

See the Old World in a New Way

Each Dance Group Tour we take to Ukraine is completely unique – and that’s because every group is unique! We can tailor this tour to suit your group’s needs and budget. However – we want to make sure you get the most out of your trip! So we’ve included some of our highlights here.

Below is a SAMPLE 14 day itinerary, to give you an idea of what we can offer, what we can include and what kind of price to expect. Let this tour inspire you – and your group – to plan your next trip to Ukraine!

Kyiv – Chernivtsi – Carpathian Mountains - Lviv

Sightseeing | Workshops | Cultural Experiences | Village Visits



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/L/-)

Breakfast, and then we will start your journey with something special: today you get the chance to take part in something unforgettable – a **workshop** with the world famous **Virsky Ensemble**! This is an experience any Ukrainian dancer could only dream of...

After the workshop, we’ll stop by the hotel to change and eat lunch, and then - time to **explore!**



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. It's also a cool, up-and-coming progressive city, fast paced in some aspects, as you would expect a capital to be, but, in true Ukrainian style, also a place to sit back and relax as you watch the world go by, in one of its many backstreet cafes.

To introduce you to the city, we'll take you on a **city tour** – you'll visit Independence Square, better now known as Maidan, a history changing place, where the Revolution of Dignity happened! We'll also walk down the Khreshchatyk Street – the main 'artery' of Kyiv'; and the stunning Saint Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery.

Afternoon at your leisure to explore this beautiful city. Don't worry – we'll give you plenty of suggestions for what to see & do!

Option to Perform in Kyiv.

Day 3 | Kyiv (B/-/D)

After breakfast, you will pay a visit to more of Kyiv's historic sites – the iconic St.Volodymyr and **St.Sophia's Cathedrals**, which date back to the 10th century! Travellers throughout Ukraine and abroad come to this Pilgrimage destination to see 1000 y.o. frescoes and mosaics.

Step back in time through the **Golden Gates**, back into the 11th century when these gates once protected the Capital of the ancient Kyivan Rus. Grab some lunch, and enjoy some free time to shop on **Andrijvesky Uzviz** – the winding street that's home to the city's artisans, craftsmen and vendors – explore all kinds of items on their stalls, from souvenir trinkets, to authentic costumes, and antique Soviet memorabilia.

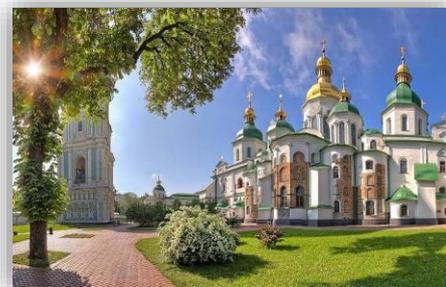
Of course, we're not letting you end this special day without a proper **Zabava** – and it's going to be one for the books! Featuring a live music performance from a folk band that promotes and preserves authentic Central Ukrainian singing, with delicious food and fond memories.

Day 4 | Kyiv (B/L/-)

After breakfast and check-out from the hotel, we will take you back in time – on a trip to **Mamaeva Sloboda!** This is an open-air museum that replicates a traditional Kozak settlement of the 17th and 18th centuries in the heart of Kyiv.

Here, you will not just listen the stories about brave Kozaks, and their heroic battles, but you will see real Kozak weapons, clothing, and houses with hay roofs! Wander amongst the farm animals, meet some Kozaks armed and dressed like their ancient ancestors, admire the houses, and be immersed in Kozak history in this picturesque location! You can also choose from a selection of different optional craft workshops that take place in the ancient houses (*subject to availability/season*). Then we will have a unique lunch - Kozak style - organized in Mamaeva Sloboda!

After the tour of Mamaieva Sloboda we'll return to Kyiv city center, where you can relax and stretch your legs, or explore the city on your own. We'll take you to grab some snacks, because tonight we're getting the overnight train to Chernivtsi! Train travel in Ukraine is fun! You'll have a sleeping berth with a bed, fresh linens, window and door for privacy. Travel the way locals do and fall asleep to the gentle swaying of your train carriage, waking up in a new city...



OPTIONS TO ADD TO YOUR TRIP:

Perform in Kyiv

Attend our World of Ukrainians Festival in August

Add a day trip to Kaniv, where the remains of Taras Shevchenko are buried

Visit the Famous Tunnel of Love!

