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Introducing Kyiv

Slowly but surely Kyiv is becoming an attractive winter destination. The ancient city exudes something of a particular mystique when the temperature drops below zero, and never looks better than when covered in a fresh blanket of white snow. Just make sure you dress warm, are wearing waterproof shoes and enjoy the mood on the gorgeous streets of the city. The architectural wonders of Kyiv are often hidden during warmer seasons by thick leaves on the trees: not in winter. Their stark beauty stands out for all to admire.

Yet if being outdoors does get too cold for you, there are more than enough fine restaurants, theatres, swanky night clubs, museums, and quaint cafes to keep anyone busy through the winter months.

If you have time to spare, do not limit your excursion to the confines of Kyiv either. Each winter, thousands of visitors from Ukraine and other parts of Europe travel to the rugged Carpathian Mountains in Western Ukraine to take advantage of the best skiing in the country.

Now is also the best time of year to become more familiar with the hospitality of the Ukrainian people. The outside weather may be rather cold and unwelcome, but the homes of Ukrainians are warm and friendly. Indeed, one of the best times of the year to share a meal with Ukrainians is Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Usually both are family events, held in the evening, and you should feel really honoured if you are invited to such a dinner. Do not reject an invitation if you are lucky enough to get one.

Enjoy your stay in Kyiv (or the countryside) this cold but festive and glorious Christmas Season.

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and a whole host of other useful information

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.

Alcohol

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 vodka, which flows freely at many parties and gatherings. But guests should beware offers of home made vodka (*samohon*). While good *samohon* can be better than some bootleg labels in shops, the overall odds are against you and your stomach. And whether it's Ukrainian vodka or moonshine, be ready to offer a toast at some point. A modest 'cheers' (*bud'mo*) will do for a foreigner.

Borders

Ukraine is bordered by Belarus, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia and Slovakia. Buses stop for about an hour at borders; westbound trains for 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 do not need a visa to enter Hungary, Poland or Romania. Visas are required for Belarus, Moldova and Russia and can't be obtained at the border, so make sure you contact their embassies in Kyiv.

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 their 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 -

Kyiv: The facts

Population: 2 745 000 (July 2008)
Ethnic composition: Ukrainian **70%**, Russian **20%**, Others **10%**.

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.

Roads

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 and 130 on highways. A zero tolerance drink driving policy applies in Ukraine.

Safety

They say that Ukrainians can spot a foreigner from a kilometre away, but you shouldn't worry about this alone making you the target of criminal behaviour. Kyiv is in fact a rather safe place. As in most cities, flashing large amounts of money could cause trouble. Wallets are known to disappear in public transport crowds, so hands in pockets at all times. Being very drunk and/or loud on the street is always a good way to attract unwanted attention, sometimes from the police. By the way, it's a good idea for foreigners to carry at least a copy of their passport and visa with them at all times.

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By bus

All international buses arrive at Kyiv's central bus station (*центральный автовокзал*). The station is still waiting for its European renovations and sits like a hideous centrepiece on Kyiv's most unsightly square, *Moskovs'ka ploscha*. To be fair, the entire square is currently undergoing reconstruction, so we can hope for something beautiful and modern in the not so distant future. In spite of the congestion caused by the construction, service at the station has remained constant. A currency exchange office (*обмін валют*) is next to the main exit, and just outside is an ATM (*банкомат*) that dispenses Ukrainian hryvnia. If you need to stash your bags, a left-luggage office is available (open 06:00 - 11:00, 11:30 - 17:00, 17:30 - 22:00). Taxis are always on hand and can take you to the city centre for approximately 50Hr. Trolleybuses №1, 2, 4, 12 and 42 won't get you to the centre of town but will take you the one stop to Lybids'ka (*Либідська*) metro station. By foot, head across the bridge then follow the underpass to the right to get to Lybids'ka.

By car

When entering the country by car, foreigners are required to sign a document at the border swearing that they will bring the car out of the country before a certain date. Foreign cars are allowed on Ukrainian soil for a maximum of two months. This document should be carried along with your driver's license and your car's registration papers at all times. Automobile insurance is obligatory in Ukraine. It may be possible to buy green card insurance valid for Ukraine in your home country to avoid problems - if not you must purchase it from the Ukrainian state company at the border. The latter might cost less than the former, however if you don't speak Ukrainian or Russian it is easy to get deceived by border officials and buy something which is totally useless. The minimum term of insurance is two weeks, with prices depending on the size of the engine.

By plane

Boryspil State International Airport (*Аеропорт Бориспіль*) is where almost all international flights land and depart from. The smaller Kyiv (Zhuliani) Airport (*Аеропорт Київ (Жуляни)*) is only 8km from the centre of the city and handles mostly domestic travel. Located 34km east of Kyiv, Boryspil is a small but modern facility. Passport and customs officials do speak English, so don't worry if you haven't yet mastered Ukrainian or Russian (see The Basics, Language). Foreigners are sup-

Visas

You can enter Ukraine visa-free and stay 90 days if you're a citizen of any EU country, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Canada, USA and Japan, while everyone else still needs a visa from a Ukrainian embassy or consulate abroad before travelling. Visas at foreign embassies can usually be processed in one day, with prices varying depending on the type and length of visa requested. Note that many Ukrainian embassies only handle visa cases on certain days of the week, so call ahead.

