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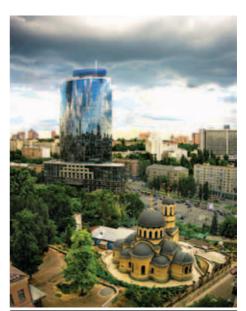
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Kyiv is beautiful 365 days a year, but exceptional month is May when the city blossoms with chestnut trees, lilac, magnolias, tulips and all other possible spring flowers. Since the turn of 19 and 20th centuries, when Taras Shevchenko boulevard was planted with chestnut trees, this beautiful blossoming tree became a favourite of Kyivities and later a green symbol of the city



We found this fantastic shot on the web and were trying to find the author, as this would be our dream cover photo.

But we haven't succeeded. If anyone knows the photographer who took this amazing picture, please let us know. The skyscraper in the picture is Parus business centre, built in 2007. The building's height is 133 meters.

At the bottom of the picture is beautiful St Michael's church, located on the territory of the hospital

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Spring in Kyiv usually comes late, so the beginning of March does not mean warm weather, shining sun and blossoming flowers. Kyiv residents could not be happier that spring is coming, as this past winter lasted too long. Snow fell right on schedule in December and only the last days of February gave us some hope when we saw the snow thawing. With that in mind, if a burly Ukrainian sits next to you on a park bench and takes off his shirt, don't be alarmed...he just needs to soak in some rays to get over the cabin fever.

As usual, spring brings us a lot of expectations to see nature as the city recovers from its long sleep. First we wait for the apricot trees to start blossoming, then we wait for the first tulips and most of all Kyiv residents wait for the magnolia and lilac blossoming at the Botanical Gardens.

For football lovers we have had some sad news. All Ukrainian football teams missed the boat with the European competitions. Dynamo Kyiv lost to Bordeaux, Metalist Kharkiv and Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk lost to Newcastle and Basel respectively. The exception is Shakhtar Donetsk who has their last match with Dortmund Bayern on 5th March. While international football passes Ukraine by this spring. there is still plenty for diehard fans to get excited about. The Ukrainian championship is still on schedule and starts on 1st March. For the full schedule go to www.fpl.ua/eng. April-May is as usual chock - full of holidays, and Ukrainians always find a way to put their busy lives on hold and celebrate to the full. Locals add their own unique twists to April Fools' Day (1st April). International Workers Day is celebrated on the 1st and 2nd of May. Easter this yearfalls on the 5th of May. Victory Day is on the 9th of May. We're not sure by now if there will be a parade on Khreschatyk street, but just in case if you want to see the Ukrainian military in its full might - be somewhere around Kyiv's main street on the morning of Victory Day. And be sure not to miss the nights beautiful fireworks display. Also, start getting used to the fact that most of Ukrainian companies will be on a holiday from the 1st to the 9th of May. The cherry on top of all holidays is Kyiv Day! It is scheduled this year on 26th May and is one of the rockin'est celebrations of the year. You couldn't have chosen a better time to visit Ukraine's capital. Kviv is at its glorious best in springtime, so find a bench in the sunshine, take a deep breath, and just let go. Nasolodzhuisia! Enjoy!

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# By plane

Boryspil State International Airport (Аеропорт Бориспіль) is where almost all international flights land and depart. The smaller Kyiv Zhulyani Airport (Аеропорт Київ Жуляни) is only 8km from centre and handles mostly domestic travel and Wizz Air flights from Europe.

Located 34km east of Kyiv, Boryspil is going to move all international flights to its largest and newest Terminal D. International passengers now arrive and depart at Terminals B, D and F. Terminal Balso services domestic flights. Starting from March 31, 2013 all international and Ukrainian airlines will operate their international flights to/from the new Terminal D. The old Terminal B will be used for domestic flights, while the Terminal Fwill be reserved for low-cost airlines. Ticket agents, immigration, and customs officials speak some English, so don't worry if you haven't yet mastered Ukrainian or Russian. Customs control has been greatly relaxed in recent years, but it still makes sense to travel light and pass through the green express line when arriving. If you need to connect to a local flight, a free shuttle bus circulates between terminals every 20 min. Feel like stretching your legs? Walk time between all Terminals is about 15 min. At all terminals you will find currency exchange offices (обмін валют), information, car rental offices, cafes, public telephones, etc.

**Getting to town** Exiting of the terminals in Boryspil Airport, you are sure to be approached by cabbies. The 20-25 minute ride to centre will set you back about 200-250Hr. **SkyBuses** headed to Kyiv leave from Terminal B and F roughly every 10-15 minutes. The charge is 27Hr and the bus will drop you off about an hour later at the Central Train Station or you can get off at the first stop near the Kharkivska metro station (green line). Tickets are available online at www.skybus.kiev.ua.

A taxi from **Kyiv Zhulyany Airport** to the city centre should not cost you more than 70Hr. **Trolleybus #9 (1.50Hr)** brings you to Tereschenkivska street nearby Ploscha Lva Tolstoho metro station (blue line). **Trolleybus #22** goes to Dorohozhychi metro station (green line). **Marshrutka #213** (2.50Hr) shuttles passengers to Dorohozhychi (green line) and Petrivka (blue line) metro stations.

Boryspil State International Airport Boryspil, tel. (+380) 44 393 43 71, www.kbp.aero.

Kyiv Zhulyany Airport E-1, Povitroflots'kyi prosp. 79, tel. (+380) 44 242 23 08, www.airport.kiev.ua.

# Bv bus

All international buses arrive at Kyiv's Central Bus Station (tsentralnyi avtovokzal). The station is still waiting for its European renovations and sits like a hideous centrepiece on Kyiv's most unsightly square, Moskovs'ka ploscha. A currency exchange office (o6мін валют) is next to the main exit, and just outside is an ATM (банкомат) that dispenses Ukrainian hryvnia. If you need to stashyour bags, a left-luggage office is available (open 06:00 - 11:00, 11:30 - 17:00, 17:30 - 22:00). Getting to town Taxis are always on hand and can take you to the city centre for approximately 50Hr. Demiivs'ka metro station (blue line) is right near the bus station. Just go round McDonalds' building, pass a subway and find the metro entrance to your right.

Central Bus Station H-5, Nauky prosp. 1/2, MDemivska, tel. (+380) 44 527 99 86. ▶ Open 05:00 - 24:00.

# By train

The refurbished Central Railway Station (центральний вокзал) has now been joined by a futuristic-looking Southern Railway Station (південний вокзал), with the platforms located between the two. A new waiting lounge up the stairs to the left from the central main hall boasts comfy couches for a 10Hr admission fee. Currency exchange (обмін валют) points and ATMs

# In the news



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(банкомат) are in the main halls of each station. Coin-operated pay telephones are scattered throughout the building, while card-operated ones are mostly outside the central entrance. Getting to town You're basically in it already, but short taxi rides to Khreschatyk Street area cost 50Hr and up. The entrance to metro station Vokzal'na (red line) is to your left as you exit the central station - look for the green letter M. Khreschatyk is only three stops east on the red line. Various trolleybuses, buses and minivans also depart from the central station. Those with light bags and fresh legs can head down the main road and turn right at Shevchenko Boulevard, which runs into Khreschatyk.

Central/Southern Train Station G-3, Vokzal'na pl. 1, MVokzalna, tel. (+380) 44 503 70 05, www.uz.gov. ua/en. > Open 24Hrs.

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# **Tourist Information**

Ornament Tourist Information Centre B-4, Volodymyrska 7, office 1, tel. (+380) 44 278 77 38, info@ ornament.ua, www.ornament.ua. Ornament offers tourist information about Kyiv and Ukraine, sightseeing tours, accomodation, train and air tickets and souvenirs. > Open 10:00 - 19:00. Sat, Sun 11:00 - 15:00.

# **Public Transport**

A plethora of mass transit options are available to get you around Kyiv. However, the existing **trolleybuses** (electric buses), **trams** (streetcars), **buses**, **metro**, **microbuses** and **minivans** are not enough to prevent frequent overcrowding. Don't take the jostling personally, don't inhale too deeply but do give up your seat to the elderly and mothers with children.

#### The metro

The metro is the iewel of the Kviv transport system. While traffic snarls vehicles above ground, trains underground deliver passengers in a more timely and reliable fashion. Thoughtprovoking Soviet designs inside stations help pass the time while waiting for the next train. Life isn't perfect, though, and neither is the metro. Personal space can become alarmingly tight, especially during rush hour and at night when trains run less frequently. Kyivites like to grumble about the recent fare hikes, but fees are, in fact, dirt cheap relative to those in other European cities. Purchase your one way blue token for 2Hr from the expressionless booth attendant or from the automatic dispensers. Proceed to the row of gates, insert your token and wait a second for the red light to turn green so the jaws of death don't maim you. Monthly passes can be purchased from all token booths and are good from the first of the month. There are three lines in Kviv - M1 (red line). M2 (blue line) and M3 (green line). Thanks to EURO2012 we finally got English schemes and directions on each station as well as notices in English inside the carriages.

#### Trolleybuses, trams and buses

These are favoured by schoolchildren, the working class and babushkas and dedushkas. They won't get you anywhere in a hurry, but they do provide an intriguing look into everyday Ukrainian life. Single tickets for trolleys, trams and buses can be purchased for 1.50Hr from street kiosks or from conductors and the driver on board. You should immediately validate your ticket using one of the many punching gadgets around you. If not, you risk being intimidated into paying a 40Hr fine by not one but two roaming inspectors. All tickets are good for one journey only.

#### Microbuses and minivans

The privately-owned **marshrutkas** (μαρμυργικα) or route taxis (usually yellow) stop at bus stops along specified routes. Many run the same routes as trolleys or buses and use the same numbers. Otherwise, try to read the main stops posted on the vehicle's windshield or side window before it speeds by. Marshrutkas will definitely get you from A to B faster than other forms of municipal transport, as they are smaller and more manoeuvrable; an important feature on Kyiv's jammed roads. Just flag it down as you would a taxi, then tell the driver "na zupyntsi, budlaska" ("on the stop, please") when you've had enough. Fares are paid as you board and currently range from 2.50 to 3Hr.

#### **Funicular**

Since 1905, Kyiv's funicular has carried passengers between Podil, on the bank of the Dnipro, and the heights of Mykhailivs'ka ploscha. It offers not only a means of getting from A to B, but also a rising panoramic view of the Dnipro River and the forested left bank. After perusing the art and souvenirs of Andrew's Descent (Andriivs'kyi uzviz), you may forego "Andrew's Ascent" and catch the funicular at Poshtova ploscha metro. You will be delivered just behind the spectacular St. Michael's Cathedral. Fares are 1.50Hr for adults, and children under seven ride free.

€1 = 10.45Hr; US\$1 = 7.99Hr; £1 = 12.10Hr (27 February 2013 official rates)

### **Taxis**

In Ukraine every car is a potential taxi - just hold your arm out on any street if you don't believe us. Metered taxis are rare, so you'll have to haggle over the price with your driver. Foreigners are fighting an upfill battle in getting a fair price, but be sure to settle on the amount before getting in to avoid giving the impression of having bottomless pockets. Ordering a taxi by phone can help you avoid surprises, as prices are usually fixed.

Express tel. (+380) 44 239 15 15, www.express-taxi.ua. Etalon tel. (+380) 44 501 55 01/502 54 54, www. etalontaxi.com.ua.

Limousine tel. (+380) 44 502 08 08/207 37 37, www. limuzintaxi.com/eng.

SkyTaxi tel. (+380) 44 281 75 58/(+380) 50 268 38 42, www.kbp.aero. This is an official taxi service by Boryspil Airport. They offer competitive fares and gave 50% discount for a return trip to the airport.

### Car rental

Carry your license and registration at all times to fully enjoy the Ukrainian driving experience. The official speed limits are 60 km/h in cities, 90 on secondary roads (there is 110 km/h speed limit at Kyiv-Odesa road) and 130 on highways. A zero tolerance drink driving policy applies in Ukraine.

Avis H-4, Yams'ka 72, MLybids'ka, tel. (+380) 44 502 20 10, fax (+380) 44 502 20 14, www.avis.com.ua/en. Also at Boryspil' Airport, Terminal Ftel.: (+380) 44 591 70 09, boryspil@avis.com.ua. 

Open 08:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Budget H-3, Ivana Lepse 4, MBeresteis'ka, tel. (+380) 44 490 10 88, info@budget.ua, www.budget.ua. Also at Boryspil airport, tel.: (+380) 44 591 69 87; Kyiv Zhuliany airpot, tel.: (+380) 44 490 10 88. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00.

Europcar H-3, Gorkoho 48A, MOlimpiyska, tel. (+380) 44 238 26 91, fax (+380) 44 238 26 92, ua@europcar. relc.com, www.europcar.ua. ▶ ☑ □

Hertz Rent a Car Zdolbunivs'ka 7D, M Pozniaky, tel. (+380) 44 492 32 70, fax (+380) 44 492 32 73, www. hertz.ua/en. Rental of cars and minivans. One-way rentals. Chauffeur available. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00. [☑]

Sixt G-2, Dmytrievs'ka 46, MVokzal'na, tel. (+380) 44 490 81 58, www.sixt.ua. Service is available within Kyiv and Ukraine. Cross border rental is not available. Minimal rental period - 24hrs. > @

### **Street smarts**

(VU-lytsia) Street вулиця (vul.) (PLO-scha) Square площа (рl.) (pro-SPEKT) Avenue проспект (prosp.) Boulevard бульвар (bul'v.) (bul'-VAR) Bridge міст (mist) Embankment набережна (nab.) (NA-berezhna) Highway шосе (shose) (sho-SE) (pro-VU-lok) Lane провулок (prov.)

vзвіз (uzviz)

**Note** Some streets in Kyiv have been renamed recently, however very often the old names are still widely used, sometimes even more often than the new ones. Even maps and street signs do not agree on which version should be used. We decided on using the more popular names.

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### Airline tickets

**AeroflotG-3, Saksahans'koho 112A, MVokzal'na, tel.** (+380) 44 241 99 98, www.aeroflot.ru. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:30, Fri 09:00 - 16:30. Closed Sat, Sun.

Air Baltic A-3, H-2, B.Khmel'nyts'koho 52, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 238 26 49, www.airbaltic.com.

▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Alitalia - Compagnia Aerea Italiana S.p.A. A-3, H-2, Ivana Franka 34/33, 2nd floor, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 492 72 22, www.alitalia.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:30. Closed Sat, Sun.

Austrian Airlines A-5, H-3, Chervonoarmiys'ka 9/2, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 289 20 32/289 20 33, www.aua.com.ua. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:30. Closed Sat, Sun. British Airways A-3, H-2, B.Khmelnyts'koho 48B, 6th floor, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 585 50 50, www.ba.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:30. Closed Sat, Sun.

KLM A-3, H-2, Ivana Franka 34/33, 2nd floor, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 490 24 90, www.klm.ua. ▶ Open 09:30 - 17:30, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun. @

Lufthansa A-3, H-2, B.Khmel'nyts'koho 52, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 490 38 00, www.lufthansa.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. ☑ Ukraine International Airlines B-3, H-2, Lysenka 4, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 581 50 50, www.flyula.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 19:30, Sun 08:00 - 18:00.

# Buying train tickets

For the full Ukrainian experience, line up to buy a train ticket at one of ticket offices (kasy) at the central (or southern) terminal of the Kyiv train station. The staff does not speak English, so try to practice you Ukrainian/Russian. It is a good idea to get know the train number in advance and write in on a piece of paper, together with the departure date and time. Don't bother to learn the Ukrainian alphabet, write down the destination city name in English. Aside from the train station, you can buy your tickets at the Central Ticket Office on Tarasa Shevchenko bulv., which accepts credit cards.

Thanks to EURO2012 we finally have English signs almost everywhere. Visit www.uz.gov.ua/en for train schedule. Ticket booking options are also available there (though it may not work sometimes). There are several Kyiv stations in the list, choose Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky (Kyiv-Pas. in the schedule) as your arrival/departure.

Central/Southern Train Station G-3, Vokzal'na pl. 1, MVokzalna, tel. (+380) 44 503 70 05. ▶ Open 24hrs.

Central Ticket Office G-2, Tarasa Shevchenka bulv. 38/40, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 503 70 05. ▶ Open 07:00 - 20:00.

# **Driving in Kyiv**

Most westerners will find driving Kyiv's main thoroughfares relatively easy. The problems kick in when you drive anywhere outside these well-surfaced and signposted routes. The condition of most roads in Ukraine is basically wretched, especially after the winter thaw.

Another problem is road markings, especially the all-important centre line, often go missing. In this case you should do what the locals do and decide for yourself where the line is. Just make sure that other drivers understand your intentions. No right turn on a red light, unless you have a special green arrow next to the red light.

Booklets containing all official rules of the road can be purchased in Ukrainian and Russian just about anywhere books are sold. Rules in English have been spotted at the book market near the Petriyka metro station.

The following is a shortlist of unofficial rules of the road:
- If you're running late during peak, feel free to drive on sidewalks, cut through the park or drive in the opposite

lanes against the flow of traffic.

- If your Lada overheats, just leave it in the lane where it stalled and come back later after the traffic jam you just caused dies down.

If you're driving on the highway and miss your exit, pull over into the right lane, turn your hazard lights on and proceed in reverse until you get back to the exit you wanted. Don't worry about the cars speeding towards you; they are likely to get out of the way.

 Wearing your seatbelt can be very irritating and can even cause injury. To disable that annoying seat belt alarm, try stuffing a small piece of cardboard into the

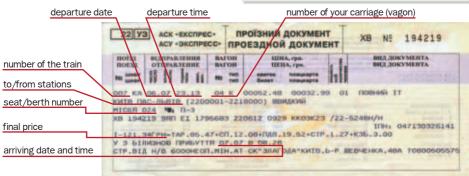
buckling mechanism.

In an attempt to eliminate theses and other idiotic behaviours that have led Ukraine to having one of the world's worst road safety ratings, fines were increased in November 2008 by as much as 10 times. Drivers can now expect to payfrom 51Hr for minor violations to as much as 3400Hr for major violations such as drunk driving. New seat belt and helmet laws will be enforced. The days of being able to bribe your way out of punishment are coming to an end, hopefully. Traffic patrol will be required to use video and photo surveillance for all traffic stops.

Foreign vehicles can stay in Ukraine for no more than two months. Extensions can be obtained via registration with

the National Auto Inspector (DAI).

Parking is often impossible in the city centre, despite the ability to park on sidewalks. Many parking spaces are marked as pay zones and require special tickets. These parking passes can be purchased from parking attendants (3-10Hr per hour, each ticket is good for one hour). Failure to display the proper parking ticket can result in your car being booted.



### **Borders**

Ukraine is bordered by Belarus, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia and Slovakia. Buses stop for about an hour at borders; westbound trainsfor more than two, because Ukrainian wheels don't fit European tracks and thus have to be switched! You should expect close inspection of your documents and belongings at border crossings. EU and American travellers need a visa to enter Belarus, Moldova and Russia and can't be obtained at the border, so make sure you contact their embassies in Kyiv (see Directory/Foreign representatives).

# Drinking

Ukrainian beer (pyvo) is quite tasty and extremely cheap to boot. Tipsiness may set in early, though, as its alcohol content is higher than Western brands. Those preferring foreign brands can find their favourites at finer shops and establishments. Ukraine also produces a wide selection of horilka (vodka), which flows freely at many parties and gatherings. Beware if offered homemade vodka (samohon). While good samohon can be better than some bootleg labels in shops, the overall odds are against you and your stomach. Whether it's Ukrainian vodka or moonshine, be ready to offer a toast at some point. A modest 'cheers' (bud'mo) will dofor a foreigner.

# Crime & Safety

They say that Ukrainians can spot aforeigner from a kilometre away. This fact alone will not automatically make you the target of crime. Kyiv is, infact, a rather safe place, which was proved during EURO2012. However as in most cities, flashing large amounts of cash can cause trouble. Wallets are known to disappear in public transport crowds, so guard your pockets at all times. Being very drunk and/or loud on the street is always a good way to attract unwanted attention, especially from the police. By the way, it's a good idea for foreigners to carry at least a copy of their passport with them at all times.

### Customs

If you are 18 years of age or over you can import, free of customs duties and taxes, one litre of hard alcohol, two litres of wine, 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250 grams of tobacco. Personal belongings are not subject to customs duties or taxes, though a customs officer has the right to ask you to make a written declaration in relation to them. (Avoid bringing unessential, valuable, personal items! A colleague of ours was told by a customs officer to declare her wedding band. She declared the value of the ring, and - to make a long story short - she ended up paying a \$200 bribe in order to avoid an outrageous duty.) A person can bring in food products free of customs duties and taxes if their total value does not exceed €50. However, food products should not total more than two kilograms, and there should not be more than one package of the same product. Goods with a total value of less than €2000 may be brought in free of customs duties and taxes. If the value of your goods is greater than €2000, but less than €10000 they will need to be declared on a customs personal declaration form. If the value of the goods is greater than €10000, the goods will be subject to clearance in accordance with the import declaration requirements for imported cargo.

Cultural goods may be brought in if they are not subject to any international alert and you have documents which prove your right of ownership. To take such goods out of Ukraine you will need to obtain relevant authorisation documents from the State Service for Control Over the Passage of Cultural Values Across the National Frontier of Ukraine (T.Shevchenka bul'v. 3, tel. (+380) 44 279 53 40/(+380) 44 279 56 47.)

All customs declarations, filled out upon arrival to Ukraine, must be kept throughout the period of your stay, and must be handed over upon departure. This declaration can not be renewed if lost.

### **Basic data**

Population: Kyiv 2 845 100

Ukraine: 45 553 000 (1 January 2013).

Ethnic composition: Ukrainian 70%, Russian 20%,

Others 10%.

Ethnic composition: Ukrainian 77.8%, Russian 17.3%, Belarusian 0.6%, Moldovan 0.5%, Crimean Tatar 0.5%, Bulgarian 0.4%, Hungarian 0.3%, Romanian 0.3%, Polish 0.3%, Jewish 0.2%, other 1.8%.

Territory: 603,700km<sup>2</sup>.

Borders: Belarus 891km, coastline (Black and Azov Seas) 2,782km, Hungary 103km, Moldova 939km, Poland 526km, Romania (south) 169km, Romania (west)

362km, Russia 1,576km, Slovakia 97km.

Rivers: Dnipro (1,204km), Dnister, Donets, Bug, Danube

Highest point: Mount Hoverla 2.061m.

Local time: All of Ukraine is in the Eastern European Time zone (GMT +2), along with its neighbouring countries Belarus, Romania and Turkey. Thus, when it is 12:00 in Kyiv, it is 13:00 in Moscow, 11:00 in Paris and Warsaw, 10:00 in London and 05:00 in New York.

# Kyiv vs. Kiev

No, this isn't a fixture in the Ukrainian football league. These are the Ukrainian and Russian spellings, respectively, of the city to which this guidebook is dedicated. Most Westerners will be more used to the Russian version, but for rather obvious reasons 'Kyiv' is generally preferred in Ukraine.

#### Communism

Like an aggressive case of athlete's foot, communism refuses to go away. While Ukraine's youth embraces capitalism and nationalism, many elderly and disillusioned citizens cling to socialism. In June 2009, this political divide made international news as hooligans linked to a Ukrainian nationalist organization savagely vandalised Kyiv's sole statue of Vladimir Lenin. Most people, Ukrainians included, think of the Bolshevik Revolution as a Russian revolution - this is inaccurate. Many top revolutionaries (Leon Trotsky, Gregory Zinoviev, V. Volodarsky) were, infact, from Ukraine. Also, many prominent Soviet leaders had Ukrainian roots. Leonid Brezhnev was born in the Dnipropetrovs'k Oblast. Nikita Khrushchev moved from Russia to Donets'k as a teenager, and ascended the ranks of the Communist Party in Donbas and Kyiv.

Two monumental atrocities occurred under Stalin's rule, and memory of the carnage continues to stoke Ukrainian nationalism. The first tragedy is known as Holodomor (starvation), a famine which took place in 1932-33. It is estimated that as many as 2.6 - 10 million Ukrainians perished. There is evidence showing that the famine was, in part, orchestrated by the Soviet leadership in an attempt to squash Ukrainian nationalism. Whether this act should be classified as genocide is currently being debated around the world. The second tragedy is known as the Great Purge (1936-1938). Stalin was obsessed with the complete annihilation of political rivals including fellow party members, military commanders, dissidents, artists and anyone else worth being suspicious of. It is estimated that he ordered the execution of as many as 500,000 Soviet people and had millions more sent to gulags (penal labour/death camps). Ukraine's share of the victims was disproportionately high.

### Disabled travellers

Kyiv is not what you would call a disabled-friendly city. High curb drops and steep steps are the rule. The central train station does have lifts for the platforms, but the public transport system lacks even a hint of accessibility. The wheelchair symbol used in this guide means that the establishment in question specifically caters to disabled guests.

# Electricity

Ukraine supplies its residents and visitors alike with electrical current of 220 volts AC, 50Hz. All sockets require two round pins, but not always of the same size. Many thinner Russian sockets are being replaced by their European cousins. Those with Russian sockets can buy a cheap adapter for heir European appliances. Adapters for more foreign electrical societies are not easy to find in Kyiv, so bring your own.

# Money

The national currency is the hryvnia (Hr), which replaced the transitional karbovanets on September 2, 1996. Don't be confused if your amount is given in roubles. You haven't been transported to Russia or taken back in time to the USSR - some people just have trouble letting go of the past! Paper bills carry denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 50, 100, 200 and 500 hryvnias. Another word to the wise: two versions exist of the 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 hryvnia bills, and both are accepted everywhere. There are 100 kopecks in a hryvnia, with 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50 kopeck and 1Hr coins. You'll have no problem finding currency exchange points, but rates are better from central street kiosks. If it's traveller's checks you need to cash, look for a big respectable-looking bank. ATMs have become plentiful in Kyiv, and many hotels and restaurants now take Visa and MasterCard - American Express is not very popular. There have been scattered reports of credit card fraud in upscale restaurants, though, so you may want to think twice before charging it.

### **Market values**

How do costs compare to back home? Here's a handy list of local prices to give you an idea.

McDonald's Big Mac 18.00Hr €1.78 \$2.25 3,25Hr €0,32 \$0,40 Loaf of white bread Snickers bar 6.00Hr €0.59 \$0.75 Litre of vodka 50.00Hr €4.94 \$6.26 Bottle of local beer (0.5 litre) 5.00Hr €0.49 \$0.62 20 Marlboros 13.50Hr €1.33 \$1.69 Public transport ticket 1.25Hr €0.12 \$0.16 1 litre of petrol (euro 3) 10,50Hr €1,04 \$1,31

**Official exchange rates** (as of February 27): **€1** – 10.45Hr **US\$1** – 7.99Hr **£1** – 12.10Hr

Current exchange rates are available at **kyiv.inyourpocket.com** 

# **Smoking**

From December 16, 2012 smoking is prohibited in all public places. The new law sets a total ban on smoking in restaurants, bars, clubs and cafes (except open terraces), cultural, medical, educational and sport institutions (including playgrounds and stadiums), public transport (including stops), underpasses (subways), and inside apartment buildings (including stairs and lifts). All other premises and buildings (including hotels, hostels, airports, railway terminals) should have designated smoking areas equipped with exhaust ventilation. The law also sets fines from 51–10,000Hr for anyone breaking the law.



# Language

The country's official language is Ukrainian. Since independence in 1991, it has become much more popular and widespread. Still, Russian is heavily used in Crimea and Eastern Ukraine, and only in western regions is Ukrainian truly predominant.

The following is a list of some of the most common words and phrases a person is likely to need.

Hello	Вітаю	(vi-TA-yu)
Goodbye	До побачення	(do po-BA-chennia)
Please	Будь ласка	(bud' LAS-ka)
You're welcome	Прошу	(PRO-shu)
Thank you	Дякую	(DIA-kuyu)
Excuse me	Вибачте	(VY-bachte)
Yes	Так	(tak)
No	Hi	(ni)
Enjoy your meal	Смачного	(Smach-NO-ho)
Cheers!	Будьмо	(BUD'-mo)
I don't understand	Я не розумію	(Ya ne rozu-MI-yu)
I don't know	Я не знаю	(Ya ne ZNA-yu)
Help!	Допоможіть	(dopomo-ZHIT')
Hospital	Лікарня	(li-KAR-nia)
Ambulance	Швидка	(shvyd-KA)
Where is?	Де знаходиться.	?