Accommodation:
Hotel "Ibis" or similar
<https://www.accorhotels.com/>

Number of Nights:
3 Nights

Highlights:
Virsky Ensemble
workshop
Zabava
Ukrainske Selo
Experience

Tours & Museums:
Kyiv City Tour
Cathedrals
Andriyivskyi Descent
Golden Gates

Day 5 | Chernivtsi (B/L/-)

Welcome to the Capital of Bukovyna, the magical and culturally rich city of Chernivtsi!

Upon arrival in Chernivtsi, we'll get you checked in and grab some breakfast. After some time to unwind, we'll head out on a guided **city tour** – you'll have a chance to learn about Chernivtsi fascinating multicultural history, visit the most beautiful and notable sights the city has to offer. Learn its fascinating history and visit the most beautiful landmarks.

After a stop for lunch in the city centre, we'll visit an architectural gem - the **Chernivtsi National University**. This stunning collection of buildings will make you feel as though you have stepped back in time! The University's main campus, the Residence of Bukovynian and Dalmatian Metropolitans are included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Enjoy a free evening to enjoy walking down the cobblestone streets and relaxing on one of the many patios, watching the world go by.

Day 6 | Chernivtsi – Mamaivtsi – Chernivtsi (B/L/-)

Today we will have the chance to dance with a great ensemble – the Bukovynian State Ensemble! Enjoy a one-hour **workshop** with locals, who will teach you elements of fiery Bukovynian dances!

After the workshop, we'll stop for lunch, then you have a free afternoon to wander the streets of Chernivtsi, or choose from one of our many options!! *If you have relatives in Ukraine, you can take a day off from touring and visit with family. We can help you with all the arrangements.*

Day 7 | Chernivtsi – Khotyn – Kamyanets-Podilskyi (B/-/D)

Today we are taking you on a time travel to the **fortresses** of Khotyn and Kamyanets-Podilskyi!

Not literally, of course, but 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.

We'll transfer back to Chernivtsi, where we'll get ready for a special treat – this evening you'll get to see a private performance of the local **folk ensemble** – **Gerdan**, who passionately represent the rich cultural heritage of this region. Their arrangements of well-known and ancient Ukrainian songs amaze the audience of all ages! You don't want to miss this!



OPTIONS TO ADD TO YOUR TRIP:

Perform at the Chernivtsi Philharmonic

Visit the Museum of Emigration

Delve into the Optimistic Caves

Accommodation:
Overnight train
Hotel“ Bukovyna” or
similar
[http://bukovyna-
hotel.com/en/](http://bukovyna-hotel.com/en/)

Number of Nights:
1 Night
1 Night

Highlights:
Workshop with
Mamaivtsi Dance
Ensemble
Performance by Gerdan

Tours & Museums:
Chernivtsi City Tour
University Tour
Kamyanets-Podilsky
and Khotyn Fortresses

Day 8 | Chernivtsi – Tulova – Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

Today we will leave Chernivtsi early to set off for Carpathian Mountains! We'll be heading for the city of **Kosiv**, a cradle of Hutsul culture and pristine landscapes, located high up in the mountains.

On the way, we will stop off at the small **village of Tulova**. Here the locals are keen to welcome you into their village, to show you around, to experience their culture and day-to-day life - you will be made to feel like part of this big family! Experience the famous Ukrainian hospitality at its best with a lunch with the villagers, made fresh from local ingredients!

In the afternoon, we will get back on the road. After arriving in Kosiv, a picturesque town in the Carpathian Mountains you'll have a free evening to relax. Gran dinner in the hotel restaurant, looking out onto views of the Carpathian Mountains, or take a dip in the outdoor pool! Take some optional Spa treatments, relaxing in a traditional sauna!

Day 9 | Kosiv – Sheshory – Kosiv (B/L/-)

This morning, after breakfast, we'll take a trip to a local traditional **pottery factory**, where you can learn the technique behind these handmade pieces of art, and learn about the unique designs local to this region.

After, we will enjoy the best of traditional Hutsul cuisine at a local restaurant overlooking the river in the village of Sheshory. The brave ones can visit the local waterfalls, and maybe even go for a swim!

After we'll head back to the hotel, where you can enjoy an evening at your leisure – take a walk around the territory of the hotel surrounded with mountains!

Day 10 | Kosiv (B/L/-)

Today we'll have prepared something absolutely unique – early in the morning we will drive to the famous **Kosiv Crafts Market**. 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 a morning of shopping, we will get back on the road and drive high up in the mountains to a small local village, beautifully surrounded with the mountains!

