

# GUARANTEED ESCORTED TOURS XXIII

## DAY 1 (FRIDAY): ARRIVAL KIEV

Arrival in Kiev, optional transfer to Hotel Radisson Blu Kyiv\*\*\*\* or similar, check-in, welcome meeting.

## DAY 2 (SATURDAY): KIEV

Founded in the late 9<sup>th</sup> century Kyiv is one of the oldest cities of Europe and the cradle of Slavic civilization and Orthodox Christianity. The morning sightseeing tour introduces us to the historic city and all its treasures including St. Vladimir's Cathedral, Golden Gates, St. Sophia Cathedral, St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery, which we reach by cable car, Independence Square, Opera House and St. Andrew's Cathedral. The afternoon is reserved for an optional excursion to the world famous Cave Monastery featuring amazing architectural monuments, ranging from bell towers to cathedrals to underground cave systems and strong stone fortification walls. In the evening enjoy an optional dinner with folklore music at Restaurant Opanas.

## DAY 3 (SUNDAY): KIEV

The morning offers an optional excursion to the large Pirogovo Ethnographic Open Air Museum, where farmsteads, wooden churches, windmills and village architecture from all regions of the large country will bring us back to the atmosphere of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century rural Ukraine. In the afternoon is offered an optional visit to St. Sophia's Cathedral and the National History Museum. The St. Sophia Cathedral - built in 11<sup>th</sup> century - is an UNESCO heritage monastery complex with unique ancient frescoes. The visit includes also Bell Tower, Monks Refectory and Metropolitane House. We proceed to the National Historical Museum with over 800 thousand unique exhibits related to the history and culture of Ukraine.

## DAY 4 (MONDAY): KIEV-LVIV

The early morning is reserved for an optional visit to the unique Chernobyl Museum dedicated to the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, which also signalled the beginning of the end of Soviet Ukraine. In the afternoon we go to the train station to board the modern high-speed train bound for Lviv. Upon arrival in the evening to Lviv, transfer to Hotel Dnister\*\*\*\* or similar, check in.

## DAY 5 (TUESDAY): LVIV

Lviv is known as the centre of West-Ukraine, which was never incorporated into imperial Russia but was a part the Habsburg Empire. Even Lviv has had an enthralling and violent history it still has a unique old-world charm. The morning sightseeing tour takes us to Lviv Old Town - a complex of stone buildings from the 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> century - and includes the Market Square with City House, Black Stone Building, Opera Square, Kornyakt Palace, Medieval Pharmacy-Museum, Armenian Cathedral, Dominical and Bernardine cathedrals and the beautiful Boim Chapel. In the afternoon is offered an optional Lviv Beer Tour. We will have an opportunity to learn how craft beer is brewed and to taste it, and during the tour we will travel from an old monastery of the 17<sup>th</sup> century to a modern beer brewery.

## DAY 6 (WEDNESDAY): LVIV

The full day optional tour today takes us to castles around Lviv: Olesko Castle dating back to 13<sup>th</sup> century and the residence of Polish Kings, like Jan Sobieski. The castle features a magnificent collection of old furniture and paintings, a nice park and a museum with beautiful pieces of jewellery, and Zolochiv Palace - the jewel of defensive architecture, built in 17<sup>th</sup> century. Over centuries the palace served as fortress and royal residence. In the courtyard we find Grand Palace and Chinese Palace. In the evening enjoy an optional Carpathian farewell dinner at Restaurant Trout, Bread and Wine with its highlight dish- Carpathian trout.

## DAY 7 (THURSDAY): DEPARTURE LVIV

Optional transfer to the airport.

## CLASSICAL UKRAINE June-September 2018, 7 days/6 nights

### DATES:

GCU10: 22.06-28.06.18

GCU12: 06.07-12.07.18

GCU14: 20.07-26.07.18

GCU16: 03.08-09.08.18

GCU18: 17.08-23.08.18

GCU20: 31.08-06.09.18



### Package price per person:

EUR 495.00 (double occupancy)

EUR 275.00 (single supplement)

### Including:

- 6 overnights at centrally located 4 star hotels
- 6 x buffet breakfast
- Welcome meeting with champagne-cocktail or juice
- Personalized welcome package
- Tickets for Cable Car ride in Kiev, entrances to Boim Chapel and Medieval Pharmacy-Museum in Lviv
- Service of German and English speaking tour escort on all tours
- Service of Italian and Spanish speaking tour escort on all tours
- Service of 1<sup>st</sup> class coach or 1<sup>st</sup> class minivan throughout the itinerary
- Hyundai high-speed train Kiev-Lviv OW (2<sup>nd</sup> class)
- Portage at hotels and railway stations

### Optional

- Transfer airport to Hotel Radisson Blu Kyiv: EUR 35.00 for private car (1-3 persons), EUR 60.00 for private minivan (4-7 persons)
- 3-hours visit to the Cave Monastery: EUR 40.00 pp
- Ukrainian dinner with folklore music at Restaurant Opanas: EUR 40.00 pp
- 4-hours excursion to the Pirogovo Ethnographic Open Air Museum: EUR 35.00 pp
- 3-hours visit to St. Sophia's Cathedral and National Historical Museum: EUR 25.00 pp (walking tour)
- 3-hours visit to Chernobyl Museum: EUR 40.00 pp
- 2-hours Lviv Beer Tour: EUR 35.00 pp
- 8-hours excursion to castles around Lviv: EUR 60.00 pp
- Carpathian dinner at Restaurant Trout, Bread and Wine: EUR 35.00 pp
- Transfer Hotel Dnister to airport: EUR 25.00 for private car (1-3 persons), EUR 45.00 for private minivan (4-7 persons)
- Half board at hotels (6 x 3 course dinner with coffee/tea): EUR 140.00 pp

### Visa

Citizens of most countries of Europe and the Americas do not need visa to Ukraine. Citizens of Australia and New Zealand can obtain visa at arrival in Kiev Borispol Airport