(de zna-KHO-dytsia)
Right, left Право, ліво (PRA-vo, LI-vo)
Do you speak English?Ви розмовляєте англійською?
(Vv roz-mov-LYA-vete an-GLIY-s'kovu)

#### Days of the week

Monday	Понеділок	(pone-DI-lok)
Tuesday	Вівторок	(viv-TO-rok)
Wednesday	Середа	(sere-DA)
Thursday	Четвер	(chet-VER)
Friday	П'ятниця	(PYAT-nytsia)
Saturday	Субота	(su-BO-ta)
Sunday	Неділя	(ne-DI-lia)

#### Numbers

1	один	(o-DYN)	7	сім	(sim)
2	два	(dva)	8	вісім	(VI-sim)
3	три	(try)	9	дев'ять	(DE-vyat')
4	чотири	(cho-TY-ry)	10	десять	(DE-syat')
5	п′ять	(pyat')	100	сто	(sto)
6	шість	(shist')	1000	тисяча	(TY-sya-cha)

# Mail & Phones

### **Post**

Central Post Office C-4, Khreschatyk 22, MMaldan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 230 08 38, www. ukrposhta.com. Kyiv's main post office can't be missed. The Poshtamt (noumamm) is on a corner of Maidan Nezalezhnosti opposite the tall monument. A myriad of windows as well as colourful pictures of city landmarks await in the main hall straight ahead. The less intimidating hall to the right offers a wide selection of postcards and hosts a 24-hour Internet café upstairs. ▶ Open 08:00 - 21:00. Sun 09:00 - 19:00.

# Express mail

Federal Express Kikvidze 44, MDruzhby Narodiv, tel. (+380) 44 495 20 20, fax (+380) 44 495 20 39, www.fedex.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

TNT Moskovs'kyi prosp. 28A, MPetrivka, tel. (+380) 44 207 07 70, fax (+380) 44 207 07 80, www.tnt.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat 09:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. | □□|

UPS H-4, Mechnykova 20, Mklovs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 280 00 00, fax (+380) 44 280 10 19, www.ups. com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

# Internet cafés

Central Post Office C-4, Khreschatyk 22, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 230 08 51. ▶ Open 24hrs.

Vault 13 Computer Club G-4, Chervonoarmiys'ka 19, ML'va Tolstoho. Internet 09:00 - 23:00 3Hr/h, 23:00 - 09:00 2Hr/h, Fri, Sat 3 Hr/h. Consultation 12Hr/h. Printing, scanning. 60 PCs, intranet. ▶ Open 24hrs.

# Using a telephone

#### Fixed line telephone

To call a number inside Kyiv just dial the number - last 7 digits of the telephone numbers in our guide forego by 44 - Kyiv city code. If the number is forego by other numbers (i.e. 67, 97, 98, 50, 95 etc.) dial 0 and then full 9 digits number. To make a long-distance telephone call, dial 0, wait for the dial tone and then dial the city code and number. To call Kyiv from another town, dial 0, wait for the tone, dial Kyiv's city code (44) and then the number. To make an international call, dial 0, wait for the tone, and then dial 0 plus the country code, city code and number itself.

#### Roaming

To call a fixed telephone in Ukraine use +380 followed by the city code and phone number. While calling a mobile phone, use the operator's code instead of a city code.

# **Tipping**

Kyiv tipping culture is developing slowly. While no general rule exists yet, most restaurant-goers leave around 10% of their bill. But your waitstaff will expect more from you as a foreigner! Some places include a service charge of five to 10 per cent, so read the fine print or ask.

### Visas

Citizens of the EU, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Vatican, Iceland, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Georgia, Mongolia, the U.S., Canada, Japan and the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) - except Turkmenistan - can enter **Ukraine** visa-free and stay up to 90 days. Everyone else needs a visa, which must be obtained from a Ukrainian embassy or consulate abroad before travelling. Visas can be processed in as little as one day, with prices varying depending on the type and length of visa requested. Many Ukrainian embassies only handle visa cases on certain days of the week, so call ahead.

Travel to **Russia** is not so simple. All foreign visitors, with the exception of citizens from selected countries of the CIS, must obtain a visa. Upon arrival, you will need to fill in an immigration card. If you are staying more that 72 hours, you will need to register with the local police (hotels are usually willing to aid in this process). Transit visas are also required. For additional information, call (+380) 44 286 45 04.

Travel to Belarus is also a bit tricky. Citizens of the EU, Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Croatia can apply for 30-day single and multiple entry business and private visas without an invitation. The rest of us need an invitation, or we can book through a travel agency authorized to issue state travel vouchers. All visitors are required to purchase national medical insurance, and must register their passports with local police within three days of their arrival (hotels are usually willing to aid in this process). Transit visas are also required. For more information, call (+380) 44 537 52 03. Moldova greatly relaxed its visa laws in 2007. Citizens of the EU, Norway, Switzerland, Japan, Israel, Canada and the U.S. can enter Moldova visa-free and stay up to 90 days. For all other visitors, visas can be acquired at a Moldavian consulate or at the Chisinau airport by presenting an application form and photos. All visitors planning to stay more than 90 days need an invitation and visa. For more information, call (+380) 44 280 77 21.

Citizens of the EU, Norway, Switzerland, Canada, the U.S., Japan, Australia, Israel and a handful of Latin American countries can enter **Romania** visa-free and stay up to 90 days. Citizens of countries not on the list can obtain a visa at the Romanian consulate in Kyiv. For more information, call (+380) 44 234 00 40.

**Poland, Hungary** and **Slovakia** belong to the European Schengen zone. Citizens of Canada, Mexico, the U.S., Israel, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore may enter without a visa; however, the amount of time you are allowed to stay varies from country to country. All others must apply for a visa at the consulate of destination country. For more information call the following embassies: Polish (+380) 44 284 00 40, Hungarian (+380) 44 238 63 81, Slovakian (+380) 44 234 06 06.

For a complete listing of embassy locations and phone numbers see kyiv.inyourpocket.com. In many cases, the consular section is responsible for issuing visas and is located apart from the embassy - save yourself time and confusion by calling before you go.

★ The Kyiv telephone code is +380 44

# **CULTURE & EVENTS**

### What's on

### Notre-Dame de Paris

#### 05.03 Palace of Sport

Due to popular demand - The best songs of the "Notre-Dame de Paris" musical will give one additional concert in Kyiv. The performers are; Bruno Pelletier, Hélène Ségara, Daniel Lavoie, Garou, Patrick Flori, Luck Mervil and Julie Zenatti. Music by Richard Cocciante. Lyrics by Luc Plamondon. Performing live on stage will be a 70 piece symphonic orchestra under the direction of one of today's most respected Conductors, Guy Saint-Onge. He has collaborated with the likes of David Bowie, Céline Dion, and Michel Legrand; just to name a few. Tickets 100-5000Hr.

### Sukhishvili

#### The National ballet of Georgia

#### 07.03-08.03 Ukraine Palace

Three generations of the Sukhishvili family have dedicated their lives to the Georgian National Ballet. It is now represented by Nino and liko Sukhishvili Jr., The Georgian National Ballet has seventy dancers and a small orchestra. This Georgian dancing reflects the emotionally daring spirit of the Georgian nation, and its invincible vitality with touches of romanticism. Tickets 150-1250Hr.



# Perfume of Tango

### **Stars of Argentine Tango**

08.03 'October Palace'

The La Portena Tango Trio is performing with a special appearance by Mariel Martínez. This is a tango concert with the purest Argentinean style, a tour to the remote past, in the origins of those old tangos born at the ports and grown in the suburbs of Buenos Aires. It all began when Alejandro Picciano got the idea to form a trio. It now includes Piccfiano on guitar, Fernando Giardini on bandoneon and Federico Peuvrel on piano. The audience is presented with magnificent variations of the classics of the genre. Born in Buenos Aires and living in Madrid since 2002 Mariel Martinez is one of the most popular tango singers in Europe. Tickets 140-1350Hr.



#### **Thomas Anders**

#### 09.03 Ukraine Palace

Anders is a German singer, composer, and record producer. He was the lead singer of Germany's popular pop-duo Modern Talking in 1984–1987 and in 1998–2003. Tickets 200-1250Hr.



#### **Adam Lambert**

#### 18.03 Palace of Sport

Adam Lambert, is an American singer, songwriter and stage actor; and one of the most popular American Idol contestants. Lambert is best known for his theatrical performance, style, and meticulous attention to detail in all aspects of his presentation. Critics, celebrities, and colleagues have been outspoken in their praise for Lambert's vocal abilities. In 2011, it was a fitting match for Lambert when he took to the stage at the MTV Europe Music Awards alongside honouree Queen. Lambert's theatrical style and vocals have often been compared with Freddie Mercury's. Lambert, who is openly gay, has contributed to the advancement of social acceptance towards LGBT people. Tickets 390-3990Hr.

#### Keiko Matsui

#### The Best

#### 19.03 Ukraine Palace

Keiko Matsui is Japanese is a keyboardist and composer whose career has spanned three decades. Her music is a balance of smoothjazz, jazzfusion, and new age. During this time she has released twenty CDs and has received international acclaim. Matsui currently resides in Los Angeles. Her music is powerful and introspective, blending both Western and Eastern musical influence. After a world tour and numerous festival appearances, Matsui took some time off, eventually returning with "The Road" in 2011 on the Shanachie label. She produced most of the disc herself with some help on a few cuts from Richard Bona, Craig Burbridge, and Joe Chicarelli. The nine-tune set showcases Matsui's playing in a variety of settings from trio to octet. Tickets 190-990Hr.



# Where to get tickets

Tickets to most major events are available from:

Karabas A-5, Metrograd mall (from Novyi Proizd), MLva Tolstoho, tel.(+380) 44 590 55 55, www. karabas.com. ▶ Open 10:00 - 20:00.

Parter A-5, Horodetskoho 8 (Red Double Bus), [M] Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 287 87, www.parter.ua. Web-site available in English. > Open 12:00 - 20:00.

# **Art Arsenal**



# An Exhibition of Johann Georg Pinsel – from Louvre to the Arsenal

#### 19.03. - 20.04.2013

This most ambitious exhibition of sculptural works, collected from various museums of Ukraine, has received excellent reviews from the international press. It is the triumphant demonstration of the Ukrainian sculptor to the world; and the ultimate approval of yet another Ukrainian artist in the history of European art. Along with the Pinsel exhibition, Mystetskyi Arsenal presents a project dedicated to the memory of Borys Voznytskyi, the hero of Ukrainie. Voznytskyi was a Ukrainian museum devotee and discoverer of Pinsel's legacy in the history of Ukrainian art. During the exhibition, the first presentation of the "Borys Voznytskyi Prize" will take place. This prize was initiated by Mystetskyi Arsenal for contribution to the development of art museums. Tickets 80Hr.

Art Arsenal (Mystetskyi Arsenal) J-3, Lavr'ka 12-14, MArsenalna, tel. (+380) 44 288 51 40, http://artarsenal.in.ua. The biggest modern art project in Ukraine. The total area of the future cultural centre will be over 70 thousand square meters. It will be the biggest museum complex in Ukraine. > Open 11:00 - 19:00. Closed Mon.

#### Alessandro Safina

#### 20.03 Ukraine Palace

The early 21st century saw the rise of this Italian singer who has combined his opera roots with modern-day pop music. The years 2010-2012 were dominated by concerts in CIS contries. In March 2011 he received the 'Solo Star' trophy during the presentation of the 'Man of the Year' awards in Kyiv. Tickets 200-1750Hr.

# "Moscow Virtuosi" Chamber Orchestra

#### Classical music and jazz

#### 28.03 'October Palace'

The "Moscow Virtuosi" is undoubtedly one of the best chamber orchestras of the world. They enjoy a high reputation and have their own gratefulfollowing everywhere they go. The programme includes works by P.I. Tchaikovsky. Performers include: A. Glazunov, A. Piazzolla. Soloists – Igor Butman (saxophone), Vitaly Khandras (violin), Evgeny Shulkov (violin), Denis Shulgin (violin), Alexey Strelnikov (violin). The conductor is Vladimir Simkin. Tickets 140 – 1550Hr.

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# Julio Iglesias

#### 30.03 Ukraine Palace

Award-winning Spanish singersong writer Julio Iglesias returns to Kyiv in March. Singing sensation Iglesias has sold over 300 million albums worldwide and has had over a dozen hit singles, some of which have been recorded in approximately 14 different languages; according to M4 Events, the concert's promoter. Tickets 350 – 3900Hr.



# Nino Katamadze & Insight

#### 07.04 Ukraine Palace

"Multicoloured April" – a concert with Nino Katamadze & Insight. Participating with them are the Georgian Brass group and the Russian "New classics" Symphony Orchestra.

Nino Katamadze & Insight is complicated, intelligent, outlandish music; a detailed philosophical description of human life. Nino Katamadze & Insight is original compositions, a synthesis of Georgian and the school of modern world music. It is a high quality execution of music arrangements with strong, emotional and deep vocals. Nino composes the music for most of the songs she sings. She lives to create new musical themes and shares this pleasure with musicians of the Insight band. The Insight band members are: Gocha Kacheishvili - guitar, Ucha Gugunava - bass, and David Abuladze - percussion. Tickets 50-1200Hr.



### The Fire of Anatolia

#### "Troy"

### 13.04 Ukraine Palace

The Fire of Anatolia or Anadolu Ateşi is a Turkish dance group consisting of 120 dancers, plus several choreographers and technical staff. Fire of Anatolia holds two Guinness records, one for the fastest dance performance with 241 steps per minute and another for the largest audience, 400,000 people in Ereğli, in the Black Sea Region of Turkey. The group is lead by Mustafa Erdoğan. Tickets 120-1250Hr.



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#### Lord of the Dance

#### 18-19.04 Ukraine Palace

Michael Flatley is the creator of Lord of the Dance, Riverdance, Feet of Flames and Celtic Tiger and is the most successful dance star in history. Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" is a magical adventure of sight and sound that transports its audience to a mythical time and place, lifting spirits and capturing the hearts of all who experience it. Based on Irishfolklore, this classic tale of Good vs. Evil, expressed through the universal language of dance, has thrilled audience's worldwide and catapulted Irish dance to a new dimension and has received unprecedented worldwide acclaim. Tickets 200-950Hr.



# The Australian Pink Floyd Show

# Eclipsed by The Moon Tour 27.05 Ukraine Palace

The Australian Pink Floyd Show is a Pink Floyd tribute band formed in 1988 in Adelaide, South Australia. Their live shows attempt to recreate the look, feel, and sound of Pink Floyd's later world tours, employing visual aids such as lasers, inflatables and a large display panel. Tickets 390-2690Hr.

### Joe Cocker

#### Fire It Up tour 30.05 Ukraine Palace

Joe Cocker, the legendary British born, Grammy award winning singer returns to Kyiv the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. Cocker is renowned for his unique voice and passionate delivery. He will be performing songs from his 23rd studio album. Cocker: "Fire It Up". Tickets 500-5900Hr.



# Depeche Mode

#### 29.06 NSC Olimpiyskiy

Originally a product of Britain's new romantic movement, Depeche Mode went on to become the quintessential electro-pob and of the 1980s. "Delta Machine" is the upcoming thirteenth studio album by the band. It is set for release on 22 March. Depeche Mode will embark on a world tour, kicking off in Tel Aviv's Park HaYarkon on 7 May, and wrapping up the European leg of the tour in Minsk, Belarus on 29 July. Tickets 390-4990Hr.



## **Pinchuk Art Centre**



#### Solo exhibition by Tony Oursler "agentic iced etcetera"

16 February - 21 April

Tony Oursler graduated from the California Institute of the Arts in 1979 and is currently based in New York. His art covers a range of mediums working with video, sculpture, installation, performance and painting. This is the first major solo exhibition by Tony Oursler in Eastern Europe. The exhibition combines specially produced new works, including a Ukrainian speaking installation, with some of the most iconic pieces of the artist. Themes within the exhibition include chance in everyday life, endorphin fuelled relationships, and the tendency for magical thinking to name a few. The human face and the way it simultaneously communicates and masks emotions is also a key theme in Oursler's work. Oursler's work has been exhibited in many prestigious institutions and exhibitions in North America and Europe.

# Solo exhibition by Jake & Dinos Chapman "Chicken"

16 February - 21 April

lakovos "Jake" Chapman (born 1966) and Konstantinos "Dinos" Chapman (born 1962) are English visual artists, often known as the Chapman Brothers, who work together as a collaborative sibling duo. They are multifaceted and provocative artists. Their subject matter tends to concentrate on whatever is generally deemed to be appalling, vulgar, and offensive. The work of the Chapman brothers is among one of the timeliest examples of Western European contemporary art. Not recommended for those under 18.

# Collection Platform 4: Emotion and Technology

16 February - 21 April

The group exhibition includes 17 artists offering a selective view on two central and sometimes opposed notions in our lives: emotion and technology as they constantly define our perceptions of the world. The exhibition brings together works which evoke, express and unveil emotions with art pieces dealing with technology as a subject or a tool. The show offers a view on artistic practices focusing on the one hand on how those two notions come together, and on the other hand on the tension and opposition within them.

PinchukArtCentre A-5, Chervonoarmiyska 1-3, Arena Complex, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 590 08 58, www.pinchukartcentre.org/en. ▶ Open 12:00 - 21:00. Closed Mon. Admission is free.

# **Opera & Ballet**



2	L.Minkus	Don Quixotte	Ballet
3	G.Verdi	Aida	Opera, in Italian
5	M.Theodarakis	Zorba The Greek	Ballet
6	P.Tchaikovsky	Swan Lake	Ballet, Moscow State Theatre
7	PTchaikovsky	Swan Lake	"Russian Ballet" Ballet"
8	Gala Concert		
12	L.Minkus	La Bayadère	Ballet
13	P.Tchaikovsky	Eugene Onegin	Opera
14	G.Bizet- R.Shchedrin	Carmen-Suite	Ballet
	M.Ravel	Bolero	Ballet
15	G.Rossini	ll Barbiere di Siviglia	Opera, in Italian
16	B.Pavlovskiy	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs	Ballet
	M.Lysenko	Natalka Poltavka	Opera
17	G.Verdi	La Traviatta	Opera, in Italian
19	J.Strauss	Vienna Waltz	Ballet
20	P.Tchaikovsky	Iolanta	Opera
21	S.Prokofiev	Romeo et Juliette	Ballet
22	G.Verdi	Un ballo in maschera	Opera, in Italian
23	G.Puccini	Madama Butterfly	Opera, in Italian
24	D. Shostakovich, H. Berlioz, J. S. Bach, P. Gabriel	Master & Margarita	Ballet
26	P.Tchaikovsky	The Nutcracker	Ballet
27	G.Bizet	Carmen	Opera, in French
28	L.Minkus	La Bayadère	Ballet
31	A.Khachaturian	Spartak	Ballet

Taras Shevchenko National Opera of Ukraine A-4, Volodymyrs'ka 50, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 234 71 65/(+380) 44 279 11 69, www.opera. com.ua. Home of the country's most famous opera and ballet company. This is a must visit venue for all travellers. Performances are always outstanding and the humble ticket prices (10-200Hr) make this the city's bet value in entertainment. All performances start at 19:00. For some events tickets are available online at www.opera.com.ua.

# Art galleries & Exhibition Halls

**Akvarel C-4, Kostyol'na 6, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel.** (+380) 44 279 14 38. ▶ Open 12:00 - 18:30. Closed Mon.

AVS-art H-1, Vozdvyzhens'ka 10 B, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 425 90 90, www.avsart.com. ua. > Open 11:00 - 19:00. Closed Mon, Sun.

Brucie Collections G-2, Artema 55B, MLuk'yanivs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 353 12 34/(+380) 44 205 42 64, www.bruciecollections.com.

Gallery 36 C-2, Andriivs'kyi uzviz 36, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 278 29 85, www.gallery36.org. ua. > Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon.

Gallery RA A-3, B.Khmel'nyts'koho 32 (in the yard), M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 235 36 19/(+380) 44 235 36 21, ragallery.net/en/news. ▶ Open 12:00 - 19:00, Sat, Sun 12:00 - 16:00.

Gapchinska C-3, Mykhailivs'ka 16, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 278 44 49, www.gapart.com.
▶ Open 10:00 - 19:00, Sat, Sun 12:00 - 18:00.

Jakob Grether art-centre E-2, Vadyma Hetmana 6, Bilshovyk Shopping Mall, block A, 3-7 floor, MShullavs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 200 07 60, www.greterart.com. Admission is free. ▶ Open 11:00 - 21:00.

Karas Gallery C-2, Andrilvs'kyl uzviz 22A, Mkontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 238 65 31, www.karasgallery.com. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00, Sat 12:00 - 19:00. Closed Sun.

Kolo C-5, Instytuts'ka 16, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, www.kologallery.kiev.ua/kolo. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00. Closed Sun.

M17 H-5, Gor'koho 102-104, MPalats Ukraina, tel. (+380) 44 596 20 30, m17.com.ua/en. ▶ Open 10:00 - 20:00. Closed Mon.

Maysternya B-2, Artema 1-5, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 272 05 47, fax (+380) 44 292 18 41, www. posterua.com/. ▶ Open 12:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Tue.

Mystets A-5, Chervonoarmiys'ka 12, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 234 40 06. Admission is Free. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00, Sat 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Sun.

Silver Bells J-3, Ivana Mazepy 18/29, MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 254 57 77/(+380) 44 254 57 78. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:30, Sat 12:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.

Soviart C-2, Andriivs'kyl uzviz 22A, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 425 22 19, fax (+380) 44 425 10 79, www.soviart.com.ua > Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon.

Tryptych C-3, Desiatynna 13, M Poshtova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 279 09 49, www.triptych-art.com. Contemporary decorative art. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00, Mon, Sun 11:00 - 18:00.

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# **National Philharmonic**



#### March

- 06 National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine. Artistic Director and Chief Conductor - Volodymyr Sirenko. The programme features: Weber, Brahms, Dvorak. Soloist - Valeriy Sokolov (violin). Tickets 20-1.00Hr.
- 07 "For you, dear women". National Academic Symphonic Band of Ukraine. Conductor - Viktoriya Zhadko. The programme features: Rimsky-Korsakov, Bizet-Shchedrin. Tickets 45-90Hr.
- 08 "Love as a Miracle". String Quartet "Caprice-Classic". Director Leonila Kruglikova. With the participation of Oleg Malyk-Malinovsky (tenor), Tetyana Dyadyura (piano), Olga Eremenko (declamation) The programme features: Elgar, Strauss, Verdi, Massenet, Sarasate, Anderson, Piazzolla, Poltoratsky, Frolov, Sviridov. Tickets 45-90Hr.
- •Quiet world, nice land, my dear Ukraine!». Dedicated to the 199th Anniversary of Birth of Taras Shevchenko (1814-1861). National Mayboroda Bandura Choir of Ukraine. Artistic Director and Chief Conductor – Viktor Skoromny. With the participation of Anatoliy Palamarenko. Tickets 40-80Hr.
- "Joy of Love". Larysa Deordieva (piano). The programme features Mozart-Liszt, Chopin, Chopin-Liszt, Liszt, Gounod-Liszt, Schubert-Liszt, Strauss. Tickets 40-80Hr.
- 12 Subscription No. 8 «The Magic Guitar». Duet of Guitarists - Oleg Boyko (Ukraine), Anna Inozemtseva (Russia). The programme features Koshkin, Piazzolla, Granados, Tesar, O.Boyko, Marcell, Franck, Jimenez. Tickets 40-90Hr.
- Subscription No. 3 «Orchestral World of Wonder - from Primary Sources to Contemporaneity». National Academic Orchestra of Folk Instruments of Ukraine. Artistic Director and Chief Conductor – Viktor Gutsal. Musical Show «Creation of Orchestra». The programme features Lapinsky, L.Kolodub, Alzhnev, Shamo, Ukrainian Folk Instrumental Music. Tickets 40-80Hr.
- 14 Gala-Concert of Swedish Music. Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine. Conductor – Mats Liljefors (Sweden). The programme features Alfven, Hallman, Kraus, Stenhammar, Peterson-Berger, Berwald. Soloist – Anna Eklund Tarantino (soprano), Sweden. Tickets 20-100Hr.
- "Italian Firework" (idea of Myroslava Kotorovych). National Chamber Ensemble "Kyiv soloists". Chief Conductor - Volodymyr Sirenko. The programme features Boccherini, Tartini, Rossini, Corelli-Oscar, Paganini, Solim. Soloists - Myroslava Kotorovych (violin), Sergiy Toporenko (violin), Yuriy

- Pogoretsky (cello), Natalia Yaropud (cello). Tickets 45-90Hr
- \*Jazz, Jazz, Jazz». Oleksandr Rukomoynikov (saxophone), Sergiy Davydov (piano). The programme features works of Rukomoynikov, Davydov. Tickets 45-90Hr.
- 17 "Pages from the Best Programmes". Concert Series dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of the Kyiv Chamber Orchestra. Conductor – Roman Kofman. The programme features: Corelli, Haydn, Schubert-Mahler. Soloist – Inbal Megiddo (cello) Israel. Tickets 20-100Hr.
- 18 Concert Series "Teachers and their students". Dedicated to 100th Anniversary of the National Tchaikovsky Musical Academy of Ukraine. Oleg Kudryashov (flute), Mykhaylo Mymryk (saxophone). With the participation of students of the National Tchaikovsky Musical Academy of Ukraine. Tickets 40-80Hr.
- 20 Kyiv Lysenko Secondary Specialised Musical Boarding-School. Concert.
- 21 Modest Mussorgsky (1839-1881). National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine. Artistic Director and Chief Conductor - Volodymyr Sirenko. The programme features: "Night on Bald Mountain", Arlas from opera "Borls Godunov", "Pictures at an Exhibition" orchestrated by S.Gorchakov. Soloist – Andriy Gonyukov (bass).
- 22 Subscription No. 10 «Symphonic Dimension». Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine. Conductor - Mykola Dyaduyra. Czech Evening. The programme features: Smetana, Dvorak. Tickets 45-105Hr.
- 23 Ensemble of Folk Instruments "Ridni Naspivy". Director - Vuriy Karnaukh. The programme features Lysenko, Leontovych, Stepovy, Mayboroda, Kos-Anatolsky, Malashkin, Abaza, Guriljov, Ukrainian and Russian folk songs, Russian ancient romances. Soloist – Taras Shtonda (bass). Tickets 45-90Hr.
- 24 An Evening of French Music. Claude Debussy (1862-1918). Alla Kashchenko (piano). The programme features: 12 preludes (first notebook), 12 preludes (second notebook). Tickets 40-80Hr.
- 25 O.Taktakishvili Oratorio «Nicoloz Baratashvili» (first performance in Ukraine). Folk Choir "Pochayna" of the National University «Kyiv-Mohyla Academy». Artistic Director Oleksandr Dzhygun. Tickets 40-80Hr.
- 27 Dedicated to the 199th Anniversary of Birth of Taras Shevchenko (1814-1861). Concert of the Kyiv Glier Institute of Music. Tickets 40-80Hr.
- 29 "Creating Prometheus". Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine. Chief Conductor - Roman Kofman. The programme features: Beethoven, Bibik, Schubert. Soloist -Boris Andrianoy (cello) Russia. Tickets 30-120Hr.
- 31 Evening of Vocal Miniatures. Andriy Bondarenko (baritone). Piano Part Elena Larrina (Austria). The programme features Mahler, Schonberg, Rachmaninoff. Tickets 45-90Hr.

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# **Kyiv Days**

For those of us who live here - or simply come to visit - the capital is unquestionably at its very best on  $Kyiv\ Day$ , which this year falls on May 26th. Every district of town hosts a steady flow of great entertainment in many of the city's parks and on its many outdoor concert stages. Amateur and professional artists share their varied talents with huge audiences all day long.



Kyiv Day concert in Mariins'kyi park

Artists from all over the country come to Kyiv with their arts and crafts, meaning that you can often find great bargains on souvenirs, if you shop around. A number of street traders will charge more at this time of year: whatever you buy make sure you know how much it costs elsewhere. Every year thousands of people fill Andriivs'kyi Uzviz, looking for bargains or simply enjoying the atmosphere. The crowd is usually so huge that just crossing what is a barrow street can take ten minutes. It's all part of the fun. however.



Andriivs'kyi Uzviz

Khreschatyk, Maidan Nezalezhnosti, and European Square will all be dotted with different sized stages and will host a variety of performances; they will also have plenty of places to eat and drink. At the end of the day there are fireworks and concerts way past midnight in the city's central squares.

Whatever you do on Kyiv Day, wear your most comfortable walking shoes, dress appropriately for the weather conditions (it can still be changeable at this time of year), and enjoy yourself. It will be the best memory you will take home from Kyiv.

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Palace of Sport A-5, Sportyvna pl. 1, MPalats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 246 74 06, www.spalace.com.ua.