On the way, your guide will tell you exciting stories and legends about this area to make you fall in love with the Carpathians!

Afterwards, you'll be cordially invited to a traditional **Hutsul Wedding**. Learn traditional songs and customs, get to dance 'Arkan' and 'Holubka', try rich and absolutely natural home-made Hutsul food and observe Hutsul wedding Mass in a local wooden church! We're sure you've never been to a Zabava like this! After, return to Kosiv.

OPTIONS TO ADD TO YOUR TRIP:

Take a workshop in Hutsul dance

Hike the Hoverla Mountain – tallest in Ukraine!

Take a woodcarving workshop with a local master

Accommodation:

Hotel "Mayetok Sokilske" or similar

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

Number of Nights:

3 Nights

Highlights:

Tulova Village
Hutsul Wedding Experience
Kosiv Crafts bazaar

Tours & Museums:

Pottery Craft Museum

Day 11 | Carpathians – Kolomyya – Lviv (B/L/-)

After breakfast, time to 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 Hutsul Culture and Art Museum! Explore local arts & crafts in souvenir & antiques stores. We'll stop for lunch in a local restaurant before hitting the road again.

Once we arrive in Lviv, time to check in, then the evening is yours to relax and unwind. Explore the cobblestone streets of this picturesque city – our guide will point you in the direction of some of our favourite restaurants!

Day 12 | Lviv (B/-/D)

This morning, discover the beautiful and historic city of Lviv with a city tour on a retro train. Spend your time exploring this picturesque city, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and see some of Lviv's most famous attractions!

To reveal the historical, romantic and religious sides of this city we will take you on a walking **city tour** showing you around tourist-worthy sights and making you completely fall in love with Lviv's enigmatic atmosphere.

Afterwards, we will head for lunch in one of the most famous and most visited restaurants in the city – Kryivka, buried in the subterranean vaults of the Ploshcha Rynok and designed to look like an underground bunker – you'll need a password to get in!

Enjoy a free afternoon/evening to explore - see more of what Lviv has to offer – stock up on souvenirs and sample the different kinds of coffee, chocolate and beer this city boasts!

Day 13 | Lviv (B/-/D)

Today after breakfast, we'll take a **workshop** with the renowned Yunist Dance Ensemble of Lviv. This will absolutely inspire you and give the



chance to improve your dancing skills learning from local masters!.

After - free time to explore the city!

There are so many options we would like to offer:

Take advantage of shopping in the city! Numerous souvenir stores, art galleries and an open-air craft markets offer a variety of artwork, embroidery, woodcarving and more!

Visit the High Castle Hill- formerly the site of the Lviv Castle, and now – an observation deck, perfect for scenic panoramic photos of the city!

Your guide may also take you to the weapon museum located in the former City Arsenal, or to the Andrey Sheptytsky National Museum to admire antique artworks.

Otherwise, you may view a unique and remarkable collection of traditional objects of national culture and folk arts and crafts in Lviv's Ethnographical Museum.

Zabava and Farewell Dinner of the finest traditional food in one of our favourite restaurants, with live folk music to sing and dance awaits you this evening!

Day 14 | Lviv (B/-/-)

After some free time to stock up on souvenirs we will transfer you to the airport where, sadly, it's time to go back home or continue on to new exciting destinations.



OPTIONS TO ADD TO YOUR TRIP:

Attend the International Ukrainian Dance and Culture Festival

Explore the Castles of Lviv

Accommodation:

Hotel "Lviv" or similar
<http://www.hotel-lviv.com.ua/en>

Number of Nights:

3 Nights

Highlights:

Yunist Ensemble workshop
Zabava

Tours & Museums:

Lviv City Tour
Lychakiv Cemetery

There is so much included:

SERVICES:

- Airport Transfers
- Escorted tour with full time Tour Leader
- Tour in English
- 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

SUGGESTED MEALS:

- Breakfasts daily
- Lunches x 9
- Dinners x 4

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

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- 12 Nights in Hand-Selected hotels, double occupancy
- 1 overnight train ride

TOURS, TRANSPORTATION & GUIDES:

- Tours and Events included in the itinerary
- All land transportation
- 1 overnight train ride
- Experienced local guides throughout the tour

SUGGESTED HOTELS:

City	Hotel	Nights
Kyiv	"Ibis" Hotel https://www.accorhotels.com	3
Kyiv-Chernivtsi	Overnight Train	1
Chernivtsi	Hotel "Bukovyna" http://bukovyna-hotel.com/en/	3
Kosiv	Hotel "Mayetok Sokilske" http://sokilske.com.ua/	3
Lviv	Hotel "Lviv" http://www.hotel-lviv.com.ua/en	3

PRICE:

Tour prices for a tour similar to this can range from \$1600USD to \$2400 per person.

