukraine, got this name for a reason – once a princely state, part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and then of the Polish Kingdom, today Lviv is a modern European city that has, nonetheless, preserved a very special ‘old-European’ feel.

Take a city tour on a retro train and discover more!

We strongly suggest you visit the Lviv Opera House – either for a show or simply to see the stunning interiors! Naturally, all the touristy attractions of Lviv are centrally located, but this doesn’t mean there aren’t things to explore beyond this realm! We’ll take you on another adventure, on a bus, where you’ll get to visit the famous Lychakiv cemetery, the old-new train station, incredible cathedrals and more! Buckle up!

### **Day 15 – Tuesday, September 19**

Take advantage of the many suggestions we have for you today! Trust us, you won’t struggle looking for things to do – from the numerous themed restaurants and coffee shops to countless sightseeing and shopping opportunities, you will keep yourselves busy!

In the evening, enjoy one last zabava! And its going to be a good one!

If you have family in the area – we’ll be more than happy to arrange a visit for you! Contact us for details!

### **Day 16 – Wednesday, September 20**

After a free morning to stock up on souvenirs we will transfer you to the airport where, sadly, we will have to say our goodbyes!

Thank you for travelling with Cobblestone Freeway!

#### **HOTEL:**

‘Vintage Boutique’ Hotel

<http://vintagehotel.com.ua/en/>

3 Nights



## Tour Details

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

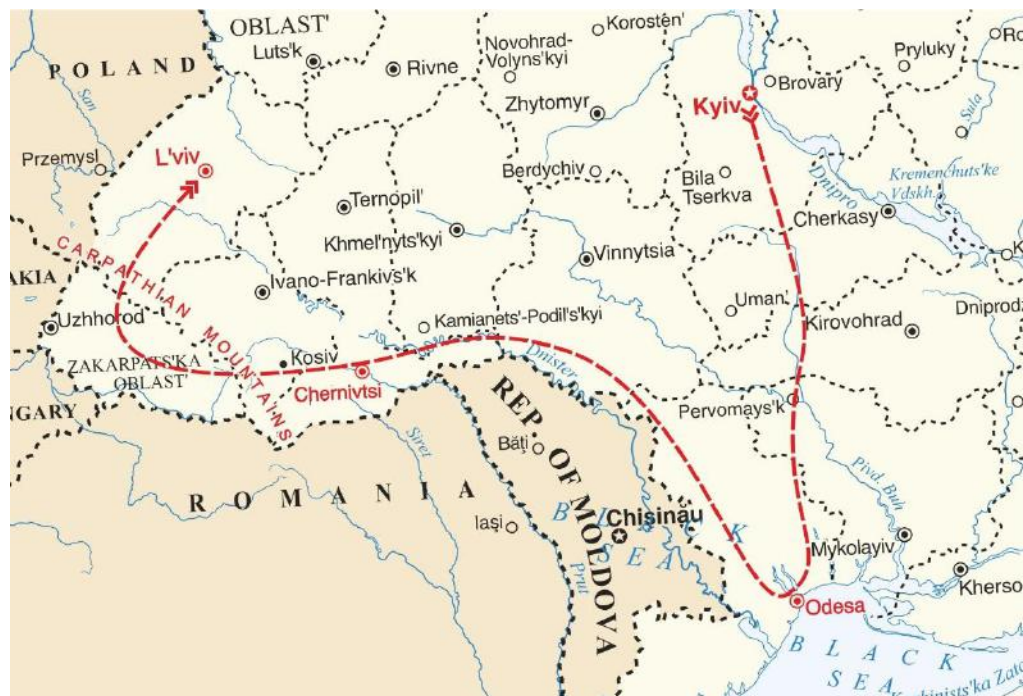
- Escorted tour from beginning to the end
- All Events included in the Itinerary
- 2 big meals a day + snacks
- All land transportation in an air conditioned quality bus with professional driver
- 15 nights in comfortable character rich 4 & 5 star hotels and quality villas, incl. 2 overnight train rides
- Internet in hotels when possible
- Full time tour leader
- Special events exclusively for Cobblestone travellers
- Cobblestone Freeway t-shirt

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Extra days before/after the tour
- Events and Services not included in the itinerary or marked as Optional
- Some meals and beverages
- Airport Transfers if you're NOT travelling with a group
- Travel Insurance
- Laundry & Telephone Services

\*You will be charged for additional services at the end of the trip

\*Unforeseen events and new discoveries may result in changes to this itinerary, but only for the better! None of the activities listed are guaranteed at this point. You will receive a more detailed itinerary closer to departure dates.



### OPTIONAL ADD-ONS:

- Extend your trip
- Upgrade your room / Get a single room
- Do a side trip – visit Family, have your Family History researched

### MORE QUESTIONS

If you have any question or requests regarding your trip – big, small or downright quirky – please call or e-mail us. We are happy to help!