

See the Old World in a New Way

Snowy mountain peaks, skiing trails and incredible views are the reasons you need to visit to the best ski resort in Ukraine. Enjoy skiing or snowboarding in wintry Bukovel, before marvelling at the colourful spectacle of the Christmas Winter Markets in Lviv. Learn Ukrainian traditions, see stunning costumes, and experience the famous Ukrainian hospitality at its best. You'll be taking home some amazing and warm memories from this tour!

Discover Ukraine with us on this hand-crafted tour, and see the old world in a new way with Cobblestone Freeway.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Snowy Slopes:** visit the biggest ski resort in Eastern Europe - Bukovel
- **Mountain Spa:** soak in a traditional "chan" hot tub
- **Rich Traditions:** experience Christmas traditions in a remote Carpathian Village with a Hutsul family
- **Christmas Markets:** shop on the stunning seasonal markets in Lviv
- **Cobblestone streets:** explore the quaint and beautiful city of Lviv
- **Cobblestone Exclusives:** Attend private concerts, cultural events, and workshops exclusively for Cobblestone freeway travellers.



Day 1 TOUR START DATE | Arrive in 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 - Bukovel (B/L/-)

After breakfast in your hotel, your Tour Leader and driver will meet you in the hotel lobby and assist you with checkout, and load your suitcases into the car.

We'll transfer you to **Bukovel** - the famous recreation complex and the largest ski resort in the Carpathians. Bukovel currently boasts 16 ski lifts with 60 km of tracks, of varying difficulties.

As soon as we arrive, we'll get you checked-in to the hotel and take you out for lunch (incl.) Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. During your free time you may optionally take advantage of a range of treatments to soothe the body, mind and spirit, as well as swimming pools, and Finnish and bio saunas.

Day 3 | Bukovel (B/-/D)

Take this amazing opportunity to make the most of the best **winter sports activities** the Carpathians have to offer. Take your pick, from skiing to sleigh rides, or just hiking in the mountains. You can even take up some lessons in the Bukovel Ski School! Your Tour Leader will be at your disposal and help you get the ski passes, ski outfit and equipment.

In the evening, treat your body and soul with rejuvenating energy, brought to you by nature of the Carpathians itself - **warm your bones and muscles in a chan** (hot tub). Bukovel chans are large pools filled with hot water and herbal infusion in each bath. The water temperature is gradually increased, heating the tub to 40 °C (104 degrees F). A legend goes that the combination of healing water, fresh air and heat makes men stronger and girls prettier! So, try it and see for yourself!

Afterwards, enjoy a delicious dinner in the hotel restaurant. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

HOTEL:

'Rudolfo' Hotel

<http://rudolfo.com.ua/>

1 Night



The Destination

Bukovel

Day 4 | Bukovel (B/-/D)

Enjoy the free day for skiing at leisure OR **optionally** (not incl., please pre-book IN ADVANCE) visit the neighboring village **Yaremche** – one of the most famous tourist centers of the Carpathian region. With its breathtaking mountain landscapes, pure air, Yaremche has a unique Hutsul character, and variety of leisure activities. The torrents of the Prut River, which find their way through the stones, create an unforgettable show, which you can watch from a small footbridge that crosses the river.

Spend some time shopping at the **local souvenir fair**, where you'll be able to find jewelry boxes, pottery, embroidery, leather goods and many others.

In the evening, we'll get together for a dinner in one of the numerous restaurants Bukovel has to offer.

Day 5 | Bukovel (B/-/D)

Free day for skiing. Our suggestions while in Bukovel: hike in the mountains; visit the "Hutsul Land" ethno-park, which tells the fascinating story of life and households of the highlanders of the Ukrainian Carpathians: Hutsuly, Lemky and Boiky.

Or celebrate the astounding winter tale with Bukovel's traditional winter fair with wide selection of local cuisine meals and beverages.

In addition, if you have a thirst for adrenaline – try out rodelbahn sledding, trolley ferriage or rope jumping from the Bukovel's adrenaline tower!

This evening, another Cobblestone exclusive awaits!

We will take you for a **Festive Dinner** to a local restaurant with traditional Ukrainian food where you will meet a local **Hutsul family** (*Hutsuls - an ethnographic group of Ukrainian pastoral highlanders inhabiting the Hutsul region in the Carpathian Mountains*) who will show you ancient Hutsul traditions, including Christmas traditions. Learn traditional songs and customs, and experience real Carpathian hospitality celebrating together with local people.

HOTELS:

'Bukovel' hotel

<https://bukovel.com/en/>

4 Nights



Day 6 | Bukovel - Lviv (B/L/-)

Free morning for skiing.

After checkout, we will say goodbye to the mesmerizing and majestic Carpathian Mountains and head back to Lviv. We'll stop for Lunch on the way.

When we arrive to Lviv, we'll check in to our hotel and the rest of the day is yours to enjoy. You'll have the option to check out a themed restaurant (Lviv is full of them, and they're fabulous), go on a craft beer crawl (you'll be spoilt for choice) or kick back in a cosy café, and soak up the sights and sounds of the largest Ukrainian-speaking city on Earth.

Day 7 | Lviv (B/-/D)

In the morning, take a city tour on a retro train to discover more facts about Lviv.

After tasting some fragrant coffee in one of many coffee houses, we will continue exploring the city on a guided walking city tour showing you around must-visit sights! You'll also have a chance to feel the spirit of this city by visiting richly decorated cathedrals and churches, which are the reason why locals feel proud of the city.

Next up – free time! Take advantage of shopping in the city! We'll let you loose on Lviv's shimmering **Christmas Markets**! Visit the thriving Christmas Markets to sample some Ukrainian donuts, pick up some local delicacies, or shop for handmade delights or souvenirs.

Take the rest of the day to explore: skate on the ice-rink in the main square, drink mulled wine, while wandering the cobblestoned streets under the glistening lights!

In the evening – we'll get together for a **Farewell dinner** in one of our favorite restaurants in the city center to wrap up your stay in Ukraine.

Day 8 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:

'Rudolfo' Hotel

<http://rudolfo.com.ua/>

2 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.



Explore the outdoor museum – Shevchenkivsky Hai.



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
- 7 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



BUKOVEL SKI TRIP 8 Days / 7 Nights

TOUR DATES & PRICES:

December 12-19, 2021	\$2,046 USD
December 11-19, 2022	\$2,192 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 \$510 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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