Most foreigners don't bother with getting work permits, however such negligence could bring about fines. So better contact **Kyiv Employment Centre** (Zhyl'yanska vul. 47B, office 407, tel. 568 59 78/568 59 72) and get all the proper documents signed.

posed to receive registration cards (basically advertising fliers) when they enter Ukraine - save these to present upon leaving the country. All passengers emerge through the same set of sliding doors into a sea of onlookers in the main hall. You will find two currency exchange offices (*обмін валют*) to the left (see The Basics, Money). However, keep in mind taxis usually accept dollars and Euros, plus exchange rates are better in the city centre. There are credit card-operated public telephones (see Mail & Phones) in the main hall and in the post office down the corridor to the left.

Getting to town if you surrender to the waves of taxi drivers offering their services, a 30-45 minute ride to the centre will set you back about 150Hr. For the budget traveller, buses and minivans leave roughly every 30 minutes from in front of the building. They charge 30Hr and will drop you off about an hour later at the southern train station.

By train

The refurbished central railway station (*центральный 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 5Hr admission fee. Currency exchange (*обмін валют*) points and ATMs (*банкомат*) are in the main halls of each station. Telephone calls can be made by paying money at a window on the 2nd floor near the central station's escalators and then proceeding to the appropriate booth. 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 (*Хрещатик*) area cost 20Hr and up. The entrance to metro station Vokzal'na (*Вокзальна*) 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 (*бульв. Т.Шевченка*), which runs into Khreschatyk.

Public Transport

A plethora of mass transit options are available to get you around Kyiv. But despite the trolleybuses (electric buses), trams (streetcars), buses, the metro, minibuses and minivans, it's still 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. Public transport starts running around 05:45 and closes down a bit after midnight.


Taxis


In Ukraine every car is a potential taxi - just hold your arm out on any street if you don't believe us. Most taxis don't have meters, so you'll likely have to agree on a price with your driver. Foreigners are fighting an uphill battle in getting a fair price, but it never hurts to try. Settle on the amount before getting in to avoid giving the impression of having bottomless pockets. Taxis can also be ordered by phone.

 The Kyiv telephone code is +380 44

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. Our guide lists popular eating establishments from American to Ukrainian, so whatever dining atmosphere you find yourself in, the word here is - *smachno!*

Ani H-5, Chervonoarmyjs'ka 72, M Respublikans'kyi Stadion, tel. 590 25 65. This restaurant is situated on the top floor of one of Kyiv's downtown "skyscrapers". There is room for big parties and for romantic couples. The olma, cofta, tender leg of lamb baked in tomato sauce, hachapuri, and lavash are delicious and served in style. The open kitchen allows you to observe an experienced chef work his culinary magic, while live music played on unique national instruments will wake amazing emotions in your soul. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. €€€. 
















Amici Mi F-3, O.Honchara 67, M Universitet, tel. 501 1690. For those who missed Amici Mi's last advertisement, it looked like a scene from a Cinemax After Dark feature - two voluptuous young women sitting on a plush sofa, embracing and gazing longingly into each others eyes. The current ad shows Hugh Hefner's older brother awkwardly caressing the Ukrainian girl next door. If these images don't wet your pallet and get you in the mood for some Italian food, check your pulse. To be fair to the ad campaign, the restaurant is ideal for a romantic evening and the dishes are superb. ▶ Open 11:00 - 06:00. 

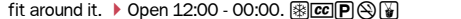
Avalon G-3, Leontovycha 3, M Universytet, tel. 234 74 94, www.avalon.ua. This marvelous fish restaurant offers a refined atmosphere of delight and comfort. There are more than 20 varieties of fish cooked to perfection, a huge selection of shrimps, oysters, and clams on the menu. The meat assortment is incredible too: veal, pork, lamb, moose, deer, pheasant, ostrich, heath-cock, 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. 

Buddha-bar H-2, Kreschatyk 14, M Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 270 76 76, info@buddhabar.com.ua, 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, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 04:00, Sun 16:00 - 02:00.


China White I-5, Lesi Ukrainsky bul'v. 24, M Pechers'ka, tel. 594 21 75. This restaurant is a marvelous maze hidden behind a glass façade. The magnificent wardrobe and bar, and the sensational staircase leading to the seven different dining rooms bestow a sense of exclusive simplicity. The food

Symbol key

	Air conditioning		Credit cards accepted
	Live music		Take away
	Child friendly		Facilities for the disabled
	Non-smoking areas		Smoking section
	Casino		Nearest station
	Internet		Animal friendly
	Wi-Fi Internet access		Guarded parking
	Home delivery		


is good, and you will find a mix of Japanese, Chinese, and European cuisine on the menu. For the full Chinese experience go for the round table: you and 11 of your closest friends will fit around it. ▶ Open 12:00 - 00:00. 

Concord H-4, Pushkins'ka 42/4, M L'va Tolstoho, tel. 234 77 88, www.cartelblanche.com.ua. This extremely upscale restaurant is a favourite with top businessmen, models and the like. The cuisine is called 'French Fusion' and includes some sumptuous Asian and fish selections. If you are on a budget, don't fret: you can pop in for coffee and dessert and still get to admire the great views of central Kyiv from the rooftop location. ▶ Open 12:00 - 02:00. €€€€. 

Da Vinci Fish Club H-2, Volodymyrs'ka 12, Business-Centre "Millenium", M Zoloti Vorota, tel. 490 34 34, www.da-vinci.com.ua. This swanky joint can prepare a variety of fish in a variety of ways. The interior is very original - a round bar on the first floor with a cosy balcony on the second. Whether the taste and/or portions match the quite high prices is debatable. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. €€€€. 

