

Join us for an unforgettable Ukrainian experience

Western Ukraine is home to some of the most beautiful places in Ukraine, but also some of the most historic.

We will take you on a journey back in time, through centuries-old cities and ancient fortresses. Wander the quaint, cobblestoned streets of beautiful Lviv, and meet locals in a village in the Carpathian Mountains. Discover the fiery Bukovynian culture in Chernivtsi, and the marvel at the towers of Kamianets-Podilsky. Explore modern-day Ivano-Frankivsk, and discover the story behind Borschiv embroidery in Ternopil.

This will be a journey unlike any you've taken before, where you can get up-close and personal with the people and authentic traditions of this wonderful land.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Quaint streets:** explore the charming and beautiful city of Lviv
- **Magical Buildings:** marvel at the stunning University of Chernivtsi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- **Hutsul home:** attend a Cobblestone Freeway exclusive – a traditional dinner in the home of a Hutsul Family in a Carpathian Village
- **Traditional arts:** learn how to make traditional “lizhnyky” - woolen blankets in the village of Yavoriv
- **Village visit:** meet locals in the authentic Ukrainian village of Tulova
- **Folk songs:** hear the wonderful Gerdan Ensemble perform in Chernivtsi
- **Time Travel:** admire the Kamyanets-Podilskyi and Khotyn fortresses
- **Incredible embroidery:** discover the famous Borschiv embroidery in Ternopil
- **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 in Lviv, you'll be met at the airport by your Tour Leader and chauffeured to your hotel, located in the heart of the city center.

*Your **Tour Leader** will be with you throughout your entire trip – every step of the way. More than just a guide - they will be your personal travel host, along with your private driver and vehicle. Together, they'll make sure you get where you need to go, and be available to stop when you need along the way. Not to mention, they'll show you the best places to eat, and help you with all the small details, from using the bank machines to showing you where to find the best gifts at the market - and negotiating for the best price! They'll share the best of Ukraine, tell you about its history, and show you the modern Ukraine. And if there are any problems, they will make sure everything gets worked out. You're in good hands!*

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 | Lviv (B/L/-)

Today we'll get to know this beautiful city a little bit better on a **city tour**... Lviv was considered the centre of the ancient historical region, Galicia. It has many names – Lemberg, the city of Lion, Lvov, – but under any name, Lviv has always been a city of love. The historic city centre, which is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List, with its antiquated buildings and cobblestoned streets, survived through Soviet and German occupations during the Second World War, and yet it still looks almost unharmed!

Then, you'll get to know why Lviv is called the 'The City of coffee' by drinking **fragrant coffee** in one of the most unique coffee shops in the city. Learn about the history, listen to the legends and enjoy the aromas of fresh grinded coffee with a piece of cheesecake.

Enjoy the afternoon on your own as you explore and get some shopping time in at the local souvenir market, where you'll be able to stock up embroidered shirts, handcrafted souvenirs and accessories and much more!

Optional: Take a beer tour - you will be impressed with a wide range and taste variety of Lviv beer in the best breweries of the city! (*Tours must be arranged in advance. Please call our Cobblestone Freeway Office to book your add-ons at least 60 days prior to tour start date*)

HOTEL:

'Vintage Boutique' Hotel

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

3 Nights



The Destination

Ivano-Frankivsk

Day 3 | Lviv – Ivano-Frankivsk (B/-/D)

Today we are leaving beautiful Lviv and heading to Ivano-Frankivsk. On the way, we will stop in **ancient Halych**. The city gave its name to the historic province of Galicia (Halychyna), to the Principality of Halych and to the Kingdom of Galicia–Volhynia. The first written mention of Halych dates all the way back to 1138, so it's definitely worth visiting! We'll stop for lunch.

On our way we'll also stop in the beautiful town of **Rohatyn**, which has a significant part in the history of Halychyna region. You will get to hear the fascinating story of a young Ukrainian girl who came from this ancient town, and made the whole world talk about her!

Upon arrival in Ivano-Frankivsk, we'll check you in at the hotel in the city centre and will show you around, so you know where to go dinner, where to exchange money and the nearest ATMs.

