

### Supporting a local community!

The Cobblestone Freeway Foundation (CFF) believes in helping, supporting and inspiring communities in Ukraine and around the world that keep intangible cultural heritage alive. Our aim is to improve the circumstances which allow intangible cultural heritage to flourish and thrive in our ever changing modern world.

The K-12 school in Bukovets, Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Ukraine is in need of such support. The teachers and staff are extremely motivated to teach students, not only the necessary curriculum for a good education, but also the traditional "Hutsul" way of life.

Unfortunately, these teachers lack the proper support & resources (textbooks, projectors), and the school building itself is crumbling. The government budget for the school is not adequate to support the infrastructure, salaries of teachers and support staff, and day-to-day operation of the school.

After a successful volunteer Work Trip last year, and requests from several supporters, we have organised yet another volunteer work trip, in order to give supporters the chance to come to Ukraine and actively participate in the aid of this school.

Volunteers will help refit the school's kitchen, which is in desperate need of an update, as well as carry out other repair and maintenance work on the school. There will be various tasks to carry out, big and small, and you are free to opt in and out of any of the tasks. We will have a CFT Tour Leader with you at all times on the trip, and have a few Ukrainian foremen on site to direct the work and make sure you have everything you need.

**Regardless of what you'll be doing, you'll be making a huge impact on a very special community in Ukraine.**



## 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, show you the best places to eat, and help you with all the small details! 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 - Bukovets (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll check out, as today we are heading up into the Carpathian Mountains! Home to sweeping green forests, flowing rivers and breath-taking waterfalls – it's hard not to feel at-one with nature when you breathe in the fresh mountain air...

We'll be travelling to the village of Bukovets, located high up in the mountains, where the residents maintain and preserve their ancestors' ancient traditions to pass them on to future generations. On the way to the Carpathians we'll stop for lunch.

Arriving into the Carpathian mountains, get settled into the mountain village of Bukovets. You'll be welcomed by the director of the school and his family - local Hutsuls - who will be your hosts during your time here.

The family are also closely connected to the school – they are the director & teacher at the school, which their children attend. They teach the students, not only the necessary curriculum for a good education, but also the traditional "Hutsul" way of life, which you will get a taste for while you are here! Unfortunately, the school lacks the proper support & resources, and the school building itself is crumbling. This is where you come in. Tomorrow, we start work!

But first, the family will treat you to a traditional Welcome Hutsul Dinner to make you feel right at home!

### ACCOMODATION:

Hotel 'Lviv' or similar

<https://hotel-lviv.com.ua/>

1 Night



## **Day 3-7 | Bukovets (B/L/D)**

Every day after breakfast, you'll help refit the school's kitchen, which is in desperate need of an update, as well as carry out other repair and maintenance work on the school. We will provide more details as the trip approaches.

Jobs will vary from day to day, from painting walls, hauling materials, helping with plumbing, or chatting with the children or teachers. Whatever skills you have, we will put them to use! You are free to opt in and out of any of the tasks. We will have a CFT Tour Leader with you at all times on the trip to make sure you feel safe and happy, and have a few Ukrainian foremen on site to direct the work and make sure you have everything you need.

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## **Day 8 | Bukovets - Lviv (B/-/-)**

In the morning attend a service at the local Church (optional), then enjoy a last day in this picturesque village together with the locals! Afterwards, we'll transfer you back to Lviv.

Upon arrival to Lviv, check into your hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure.

## **Day 9 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!

### **ACCOMODATION:**

Family House in Bukovets  
6 Nights

Hotel 'Lviv' or similar  
<https://hotel-lviv.com.ua/>  
1 Night



# Options while in the Carpathian Mountains\*

While in Bukovets village in the heart of the Carpathians, we **recommend** you spend your spare time exploring the area, hiking through the mountains and getting to know more about Hutsul everyday life, their traditions and customs!

## **SUGGESTIONS WHILE IN THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS\*:**

**#1** Go hiking in the mountains. Take a trip to the mysterious place – ‘**Pysanyj Kamin**’ (Painted or Written Stone) – an interesting geological monument in Ukraine, with a magnificent view over the ridges and peaks of the Bukovets Pass.

**#2** Take the chance to visit the famous **Kosiv bazar and crafts market**. Once a week on Saturdays, vendors and artisans come to Kosiv from villages in the area, to get together to buy and sell art supplies, embroidery, antiques, hand-made jewelry, wood carvings and pottery. This is the culmination of all unique arts and crafts in the area. You can get everything here, from fresh local food and even live animals! Even if you don’t buy something (which is quite unlikely) – it’s a real experience!

**#3** Take the opportunity to visit the mountain village of Yavoriv. This village is famous for its unique, handmade woolen blankets, or ‘**lizhnyky**’. The villagers have been making these unique blankets here for centuries, passing their craft down through the generations. Find out how they are made, give it a try yourself, and maybe buy one to take home! They’ll get you through the coldest of winters!

**#4** Drive higher up through the mountains to the picturesque village of **Kryvorivnya** – a popular resting place and a source of inspiration for many Ukrainian writers and historians. We will visit a 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.

**#5** Visit a **woodcarver’s family**. Passed down through generations, they all engage in the ancient art of woodcarving and inlay. See their works, try your hand at carving a traditional Hutsul Style pendant, and you’ll have the opportunity to buy some hand-made souvenirs.

**#6** Take a unique workshop with a famous craftsman and producer of Hutsul musical instruments – **Mykhajlo Tafijchuk**. Learn about his craft, listen to his songs, see his workshop, and maybe even buy an instrument from the Master.