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While this year the Catholic and Protestant Churches celebrated Easter on March 31, the Orthodox Church has had to wait until May 5 for what is – in this part of the world - the biggest holiday of the year. Coming after seven weeks of strict lent, during which the faithful abstain from alcohol and any animal products (including meat, fish, eggs, milk, butter and cheese), it is no suprise that Easter is such a big deal. It can also come as a surprise to many outsiders how strictly lent is observed in Ukraine: so much so that many restaurants adapt their menus to make sure they stay attractive to the faithful.

Lent ends with Passion Week, starting on Palm Sunday, which is called Willow Sunday in Ukraine. Palm trees – you will not be surprised to hear - do not grow in Ukraine, and so the locals have to make do willow branches to mark the day when Jesus entered Jerusalem. You will see a lot of people with blooming willow branches coming from church on April 28. Another much-observed tradition during this last week of lent is Clean Thursday. You are supposed to clean everything in your house, including yourself, in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Easter Saturday is given over to painting and colouring eggs, and to the baking of a special Easter bread, Paski. It is usually round, and richly decorated. Some have the letters XB written in plain view. It is the abbreviation for "Christ is risen" in Ukrainian (Khrystos Voskres). There is also a slightly different paska, which resembles a cheesecake. All this special food is supposed to be cooked before Easter day.

The Orthodox Church begins its Easter service on Saturday night, and it continues through Sunday morning. The city administration usually ensures public transport runs throughout the night. Thousands of believers go to different Churches all over town with baskets full of Easter food. After the festive services — which usually come complete with joyful choir music - priests go outside the Church to bless the food. People line up in a circle around the church building and patiently await their blessing.

For the whole of the following week people greet each other with the words <code>Khrystos Voskres</code>, and answer <code>Voistynu Voskres</code>, which means "He has truly risen." This is followed by three kisses on the cheeks, which can be a bit unusual for western sensibilities, but which is perfectly acceptable here. It is recommended that you do not reject this act of well wishing so as not to hurt anyone's feelings. The central gates that hide the altars of Orthodox Churches, and which usually stay closed, are opened during Easter week to show the importance of the holiday. Everyone is allowed to see this – the most sacred place in the Church. It is a great opportunity to see some of the greatest treasaures of the Orthodux Church.

# Easter Eggs

Ukrainian kids have not yet adopted the western tradition of hunting for Easter eggs on Easter Sunday yet, but that is not to say the egg has no role to play in a Ukrainian Easter; far from it in fact. Every visitor to Ukraine should look out for traditional Ukrainian Easter eggs, which make fantastic presents and souvenirs. You can buy them on Andriyivs'ky Uzviz and in a number of souvenir stores which offer a wide variety of them, from cheap wooden eggs to real, hand painted dried hen eggs. You can also buy very expensive and elaborately decorated wooden or ceramic eggs that are in themselves real pieces of art. The most impressive Easter eggs – and those most familiar to westerners - are the jewel and gold covered Faberge eggs, created by the Russian Tsar's court jeweller Karl Faberge at the end of the 19th century.

The patterns and colours on contemporary eggs are deeply rooted in history. Many are borrowed from Tripillian culture, which existed on the territory of Ukraine about 6000 years ago. In Pagan culture the egg symbolised life, though the meaning changed slightly in 988 when Kyiv adopted Christianity. In Christianity, the egg represented eternal life and the Resurrection of Christ.

There are in general two kinds of coloured eggs in Ukraine today: krashanky (dyed in solid colour), and pysanky (decorated with different patterns and colours). The traditional dyes have always been home made, and by and large the tradition continues. The most popular dye is an onion peel boiled in water. The intricate process of painting a pysanky egg involves multiple steps and drawing various patterns, often more than once, on the eggshell with wax. The egg is then immersed into progressively darker dyes, and the wax is melted off with a candle between each stage of colouring. Some of the artists who sell painted eggs will be happy to give lessons in this traditional technique.

Every colour and pattern has its own meaning. For example, red symbolises love, black - eternity, and blue - trust. The triangle stands for the Trinity, a circle - eternity and the sun, and the hen - fertility.



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11 Mirrors Design Hotel A-3, Bohdana Khmelnytskoho 34A, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 581 11 11, nfo@11mirors-hotel.com, www.11mirrors-hotel.com. Either we did not noticed it before or it was covered with a green fence, but the building of this design hotel popped-up suddenly in the very heart of the city centre, enclosed by embassies, theatres, and churches. The rooms are big in a modern but incredibly spacious style with bathrooms designed as transparent glass cubes (highly recommended for couples are staying there!). The windows overlook one of our favourite streets - Bohdana Khmelnytskoho. The amnenites include the usual list found in upmarket hotels. ▶ 49 rooms (19 doubles €275, 10 junior suites €300, 20 suites €335). ③ ② ② ② ① ③ ① ③ ③

Bakkara Art-hotel K-3, Venetian Island 1 (near the Metro Bridge), MHydropark, tel. (+380) 44 369 31 31, www.bakkara-hotel.com.ua. Bakkara Art-hotel is definitely a fine addition to Kyiv hotel scene. The hotel offers charm and class with prices that make sense. The rooms are fashionably decorated and comfortable. Room amenities include air conditioning, electronic security system, TV, free Wi-Fi, personal safe, hairdryer, mini-bar, telephone with direct international access and striking views of the Dnipro River and picturesque right bank. Every morning from 7:00 until 11:00 an everyone may enjoy buffet breakfast in the restaurant. The conference room can accommodate up to 80 persons and comes fully equipped. ▶ 200 rooms (standard 790Hr, classic 930 - 1030Hr, deluxe 1500 - 1650Hr, luxe 2500 - 2800Hr). 图 100 cm.

City Hotel A-3, B.Khmelnytskoho 56a, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 393 59 00, info@cityhotel.kiev.ua, www. cityhotel.kiev.ua. A lovely new hotel with 87 beautifully decorated rooms ranging from 1794Hr for a standard double room to 3192Hr for a suite. A buffet breakfast is available for 200Hr. There are oodles of special offers; if one stays 2 nights or more the breakfast is just 1€. Friday - Sunday there is a 15% discount, and at the New Year there are 3 nights for the price of 2. There is a quaint little bar open 24 hours. The Maltisse Restaurant is located on the 15th floor and offers a stunning view of the city. It has a modern-cream design and offers European cuisine. An average meal will run around 500Hr with extra for alcoholic drinks. Breakfast is served from 08:00-11:00 and the restaurant closes at 23:00. ▶ 87 rooms (1 single 1104Hr, 74 doubles 1794Hr, 5 superiors 2292Hr, 7 junior suites 3192Hr). 🕸 📆 🚾 🛉 P 🛇 🖑 🚥

City Park Hotel A-2, Vorovskoho 20A, tel. (+380) 44 451 87 01/(+380) 44 503 77 90, fax (+380) 44 451 87 27, info@cityparkhotel.com.ua, www.cityparkhotel. com.ua. This is a new boutique hotel located in the cultural, historical business part of Kyiv, and has been recognised as one of the best European style hotels in Ukraine. This quaint hotel has 23 rooms fully equipped, with a modern, bright design. Rooms cost from €145 per night with breakfast included. There is fax, photo copy, and a full range of business services available on request and conference rooms are available. The staff is warm & friendly and fluent in English. There is also a massage service available for guests. There is no restaurant but the Café Bar is great with a limited menu at moderate prices. Café open 07:30-23:00, Sat, Sun 09:00-18:00. ▶ 23 rooms (standards €145 - 175, suites €225 - 240). இ© CC P 🛇 🞟 ★★★★

Cosmopolite E-2, Vadyma Het'mana 6, letters A, A', MShullavs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 205 35 20, fax (+380) 44 205 35 21, Info@cosmopolite-klev.com, www.cosmopolite-klev.com. The new business hotel is built in Constructivism style, which suites to the surrounding area and Bil'shovyk Shopping Mall nearby. But except of bright avant-garde façade, the hotel has truly impressive interior.

Each of the hotel's five floors is designed in a style dedicated to one of the prominent artists of Constructivism and holds a small museum room of each painter. The hotel's location isn't central, however staying there you'll be within easy access to all major business and leisure facilities, with a 10 minutes ride by Peremohy prosp. to Khreschatyk. Each room is equipped with working area, safe, mini-bar, coffee and tea. For business visitors there is a business centre and business areas on each floor. The hotel's restaurant offers German cuisine.

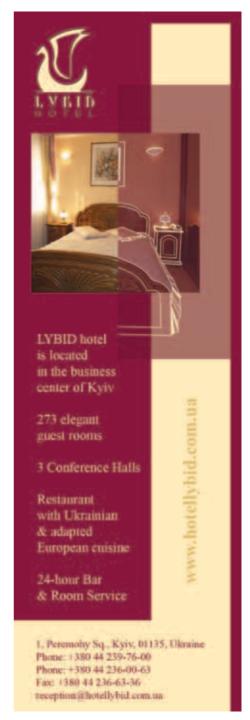
10 Tooms (143 Standard 1761Hr, 7 Junior suite 2282Hr, 10 Suite 2699Hr).

Domus D-1, Yaroslavs'ka 19, Mkontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 462 51 20, fax (+380) 44 462 51 45, manager@domus-hotel.klev.ua, www.domus-hotel.klev.ua. The private management at this medium-sized Podil establishment does a very good job fulfilling their claim to be Kyiv's only business-class hotel. All of its rooms have special orthopaedic mattresses and allergic-proof bed accessories for the fussy businessperson. Modern décor and stylishly subtle lighting add to the sophisticated atmosphere, and the big comfy beds don't hurt either. ▶ 30 rooms (singles 1100 - 1200Hr, doubles 1400Hr, suites 1700Hr, superior suite 1950Hr, apartment 3000Hr).

ibis Kiev Shevchenko Boulevard G-2, T. Shevchenka bul'v. 25, Muniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 591 22 22, fax (+380) 44 591 22 33, h7143@accor.com, www. lbishotel.com. This beautiful new hotel is one of the best we have seen come along in awhile. The décor is a unique quasi art-deco-modern design; simple, yet elegant. A decently priced restaurant is open from 12:00-23:00 and there is a 24hrs bar. All rooms are fully equipped and range from 790Hr for a double to 2850Hr for a suite with a conference area, bar, and king sized bedroom. The staff is very helpful and English speaking. Breakfast 120Hr. ▶ 212 rooms (113 doubles 790 - 1090Hr, 72 Twin 790 - 1090Hr, 1 Suite 2850Hr, 5 rooms for disable 790 - 1090Hr, 21 Family Room 1170 - 1400Hr).

Lybid G-2, Peremohy pl. 1, MVokzal'na, tel. (+380) 44 236 60 23/(+380) 44 236 95 72, fax (+380) 44 236 63 36, reception@hotellybid.com.ua, www.hotellybid.com.ua. Named after the legendary sister of Kyiv's founders, the Lybid is situated in the business heart of Kyiv. All rooms are bright and have pleasant wooden furniture plus air-conditioning, satellite TV, refrigerator and hairdryer. Guests in singles can stretch out and relax on a king-size bed. There are a lot of restaurants and stores in the area, as well as the circus and Ukraina shopping mall. The central train station and the downtown area are within easy reach by public transport. ▶ 273 rooms (159 singles 930 - 1070Hr, 82 doubles 930 - 1070Hr, 3 Junior suite 1217 - 1467Hr, 27 Suite 1627 - 1877Hr, 1 Business suite 2144 - 2394Hr, 1 Exclusive suite 2488 - 2739Hr). ③ 图 图 回 回 图 图 M M M M

Natsional'nyi C-6, Lyps'ka 5, Mkhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 255 88 88, fax (+380) 44 255 89 97, hotel@natsionalny.kiev.ua, www.natsionalny.kiev.ua. An exorbitantly-priced hotel situated in the prestigious



Pechersk neighbourhood. It has hosted Helmut Kohl, Jacques Chirac and a number of other world leaders. The hotel was fully renovated to satisfy the modern traveller's demand for contemporary interiors and conveniences. Friendly staff will book tickets for shows and theatre, and deliver room service at all hours of day or night. ▶ 75 rooms (40 singles 1703Hr, 20 junior suites 2006Hr, 12 suites 2510Hr, 3 apartments 3506Hr, extra bed 205Hr). 日 回 □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ ★★★★

Park Hotel Golosievo Holosiivskyl prosp. 87, MHolosiivska, tel. (+380) 44 219 11 55, fax (+380) 44 219 11 41, booking@hotelgolosievo.com.ua, www. hotelgolosievo.com.ua. Recently built in one of the most beautiful Kyiv parks, Park Hotel Golosievo is recommended for business travellers. The hotel is located in 5 min walk from Holosiivska metro station and it takes less than 15 minutes to reach the city centre. All room are decorated in warm colours and equipped with all facilities expected in 4-stars hotel. The Beer Garden restaurant with Bavarian cuisine is an excellent addition to the hotel. A children playground outside the hotel is a nice placefor kids.  $\triangleright$  53 rooms (18 suites 1350 - 1900Hr,  $\triangleright$  53 partments 2500 - 3800Hr, 10 standard 850 - 1150Hr).

President Hotel A-6, Hospytal'na 12, MPalats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 256 32 56/(+380) 44 256 38 56, fax (+380) 44 256 32 53, reserv@president-hotel.com.ua, presidenthotel.com.ua/en. The President's surroundings are surprisingly tranquil considering its proximity to centre. The hotel has 374 bedrooms of varying comfort and size (singles, doubles, suites and apartments), a business centre, restaurant, bar, health and beauty complex, underground parking, airport transfers and even a chauffeur. This is a popular venue for all sorts of events, and its conference suite has rooms holding as few as 10 or as many as 450 people. ▶ 374 rooms (standard €140 - 160, junior suite €224 - 320, suite €272 - 380, apartment €480 - 700). ▶ ♣ ➡ □ □

Ramada Encore Kiev Stolychne Shose 103, MVydubychi, tel. (+380) 44 205 15 15, fax (+380) 44 205 15 16, info@encorekiev.com, www.ramadaencorekiev.com/ eng/. Though Ramada Encore is located a bit far from the city centre, it takes only about 20 minutes to get to the city centre by a shuttle bus (stops at Yevropeyska Square), which is free and goes according to schedule. There is also afree shuttle bus from Boryspil airport. For guests arriving to Kyiv Airport transfer will be also organised. Ramada Encore is a completely new 20-story building, housing 264 hotel rooms and 58 long stay apartments. All of them are done up in bright colours with a modern style. The rooms are equipped with wooden floors, large windows and fabulous bathrooms. The conference centre (1,200 sq.m) is located on the 1st and 2nd floors. The hotel's Lobby bar and La Moda Italian restaurant with a 180 people capacity are located on the 1st floor, while two gyms are located on 3rd and 18th floors. Breakfast is not included in the price. > 322 rooms (257 standards €99 - 109, 7 superiors €110 - 120, 20 studios €135 - 145, 

Rus A-6, Hospytal'na 4, M Palats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 256 40 00/(+380) 44 256 40 20, fax (+380) 44 256 40 05, reservation@hotelrus.kiev.ua, www.hotelrus.kiev.ua/en. For footballfans who are allergic to crowds, the rooms on the upper floors of the Rus are perfect, offering superb views of Olympic Stadium. The prices, which vary depending on the number of guests in a room, aren't cheap, and both singles and doubles are a bit small. They are smart and well furnished however. There is also a business centre and three conference halls are at your disposal. Prices are cheaper at the weekends, and there are discounts for long stays. ▶ 450 rooms (standard 900 - 1170Hr, business class 1270Hr, suite 1700 - 4000Hr).

Staro D-1, Kostyantynivs'ka 34B, MKontraktova ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 481 33 00, fax (+380) 44 417 26 16, sm@ataro.com.ua, www.staro.com.ua. Staro is located in a quiet part of Podil district. The exterior of the hotel represents a kind of Art-nouveau style with 35 spacious and cosy rooms in a classical style. Each room is equipped with all the amenities of 4 star hotels including free Wi-Fi, safe, a set of mini-perfumes, a hairdryer and bathrobes. Located out of main business areas Staro is an ideal place for tourists to explore the city. Andrew's Descent as well as the nearby Kontraktova ploscha metro station is 10 minute walking distance and the Chernobyl museum is also nearby. ▶ 35 rooms (26 doubles €215, 5 Twins €215, 4 Junior suites €320, extra bed €50). இ

Vozdvyzhens'kyi Boutique Hotel C-2, Vozdvyzhens'ka 60, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 531 99 00, fax (+380) 44 462 58 43, info@vozd-hotel.com, www. vozdvyzhensky.com/en/. This is one of the most elegant and conceptual places in the capital - an ideal choice for business travel and elite relaxation. The hotel's unique location, in the heart of a protected architectural monument of ancient Kyiv, adds a special aura. The hotel's smart façade faces Andriivs'kyi uzviz and the Terrace Restaurant is secluded by the surrounding green hills that provide a breathtaking panoramic view. All 26 rooms, including the two deluxe suites and the two exclusive suites, come with Jacuzzi, "Club" and "Boudoir", air-conditioning, mini bar, satellite TV and Internet access. The conference hall accommodates up to 100. There is a smaller hall for private meetings. Other perks include parking, banqueting, rewards programme, tailor-made service for every client and a special offer for those just married. > 26 rooms (singles €140 - 170, doubles €186 - 215, exclusive €300, luxe €315). இ國 @ P T III @ ★★★★

# Mid-range

Black Sea J-4, Leipzigska 16, tel. (+380) 44 364 10 64, fax (+380) 44 364 10 60, bskyiv@bs-hotel.com. ua, www.bs-hotel.com.ua/en/hotel/kiev. Opened mid 2012 just outside the centre, the Black Sea is part of a hotel chain from Odesa. Occupied on the ground floor of a large apartment complex there are 31 comfortable all equipped rooms. The price ranges from 480Hr per room a night for standard room to 900Hr for a suite. A great buffet breakfast is available for an extra 80Hr. There is an adjoining restaurant which has a white-bright design. There is seating for 150 and English is a challenge here. The cuisine is European with an average meal costing 350Hr. Weddings, banquets, & special occasions can be held here. > 31 rooms (doubles 480 - 600Hr, 6 budget 480 - 520Hr, 20 standard 600Hr, 3 apartment 640 - 660Hr, 2 superior 900Hr, extra bed 120Hr). 

#### NEW

IQ Hotel E-2, Vadyma Hetmana 6, MShullavska, tel. (+380) 44 238 84 05, fax (+380) 44 238 84 06, Info@ iqhotel.com.ua, www.iqhotel.com.ua. Located near the Bilshovyk Shopping Mall, this modern 3 star hotel is a much needed addition to the Kyiv hotel scene. The staff was very helpful and spoke fairly good English. There are 34 rooms, mostly double standard costing just 599Hr per room per night -a small breakfast is included. The design is a high tech "minimalism" - white and bright, with queen size beds and orthopaedic mattresses. There is a "smart house system" with everything included. It's adjacent to the shopping mall so all your entertainment & shopping needs are just a stone's throw away. ▶ 34 rooms (1 single 499Hr, 31 doubles 599Hr, 2 junior suites 899Hr). 图 图 P ◎ ■

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4, Hospitalina str., Kriv, Ukraine, 101601, phone: +38.0 44.256.40.00, fax: +380.44.289.43.96. Reservation: phone: +380.44.256.40.20, fax: +380.44.256.40.05, reservation@botelniskies.ua. www.hotelnus.kies.ua.

Khreschatik C-4, Khreschatyk 14, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 596 80 00, fax (+380) 44 596 80 01, info@khreschatik.kiev.ua, www.khreschatik.kiev.ua/en. Each room at this cracking place is equipped with telephone, satellite TV, refrigerator and air-conditioning. Given the location, in the heart of the business district, the tranquility of the place is remarkable. The Khreschatik boasts two conference rooms, a business centre, a currency-exchange desk, guarded parking and Wi-Fi Internet can be accessed in the lobby. Weekend rates are a great value. ▶ 130 rooms (singles 850 - 1700Hr, doubles 1500 - 1800Hr, suites 1250 - 1900Hr). (影] 图 图 图 图 \*\*\*

Kyiv D-6, M.Hrushevs'koho 26/1, MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 253 01 55, fax (+380) 44 253 64 32, reservation@htl.kiev.ua, www.htl.kiev.ua/?lang=en. This hotel is located in the heart of Kyiv's political district, and the majority of the guests are members of the Ukrainian Parliament. There are spectacular views of the Mariinsky Palace, Rada building and the park. The Kyiv offers all an MP could need: restaurants, a currency exchange, ATMs, a beauty salon and room service. Prices include breakfast. ▶ 187 rooms (standard 1080 - 1320Hr, semi-deluxe 1680 - 2040Hr, deluxe 2520Hr, Apartment 3000Hr). 

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Salyut (Salute) J-3, Ivana Mazepy 11B, Marsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 494 14 20, fax (+380) 44 280 61 30, hot le@salute.klev.ua, www.salutehotel.klev.ua/en/index\_en.htm. This circular structure looks as if it's about to leave its pod above the Dnipro River and spin off into space. Great views of the golden cupolas of Kyivo-Pechers'ka Lavra are afforded from Salyut's elegant rooms, which contain satellite TV, refrigerator and hairdryer. All rooms have double beds, so couples and very close friends should have no space

problems - which is more than we can say for the building! Breakfast is not included (150Hr). ▶ 90 rooms (10 singles 650Hr, 49 doubles 750Hr, 21 junior suite 900Hr, 10 suite 1200 - 1400Hr). 劉青阳@@|| ★★★★

Slavutych Entuziastiv 1, MLIvoberezhna, tel. (+380) 44 561 11 1/(+380) 44 561 11 12, fax (+380) 44 561 11 10, fax (+380) 41 561 11 11 11, fax (+380) 41 561 11 11, fax (+380) 42 561 11 11, fax (+380) 42 561 11, fax (+38

Ukraine C-4, Instytuts'ka 4, Mkhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 278 66 75/(+380) 44 279 03 47, fax (+380) 44 279 13 53, reservation@ukraine-hotel.klev.ua, www.ukraine-hotel.klev.ua/en. The hotel formerly known as Moskva (Moscow) now provides a much more patriotic, if not so modern, backdrop to Maidan Nezalezhnosti. The lobby is quite old-school, but the rooms have caught up with the times and offer cable TV with movie and Internet service. Attractive décor and furniture await you in higher-priced rooms, while the others lack amenities including air-conditioning.
▶ 371 rooms (singles 700Hr, doubles 950 - 1100Hr, Junior suite 900 - 1170Hr, Suite 1400 - 2600Hr). இ @ ●

# **Apartment hotels**

Greguar Apartments H-4, Chervonoarmiyska 67/7, MOlimpiyska, tel. (+380) 44 498 97 90/(+380) 44 498 97 91, Info@greguar.com.ua, www.greguar.com.ua. This apartment hotel located in the very centre of Kyiv business area. All 45 executive apartments are cosy and comfortable, equipped with kitchen, Wi-Fi and all amenities expected to be in the hotel. A fine French patisserie on the premises. ▶ 45 apartments (15 singles 130US\$, 24 doubles 165US\$, 3 junior suite 180US\$, 3 suite 200 - 220US\$).

Flat Lux Apartments B-5, Khreschatyk 29/1, MKhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 238 09 39/(+380) 67 442 84 00, fax (+380) 44 538 09 38, booking@flatlux. net, www.flatlux.kiev.ua. Flat Lux offers its guests daily apartment rental service with spacious comfortable accommodation. Apartments are fully equipped and furnished, with kitchen and bathroom, ranging in size from one to three rooms. Apart from accomodation the company provides transfer, ticket booking service, cleaning and laundry. Discounts are promised for regular guests. 🕸 🚾 💷 🞟 Senator Apartments City Center A-3, H-2, Pyrohova 6, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 200 77 55, fax (+380) 44 200 77 33, office@senator-apartments. com.ua, www.senator-apartments.com.ua. This serviced apartment complex occupies a newly renovated historical building in centre. It includes 27 fully furnished luxury apartments of 1-4 rooms. All apartments are designed by a well-known international architect and equipped with everything required for a long stay. Modern kitchen, washer/dryer, high-speed Internet access, satellite TV, spa baths and 42" plasma TVs are available. The comfort of your stay is supported by a multilingual front desk staff, housekeeping services, 24/7 security, doorman and free on-site parking. The other building of Senator Apartments is at G-2, Dmytrivs'ka 62/20, tel. (+380) 44 220 05 55. ▶ 27 apartments available for rent: 1 room - €115-130, 2 roomsfrom €235-250, 4 roomsfrom €470-500. Long-term and corporate rates are negotiable. Senator Apartments Executive Court G-2, Dmytrivska 62/20, MLuk'yanivs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 220 05 55, fax (+380) 44 220 03 33, executivecourt@senator-apartments.com, www.senatorapartments.com. Located in a newly constructed building in a quiet neighborhood on the edge of downtown, the Executive Court property includes all the great amenities as the City Center location. The advantage of this locale is its close proximately to supermarkets and the Ukraina shopping mall. Long-term and corporate rates are negotiable. ▶ apartments €165 - 205.

Sherborne Guest House J-3, Sichnevyi provulok 9, MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 490 96 93, fax (+380) 44 490 96 99, reservation@sherbornehotel.com.ua, www.sherbornehotel.com.ua. Sherborne Guest House located in one of the city's best-loved neighbourhoods, Pechersk, near historical Kyivo-Pechers'ka Lavra with dozens of museums and art galleries provides a range of private fully serviced apartments. Hotels Amenities include round-the-clock reception, business services, private laundry and secured parking. Apartments feature spacious bedroom with king-size bed, marble-tiled bathrooms and fully equipped kitchens. All apartments are air-conditioned and are provided with sky/cable TV, security safe and broadband internet access. > 16 rooms (one-room 125US\$, two-room 145 - 165US\$, three-room 210US\$, two-room superior 280US\$). 戀無匠国 P

# **Budget**

Druzhba I-5, Druzhby Narodiv bul'v. 5, MLybids'ka, tel. (+380) 44 528 34 06, fax (+380) 44 528 33 87, info@hotel-druzhba.kiev.ua, www.hotel-druzhba.com. ua. Though the design of the building is less than inspiring, all of the rooms have been renovated to meet the highest standards. Indeed, the designer has succeeded in creating the feeling of home away from home. Irrespective of category (various types available) all rooms have air conditioning, TV, telephones, refrigerator and bathrooms with shower. Breakfast not included (60Hr). ▶ 117 rooms (singles 360 - 480Hr, doubles 420 - 600Hr, triples 630 - 675Hr, junior suite 750Hr, suite 840Hr, extra bed 100 - 150Hr). ⊗ M @ P © P ©

Holosiivs'kyi Holosiivs'kyi prosp. 93, MLybids'ka, tel. (+380) 44 259 76 72/(+380) 44 259 76 73, fax (+380) 44 259 76 46, rezerv@hotelgolos.kiev.ua, www.hotelgolos.com/en/our\_hotel.html. In addition to its many nicely-priced rooms, the beautiful trees and lakes of Holosiivskyi Park are a short walk away. The rooms have been renovated and, in addition to a flower or potted plant, have a phone and TV. Conference facilities - 204Hr per hour. Breakfast not included. ▶ 195 rooms (singles 222 - 486Hr, 3 junior suite 558 - 603Hr, 2 suite 1074 - 1092Hr).

## Apartment Rental

Kiev Apartments C-4, Horodets'koho 11, office 34, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 93 685 00 76/ (+380) 97 751 66 49, info@kievapts.com, www.kievapts.com. Kiev Apartments offers the largest variety of fully serviced apartments in the prime centre of Kyiv. Apartments for every taste, budget and style. Free airport pick-up. > studio-rooms from US\$60, two-rooms from US\$70, threerooms from US\$80, four & five-rooms \$150 and up. 🕸 🚾 Kiev Apartment Service J-3, Sichneviy Provulok 9 (1st entrance), MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 490 96 93/490 96 99, hotels.kiev@gmail.com, www.kievapartmentservice.kiev.ua. A selection of beautifully designed apartments where you will find all the facilities and luxury of a 4-star hotel. Every apartment has a contemporary European design, fitted with exquisite furniture and equipped with the usual domestic appliances such as satellite/cable TV, Broadband Internet access, stereo systems, complete kitchens and minibars. A full range of travel support services are available, and includes airport transfer, visa support, sightseeing tours and car services. ▶ 10 apartments (3 one-room 110 - 125US\$, 4 two-room Kiev for You, tel. (+380) 67 242 12 24/(+380) 68 810 87 87, apartkiev@gmail.com, www.apkiev.com. ua. Comfortable, clean, fully-furnished domestic apartments in the centre of Kyiv. All are equipped with air-conditioning, Jacuzzi, cable or satellite TV, DVD player, high speed Internet and independent hot-water supply. Airport and train station pick-up and accounting receipts are also available. > 6 oneroom 50 - 85US\$, 4 two-room 60 - 90US\$, 2 three-room 125 - 140US\$, 1 four-room 130US\$. (\*) cc [

Olga tel. (+380) 44 237 20 06/(+380) 44 233 04 44, olga1001night@yahoo.com, www.apartment-kiev.com. Nice apartments in the centre of Kyiv. All the necessities for a comfortable life. Double beds, satellite TV, Internet, bathroom, kitchen, music centre, air-conditioners, washing machine, microwave oven, iron, etc. The location is beautiful - around Maidan and Khreschatyk. ▶ 4 one-room 60 - 65U\$\$, 12 two-room 65 - 120U\$\$, 2 three-room 100U\$\$, 2 four-room 200 - 250U\$\$.