Day 4 | Ivano-Frankivsk (B/-/D)

This morning we'll take you on a **city tour** - it's a good chance to enjoy a leisurely walk through the city, learning its history and visiting its main attractions. This charming city, with its parks, lush gardens, European-style houses and historical monuments, will make a great impression on you!

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy: if you have any relatives in the area, your guide can help you arrange meeting them. Otherwise, you may explore this marvelous city on your own. Your Tour Leader will recommend places worth visiting and help you get there.

In the evening, we'll have a group dinner in one of the local restaurants!

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

In the morning, after breakfast and checkout, you'll be setting off to the beautiful **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, and Hutsul Culture and Art Museum - the collection of costumes, tools and art will help you to imagine how ancient Hutsuls lived. 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.

Optional: *In the evening you may take some spa treatments, including relax in a purifying sauna, or a massage. Otherwise, go for a walk on the territory of the hotel, surrounded with views of the mountains!*

HOTELS:

'Nadia' Hotel

<https://www.nadiyahotel.com/>

2 Nights



The Destination

Carpathian Mountains

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

In the morning – take a trip to the local **Kosiv crafts bazaar**. Once a week vendors and artisans from the area get together to buy and sell art supplies, embroidery, antique items, food and even animals! See all kinds of unique items made by local women - Easter eggs, jewelry boxes, spoons, pottery, embroidery, leather goods, and many other goods. Even if you don't buy something (which is quite unlikely) – it's a real experience!

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 dinner at a **Hutsul Family House!** Learn traditional songs; watch the locals dancing, try rich, home-made Hutsul food made by the local women! Experience the famous Hutsul hospitality at its best!

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

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

This morning, we'll visit the village of **Yavoriv**, famous for its **'lizhnyky'** – unique, hand woven woolen blankets. You'll learn why only women make them, and how through the centuries this tradition has been preserved. You will even be able to try making some for yourself.

Next, we will visit a traditional Hutsul house-fortress – **Hutsul Grazhda**. This is an impressive piece of architecture, preserved for centuries, and feels like you are stepping back in time as you step through its low wooden doors. Now conserved as a museum, it displays many artefacts representing the local way of life. It was here that the famous film "Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors" (a.k.a. 'Wild Horses on Fire') was filmed.

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 return to the hotel. Afternoon at your leisure.

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

Today we'll head to the capital of Bukovyna, 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 Chernivtsi. Upon arrival, we'll settle you in your hotel. Evening at your leisure.

HOTEL:

'Sokilske' Hotel

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

3 Nights



Day 9 | Chernivtsi (B/-/D)

Welcome to Chernivtsi! Historically a cosmopolitan community, Chernivtsi was once dubbed “Little Vienna” and “Jerusalem upon the Prut”. Chernivtsi is currently twinned with seven other cities around the world, the city is also considered one of Ukraine’s most important educational and architectural sites. We’ll take you on a **city tour** to get to know this city better.

Today we’ll head to one of the largest historical places in Chernivtsi - the **Chernivtsi University!** This Hogwarts-like collection of buildings was the residence of the Bukovinian and Dalmatian Metropolitans, and is even on the UNESCO World Heritage List! After wandering its historic buildings, take some time to wander Chernivtsi’s picturesque streets - the rest of the day is yours for further exploration.

That evening – time for something incredible – a performance by the incredible **folk ensemble “Gerdan”**. Traditional authentic Ukrainian clothing, stunning artistic skills combined with warm, joyful music and an unparalleled energy - this is what you have to look forward to!

You’ll also get to sample some authentic Hutsul dishes – try some “banosh” – a maize base, usually served with a mushroom sauce, sour cream and “brynza” – sheep’s cheese! Trust us – it’s delicious!

Day 10 | Chernivtsi (B/L/-)

Today we are taking you on a time travel - to the fortresses of Khotyn and **Kamyanets-Podilskyi!**

You will get to see how the local princes and rulers lived hundreds of years ago. The different types of people that lived in Khotyn and Kamyanets-Podilskyi each brought their own culture and architecture, meaning that this place is steeped in history and culture. Learn the city’s history on a tour through the ancient fortress, the cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, the City Hall Building and numerous other fortifications.