Decadence House H-4, Shota Rustaveli 16, M Palats Sportu, tel. 206 49 20. A home away from home for the city's society set, Decadence House recreates the extravagant and grand atmosphere of the eighteenth century. The venue regularly holds ultra-glamorous parties while a vast array of top class drinks, hookah pipes and chilled out beats can be enjoyed on lavish leather chairs. A refined, ultra stylish experience. ▶ Open 12:00 - 02:00. €€€. 

Breakfast

From 06:00
Korona Club A-5, Rohnidny'ska, 4, M L'va Tolstoho, tel. 289 02 16. Six breakfast options served from Monday through Friday until 12:00 for 27 Hr. ▶ 

Talgen A-5, Chervonoarmyjs'ka, 32A, M L'va Tolstoho, tel. 502 65 37/502 65 36. European breakfast for 28Hr. ▶ 

From 07:00
Dnipro C-4, Khreschatyk 1/2 (Dnipro hotel, 2nd floor), M Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 279 81 60. Breakfast for 135Hr. ▶ 

From 07:30
Time Out G-5, Gorkoho 50, M Respublikans'kyi Stadion, tel. 248 73 96. Classical European and American breakfast served to 12:00 from Monday through Friday and until 16:00 at Saturday and Sunday for 65Hr. ▶ 

Dolce I-2, M.Hrushevs'koho 4, [M]Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 279 67 79, www.karta.ua. In Kyiv, most places bastardize traditional cuisine to suit the local palate. By bringing in a superb Italian chef, Dolce offers a refreshing detour from the regrettable norm. From the selection of 10 different pastas to the enticing seafood dishes and deserts, everything about this place oozes authenticity and elegance. ▶ Open 11:00 - 01:00. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Fellini H-3, Horodets'koho 5, [M]Khreschatyk, tel. 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 like such delicacies. The food and drinks are rather expensive, and service can be slow. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. €€€. [M][P][F]

Frattelli d'Italia G-4, Saksahans'koho 38, [M]L'va Tolstoho, tel. 287 41 66, www.frattelliditalia.com.ua/en. First trattoria in Ukraine. Italian chef. The short menu is evidence of the care that goes into dish selection, while the wine list is likewise mercifully short, and wonderful. If you don't like what's on offer, however, bring your own preferred vintage and it will be served for the nominal corkage fee. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. [M][P][F]

Han-Gang I-4, vul. Entuziastiv 1, Slavutych Hotel, 16 floor, [M]Livoberezhna, tel. 294 14 14. 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. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Il Patio H-1, Ihorivs'ka 13/5, [M]Poshtova Ploscha, tel. 501 74 64, www.il-patio.com.ua. Over the last few years Il Patio on Bessarabs'ka Sq. has been serving some of the finest pizza in town. The venue's tasty Italian fare can now be enjoyed down by the riverside at Il Patio second branch. This dining spot pays homage to Venice and even has a gondola in the main hall. The restaurant has a delicious salad bar and specialises in 'Antipasta' snacks as well as wonderful pizza and other Italian dishes. Also at: Bessarabs'ka pl. 5A, tel. 246 43 27. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. €€. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

L'Amour H-1, Naberezhno-Khreschatyts'ka 17/18, [M]Kontraktova Ploscha, tel. 467 78 97, www.karta.ua The waitresses at L'Amour dress like 19th Century French maidens, which kind of clashed with what we were hoping would be an elegant experience. However, one taste of the chef's special leg of lamb and the cheesy ambience melted into the wall. One feature that really stood out, and can be applied to all the restaurants belonging to Mirovaya Karta, is that they have extensive experience when it comes to serving Westerners. Expect high-standards and minimal confusion. ▶ Open 11:00 - 01:00. €€. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Price guide

The average price for a main course:	
€€€€	more than €15 per person
€€€	€10 - 15 per person
€€	€5 - 10 per person
€	less than €5 per person

Lavinia F-4, vul. Zhylians'ka 59, [M]Vokzal'na, tel. 569 57 00. The first thing that catches your eye as you approach this restaurant is a cluster of grapes interwoven into the trade mark. Respect for wine and wine culture reigns supreme. Originally a wine boutique, this quaint establishment was later altered into restaurant. There will be no shortage of vintage to perfectly complement your choice from a menu stuffed with European cuisine. The classy interior is accented by reproductions of modern French artists. ▶ Open 10:00 - 23:00. [M][P][S]