### Hostels

Dream House Hostel & Bar C-2, Andriivskiy Uzviz 2D, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 580 21 69, dreamhouse@dream-family.com, dream-family. com/en/dream-house. This friendly hostel is located on the famous and picturesque street of the artists. Part of a chain the hostel is in a lovely renovated building with beds for 100 +. Everything is clean with lots of facilities, the beds and furniture are all real wood. There is a kitchen, eating area, washing machine, Wi-Fi. Prices range from 100Hr per person per night to 520Hr for a private room for 1-2 with in room bathroom and toilet. The staff is supper nice and speaks fluent English. They show genuine concern for their guests and arrange daily games and activities on premises and outside excursions like bowling etc. Their motto is "We don't just sell beds, we sell emotions - something to tell your friends about." ▶ 28 rooms. இ cc •

Gagarin B-6, Pervomayskoho 11, Mklovska, tel. (+380) 67 877 39 93, info@gagarinhostel.com.ua, www.gagarinhostel.com.ua. Gagarin is located in 300 m from Klovska metro station in the middle of Kyiv business area, surrounded by all city skyscrapers. It provides accommodation for 60+ people in 14 rooms, featuring free Wi-Fi, lockers, complimentary breakfast and coffee/tea are always at hand. The hostel is clean and staff speaks English well. The common area is equipped with kitchen and TV. Ask administrator for bike rental. ▶ இ

Kiev Central Station A-2, Hoholivs'ka 25, apt. 15, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 93 758 74 68, www.kiev-centralstation.com. Managed by Brazilian/Ukrainian station this hostel offers backpackers all they are expecting to get. Homy atmosphere, a lot of information and close location to the train station make Kiev Central Station the good choice for a stop in Kyiv. Choosing a dorm or one of privates you'll get all range of usual hostel amenities including free Wi-Fi. ▶ 5 rooms (2 doubles €19 - 20, 1 quad €17 - 18, 1 6-bed dorm €13 - 16, 1 12-bed dorm €13 - 14). இ P ©

Magic Bus Kyiv H-3, Saksahans'koho 31, apt. 3, [M]L'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 97 336 03 03, busofmagic@gmall. com, magicbushostel.com. When we first entered the place our first thought was "cool, it's so funny and bright". Except of red/green/blue walls, there is a terrific... guess what?.. golden toilet! Hostel stuff is very friendly and helpful and rooms are always clean. Due to its location on one of the main traffic streets, it might be a bit noisy outside, but we may apply this to a half of Kyiv hostels. ▶ 3 rooms (2 doubles €12 - 13,112-bed dorm €8).

The Hub Hostel H-3, Saksahanskoho 66B, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 229 12 66, kylv@thehubhostel.com, www.thehubhostel.com. The Hub is in a separate unique little building hidden in the centre on one of those rare,

quiet side streets. The staff is helpful and friendly and great in English. It's very neat and clean with a 24 hour reception, free coffee and tea, and basically everything one looks for in a hostel; Wi-Fi, a large social room with large screen TV, washing machine, lockers, and a well equipped kitchen and eating area. The prices are reasonable with beds costing from €14-19 per night per person. There are private rooms for 1-2 costing from €50. There are bikes to rent and lots of activities are arranged including games, movie nights, and pub crawling. And if Max is on duty - ask him to show you his famous "bubble tricks". ▶ இ ෙ ෙ

TIU Khreschatyk C-4, Khreschatyk 8B, apt. 11, MMaldan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 50 331 18 47, tiu.kreschatik@gmail.com. This quaint little hostel is right in the heart of Kyiv, just a minute or 2 from Independence Square. Staff is very friendly and English speaking. There is a room for 10 and a room for 2. The kitchen is spacious and fully equipped, and the "living room" is quite comfortable with round the clock internet. Everything is very clean as all wear slippers. Prices from 9 Euro per night with many excursions and "pick up" services available. ▶ 1 10-bed dorm €12. இ □ □

Why not? Chillout Kiev H-3, Gorkoho 22B/35, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 63 332 43 06, whynothostel@ gmail.com, www.whynothostels.com. The day we first came to this hostel it was greeting its first guests, still being on small renovation. Now when all works are done it welcomes everyone with 6 rooms each uniquely designed. If you have only a few days in Ukraine, but want to explore the whole country - this hostel is just for you. Stay at Industrial 8 bed dorm to feel yourself somewhere in Donetsk or choose a 4 bed dorm of Coupe room and imagine travelling by Ukrainian trains. Soviet room or Forest one, or maybe the Rocket room, whichever you choose you'll get the high standard service and common set of amenities, including free breakfast and Wi-Fi, laundry service, information support, etc. Smoking is allowed only in basement. ▶ 6 rooms (2 doubles €14 - 15. 2 quads €12. 1 8-bed dorm €9. 1 10-bed dorm €8). (இ 🖾

Zig Zag A-5, H-3, Gorkoho 3A, apt.18 (press 18 at the entrance), MLva Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 98 700 08 80, fax (+380) 44 272 61 77, zzhostel@gmail.com, www. zzhostel.com. Zig Zag settled down across the road from lovely Shevchenko park and the Red Building of National University. The hostel can accommodate up to 62 people in 8 rooms, being probably the first hostel that offers male/female dorms. Nice lounge area upstairs provides TV/DVD and even PlayStation options, while downstairs there are several PCs for use and a nice kitchen. All rooms come with lockers, air-conditioning and free Wi-Fi. ▶8 rooms (quad private €60, 4-bed dorms €12 - 13, 6-bed dorm €11, 8-bed dorm €10, 10-bed dorm €9). ③ © ©



Shuba salad

Ukrainian dishes show a sophisticated simplicity based on pleasing combinations of fresh, pickled, and smoked ingredients. While cooking techniques are not complicated, dishes may contain a great number of ingredients and unusual combinations, such as *shuba* salad which combines pickled herring and beets. Food is neither highly spiced nor bland, but skilfully seasoned to perfection.

Bread, is of course the mainstay of the Ukrainian diet. The country's reputation as the "breadbasket of Europe" is well deserved. The French writer Honore de Balzac, who lived in Ukraine for four years, counted 77 different ways of preparing bread. It is such a central part of the diet here that there is a custom to give honoured guests and departing or arriving travellers the gift of a loaf of bread and salt. This tradition is still used in welcoming ceremonies for dignitaries and other important persons.

Another staple of Ukrainian diet is **kasha** or what would be called "mush" in America and "porridge" in Britain.



Rorsch

**Borsch** is certainly the national dish of Ukraine, even making its appearance on the menus of Chinese and Italian restaurants in Kyiv. This uniquely Ukrainian soup has been adopted by other countries in the region, but as recently as 45 years ago it could not even be found in restaurants in other Soviet republics. The many versions of *borshch* served throughout the country reflect the individuality of Ukrainians as well as their ingenuity. The beet-based soup can contain as many as 20 different ingredients, depending on the season, region, and of course, personal preference of the cook. It can be meatless or prepared from a rich meat stock and contain either beef or smoked pork.

The availability of ingredients for traditional cooking are often dependent on the season, so most varieties of vegetables sometimes make their appearance in certain dishes in their pickled form. You also might find that certain dishes listed on a menu might not be available at certain times of year.

Salads are very common, but rather than being lettucebased, combinations of fresh, cooked, and preserved vegetables may be mixed with meat, cheese, or fish. With so many different recipes, the only constant of Ukrainian salads are the presence of vinegar or mayonnaise.



Varenyky

Varenyky are dumplings made from boiled or fried dough, resembling ravioli without red sauce. They can be filled with meat, potatoes, cabbage, and sometimes mushrooms for as an entrée, or sour cherries or sweetened cottage cheese and raisins as a dessert. Any kind can be accompanied by butter or sour crème.



Holubtsi

The word **holubtsi** can be translated into "little pigeons," but really has nothing to do with fowl of any kind. They are cabbage rolls stuffed with meat and rice or buckwheat and often covered with a thin tomato sauce.

There are many different kinds of pastries and cakes, usually less sweet than they are made outside of continental Europe. A tort Kyivskiy is a local speciality, made of layers of crumbly raised wafers, hazelnuts, and it even comes in its own special box.



Kvivskiv tort

For a uniquely Ukrainian drink, try **kvas**, a slightly sweet nonalcoholic beverage with a wheat-like taste sold from giant tanks on wheels in the summer throughout the city. In the not so distant past, hungry tourists were limited to a handful of hotel restaurants with appalling service and tasteless food. Thanks to innovative entrepreneurs from Ukraine and the rest of the world, visitors can now choose from a vast range of options of local and international cuisine that rivals many Western European cities. New establishments with new themes open regularly as the quality of food, service, and décor improve as well. The prices at some new, trendy restaurants in the centre are rising accordingly, but an evening dining out at most places will still cost less than you would expect to pay for the same level of service and quality at home. Equally appetising moderately priced and budget options are widely available in all parts of the city. When the weather has warmed up sufficiently, many of the cafés and bars around the centre will set up outdoor seating. Our guide lists popular eating establishments from American to Ukrainian, so whatever dining atmosphere you find yourself in, the word here is smachnoho!

### Ukrainian

Blinoff H-4, Chervonoarmiyska 65, tel. (+380) 50 417 40 27, www.mastergood.com.ua. A traditional Ukrainian restaurant with several cosy rooms. One feels as fi in a village home, with lots of Knick knacks memorabilia from the "old days". The menu contains Slavic, Ukrainian and European cuisine. The prices seem lower than we expected; a pleasant surprise. There are banquet facilities and a wedding party was going on when we were there. They seemed very much at home. ▶ Open 09:00 - 23:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 23:00.

Kniazhyi Grad C-3, Velyka Zhytomyrska 2, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 278 06 41, www. knyazhiy-grad.com. It was like entering a huge throne room. Located under the Diplomatic Institute, this cellar has been marvellously transformed. There are stones pillars and arches throughout with swords & plaster figures set in them. The cuisine is traditional Russian & Ukrainian with an average meal costing around 400Hr. ▶ Open :00 - 24:00.

Koza Dereza A-1, Artema 52A, MLukianivs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 486 00 40, www.kozadereza.kiev.ua. This is known as a 'restaurant-market'. There are fresh dairy products upon entering and throughout the restaurant, shelves full of homemade preserves; fruits and veggies in large jars decoratively displayed. The design is a cross between modern and traditional Ukrainian. The cuisine is traditional Ukrainian and only fresh, natural products and ingredients are used in the kitchen. Guests are urged to submit their favourite recipe and it may just end up on the menu. They constantly check out new suppliers and are always on the lookout to buy homemade products. The menu is in English and the staff was very friendly and their English was superb. An average meal cost 150-200Hr and is worth every kopeck. The walls are decorated with lovely pastels at the moment as they are actually an exhibition that changes regularly. > Open 08:00 - 23:00. Sat. Sun 10:00 - 23:00.

Kozats'ka Vtikha B-5, Khreschatyk 44, Mkhreshatyk, tel. (+380) 44 279 40 71/(+380) 44 278 29 01. This restaurant is located in the heart of the city and offers classy Ukrainian cuisine. The spacious dining rooms are generously decorated with antiques, some of which you'll be tempted to make an offer for (or pop in your pocket when no one is looking). A genuine attempt to create a traditional Ukrainian experience abounds, and the atmosphere is jovial and lively. There is a glorious summer terrace, and live music every evening. ▶ Open 24hrs. €€.



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Kult RA C-3, Volodymyrs'ka 4, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 331 59 48, www.kultra.org, This is a journey in time to Pre-Christian Ukraine. The staff wears traditional costumes and speaks some English. The décor is "early Ukrainian", like being in an old village. There is nothing on the menu that was not in the "Pagan" times, hence no tomatoes or potatoes. The organic menu is reasonably priced and in English. A specialty is the mustached cat fish fillet smoked in vegetables for 106Hr. We tried the fried trout in herbs with beets and celery and found it great! There are homemade liquors and Ceriman herbal teas to enjoy. The place is absolutely non-smoking. Popen 10:00 - 23:00.

Kureni D-6, Parkova doroha 4, tel. (+380) 44 253 17 24/(+380) 44 360 56 24, www.carteblanche.ua/en/. Kureni, one of the oldest restaurants in Kyiv, has reopened after renovations. Chef Igor Patuk offers Ukrainian cuisine and follows the modern European traditions. The restaurant represents a truly outdoor style, but it is located in the centre of the city. The Ukrainian hospitality along with a breathtaking view of the Dnipro river and surrounding natural landscape make this place exceptionally unique. ▶ Open 12:00 - 02:00. €€.

Shynok I-4, Lesi Ukrainky bul'v. 28V (round tower), M Pechers'ka, tel. (+380) 44 285 57 77, www.karta. ua. Right at the entrance of the restaurant guests face small Ukrainian folk museum, with a lot different interesting exhibits. Delicious smells of fresh bakery, home-made meat and other dishes will not leave you indifferent. Shynok presents rich Ukrainian country cuisine. There is a wide selection of home-made liqueurs nastoyanka. And also Shynok - is a perfect place to celebrate family holidays and tasty excursions for foreign friends. ▶ Open 11:00 - 06:00.

Taras Bulba B-4, Pushkinska 2-4/7, MTeatral'na, tel. (+380) 44 270 72 48, www.tarasbulba.klev.ua. This is a very traditional Ukrainian restaurant-like being in a village. The staff wears those cute costumes and the place is loaded with jars of handmade conserves & preserves along with antiques & decorations all of which can be bought on the spot. While it looks extremely old - it opened recently. Taras Bulba is family oriented with a great children's play room and there is seating for 186. Not only is there an English menu - they have them

### Russian

### **American**

Goodman Steak House G-3, Zhylians'ka 75, M Vokzal'na, tel. (+380) 44 596 00 00, www. ua.goodman.ru/en. Goodman Steak House is part of a European chain known for its top quality, American cut steaks. The restaurant is located near the railway station in a new business centre. It is quite modern and has seating for over 140. The décor is modern, brown wood giving it a pleasant atmosphere. The walls are literally covered with photos from the US in the 1950's, a time of pleasure and prosperity. The menu has a lot to do with steak. One item we enjoyed is the "set menu chateau for 2". It consists of a spinach pie, a very large steak and 2 side dishes, it was 700Hr and we felt it well worth it. An average meal here cost around 320Hr. There is a businessman's lunch from 12:00-16:00, costing 110-115Hr. The English menu was simple to understand and most of the staff spoke English well. On Saturday and Sunday there is "Family time". This is where parents can bring their children and leave them to play game, wear costumes and have lots of supervised fun. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. ® ★ cc ▲ 🔊 🖾 📼

Sam's Steak House H-3, Zhylians'ka 37, MOlimpiyska, tel. (+380) 44 287 20 00, www.karta.ua. The great thing about Sam's is that its personality is unique yet familiar. They definitely have the best bovine selection in Kyiv and perhaps in the whole of Ukraine. The intense action around the open grill will have you rubbernecking in anticipation of your cut of savoury carcass. The portions are brow-raisingly large and the wine selection grand - a fantastic hang-out for sports viewing. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. €€€. ★ ☑ ▶ P

T.G.I. Friday's A-5, H-3, Bessarabs'ka pl. 5A, MKhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 235 42 64, www.fridays.com.ua/en. Famous for decades all over the world and synonymous with great value and good times, this chain restaurant is a real piece of Americana in the heart of Kyiv. Friday's attracts expats longing for familiar food, which comes in huge portions at reasonable prices and is served by the best staff in the city. Visitors will find the Kyiv menu has more salads and grilled meats than the Stateside version. The wine list is terrific and the cocktails (there are more than 400 of them) will speak for themselves. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. €€. ③ Me@ ③ ⑤









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### **Gastronomic**

Belle Vue A-5, Saksahans'koho 7, MPalats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 390 09 00, www.belle-vue.com.ua/en/. This 'Belgian beer café' sports a lovely wooden interior full of mirrors and antiques. Once your table has been cleared of ads and flyers, you'll have room for your favourite beer plus Belgian and Ukrainian cuisine. The metre-long Belle-Vue sausage is a specialty. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. €€. ③ @ ⑤ [] ↑ ③

Le Cosmopolite B-4, Volodymyrs'ka 47, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 278 72 78. Designed in the style of early 20th century Belgian brassieres located throughout European capitals, Le Cosmopolite's artnouveau décor impresses with lots of wooden panels and a marble bar. Belgian and international food is accompanied by a wide selection of Belgian beers on tap. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00, Sat, Sun 11:00 - 02:00. €€. 图 ☑ [P] [F]

### Gastronomic

Barsuk I-4, Kutuzova prov. 3A, MPecherska, tel. (+380) 50 386 36 29, www.barsuk.kiev.ua. Barsuk offers a tastefully presented, pallet pleasing range of European and local dishes. Freshness is this restaurant's recipe to success and is on display in the carefully chosen selection of salads, the fresh pastas smothered with your choice of signature sauce and steaming steaks and seafood. This place is loaded with extras including an Italian/European deli and culinary classes available to the public every weekend from 11:00-14:00. This restaurant can be a bit tricky to find, as it is located on Kutuzova provulok, a small perpendicular side street off Kutuzova vul. From the Pechers'ka metro station, head towards the river and take the third street on the left. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00. €€. ③ [② [③ []] []] [③ []] [③ []]

Foodtourist A-5, Chervonoarmiyska 5 (Arena City), 2nd floor, MLva Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 095 780 60 70, www.foodtourist.com.ua. Foodtourist is right smack dab in the centre. The theme is simply "foodfashion"; the cuisine is International and Ukrainian and they have an open Josper grill. The chef is from Marseilles and speaks great English as does the staff. There are so many different items to choose from, but we finally chose the grilled quail with veggies for just 137Hr. An average meal runs between 150-200Hr. A unique feature is the two large dining tables covered with beautiful thick grass. This was definitely a 1st for us - and less for the staff to clean up afterwards. There is also a breakfast menu served from 09:00-12:00 with prices about 35Hr.The place is quite large holding 200 guests and there is Wi-Fi available along with an excellent view of the city. > Open 09:00 - 24:00.

#### Asian

Nobu A-5, Shota Rustaveli 12, MPalats Sportu, tel. (+380) 044 246 77 34, www.2k.ua. A great Asian restaurant right in the centre, and guess what - sushi is not the main course! It has a lovely Asian design, holds 50, and has both smoking & non-smoking sections. The menu is in English and the staff spoke it really well. An average meal will run about 350-400Hr and certainly worth it. We had the "duck brisket in teriyaki sauce" with salad for just 198Hr. Depen 11:00 - 24:00.

Soma H-3, Saksahanskoho 20, MLva Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 501 01 20, www.soma.kiev.ua. Asian food is the specialty here and they've got quite a variety; dishes from Vietnam, Malaysia, Japan, and China. They also have a few steaks to choose from - we got the rib eye for 118Hr per 100 grams and thought it was one of the best we've had in awhile. A meal for the 2 of us cost about 700Hr. The décor is modern and Asian combined - all non-smoking and a really friendly staff. English is no problem here. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. 灣 @ P ※ @

Taki Maki H-4, Chervonoarmiyska 65, Molimpiiska, tel. (+380) 44 417 40 27, www.mastergood.com.ua. Walking in, we felt instantly that we were in a special place. The décor - definitely Asian. The staff was very friendly and English speaking, and we were made to feel relaxed at once. The menu contains reasonably priced traditional Japanese, Thai and Asian dishes; while not in English, it was all in photographs so we knew what we were getting. There is also a Business menu priced 45Hr available weekdays from 12:00-15:00. ▶ Open 10:00 - 00:00, Fir, Sat 10:00 - 01:00.

### Caucasian

Hinkalnaya C-3, Volodymyrska 11, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 279 28 65, www.kafehinkalnaya.kiev.ua. A recent entry into the Kyiv "eatery" scene. This is Georgian cuisine at its fines with a real Georgian chef. Walking in one is nearly knocked over by the compelling aroma drifting from the kitchen. There is an English menu which also offers European cuisine and has a great wine list with popular Georgian wines. The staff was friendly and the service great with seating for 200. We suggest trying the traditional snack of Klinkali for just 14Hr! An average menu runs around 200Hr. There are photos of vintage US cars on the walls and there is a car actually built in/under the bar. From Wednesday-Sunday there is live music featuring Jazz & Blues from 20:30-22:30. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. В © Р В © Ф

Kuvshin (Jug) H-4, Chervonoarmiys'ka 94/10, Molimpiyska, tel. (+380) 44 592 63 63, www.kuvshin. com.ua. Restaurant Kuvshin offers Eastern, Caucasian, and Ukrainian cuisine. The creative service accompanies the delicious taste of their dishes. The design and furniture reminds you of the good old times when the whole family gathered around the dinner table. The cosy family atmosphere at the restaurant comes with traditional Caucasian hospitality.

▶ Open 12:00 - 02:00. €€€. ③ Molimpi Parity

### Chinese

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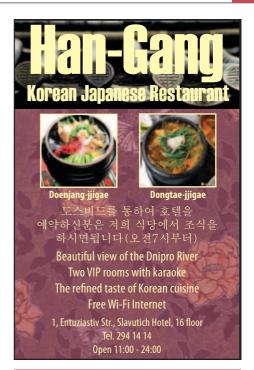
Lun Van B-4, B.Khmel'nyts'koho 26, MTeatral'na, tel. (+380) 44 279 81 91. Lun Van offers arguably the most savoury and authentic Chinese in town. The beef and chicken stirfry are excellent and the spicy veal will definitely have you reaching for your beer, eyes watering. Friendly and efficient service has become a trademark. The private dining room accommodates up to 12 and is ideal for business luncheons, larger dinner groups and families with noisy children. ▶ Open 11:00 - 02:00. €€€.

# European

Comelfo A-5, Pushkinska 34, MLva Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 234 85 86, www.karaoke-comelfo.com.ua. A new edition to the non-stop restaurant scene. A great location in the centre with a lovely cream-woodish décor. The menu (in English) offers European cuisine with an average meal costing around 300Hr. We liked the filet minion 100g for just 125Hr. There is seating for 60 and there is karaoke every night from 21:00-06:00. ▶ Open 24hrs. ৷ ② ② P ◎

Cote d'Azur D-3, Sahaidachnoho 15, Hotel Riviera, MPoshtova Ploscha tel. (+380) 44 581 28 28, www. rivierahotel.com.ua/en/restaurant. Sitting on the 7thfloor of the hotel, one has a splendid view of the old town Podol and the Dnipro River. The décor is breath-taking with a gold-white combination. The cuisine is European/Ukrainian with an average meal running around 500Hr. We heard they have a great "Chicken Kiev" but we ordered the pepper steak with veggies for 320Hr - delicious! There are smoking and non-smoking areas with total seating for 80 plus a VIP room for 15. The restaurant can be booked for banquets, weddings, and other special occasions. • Open 11:00 - 23:00. \*\* © COMPART OF THE POST OF THE POS

Kotleta Café B-4, B.Khmelnytskoho 30/10, MTeatralna, tel. (+380) 44 234 71 33, www.kotleta.net.ua. As the name implies they specialise in cutlets - 12 different varieties to choose from; chicken, fish, ham, etc. We tried the round steak with ginger oil for 89Hr - yummyl The menu is in English and while not a large one, it is sufficient. The staff were English speaking and extremely helpful. The design is simple with seating for 50 and lovely photos on the wall. An average meal will cost just 100Hr. There is breakfast from 08:00-11:00 and a business lunchfrom 12:00-15:00 costing 69Hr. Depen 08:00 - 22:00. \*\* In the control of the



### Korean

Han Gang Entuziastiv 1, Slavutych Hotel, 16 floor, MLIvoberezhna, tel. (+380) 44 294 14 14, www. han-gang.com.ua. Getting to this restaurant takes a small effort. Hop over the Dnipro to the left bank and the Slavutych Hotel, ascend to the 16th floor and turn right out of the lift. Once inside you'll discover that the minor travel hassle was well worth it. The panoramic view of the right bank and the stunning domes of Kyivo-Pechers'ka Lavra is arguably the best in the city. Skip the Japanese and order the Korean - you won't be disappointed. Karaoke is available. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00.

### **Scottish**

Whiskey Corner C-3, Sofiivska 16/16, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 279 02 15, www.whiskycorner.kiev.ua. "Show me the way to the next whisky bar" - Well here it is! Just a stone's throw from Independence Square with 500+ labels of whisky to choose from. The theme is "Scottish" hence the lovely plaid costumes the staff wear. The décor is modern yet relaxed seating 70. There is an English menu with European and of course, Scottish cuisine costing 300Hr for an average meal - steaks would be more. We dared to order traditional Scottish haggis in a baked potato for 75Hr and were impressed. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00.

# **Quick & Cheap**

Celentano H-2, Yaroslaviv Val 37, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 272 54 62, www.pizza-celentano. com. Power to the people! This expanding pizzeria chain champions democracy by granting patrons the choice of their own favourite toppings from a wide range of possibilities. Various salads and French crêpes with different fillings are also on offer, all to a pleasant background of Italian music. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:00. [※] P 🌭 🕒

Dva Gusya A-3, B.Khmel'nyts'koho 46, MUniversitet, tel. (+380) 44 221 12 01. An enormous selection of European and Ukrainian dishes, from Irishfried potatoes to 'bitok' - fried meat Kyiv-style. There are also soups, salads, desserts and an assortment of drinks. New dishes are introduced frequently, and special food is served in honour of Ukrainian holidays. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:00. <a href="#Signal-2">2</a>

Olivie B-4, B.Khmelnytskoho 16-22, MTeatralna. Located right in the centre, the Olive is actually a pleasant make-over of a former branch of Domashnia Kuchnia, a cafeteria that has been in Kyiv for ages. The décor is an eye catching light green and there are TV screens for football everywhere. The food is everyday Ukrainian and one can get a decent meal anywhere from 20-50Hr depending on how hungry one is. Also at Metrograd Shopping Mall. > Open 08:00 - 23:00.

# **Fast food & Sandwiches**

#### NEW

Kentucky Fried Chicken H-5, Ocean Plaza, Gorkoho 176, MLybidska, tel. (+380) 50 332 75 04. To our knowledge, it's the 1st KFC in Ukraine. It looks and feels like the real thing - and tasted like it too! We were a little surprised though to find no English-speaking staff or English menu at all. The prices are not too bad - about what one would expect and there is seating for about 100. The entrance is from the outside the mall and they are open almost non-stop. ▶ Open 06:00 - 04:00.

McDonald's B-4, Khreschatyk 19 A, Mkhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 230 27 37. Despite popular Ukrainian claims that the golden arches are forming cracks, most locations are usually busy. The menu here is considerably smaller than in Western countries: the sandwich list is basic with some extras. Breakfast menu is available until 10:00. Also at: C-4, Sofiivs'ka 1/2; D-3, Borychiv Uzviz 10; A-5, Chervonoarmiys'ka 22; A-3, B. Khmel'nyts'koho 40/25 and everywhere. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. இ@ இ@ @ @ ■

#### NEW

Scorini Wonderlands A-5, Shota Rustaveli 31A, MPalats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 289 78 12, www.scorini-wonderland.com.ua. A quaint little Italian restaurant seating 40 near the Olympic stadium. The staff speaks no English but the menu does. They offer the regular range of Italian cuisine at very reasonable prices. There is also a great little "hot snack' selection right out of a country western menu; Buffalo wings, ribs, etc. There is a great wine list as well. An average complete meal will run you about 200-250Hr. There is a great business lunch weekdays from 12:00-15:00 for just 45Hr. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00, Sun 09:00 - 22:00. 💱 🖈 😭 🌁

Sveltoe & Temnoe Beer & Meat A-1, Artema 82, Muklanivska, tel. (+380) 44 484 03 51/(+380) 67 384 03 51. The name means "Light & Dark" as they serve their very own light and dark beer. There is also a good selection of both draft and bottled beers. It's a large comfortable place seating 150, and a great place for a banquet. There is good food too; European cuisine plus U.S. steaks. We enjoyed the rib-eye which cost 120Hr per 100gm. The average cost for a complete meal is about 300Hr. They speak great English and there is an English menu. Business lunch is from 12:00-16:00 and costs 69Hr for the small or 96hr for the large. There are lots of TV screens for watching football etc. > 0 pen 12:00 - 01:00.

