

See the World at a Slower Pace

The world moves so quickly nowadays... Sometimes, regular travel doesn't quite satisfy that desire to "live life like a local". Do you ever feel like you want to spend slower, quality time soaking up a location? Our **Long Stay Programs** give you that chance!

Our Long Stay **Lviv** program has a relaxed itinerary, which allows you to spend time **quality time** in this beautiful city, without rushing.

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 Lviv's quaint charm, cobblestone streets and classical architecture, you won't fail to be charmed by this city of **love** and a UNESCO heritage site.

We combine **guided tours** and coordinated activities each day, along with **enough free time** to soak up the city. Plus, we've included **daily meals** together, so you can rejoin your group and talk about all the things you discovered that day!

You will have a **Group Leader** at your disposal at all times. Even when you have free time, they can suggest activities, to help you arrange tickets to museums or shows, and even teach you some of the local language!

Our Long Stay itinerary is 14 days long, but we recommend you stay an extra week or two. With quality internet everywhere, it's easy to work remotely, or just relax and soak it up more of our beautiful destination.



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. 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.

Afterwards, you will be taken out to a traditional dinner at one of the best restaurants downtown.

Day 2 | Lviv (B/-/D)

This morning, we will introduce you to this picturesque city on a walking **city tour**. Get a better understanding of the city history, culture, and vibe, and get to know the city you will be calling home for the next two weeks!

We'll take you through Lviv's main sights, so you can get your bearings of the city, and make you completely fall in love with Lviv's enigmatic atmosphere!

After, we'll get to learn why Lviv is called the '**The City of Coffee**,' by drinking fragrant coffee in one of the most unique coffee shops in the city. It'll be quite a surprise! Learn about the history of how coffee came to Lviv, listen to the legends and enjoy the aromas of fresh ground coffee with a piece of traditional Lviv cheesecake.

Afterwards, enjoy some **free time** to explore the city on your own. You may take advantage of shopping in the city - numerous souvenir stores, and an open-air craft markets offer a variety of artwork, embroidery, woodcarving and more! You are sure to bring back more than fond memories from Lviv!

In the evening, we'll enjoy a delicious **Welcome Dinner** in one of our favorite restaurants with traditional Ukrainian food! Lviv has hundreds of restaurants serving food from around the world - including Ukrainian delicacies. You'll get to taste a wide variety of foods in different restaurants during your stay here – we'll make sure of it!

HOTEL:

'Rudolfo' Hotel or similar

<https://rudolfo.com.ua/?lang=en>

13 Nights



The Destination

Lviv

Day 3 | Lviv (B/-/D)

We will today with a visit to **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. Find out more details on a guided walking tour.

After we'll transfer you downtown where you can enjoy a **free afternoon**. Take advantage of the many suggestions your Tour Leader will have for you! From museums to art galleries, or you could do some shopping, sit in a quaint coffee shop, or simply relax at the hotel.

We'll meet again in the evening, for dinner in a new unique restaurant – '**36 Po**'. This place has an impressive interior and delicious dishes. Look out for the sharks as you walk in!

Day 4 | Lviv (B/-/D)

After breakfast, we'll visit **Saint George's Cathedral**, which is one of the finest examples of rococo architecture in Europe. It has an impressive exterior as well as its interior, from its grand domes down to its mysterious crypts.

After we will return downtown - you have plenty of options. We suggest you go shopping on the **Vernissage** Outdoor Market, where you can buy all kinds of souvenirs. Your guide will be available all day to help you organize other activities according to your interests.

In the evening, we will meet for dinner in a secret and very unusual place... Intrigued? You should be! We'll taste delicious Galician cuisine in the **Most Expensive Galician Restaurant!**

Day 5 | Lviv (B/-/D)

Free day at your leisure.

PLEASE NOTE: Your Tour Leader will be at your disposal on free days as well! If you are interested in suggested optional tours and would like to book some of them, please contact your Tour Leader. They will assist you with arranging these tours.

OPTIONAL: *If you are brave, you might like to climb the narrow stairs of the Lviv City Hall to get an amazing panoramic view of the main square, with art and architecture that spans centuries. Don't forget to take a peek at the cogs of the impressive tower clock, made in Vienna in 1852.*

We'll get together in the evening, for dinner in **Baczewski's** Restaurant. Many foodies reserve tables here weeks in advance to discover authentic Galician cuisine, as well as to enjoy a meal in one of the most atmospheric interiors in town.