Marocana Fashion Café I-5, Lesi Ukrainki bul'v., 24, [M]Pechers'ka, tel. 254 49 99/206 01 56, www.carte-blanche.com.ua. This restaurant's unique cuisine has been created by blending the best culinary achievements of its chef, the warm spirit of Morocco, eastern creativity and European quality. The interior has a modern, fusion-like intrigue, and makes great use of the space. The relaxing atmosphere that smothers the place late in the afternoons gives way to a stylish fashion-party feel in the evening. ▶ Open 09:00 - 02:00. €€. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Marrakesh H-1, Sahaidachnoho 24, [M]Kontraktova Ploscha, tel. 494 04 94, www.karta.ua. The tale of "1001 Arabian nights" comes alive here. The restaurant and lounge-bar offers more than ten kinds of the best couscous in Kyiv. The menu shows a wide variety of tea and hookah, Moroccan and French desserts. There are belly dancers and DJ sets on the weekends, and business lunches each weekday. ▶ Open 11:00 - 01:00. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Mimino H-1, Spas'ka 10A, [M]Kontraktova Ploscha, tel. 417 35 45, www.karta.ua. This Georgian restaurant got its name from the popular Soviet movie Mimino. There are delicious hachapuris, shashliks, and true Georgian fish and meat dishes. The Chef masterfully accommodates the ancient Georgian national cuisine to a modern taste. There is also live music. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Monaco G-2, Velyka Zhytomyr's'ka 20A (Peyzazhna alley), [M]Zoloti Vorota, tel. 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 chef Thierry Alix and his team work hard to please their customers. ▶ Open 12:00 - 06:00. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Nirvana I-5, Lesi Ukrainki bul'v. 28V, [M]Pechers'ka, tel. 285 52 15, www.2k.com.ua. Kyiv waited a long time to get a restaurant like this. The design, interior, and the cuisine completely complement the name: this really is dining Nirvana. Indian extravagance and cultural richness - not to mention the delicious and authentic food - are enough to put anyone's soul in a state of bliss. There are traditional Indian, modern European and a decent number of vegetarian dishes on the menu. ▶ Open 12:00 - 02:00. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Osteria Pantagruel G-3, Lysenka 1, [M]Zoloti Vorota, tel. 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 alla Constantino', named after Osteria's chef-virtuoso Constantino Passalacqua. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. Mon - Fri 8:00 - 11:00 breakfast €€€. [M][P][S][F]

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Ukrainian

Hatinka G-6, Chervonoarmil's'ka 114, [M]Palats Ukraina, tel. 529 29 56/529 77 07. The interior of the restaurant embodies that of a colorful Ukrainian village. You can listen to the live Ukrainian folk music as you enjoy your meal. There are a lot of traditional home-style Ukrainian meals on the menu. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Khutorets G-1, Naberezhno-Khreschatyts'ka, moorage 1, [M]Kontraktova Ploscha, tel. 425 80 39, www.2k.com.ua. Foreigners flock to this floating restaurant offering traditional Ukrainian décor and food. The portions are big and tasty, and the prices are very reasonable. Service can be a bit slow, but you'll be OK as long as you don't get seasick. Live music nightly. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. €€. [M][P][F][D][U]

Kureni D-5, Parkova doroha 4, tel. 253 17 24/360 56 24, www.carteblanche.com.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. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Lypskiy Osobnyak (Lypskiy Mansion) C-6, Lybs'ka 15, [M]Arsenal'na, tel. 254 00 90, www.kartaua. This mansion is probably the world's only home to Ukrainian 'haute cuisine'. This is only restaurant in the CIS, to receive two separate awards from the prestigious *Wine Spectator* magazine. The meals are cooked according to 17th century recipes, adjusted to modern tastes. There is a splendid dessert card also. ▶ Open 11:30 - 01:00. €€€. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Monastyr's'ka Trapezna J-6, Vydubyt's'ka 40, [M]Druzhby Narodiv, tel. 451 42 56, www.restaurant-museum.com. A two-storied annex to the Vydubychi Monastery welcomes you to a singular fusion of a museum and a restaurant. Show cabinets, scattered around the restaurant hall, glisten with golden and bronze antiques, ancient ceramics and a collection of Cossack's tobacco-pipes. Restaurant-wise this unique institution boasts a menu of hoary Ukrainian viands. And be assured that every dish is blessed - you are on the grounds of a monastery, remember? Try varenykha for a start - a strong liquor essence made of dry fruits and honey with spices, and then savour the whole variety of typically Ukrainian dishes. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00. €€. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Varenichnaya #1 A-5, Esplanadna 28A, [M]Palats Sportu, tel. 287 15 39, www.2k.com.ua. From the first days of its work Varenichnaya #1 became a favourite restaurant for many people. It seems that this restaurant has been here, near the Palace of Sport, always! At the entrance you will be met by a charming decorative pig called Varvara. There are three halls at the restaurant, decorated in a picturesque Philistine style (beginning of the 20th century), and a summer terrace. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Shynok Lesi Ukrainki bul'v. 28V, [M]Pechers'ka, tel. 258 57 77. Right at the entrance of the restaurant guests face small Ukrainian folk museum, with a lot of 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». ▶ Open 11:00 - 06:00. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Planeta Sushi H-2, Khreschatyk 12, [M]Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 270 66 79. A great choice for a wide variety of Japanese dishes. You can try nigiri, popples, mariavase and tatakushi, 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: Chervonoarmil's'ka 57/3, tel. 287 37 75 ▶ Open 11:00 - 02:00. €€. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Safe H-4, Chervonoarmil's'ka 23, [M]L'va Tolstoho, tel. 536 01 57, www.safe.com.ua. Ask ten Kyiv models what their favourite club in the city is, and the chances are that they will all say Safe. And if there's one thing Kyiv's models know, it's where to hang out. The popularity of this lounge-bar shows no sign of dwindling, as people continue to come here in order to relax and chat in comfortable surroundings whilst listening to chilled-out mixes. ▶ Open 11:00 - 02:00. €€. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Sam's Steak House G-5, Zhylians'ka 37, [M]Respublikans'kyl Stadion, tel. 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. €€. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Shnitzel J-5, Gusovskoho 12/7, tel. 280 41 14, www.karta.ua. When I mentioned this place to a German acquaintance, a small tear welled up in the corner of his eye. "I miss my Mutter's schnitzel," he explained. I took this to be a wonderful compliment and went to try for myself. This is a no-brainer for pork/beer lovers - schnitzel, bratwurst, schweinshaxe (pork knuckles in a crusty skin), lagers and ales. Though this may or may not be the best place for homesick German boys, it's definitely a top pick for the rest of us. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Soho-New York Steak & Seafood E-2, Artema 82, [M]Luk'yanivs'ka, tel. 484 03 51, www.soho.com.ua. This American owned and operated New York style steak-house creates a relaxed and elegant atmosphere that's fitting for any dinner occasion. The average price per person for this wonderful dining experience is approximately 200-250Hr. As a footnote, the management as well as most of the floor staff speak fluent English, so there's never a communication problem when ordering your steak 'well done' ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. €€€. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