Varadero G-2, Tarasa Shevchenka 27A, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 234 03 70, www.t-v.com.ua. Opened autumn 2012 it is a lovely restaurant on 3 floors with seating for 70+. It has a bright - formal yet comfortable design and cosy fireplaces. There are pictures all over the wall of life in Cuba. We thought it strange as Varadero has European/ Ukrainian cuisine. The answer is simple; this was once a USSR government building & Fidel himself once smoked a cigar here. Their speciality is Black Sea fish, and also the fact that one can order anything "off menu". An average meal costs around 300Hr. They have a wide variety of wine and claim to have the lowest wine prices in town! The staff is super friendly andfluent in English and they will be happy to take you on a tour. ▶ Open 09:30 - 00:30. @ ② ③ @

#### French

Ba3AAR Braserie B-5, Besarabska pl. 2, Mkhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 238 21.11, www.bazaar.kiev.ua. This is a fairly new restaurant (Summer 2011) with a lovely modern French design and located in the same building as the famous Besarabsky market. In fact, one can get a table with a bird's eye view of the market below. See something you like in the market, buy it, bring it up and have the kitchen prepare it while you wait. Or enjoy a dish from the menu specialising in French and Italian cuisine. There is an English menu and staff speaks some English as well. There is also a lovely cheese platter to hold you while you wait. We tried the duck breast with caramel apples for 190Hr and really enjoyed it! An average meal will run you about 250Hr-300Hr. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00.

Citronelle A-3, B.Khmelnytskoho 23, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 499 39 36, www.citronelle.com.ua. This is a contemporary French restaurant right near the opera. The décor is bright and modern. It has a romantic atmosphere with candles and French music in the background. They have been open since December, 2011 and already have quite a clientele. We had the roast lamb with aubergine and spicy veggies which cost 159Hr. An average meal runs about 250Hr. There is a breakfast menu costing around 80Hr offering great omelets from 08:30-12:00. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00, Sat, Sun 9:30 - 24:00. ③ ● □ □ ③ ■ □ □

Fellini C-4, Horodets'koho 5, Mkhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 279 54 62. A wonderful location for people-watching, as the two terraces overlook the fashionable Ukraina cinema just off Khreschatyk. Fellini offers delicious French and Italian food, including frog legs and goose liver for those who likes such delicacies. The food and drinks are rather expensive, and service can be slow. ▶ Open 24 hrs. €€€. 🏳 🗇

Meat & Fish Josper Bar C-6, Pylypa Orlyka 6, tel. (+380) 44 253 80 97, mf.nws.name. Opened in Autumn, 2011 this restaurant is reminiscent of what we've seen in the French countryside with a pleasant 'rustic' design. There are also a lot of mirrors in the place, so vampires beware. The cuisine is French and the specialty is Canadian lobster (French Canadian) for just 150Hr per 100g. For meat lovers there is US cut Rib eye steak for 360Hr and the Cowboy size XXL steak for just 1,300 Hr. An average meal will cost around 500Hr per person. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00.

### Indian

Buddha-bar C-4, Khreschatyk 14, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 270 76 76, www.buddhabar.com.
ua. Buddha Bar is a heavy hitter all over Europe and is now enjoying similar success in Ukraine's capital. It's safe to say that this is the trendiest establishment in Kyiv. The recipe for their popularity is simple, high quality in a flashy package. For a one-stop-all-inclusive-evening this ranks high on the list of possibilities. Enjoy hard to find Indian, Thai and Chinese in the restaurant, and then head to the bar or the VIP lounge. If you'd like to get a sneak peak of what's in store for you, check out Buddha's very professional website. ▶ Open 12:00 - 02:00. Fir. Sat 12:00 - 04:00. Sun 16:00 - 02:00. €€€€. (ओ वा IP) ( )

### International

Antwerpen A-5, Pushkin'ska 38, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 234 13 00, www.antwerpen.com.ua. Have you ever wanted to travel back in time? Here is your chance to visit Antwerp as it once was. You will know you are in the right place when you see a lovely 1956 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith in the yard. There is a French room, A Belgium room and a German room, as well as smaller rooms with the themes of hunting and sailing. This unique restaurant is definitely a "must see". There is a wonderful collection of antique masterpieces, paintings and sculptures made of bronze by Flemish, French and German artists who in different times lived and created their masterpieces in Antwerp. There is also an antique organ, music boxes, porcelain, clocks of all sorts, and other antiques. The menu is in English and the staff is easy to communicate with. An average meal runs around 350Hr. We tried the leg of lamb with grilled mixed veggies for 247Hr - delicious! ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat, Sun 12:00 - 22:00.

BEEF Meat & Wine A-5, Shota Rustavell 11, MPalats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 225 00 35, www.beef.klev.ua/en. A very large and modern complex. The staff is warm, friendly, and English speaking. The decor is modern and spacious. The prices are defined as luxurious, from 300-600+Hr. There is a

somewhat discounted lunch menu. The dishes we ordered were top notch and delicious. You might wait a while on Friday's evening, but we sure this experience worth it. There are 3 large TV screens and Wi-Fi, and there is a banquet room for 50. Dopen 12:00 - 24:00.

Dom C-3, Borysa Hrinchenka 7, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 67 659 47 02/(+380) 44 353 40 40, www.dom-restoran.com.ua. The Dom is just a stone's throw from Maidan Nezalezhnosti and has a lovely brick style design downstairs seating 100 and a lovely outside terrace. There are TV screens everywhere to watch the latest sports events. What makes it unique is that the meat they serve comes from their very own farm. They also brew their own Dom beer. It has no connection with the famous beer from Cologne Germany (which is not called a beer) named Dom Kölsch. The cuisine is European and Ukrainian with an average meal costing around 200Hr. There is a business lunch weekdays costing 57Hr and they will deliver it right to your office between 11:00-16:00. Friday & Saturday there is live music with local popular bands. Dopen 11:00 - 00:00. 

Korona Club A-5, Rohnidyns'ka 4, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 289 02 16. Korona Club features a restaurant and a bar. Metal, wood, plush sofas, aquarium portholes teaming with bright fish, and the improvised pirate sporting a fool's crown create a surreal atmosphere. The closed summer terrace would be a lovely place for visitors, if only it was not so stuffy. There is a large number of serving staff, but they are not always attentive. ▶ Open 24hrs. €€€. ③ ☑ ↑ ✔

Lyon Wine Bar B-4, Prorizna 23A, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 278 22 14. A quaint little wine bar near the "Golden Gate". There is seating for about 30. All speak English, and there is a great selection of both French and Italian wines. There is also a great - limited - menu with European cuisine. We tried the veal rack with cream of mushroom sauce; it cost 118Hr and well worth it! There are also some great fish dishes with an average meal costing around 150Hr. Depen 10:00 - 23:00.

Shapito G-2, Honchara 77, tel. (+380) 44 486 45 21. As the name Shapito translates "circus tent" it's no surprise that this lovely restaurant and neighbouring café are just afew hundred metres from Kyiv's famous circus. Aside from being a first class restaurant, there is also a children's hall, clown show and exotic animals. The cuisine is International, the menu in English and most staff is fluent in English. We started with the salad "Alicia" with fried scallops, pawns, onions, and avocados for just 95Hr. Then we had the salmon in mustard cream sauce with scrimp for 135Hr. An average meal will run about 200Hr and upwards. An experience at Shapito is well worth the visit! > Open 10:00 - 01:00.

Turgenef B-2, Velyka Zhytomyrs'ka 40, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 272 21 69/(+380) 44 272 21 99, www.nasha-karta.com. Admirers of Ivan Turgenev will be disappointment to learn that this restaurant has no real connection to the famous Russian writer. Located on L'vivs'ka ploscha, elegance and sophistication are on dis-

play in the form of a 150kg bronze chandelier, black velvet furniture, illuminated marble bar and a grand piano set on a small stage. As at "Safe" restaurant, guests are greeted by a smiling pink pig. The menu features exquisite Mediterranean and fashionable Japanese. ▶ Open 11:00 - 02:00. €€€€€. ③ ◎ ☞ 🎉 ③ ↑

### Italian

Da Vinci Fish Club C-3, Volodymyrs'ka 12, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 490 34 34/(+380) 50 469 91 52, www.da-vinci.com.ua. Italian fish restaurant is located in the historical centre of Kyiv. The interior is very original - a round bar on the first floor with a cosy balcony on the second. The most attractive features are the two aquariums teaming with live lobsters, flambé dishes, pizza from the original Italian oven and, of course, fresh fish and seafood. Da Vinci Fish Club offers great business lunch specials (12:00 - 16:00) and live music every evening (except Sundays) from 20:00 - 23:00.

▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. €€€€. ※ ☑ P → □

La Forchetta C-4, Khreschatyk 16, MKhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 97 137 46 08. It's like being in an Italian village, and there is seating for about 70. The staff was great and spoke English and the menu is in English. There are 10 varieties of pasta along with their special "pasta of the day". There are lots of great dishes to choose from such as the Calamari - stuffed squid that we tried. It was just 85Hr and really worth it! There is a "lunchtime discount" for anything from the menu from 12:00-16:00. The eating pleasure can continue long after you leave as they have their own "Italian Shop"; imported wine, meat, and cheese that you can buy on the spot and take home. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00.

Oliva D-3, Sahaldachnoho 25, MPoshtova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 463 75 92, www.oliva.com.ua. With its freat and lively atmosphere, Oliva has become a local favourite. To get a better idea of what to expect, imagine your favourite hometown coffee shop or café and twist in a Ukrainian flare. The competitive prices really catch the eye on a menu that features a splattering of Italian favourites such as cannelloni, ravioli, risotto and pizza. Reasonable prices for cocktails will have you rubbing your eyes with disbelief. Make it a double. Expect a packed house on the weekend and it's a bit smoky so you might want to leave the kids at home with babushka. Also at G-3, Symona Petlury 5; J-5, Druzhby Narodiv bul. 25; H-3Chervonoarmiys'ka 34. ▶ Open 09:00 - 23:00. €.

Osteria Pantagruel B-3, Lysenka 1, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 278 81 42, www.pantagruel.com.ua. A time-proven Italian favourite, Osteria is widely recognised for its excellent home-made pasta and impressive wine cellar. First-timers are strongly advised to try the 'tagliatelle alia Constantino', named after Osteria's chef-virtuoso Constantino Passalacqua. In the summer time you may also enjoy your meal on a charming terrazzo in front of the historic Golden Gate. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. Mon - Fri 8:00 - 11:00 breakfast €€. 

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VaBene A-4, B.Khmel'nyts'koho, 19-21, MTeatral'na, tel. (+380) 44 377 75 65, www.carteblanche.ua. This listro belongs to the Carte Blanche network of unique restaurants united by common discount system. We went in expecting a cool informal bistro and found a very formal, expensive restaurant where hardly anyone spoke English. We had to make a bit of a fuss but finally found a friendly English speaking waiter. The interior is a rich looking dark brown wood, with bric-a- brack decoratively placed. The Chef is from Napolis ot hel Italian cuisine is the real thing. An average meal costs around 450Hr. There is a very wide choice of wines. The menu is in English and there is a breakfast menufrom 10:00-12:00. There is seating for 75 in the main hall and 15 in the VIP room. In summer, the terrace holds 20. Vopen 10:00 - 01:00.

### Japanese

Planeta Sushi C-4, Khreschatyk 12, Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 270 66 79, www.planetsushi.com.ua/en/. A great choice for a wide variety of Japanese dishes. You can try nigiri, poppies, mariavase and tataki sushi, sashimi, yakitori, salads, and traditional Japanese hot dishes. Living up to the Japanese proverb 'the guest is God' expect personal service and attention to detail. Also at: H-4, Chervonoarmiys'ka 57/3, tel. (+380) 44 287 37 75; D-2, Sahaidachnoho 41, tel. (+380) 44 594 20 85; C-3, Velyka Zhytomyrs'ka 8/14, tel. (+380) 44 594 20 83. ▶ Open 11:00 - 02:00. €€. ③ Mc@ @

SushiYA J-3, Moskovs'ka 29A, MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 502 22 22, www.sushi-ya.com.ua. With locations throughout the city, this stylish sushi restaurant has garnered a reputation for professional service, tasty sushi and prices that won't bust your budget. The interiors are a bit loud, but fun if you're in the mood. Choose from authentic Japanese soups, sashimi, rice dishes and other specialties. Although the restaurants in this chain tend to be busy, we've always been able to find a seat even on busy weekends. Also at J-3, Moskovska 29-a, (+380) 44 280 80 70; I-4, Schorsa 44, (+380) 44 285 63 63; Moskovskyi Ave 34-b. (+380) 44 499 63 69; G-2, Peremohy Ave. 3-a, (+380) 44 236 82 86; C-3, Velyka Zhytomyrska 6/11, (+380) 44 279 01 85; N-3, Obolonskyi Ave. 1-b, (+380) 67 224 89 50; Hryhorenka Ave. 26, (+380) 67 226 89 73; C-4, Hrushevskoho 4, (+380) 44 279 68 03. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. €. இ @ [ P 🛇 ] @

## Mediterranean

L'Accente B-6, Lesi Ukrainky bul'v. 5, MPalats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 200 50 02, www.laccente.com.ua. New on the scene, this high-end eatery has created quite a buzz. As with most things in Kyiv, expect to pay slightly more than you would in the West for the fresh, rich and steaming Mediterranean dishes that swirl about this luxurious restaurant. Divide into two unique zones, the quaint tables on the first floor, near the bar offer a view of the kitchen through aquariums. The main hall is located on the second floor and is decorated with frescos and a small fountain. A perfect location if you're looking to impress. A harpist plays daily from 19:00. Deen 11:00 - 24:00.

Monaco C-3, Velyka Zhytomyrs'ka 20A (Peyzazhna Alley), M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 590 01 51, www.monaco.com.ua. This restaurant adopts not only the name of the Mediterranean principality, but its style and atmosphere too. Six different halls at the restaurant can satisfy a wide variety of guests. The summer terrace on the second floor opens up on the marvelous city view. The chef Thierry Alix and his team work hard to please their customers. ▶ Open 12:00 - 06:00. €€€. ③ A @ P ♪ ③ □ ③

### Seafood

Avalon A-3, Leontovycha 3, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 234 74 94, www.avalon.ua/en/. This marvelous fish restaurant offers a refined atmosphere of delight and comfort. There are more than 20 varieties of fish cooked to perfection, a huge selection of shrimps, oysters, and clams on the menu. The meat assortment is incredible too: veal, pork, lamb, moose, deer, pheasant, ostrich, heath-cook, and wild duck. An experienced sommelier will help you select the best wine to accompany your meal. There are wines from France, Italy, Spain, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada on the wine list. For all you oyster lovers, Avalon's Connoisseur Club is at your service. ▶ Open 13:00 - 02:00. €. ❷ ◎ ☑ ⑤ P P P ③ ③ ⑥

Barkas B-4, Volodymyrska 49A, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 569 56 42, www.brsystems.ua. It is right by Kyiv's "Golden Gate", yet you would be forgiven if you thought you had been transported to Crimea. It's a great seafood restaurant with "Black Sea" cuisine. But not just cuisine - all the food comes from Crimea; fish, veggies, wine, and preserves. You can actually pick your dinner from the large aquarium. Its design is of a ship and there is seating for 150 - banquets are welcome. The prices are quite reasonable with an average meal - with wine - costing around 350Hr. On Thursday & Friday there is a musical duo for your entertainment. There are 2 "happy hours" weekdays; unlimited buns are served from 10:00-12:00 and unlimited coffee is available from 14:00-16:00. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:00.

Ikra Oyster Club H-3, Pan'kivska 11, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 288 19 90. Everything is in calm grey and black shades, but the huge Swarovski chandelier shining brightly over the presentation case stocked with fresh fish dominates. A huge glass wall allows patrons to look out in the streets while alternative views are provided by a large kitchen window that shows the chefs at work. Ikra has around 20 kinds of oysters and freshfish and serves all manner of fish and sushi dishes. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. €€€€.

Porto H-4, Chervonoarmlys'ka 72, MOlimplyska, tel. (+380) 44 206 83 87. Porto, which can be found inside the Olympiys'kyi trade complex is the latest in the worldwide chain of Porto restaurants. The venue specialises in dishes made from the finest fish and seafood, as well as cuisine from Serbia and Montenegro, Croatia and Slovenia. Visitors can select the fish themselves and then observe the entire preparation process. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. €€€€. இ@

### **Turkish**

Marmaris B-1, Hlybochyts'ka 40, tel. (+380) 44 586 42 33. Looking to satisfy your craving for spicy Turkish cuisine? Marmaris is fine choice for filling up before painting the town red, business banquets and families looking for a break from the ordinary (kids' area is available). The chorba, humus, meze, kebobs andfresh baked pide are as authentic as you'll find in Kyiv. Banquet items for five or more include enticing salmon, lamb and turkey dishes. The staff is lively and professional. Also on offer is a bountiful selection of traditional desserts and hookah. ▶ Open 10:00 - 02:00.

Tike D-2, H-1, Sahaidachnoho 31A, M Poshtova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 417 40 62, www.tike.com.ua. In a restaurant scene that has become a wasteland of mediocre establishments with cliché themes, Tike boldly rises above to offer an exceptional detour from the norm. Originally established in Istanbul, Tike has been wowing diners throughout Eurasia and Europe for more than a decade. Scrumptious appetisers get the juices flowing in anticipation of delectable charcoal-grilled lamb

and beef. The Turks are known for their outstanding service, a tradition that has been brought to Kyiv by the restaurant's Turkish management. Other mentionables include an inviting wine card, great desserts and banquet seating for up to 44.

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### **Uzbek**

Shangrila D-1, Sahaidachnoho 41, M Kontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 462 53 21, www.mallinaproject. com.ua. According to legend, Shangrila is a perfectly happy land isolated from the outside world. Think about that the next time you're stuck in one of Kyiv's mind-boggling traffic jams. This restaurant goes above and beyond to provide a niche of tranquility. Savour Uzbek and Japanese cuisine, chill out with a hookah and enjoy live music and traditional eastern dancing. ▶ Open 11:00 - 02:00. 圖魚@@P&介圖

Uruk B-3, Yaroslaviv Val 11, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 235 14 29/(+380) 44 235 15 96, www.uruk.com.

a. A unique and spacious restaurant serving Uzbek and European dishes. All rooms are different styles and look like small museums. The national costumes worn, the décor, and music help acquaint guests with the history and culture of Uzbekistan. In the "Uruk" You can feel the atmosphere of comfort and Eastern hospitality. The menu is in English and very reasonably priced. An average meal runs from 70-150Hr. There is live music and dancing nightly (except Sunday) from 20:00. ▶ Open 10:00 - 01:00.

### **Dark Restaurant**

Dark Side D-3, Ihorivska 14A, tel. (+380) 44 428 88 38, www.darkside.klev.ua. This unique restaurant has a very unusual theme; guests eat in complete darkness. The servers make no mistakes as they are equipped with night vision goggles. There are 3 menus offered, green, red, and blue which consist of meat, fish and vegetables. The price for each dish is 240Hr, which includes mineral water, other drinks may be ordered, and there is music being played. For those wanting a "normal" restaurant, it is that too. The surroundings are of medieval design, the menu is in English and the cuisine is European. Some of the specialties are the baked cod which we found great, for 200Hr and a great selection of Italian cheese. The average price for a meal is about 250Hr. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. 图[@]@

Aroma Espresso Bar H-4, Dymytrova 5, Molimpiyska, tel. (+380) 44 202 66 33, fax (+380) 44 201 66 22, www.aromacafe.com.ua. A nice friendly place to relax and have light meals and breakfast. Mellow music is played; there is Wi-Fi, a moderately priced English menu. Aroma belongs to a world-wide chain of coffee shops with a good reputation. We tried one of the house specialties, "Aroma Salad" with Bulgarian cheese. Children are welcome. Also at Mechnykova 3, tel.: (+380) 44 461.97 28; Zhylyanska 75, tel.: (+380) 44 96 00 20, open 24hrs. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00. 

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Café Imbir (Ginger) H-3, Zhyllanska 7, Molimpiyska, tel. (+380) 44 287 61 80, www.cafeimbir.com. Reminded us of the TV series Harry's law - The lawyer took over the premises of a designer shoe and kept on selling the shoes. Ginger took over a home decorations store and continues to sell home decorations. It's a café-restaurant with a lovely atmosphere offering vegetarian food with a vegan menu. An average meal will cost around 150Hr. Breakfast is served all day long and there is a business lunch as well from 12:00-16:00 costing 60Hr. In addition to the house decorations there is a shop selling oils, Asian spices, incense, and more. There are live concerts of Indian music from time to time so check it out - it is an experience you will not want to miss! Depen 08:00-22:00.

Chocolate Boutique Vasiliadi H-4. Chervonoamiyska 82, MOlimpiyska, tel. (+380) 44 287 73 71, www.vasiliadi.kiev.ua. This unique café features "creations" from the Greek family Vasiliadi which has been making handmade chocolates since 1922. This niche café seats 35 and offers a limited yet great (English) menu of Greek cuisine. The staff was young, friendly, and very energetic. We tried the moussaka for just 35Hr and really enjoyed it! There is also a great breakfast menu. They have a wide selection of cakes and deserts and also sell some original Greek products. ▶ Open 08:00 - 21:00. இ © © 🗑 🞟 Double Coffee D-2, Kostiantynivs'ka 1/2, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 206 69 11, www.doublecoffee.com.ua/eng. This charming café chain catches your eye from the start with its wonderfully illustrated menu. A wide variety of dishes from kashas and crêpes to sushi sets and salads with pumpkin seeds can satisfy any taste or mood. The wide variety of tastes and smells in this coffee-bean atmosphere helps you to forget all about your hurried life on the outside. The café is often crowded on the weekends, so plan accordingly. Also at: L-2, Luhova 12; C-4, Mykhailivs'ka

6. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00. ☑ ☑ ◎ ☑ ☐ Nagee Café B-2, Lvivska ploscha, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 93 603 24 45, www.dragee.com.ua. Located in a cute little park right in the heart of Lvivska ploscha, this little café has a great though limited menu of European/Italian cuisine. A meal for 2 runs about 300Hr. and there are

# **Pay-for-Time**

Smart café Bibliotech G-3, Saksahanskoho 120, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 351 19 90, www. bibliotech.com.ua. Here is a first. Instead of paying for what one orders - simply pay for the time there. 36Hr for the 1st hour and 18Hrfor each additional hour - or 72Hr for the whole day. From Monday-Friday the 1st hour is 18Hr before 16:00. So what does one get for this? Plenty! Free coffee, tea, and all the juice one can squeeze. There are cookies, sweets, and toast. Bring your own food if you want or order from Dominos Pizza and get a discount. There are X-boxes, table football, ping pong, and a photo copier/scanner - all for free. There is also a "seminar" room where different workshops are held. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 24:00. 🗹 🏖

specialties that change weekly. There is a 30% discount for all meals between 12:00-16:00 weekdays. From Thursdays to Saturdays there is a DJ that begins around 20:00 and it's a real party atmosphere. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 02:00. ③ ★ ☑ ▼

Kafka D-2, Spas'ka 5, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 220 11 87. If you're hoping to pop in for something quick, prepare to be disappointed. But a few other things should be mentioned about Kafka. First, they have an impressive beverage menu (English available) - everything from mochaccinos to matte to mulled wine. Second, they try hard to create a chic atmosphere, so you'll have to weave through a maze of local wannabes on the way to your table. Finally, if you win Kafka's service lottery and you're lucky enough to actually place an order, the desserts are probably delicious. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00. 图 M @ ② ③

Pirogovaya Nikolay A-3, B.Khmelnyts'koho 35/1, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 353 88 86, www.pirogovaya.com. A great place to go for a light snack or tasty deserts. There are pies, pies, and more pies and they practically hit you in the face as they are right on display when one enters. The pies are both sweet and savoury (we saw some that were something like a quiche). It also helps if your name happens to be Nicoli. Only Nicoli's are allowed to work here, and there are pictures of famous Nicoli's al over the walls. It is self service, so you choose the exact piece of pie you want. All are homemade and fresh and cost between 15-30Hr! There is also a bar in another section that offers a great variety of cocktails for 40-80Hr. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:00. இ இ இ ■

Repriza A-3, B.Khmel'nyts'koho 40/25, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 502 23 46, www.repriza.com. One of the first patisseries in the city, it has a lovely Vienness room stuffed with enough sugary delights to entertain the kids and give you all a cavity or two. Though specialising in danishes, cakes and other gourmet sweets, those in need of more substantial food can partake of delicious soups and salads. Also located at D-3, Sahaidachnoho 10/5; B-2, Velyka Zhytomyrs'ka 38; A-5, Chervonoarmiys'ka 26. Den 08:00 - 22:00.

Shokoladnitsa H-3, Chervonoarmiys'ka 48, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 287 00 88, www.shoko.com.ua. Shokoladnitsa is exceptional for two reasons: the service is likely the best of all the coffee house chains in Kyiv, and many are open 24hrs. There's nothing pretentious, or rushed about this place, despite the fact that it originated in Moscow. Chillout with a beverage, and nibble on a variety of familiar café delectables at locations around the city that offer a convenient detour from the rat race. As with all "chains", expect consistency and mediocrity and you won't be disappointed. Other mentionables include menu in English, continental breakfast until 11:00 and coffee to go. Also at Saksahans koho 53/80, Basseina 1/2. Popen 24hrs.

SkyArtCafé B-5, Chervonoarmiyska-Baseyna 1-3/2, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 561 78 41. This unique café is located on the 6th floor of the Pinchuk Art Centre. The décor is pure white and of a special geometrical design with a lovely view of the city. It was so bright we had to wear sunglasses. The all vegetarian menu is in English and contains soups, salads, and light meals. Prices are moderate to pricy. It is closed when the Art Center is closed for changing exhibits.

Den 12:00 - 23:00. Closed Mon. Dec 20:00 1-3 00 1

Wolkonsky C-4, Khreschatyk 13, Mkhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 201 03 96, www.wolkonsky.com. The aroma of fresh baked bread will have you salivating from the second you set foot in this posh café/bakery. Although you can't expect to benefit from any government bread subsidies, you can count on friendly service, a soothing atmosphere and an impressive selection of pastries, breads, sandwiches, chocolates and other goodies. ▶ Open 08:00 - 22:00. ② ★ □ □ □

#### Bars & Pubs

Baraban (Drum) B-4, Prorizna 4A, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 279 23 55. This cosy but hard-to-find hole-in-the-wall is usually populated by politicos, journalists and expats holding forth on the subject of the day. The neighbourhood atmosphere goes well with the tasty and moderately-priced Ukrainian food, and the jazz music adds another pleasant dimension. Den 11:00 - 23:00.

Bobber Pub A-2, Vorovskoho 39/11, MVokzalna, tel. (+380) 44 486 49 72, www.bobberpub.com. It's a real biker's pub near the circus, though you probably won't see any 'Hell's Angels' types here. You will see a real classic motorcycle and the walls decorated with LP's. There is seating for 60 and you will enjoy real pub food! - Lots of fried snacks and main dishes from 50Hr+. An average meal costs 100-150Hr. We had to get the lamb chops with berry sauce for 150Hr and really enjoyed it! A business lunch is served weekdays from 12:00-16:00 for just 38Hr. There is live music weekends with rock, jazz, etc from 20:00-23:00. Depen 09:00 - 02:00.

Carne Grill Bar B-5, Basseina 5A, MPalats Sportu, tel. (+380) 50 900 94 92. A nice quaint place seating 40 right in the centre with very reasonable prices. It's across the street from Mandarin Plaza and is a nice place for a late romantic meal. The menu is in English, with an average meal costing 150Hr. We tried the "Carne Grill Munich". It was delicious and cost just 29Hr for 100 grams. ▶ Open 10:00 - 02:00. ※ © ②

Che Guevara Pub H-1, Verkhniy Val 66A, Montraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 463 70 71, www.cheguevara.com.ua. As most major international cities have a bar or restaurant named after Che Guevara, Kyiv is no exception. (Thank God there is no sushi menu). The theme is Cuban with authentic Cuban cuisine. The menu is in English and offers such specialties as corn tortillas with beef or pork with vegies and beans for just 80Hr. Quite yummy! An average meal for 2 costs around 200Hr. Weekdays gets you a 40% discount from 12:00-16:00 and "birthday guests" get a 20% discount. There is no Ukrainian beer, only imported from Belgium and other places. There is live music, always with a Latin twist, from Thursdays to Saturdays from 20:00-23:00. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. 