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Day 6 | Lviv (B/L/-)

First of all, we are going to visit the **Museum of Folk Architecture and Life**, also known as **Shevchenkivsky Hai**. This open-air museum displays Ukrainian village life, and is a living reproduction of Western Ukraine from centuries past... Explore the reconstructed wooden houses, authentic artefacts and get a feel for Ukrainian village life.

Returning back to the city center, we'll have lunch in one of the restaurants downtown.

After lunch, we invite you to explore the **Historical Museum**, which also houses the beautiful **Italian Courtyard**. This famous Courtyard is located in building off the main Rynok Square, which once used to be the residence of the Polish king Jan III Sobieski - a well-known figure not only in the history of Poland but Europe as well. As you pass through the narrow hallway of the building, you'll come out into an unexpected, beautiful space, which feels as though you could have stepped into Italy itself! During the summer it is home a coffee house and Italian restaurant, where you can dine while enjoying a beautiful atmosphere of this place. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Day 7 | Lviv (B/-/D)

Free day at your leisure.

OPTIONAL: climb the **High Castle Hill (Vysokyi Zamok)** - formerly the site of the Lviv Castle, and now – an observation deck, perfect for scenic panoramic photos over the city sights, you will now start to recognize!

After descending and returning downtown, those who are interested may taste the best sorts of **local liqueurs** at a tasting!

This evening, we will get together for dinner in one of the most famous and most visited restaurants in the city – **Kryivka**. Buried in the subterranean vaults of the Ploshcha Rynok, it looks like an underground bunker from WWII. You need to know the password to get in! But our Tour Leader will help you with that...

Day 8 | Lviv (B/L/-)

Today we are going on a day trip to explore some of the incredible historical castles in the Lviv region. We will visit **Olesko, Pidhirtsi and Zolochiv castles**. These castles are great examples of the fortification architecture and you will uncover many secrets of the past, exploring their territories. Lunch included en route.

Upon returning to Lviv, enjoy a free evening. Your Tour Leader will provide suggestions their favourite spots to have dinner.



Day 9 | Lviv (B/-/D)

This morning we'll visit the **Arsenal Museum**, which has a wide collection of weapons. It exhibits a great collection of ancient arms, firearms, defense weaponry, and military accouterments from many countries. It is the only museum of its kind in Ukraine!

Next, visit an **ethno gallery** of unique Ukrainian embroidery. **Roksolana Shymchuk**, is a designer of unique jewellery, in the Ukrainian ethnic style, but is also a collector of authentic antique Ukrainian clothes, and owner of the gallery. She knows the story behind every blouse in her collection – learn their stories, and hear how women would embroider messages of dissent in times of deep suppression.

Afterwards, attend an exciting **chocolate making workshop** at Lviv Chocolate Factory! Learn to make chocolates with your own hands, and learn why Lviv is known as a city of chocolate. This delightful experience will be one to remember!

We will round off this day with dinner in **'Kufer'** restaurant. "Kufer" means "suitcase", and this restaurant has a caseload of delicious dishes for you to try!

Day 10 | Lviv (B/L/-)

Today we will discover an amazing place - **Svirzh castle**. This unique fortification dates back to the 17th century, and stands on a high rocky hill, surrounded with lakes and marshes from on three sides. Despite having a seemingly strong advantage when it came to its defenses, it was conquered several times by invaders. Nevertheless, it is one of the best-preserved castles in the region, and harmonically blends in the local fantastic landscape. Today the castle is frequently used as a movie set, most famously in shooting the 1978 "D'Artagnan and Three Musketeers!"

We will conclude our tour with a **raspberry wine tasting** and delicious lunch in the home of some locals. The wine is made locally to the castle, and this will be an incredible experience in a magical atmosphere.

Upon returning to Lviv, enjoy a free evening. Your guide will be happy to help you to choose a cozy restaurant to enjoy a delicious dinner in this medieval city.



Day 11 | Lviv (B/-/D)

Enjoy a free morning strolling the streets of the city, or drinking coffee in a cozy cafe.

OPTIONAL: visit the **House of Scientists**, a former casino for Lviv's elite, and also one of the most stunning buildings in Lviv. The interior of this building exhibits sculptural decorations, exquisite wood carvings, and an alabaster fireplace in the lobby. It's for this reason that it's a beloved place for filming movies, and for wedding photoshoots.