T.G.I. Friday's H-4, Bessarabs'ka pl. 5A, [M]Khreschatyk, tel. 235 42 64, www.fridays.com.ua. 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 11:00 - 23:00. €€. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Teatro F-3, B.Khmel'nyts'koho 53, [M]Universitet, tel. 581 70 70, www.opera-hotel.com. This restaurant adds a level of elegance to the already gorgeously extravagant Opera Hotel. Located on the second floor, enter through the separate street-level entrance. The menu (available in English) is a popular blend of Italian, Ukrainian and other European dishes. This is a top pick for early birds - breakfast service begins at 6:30. ▶ Open 06:30 - 23:00. [M][P][S][F][D][U]

Baraban (Drum) Prorizna 4A, [M] Zoloti Vorota, tel. 279 23 55. This cosy but hard-to-find hole-in-the-wall is usually populated by politicians, journalists and ex-pats 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. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. [C][P]

Bar on 8 C-3, A. Tarasovoyi 5, Hyatt Regency Kyiv, [M] Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 581 12 34, fax 581 12 35. With its vantage point on the 8th floor of the first international five-star hotel in Kyiv, situated in the middle of Sofiivka Square and overlooking the magnificent St. Sophia Cathedral and St. Michael's Golden-Domed Cathedral, Bar on 8 offers the breathtaking panoramic views in the city. Being an all-day lounge, Bar on 8 also serves light dishes such as salads, sandwiches, steaks and desserts. During warmer months, guests enjoy alfresco dining with variations of meat and seafood grilled to perfection on the Australian grill and original tandoor oven. ▶ Open 11:00 - 02:00. [M][C][P][S][F]

Bellini's Bar A-3, B. Khmel'nyts'koho, 53/53, [M] Universytet, tel. 581 70 70. The Bellini's Bar is a very classic type outlet, offering a wide range of international beverages, large cocktail variety and high class wines by the glass. In addition, there'll be a humidior placed where guests can enjoy cigars. ▶ Open 11:00 - 02:00. [C][P][S][F]

Brunello C-3, A. Tarasovoyi 5, Hyatt Regency Kyiv, [M] Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 581 12 34, fax 581 12 35. Bar Brunello is the exclusive wine bar and the best place to meet at the end of the day. Brunello offers an unrivalled selection of fine Italian wines, with a particularly wide range of Brunello wines. The ambience is very cosy and warm, defined by contemporary, rustic brown masonry works, subdued intimate lighting and the impressive feature bar. Along with remarkable wine collection, guests can enjoy winning recipes of signature cocktails created by highly-skilled bartenders. ▶ Open 17:00 - 03:00. [M][C][P][S][F]

Docker Pub Bohatyrs'ka 9, [M] Heroiv Dnipro, tel. 451 85 28, www.docker.com.ua. There aren't many venues which encourage their customers to dance on the table but Docker Pub is just that! This Rock n' Roll joint is a lively raucous affair where bands play to an enthusiastic crowd determined to dance and flirt till sunrise. All manner of cocktails are available at the bar for incredibly reasonable prices and the service is warm and friendly. A little bit out of the way but well worth the journey. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00.

Garage Shota Rustaveli 12, [M] Palats Sportu, tel. 287 02 04. Appetisers and beer snacks abound for those watching sports on the big projection TV or jamming to live music on Fridays and Saturdays. Although there's no English-language menu at this car-themed establishment, you can point to pictures of such dishes as 'speed', 'autobahn', and 'Grand Prix'. A business 'auto lunch' is also served. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00, Sat, Sun 12:00 - 24:00 [C][P][S][F]

Golden Gate Irish Pub B-3, Zolotovorits'ka 15, [M] Zoloti Vorota, tel. 235 51 88, fax 278 65 83, info@kartamir.com.ua, www.kartamir.com.ua. This is a true Irish Pub with the largest selection of draught beer in Kyiv. The menu has special beer appetizers. There are darts, a billiard room, and big screens TV for sport fans. There is live music every Friday and Saturday. Pub offers business lunch on weekdays and breakfast at the weekend. ▶ Open 11:00 - 01:00. [M][C][P][S][F]

Joss L-3, Raisy Okipnoi 2, Tourist hotel, 2-nd floor, [M] Livoberezhna, tel. 541 01 57, www.joss.com.ua. Casino, Restaurant, Pub, Strip Bar. The pub serves European and Japanese cuisine; it has a wide assortment of the bottled and taps beers. There are seven plasma TVs with regular sport broadcasting, darts, skittles, and Yard el. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. [C][P]