HOTEL:

‘Allure Inn’ Hotel

<http://allureinn.com/en/>

3 Nights



The Destination

Ternopil - Lviv

Day 11 | Ternopil (B/L/-)

In the morning we'll transfer to Ternopil. After check-in, take some time to refresh before we take you to one of our favourite restaurants for lunch.

Borschiv is an ethnographic region in Podillia, near the western city of Ternopil. It is famous for its Borshchiv embroidery technique – a very dark colored floral pattern. This unique style of embroidery is much darker than other Ukrainian styles, which are usually full of colour. We'll take you to the **Museum of regional ethnography** to see some. The great collection of decorative and applied arts is the subject of the museum's pride. Aswell as folk costumes and embroidery, the museum includes examples of ceramics, textiles, leather and wooden exhibits. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure.

Day 12 | Ternopil (B/L/-)

This morning we'll take a **walking tour** around the old city center.

In the afternoon – enjoy some time at your leisure. You can take an **optional tour** to the small town of Pochaiv, known for the Pochaiv Lavra – the second largest Eastern Orthodox monastery in Ukraine. A huge number of pilgrims and believers come here annually to listen to the sermons, touch the miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary and plunge into the lake of St. Anna. Take advantage of the tour and feel the great power and energy of this place. *(Tours must be arranged in advance. Please call our Cobblestone Freeway Office to book your add ons at least 60 days prior to tour start date)*

Day 13 | Lviv (B/-/D)

This morning we'll transfer back to Lviv. After check-in and some time to freshen up, we'll visit the **Lychakiv Cemetery**, a place where many famous Ukrainian writers, artists and other public figures have been buried, and their gravestones are a sight to behold! These stones are truly works of art, from intricate carvings to impressive mausoleums, this cemetery is an open air museum - one of the most grandiose and significant European necropolises.

Take advantage of the many suggestions we have for you today! Enjoy a final afternoon in Lviv at your leisure, before coming back together for a final **Farewell dinner** in one of our favourite restaurants!

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

Day 14 TOUR END DATE | Lviv (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!

HOTEL:

'Ternopil' Hotel | Ternopil

<http://www.hotelternopil.com/>

2 Nights

Vintage' Hotel | Lviv

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

2 Nights



Suggestions to extend your trip (Number of Days is dependent on flight arrival time in Ukraine)

EXAMPLE: 3 Days in Kyiv Pre-tour Extension

Add this as a Pre-Tour by flying into Kyiv and we'll book you on the high- speed train to Lviv to start your tour.

OR: Add this as a Post-Tour by taking the high-speed train to Kyiv and flying out of Kyiv

Two Days Prior to Tour Start | Arrive in Kyiv

Upon arrival in Kyiv, enjoy the **Dnipro River Cruise** by a comfortable boat and discover the major waterfront sights of Kyiv in a relaxing atmosphere. Contemplate breathtaking views on both sides of the river while your friendly local guide tells you interesting facts about the capital of Ukraine!

One Day Prior to Tour Start | Day trip to Chernobyl

Take a moving journey to **Chernobyl Exclusion Zone**, and abandoned town of Prypiat, and learn about the nuclear disaster in 1986 that forever changed the world.

Tour Day 1 | Travel to Lviv

In the morning, we'll transfer you to the train station and put you on a comfortable, high speed train to Lviv. 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!**



Contact us to arrange your tour add-on today!

*not included in tour price.

EXAMPLE: 4 Day Lviv Post-tour Extension

Day 14 | Lviv Castles Tour: Olesko + Pidhirtsi

Enjoy a day trip to visit some of the stunning castles in Lviv's surrounding areas. We will visit the **Olesko and Pidhirtsi castles**. These castles are great examples of the fortification architecture and you will uncover many secrets of the past, exploring their territory.

Upon returning to Lviv, take some free time to shop, walk around the city or simply relax in a street side cafe.