In the afternoon, we'll visit the most distinctive and recognizable building in Lviv - **the Opera House**. Located in the very heart of the city, it has always been in the center of historical and cultural life.

When you look at the stunning facade, exquisite stucco molding, gilded interior, you can only imagine, how long and complicated its history is. And you will learn it!

In the evening, we will get truly immersed in Ukrainian cuisine: learn how to cook traditional Ukrainian food at **Sil' Ukrainian cooking class**. They will reveal the secrets of cooking borsch (beetroot soup), varenyky (dumplings), pampushky (donuts) and other dishes in a true Ukrainian home – with snacks and drinks, and lots of friendly conversation! After, enjoy a group dinner of all the delicious freshly cooked dishes that you helped create. And you'll even get to take the recipes home!

Day 12 | Lviv (B/-/D)

Today we'll pay a visit to the **Andrey Sheptytsky National Museum**. This museum is one of the most prominent treasures of national culture and art monuments in Ukraine, founded in 1905 by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. Nowadays the museum is home to over 100,000 items representing Ukrainian arts and national culture age traditions.

Next, we'll take you to **the Prison on Lontskoho** - The National Museum-Memorial to Victims of the Occupation Regimes. It is a former detention center in Lviv that was primarily used as a political prison of the Polish, Soviet and Nazi regimes throughout the 20th century. The museum is moving, disturbing, and absolutely essential if you have any interest in Ukrainian history.

Once the tour of the prison is over, we'll transfer you downtown where you can enjoy a free afternoon.

This evening we will get together in the **Pravda Beer Theatre**. They produce their own craft beer, with a unique style, and recognized all over the world. Being here enjoy the best sorts of local beer and delicious food accompanied by live music in an energetic atmosphere. Sing and clap along to some classics played by the resident brass band!



The Destination

Lviv

Day 13 | Lviv (B/L/D)

This morning, we will take you to the biggest bazaar in the city – the **Krakivsky Market**. For those who love shopping, it is a real paradise, but even if you do not want to buy anything - you can absorb the local spirit and enrich your cultural knowledge of the city.

After, we'll visit the first **Museum of brewing** in Ukraine – the **Lvivarnya**. The museum invites you on a journey, to get to know the history of beer making, not only in our country but also all over the world, from ancient times to present day. The basic idea of the museum is to show the traditions of brewing in Lviv. The traditions are really old, and that makes our city a capital of Ukrainian beer. After the tour of the museum, we'll have lunch in the famous **Lviv Robert Dom's Beer House**. The pub features fresh 'Lvivske' beer served in litre steins, accompanied by delicious food in one of the vault's four chambers. Enjoy an afternoon at your leisure.

We will sum up our stay in the city on a high note, having **farewell dinner in "Rebernya pid Arsenalom"** restaurant, which means 'The Rib Place under the Arsenal' – and its specialty is – you guessed it – ribs! Once you've been donned with a bib (yes, you'll need it!), get stuck into their delicious pork ribs. The restaurant designed special 'mangals' (barbecues), which makes it possible to the ribs cook over an open fire, to make them crispy and smoky! Enjoy your final night in Lviv in a medieval atmosphere while swapping stories of your long stay adventure.

Day 14 TOUR END DATE | Lviv (B/-/-)

After breakfast, we will transfer you to the airport where, sadly, we will have to say our goodbyes. OPTION: Stay for 1 extra week in Lviv (supported by our team)
OR Extend your trip and spend a week in the mountains. See below!



OPTION: Carpathian Mountains Add-on!

Extending your trip by 7 days and explore the beautiful Carpathian Mountains with us! 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... Explore the open-air bazars, meet the local villagers, dance the Arkan and eat traditional food sat around one table.

Contact us for the full itinerary, or to add this on to your trip!



Tour Details

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Airport Transfers
- Escorted tour with full time Tour Leader
- Tour in English
- 2 meals a day
- 13 nights in a hand-selected hotel
- 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 exploring Lviv like a local



You will be escorted by a full-time Cobblestone Freeway Tour Leader



LONG STAY IN LVIV 14 Days / 13 Nights

TOUR DATES & PRICES:

Oct 13-Oct 26, 2022 \$2,742 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 \$ 840 USD

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