

On our Ukrainian Dance Festival Tour you'll attend not one, but two amazing festivals in Ukraine!

Firstly, the one and only International Ukrainian Dance & Culture Festival in Lviv! An epic 4-day experience, which includes dance workshops, performances, zabavas, and a chance to network with Ukrainian dancers from around the globe! After, we will take you on a tour to experience the very best that Ukraine has to offer, from the sweeping green Carpathian Mountains to the historic and cosmopolitan city Kyiv.

In Kyiv - experience the World of Ukrainians Festival on Independence Day, and celebrate - Ukrainian style!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Dance festivals:** be a part of the International Ukrainian Dance and Culture Festival in Lviv, and World of Ukrainians Festival in Kyiv.
- **Dance Workshops:** enjoy exclusive workshops with dance ensembles in 4 different cities!
- **Hutsul Wedding:** attend a Cobblestone Freeway exclusive – a recreation of a traditional Hutsul Wedding.
- **Village visit:** meet locals in the authentic Ukrainian village of Tulova
- **Magical Buildings:** marvel at the stunning University of Chernivtsi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **Folk songs:** hear the wonderful Gerdan Ensemble perform in Chernivtsi.
- **Independence Day:** join the incredible Independence Day celebrations in Kyiv
- **Cobblestone Exclusives:** attend private concerts, cultural events, and workshops exclusively for Cobblestone freeway travellers.



Day 1 TOUR START DATE | Lviv (-/-/D)

Welcome to Ukraine! Upon arrival, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your centrally located hotel. Once you've checked in and freshened up, we will take you on a **city orientation**, and show you the nearest money exchange places, ATMs, best souvenir stores and local restaurants with the most delicious food!

After some free time to rest, the Festival program begins! In the evening, enjoy the **Official Opening Ceremonies** where you will meet other festival participants and see spectacular performances by the Festival Host Group. Evening at your leisure.

Day 2 | Lviv (B/-/D)

In the morning, you have the option of joining one of the Dance or Vocal Festival **Workshops**. Alternatively, you can take some free time to explore the city.

In the afternoon, enjoy an **outdoor concert** in the Main Square, featuring festival participants and groups from around the world! Grab a table at one of the nearby restaurants, so you can enjoy the best of both – fiery performances and local treats.

In the evening, join other Festival participants for a grand **ZABAVA** featuring special performers from Ukraine and Canada.

Day 3 | Lviv (B/L/-)

Take a free leisurely morning. To explore Lviv after the night's festivities!

Enjoy the **Festival Parade** through the city centre, commemorating Ukrainians across the globe. Then we'll travel to **Shevchenkivsky Hai**, Open Air Museum. Enjoy a lunch together with other participants at a Kozak Style BBQ. Enjoy performances from festival participants, or explore the beautiful museum grounds – see historic buildings from various regions of Ukraine, take optional artisanal master classes offered on location.

Enjoy a free evening in Lviv.

Day 4 | Lviv (B/L/-)

Last day of the festival. Discover Lviv's rich culture and history on a city tour, **optional** visit to St. George's Cathedral or Lychakiv Cemetery, or High Castle Hill.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, then free time for individual exploration. We suggest you visit the local souvenir bazaar called "Vernissage", where you can buy embroidered blouses or souvenirs.

In the evening, enjoy a spectacular show at the final **Gala Concert** and Festival Closing Ceremonies.

HOTEL:

Hotel 'Lviv'

<http://www.hotel-lviv.com.ua/en>

4 Nights



The Destination

Day 5 | Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

After breakfast, we will travel to the Carpathian Mountains!

On our way, we will stop in the city of Kolomyia and visit the world's Only **Pysanka** (Easter egg) **museum** to admire the art! Stop for lunch in a local restaurant before hitting the road again.

Arrive in Kosiv – a relaxing picturesque town in the Carpathian Mountains, you'll have some free time to relax.

Enjoy a free evening looking out onto views of the Carpathian Mountains. Take some optional Spa treatments, relaxing in a traditional sauna!

Day 6 | Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

Kosiv is famous for its outstanding artists who not only create beautiful things, but also keep centuries old traditions in folk crafts.

Visit the **local mini-crafts bazaar** where locals skillfully create Easter eggs, jewelry boxes, pottery, embroidery, and leather goods to name a few. You'll want to take the chance to buy some of the beautiful embroidered blouses here!

After, we will visit a **woodcarvers' home**, where he will show us some of his unique creations, tell us about his craft, and even give you a chance to try your hand at woodcarving! We'll have lunch with the family, before returning to the hotel. Afternoon at your leisure.

Day 7 | Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

This morning, after breakfast, we will partake in an energetic **workshop** to learn Hutsul dances from a local expert! These fast-paced dances and sequences will blow you away! Alternatively, you can take some free time to explore the city of Kosiv.

