

See the Old World in a New Way

Great Ukraine is a Cobblestone Freeway favorite!

Treat yourself to our most extensive tour that offers our travelers the opportunity to visit the most popular regions in Ukraine.

Ukraine is a country of great variety, a product of thousands of years of traditions and resilience.

On this trip, you will see everything that this great nation has to offer, from the golden domes of Kyiv, the maritime charm of Odesa, to the quaint mountain villages of the Carpathian Mountains, the multicultural Chernivtsi and the cobblestone streets of beautiful Lviv. Ukraine's diverse people will open their arms and their homes to you, if only to share a part of the culture they uphold.

Join us on our Great Ukraine Tour to experience this vivid country, take in its authenticity and experience its rich traditions.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Golden Domes:** explore the beautiful capital of Ukraine – Kyiv
- **Black Sea:** visit the stunning coastal city of Odesa
- **Wine Tasting:** enjoy a winery tour and wine tasting at Shabo near Odesa
- **Magical Buildings:** marvel at the stunning University of Chernivtsi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **Folk songs:** hear the wonderful Gerdan Ensemble perform in Chernivtsi.
- **Time Travel:** admire the Kamyanets-Podilskyi and Khotyn fortresses.
- **Village visit:** meet locals in the authentic Ukrainian village of Tulova
- **Hutsul home:** attend a Cobblestone Freeway exclusive – a traditional dinner in the home of a Hutsul Family in a Carpathian Village
- **Quaint streets:** explore the beautiful city of Lviv
- **Cobblestone Exclusives:** attend private concerts, cultural events, and workshops exclusively for Cobblestone freeway travellers.



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

Welcome to Ukraine! Upon arrival in Kyiv, 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 | Kyiv (B/-/D)

Your first impression of Kyiv is bound to be a surprise. Nowadays, Kyiv is not just a city of Golden Domes, exciting and historical museums and memorials, but it's also a cool, up-and-coming progressive city.

To introduce you to the city, we'll take you on a walking **city tour** – you'll visit Independence Square, better now known as Maidan, a history-changing place, where the Revolution of Dignity happened!

After the city tour, we'll stop for lunch in one of Kyiv's many fantastic restaurants.

Afterwards, enjoy a free afternoon. Treat yourself to a shopping at **Andriyivsky Uzviz** – a street that's home to the city's artisans, craftsmen and vendors – discover all kinds of items, from souvenir trinkets, to authentic costumes and war time memorabilia.

We'll end the day with a proper Ukrainian party, or **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.

HOTEL:

'Khreshchatyk' Hotel

<http://www.hotel-khreshchatyk.kiev.ua/en>

2 Nights



The Destination

Kyiv - Odesa

Day 3 | Kyiv (B/L/-)

Today we'll visit the **Kyiv Pechersk Lavra**. Founded more than a thousand years ago and set on the hills above the Dnipro River, this monastery astonishes tourists with its gold-domed churches, ancient icons and underground labyrinths lined with mummified monks! Next, we'll take you for lunch at a restaurant, in the style of a traditional Ukrainian house.

After, we'll visit the **Holodomor museum**. Here we will pay our respects to those who suffered one of the most terrible crimes against the Ukrainian nation – famine. Learn about the tragedy at the underground museum before walking around the memorial park, and taking a moment to reflect at the monument.

In the afternoon, stock up on some snacks, as after a late check-out, in the evening we'll hop on a night train to Odesa.

Day 4 | Odesa (B/L/-)

Odesa – known as the Pearl of the Black Sea, is a blossoming, cosmopolitan city, and historic Black Sea Port. Immigrants from all over Europe were invited to make their fortune here when Odesa was founded in the late 18th century by Russia's Catherine the Great, meaning that Odesa is one of the most multicultural cities in Ukraine –you will feel its unique vibe as you wander its eclectic streets stunning buildings, and the famous Potemkin steps which sweep down to the glistening Black Sea.

Upon arrival, we'll get you checked into your hotel with early check-in, then take some time to freshen up and grab some breakfast.

Then we'll enjoy a leisurely walk through the city, on a **city tour**! See the most prominent places around Odesa – including the Potemkin Steps, which create a fascinating illusion as you look out over the Black Sea, and Derybasivska Street, the bustling hub of the city.