Cafés

Antresol H-4, T. Shevchenka bul'v. 2, [M] Khreschatyk, tel. 235 83 47. Decorated in bright, lively colours with a plethora of green plants, the pleasant atmosphere has a universal appeal. Even a party of one will be entertained by the wall photos and bookshop. Specials include a variety of fruit salads, and the service is also good. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. [C][P][S][F]

Coffee Time H-3, B. Hrinchenka 2/1, [M] Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 278 21 56, www.coffetime.com.ua. Considered the best coffee chain in Kyiv, the prices are reasonable and (reminiscent of Starbucks in America) they seem to be on every corner. Known for their aromatic blend of Arabic (90%) and Robusta coffee (10%), they offer one of the best assortments of hot and cold beverages in the city as well as dishes for all tastes and moods, from soups to chocolate fondue. Also at: Volodymyrs'ka 42; Chervonoarmiy'ska 17, open: 09:00 - 22:00; Esplanadna 34/2, open: 09:00 - 22:00. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. [M][C][P][S][F]

Double Coffee H-1, Kostiantyniv'ska 1/2, [M] Kontraktova Ploscha, tel. 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 Mykhailiv'ska 6. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00. [C][P][S][F]

Éclair, confectionary restaurant E-2, Artema 82, [M] Luk'yaniv'ska, tel. 484 16 68. A comfortable terrace with a tile floor, ornamental forged umbrella-lamps, a mahogany bar...everything conveys the atmosphere of a French street café. There's no traditional shop window, because desserts are made before the visitor's eyes. The dessert menu lists 65 items: éclairs, tiramisu, meringue, cheesecakes, puddings, mousses, pies, varenyki, and what not? The candies are made from extra fine Ghirondelli chocolate, which is specially imported from Belgium. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. [M][C][P][S][F]

Gloria Jean's Coffees H-4, Chervonoarmiy'ska 34, [M] L'va Tolstoho, tel. 289 39 77, www.gloriajeans.ua. Established over 30 years ago, Gloria Jean's Coffees has become a global icon with stores in over 30 countries, and now we can add Ukraine to the list. The first café was opened in Kyiv last year, and they promise five more in the near future. Tired of the plastic-cup swill served at the kiosk? Gloria Jean's Coffees is famous for its coffee-to-go! Also at Khreschatyk 13, Chervonoarmiy'ska 118. ▶ Open 08:00 - 22:00. [M][C][P][S][F]

Lobby Lounge C-3, A. Tarasovoyi 5, Hyatt Regency Kyiv, [M] Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 581 12 34, fax 581 12 35. Lobby Lounge is the haven of luxury with a great mixture of dining and lounge tables with comfortable and inviting sofas and chairs, all located around the stunning onyx fireplace, allowing guests to relax and experience the urban buzz of this deluxe international hotel. Throughout the day, Lobby Lounge offers a wide selection of snacks and light meals. Afternoon tea rituals feature savouries, cakes and irresistible pastries, freshly prepared every day. In the evening, the fireplace becomes the focal point, around which guests can sample excellent wines, single malt whiskeys, premium brandies, cognacs, and fine cigars. ▶ Open 06:00 - 01:00. [M][C][P][S][F]

Arena Entertainment B-5, Basseina 2A, [M] L'va Tolstoho, tel. 492 00 00. This venue was the official hangout for Eurovision 2005 participants. It is an entertainment complex accommodating several bars, a night club and a casino under one roof. Try your luck in Blackjack, Poker or American roulette. In any case, you may end up your night out in the night club partying till dawn. ▶ Open: restaurant and Beer House 09:00 - 04:00, Sport-Bar 12:00 - 04:00, night club Tue - Sun 22:00 - 06:00. [M][C][P][S][F]

Azhur A-4, Leontovycha 3, [M] Universytet, tel. 234 74 94, fax 278 50 05, www.avalon.ua. This stereo disco club is a real diamond of Kyiv night life. The best music from the 60's, 70's, and 80's provides a bright and dazzling atmosphere. The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Lisa Minnelli, the Rolling Stones, and the Doors songs guarantee an unforgettable night in this club. ▶ Open 20:00 - 06:00. [M][C][P][S][F]

Carribbean Club F-4, Kominterna 4, [M] Universytet, tel. 288 12 90/235 59 61, www.caribbean.com.ua. Want to test your salsa skills? Caribbean Club proudly presents the live rhythms of the Latino group "disLOK Ados". For you novices, the dance school is one of the first and most popular salsa schools in Kyiv. The cost of one lesson is 25Hr. ▶ Open 18:00 - 06:00. [C][P][S][F]

CC A-6, Saksahanskoho 1G, [M] Respublikanskyi Stadion, tel. 228 86 08, info@kartamir.com.ua, www.karta.ua. This restaurant, karaoke, and disco-bar is a part of the Mirovaya Karta chain of restaurants. The name is the abbreviation of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. The favourite dishes of the former leaders of the Soviet Communist Party are on the menu. The restaurant has a main hall with a stage, and private VIP rooms. Karaoke fans can choose from a selection of 14,000 songs to sing with professional musicians. There is also jazz every Tuesday and 80's disco every Thursday and Friday. ▶ Open 18:00 - 06:00. €€€. [M][C][P][S]

Docker's ABC C-5, Khreschatyk 15/4A, [M] Khreschatyk, tel. 278 34 58, www.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 00:00 - 24:00. Mon-Frid 12:00 - 16:00 Business Lunch 25Hr. Admission Sun-Thu 10Hr, Fri-Sat 25Hr. [C][P][S][F]

