

See the Old World in a New Way

The Humanitarian Trip to Ukraine will be very special as it will be an opportunity to help out in our small way and witness how this war has affected so many. In addition, we will bring much-needed Tourism dollars to the struggling economy of Ukraine.

Budapest – Košice – Uzhgorod – Carpathian Mountains – Lviv – Kraków **Sightseeing | Cultural Experiences | Humanitarian Aid Delivery**



Day 0 | Thursday, August 14: Depart from Canada

Day 1 | TOUR START DATE | Friday, August 15: Arrive in Budapest (-/-/D)

Welcome to **Hungary!** Upon arrival in **Budapest**, get to the city center and your centrally located hotel. Check-in.

Please note: Arrival and departure transfers are not included. Please let us know in advance if you require transfer services from/to the airport.



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, we will enjoy a delicious **welcome dinner** at one of our favorite restaurants, which features traditional Hungarian food!

Day 2 | Saturday, August 16: Budapest (B/-/D)

After breakfast, discover all the most important sights in Budapest on a **combined (bus + walking) city tour**. See the main attractions on both sides of the River Danube. Walk around the Castle District, enjoy the view from the Citadel, and see the top attractions of Pest. Afterwards, we have prepared something special for you - a boat cruise on the Danube. Get to know the most charming sights of the historic city of Budapest, often called the Pearl of the Danube or the Paris of the East.

In the evening, we invite you to enjoy a traditional Hungarian folklore show. Dinner is included.

Please note: The order of the events on this day is subject to change.

Day 3 | Sunday, August 17: Budapest – Košice(B/L/-)

It's time to say goodbye to Hungary, as we are moving to Slovakia. Our next stop will be the picturesque town of **Košice**.

Upon arrival, we will check into the hotel and have lunch.

After that, we will walk along the pedestrian street, where the majestic Gothic church of St. Elizabeth of Hungary is located. The construction of the cathedral lasted for several centuries, and it was completed half a thousand years ago. Its highest point reaches 60 meters, and the width of the church is 45 meters. From the height, you can see the whole city. Spend the rest of the evening at your discretion.



Total driving distance: 260 km/161 mi, ~3h;

Day 4 | Monday, August 18: Košice– Uzhhorod (B/L/-)

After breakfast and check-out from the hotel, our journey continues and we head to Ukraine, namely to **Uzhhorod**. Lunch is on the way.

Upon arrival, check in at the hotel, go back in time and taste the best varieties of local wines within the walls of the medieval castle during a **wine-tasting masterclass**.

Spend the rest of this day at your discretion.

Day 5 | Tuesday, August 19: Uzhhorod (B/-/D)

We will start this day with a **walking city tour** that will allow you to better understand the city of Ungvar (the old name of Uzhhorod) - this is the history of the Hungarian Kingdom, the Austrian Empire, the Czechoslovakian Republic... and each era left its mark on the appearance of the city. One of the oldest cities in Ukraine has something to surprise you.

Here, every street and every house breathes antiquity, and under your feet are old cobblestones from the Czech or Austrian period. And this is not surprising, because the official history of the city is more than 1,100 years old.

In the evening, we have prepared something special for you - a **private performance by the ensemble "Uzhhorod"**. Their fiery energy will not leave anyone indifferent and will allow you to better understand the rich culture of this multicultural region. Dinner included.

Day 6 | Wednesday, August 20: Uzhhorod – Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

After breakfast and checking out of the hotel, we'll be travelling to **Kosiv**, passing through the local towns and villages, observing local rural life and taking pictures. On the way, we will make a stop at the geographical center of Europe, the village of **Dilove**. In 1885, when these territories were part of Austria-Hungary, Austrian geographers discovered that this was the central point of continental Europe. In 1887, to determine an important geographical coordinate, a 2-meter stone monument was erected at the foot of the mountain with an inscription that means approximately the following: "A permanent, precise, eternal place. With a special apparatus made in Austria and Hungary, very precisely, with a scale of parallels and meridians, the Center of Europe was established here in 1887."

Here we will have lunch and visit the souvenir market. Upon arrival in Kosiv, check in at the hotel and have free time for rest.



Total driving distance: 337 km/210 mi, ~6h;

Day 7 | Thursday, August 21: Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

After breakfast, you'll have the opportunity to meet and engage with talented **local artisans** who have honed their craft in this unique region for generations. From traditional woodcarving to intricate handwoven textiles, discover the authentic stories behind each creation, forging lasting connections with the vibrant cultural heritage of the Carpathians. Moving forward, 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.



You'll be welcomed by Slavko, the director of the local **K-12 School**, and his family, local Hutsuls. The family is 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 of while you are here! After the visit to the school, the family will treat you to a traditional Welcome Hutsul Lunch to make you feel right at home! Return to your hotel in the evening.

Day 8 | Friday, August 22: Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

After breakfast, depart for a visit to **Kolomyia**, a picturesque town in western Ukraine renowned for its rich cultural heritage and deep traditions. Begin your exploration at the iconic **Pysanka Museum**, a one-of-a-kind institution dedicated to the Ukrainian art of decorated Easter eggs, known as *pysanky*. You'll also have the chance to **meet local artists**, learn about their techniques, and gain a deeper appreciation for this unique cultural expression.

Following your visit, enjoy **free time for lunch** at a local café or restaurant, where you can sample traditional regional dishes at your own pace.

In the afternoon, continue to the **Museum of Hutsul and Pokuttia Folk Art**, which offers a fascinating look at the customs, clothing, tools, and everyday life of the Hutsul and Pokuttia people. This museum brings to life the traditions of the Carpathian highlanders through an extensive and beautifully curated collection of ethnographic artifacts. Return to your hotel in the evening, filled with new insights into the artistic and cultural soul of Ukraine.

