

TAILOR-MADE TOURS TO RUSSIA

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SPECIAL OFFER

Highlights Of Ukraine

7 Days

This package is available as **Private Tour** (flexible dates)

Kiev - Odessa - Lviv



- Australian-owned company
- Over 10 years experience in Russia

• 24/7 support







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## **Itinerary**

### <u>DAY 1</u>

- Morning arrival at Kiev
- Meet & greet
- Transfer to your hotel
- Kiev panoramic city tour
- Kiev Pechersk Lavra

- Breakfast
- The National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War
- Mezhyhirya Residence

## DAY 3

- Early breakfast
- Transfer to the train station to board the train to Odessa
- Arrival at Odessa
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Tour at Wine Culture Centre and wine degustation
- Optional sea boat tour

## DAY 4

- Breakfast
- Odessa panoramic city tour
- Tour to Odessa Catacombs

## DAY 5

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport to catch the flight to Lviv
- Arrival at Lviv airport and transfer to your hotel
- 3-hour guided city tour in Lviv
- Coffee tour

### DAY 6

- Breakfast
- Ancient castles tour
- The evening is free at leisure

## **DAY 7**

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport and departure

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DAY 2

# DAY 1: Welcome to Ukraine!



- Morning arrival at Kiev
- Meet & greet
- Transfer to your hotel
- Kiev panoramic city tour
- Kiev Pechersk Lavra

## Kiev panoramic city tour



A sightseeing tour around Kiev will allow you, practically without leaving the bus, to see all the main sights of one of the oldest European capitals. You will see Starokievsky mountain, from where the "Russian Land" came from, famous Golden Gate, take photographs of the domes of St. Sophia, St. Michael and St. Vladimir. You will enjoy the splendour of St. Andrew's Church and you will admire the cosy architecture of the city, many centuries standing on the mighty Dnepr River.



## Kyiv Monastery of the Caves (Kyiv Pecherska Lavra)

The date of the foundation of the Monastery is 1051, and it is one of the most sacred places in Ukraine. Wandering through the Lavra paved paths, you will see restored Dormition Cathedral and a marvellous Belltower that dominates the whole territory of the monastery and is 96 m high. The highlight of this tour is a visit to the famous Lavra Caves - a place where hermit monks ones lived.

## DAY 2: Discover Kiev



- Breakfast
- The National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War
- Mezhyhirya Residence



## National Museum of the Second World War

Containing more than 300,000 exhibits - and related memorials cover approximately 25 acres. You will walk through a promenade of sculptures surrounding the museum depict the defence of the Soviet border from the 1941 German invasion, resulting occupation, resistance, and the epic 1943 Battle of the Dnieper and Battle of Kyiv, one of the war's largest operations involving more than four million combatants. Nearby is the iconic, 62meter tall Motherland monument, one of the best-recognized landmarks of Kyiv.

## Mezhyhirya Residence



Explore one of the most shocking and at the same time fascinating places in Ukraine – ex-president V. Yanukovych residence in Mezhyhirya. Created in just several years, the property of former Ukrainian president gives you a striking impression of the excessive luxury. An expert guide will enlighten you about the contemporary history of Ukraine. During the tour, you will discover the main mansion known as "Honka" and a health centre near it; explore the spacious park with specially heated lakes and golf course; visit the private president's farm with exotic animals; see luxury restaurant in a form of a Spanish galleon; admire the panorama of the Kiev Sea from the park.

## DAY 3: From Kiev to Odessa



- Early breakfast
- Transfer to the train station to board the train to Odessa
- Arrival at Odessa
  - Transfer to the hotel and check-in
  - Tour at Wine Culture Centre and wine
    - degustation
- Optional sea boat tour

## **Tour at Wine Culture Centre**



The presentation of wine culture at Shabo Wine Culture Center is comprehensive and has strong emotional power. The duration of a tour conducted by a highly professional guide (which includes wine tasting) is approximately 2.5 hours. Our tour programs are diverse but equally captivating. Everything here is breathing with history yet inspires with innovation. Every connoisseur of noble beverages visiting Shabo's marvellous 200-year-old Royal, Sherry and Two-Level Cellars, underground wine storage, and other facilities will receive a unique opportunity to learn about the history of winemaking and see Shabo terroir with his own eyes.

## DAY 4: Explore Odessa



- Breakfast
- Odessa panoramic city tour
- Tour to Odessa Catacombs

## Odessa panoramic city tour



Odessa is the city, at the crossroads of the epochs with romantic streets with the aromas of the delicious smell of European cuisine. The city lawfully called the pearl of the sea. You will explore luxurious European hotel service, the hospitality of local residents and the atmosphere of the city on the sea. During your visit, you get to know Odessa as the city of the great Italian architecture: the Opera House, the Philharmonic Hall, the City Council. You get to see magnificent photos that tell history alongside the Potemkin stairs (since 1837) with its 192 steps, take a walk along the streets of Deribasovskaya, Pushkinskaya, ancient Lanzheronovskaya, Rishelyevskaya. Odessa is the moderator of fashion, a city of incredible shopping. You can buy both clothes and accessories of national designers and visit brand shops with affordable prices.