Day 15 | Lviv: Brewery tour and explore Lviv

Take a **Brewery tour** - you will be impressed with the wide range and variety of beer in Lviv, and the enigmatic atmosphere of the city and tunes of Lviv music has transformed the process of beer drinking into a ritual that hasn't changed for centuries!

To see Lviv from a stunning panoramic viewpoint, you can climb the **High Castle hill**, which presents a bird's eye view of the city.

Visit the weapon museum located in the former **City Arsenal** - an outstanding architectural monument of the 16th century. The exhibition shows examples of ancient weapons from more than 30 countries.

Day 16 | Lviv: Museum time, art and traditions

Visit **Shevchenkivskyi Hai** - a famous open-air museum, of Ukrainian village life, and a living reproduction of Western Ukraine from centuries past... Explore the reconstructed wooden houses, authentic artefacts and get a feel for Ukrainian village life.

Option to get involved in some masterclasses or workshops in Ukrainian folklore!

Admire antique artworks at The **Andrey Sheptytsky National Museum** or enjoy unique and remarkable collection of traditional objects of national culture and folk arts and crafts of Ukrainian people in Ethnographical Museum.

Day 21 | Lviv Departure

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!

Tour Details

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Airport Transfers
- All land transportation
- Escorted tour with full time Tour Leader
- Tour in English
- 2 meals a day
- 13 nights in hand-Selected hotels
- All Events 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



WESTERN UKRAINE TOUR 14 Days / 13 Nights

TOUR DATES & PRICES:

June 7 - June 20, 2021	\$3,319 USD
Sept 6 - Sept 19, 2021	\$3,319 USD
June 20 - July 3, 2022	\$3,652 USD
Sept 19 - Oct 2, 2022 G	\$3,652 USD

G Guaranteed Departure
Prices subject to change.

Secure this price with your full \$500 USD deposit.

TOUR LAND PRICE:

Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy
Single Supplement \$ 740 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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After exploring Western Ukraine, you can continue your journey on our Central Ukraine Tour, which seamlessly pairs with this tour, to let you get the most out of your time in the country. See more details below!

OPTION: Join our Central Ukraine Tour!

Combine our two incredible tours on our UKRAINIAN COMBO TOUR: 28 Days / 27 Nights

START in LVIV with the WESTERN UKRAINE TOUR

See all the western highlights of Ukraine - ranging from the magnificent cathedrals in Lviv, to the quaint mountain villages of the Carpathian Mountains, the multicultural Chernivtsi and the 'Paris of Ukraine' – the beautiful Lviv.

Tour Transition (\$200USD value, included for free!)

After the Western Ukraine Tour ends, we'll put you on a comfortable, fast train from Lviv to Kyiv in time for the start of the Central Ukraine Tour. Extra hotels and transfers included – on us!

TRAVEL from KYIV to ODESA on our CENTRAL UKAINE TOUR

Central Ukraine is our new Cobblestone Freeway favorite! From the Magnificence of Kyiv and its domed churches to the international flair of Odesa. Experience the heartbeat of Ukraine and step back in time to the land of Kozaks.



UKRAINIAN COMBO: WESTERN & CENTRAL UKRAINE TOURS

TOUR DATES & PRICES:

Combined Tour Dates 2021

Western Ukraine: June 7-20/ Sept 6-19	\$3,319 USD	
Transition between tours (\$200 USD value)	\$0 USD	\$6,757 USD
Central Ukraine: July 4-17/ Sept 20 - Oct 3	\$3,438 USD	Total

Combined Tour Dates 2022

Western Ukraine: June 20 - July 3/ Sept 19 - Oct 2	\$3,652 USD	
Transition between tours (\$200 USD value)	\$0 USD	\$7,434 USD
Central Ukraine: July 4 -17/Oct 3-16, 2022	\$3,782 USD	Total

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

TOUR LAND PRICES:

Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy

Western Ukraine Tour Single Supplement: \$740 USD

Central Ukraine Tour Single Supplement: \$780 USD

Combined Single Supplement: \$ 1,520 USD

Early Bird Discount: Save \$200 USD each tour if you book at least 6 months prior to tour date.

Does not include Airfare or Travel Insurance

\$500 USD per person, per tour deposit required upon registration.