

Polissya (3 days)

Biking tour “Reserved Polissya”

Region: Zhytomyr region

Format: comfort

Level: amateur

Duration: 3 days

Ukrainian Polissya still remains the unknown and mysterious land. On visiting the Nature Reserve, Stone village (Kamyane selo), making a journey to annalistic Korosten and other towns of the region, you'll fall in love with this land of lakes, swamps and numerous small rivers, which is hiding a lot of interesting and unique monuments. A trip by bikes along these areas is a perfect vacation for those seeking to forget about the noise of a big city at least for a few days and have an opportunity to find themselves in the real “wild” places where time seems to have stopped...

Day 1



- 7:00 Meeting at the railway station at Korosten
Journey to Olevsk (auto), 90 km
- 10:00 Breakfast at a café
Olevsk – Kamyane selo
Excursion around Stone Village (Kamyane selo) reserve
- 14:00 Picnic (open-air)
Kamyane selo – Rudnya Perhanska
Rudnya Perhanska – Perha
- 18:00 Dinner
- Distance: 45 km

Sights of the day

Stone village (Kamyane selo) – visiting the geological reserve of national importance “Kamyane selo” where you can see the stunning huge boulders which occurred here under the glacier influence. Everybody heard about the mysterious Stonehenge, situated on the British islands, but only a few know about the impressive stones at Zhytomyrske Polissya. Although nobody lives at the Stone village, the guests are always welcome here – the stone giants are waiting for you.

Master-class in beekeeping. Polissya is one of the few places where the traditions of beekeeping, this archaic craft which dates back to the Kievan Rus era, are preserved. Master Mykola Renkas has been engaged in beekeeping for a long time (his grand-father and even great-grandfather used to do it as well) and can tell you a lot about this old craft and habits of bees. When he takes the old grandpa’s devices and skillfully climbs the pine, nobody can stay indifferent. Moreover the bravest visitors are offered to do this trick as well.

Day 2



8:00 Getting up
 8:30 Breakfast
 Journey through territory of the reserve
 12:30 Picnic, having a rest
 Journey through territory of the reserve
 16:00 Arrival to Selezivka, accommodation
 Free time
 18:00 Dinner
 20:00 Sauna

Distance: 40 km

Sights of the day

Polissya Nature Reserve. All today's route goes through the territory of Polissya Reserve. There is no asphalt, no cars - just forest paths and unspoiled nature. It won't be just passive observation though as the accompanying worker of a reserve will tell us about local flora and fauna, the work of a forester and answer all our questions. And generous dinner will be a deserved reward for the tough day full of physical activity and sauna will also help to relax.

Day 3



8:00 Getting up
 8:30 Breakfast
 A cycling excursion along the ecological trail
 14:00 Lunch
 Journey to Korosten (auto, 110 km)
 18:00 Dinner at a café

Distance: 30 km

Sights of the day

Ecological trail. History: from the pagan temples to the defense points of Stalin-Molotov line, the places of charcoal burning. Nature: beavers' settlements, foxes dens, pine forests. Do you know how many kinds of swamp exist? Today you'll not only find it out but also see all that. You will also learn how they used to be drained and are now protected.

Arrival/Departure

Start: Korosten (Zhytomyr region). Meeting at 7:00 at a railway station.
 Finish: Korosten at 19:00 at a railway station.

Accommodation: wooden houses with facilities outside.

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



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