Day 9 | Saturday, August 23: Carpathian Mountains – Lviv (B/L/-)

Today we have prepared something unique – early in the morning, we will visit the famous **Kosiv craft market**, which is known far beyond the borders of Ukraine. Kosiv is famous for its outstanding artists who not only create beautiful artifacts but also preserve centuries-old traditions of folk crafts. Once a week, sellers and artisans from this region come together to buy and sell art objects, embroidery, antiques, food, car parts, and even livestock!

Moving forward, we will head to Lviv. Lunch on the way.

Upon arrival, check into the hotel. Spend the rest of this day to your discretion.

Day 10 | Sunday, August 24: Independence Day in Lviv (B/L/-)

In the morning, we invite you to visit the **Garrison Church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul** to pay tribute to all the defenders who gave their lives in the fight for Ukraine's independence. After that, you will have the opportunity to join optional activities that will take place in the central part of the city (TBC).

Lunch included. If necessary, your tour leader will be happy to help you organize other activities according to your needs and wishes

Day 11 | Monday, August 25: Lviv (B/L/-)

This morning, after breakfast in your hotel, discover the beautiful and historic city of Lviv with a **guided walking city tour**. Spend your time exploring this picturesque city, seeing some of Lviv's most famous attractions, and

revealing the historical, romantic, and religious sides of this city! The city tour will show you around tourist-worthy sights and make you completely fall in love with Lviv's enigmatic atmosphere.

Lunch after the tour.

Afterwards, we'll take you to a big shopping center to purchase the most essential supplies - food, water, hygiene kits, critical household items, etc. Once the supplies are bought, you will assist in organizing and packing them in our warehouse.

Later, the packages with supplies will be delivered directly to where they are needed most—to the small towns and villages along the frontline. We'll deliver this much-needed humanitarian assistance to the military and civilians affected by the war in Ukraine.



Please note: The order of the events on this day is subject to change.

Day 12 | Tuesday, August 26: Lviv – Kraków (B/-/D)

After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to Lviv, as we are heading to **Kraków**.

Upon arrival in Kraków, get to the city center and to your centrally located hotel. Check-in.

Afterwards, we will introduce you to this beautiful city on a city tour. Get a taste of this mythical place. Walk to the 700-year-old Cloth Hall in the Rynek Główny, Europe's largest medieval market square. Dinner included.

Day 13 | Wednesday, August 27: Departure Day (B/-/-)

Breakfast in the hotel. Check out.

We'll transfer you to the airport where, sadly, we wave our goodbyes as your tour has come to an end. Thank you for choosing the Cobblestone Freeway Tour, and hope to see you again on one of our other tours! Safe travels! 🙌

THANK YOU FOR TRAVELLING WITH COBBLESTONE FREEWAY!

There is so much included:

INCLUDED:

SERVICES:

- Escorted tour with full-time Tour Leader
- Tour in English
- Entrance fees

MEALS:

- Breakfasts daily
- Lunch x8
- Dinner x4

ACCOMMODATION:

- 12 nights in quality hand-chosen hotels

TOURS, TRANSPORTATION & GUIDES:

- Tours and Events included in the itinerary
- All land transportation is in an air-conditioned coach
- Experienced guides throughout the tour

NOT INCLUDED:

- Flights not listed in the Itinerary
- Extra days before/after the tour
- Tours and transfers are not mentioned as included
- Events and Services not included in the itinerary or marked as **Optional**
- Travel and Medical Insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Meals not listed in the Itinerary
- Tips for guides/drivers/maids
- Laundry & Telephone Services

HOTELS:

City	Hotel	Check-in	Check-out	Nights
Budapest	Details - TBC	August 15	August 17	2
Kosice	Details - TBC	August 17	August 18	1
Uzhhorod	Hotel Uzhgorod or similar https://shorturl.at/B5293	August 18	August 20	2
Carpathian Mountains	Details - TBC.	August 20	August 23	3
Lviv	Rudolfo Hotel or Atlas Hotel Deluxe https://rudolfo.com.ua/ https://atlasdeluxe.com/	August 23	August 26	3
Krakow	Hotel Polonia or similar https://hotel-polonia.com.pl/en/	August 20	August 23	1

PRICE:

Land Package:

\$... CAD per person

Price based on a group of **8** travelers.

This DOES NOT INCLUDE a mandatory 500 CAD donation to the Cobblestone Freeway Foundation, which will be used to buy supplies to be delivered to the East.

*Please Note: Any changes in tour contents or the number of travelers may result in a price change.

PAYMENTS:

1. This tour proposal is good until **2025**. After that date, the price, activities, or accommodation are subject to change.
2. We require full payment 60 days before your departure – **June 10, 2025**.

LATE PAYMENT

- A Late Payment Fee will apply if payment is made more than 7 days after the final payment due date.
- Payments received 7 -30 days after the final due date – a **\$500 CAD** administration fee will apply

FLIGHTS:

Flights are not included and are the traveler's responsibility.

TOUR ITINERARY CHANGE POLICY

Changes in your custom tour made after the first deposited passenger will need to be repriced and may result in a price increase.

Group Pay Details:

Please send your payment as an e-transfer to info@cobblestonefreeway.ca

Credits:

Travel credits will be accepted to a maximum of \$1000 per person and will be recognized in the final payment.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellation notice must be in writing to info@cobblestonefreeway.ca. Terms & Conditions are on our website: <https://cobblestonefreeway.ca/contact/terms-and-conditions/> Select your tour type: Custom Group Tour

REGISTRATION

Please fill out the registration form on the link below:
[Traveler Registration Form for the 'Hungary, Ukraine & Poland 2025' Tour](#)

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