This is land package only, and double occupancy (but we can offer a single supplement if a traveller wants their own room!) Payment plans available.

This entirely depends on what you decide to customize in your tour! It also depends on group size, time of year, number of workshops & inclusions.

Get in touch to start planning your tour today, and we can create a customized itinerary to suit your budget and needs!



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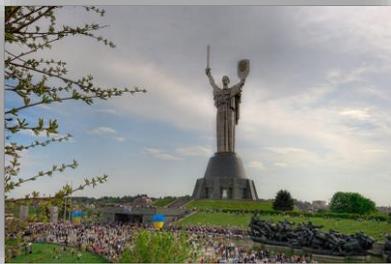
*Conditions may apply

More options while in Kyiv

Visit the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone and abandoned town of Prypiat.



Learn more about Ukraine's complicated past at the WW2 Memorial and Museum.



Step back in time at the Perohovo Open Air Architecture Museum.



Take a river cruise down the Dnipro River.



Visit poet Taras Shevchenko's Burial Place in Kaniv.



Visit Mezhyhiria - the Museum of Corruption.



More options while in Lviv

Wander the mysterious Lychakiv Cemetery.



Taste the best varieties of local beer and learn its long history in Lvivarnya Beer Museum



Visit the High Castle Hill to get scenic panoramic view of the city!



Make chocolate candies at the workshop at Lviv Handmade Chocolate Factory



Visit the weapon museum located in the former City Arsenal.



Join a mysterious Lviv Night Guard tour to hear eerie legends of the city!



Contact us to arrange your tour add-on today!

*Not included in tour price.

Other regions to consider

Lutsk is another great city in Ukraine, with an exceptional dance group who would be happy to provide a workshop in the Volyn dance style!

Extra Day 1 | Lutsk

Head to Lutsk - the capital of Volyn – the ancient land, stretched out in the basin of the picturesque south-inflows of the Prypyat River and in the riverheads of the Western Buh River... The land, covered with the legends of ancient times, glorified by monuments, which remind us of the bravery of our ancestors... Upon arrival check in, and take some free time for your own leisure.

Extra Day 2 | Lutsk

After breakfast we'll get together with the Volyn State Choir and their artistic director – Valeri Smirnof, who'll make sure we become pro-Volyn dancers with a dance workshop! Once you're done, grab some lunch before we head on a City Centre tour of this diverse and historic city. Then time for dinner in one of our favourite restaurants.

Extra Day 3 | Lutsk

After breakfast we'll get together with the Volyn State Choir once again for the second part of their workshop.

Once you're done, grab some lunch before we head to Lutsk Castle, otherwise known as Lubart's Castle, which also sits on the 200 Hryvnia note! Take a look if you don't believe us!

Then take some free time to explore this city further.

In the evening we have a special treat – a traditional Ukrainian Zabava, with live folk music!

Sribni leleky' Hotel, 3 nights

www.leleky.com.ua/

Odesa – a regal city on the Black Sea, has so much to offer, culture, sea air, and of course a local ensemble to train with!

Extra Day 1 | Odesa

After taking an overnight train to Odesa, we will meet you at the platform on the railway station and transfer to the hotel, which is 15min walk from the historical center of the city.

Once we get checked in to our hotel you will have breakfast and some time to rest.

On a city tour you will have a chance to enjoy a leisurely walk through the city, learning its history and visiting the main tourist sites, including the Potiomkin Stairs, Derybasivska Street, and the local quay.

Evening at your leisure!

Extra Day 2 | Odesa

After breakfast at the hotel get ready for the workshop with the local dance ensemble 'Chaika'.

Later chill out in one of many restaurants.

Odesa is a unique and multicultural city with its own temper and style of life don't waste the chance to join an unforgettable city tour called 'Multicultural Odesa'. Take time for individual exploration and a dinner in one of local restaurants.

Extra Day 3 | Odesa

Enjoy a free day on the beach! Dip your toes in the Black Sea as you soak up the sunshine.

Adults can take an optional tour to the Shabo winery nearby. In the evening, get together for a final Zabava – Odesa style!

Black Sea Hotel, 3 nights

<http://blacksea-hotels.com/en>