Next stop is a small Carpathian village, located higher up in the mountains, where inhabitants are passionate about preserving their ancestors' traditions. You'll be cordially invited to see a traditional **Hutsul wedding!** Learn traditional songs; watch the locals dancing, try rich, home-made Hutsul food made by the locals! Experience the famous Hutsul hospitality at its best!

Return to the hotel, rest of the evening at your leisure.

Carpathian Mountains

HOTELS:

Villa 'Zhyvytsia'

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

3 Nights



Day 8 | Carpathian Mountains - Chernivtsi (B/L/-)

Today we'll head down from the Carpathian Mountains, to the stunning city of Chernivtsi.

On our way, we'll stop at the local **village of Tulova**. Here the locals are keen to welcome you into their village, to show you around, and show you their day-to-day life – you will feel like a part of this big family! Experience the famous Ukrainian hospitality at its best with a lunch with the villagers, made fresh from local ingredients!

We'll carry on to our destination – Chernivtsi. Upon arrival, we'll settle you in your hotel. Evening at your leisure.

Day 9 | Chernivtsi (B/-/D)

Welcome to the Capital of Bukovyna, the magical and culturally rich city of Chernivtsi! Learn some Bukovynian dances in a morning **workshop** with **the Bukovynian ensemble!**

After some time to freshen up and to grab some lunch, we'll go out on a **city tour** of this beautiful, multicultural city. Learn its fascinating history and visit the most beautiful landmarks.

We'll meet again in the evening for a special treat – a private performance of the local **folk ensemble – Gerdan**, who passionately represent the rich cultural heritage of this region. You don't want to miss this! The performance will be followed by a delicious Bukovynian-style dinner at 'Hopachok' restaurant.

Day 10 | Chernivtsi (B/L/-)

Today we'll enjoy a visit to an architectural gem - the **Chernivtsi National University**. This stunning collection of buildings will make you feel as though you have stepped back in time! The University's main campus, the Residence of Bukovynian and Dalmatian Metropolitans are included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

After lunch in one of our favourite restaurants, enjoy some free time to wander the city and relax on a patio. Stock up on some snacks, as, after a late check-out, in the evening we'll hop on a night train to Kyiv.

HOTELS:

Bukovyna Hotel

<http://bukovyna-hotel.com/>

2 Nights

Overnight train to Kyiv

1 Night



Day 11 | Kyiv (B/L/-)

Welcome to Kyiv – a modern city with an ancient spirit. Arriving into Kyiv in the morning, we'll check you into your hotel early and get some breakfast. Take some time to unpack and freshen up before we grab lunch at a local spot.

After lunch, we'll introduce you to **Kyiv**, it's fascinating history, architecture and traditions, take a city tour through some of the iconic sights, such as Independence Square, better known as Maidan; Khreshchatyk Street – the main 'artery' of Kyiv'; St. Volodymyr's Cathedral & a visit and **tour** of St. Sophia's Cathedral.

Afternoon at your leisure to explore this beautiful city.

Day 12 | Kyiv (B/L/-)

After breakfast, today you'll experience something special - a real dream come true for any Ukrainian dancer: a **workshop** with the world-famous **Virsky Ensemble**.

After - enjoy a free day! Choose from one of our many **options** (below, not included in tour price.)

HOTEL:

IBIS Hotel

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/7143/index.en.shtml>

2022: 3 Nights | 2023: 4 Nights



2022 (14 Day Tour)

Day 13 UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY | Kyiv (B/-/D)

Today you will get the incredible opportunity to celebrate **Ukraine's Independence Day** with the people of Ukraine!

Enjoy a free morning to walk down to Khreshchatyk, the main street in Kyiv, for the Independence Day **Parade**. This is truly a once in a lifetime experience!

Later, see performances from groups from around the world at the **'World of Ukrainians' Festival**, an ethno festival where talented artists from Canada and Ukraine get together in order to preserve their Ukrainian roots.

After, take some time for individual exploration and shopping at Andrijvesky Uzviz (**optional**) – a street that's home to the city's artisans, craftsmen and vendors. Shop for all kinds of items, from souvenirs, to authentic costumes and Soviet memorabilia.

Of course, we're not letting you end this special day without a proper **Zabava** – and it's going to be one for the books! Featuring a live music performance from a folk band that promotes and preserves authentic Central Ukrainian singing.

Day 14 TOUR END DATE | Kyiv (B/-/-)

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!