\*OPTIONAL activities are **NOT** included into the price and should be booked in advance.



# Options while in Lviv\*

## #1 Lviv Opera Theatre

See a Performance at the beautiful Lviv Opera House! From ballets, to plays to operas, a variety of performances take place here all year round!

## #2 City tour

We can take you on a full, audio-guided tour of this beautiful city! See all the best sights in and outside of the city centre, learn the history of their great city and scout out some sights to return to later!

## #3 Panoramic places

See Lviv from a different angle from some of its stunning panoramic spots. Get a great view from the High Castle hill, which presents a bird's eye view of the city. You can also climb up the City Hall Tower and St. Elizabeth Cathedral Tower to see this beautiful city from above.

## #4 Shevchenkivsky Hai

This open-air Museum recreates the traditional households of villages from different regions around Western Ukraine! You'll feel as though you've stepped back in time!

## #5 Art museums

Admire antique sacral artworks in The **Andrey Sheptytsky National Museum**, or alternatively enjoy the unique collection of traditional objects, folk arts and crafts of Ukraine in the **Ethnographical Museum**.

## #6 Brewery Tour

Take a **Brewery Tour!** You will be impressed with the wide range and variety of beer in Lviv, so why not learn more about its fascinating beer culture, long brewing history and modernised processes at the Lvivarnya beer museum, and then even participate in a tasting afterwards! Delicious!  
(This tour should be arranged in advance. Please notify your guide a day before you want to make a tour)

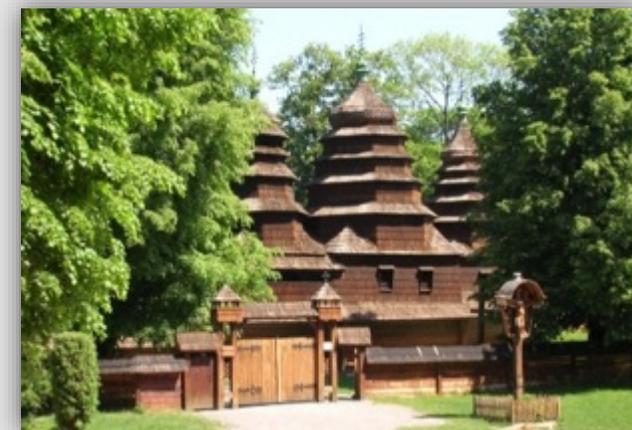
## #7 Chocolate making workshop

Learn about Lviv's chocolate making tradition, and try your hand at making some chocolates at the Lviv Handmade Chocolate Factory.

## #8 Cookery Class

Take a Ukrainian Cookery Class! Discover how to make some classic Ukrainian dishes in a Ukrainian home – and then taste them after!

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# Optional: Join our Easter in Ukraine Tour

**Our spring dates line up perfectly with our Easter in Ukraine Tour! Join both trips together for even more of an adventure!**

Celebrate Easter in Ukraine, then stay on after for the Bukovets Volunteer Work Trip.

This unique tour will show you Easter like you've never seen it before – seeped in colour, customs, and living traditions, with a spirit that is infectious through every city and village.

## **Days 1-3 | Lviv**

We will start our tour in beautiful Lviv in Western Ukraine! Explore the beautiful Easter Markets, wander the historic city centre and feel the excitement as the city prepares itself for the biggest holiday of the year!

## **Days 4-8 | Carpathian Mountains**

Meet with locals in a small mountain village, and begin the preparations for Easter. On Easter Sunday you'll attend a traditional mass in a church in a Carpathian village, partake in ancient Ukrainian rituals and dances, and sample delicious dishes prepared just for these Easter festivities.

## **Days 9-11 | Chernivtsi**

Join locals in the authentic Ukrainian village of Tulova - learn Easter songs and dances, before spending a few days in beautiful Chernivtsi - a cosmopolitan and multicultural city considered one of Ukraine's most important educational and architectural sites.

## **Days 12-15 | Kyiv**

Round off our Easter Journey in one of the most ancient cities in Eastern Europe – Kyiv. See how they do Easter in the Capital, and visit their Easter Markets and golden domed churches.

## **Day 16 | Start of the Bukovets Work Trip**

We'll put you on a train back to Lviv, and check you into your hotel ready to start the Bukovets Work Trip the next day! \*Transfer period subject to add-on fees.



Contact us for more details. \*Not included in Bukovets Work Trip tour price.

## Tour Details

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Airport Transfers
- All land transportation
- Escorted tour with full time Tour Leader
- 8 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 7 Dinners
- 2 nights in hand-Selected hotels, 6 nights in a village family home
- All Events included in the Itinerary
- Internet in hotels when possible
- Interaction with locals
- Participation in Volunteer Activities

### 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 – come early and join the Easter in Ukraine Tour,
- Add-on activities in Lviv & Bukovets
- Upgrade your room / Get a single room (single accommodation available for Lviv portion only)
- Do a side trip – visit Family
- Ukrainian Family History researched with our Genealogy service

## BUKOVETS WORK TRIP 9 Days / 8 Nights

### TOUR DATES & PRICES:

May 4-12, 2022	\$1,085 USD
Oct 17-25, 2022	\$1,085 USD
Apr 26- May 12, 2023	\$1,195 USD
Oct 17-25, 2023	\$1,195 USD

### TOUR LAND PRICE:

Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
Does not include Airfare or Travel Insurance

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

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