

Get off the beaten path.

Join us to explore the beautiful, and largely unexplored countries of Ukraine and Hungary. These two borderland countries have a wealth of history between them, and have a varied, multicultural feel about them.

See first-hand how the unique cultures of Ukraine and Hungary intertwine, and learn more about the history of this fascinating corner of Europe - from sailing on the Danube River to participating in a traditional Ukrainian wedding, this trip will be a varied cultural delight!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Buda and Pest:** explore diverse and beautiful Budapest.
- **Danube Cruise:** see the city of Budapest lit up at night on a river cruise.
- **Border City:** discover Uzhorod, a city of many cultures and influences.
- **Wedding Traditions:** attend an incredible and exclusive event - a recreation of a Boyko Wedding!
- **Quaint streets:** Explore the charming and beautiful city of Lviv
- **Cobblestone Exclusives:** Attend private concerts, cultural events, and workshops exclusively for Cobblestone Freeway Travellers.



The Destination

Budapest

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

Welcome to Hungary! Upon arrival in Budapest, 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 & Hungary, tell you about the history, 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 Hungarian food!

Day 2 | Budapest (B/-/D)

Discover the beauty of Budapest today. Firstly - the Buda side: take a panoramic tour of the Budim Castle & Citadella hill, which will provide stunning views over the city and Danube River. In the afternoon, stroll on the Pest Side, down Andrassy street, through Heroes square and the quaint Jewish quarter, and on up to St. Stephen's Church. This evening – a special treat! You are invited to dinner in a Traditional **Hungarian Csarda**. Taste local food, and see some Traditional Hungarian **dancing** and singing in a **Folk Show** by local artists, to round off the day!

Day 3 | Budapest (B/-/D)

Today, enjoy a free day in Budapest.

*Take an **optional** day tour to Hungarian countryside Castle Godollo, and learn the secrets of the royal family. Watch a Hungarian horse show, featuring races and incredible skills.*

*OR **optionally**, enjoy some of the famous city spas, shopping areas, museums or galleries.*

In the evening, we'll get back together for our final evening in Hungary. We'll get an exciting send off - a cruise down the Danube River, enjoying traditional Hungarian dishes and the beauty of the Parliament building lit up against the night sky.

HOTEL:

Hotel 'Ibis Styles' Budapest or similar

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/2997/index.en.shtml>

3 Nights



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Day 4 | Uzhorod (B/-/D)

In the morning we'll check out and depart for **Uzhhorod**. This Ukrainian city borders Slovakia and Hungary, and has therefore created a multicultural atmosphere in this city. Upon arrival, take some time to rest. In the evening, we will be welcomed to Ukraine with a traditional Ukrainian dinner, with local dishes.

Day 5 | Uzhorod (B/-/D)

Today, explore Uzhorod on a **city tour** - walk through the streets and alleys of the downtown area, located on the banks of the Uzh River. Discover Uzhorod's rich history and experience the coming together of many cultures at this crossroad in Europe. In the afternoon, step back in time at Uzhorod's **castle**, where you can taste local wines in ancient surroundings. Did you know - Transcarpathia is an up and coming wine region in Ukraine and Eastern Europe? In the evening we will party and dine together with the **Uzhorod Folk Ensemble**, who will perform local folk songs and dances!

Day 6 | Uzhorod – Mukachevo - Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

Today, we are heading up into to very heart of Carpathian Mountains - to Slavske.

On the way, we will stop in the ancient city of **Mukachevo** – a cozy, historic city, which dates back to the times of the Kyivan Rus! Stop to admire the impressive medieval architecture of the town hall. Marvel at of the local castle, **Palanok castle**, situated up on a hill overlooking the city. An impregnable fortress, this castles has not once been conquered in all its time as a protector of Transcarpathia. Upon arrival to Slavske, check in at the hotel, and take the rest of the evening to relax and enjoy the mountain views.

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

Today - you are cordially invited to a traditional **Ukrainian Wedding!** We will stop in a picturesque village, located on a mountain pass, where you will learn traditional songs and customs of the "Boyko" people! We're sure you've never been to a **Zabava** quite like this! No celebration in Ukraine goes without a delicious meal – enjoy a real feast of homemade dishes and drinks, you'll never want to leave! Here you'll make memories for a lifetime! Spend the rest of this day at your leisure.

Uzhorod – Carpathian Mountains

HOTELS:

Hotel 'Uzhorod' or similar

<http://www.hoteluzhgorod.com/english/>
2 Nights

Hotel 'Tsarynka' Slavske or similar

<http://www.tsarynka.com.ua/index.php/uk/>
2 Nights



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Day 8 | Lviv (B/L/-)

After breakfast we will travel to picturesque **Lviv**. This ancient, historic city in Western Ukraine is quickly becoming one of the most popular tourist destinations in Ukraine, and for a good reason! With its quaint charm, cobblestone streets and classical architecture, you won't fail to be charmed by this city of love and UNESCO heritage site. Famous for its beer, coffee and chocolate, but also for being a place where time stands still – Lviv truly is a city of a laid-back, café culture where you can pick a spot, relax, and watch the world go by...

Upon arrival, check in at the hotel. Take some time to freshen up, before heading out on a city orientation, to get acquainted with this cobblestone city.

Day 9 | Lviv (B/L/-)

Today, we'll get to know Lviv's history more. We'll take you on a **city tour** on a retro train, and later on a walking city tour, to explore this city's rich culture. After lunch, we'll head to the iconic Lviv Opera house, and even attend a performance* in its stunning interior!

**Subject to availability*

Day 10 | Lviv (B/-/D)

This morning, 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! After, we'll visit **Shevchenkivskiy 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!

In the evening we will hold a final farewell **Zabava** with local dishes and music -it's going to be one for the books!

Day 11 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!

Carpathian Mountains - Lviv

HOTEL:

Hotel 'Reikartz Medieval' Lviv or similar
<https://reikartz.com/en/hotels/medievale-lvov/>
3 Nights



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!



Contact us to arrange your tour add-on today!

*not included in tour price.

Tour Details

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Airport Transfers
- All land transportation
- Escorted tour with full time Tour Leader
- Tour in English
- 2 meals a day
- 10 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



HUNGARY - UKRAINE TOUR 11 Days / 10 Nights

TOUR DATES & PRICES:

Sept 23 - Oct 3, 2021	\$ 2,910 USD
June 22 - July 2, 2022	\$ 3,204 USD
Sept 23 - Oct 3, 2022	\$ 3,204 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: \$1,180 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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