After, we'll stop for lunch in one of the many delicious local restaurants.

In the afternoon, take some time to explore, relax, or **sunbathe** by the sea...

In the evening, we'll be treated to a performance*, at the stunning **Odesa Opera House**! Designed by Austrian architects, it's reminiscent of the one in Vienna, and is one of the most beautiful in Ukraine! Be blown away, not only by the performance, but by the interior too!

(*Subject to availability)

HOTEL:

1 Overnight train ride Kyiv - Odesa



Day 5 | Odesa (B/-/-)

Free day for individual exploration, shopping or just relax at the beach.

OPTIONAL: SUGGESTIONS WHAT TO DO AND SEE IN ODESA ON YOUR FREE DAY:

#1 Discover the mysterious Odesa Catacombs on an underground tour

The catacombs are a large, winding labyrinth filled with hidden caves, located right under Odesa. Its length is about 2500 km, and it's the largest underground labyrinth in the world!

#2 Hit the beach (seasonal)

Take an advantage of a lazy day, doing nothing, just relaxing and sunbathing by the Black Sea. Make sure you don't forget your swimsuits!

#3 Enjoy different kinds of shopping

If you want to do authentic shopping – you should definitely pay a visit Pryvoz market, a true local hotspot of Odesa. Alternatively, visit the Passage - a covered street of chic shops with impressive facades!

#4 Criminal Odesa tour

Would you like to hear intriguing and thrilling stories of the dark past of Odesa? Then the Criminal Odesa Tour is exactly what you need! With your expert local guide, you will uncover the secret pages of the city's criminal history and visit the places where famous Odesa gangsters lived, wheeling and dealing!

Day 6 | Odesa (B/L/-)

For those who enjoy delicious wines, today is your lucky day! Today, the small town of **Shabo** will open its doors to us... Shabo is home to its own **winery and wine factory**, where we will take a tour of the winery, and learn how they make their world famous products – from vineyard to factory shop! Shabo's wine is famous around the world for its quality and exceptional taste – you're lucky enough to be able to try some of their fabulous products at a **wine tasting**, with tips from a professional sommelier!

If you like it enough, you can even purchase some to take a taste of Odesa home! After the tour we will return to Odesa, where you can enjoy a leisurely evening of rest and relaxation.

Day 7 | Odesa (B/-/D)

In the morning, while we still have some time in the city, we will take you on an **excursion**, where you will learn and experience how multinational Odesa is!

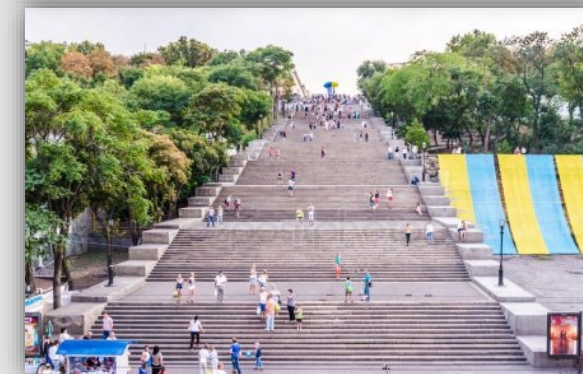
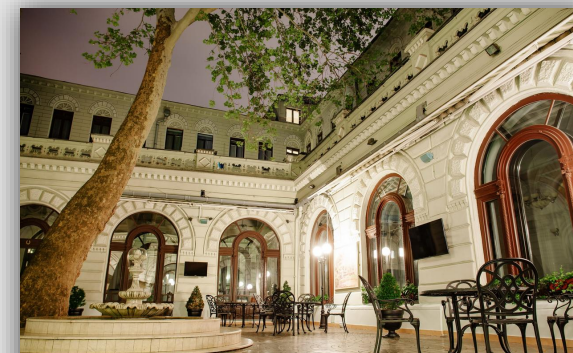
Afterwards, we will transfer you to the airport where you will take a plane to Chernivtsi. Upon arrival, check in at the hotel and enjoy a free evening.

HOTEL:

'Londonskaya' Hotel

<https://londonskaya-hotel.com.ua/en/>

3 Nights



The Destination

Chernivtsi

Day 8 | Chernivtsi (B/L/-)

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.

Day 9 | Chernivtsi (B/-/D)

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.