Faberge I-4, Rybal'ska 22, [M] Klovs'ka, tel. 501 79 79. This club is for mature and respectable people and has strict face control. The under 18s are not allowed in. Housed within the walls of an old fortress, Faberge embodies good taste and sophistication. The venue serves a variety of exclusive drinks which are hard to find anywhere else in the city, and delicious snacks to keep you dancing. A club which is almost destined to be a favourite with the city's beautiful people and high fliers. Admission is free every night. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. [C][S]

Pioneer Ice Club I-4, Dniprovs'kyi uzviz 1, [M] Arsenal'na, tel. 496 53 53, www.ice-club.com.ua. Ice club has an ice skating arena and cafeteria. The menu has the most popular meals from many of the finest European mountain resorts. The summer terrace has a panoramic view of Lavra and both banks of the Dnipro River. Every Friday there is a disco on ice. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. [M][C][P][S][F]

NEW

Sory Babushka E-3, Dmytriv'ska 18/24, [M] Universytet, tel. 486 03 00. 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 'til 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 *Vnu-chata* (grandchildren's) Party. ▶ Open 22:00 - 05:00. [C][C]

Xlib Club F-1, Frunze 12, [M] Kontraktova 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. ▶ Open Thu, Sun 20:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 23:00 - 06:00. [C][C]

Casinos

Avalon A-5, Leontovycha 3, [M] Universytet, tel. 234 74 94. This all-inclusive entertainment complex contains a café, restaurant, several bars and a night club. The casino offers poker, roulette and black jack, plus a free nightly buffet for all gamblers. ▶ Open 17:00 - 06:00. [C][C][P][F]

Casino 21st Century Saksahans'koho 51, [M] Respublikanskyi Stadion, tel. 289 17 03. This raffle-crazy casino gives out daily prizes of \$1,000 plus additional \$5,000 prizes on Friday and Saturday. Free entrance gives full access to five kinds of poker plus the usual selection and, lest we forget, nightly erotic shows beginning at 21:00. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. [C][P]

Casino Europe A-5, Gorkoho 8, [M] L'va Tolstoho, tel. 287 67 84. Roulette, black jack, six kinds of poker, and nightly raffles ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. A buffet and taxi transfers are offered to casino clients. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. [C][P][F]

Casino Rio B-4, B. Khmel'nyts'koho 30/10, [M] Teatral'na, tel. 234 32 92. This casino offers the same traditional games and slot machines as elsewhere. However, a poker tournament every Friday with total prizes of \$2,500 does set it apart. ▶ Open 13:00 - 05:00. [C][P]

Gabriela C-4, Khreschatyk 1/2, [M] Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 278 88 81, www.gabriela.kiev.ua. The usual gaming tables, slot machines and weekly raffle prizes of \$2,500 are all at your service at Dnipro Hotel. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. [C][P]


Joss L-3, Raisy Okipnoi 2, Tourist hotel, 2-nd floor, [M] Livoberezhna, tel. 541 01 57, www.joss.com.ua. Casino, Restaurant, Pub, Strip Bar. Roulette, Black Jack, five kinds of Poker games, and slot machines. The drinks and food are free while gambling. Every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 23:00 there is a drawing for cash prizes, and immediate winnings with scratch cards. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. [C][P][F]

Split Club A-5, Prorizna 8, [M] Khreschatyk, tel. 536 17 17. Split is one of Ukraine's oldest and most successful casinos. A hryvnia hall and a higher-stakes dollar hall offer the standard gaming tables. The are also nightly cash prizes and erotic shows. ▶ Open 00:00 - 24:00. [C][P][F][S]

In this issue we have included a one day walking tour in case you are short of sightseeing time, but even if you have longer the tour lists some of the most important historic and cultural attractions. Kyiv's main attraction for domestic and foreign tourists are its famous gold domed cathedrals and churches, magnificent and impressive sanctuaries of piety, history, and art. Since every one needs souvenirs to take home, God kindly created Andriivskiy uzviz. There are also many museums, including a unique outdoor museum on the edge of the city limits. Kyiv has the highest number of square kilometres of park per resident in Europe, many of which are lined with benches and dotted with monuments to Ukraine's literary, political, or fictional heroes.


Must see


Khreshchatyk  **Khreshchatyk.** From its northern end of European Square to Bessarabs'ka Square and its southern terminus, Kyiv's most central, most famous and best people-watching street is not even 2km long. Despite what has been called the most impressive unbroken string of Stalinist architecture anywhere, Khreshchatyk's gently curving design and wide chestnut-lined sidewalks make it a lovely place for a relaxing stroll. The trees also provide welcome shade during hot summer months, although on weekends and holidays when the street becomes a pedestrian area many prefer to frolic in the street among street performers. It's hard to believe that this area was once a valley surrounded by a dense forest. The valley's name was 'Khreshchata', meaning 'crossed', because of the many ravines that crossed it. Malls already exist at Bessarabska and metros Khreshchatyk and Maidan Nezalezhnosti, and another is definitely in the works for European Square as well. As for above-ground shopping, TSUM - the central department store - is actually becoming rather modern and has little to show of its Soviet past. Perhaps in an act of poetic justice the whole street will collapse under this retail strain and again revert to a valley. In the old days the royalty of Kyiv liked to hunt here - but for the foreseeable future the only hunting done on Khreshchatyk will be for souvenirs, clothes and pretty Ukrainian women.