## Deep dive into Odessa's Catacombs



This excursion can be justly called immersion into a mystery. You may wonder what is there so special that you have not seen yet? There's only one reply! Everything! The underground bunker of the Cold War era with the 4th degree of protection and 1200 person capacity. The cemetery of petrified animals with an average age of 3.5 million years. The underground lakes with new species of small creatures unknown to modern biology. The chance to try on working in quarries with the 19th-century tools. The real secret hideouts of Moldavanka's raiders. The permanent dislocation post of the most secret partisan detachment of Odessa, which perished exactly in this area of the catacombs. Believe it or not, but we didn't list everything.

WARNING! The air temperature in the Odessa catacombs is + 13C at any time of the year, so please get dressed accordingly. Comfortable sport shoes and clothes are strongly advised.

## DAY 5: From Odessa to Lviv



- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport to catch the flight to Lviv
- Arrival at Lviv airport and transfer to your hotel
- Lviv panoramic city tour
  - Coffee tour

## Lviv panoramic city tour



You will walk old town's main avenues, squares, and narrow cobbled streets. One of the places you will see is the Opera House, laid out above the underground Poltva River. You will also walk by the historic building housing the Maria Zankovetska Drama Theatre that was once the biggest in Europe and is the oldest in Ukraine. You will see the oldest and most gorgeous churches and cathedrals in the old town including the Baroquestyle Jesuit Cathedral, the Virgin Mary Assumption church, the Armenian Cathedral with 16-17th-century tombstones, the Church of the Blessed Eucharist (former Dominican Church), the Latin Cathedral.

## **Coffee Tour**



On this walking tour, you will stroll through the most famous coffee shops of the city and feel how proud the locals are to be called the Ukrainian capital of coffee. You will learn, how Lviv has developed its coffee traditions for centuries and you will taste famous Lviv coffee in the coffee houses. During this tour, you will visit an intriguing "Kopalnya Kavy" and see an amusing coffee mining. After we will visit "Kavarna Pid Synoju Flazkoju" – this is the name of the first coffee house in Vienna, was opened by Franz Yuriy Kulchitsky, who brought coffee to Europe.

## DAY 6: Ancient castles tour



We are heading to Olesko: the oldest of the preserved castles in this region. Here the king of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth Jan III Sobiesky was born and Bogdan-Zinoviy Khmelnitsky spent his childhood here. The castle has a museum with unique paintings, sculptures, furniture.

The next castle is Pidhirtsi, built for the Great Crown Hetman Stanislav Konetspolski by the French architect Andre del Aqua and the Marquis Guillaume Levasseur de Beauplan in 1630. Podgoretsky castle was considered one of the most beautiful in Europe. We visit Zolochiv Castle, a fortress of the "Dutch" style (1634 - the end of construction), which was built by Jakub Sobieski, a participant in the Battle of Khotin and the father of King Jan Sobieski. High earthen ramparts with escarpments remained here. In the castle, there are two palaces: the Royal Palace and the Chinese Palace (one of three in Europe).

## **DAY 7: Farewell**



Breakfast

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Transfer to the airport and departure

## Private Tour, 2 people, 2019-2020

Starting dates for 2019-2020: Flexible



#### Private Tour, 2 people, 2019-2020, AUD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,690 AUD Rate per person (4\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,100 AUD Rate per person (5\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,750 AUD

#### Private Tour, 2 people, 2019-2020, USD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,620 USD Rate per person (4\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,910 USD Rate per person (5\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,370 USD

#### Private Tour, 2 people, 2019-2020, GBP

Rate per person (3\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,030 GBP Rate per person (4\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,255 GBP Rate per person (5\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,370 GBP

#### Private Tour, 2 people, 2019-2020, CAD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,530 CAD Rate per person (4\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,925 CAD Rate per person (5\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,540 CAD

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### TOUR





#### Accommodation:

- Centrally located hand-picked hotels:
  - 2 nights in Kiev
  - 2 nights in Odessa
  - 2 nights in Lviv

### Meals:

- Full breakfast daily (Except Day 1)
- Degustation of wine

### Transportation:

- Return airport/train station transfers
- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus
- Meet & greet at every location

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### TOUR



#### Sightseeing:

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
  - Kiev day guided city tour: the National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War, Mezhyhirya Residence
  - Kiev half day guided city tour: Mezhyhirya Residence
  - Odessa day panoramic city tour city tour // Tour to Odessa Catacombs // Tour at Wine Culture Centre
  - Lviv day panoramic city tour // Coffee tour // Ancient castles tour

#### Entrance tickets, visas & misc.:

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions
- Dedicated local English-speaking guide in all places as per program
- Discovery Russia 24/7 English-speaking support line

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- International flights
- Visa fee
- Extras of Personal nature
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance

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