2023 (15 Day Tour)

Day 13 | Kyiv (B/L/-)

Keep exploring Kyiv sights! Visit **Mamaieva Sloboda**, an open-air museum, with thematic exhibits that represent a full replica of a historical Kozak settlement, depicting Ukrainian nature, architecture and the way of life. On the territory of the museum, you may pick from different **craft optional workshops** and learn how the ancient craftworks were made or enjoy a **dance workshop** and learn the basics of the *everyday dance* (kozachok, hutsulka, polka etc.)

Later on, take a **boat cruise down the Dnipro River**. Feel a sense of awe as you travel down this great river and discover the major waterfront sights of Kyiv in a relaxing atmosphere.

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Options while in Kyiv

Visit the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone and abandoned town of Prypiat.



Learn more about Ukraine's complicated past at the WW2 Memorial and Museum.



Visit poet Taras Shevchenko's Burial Place in Kaniv.



Marvel at the picturesque Tunnel of Love!



Visit Mezhehiria - the Museum of Corruption.



Take a river cruise down the Dnipro River.



Contact us to arrange your tour add-on today!

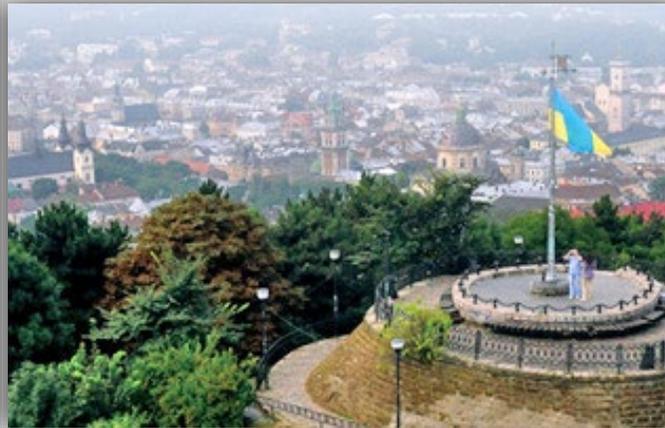
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Options while in Lviv

Take a tour of Lviv's castles on a day tour!



Climb the High Castle Hill to get scenic panoramic view of the city!



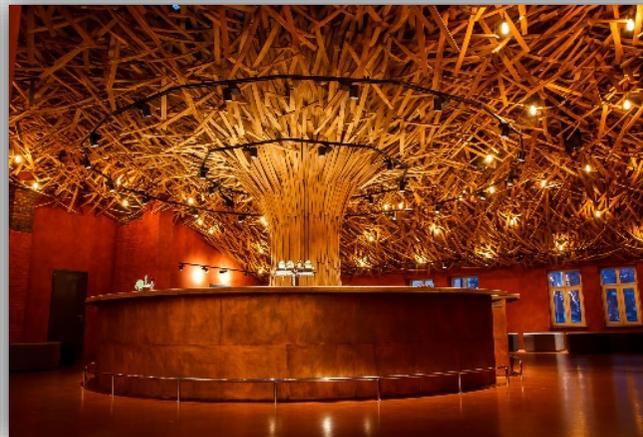
Visit the weapon museum located in the former City Arsenal



Take a Ukrainian Cookery Class!



Taste the best varieties of local beer and learn its long history in Lvivarnya Beer Museum.



Join a mysterious Lviv Night Guard tour to hear the eerie legends of the city!



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Tour Details

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Airport Transfers
- All land transportation
- Escorted tour with full time Tour Leader
- Tour in English
- 2 meals a day
- 12 nights in hand-Selected hotels
- 1 Overnight Train ride Chernivtsi - Kyiv
- All Events and workshops included in the Itinerary
- Internet in hotels when possible
- Interaction with local artists, craftsmen, and performers
- 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**
- Alcoholic beverages
- Meals not listed in Itinerary
- Flights not listed in Itinerary
- Tips for guides / drivers/ maids
- Travel Insurance
- Laundry & Telephone Services



OPTIONAL ADD-ONS:

- Extend your trip
- Upgrade your room / Get a single room
- Do a side trip – visit Family
- Ukrainian Family History researched with our Genealogy service

On our Cobblestone Freeway Tour, enjoy:

Delicious, hand chosen local food, and more inclusions than most other tour operators



Enjoy exclusive Folk dance/ music performances



You will be escorted by a full-time Cobblestone Freeway Tour Leader



DANCE FESTIVAL TOUR

TOUR DATES & PRICES:

August 12-25, 2022 (14 Days)	\$ 3,116 USD
August 11-25, 2023 (15 Days)	\$ 3,465 USD

Prices subject to change.
Secure this price with your full \$500 USD deposit.

TOUR LAND PRICE:

Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy
Single Supplement =
2022: \$880 USD | 2023: \$910 USD
Early Bird Discount: Save \$200 USD if you
book at least 6 months prior to tour date.

Does not include Airfare or Travel Insurance



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