

## Ukrainian Dance World Presents a unique opportunity, in collaboration with Virsky National Ukrainian Dance Ensemble!

Virsky Summer Academy is an annual certificate summer training program, which is designed especially for all abilities of Ukrainian dancers around the world. It's for any Ukrainian dancer who wants to push themselves to dance at the **highest levels**. This course will prepare you to be the best that you can be, by dancing side-by-side with the world's **best**.

Each morning will feature a ballet or character class, followed by technique training of tricks, jumps, turns and generally learning to defy the laws of physics and gravity. Then you will spend the afternoon learning Virsky dances from all the regions of Ukraine and exploring the explosive spirit of Ukrainian culture that was embodied in the very dances of **Pavlo Virsky** himself.

Only a limited amount of participants will be accepted to make sure each dancer gets the most out of Virsky Summer Academy, so register today!

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Dance Legends:** train with the world-famous Virsky Ensemble
- **Professional tuition:** one-on-one instruction from world-renowned Virsky choreographers, instructors & dancers
- **Where legends are born:** learn how the best Ukrainian Dancers are made – train in classical ballet & technique together with the Virsky Studio students
- **Artists in action:** see the Virsky Ensemble dancers perform, in a front row seat at the Ensemble's technique class
- **Behind the scenes:** discover where and who makes the Ensemble's striking costumes
- **Know your history:** learn the Ensemble's success story, intertwined with stories from the life of Pavlo Virsky
- **Golden domes:** explore the beautiful capital of Ukraine – Kyiv, and see all it has to offer!
- **Independence Day:** join the incredible Independence Day celebrations in Kyiv
- **Virsky for life:** return home with a rich understanding of Ukrainian dance and memories to last a lifetime
- **Cobblestone Exclusives:** attend private concerts, cultural events, and workshops exclusively for Cobblestone freeway travellers
- **OPTIONAL:** come early and be a part of the *International Ukrainian Dance and Culture Festival in Lviv*





## Why Enroll?

- Participants will receive critical technique enhancement from the Virsky choreographers, instructors & artistic director, as well as some of the dancers
- This experience cannot be offered outside of Ukraine
- This camp will push dancers to their highest potential and make for an unforgettable trip
- Only a select few will be chosen for this workshop, which means you get all the attention from the gurus of Ukrainian Dance

## Who can enroll?

- Ukrainian dance students. Must be in grade 10 or older
- Parents / Instructors are welcome to join (*alternative options to dancing can be arranged for chaperones*)

## For more information and how to enroll:

Call or email us. We would love to hear from you!

- Email: [info@cobblestonefreeway.ca](mailto:info@cobblestonefreeway.ca)
- 780-436-7482 or 1-855-787-7482



# Training Schedule

## **Day 1 TOUR START DATE | 16<sup>th</sup> August (-/-/D)**

Welcome to Ukraine! Upon arrival in Kyiv, you'll be met at the airport by a Cobblestone representative, and chauffeured to your hotel, located in the heart of the city center.

After check-in and some free time to freshen up, we will provide you with a **city orientation**, so you will know the closest exchange places, ATMs, and best souvenir and convenience stores.

Later on, we will enjoy a delicious **Welcome Dinner** in one of our favorite restaurants with traditional Ukrainian food!

## **Day 2 | 17<sup>th</sup> August (B/L/-)**

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – 02:00 pm Warm up & Private Dance Class with the Virsky instructors & choreographers  
Sit in on & watch the Virsky Ensemble Technique Class

02:30 – 03:30 pm Lunch

03:30 – 04:30 pm Free time

04:30 – 06:00 pm Classical Ballet & Technique class with the Virsky Studio (for males)

06:00 – 07:30 pm Classical Ballet & Technique class with the Virsky Studio (for females)

Free Evening

## **Day 3 | 18<sup>th</sup> August (B/L/-)**

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – 02:00 pm Warm up & Private Dance Class with the Virsky instructors & choreographers  
Sit in on & watch the Virsky Ensemble Technique Class

02:30 – 03:30 pm Lunch

03:30 – 04:30 pm Free time

04:30 – 06:00 pm Classical Ballet & Technique class with the Virsky Studio (for males)

06:00 – 07:30 pm Classical Ballet & Technique class with the Virsky Studio (for females)

Free Evening

## **Day 4 | 19<sup>th</sup> August (B/L/-)**

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – 02:00 pm Warm up & Private Dance Class with the Virsky instructors & choreographers  
Sit in on & watch the Virsky Ensemble Technique Class

02:30 – 03:30 pm Lunch

03:30 – 04:30 pm Free time

04:30 – 06:00 pm Classical Ballet & Technique class with the Virsky Studio (for males)