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# **Kyiv Nightlife Scene**

Kyiv is much more of a club city than a bar town. There is a bar and club scene at the heart of the city centre, but don't be surprised if you encounter more of your own countrymen than Ukrainians in these establishments. It can be difficult to find an empty table on weekends, especially when many popular expatriate hangouts offer drink specials at peak hours. On weekends and holidays, the main street of Khreschatyk is closed to automobile traffic, making it Kyiv's most active scene for nightlife, people-watching, or a casual stroll. For something a little more active and exciting, jazz and techno dance clubs are just as busy now as any time of the year.

If you are familiar with the club scene in other parts of Europe, you will feel at home with the loud atmosphere, overpriced drinks, and relatively high entrance fees of Kyiv's nightclubs. A few differences you might note are the availability of hookah (Middle Eastern flavoured tobacco), professional dance or model shows, and it is socially acceptable for men to dance with each other. Guys, be wary of the young, attractive women some clubs hire to entice foreign men to spend money on champagne, overpriced dinners and drinks.

Dorothy's Pub H-3, Saksahans'koho 16/43, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 287 05 30. The sign out front read "Dorothy's Pub". (Cue The Twilight Zone theme song.) Have I been transported back to my native state of Utah? The scenes of Monument Valley and Arches National Park, the Osmonds glaring at me from the menu with their cheesy Colgate smiles and the sweet smell of Western American style barbecue creeping out from under the saloon doors are all eerily familiar. Or am I in Kyiv? No. It couldn't be. The service here is far too good for Kyiv. Where am I? And who the hell is Dorothy? As it turns out, I am in Kyiv, and Rod Serling is not sitting next to me munching on ribs, nor is he sipping on a Czech beer, nor is he sampling the Turkish style calamari, but if he were still alive I'm sure he would not object to such a wonderful mishmash of sites, sounds and flavours. And who is Dorothy? No one seemed to know. (Cue more Twilight Zone theme song.) Great specials! ▶ Open 11:00 - 05:00. இ @ ▲ ▶ 🏵

Fazenda Bar H-2, Vorovskoho 2B, M Zoloti Vorota. It's easy to find as its on stilts right by Lvivska Ploscha. It's basically an elevated-underground pub. It's not so big, originally decorated and does have a non-smoking section. It's frequented by youth and often full. But there's always some place there and the drinks are about the cheapest in town. There is a DJ nightly playing different music. It have 50 - 04:00. 图 ② 画 ●

Feeling D-3, Sahaidachnoho 8, MPoshtova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 425 34 34, www.absurd.com.ua/feeling. A nice romantic club spot in Kyiv's old centre of Podil. The name translates "owl" is you wonder why there are pictures of the wise old bird. It is lavishly decorated with pictures and mobilia of rock stars. There is a limited menu of European cuisine at moderate prices with seating for 150 in both smoking and non-smoking sections. The staff is friendly, speak English and really make one feel at home. There is karaoke nightly from 21:00-02:00. Popen 24 hrs.

Golden Gate Irish Pub B-3, Zolotovorits'ka 15, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 235 51 88, www.karta.

a. This is a true Irish Pub with the largest selection of draught beer in Kyiv. The menu has special beer appetisers. There are darts, a billiard room, big screen TVs for sports fans, and live music every Friday and Saturday. Golden Gate offers business lunch on weekdays and breakfast at the weekend.

> Open 11:00 - 01:00. 图图图图图 图图TIP图10图

Gorkly Pub H-3, Gorkoho 3A, MLva Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 287 00 23, www.gorklypub.klev.ua. We all know who Gorkly was, right? The guy that built that park in Moscow that they made a movie about. The place is full of writing memorabilia and dedicated to the famous Russian/ Soviet author. The cuisine is Ukrainian and European and believe it or not, they actually serve pastrami sandwiches for just 80Hr! There are also 15 top brands of whisky on offer and the business lunch is weekdays from 12:00-16:00 for just 40Hr. There are many different promotions of one kind or another so check them out. ▶ Open 11:00 - 02:00. Fri 11:00 - 05:00, Sat 13:00 - 05:00, Sun 15:00 - 02:00.

Lucky Pub A-5, Chervonoarmiys'ka 13, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 499 13 13, www.karta.ua. Lucky hasn't been openfor long, but it's already proven a big hit with travellers, expats and locals allike. This is arguably the finest sports viewing venue in the city. We went on the night of a critical World Cup qualifying match and the place was booked solid. Eleven LCDs are strategically placed throughout the pub, 12 types of beer are on tap and the fare is familiar, delicious and reasonably priced. We joined a group of rowdy Brits in the football room and had a splendid time. Live music goes from 21:00 - 01:00 Thursday - Saturday. ▶ Open 11:00 - 01:00.

Naturlih Pub B-4, B.Khmelnyts'koho 3, MTeatral'na, tel. (+380) 44 279 79 29, www.naturlih.com.ua. The most striking feature of Naturlih is it amazing selection of draft beer - one of the grandest we've come across in Kyiv. Have the barman pull you a top German, Dutch, Czech, English, Belgian, Irish or local brewski, then sit back and watch the bustling hordes hike up historic B.Khmel'nts'koho street from the cosy view inside. The pub/restaurant offers scrumptious menu items to go with the suds including German style sausages, pasta, pizza and classy euro dinner items. The spacious halls and laid-back atmosphere are conducive for conversations. • Open 10:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 06:00.

O'Brien's C-3, Mykhalilvs'ka 17A, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 279 15 84, www.obriens.kiev.ua/eng. Kyiv's first Irish pub is still a favourite with expats and upwardly mobile Ukrainians. O'Brien's bars serve up plenty of beer great with none-too-shabby pub food like shepherd's pie, and their Irish breakfast is enough to hold you until dinner. Upstairs you'll find darts, billiards and the city's best atmosphere for watching sports on the big screen. ▶ Open 08:00 - 02:00. ◎ P ▶

Patrik Pub J-3, Lavrska 6, Marsenalna, tel. (+380) 44 254 35 15. It's more of a Ukrainian restaurant and pub with rish and German themes than your typical Irish Pub. There is live music weekends from 18:00-22:00 and Irish type groups do jam there. It's beautifully decorated inside with lots of TV screens for football and has a large outside seasonal seating area, total capacity - 200. The staff was very helpful with fluent English. The cuisine is European-Mexican-Ukrainian with an average meal costing 200-300Hr. There is a business lunch weekdays from 12:00-16:00 for just 50Hr. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. 图画图 图 □ ■

Pivbar Beer & Beef C-4, Globus Shopping Mall - 2nd part, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 99 044 33 34, www.piv-bar.com.ua. This is a great beer bar right in the centre of town with room for 200. There are all sorts of beer - the specialty being beer in a jar with a dry-salted fish to accompany it. They have a great limited menu - the special is their assorted grill - unlimited meat for just 1.39Hr. Definitely worth it! On Friday there is a DJ, and Saturday and Sunday there is a live rock group. > Open 12:00 - 01:00. @ @ @ @

Porter Pub C-4, Kostelna 4, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 278 04 90, www.porter.com.ua. A hole in the rock overlooking Maidan Nezalezhnosti, Porter Pub is an alluring venue for hungry, music-loving travellers. The cosy yet edgy ambiance, reasonable prices, and live rock and alternative make for a winning combination. Signature dishes include a bean and chicken salad, bacon/egg/sausage breakfast and chicken stuffed crêpes. The pub's own homebrew is worth wrapping your lips around. Getting good service here is a bit like flipping a coin: It's been 50/50 in our experience, but we keep coming back, as there's just something magnetic about this joint's energy. ▶ Open 09:00 - 02:00. ③

Sunduk C-3, Mykhailivs'ka 16, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 279 14 65. The main features of this classic pub are the pleasant wooden interior and bill transactions made via a treasure chest. In spite of a noticeable attempt to copy Western styles in the interior, the music is very Eastern. The dishes and drinks listed on the menuare not necessarily present in the kitchen. Nevertheless, if you plan to arrive after 18:00, it would be better to reserve a table beforehand and prepare for being consumed by cigarette smoke even in the room for non-smokers. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. ③ □ □

Trolleybus Pub B-4, Prorizna 21, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 279 34 34, www.trallebus.com. It's more than a pub-restaurant; it's a shrine to "trolley buses"! It's not far from the "Golden Gate" and contains memorabilia galore along with old photos of trolley buses and depicting the glorious days of the Soviet Union. There is also a display of "carpet paintings" and lots of souvenirs. There is seating for 100 which includes a covered terrace and a VIP section. The cuisine is Ukrainian and European with the speciality being their "hot pots", lots of different beer, and a large selection of cocktails. An average meal will run around 100Hr. There is a business lunch weekdays from 12:00-15:00 for just 45Hr.

▶ Open 07:00 - 02:00, Sat, Sun 09:00 - 02:00. 
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Viola's Bierstube A-5, T.Shevchenka bul'v. 1A, Mkhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 235 37 51. This cosy basement beer bar is a popular hangout for both foreigners and the young English-speaking Ukrainians. It offers a wide range of beer and other alcoholic drinks as well as a selection of tasty bar snacks. The first Wednesday of every month is "Women's Club' night here, with fun and games for girls only.

> Open 11:00 - 06:00.

#### Clubs

Arena Entertainment B-5, Basseina 2A, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 492 00 00, www.arena-klev.com/eng. This venue was the official hangout for Eurovision 2005 participants. It is an entertainment complex accommodating several bars and a night club under one roof. In any case, you may wind up your night out in the night club partying untill dawn. ▶ Open: restaurant and Beer House 09:00 - 04:00, Sport-Bar 12:00 - 04:00, night club Tue - Sun 22:00 - 06:00.

Art Club 44 B-4, Khreschatyk 44, Mkhreshatyk, tel. (+380) 279 41 37. The legendary Kyiv cellar on Khreschatyk has, after extensive remodeling, reopened for business. Among the noticeable changes are the prices, plasma monitors and a big screen projector. But that is neither here nor there. The fact of the matter is, that this is one of the only joints in Kyiv where the music is raw, loud and saturated with adrenaline. Over the years, 44 has become a favourite for artists, musicians, writers and pseudo-intellectuals. Don't let the aesthetic changes disorient you. Head for the well, and choose from the offering of more than 15 varieties of beer.

• Open 10:00 - 02:00. [P][7]

Byblos B-1, Artema 20, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 288 18 88, www.byblos.kiev.ua. This is a very large, modern, and beautifully decorated club-restaurant. The staff was warm and friendly and English speaking. It is a restaurant in the day time and a disco begins at 23:00. There is no dance floor, but people catch the beat and dance by their tables. The menu is European cuisine partly in English. Prices are moderate to pricy with a large selection of well priced cocktails. Private banquets are often held and there are 2 VIP rooms for up to 15 people. ▶ Open 12:00 - 03:00. இ CC P ▶ 🛇 🗇 🖫 🕎 🚥 Carribean Club G-2, Symona Petliury 4, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 288 12 90, www.caribbean.com.ua/ eng. Want to test your salsa skills? Carribean Club proudly presents the live rhythms of the Latino group "disLOKAdos". For you novices, the dance school is one of the first and most popular salsa schools in Kyiv. The cost of one lesson is 50Hr. Open 18:00 - 06:00. Admission 50-120Hr for men, 20-80Hr for women. RCAPP

Dante Zima Night Club C-5, Muzeynyi prov. 10, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 221 11 01. A recent entry into the Night Club scene, this is the winter location of an established club that is outside in the summer. It is lavishly designed and holds up to 400 plus VIP rooms. There is a DJ with go-go girls for entertainment. They have a limited menu with snacks and sushi. They hold theme parties and banquets can be arranged. ▶ Open 22:00 - 06:00. Closed Mon, Tue, Wed, Sun. இ

Disco Radio Hall I-1, Moskovskyi prosp. 32, tel. (+380) 44 428 73 88, www.disco-club.klev.ua. This fashionable nightclub is wedged in the hull of a floating entertainment complex that also houses a karaoke club and a Japanese restaurant. It attracts some of Kyiv's hipper residents including local celebrities. Well-known DJs and many exciting live acts fill the club's docket. Tables can be reserved for 300-1000Hr, and an admission fee applies. ▶ Open 22:00 - 06:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission 50-80Hr for males, 50-60Hr for females. Sun is free for females. [P ]

Docker's ABC B-4, Khreschatyk 15/4A, MKhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 278 17 17, en.docker.com.ua. This is a café and bar during the day and a night club in the evenings. The menu, in both English and German languages, is of European and Ukrainian cuisine. Live music with a dock style interior. ▶ Open 12:00 - 06:00. 图像回廊 ▶

Milennium C-4,Khreschatyk 1/2, Maldan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 279 82 02, www.milennium-bar.klev.ua.
Milennium claims to put on a 'non-stop erotic show' of beautiful
dancers, complete with private shows and table dancing. This
fantasy world at Dnipro Hotel is yours for the taking - after forking
out 100Hr for the admission. But for that price you get to enjoy
'gourmet snacks' from the bar. Dopen 21:00 - 06:00.

Route 66 G-3, Hlushkova 11, Mlpodrom, tel. (+380) 44 239 89 77, www.route66.com.ua. A place that offers great service at the bar. The atmosphere is lively and the ribs and wings are tasty and "American". The beer, thank God, is not American; it's imported from countries that know how to brew, i.e. the Czech Republic. The summer terrace is popular with locals, but the real draw is the live Rock 'n' Roll that starts up nightly at 21:00. ▶ Open 24hrs. 函应则

Sorry Babushka G-2, Dmytrivs'ka 18/24, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 486 03 00, www.sorrybabushka. com.ua. Out with the old and in with the new! This club has elbowed into the space formerly occupied by the once popular Sound Planet. Very few changes have actually been made to the new club's interior, but with a completely overhauled concept, Babushka has become an immediate hit among the capital's clubbers. On the first floor you'll find karaoke, the second floor spins 80's and 90's and disco until your platforms cave in on the third floor. There's a karaoke tournament every Wednesday - the winner receives a DVD player. Other special offers can be found throughout the week at Babushka's *Vnuchata* (grandchildren's) Party. ▶ Open 22:00 - 05:00. [ओ ]

Sullivan Room B-4, Prorizna 8, Mkhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 66 485 55 55, www.sullivanroom.klev.ua. This club is an affiliate of the New York Club and is ranked in the top 100 in the world. It offers concerts of top groups playing a wide variety of music; as well as theatrical performances, and fashion shows every weekend evening. Then the disco begins and lasts all night. It is a beautifully decorated 2 storied club with capacity for up to 500. Concert prices begin at 40Hr. and the disco prices range from free to 50Hr. ▶ Open 19:00 - 06:00. ③ @ ② 】 ■ ■

Xlib Club D-1, Frunze 12, Mkontraktova Ploscha. The name of this new club Xlib (meaning bread) is an expression of the essence of the place: simplicity. It is hidden on a small street in Podil, and the interior has yet to be refurbished. Basically the place is two rooms: a dance floor, and a chill out room. Crowds throng to enjoy the DJs' stylish and contemporary sounds. The fact that it lacks a bit in décor and extravagance is - if anything - a bonus. Popen Thu, Sun 20:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 23:00 - 06:00.

#### Gentlemen's Clubs

Marilyn A-5, Chervonoarmiys'ka 32A, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 240 76 68. Show bar Marilyn is located in the basement of the beerhouse Talgen. It offers a non-stop programme of erotic shows featuring beautiful dancers. Private shows and VIP-rooms are also available. Admission 40Hr. Dopen 20:00 - 06:00.

Miatniy Nosorog strip-bar (Mint Rhinoceros)
H-4, Chervonoarniys'ka 111/113, MPalats Ukraina,
tel. (+380) 44 529 20 00. A cosy little place that hosts
as many as 40 people. There are 8 private tables, Indian
décor with plastered illustrations from Kamasutra, a bar
and European cuisine. Beer costs 15-20Hr. Main dishes
are around 40Hr. Admissions: Fri-Sat 70Hr, Sun-Thu 50Hr.

> Open 20:00 - 06:00.

Paradise Cabaret A-5, T.Shevchenka bul'v./
Pushkins'ka 5-7/29, MTeatral'na, tel. (+380) 44 537
45 32, www.paradise-cabaret.com.ua. Located on the
fifth floor of Premier Palace Hotel this club keeps the greatest traditions of Parisian cabaret. Luxurious red velvet with
gold and crystal interior will surely make you fill yourself in
Paradise, so you should just relax and enjoy women's beauty.

Depen 20:00 - 06:00. Admission: 150Hr for men, 200Hr for
women.

Solid Gold B-5, Chervonoarmiys'ka 5, 2nd floor, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 494 09 14, www.solidgold.

a. Recently opened gentlemen club offers its visitors cosy, stylish interior and amazing shows. Except for the main hall, the club offers a VIP lounge and Chill out zone. Solid Gold is located on the 2nd floor of Arena Entertainment Centre. Reserve a table in advance, especially on weekends.

> Open 20:00 - 06:00. Admission 100Hr for men, 150Hr for women.

Kyiv's sightseeing to-do list is topped by its famous golddomed churches and cathedrals, magnificent sanctuaries of worship that impress with their history and art. Since everybody needs souvenirs to take home, God kindly created Andriivs'kyi uzviz. Next are the city's museums, historical monuments, and finally a wonderful open-air museum on the edge of the city limits.

# **Essential Kyiv**



Andrew's
Descent
(Andriivs'kyi uzviz) C-2, Mkontraktova Ploscha. This is
without a doubt one
of Kyiv's oldest and
most beloved streets.
In ancient times it
linked the administrative part of the upper
town with Podil, the

lower town of merchants and artisans. This steep and winding cobblestone lined descent is a traditional venue for outdoor festivals and fairs, and is dotted with numerous intriguing art galleries, museums, cafés, bars and restaurants. Being at the very heart of the city's art community, the street is a favourite stop for tourists in search of paintings and traditional Ukrainian crafts. This is also a well-known repository for all souvenirs tacky and/or Soviet. Artisans come out in full force on weekends and big holidays. The intriguing building at N°15 is referred to by Kyivites as "Richard's Castle." It is currently under reconstruction, but no worries ... a hidden gem is around back. Head down the street, and to the right you'll find a steep, twisting flight of iron steps. Those with calf muscles tough enough to conquer the climb are rewarded with a commanding vantage point above Podil and the Dnipro. The Bulgakov Museum is a must visit for literary enthusiasts, and is located at N°13. At the bottom of the hill, turn left to Kontraktova ploscha or right to reach Sahaidachnoho vul., an oasis for connoisseurs and coffee lovers.



Golden Gate (Zoloti Vorota) B-3, Volodymyrs'ka 40, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 234 70 68. Zoloti Vorota, one of the most unique architectural/archaeological sites in Kyiv, reopened in 2007 after a lengthy reconstruction. The remains of ancient Kyiv's main gate were originally

constructed during the height of the Kyivan Rus, and are included on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Painstakingly planned by historians and architects, the bright new construction that entombs the ancient walls is considered an exact replica of the original gate. From the platforms, the views of Volodymys'ka vul. and surrounding area are stunning enough to justify the price of admission. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Tue 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Mon. 15Hr for adults, 8Hr for children and students.

House With Chimeras (Dim z khymeramy) C-5, Bankova 10, Mkhreschatyk. Built more than a century ago by eccentric Kyivite Wladislaw Horodecki, this is the most unique structure in Kyiv. Sophisticated architectural forms are buried beneath the phantasmal figures of Horodecki's dreams. The elephant trunk storm drains, rhinos, antelope, gigantic frogs, mermaids and other figures are

constructed of cement, a state-of-the-art material back in the 19th century. A local cement factory owner provided Horodecki with a complimentary supply knowing that the interest generated by such an unusual home would pay-off. Ahead of its time, the design makes full use of the uneven Kyiv landscape: Three stories rise on one side and six descend the hill on the other. The interior design was also considered radically modern, and included an ice room for food storage, a wine cellar, a laundry room, a garage for horse drawn carriages and even a special room for Horodecki's cow. This insured fresh milk for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Shrouded in mystery and legend, this place continues to intrigue visitors.



Independence Square (Maidan Nezalezhnosti) C-4, Maidan Nezalezhnosti. Kyiv's central square has undergone major changes in recent years, both above and below ground. The square is locally referred to as "The Big Greenhouse." That's not a botanical compliment but rather an indictment of the Globus Shopping Centre's glassy domes. Throughout Soviet times, October

Revolution Square, as it was known, featured a daunting Lenin statue. Despite the seemingly constant modifications, Maidan has been the city's epicentre for generations. In 2004, it gained world notoriety for staging the events of the Orange Revolution. Images of the square circulated the globe for weeks as Ukrainians from all walks of life changed/delayed the course of Ukrainian history. As you walk on Maidan, imagine the entire square and surrounding streets filled by a determined yet jubilant orange mob.



Khreschatyk
B-4/5, C-4,
MKhreschatyk.
From its start at
European Square
to its terminus
at Bessarabs'ka
Square, Kyiv's
most beloved
street is not even
two kilometres
long. Despite

what has been called the most impressive unbroken string of Stalinist architecture anywhere, Khreschatyk's wide chestnut lined sidewalks are ideal for a relaxing stroll. The trees provide both welcome shade from the blistering summer sun and shelter from the region's signature spring downpours. On weekends and holidays, the street becomes a pedestrian only thoroughfare where locals, travellers and street performers mingle and frolic. It's hard to imagine that this was once a deep valley surrounded by dense forest. The valley was named Khreschata (crossed) in reference to the many ravines that converged in the area. In ancient times, Kyivan Rus princes hunted wild game here (the only hunting done on Khreschatyk these days is for souvenirs, fashion and fashionable Ukrainian women). Some of the city's best shopping can be found both above and below ground. Trendy malls have been dug beneath Bessarabs'ka and Maidan Nezalezhnosti. Perhaps in an act of poetic justice the whole street will collapse under this retail strain and revert back to a lush valley.

Kyiv In Your Pocket



St. Andrew's Church (Andrilvs'ka Tserkva) C-2, Andrilvs'kyi uzviz 23, Montraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 278 58 61. Famous Italian architect Bartolomeo Rastrelli was the mastermind behind this attractive Baroque church that greets the throngs at the top of Andrilvs'kyi uzviz. Built in 1754, it's one of the

rare buildings in Kyiv that has managed to avoid serious damage or reconstruction. The elegant silhouette of its one large dome and five lesser cupolas are easily visible from Podil and beyond. Apostle Andrew, who was the first Christian to preach the gospel in Kyivan Rus, was said to have erected a cross on this very site. It was the wish of Peter the Great's religiously-minded daughter, Elizabeth, after her visit to Kyiv in 1744 that this church be built. It must be said that compared to the beautiful exterior, the interior is rather disappointing - too much loud red and gold colours and really not much to see. Console yourself with a stroll around the church's perimeter, a walk which the famous Ukrainian writer Gogol also enjoyed.

• Open 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Wed.



St. Michael's Golden-Domed Cathedral (Mykhailivs'kyi Zolotoverkhyi Sobor) C-3, Mykhailivs'ka ploscha, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 279 22 48. Michael's Cathedral is located opposite St. Sophia's Cathedral. The original, built

by Prince Sviatopolk in 1108, was destroyed by the Soviet regime in the 1930's for having "no historical value." The reconstructed cathedral was completed in May 2000. Its sky blue exterior and glittering golden domes add a stunning layer to a cityscape that has become a mix-mash of crumbling ancient and newly reconstructed. A sobering reminder of Stalin's inhumane policies stands to the right as you exit the church grounds. This is a monument to the victims of Holodomor (starvation): A famine orchestrated in part by the Soviet leadership in an attempt to squash the peasantry, as many as 10 million Ukrainians perished from 1932-33. Keeping watch over the square are the reconstructed statues of Princess Olga, Apostle Andrew, St. Cyrill and St. Mephodius. ▶ Open 08:00 - 19:00. Services held daily at 08:00 and 17:00, and on Sundays at 08:00, 10:00, 17:00.



St. Sophia's Cathedral (Sofiys'kyi Sobor) B-3, Volodymyrs'ka 24, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 279 22 56. Kyiv's oldest standing church, St. Sophia's was built in 1037 by Prince Yaroslav the Wise, who incidentally was laid to rest inside. He commissioned the project to commemorate the site of a victory of Kyivan Rus over the Pechenegs (Asian nomadic tribes) and to glorify Christianity. It

was named after the famous St. Sophia's Cathedral in Constantinople. This majestic 13-cupola sanctuary adjoined Yaroslav's Palace and became a holy place of worship for Kyivites as well as a political and cultural centre. Today the entire complex is protected by Ukraine, and also receives support from UNESCO. The 18th century refectory works as a museum and contains archaeological artefacts and architectural displays, such as models depicting Kyiv as it looked before being razed by

# **City tours**

Albatros Travel H-3, Gorkoho 25V, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 495 56 70, info@albatros.travel, www.albatros.travel. Travel company provides excursions and guide services, transportation and accommodation, airline tickets and VIP services at the airport.

> Open 09:00 - 18:00.

Free Tours C-4, Khreschatyk 19A, Mkhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 67 220 66 22/(+380) 66 851 85 58, Info@freetours.klev.ua, www.freetours.klev.ua. Free walking tours around the city centre start every day at 12:00 and 16:00. Meeting point is near the Central Post Office on Maidan Nezalezhnosti. > Open 11:00 - 19:00.

Horlytsia H-5, Panasa Liubchenka 5, office 107, MLybidska, tel. (+380) 44 528 53 52 (working hours)/(+380) 97 886 46 44 (out of working hours), office@horlytsia.com, www.horlytsia.com/en/. Horlytsia invites all guest of Ukraine to discover unforgettable beauty of Kyiv city and other hot-spot places around the country. Exciting sightseeing tours, interesting excursions, culinary trips, all kinds of travel services, all at very competitive prices. ▶ Open 10:00 - 19:00.

Mysterious Kyiv, tel. (+380) 44 491 11 76, tour@ interesniy.klev.ua, www.interesniy.klev.ua. Mysterious Kyiv propose exclusive tours on Secret Kyiv places, Kyiv Caves, Secret Stallin tunnels under Dnipro river, tours to Chernobyl Zone. Excursions in your language.



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ua. Take a tour round the
historical stadium, which
hosted the recent Euro
2012 football championship. NSC Olimpiyskiy pro-

vides sightseeing tours, Prestige Tours, School Tours, and Fan Tours. Take a tour and have a look behind the scenes of the largest stadium in Ukraine. Even for those who cannot discern forward from goalkeeper, the tour will be really exciting, informative and interactive. The tours are conducted Wed, Fri, and Sat (11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00), and on Sun (11:00, 13:00, 15:00).

Open Kiev J-4, Lavrs'ka 16, MKlovs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 227 28 63, www.openklev.com.ua. Open Kiev provides Hop-on Hop-off daily sightseeing bus tours on open top double decker with fantastic views of Kyiv. The first circle of the tour starts at 11:00 from the entrance to Kyivo-Pechers'ka Lavra (Lavrs'ka 16). You can catch a bus on one of 17 stops around Kyiv, then take off at any of them, have a stroll down Khreschatyk or any other and catch the bus again. Commentaries available in English and Russian. ▶ Ticket 150Hr, kids - 100Hr, under 7 for free.

Prime Excursion Bureau D-1, Schekavyts'ka 30/39, Mkontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 227 77 78/(+380) 99 550 00 00, info@primetour.ua, www.primetour.ua. Prime Excursion Bureau provides sightseeing tours of Kyiv, week-end outings and accommodation services throughout Ukraine. All tours are guided by qualified experienced guides and interpreters.

Dopen 09:00 - 18:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 15:00.

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# Chernobyl



It's not every trip abroad you have the chance to visit the site of the world's worst nuclear accident, is it? The Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant is only about a two-hour ride north of Kyiv. Travel agencies offer a day trip to the region, wisely realising that the market for overnight stays is not great. You can actually enter the contaminated zone, where you'll be joined by your English-speaking guide, who will show you the fateful reactor N°4 (from a safe distance). You'll also visit the nearby ghost town of Pripyat - where some apartments still bear witness to the haste in which 47,500 residents were made to leave their homes - and have a chance to converse with residents of surrounding villages who refused to move. A trip to the acres of fields filled with contaminated vehicles, helicopters, etc. used in the cleanup is optional. And in case you're wondering, yes, your body will receive above-average doses of radiation throughout the day, but the effects are said to be harmless... If you are not convinced, you can satisfy your curiosity in radiation free environment: The National Museum of Chernobyl.

National Museum of Chernobyl (Natsional'nyi muzey Chornobyliu) D-1, Khorevyl prov. 1, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 417 54 27. This museum does an excellent job of actually making you feel like you are at the site of the infamous nuclear accident. Road signs from towns and villages near Chernobyl greet you as you ascend the stairs, and as you descend the signs are crossed out to signify your departure. It's usually rather empty, but then again so is the contamination zone. A few exhibits could be a bit scary for kids, such as life-sized costumes with gas masks and pictures of deformed animals. Audio-guide is available in English, German, Russian and Ukrainian. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Sun. Admission 10Hr, children 3Hr.

