

The Capital and even more

A 6-day tour around Ukraine's capital city Kyiv, its most interesting outskirts and a city with the great history Chernihiv

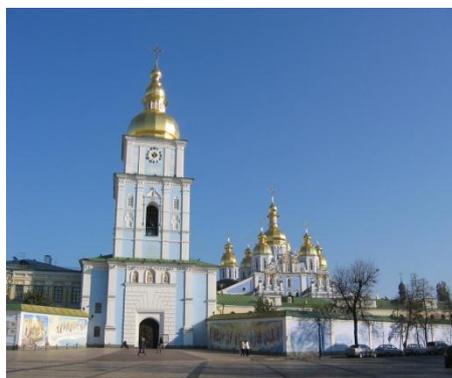
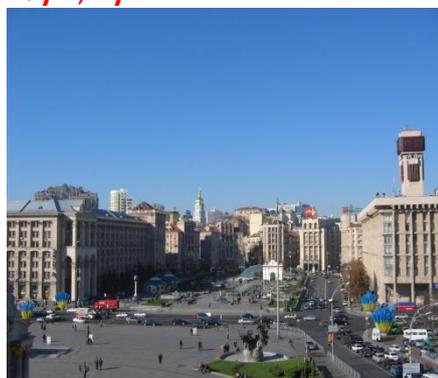
What can be more exciting finding yourself in a colossal city where you are dazzled by glittering church domes, monumental wide boulevards, impressive huge monuments and fashionable nightlife? What can be better spending an evening at one of the city's excellent restaurants sampling the best sort of Ukrainian cuisine? What can be more romantic wondering through hilltop parkland overlooking the Dnipro river and admiring the fantastic panoramic views? Would you choose anything else instead having a fascinating boat trip on Dnipro watching the colorful reflection of a city in the still water? Isn't it fabulous to spend half of the day at the open air museum of Ukrainian Folk Architecture and Rural life, feel the spirit of the Old Times and become a citizen of a neat Ukrainian village for a while. You also wouldn't miss a chance to visit Chernihiv learning much more about great Ukrainian history and visiting the impressive cave chapels, would you? Isn't it a right time to realize these plans?!

Day 1

Meeting at the airport in Kyiv. Transfer to a hotel. Accommodation at the hotel.

Welcome dinner. Meeting with a guide and a short presentation of a tour.

Day 2, Kyiv



Breakfast

Kyiv - a 3-hour bus tour around the historical districts of Kyiv: Golden Gate (the unique monument which reflects the art of fortification of Kievan Rus), a majestic St. Sophia's Cathedral, St. Volodymyr's and St. Michael's Golden Domed Cathedrals, an exuberant St. Andrew's church. A walk along Andriyivsky Uzviz (Andrew's Descent) – Kyiv's "Monmartre" - where the peculiar Ukrainian souvenirs may be bought.

Lunch (optionally).

A walk along the historical district of Lyvky: the House of Parliament, Mariyinsky palace (an official residence of the President of Ukraine for ceremonial purposes) and Mariyinsky park, the marvellous panoramic views over the Dnipro river; Khreshchatyk street (the main street of a city with its splendid architecture) and Maydan Nezalezhnosti (Independence Square).

Dinner.

Day 3

Breakfast.

Walking excursion "Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra".

Excursion to the museum-reserve and monastery Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra - an ancient Kyiv Cave Monastery, the oldest Orthodox monastery of Rus and Ukraine (the Dormition Cathedral, the Great Bell Tower, the Holy Trinity Church, St. Nicholas Hospital Church, the All-Saints Church and the Economic Gate, the Caves). Visiting museums on choice: the Ukrainian museum of Historical Jewellery, Ukrainian State Museum of Books and Printing, State Museum of Ukrainian Decorative Folk Art, State Museum of Theatre, Music and Cinema Arts of Ukraine, Exhibition of Miniatures.

Free time.

Visiting theatres (the Opera House, the philharmonic), clubs and discos optionally.

Dinner.

Day 4, Kyiv-Pyrohovo-Kyiv



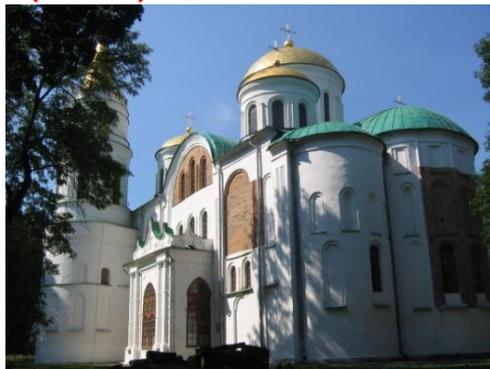
Breakfast.

Pyrohovo – the museum of Folk Architecture and Rural Life – one of only a few of the largest open air museums in Ukraine, set on over 150 acres of beautiful countryside with over 200 structures, including four wooden tripartite churches, representing spiritual and cultural material.

Free time.

Dinner. Visiting theatres (the Opera House, the philharmonic), clubs and discos optionally.

Day 5, Kyiv – Chernihiv – Kyiv (320 km)



Breakfast. Leaving for the excursion.

Chernihiv – the historical places of the old part of a city – Boryso-Hlibsky Cathedral with the stunning silver Royal Doors, the Transfiguration Cathedral with its two distinctive bell towers, the Regimental chancellery, the burial-mounds on the Boldyn hill, Troyitsky and Illinsky Trinity Monasteries, the impressive Antony caves with 315 m of passageways, galleries and chapels.

Returning to Kyiv.

Evening cruise along the Dnipro river admiring the colorful lights of a capital.

Dinner.

Day 6, Kyiv

Breakfast.

Free time.

Transfer to the airport. Leaving Kyiv.

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