

## Podnistrovyia (3 days)

### Biking tour “Incredible Ukraine”

**Region:** Ternopil region

**Format:** comfort

**Level:** amateur

**Duration:** 3 days

*Castles and churches, waterfalls and canyons, caves and ancient rock temples – all these together with the breathtaking landscapes of Podilski Tovtry. Take into account some western region’s authenticity and a network of rural roads completely free of cars and you will figure out why you definitely should find yourself right here and the best option to do it is by bike. Welcome to “Incredible Ukraine” – a trip which can change your thoughts about this country.*

#### Day 1



6:34 Arrival to Tovste (by train from Kyiv)

Journey to Chervonohorod

9:00 Picnic at the waterfall

Journey to Ustechko along the way in the forest visiting “Divochi slyozy” (“Girl’s tears”) waterfall

Journey to Torske

13:00 Lunch at a café

16:00 Journey to Zalishchyky, accommodation at a hotel

Free time

18:00 Dinner

Distance: 50 km

#### Sights of the day

**Chervonohorod.** It’s been a while since this small town could be found on the map however it keeps attracting the tourists. A weird curve of the Dzuryn river creates a crater of incredible size, from the center of which the two towers of the ruined castle rise and the air trembles with the rumble of the biggest (16 m) plain waterfall of Ukraine. The name of the town (literally “Red town”) was given by nature itself as the earth is really red-colored here.

**“Divochi slyozy”.** It’s a second waterfall of the plain territory in Ternopil region we will visit during this day. Here you can find out the mystery of travertine rocks formation, look into the cave of a hermit and drink fresh water from the source.

**Ustechko.** The crooked streets, houses and fences made of unpolished stone make this town resemble the Caucasus settlement (Aul).

**Zalishchyky.** The panoramic view of this town from the opposite bank of the Dnister river is one of the most stunning ones in Ukraine.

#### Day 2



- 8:00 Getting up
- 9:00 Breakfast
- Journey Zalishchyky-Kasperivtsi-Monastyrok
- 13:00 Picnic near the rock temple
- Journey to Borshchiv near the castle remains at Vysechka
- 17:00 Accommodation at a hotel
- 18:00 Dinner

Distance: 50 km

#### Sights of the day

**Rock temple at Monastyrok.** An impressive building made of enormous blocks is located in the picturesque valley of the Seret river. A giant stone for offerings lies right at the entrance and the landscape which can be seen from the fall raises a storm of emotions.

#### Day 3



- 8:00 Getting up
- 9:00 Breakfast, leaving
- Journey to Mlynky cave through the Galileo Villa
- 12:00 Lunch at the “speleo-house”
- 3-hour excursion at the cave
- Journey to Chortkiv
- 18:00 Dinner at “Chelentano”
- 20:52 Departure (Kyiv train)

Distance: 40 km

#### Sights of the day

**Galileo Villa.** This forest was planted in the 15-16<sup>th</sup> centuries presumably for the additional defense of a castle at Yagolnytsya. Except of an intriguing name, this place keeps one more secret as the most part of the forest consists of larch trees which are not typical of this area.

**Mlynky cave** – a 40km-long labyrinthine cave with the colorful crystals, stalactites and beautiful cave formations. Due to the small and tightly enclosed spaces, crawling and even sliding along one’s back or belly is required in many parts of the cave that’s why an excursion is kind of sports one.

**Chortkiv.** All the attributes of the medieval town can be found here at Chortkiv namely a Town Hall, a church, a castle and cobble-stone streets. The church makes special impression and a lot of people reasonably consider it to be the most beautiful one in Ukraine.

#### Arrival/Departure

Train No 627, departure from Kyiv at 18:36

Train No 628, arrival to Kyiv at 8:04

\*The organizer is entitled to the right to make the slight changes to the program without changing the general content of a trip.