# **Chernobyl Tours**

Prime Excursion Bureau D-1, Schekavyts'ka 30/39, suite 4, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 227 77 78/207 12 55/0 99 550 00 00, info@primetour. ua, www.primetour.ua. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00. Sat, Sun 10:00 - 18:00

Mysterious Kyiv tel. (+380) 44 491 11 76, tour@interesniy.kiev.ua, www.mysteriouskiev.com.

Doen 10:00 - 19:00.

Mongol invaders in 1240. It costs a meagre 3Hr to enter the grounds. To enter the cathedral itself, purchase tickets from the kiosk around the corner from the bell tower entrance. As you exit don't forget to pose for the postcard - perfect picture with Cossack leader Bohdan Khmelnyts'kyi on his horse against the backdrop of St. Michael's Golden-Domed Cathedral. Guided tours in English are available (80 - 100Hr). ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Wed 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Thu. Admission 50Hr for all exhibits for adults, 20Hr for children and students. Entrance to the Bell Tower costs 10Hr/6Hr. Entrance to the Cathedral's area costs 3Hr.



St. Volodymyr's Cathedral (Volodymyrs'kys)
Sobor) A-4, T. Shevchenka
bul'v. 20, [MUniversytet,
tel. (+380) 44, 35 53 85.
The Cathedral was builtfrom
1862-1882 in a so called
Russian pseudo-Byzantine
style. The frescos inside
were made by famous Russian. Ukrainian and Polish

artists, such as Vasnetsov, Nesterov, Vrubel, Pymonenko and Svedomsky. The church belongs to the Ukrainian Orthodox denomination. • Open 06:00 - 19:30. Services are held daily at 08:00 and 17:00. Sat, Sun at 7:00, 10:00 and 17:00.



Central Synagogue of Kylv A-5, H-3, Shota Rustavell 13, M Palats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 235 00 69. The Central Synagogue was built in 1898 by eminent Kylv philanthropist Lazar Brodsky. This striking architectural monument served as a Jewish religious centre for nearly thirty years until it was seized by the

Soviet Union in 1926. For a short time it hosted a handicraft club, after which it was turned into a doll theatre. During the Nazi occupation, Germans used the synagogue as a stable for Wermacht horses. The building was returned to the Jewish community after the fall of the Soviet Union. Despite the serious damage that resulted from 70 years of neglect, the hall was immediately opened to parishioners. Today a number of Jewish educational, religious and cultural programmes are held here. The Museum of Jewish Heritage is also housed within, and displays ancient books, candelabras, Menorahs and bas-reliefs.



The National Bank of Ukraine (Natsional'nyi Bank Ukrainy) C-5, Instytuts'ka 9, MKhreschatyk. The building of the Ukrainian National Bank is over 100 years old. It was built in early Renaissance style and has survived revolution and two world wars. The griffons; emblems of Kviv. Podillia. and Volvn re-

gions; symbols of trade, transportation, industry, and agriculture on the outside of the building have remained intact and have not been changed since construction. While renovation and restoration has preserved much of he building's features, however, some have alas been lost. During the last period of renovation the aroma of roses - which emanated from the garden in the interior courtyard and was delivered to the rest of the building via a special ventilation system - was lost.

#### Museums

Bulgakov Museum C-2, Andriivs'kyi uzviz 13, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 425 31 88/ (+380) 67 493 45 25, bulgakov.org.ua. The celebrated Russian writer Mikhail Bulgakov lived in this house from 1906-1916 and again from 1918-1919. It was here that he wrote the novel *The White Guard* and the play *Days* of *Turbins*. The old Bulgakov family home is now home to the Bulgakov Museum, which displays the author's personal things and family photos. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00, Mon 12:00 - 17:00. Closed Wed. Admission 30Hr. Excursion (up to 15 persons) - 100Hr.

FC Dynamo Kyiv museum at NSC Olimpiyskiy A-6, Velyka Vasylkivska 55, tel. (+380) 44 597 00 15/(+380) 44 597 00 16. The museum was founded on 14 April, 2012. The exposition includes many FC Dynamo Kyiv trophies from over 85 years of football history, photo archives and some very unique trophies.

Ivan Honchar's Museum, Ukrainian Centre of Folk Art J-4, Ivana Mazepy 29, Marsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 288 92 68/(+380) 44 288 54 19, www.honchar.org.ua. The Museum was founded in September 1993 and is based on Ivan Honchar's (1911-1993) private collection. During the Soviet period he was accused of nationalism. All those who manifested interest in his collection were registered with the KGB. The collection represents the "Ukrainahood" of the 17-20th centuries and has 15 000 pieces. The centre piece of Honchar's collection are the folk pictures, the inventive hero "Mamai Cossack" is especially popular. Also impressive is the elaborate collection of clothes from the 18-19th centuries (2500 samples) as well as pottery art exhibits (630 plates, dishes, crockery and zoomorphic ceramic toys). ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:30. Closed Mon. Admission 15Hr, 3Hr for children.

Kyiv Fortress Museum A-6, Hospital'na 24A, M Palats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 235 01 46. This part of the city's fortifications was built in 1844. Arguably, this structure's history has more do with defenseless people rather than defending people. It was here that supporters of the Tsar carried out executions of political prisoners, including the leaders of a Polish rebellion, in the 1860s. At the beginning of the 20th century, participants in a revolt of the Kyiv Pioneer Regiment met the same fate. Also during this time, ammunition and weapons were stored in this semi-underground fortress with solid brick and stone walls. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00, Fri 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Mon. Admission 14Hr.

Museum of Modern Ukrainian Fine Arts Collection D-2, Hlybochyts'ka 17, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 463 76 69, modern-museum.org.ua. On the 17th of June 2005 the first Museum of Modern Art of Ukraine has hospitably greeted its visitors. First it was founded in a historical part of Kyiv, but in December 2009 the Museum moved to a new three-stories building at Glybochytska 17. Sufficient room (about 3.5 thousand square metres) enabled the creation of the first independent exposition of the best works in the collection (it is located on the second and third floors of the Museum). The exposition is to be changed every two years. Today the Museum displays collections of ancient Ukrainian icons, classics of Ukrainian painting of the beginning of the 20th century, Ukrainian art of realism and sociorealism of the second half of the XX century are widely represented here as well as the works by underground artists of 1960-1970s. There are also available two exhibition. halls for temporary displays (the entire 1st floor and the small exhibition hall of the third floor). There is a functioning library in the Museum; theoretically-practical activities take place in a lecture hall: master-classes, lections, seminars, round-table discussions, conferences with invited Ukrainian and foreign art-scholars, artists and gallerists. > Open 11:00 - 19:00. Closed Mon. Admission 20Hr, for students 10Hr.



# Mamajeva Sloboda

Cossack's Settlement Mamaieva Sloboda E-3. Dontsia 2, tel. (+380) 44 361 98 48/(+380) 063 782 78 31 (excursions department), www.mamajevasloboda.ua. In the middle of XVII century French engineer and cartographer Guillaume Le Vasseur de Beauplan said "Ukraina est Terra Cosacorum" (Ukraine is a Land of Cossacs). Almost 400 years after in seven kilometres from the main street of Ukraine's capital an open-air museum Mamaieva Sloboda Cossacs' Village has been settled. The Cossack's Sloboda with its 98 exhibition objects is located on the 9 hectares and represent replicas of historical settlement depicting Ukrainian nature and lifestyle of the old times. In just few steps from the main gate of the settlement (Tsarina) you feel yourself transferred into the Cossacks epoch of the 17th - 18th centuries. Then after visiting the unique Cossacks three-domed wooden church founded in the name of Intercession of the Holy Virgin you'll be treated as the most welcome visitor of the estates of a Churchwarden, a Potter, a Blacksmith, a Cossack-dzhura (Cossack armour bearer) and a Fortune-teller. Except just walking around and watching Mamajeva Sloboda offers excursions and folk craft master-classes, horse riding, driving a horse-drawn carriage, firing a salute from Cossack's cannons, arrangement of genuine Ukrainian weddings and banquets according to old traditions and many more. We also can recommend you to taste historical traditional dishes in their shynok (Ukrainian restaurant). > Open 10:00 - 17:00. Admission 100Hr. Excursions in English. German, French, Italian and Spanish are available, but must be arranged in advance. For 10 people and more ecxursion costs 130 Hr.

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# **Pyrohovo**



Folk Architecture and Life Museum Pyrohovo, marshrutkas #172 and 156 from, MLybids'ka, tel. (+380) 44 526 57 65/(+380) 44 526 25 27, nmnapu. org.ua. There is a place in Kyiv where you can say "Let's go to the 16th century Carpathians" and then find yourself there in a matter of minutes. No...we're not offering you a ride in Doc Brown's Delorean time machine. It's Pyrohovo - a picture sque open-air museum of old Ukrainian lifestyle and folk culture. The museum is divided into areas representing different regions of Ukraine. The clay huts roofed with thatch or wooden shingles and the archaic barns and wells recreate an authentic village atmosphere. Everything is meant to bring you back to the Ukraine of 16th to 19th centuries. At Pyrohovo you will find wooden churches, windmills, and even a school building typical of rural areas from recent centuries. Different kinds of structures (watermills, forges, cattle-sheds "shopa", granaries "komora", threshing floors, "stodola" for storing cereals, apiaries, hen houses, cellars and wells) will tell you the story of how folks lived in Ukraine centuries ago. If everything at the museum seems very authentic, that's because it really is. Most of the buildings are in fact original and were moved here piece by piece from villages all over Ukraine. From the main entrance, the road leads you across a large wheat field to the Middle Prydniprovia sector with the Church of the Great Martyn, Saint Paraskeva Friday (Cherkassy region, 1742), the small Church of the Archangel Michael (1601), and a unique collection of windmills "vitriaky". Next, on the hillside, you will come to the Podillia sector with the Church of Saint Nicholas and a bell tower from the beginning of the 19th century, brought here from the Husiatyn area. At the centre of the museum's territory the Poltavschyna and Slobozhanschyna complex is arranged. A little farther on, visitors can see the Polissye sector dominated by the unique hip-roof Voskresens'ka Church (Rivnenschyna, 17th-18th century). The exposition of village huts (khatas) here is unique for their age (1587 to 1687). In the northern part of the museum, the Carpathian sector features scattered small farms, with the bell tower of the ancient Pokrovs'ka Church rising above.

But wait till you get inside these huts! There you will find stunning exhibitions of traditional Ukrainian clothing, ceramics, household and farming equipment, and of course the stove. This was the centrepiece of any khata, and was used for cooking, drying, heating and even sleeping. Pyrohovo is also a great park - a pleasant retreat with plenty of space for playing games with kids or for a leisurely afternoon in the shade of trees. If you want to get around faster, you may rent a bike or even hire a horseback ride. And if you care for your spiritual well-being, visit the church service on Sunday. Held in one of the museum's beautiful ancient wooden churches, it is a real adventure for your soul. Traditional fairs are organised at Pyrohovo in May and September, to mark the beginning and the end of the season. But don't worry if you miss them. There are plenty of festivals and celebrations going on at Pyrohovo the whole season. Main national and religious holidays are celebrated here according to folk traditions. Dopen 10:00 - 17:00. Admission 30Hr, 10Hr for students. English-speaking guides available.

Museum of Russian Art A-4, Tereschenkivs'ka 9, MTeatral'na, tel. (+380) 44 234 62 18, www.kmrm. com.ua/eng. Outside of Moscow and St. Petersburg, one of the largest collections of Russian art is housed here. The building belonged to the upper-class Tereschenko family and was built in the 1880s. Private artworks confiscated and nationalised by the Soviets along with the Tereschenkos' holdings formed the bulk of the museum's exhibits when it was opened in 1922. The most prized displays are a collection of exceptional Russian icons dating back to the late 13th century. The museum features artwork from many famous Russian painters such as I. Repin, M. Vrubel and N. Rerikh, as well as sculptures, handicraft and graphics. Kids should be kept on a tight rein as the staff can be rude if little people get too close to exhibits. Doen Tue. Fri 11:00 - 19:00. Wed. Sat. Sun 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Thu. Admission 30Hr, 10Hr for students, 5Hr for children, English tours 250Hr.

Museum of the Great Patriotic War J-4, Lavrs'ka 24, MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 285 94 52, www. warmuseum.kiev.ua. This World War II memorial complex, which opened in 1981, includes a museum with 18 different galleries, an eternal flame, plaques honouring particularly heroic Soviet cities and an outdoor display containing military planes and other equipment from various wars. The centrepiece of it all is of course the massive titanium statue of a woman, 62m tall to be exact, grasping a 12-ton sword and a shield. Honouring Soviet defenders during World War II, its Socialist Realism style is an interesting contrast to the nearby ancient golden domes of Pechers'ka Lavra. If you're just slightly worried about the 'Mother of the Motherland' being a tad too top-heavy, you're not the only one. There have been scattered reports that the whole structure was not build very soundly and is danger of falling over, but so far so good. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Mon. Admission 10Hr, 3Hr for students. 36 m view point - 50Hr, 91m view point - 200Hr.

National Art Museum C-5, M.Hrushevs'koho 6, MMaidan Nezalezhosti, tel. (+380) 44 278 13 57, www.namu.kiev.ua. Built in the late 19th century in the style of a Greek temple with a six-column portico designed by Kyiv architects Horodets'kyi and Boytsov, valuable collections largely unknown to Western visitors are contained in the museum's 21 galleries. Pieces include Ukrainian icons, paintings, and sculptures from the 14th century through the early 20th century. Works of revered artist and poet Taras Shevchenko, M.Pymonenko, K.Kostandi and H.Narbut are some of the highlights of the museum. ▶ Open Wed, Thu, Sun 10:00 - 18:00, Fri 12:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 19:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission 20Hr, 10Hr for students, 5Hr for children.

National History Museum C-2, Volodymyrs'ka 2, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 278 29 24. Located on a bluff above Andriivs'kyi uzviz, this museum carries forth on a wide range of topics concerning Ukraine's history from prehistoric times up to the present day. There are extensive collections of old books, coins and bills, works of art and archaelogical and ethnographical findings. Behind the museum is a path that leads to a wonderful view from Old Kyiv's highest point overlooking the lower town of Podil. > Open 10:00 - 16:45. Closed Wed. Admission 24Hr, 12Hr for students and children.

The Bohdan and Varvara Khanenko Museum of Arts A-4, Tereshchenkivs'ka 15-17, (M)L'va Tolstoho, tel./fax (+380) 44 235 02 06, www.khanenkomuseum.kiev.ua. The house was owned by a famous collector of art and benefactor Bohdan Khanenko (1849-1917), and his wife Varvara (1852-1922). In 1919, on the base of their private collection, a museum was opened in this house. For a long period of time it was known as Kyiv State Museum of Western and Eastern Art. Now its initial name has been given back. The embellishments of the collection are works of outstanding Renaissance masters. Rich diversity of genres distinguishes the museum's holdings of North European countries. The exposition of Span-

ish art includes two true gems from the XVII century - "Portrait of Infant Margarita" by Diego Velasquez and "5till Life with Chocolate Milk" by Juan de Zurbaran. • Open 10:30 - 17:30. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission 20-30Hr, 10Hr for students. English tours 250Hr by appointment (group of 10-25 people).

The National Museum "Memorial in Commemoration of Famines' Victims in Ukraine" C-6, Lavrs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 254 45 11, www.memorialgolodomors.org. During the whole existence of the Soviet Union regime Ukrainian people endured horrible tragedies - famines of 1921-1922, 1932-1933, 1946-1947, which took millions of Ukrainian's lives. The worst humanitarian catastrophe of 20th century for Ukraine was an artificially engineered by Stalin's regime Famine of 1932-1933, during which 3 941 000 people died. Museum is dedicated to the victims of these awful tragedies. Excursions are held every hour from 10:00. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon. Admission 5Hr. Excursion in English 100r.

The One Street Museum C-2, H-1, Andrilvs'kyi uzviz 2B, Mkontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 425 03 98, onestreet.klev.ua. This fascinating little museum near the bottom of Andrilvs'kyi uzviz tells the rich history of this important street through the years. Special attention is paid to recreating the atmosphere of this thoroughfare during the turn of the 20th century. It open 12:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon. Admission 20Hr. English guided tours 150Hr.

The Pharmacy Museum D-2, Prytys'ko-Mykils'ka 7, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 425 24 37. You may be wondering just how much enjoyment can be had out of a museum whose sole subject is the history of pharmaceuticals, but when you think of the vital role drugs play in the lives of the capitals legions of cold sufferers it becomes clear that this cosy little museum is a must of social history. The building is in great condition and dates back to 1728.

• Open 09:00 - 17:00. Admission 15Hr, 10Hr for children.

The Spiritual Treasures of Ukraine C-3, Desiatynna 12, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 278 83 08. This museum is the first private art museum in Ukraine. In bright spacious halls of museum more than 300 first class works of Ukrainian icon-painters of 15th-19th centuries are presented from almost all regions from West to East of Ukraine and more than 100 iconograthical images and themes. The museum has also the collection of the works of the world-known Ukrainian painter Maria Prymachenko. 50 of her best works of naive art are presented at the museum. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00. Closed Mon, Wed, Fri. Admission 15Hr, for children and students 5Hr.

Toys museum C-6, Klovs'kyi uzviz 8, Mklovs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 253 54 00. This museum is located on the ground floor of the State Centre of the out of School Education. The first hall has collections of hand made dolls from a variety of fairy tales; the second hall has authentic Ukrainian dolls; and the third one presents Ukrainian history through the dolls' history. The oldest dolls in the collection were made in the 1930s; the youngest were made just recently. Do not miss the first Ukrainian transformer among the collection of 10,000 toys. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Mon, Sun. Admission 10Hr, 5Hr for children, students. ③ M

Water Information Centre D-4, M.Hrushevs'koho 1C, MMaldan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 279 53 33, www.aqua-klev.Info. Anyone strolling through Khreschatyi Park (behind European Square and The Philharmonic) will notice the two towers rising above the tree line. They host a museum of water, which contains information on water resources: natural water circulation, potable water purification, new technologies and water's chemical components. Entering the centre you descend in an elevator to a depth of 20 meters and are confronted by fascinating exhibits. Admission adults 15Hr, children and students 10Hr. > Open Wed, Thu, Fri 10:00 - 16:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission 25Hr, 20Hr children and students.

#### Flora & Fauna

Central Botanical Garden (Central'nyi Botanichnyi Sad) J-5, Tymiriazivs'ka 1, MDruzhby Narodiv, tel. (+380) 44 285 45 27, www.nbg.klev. ua/en/. A real cornucopia of trees and plant life awaits visitors to this picturesque riverside setting. The garden's

collection embraces a total of about 13,000 kinds of trees, bushes and grasses halling from five continents. Opened in 1936, the garden also hosts frequent flower and plant exhibitions. Head toward the Dnipro River and look for the green domes of Vydubits'kyi Monastery, which was founded in 1070. The monastery, which was



supported by the Cossack elite and is still active today, once owned the botanical garden. Behind the monastery is a fairly breathtaking view of the Dnipro, especially when framed by the newly-bloomed flowers and trees of spring.

• Open 09:30 - 19:00. Admission 20Hr, for childen and students 5Hr. Monthly pass - 150Hr.

Fomin Botanical Garden (Botanichnyi sad imeni Fomina) G-3, Symona Petliury 1 A, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 234 60 56, www.fominbotsad. narod.ru. One of the oldest botanical garden in Ukraine was founded on May 22, 1839. It is subdivided into four scientific sections: dendrology, herb introduction, tropical and subtropical plant introduction, physiology and biochemistry of plants inductors. It also has a Botanical Museum, seeds laboratory, scientific library. The collections funds of the Botanical Garden amounts to 10,000 species, varieties, forms and kinds of arboretous and herbaceous plants. There is a large greenhouse complex in the Botanical Garden where are represented more than 4,000 taxons of tropical and subtropical plants. Some of them are more than 100 years old. Namely the 200 years old specimen of Livinstona australis and others. > Tours every day only at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:00. Admission for adults 10Hr, children 5Hr.

Zoo F-2, Peremohy prosp. 32, M Politekhnichny Institut, tel. (+380) 241 77 69, www.zoo.net.ua. Founded in 1908 the Zoo occupies almost 40ha and houses over 3,000 animals representing about 350 species. Hoofed animals are particularly prominent, and you will also find a decent variety of lions, tigers and bears (oh my!), along with many other species of mammals, birds and a rather interesting terrarium. Alas, the descriptive information is only in Ukrainian, so just make up your own facts. For those with little ones, the Zoo also contains a small amusement park - you can enjoy a great bird's eye view of your favourite animals from the top of the Ferris wheel. However, sworn activists of animal protection will likely be dismayed at some of the cramped cages with concrete floors that are in sore need of improvement. On the other hand much renovation work is being done now, and although it might be inconvenient for visitors in the short run, we have hope that the animals' living conditions will be considerably upgraded in the near future. Dopen 09:00 - 20:00. Closed Mon. Ticket office open 09:00 - 18:30.

#### Lavra



Kyivo-Pechers'ka Lavra J-3, Lavrska 9, MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 280 30 71, www.kplavra.klev.ua. This monastery made Kyiv the "Rome" of Orthodox Christianity and continues to attract pilgrims from around the world. Its territory of 28ha contains not only churches, towers and an underground cave system, but also some of Kyiv's most interesting museums.

First about the name: In Ukrainian 'pechera' means 'cave', while 'Lavra' is an Orthodox term given to its largest monastery. Founded in 1051 by monks Antony and Feodosiy, Lavra was called to spread the newly-adopted Christian religion throughout Kyivan Rus. Monks worshipped, lived and were buried in caves, where a cool and humid atmosphere enabled their bodies to mummify naturally. This "miracle" further enhanced the monastery's reputation. The monks' bodies have been almost perfectly preserved to this day. You can see for yourself by descending into the caves with a candle to lead the way. Of particular interest are those monks so humble that they only allowed their feet to be exposed. Women are required to wear scarves, which are provided if you don't have your own. English tours can be arranged at the ticket kiosk or with nice old ladies inside the entrance.

Lavra became a leading religious and cultural focal point of Eastern Europe in the 12th century. Studios for icon painting and the creation of mosaics served many Kyiv churches, and a scriptorium oversaw the translation of foreign literature into Slavic. The influential Slavic history "The Chronicle of Bygone Years" was written here by the historian Nestor. Other notable features include the burial site of Yuri Dolgorukiy (founder of Moscow) inside the Church of the Saviour of Berestovo; and the 18th century bell tower, the highest in all of Ukraine at 96m.

Following years of Communist rule, the government has recently returned many buildings to the Orthodox Church. The monastery now operates as the Kyiv Theological Seminary and Academy. There are also many museums on the territory, the best of which are listed below. • Open 09:00 - 18:00. Admission: adults 50Hr, children 25Hr.

#### Lavra Museums & Exhibitions

Museum of Historical Valuables J-3, Lavrska 9 (Lavra), MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 280 13 96, www. miku.org.ua. It is sure that the Louvre, the Hermitage, or the Prado would be happpy to have such a collection of Scythian gold as this museum. The gem of the collection is the so-called Pectoral, Scythian queen's neck adornment from the 4th century B.C. The 1.4kg Pectoral was made of pure gold by a master craftman of the time. Despite its very old age the well-preserved detailing is amazing. The second most important valuable is the silver bowl unearthed from the Gaiman Barrow and kept in specially designed chamber filled with inert gas. This is far from all one can see in the nine halls of this museum. The treasures of Kyiv Rus, West European and Jewish ceremonial silverware, and works by the best Ukrainian jewelers of the past and present can all be found here. > Open 10:00 - 17:45. Closed Mon. Admission 30Hr, children 15Hr. State Museum of Theatre, Music and Cinema Arts of Ukraine J-3, Lavrska 9, MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 280 18 34. The museum was created in 1923. Here we can see the so-called 'vertep' (the Ukrainian puppet theatre of the 18th century), playbills and pictures of the plays of different Ukrainian theatre troupes and the personal effects of famous artists and musicians. Dopen 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Tue. Admission 15Hr, children and students 7Hr.

State Museum of Ukrainian Decorative Art J-3, Lavrska 9 (Lavra), MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 280 36 93. The original art of the Ukrainian people is widely represented here: icons, decorated eggs, embroidery, clothing, pottery, glass, faience, etc. There are special displays devoted to the work of the famous artists Kateryna Bilokur and Mariya Pryimachenko. Dopen 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Tue. Admission 20Hr, children 3Hr, students 5Hr, retirees 7Hr. **Ukrainian State Museum of Books and Printing** J-3, Lavrska 9 (Lavra), MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 280 22 10, bookmuseum-ua.livejournal.com. The museum is located in the space formerly occupied by the Lavra typography, which was built in the 18th century. The collection includes manuscript volumes from the times of Kyivan Rus, the first Ukrainian printed editions of the Lviv 'Apostle' (1574) by Ivan Fedorov (Ukraine's first printer), the 'Ostroh Bible' as well as fine examples of old Ukrainian book illustrations and many other rare exhibits. Dopen 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Tue. Admission 15Hr, children and students 5Hr.

Exibition of Microminiatures by M. Syadristyi J-3, Lavrska 9 (Lavra), [Marsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 280 81 37, www.microart.kiev.ua. A world of wonder is presented for the visitors of this inimitable exhibition. The exhibits displayed here are so tiny that they can be seen only under the microscope. Every work of art is exceptionally unique and have been made by the craftsman M.Syadrystyi, Honorary Master of Ukrainian Folk Art. His creative art inspired the creation of a new world - "microminiature". 
• Open 09:00 - 17:30. Closed Tue. Close every day from 13:30 - 14:30 for lunch. Admission 10Hr, children 6Hr.



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# Shopping malls

Bil'shovyk E-2, Vadyma Hetmana 6, MShuliavs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 200 07 54, www.trc-bolshevik.com. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00. ※@ ⑤ P

Dream Town N-2, Obolons'kyl prosp. 1B, MObolon, Minska, tel. (+380) 44 428 36 11, dreamtown.kiev.ua/. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00.

Globus C-4, Maidan Nezalezhnosti (Underground), MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 590 18 93, www.globus.com.ua. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00.

Mandarin Plaza B-5, Baseina 4, Mkhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 230 95 50, fax (+380) 44 230 95 91, www. mandarin.klev.ua. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00.

Metrograd B-5, Bessarabs'ka ploscha (underground), ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 247 56 65, www.metrograd.com. Depen 10:00 - 21:00.

Ocean Plaza H-5, Gorkoho 176, MLybidska, tel. (+380) 44 537 23 64, www.oceanplaza.com.ua. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00.

Sky Mall Generala Vatutina prosp. 2, M Petrivka, tel. (+380) 44 371 41 30/(+380) 44 371 41 32, skymall@ arricano.com.ua, skymall.ua. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00.

#### **Books**

ChitayGorod B-3, B.Khmelnytskoho 3B, MTeatralna, tel. (+380) 44 279 64 38. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00.

Knyharnia YE B-3, Lysenka 3, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 235 88 54. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00.

Litera H-3, L'va Tolstoho 11/61, M Ploscha Lva Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 234 81 97. ▶ Open 09:00 - 22:00. Naukova Dumka C-4, M.Hrushevs'koho 4, M Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 278 06 96. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.

Siayvo A-5, Chervonoarmiys'ka 6, MPloscha Lva Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 235 43 66. Depen 10:00 - 20:00

#### **Fashion**

# Food & Drink

Billa B-5, Bessarabska pl. 2, MPloscha Lva Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 490 56 82. ▶ Open 24hrs.

Furshet B-5, Baseina 4, MPloscha Lva Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 230 95 21. Dopen 24hrs.

Good Wine B-5, Mechnikova 9, Mklovska, tel. (+380) 44 390 79 60, www.goodwine.ua. Also at Heroiv Stalinhrada 16B. ▶ Open 09:00 - 22:00. 24hrs on Fri.

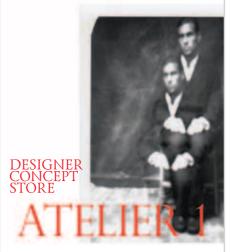
Megamarket H-4, Gorkoho 50, MOlimpiyska, tel. (+380) 44 248 73 87. ▶ Open 09:00 - 24:00.

Polyana B-2, Observatorna 12A, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 800 50 16 16, www.polyana.kiev.ua. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00. ©€

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# **Billiard & Bowling**

Chameleon G-2, Peremohy prosp. 3, Ukraine Shopping Mall, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 496 17 17, www.club300.com.ua. Chameleon is the only bowling club in downtown Kyiv. It is located on the third floor of Ukraina Mall. There are ten bowling lanes, a bar, and a restaurant in the club. ▶ Open 11:00 - 06:00. 99-198Hr per hour.