06:00 – 07:30 pm Classical Ballet & Technique class with the Virsky Studio (for females)

Free Evening

## **HOTEL:**

IBIS Hotel

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

11 Nights



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## Day 5 | 20<sup>th</sup> August (B/L/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – 01:00 pm City Tour: Volodymyrsky Sobor, Golden Gates, St. Sophia  
01:30 – 02:30 pm Lunch  
03:30 – 04:30 pm Free time  
03:30 – Free Time for souvenir shopping on the Andrijevsky Uzviz  
Free Evening

## Day 6 | 21<sup>st</sup> August (B/-/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – 01:00 pm City Tour: Pecherska Lavra, Honchar Museum  
01:30 – 02:30 pm Lunch & free time  
03:00 – 05:00 pm Dnipro River Cruise  
05:30 – 06:30 pm Free time  
07:00 – 11:00 pm Dinner

## Day 7 | 22<sup>nd</sup> August (B/L/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – 02:00 pm Warm up & Private Dance Class with the Virsky instructors & choreographers  
Sit in on & watch the Virsky Ensemble Technique Class  
02:30 – 03:30 pm Lunch  
03:30 – 04:30 pm Free time  
04:30 – 06:00 pm Classical Ballet & Technique class with the Virsky Studio (for males)  
06:00 – 07:30 pm Classical Ballet & Technique class with the Virsky Studio (for females)  
Free Evening

## Day 8 | 23<sup>rd</sup> August (B/L/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – 12:30 pm Warm up & Private Dance Class with the Virsky instructors & choreographers  
12:30 – 02:00 pm See the Virsky Ensemble's costumes and meet the people who make them  
02:30 – 03:30 pm Lunch  
03:30 – 04:30 pm Free time  
04:30 – 06:00 pm Classical Ballet & Technique class with the Virsky Studio (for males)  
06:00 – 07:30 pm Classical Ballet & Technique class with the Virsky Studio (for females)  
08:30 – 09:30 pm Dinner





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## Day 9 UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY | 24<sup>th</sup> August (B/-/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

Free day - **Independence Day of Ukraine celebrations**

Suggested activities:

10:00 – 12:00 pm Watch the Independence Day Parade on Khreschatyk Street

02:00 – 05:00pm Watch the World of Ukrainians Festival performances in the heart of Kyiv

07:00 - 10:00pm Attend a concert by Virsky at Palats Ukrainy, and see the dancers in full action!\*

\*Subject to availability, must be booked in advance. Contact our office.

## Day 10 | 25<sup>th</sup> August (B/-/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – 01:00 pm Warm up & go over studied material

Exam with new friends from Virsky Studio

01:30 – 04:30 pm Free time for Lunch

05:00 – 06:00 pm Excursion to Cossack village “Mamajeva-Sloboda” (*Optional*)

06:30 – 11:30 pm Dinner & Zabava entertainment with folk band

## Day 11 | 26<sup>th</sup> August (B/-/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

Full free day to explore Kyiv

Choose from one of our many **options** below!

## Day 12 TOUR END DATE | 27<sup>th</sup> August (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!





## Options while in Kyiv

Visit the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone and abandoned town of Prypiat.



See a show at the impressive Kyiv Opera House.



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!

\*not included in tour price.



## Suggestion to extend your trip: Attend our IUDCF!

**13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August**

Arrive to Ukraine early, flying into Lviv, and you can take the chance to attend our incredible IUDCF! Take workshops with the Host group, and watch performances from Ukrainian dancers from across the world! Contact us to add this on to your trip.

### **Four Days Prior to Tour Start | Arrive in 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.

### **Three Days Prior to Tour Start | 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.

### **Two Days Prior to Tour Start | 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.

### **One Day Prior to Tour Start | 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.

### **Tour Day 1 | Travel to Kyiv**

In the morning, we'll transfer you to the train station and put you on a comfortable, high speed train to Kyiv. Upon arrival, you'll be met by your tour host and checked in to your hotel. Enjoy an afternoon at your leisure before meeting the members of your tour group in the evening at the hosted **Welcome Dinner!**

#### **HOTEL:**

Hotel 'Lviv'

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

4 Nights



## Tour Details

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Airport Transfers
- All land transportation
- Escorted tour with full time Tour Leader
- All Workshops, activities and excursions included in the Itinerary
- 2 meals a day (unless stated otherwise)
- 11 nights in a hand-Selected hotel, located by the Virsky Studio
- Interaction with Virsky instructors, dancers and choreographers
- 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

## **VIRSKY SUMMER ACADEMY 12 Days / 11 Nights**

### TOUR DATES & PRICES:

August 16-27, 2022	\$ 2,507 USD
August 16-27, 2023	\$ 2,775 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: \$840 USD | 2023: \$860 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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