That evening – time for something incredible – a performance by the incredible **folk ensemble “Gerda”**. 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!

Day 10 | Chernivtsi (B/L/-)

Join us for a tour of the local ethnographic **open air museum** to see examples of the region’s folk architecture., and learn about how people used to live!

Later on, we’ll visit the **Bukovynian Diaspora Museum**, a fascinating museum which tells the story of the migration of Ukraine people. Learn all about how people from region of Bukovyna left the area in the end of the 19th–20th century.

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy! Your guide will point to the places worth visiting.

If you have relatives in this part of Ukraine, you can take a day off from touring and visit family or visit the village of your ancestors. We can help you with all the arrangements. Ask us about this optional add on.

HOTEL:

‘Allure Inn’ Hotel

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

4 Nights



The Destination

Day 11 | Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

Today we'll head up into the Carpathian Mountains! 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 the Carpathian Mountains. Upon arrival, we'll settle you in your hotel. Evening at your leisure.

Day 12 | 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!

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 13 | Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

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.

Next stop - the **Museum of Hutsul Magic**! Here you'll get to know about the mountain magicians called molphars. It is said that they could clear the dark clouds, stop the rain, and even heal diseases with tinctures from vipers...

Transfer back to the hotel. Remainder of the day at your leisure.

Day 14 | 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 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.

Carpathian Mountains

HOTEL:

'Sokilske' Hotel

<http://www.karpaty.info/en/uk/if/ks/tyudiv/hotels/sokilske/>

4 Nights



Day 15 | Lviv (B/L/-)

After breakfast, we'll check out, before setting off for Lviv.

On our way, we will stop in the city of Kolomyya 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.

Arriving in Lviv in the afternoon, we'll check you in, then the evening is yours to relax and unwind.

Day 16 | Lviv (B/L/-)

Welcome to Lviv! 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!

Day 17 | Lviv (B/-/D)

In the morning we will visit **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!

Day 18 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:

'Vintage Boutique' Hotel

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

3 Nights



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

EXAMPLE: 3 Day Kyiv Pre-tour Extension

Three Days Prior to Tour Start Date | Depart for Ukraine

Two Days Prior to Tour Start | Arrive in Kyiv

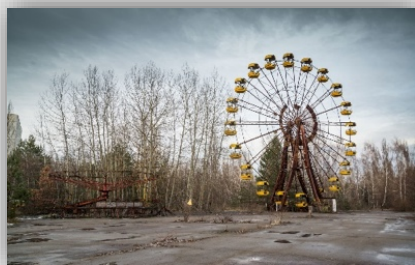
Upon arrival in Kyiv, enjoy the **Dnipro River Cruise** by a comfortable boat and discover the major waterfront sights of Kyiv in a relaxing atmosphere. Contemplate breathtaking views on both sides of the river while your friendly local guide tells you interesting facts about the capital of Ukraine!

One Day Prior to Tour Start | Day trip to Chornobyl

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

Tour Day 1 | Visit to Mezhyhiria

After a leisure breakfast, head out to visit the Museum of Corruption – the **Mezhyhirya** Residence of the ex-president of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich. Return to Kyiv and meet the members of your tour group 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 18 | 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 19 | 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 20 | Lviv: Museum time, art and traditions

Visit **Shevchenkovskyi 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
- 16 nights in hand-Selected hotels
- 1 Overnight Train ride Kyiv-Odesa
Flight prices subject to change until ticketed
- All Events included in the Itinerary
- Internet in hotels when possible
- Interaction with local artists, craftsmen, and performers
- Special events exclusively for Cobblestone travellers

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



GREAT UKRAINE TOUR 18 Days / 17 Nights

TOUR DATES & PRICES:

May 10-27, 2022* G	\$ 5,478 USD *	May 9-26, 2023 * G	\$ 6,025 USD *
Jun 7-24, 2022	\$ 5,618 USD	Jun 6-23, 2023	\$ 6,179 USD
Sep 6-23, 2022 G	\$ 5,618 USD	Jul 11-28, 2023	\$ 6,179 USD
Oct 4-21, 2022*	\$ 5,478 USD *	Sep 5-22, 2023 G	\$ 6,179 USD
		Oct 3-20, 2023 *	\$ 6,025 USD *

* Value Season **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 =

2022: \$ 980 USD | 2023: \$1,001 USD

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