Jumbo 0-4, Moskovs'kyl prosp. 20B, MPetrivka, tel. (+380) 44 390 53 77, www.jumbo.kiev.ua. This bowling club is located on the fourth floor of the Plazma Shopping Centre, and is the biggest in Kyiv; thirty Brunswick bowling lanes compensate the distance from downtown. There is individual lane polishing for professionals and ten bowling lanes with bumpers for beginners. Qualified instructors are also available. The fine for hitting the screen hanging over the lane with the ball is 6000Hr. Bowl carefully. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. 78-216Hr per hour.

Machaon L-2, Luhova 12 (Karavan Shopping Mall), M Obolon', tel. (+380) 44 206 43 33, www.club300. com.ua. Like other bowling clubs, Machaon is situated in a shopping mall and is a popular relaxation venue after lots of shopping. The club has ten bowling lanes. > 78-198Hr per hour.

Mayak N-5, Moskovs'kyl prosp. 17/1, MPetrivka, tel. (+380) 44 464 69 01. The Mayak Billiard Club is one of the most prestigious in Ukraine. The interiors are designed to be in perfect harmony with the green baize of the tables, and every kind of billiards is on offer, from American pool to English snooker and the Russian pyramid. ▶ Open 24 hrs. Admission 60-70Hr. [₱]

Maximum Dekabrystiv 12/37, Mkharkivs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 562 62 62. Your bowling options at Maximum include the cosmic variety, for which you'll pay fairly astronomic prices of up to 198Hr/h - at more sensible times the hourly price is as low as 78Hr. But this Left Bank complex offers much more: a restaurant, six bars, billiards, disco, casino and striptease dancing. Plus fun kid's activities every Sunday at 12:00. ▶ Open 12:00 - 06:00, Sun 11:00 - 06:00. ▶ ♣ Mæ Pli 🏔 💬

Mirage A-1, Artema 37/41, MLuk'yanivs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 461 90 87. Is this really the same game that beer-guzzling rednecks play in the heartland of America? The comparison stops fairly abruptly with the equipment, which is the same, thankfully. Not only can you enjoy the six sublime lanes, you can also shoot pool, dance, drink, dine and even sing karaoke. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. 

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Strike Peremohy prosp. 84, MNyvky, tel. (+380) 44 501 01 10/501 01 11, www.strike.kiev.ua. For the pleasure of knocking down pretty white pins with a heavy ball at Strike, the prices start at a reasonable 66Hr/h before 17:00 and then climb to a whopping hourly rate of 216Hr after 22:00. We know it's only bowling, but you'll need to dress up a little if you're hopping to fit in with the "New Ukrainian" crowd. ▶ Open 11:00 - 02:00, Mon 17:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 04:00. 图 M @ M @ M © M

Ultramarin G-3, Uritskoho 1A, MVokzal'na, tel. (+380) 44 206 03 51/(+380) 44 206 03 553, www. ultramarine.com.ua. The Ultramarine club was one of the first bowling clubs in Ukraine. It has the fastest pin spotter in the city, 18 bowling lanes, three tables for Russian billiards, and two for American billiards. ▶ Open 10:00 - 06:00.

# Bouldering

**UP!** Holosilvskylv prosp. 27, MGolosilvska, tel. (+380) 50 816 76 60, www.up-climbing.com.ua. Single visit 30-50Hr. 10 visits - 300-450Hr. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00.

Jiwa Chystiakivska 20, MSviatoshyn, tel. (+380) 96 100 00 88. Single visit 35-50Hr. 8 visits - 320Hr. ▶ Open 08:00 - 11:00, 16:00 - 22:00. Sat, Sun 11:00 - 17:00.

#### Fitness clubs

5th Element Club Elektrykiv 29A, Mkontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 351 77 33, www.5el.com. ua/eng/. This fitness club is situated on Rybalsky Island, near the Dnipro River. Clients have the opportunity to mix fitness with relaxation and healthy food. There is a beauty salon, a spa centre, several workout rooms, a gym and tennis courts. ▶ Open Mon-Fri 07:00-23:00, Sat-Sun 09:00-23:00.

Aquarium Fitness Centre 0-1, Heroiv Stalinhrada 45, MMins'ka, tel. (+380) 44 239 22 22, www.aquarium. ua. Aquarium features 3 indoor pools, diving pool, fitness centre, cardiozone, 8 aerobic studios, 3 tennis courts, minifootball field, billiard, children's club, saunas and medical-cosmetology centre. > Open 07:00 - 23:00.

Club Olympus C-3, Tarasova 5A (Hyatt Regency Kylv Hotel), MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 581 12 40, www.kylv.regency.hyatt.com. The state of the art gymnasium is fitted with the latest equipment from Technogym such as cardiovascular machines, a wide range of strength machines, free weight and high-tech audio visual equipment. The aquafacility includes 22-meter indoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, steam room, Finish sauna, cold jet shower as well as a juice bar for a complete sense of relaxation.

Den 06:00 - 23:30.

Favourite V.I.P. Club C-5, Muzeinyi prov. 6, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 278 33 38, www.favoritvipclub.com.ua. One of the best fitness clubs and spas in the whole of Ukraine. Given its prime location, this club is popular amongst the political, cultural, and business élite of Kyiv. It has a wide range of facilities, VIP service and the newest in deluxe pampering technology. No Doen 07:00 - 23:00.

Kodokan C-4, M.Hrushevs'koho 3, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 279 01 01. Not for the light of wallet, one-month membership here costs \$550. However, towels and robes are available in 'any quantity', and kids under 14 get in free with their card-carrying parents. ▶ Open 07:00 - 23:00, Mon, Sat 09:00 - 21:00.

#### Golf

Golf Centre Kiev (Obolon') 0-3, Heroiv Stalinhrada 10D, [MMins'ka, tel. (+380) 44 230 94 36, www.golf-center.com.ua. The first 50 balls on the Driving Range cost 100Hr with each additional 50 balls for 50Hr. Club rental is available: 35-50Hr for irons, 39-100Hr for woods. The golf course is open on weekdays. Popen, Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 14:00 - 20:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 20:00. Closed Tue.

# Horse riding

Butenko Stable Komsomol's'ka 12, Protsiv Village, Borispil District, tel. (+380) 44 593 80 33, www.butenko-stable.com.ua. Elite horse club, restaurant, grill-bar, park-hotel. > Open 10:00 - 24:00. @[[]]

# Ice skating

Bil'shovyk E-2, Het'mana 6 (Bil'shovyk shopping mall), MShullavs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 200 07 50. ▶ Open 08:00 - 03:00. Admission 25 - 55Hr. 15-35Hr.

Ice Dream N-2, Obolons'kyi prosp. (between Obolon and Mins'ka Metro stations), MMins'ka, tel. (+380) 44 428 36 11. ▶ Open 08:15 - 01:15. Admission 30-60Hr, 20-35Hr for children.

Karavan L-2, Luhova 9 (Karavan Shopping mall), MMins'ka, tel. (+380) 44 461 82 06. ▶ Open 08:15 - 01:15, Fri, Sat 08:15 - 02:30. Admission and 45 minutes of skating costs 20-40Hr for adults, 10-20Hr for children.

Liodova Arena Kyivs'ka 136, Brovary (Termiani Shopping Mall), MLisova, tel. (+380) 44 200 13 06. ▶ Open 09:30 - 24:00, Fri 09:30 - 01:30. Admission 20-50Hr, 20-30Hr for children

# Parachute jumping

Borodyanka, tel. (+380) 44 553 26 43, info@paraskuf. com.ua, www.paraskuf.com.ua. You can join the Para-Skuf club at Borodyansky airfield, 45km from Kyiv. 
Open 09:00 - 18:00.

Chaika, MSvyatoshin, tel. (+380) 44 424 82 93, fax (+380) 44 444 75 71, info@dropzone.kiev.ua, www.dropzone.kiev.ua. Located 15km to the west of the city centre, the Chaika sports complex and airfield provides training for first-timers. More seasoned jumpers can get some fresh air at an altitude of 4200m.

# Swimming pools

Aquapark Terminal Brovary, Kyivs'ka 316, tel. (+380) 44 200 14 50/200 29 80/200 29 81, www. aquapark-terminal.com.ua. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 23:00.

Olymp H-4, Dymytrova 10, MOlimplyska, tel. (+380) 44 287 61 49. You'll pay 60Hr for a 45-minute swim at Olymp. Regular vistors can go 10 times for 540Hr and save 60 hryvnas. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sat 09:00 - 18:00, Sun 09:00 - 16:00

Yunist J-5, Bastionna 7, M Druzhby Narodiv, tel. (+380) 44 285 21 22. The minimum price here is 35Hr, which grants you four visits at an hour-and-a-half each. ▶ Open 06:00 - 09:00.

#### Tennis courts

Merydian Heroiv Sevastopolia 11B, MBeresteis'ka, tel. (+380) 44 408 64 44, www.meridian-sport.com. ua. A court costs 100-120Hr/hour.

Podil Tennis Courts N-6, Mezhyhirs'ka 56/63A, MTarasa Shevchenko, tel. (+380) 44 451 58 58. One hour of open court tennis costs from 80Hr. 130-180Hr on a closed court. Lessons cost 110-130Hr per hour. Depen 07:00 - 23:00.

# Yoga Centres

Ishvara Zhylyanska 72A, MUniversitet, tel. (+380) 44 360 11 57, www.yoga.kiev.ua. Single visit 70Hr, 4 visits -225Hr, 8 visits - 435Hr. ▶ Open 07:00 - 22:30.

Andriy Sydersky Studio N-6, Mezhyhirs'ka 56/63A, MTarasa Shevchenko, tel. (+380) 44 451 58 58, www. yoga.ua/. Single visit 85Hr, 4 visits - 275Hr, 8 visits - 525Hr. b Open 07:30 - 22:00.

#### Health

#### 24h Pharmacies

03 Apteka A-4, T.Shevchenka bul'v. 58, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 455 61 05. Also at Dorohozhytska 17. > Open 24hrs.

Vitalux A-3, Shota Rustaveli 15B, M Palats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 593 22 22. Also at Dmytrivska 2, ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00.

# Clinic & Hospitals

American Medical Centre F-1, Berdychivs'ka 1, MLuk'yanivs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 490 76 00, www. amcenters.com. Individual, family and corporate medical plans. Children's health. Women health. 24hrs emergency visit, hospitalization or evacuation abroad. > Open 24hrs.

CMD G-1, Pymonenka 10A, MLuk'yanivs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 239 12 23, www.cmd.kiev.ua. A full spectrum of laboratory tests with results within 24hrs. Complex diagnostic programmes (therapy, cardiology, gastroenterology, immunology and allergology). ▶ Open 24hrs, Sat 08:00 - 20:00, Sun 08:00 - 18:00. ☐

Dobrobut G-1, Pymonenka 10, MLuk'yanivs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 495 28 88/(+380) 44 495 28 88, www. med.dobrobut.com. Emergency services, consultations for adults and children, in-patient unit, diagnostics, medical assistance and transportation of patients within Kyiv, Ukraine and abroad. Also at Tatars'ka 2E; Povitroflots'kyi prosp. 38; prosp. Komarova 3, corp. 5. ▶ Open 24hrs.

Laboratory Dr. Roedger I-4, Staronavodnyts'ka 13 section A, office 48, MPechers'ka, tel. (+380) 44 569 28 28, info@medlab.klev.ua. Offers a full range of laboratory analyses. Samples are sent twice a week to Berlin in Germany for processing. They will give you a full run-down of your clinical health. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00, Sat 09:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun.

Ukrainian-German Clinic H-4, Chervonoarmiys'ka 67/7, MRespulikans'kyi Stadlon, tel. (+380) 44 289 52 72/(+380) 44 289 44 35. A private centre that provides medical services in therapy, obstetricsgynaecology, urology, andrology, dermatovenerology, dermatocosmetology, mammology, endocrinology, otolaryngology and neurology. ▶ Open 08:00 - 21:00.

#### **Dentists**

Avanto D-1, Kostiantynivs'ka 22/17A, MKontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 531 37 97, www. avanto.com.ua. > Open 09:00 - 21:00.

MedLife Elite F-1, Yakira 10A, MLuk'yanivs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 238 66 26. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00.

MedLife Lux 0-2, Heroiv Stalingrada 20, MMins'ka, tel. (+380) 44 412 21 23. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00.

Prisma D-3, Sahaidachnoho 25, M Poshtova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 425 14 04. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00.

# **Opticians**

Ailas Bazhana prosp. 12A, MOsokorky, tel./fax (+380) 44 291 01 91, www.ailas.com.ua. ▶ Open 10:00 - 20:00.

Excimer H-4, Dimitrova 5B, MOsokorky, tel./fax (+380) 44 238 68 00, www.excimer.ua. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00. Closed Sun.

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# **Famous Kyivities**



Zino Davidoff was actually a failed violinist and rather poor before his workaholic nature and taste for the finer things helped him break into Europe's cigar and cigarette market. Success on the world stage followed as did a collection of exclusive drinks, dry goods, watches and perfumes.

Although Davidoff is considered a Swiss brand name, few know that its founder, Zino Davidoff, was born in Kyiv in 1906. Zino's father, Henri Davidoff, was a Jewish tobacco merchant in Kyiv, but pogroms and civil unrest forced the family to immigrate to Switzerland in 1911. In Geneva, Henri opened a tobacco shop which quickly failed.

After finishing school in 1924, Zino travelled across the Atlantic where he studied the tobacco business in Brazil, Argentina and Cuba. Returning to Europe, he rebuilt the Davidoff shop and specialized in catering to demanding customers. Success for Zino began during the Second World War and the German occupation. On the advice of Cuban magnates, a French tobacco organization gave him all their tobacco. In a few months, Zino's store was the only place in Europe where you could find the highest quality products. After the war, Zino came up with the idea of naming his cigars after famous French wines: Chateau Latour, Chateau Margaux, Chateau Mouton-Rothschild, etc.

In his old age, Zino's business hit a roadblock. As a result of a break in relations with Cuban suppliers, Davidoff was forced to find a new tobacco source and the product's characteristic bouquet was lost. At the age of 85, Zino started all over. With the energy and daring of a young man, he decided to develop a new variety of cigars that could give the legendary Cubans a run for their money. Davidoff chose the Dominican Republic and Haiti. The climate was similar to Cuba's and tobacco had been grown there for nearly 500 years. This move paid off, and Davidoff cigars began to receive higher evaluations by international commissions than Cuba's prestigious Partagas.

"The ability to enjoy a cigar is the ability to live," Davidoff once said. The founder of the legendary brand died in Geneva in 1994, just a few years before his brand would debut in his hometown of Kviv.

#### **Editor's note**

Whether you are a traveller or an ex-pat our directory contains many useful contacts for you. Remember to email us if you find any of our contacts particularly helpful or, for that matter, unhelpful. We also welcome new additions.

# Beauty salons

Dessange B-4, Volodymyrs'ka 49A, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 569 60 00, www.dessange.com.ua. Also at C-3, Hyatt Regency Hotel, tel. (+380) 44 537 63 00. ▶ Open 08:00 - 21:00. []

Diva Health & Beauty Centre A-3, B.Khmel'nytskoho 53/53, Opera Hotel, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 492 74 92, www.opera-hotel.com.

Estet-centre A-5, H-3, Chervonoarmiys'ka 25, ML'va Tolstoho, tel. (+380) 44 235 05 13. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00.

NK Club C-3, Mykhailivs'kyi prov. 20, M Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 278 33 44, www.nkclub. com.ua. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00.

SPA Naturel C-3, Tarasovoi 5A, Hyatt Regency Kylv Hotel, MMaidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. (+380) 44 581 12 40, www.kiev.regency.hyatt.com. > Open 08:00 - 21:00.

#### Massage

Kinari Oriental SPA A-3, Ivana Franka 40, MUniversytet, tel. (+380) 44 234 53 40/(+380) 93 620 60 40, www.kinari-spa.com.ua. Just what Kyiv's city centre needed: traditional Thai massage and oriental SPA treatment. Qualified therapists are on hand to heal both body and soul and help put a bit of calming balance back into your hectic life. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00.

# Dry cleaners & laundries

Mister Well B-5, Khreschatyk 25, MKhreschatyk, tel. (+380) 44 279 87 81. Laundry, dry-cleaning, leather and suede goods care, clothes repair. Suit cleaning - 44Hr, delivery: 30Hr. Also at: Dehtiarivs'ka 5, tel. 484 64 15. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00. Closed Sun.

Swiss Dry Cleaner Cinderella I-5, Chervonoarmiys'ka 145/1, Milyhibs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 529 26 01. Open 08:30 - 20:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00. Also at: Schekavyts'ka 9A, tel. 417 14 33. Open 08:00 - 20:00. Closed Sun; Ivana Mazepy 5, tel. 280 58 16. Open 10:00 - 19:00, Sat 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Sun; Turhenevs'ka 80, tel. 486 88 91. Open 10:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.



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#### Language courses

Echo Eastern Europe J-4, Lesi Ukrainky bul'v. 29, MPechers'ka, tel. (+380) 44 361 86 50/(+380) 68 707 48 47, www.echoe.com. Russian and Ukrainian. One-to-one and group classes with professional tutors. Flexible approach. • Open 08:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

English language centre I-4, Kutuzova 4A, MPechers'ka, tel. (+380) 44 581 19 89, www.elckiev. org. > Open 10:00 - 20:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Monarch International Language Academy Tolbukhina 45, MNyvky, tel. (+380) 44 451 78 39, www. monarchila.klev.ua. Lessons and courses in Russian, Ukrainian, English, German and French. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun.

Novamova B-3, Yaroslaviv Val 14V, office 28, MZoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 234 12 70/(+380) 44 237 77 50, www.learnrussianklev.com. One of the top the Russian-language training institutes. NovaMova provides conversational practice, guest speaker lectures, Russian movie club, field trips and various sightseeing tours ▶ Open 08:00 - 21:00. [※] @

#### Marriage agencies

Marriage by Natali A-6, Hospital'na 2, office 23, MPalats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 235 34 74/(+380) 44 232 08 03, www.marriagebynatali.com. ▶ Open 11:00 - 20:00.

#### Saunas

Argo H-4, Predslavyns'ka 9, MPalats Ukraina, tel. (+380) 44 522 87 84. Russian bath, massage, vertical solarium and weightlifting room. Part of the Argo sport complex. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00.

Aroma Sauna B-2, Artema 21, MLuk'yanivs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 272 09 93. The relaxation room has comfy couches, a massage table, and plenty of workout equipment, while the sweat room has space for 4-6 people. The mirrored swimming pool has undercurrents, while tea, coffee, and aromatic oils are included in the admission fee. Depen 00:00 - 24:00. Admission 110-180Hr per hour.

Gayshin I-4, Novopechers'kyi prov. 5A, M Palats Ukraina, tel. (+380) 44 522 90 13. A Finnish sauna, pool, a relaxation room and café. Great downtown location, not far from the Ukraina palace. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00. Admission 100-250Hr per hour.

Vodolei F-1, Bilorus'ka 38, MLuk'yanivs'ka, tel. (+380) 44 483 24 75. There are three cosy baths here: Russian, Finnish and Jananese. Every bath has a small swimming pool with filtration system, light, and temperature control. The sweat rooms are made from alder and linden wood, and hold 4, 6 and 8 people. Every room has a direct phone line to the reception. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00. Admission 150Hr per hour.

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Pet hotel Vidradnyi prosp. 31, tel. (+380) 44 404 76 42/(+380) 67 917 95 85. Big and small, short and long haired, calm and choleric, mother's "pups" and serious independent lodgers will all be met here and cared for under those conditions in which he is use to. Have you bought a little pet dog or a cat? Do they poke their noses into everything and test your shoes and furniture for firmness? What will you do if you have to leave on holiday, business, or a night out? Who can you leave your little pet with? Here he will have everything: toys, slippers, balls - all the things he would like to gnaw, tera to pieces, or play with. The staff also includes a veterinar and hairdresser.





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Kyiv International School Sviatoshyns'kyi prov. 3A, MSviatoshyn, tel. (+380) 44 452 27 93/(+380) 44 452 29 98, kisukr@sovamua.com, www.kievinternationalschool.com.

Pechersk School International Zabily 7A, MLybids'ka, tel. (+380) 44 455 95 85, www.psi. klev.ua.

The British International School (Secondary)
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10, reception@britishschool.kiev.ua, www.britishschool.kiev.ua.

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British Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce (BUCC) C-4, M.Hrushevs'koho 34A, suite 42, MArsenal'na, tel. (+380) 44 410 57 20, fax (+380) 44 230 21 51, adminstrator@bucc.com.ua. www.bucc.com.ua.

European Business Association (EBA) D-2, Andriivs'kyi uzviz 1A, Mkontraktova Ploscha, tel. (+380) 44 496 06 01, fax (+380) 44 496 06 02, office@ eba.com.ua. www.eba.com.ua.

General Direction of Attendance to Foreign Representatives B-3, Strilets'ka 14, M Zoloti Vorota, tel. (+380) 44 482 01 90, fax (+380) 44 482 36 93, www.gdip.com.ua.

Ukrainian Association of Software Developers (UASWD) Hlushkova prosp. 2, building 6, office 405, MLybids'ka, tel. (+380) 44 521 33 80, fax (+380) 44 536 13 56/521 33 80, www.uaswd.org.ua.

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Konnov & Sozanovsky A-5, Shota Rustaveli 23, Suite 5, MPalats Sportu, tel. (+380) 44 490 54 00, fax (+380) 44 490 54 90, Info@konnov.com.

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DTZ Zadelhoff Tie Leung A-3, B.Kheml'nytskoho 52, MTeatral'na, tel. (+380) 44 590 30 60, info@dtz.kiev.ua, www.dtz.kiev.ua.

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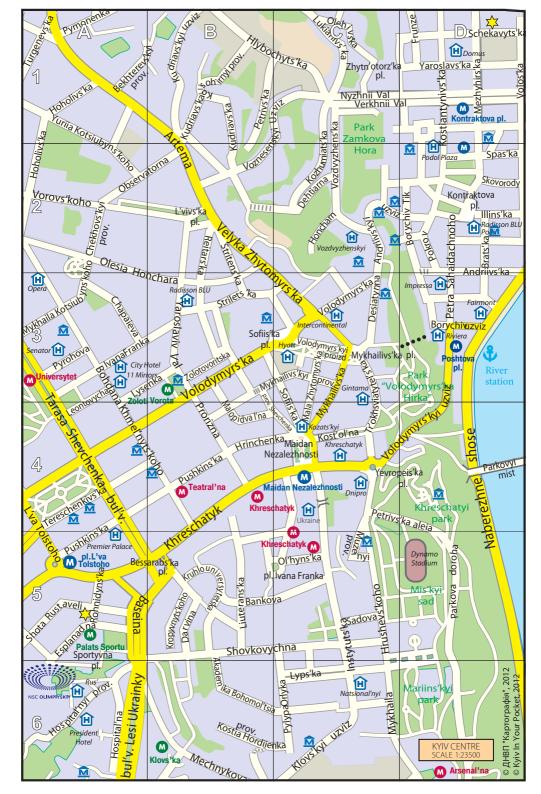
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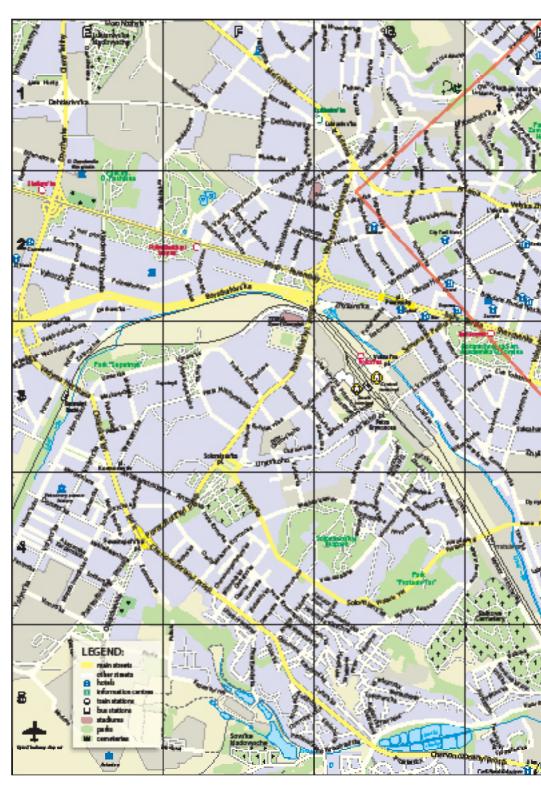
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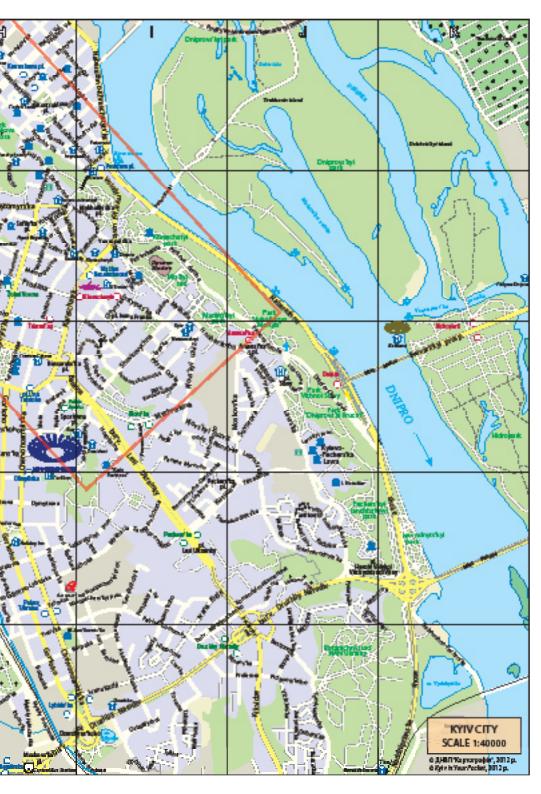
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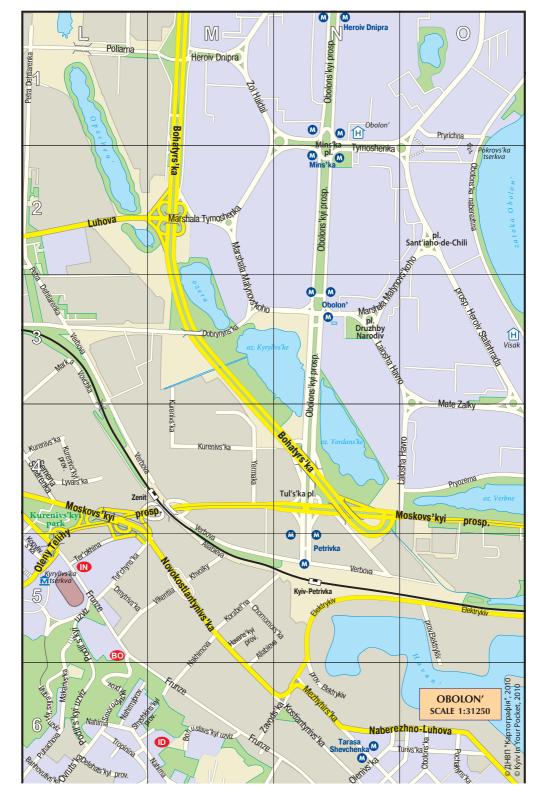
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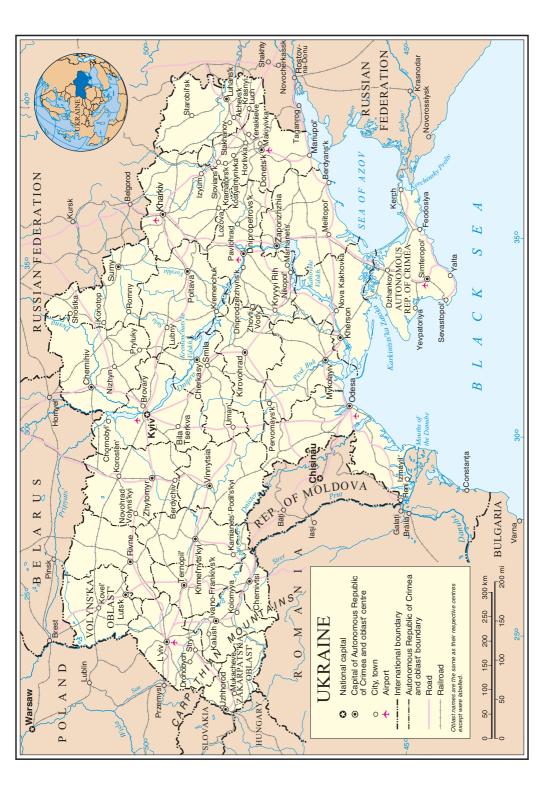
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