Kyivo-Pechers'ka Lavra Sichnevoho Povstannia 21,  **Arsenal'na, tel. 280 30 71, www.kplavra.kiev.ua.** The monastery which made Kyiv the 'Rome' of Orthodox Christianity and received pilgrims from all over Europe continues to attract droves of visitors today. 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 - the Ukrainian 'pechera' means 'cave', while 'Lavra' is an Orthodox term given to its largest monastery. Founded in 1051 by monks Antony and Feodosiy, the 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 apparent miracle further enhanced the monastery's reputation. The monks' bodies have been almost perfectly preserved to this day, a fact you can see 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. There are also many museums on the territory, the best of which are the Museum of Historical Valuables, tel. 280 13 96. Open 10:00 - 17:00, Fri 10:00 - 16:30. Closed Mon. Admission: foreigners 6Hr and the Museum of Books and Printing, tel. 280 79 76. Open 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Tue. Admission 2Hr. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00. Admission for foreigner: adults 16Hr, children 8Hr.

Maidan Nezalezhnosti  **Maidan Nezalezhnosti.** Kyiv's central square has undergone major changes in recent years, both above ground and below. The square is now referred to as "the big greenhouse", that's not a botanical compliment but rather an indictment of the Globus Shopping Centre's glassy domes. At least it's no longer October Revolution Square with a big Lenin statue as it was in Soviet times. Maidan is famous for the events of the Orange Revolution. Downtown Kyiv was in the headlines all over the world. When you walk on Maidan and Khreshchatyk, just imagine the whole square and surrounding streets filled with people and tents all decorated in orange.

Mariinsky Palace M.Hrushevs'koho 5,  **Arsenal'na.** Closed to those not entitled to a special audience with President Yushchenko, nevertheless, this beautiful blue and cream-coloured palace is a pleasant place to walk around. The scenic route to the palace starts at the arch of Ukrainian and Russian reunification near European Square and continues up the stairs and into the shady park. Named in honour of Russian Empress Maria, the wife of Tsar Alexander II, the palace was completed in 1755 and excellently combines elements of Ukrainian and Russian Baroque styles. It's reminiscent of the Summer Palace in St. Petersburg, and with good reason - they were designed by the same architect, Bartolomeo Rastrelli, who was also responsible for St. Andrew's Church. The imperial family resided here during their visits to Kyiv, and now meetings with high-ranking foreign diplomats are held in the palace. As you return to Hrushevs'koho Street, the building on your right is the chamber of the Verkhovna Rada, the national parliament.

St. Andrew's Church Andriivskiy uzviz 23,  **Poshtova ploscha, tel. 278 58 61.** Famous Italian architect Bartolomeo Rastrelli was the mastermind behind this attractive Baroque church that greets the throngs at the top of Andriivskiy 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 C-3, Mykhailiv's'ka ploscha,  **Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 278 89 56.** St. Michael's is at the top of the funicular, opposite St. Sophia's Cathedral. Originally built by Prince Sviatopolk in 1108, this cathedral was destroyed by the Soviet regime in the mid-1930s in keeping with their anti-religion agenda. Its reconstruction was completed in May 2000. The sky blue exterior and glittering golden domes are certainly stunning, even though up close it all seems a bit too new and shiny for this ancient city. Another reminder, albeit a much smaller one, of the Communists' inhuman policies is to the right as you exit the church grounds, where there is a monument to the millions of Ukrainian victims of the Great Famine. It solemnly bears the simple inscription '1932-1933' (the years of the famine). Farther out in the square, the statues of Princess Olga, Apostle Andrew, St. Cyril and St. Mephostius were also reconstructed (after being destroyed by the Communists) in 1996.

St. Sophia's Cathedral Volodymyrs'ka 24,  **Zoloti Vorota, tel. 278 20 83, fax 278 67 06, www.sophia.org.ua.** Kyiv's oldest church was built in 1037 by Prince Yaroslav the Wise - who was laid to rest inside - to commemorate the victory of the Kyivan Rus over the Pechenegs (an Asian


nomadic tribe) and to glorify Christianity. It was named after St. Sophia's Cathedral in Constantinople. This majestic 13-cupola sanctuary adjoined the Yaroslav's Palace and became a holy place of worship for Kyivites as well as its political and cultural heart. With its interior of rich frescoes and mosaics, many of which are still intact almost a millennium later, St. Sophia's made a huge impression on the ordinary worshippers of Kyiv. A similar impression is felt by current visitors, so strong is the sense of history. Meetings with foreign diplomats and treaty negotiations were held here, and the church housed the first library and school in the Kyivan Rus. The azure and white bell tower is 76m high and was finished in 1752, while the upper Ukrainian Baroque part and gilded cupola were added in 1852. Today the entire cathedral complex is protected by Ukraine as a national reserve and also receives support from UNESCO. The 18th-century refectory is now a museum and contains archaeological artefacts and architectural displays, such as model panoramas depicting Kyiv as it looked before being razed by Mongol invaders in 1240. It may cost 2Hr just to enter the grounds next to the bell tower, but if it means this spiritual and cultural treasure is kept in good shape then we're all for it. The kiosk selling tickets for the cathedral itself is straight ahead. On your way out don't forget to take your picture postcard-perfect shot of Cossack leader Bohdan Khmelnyts'kiy on his horse. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00, Wed 10:00 - 16:00. Admission 20Hr for all the exhibits.

Museums

Museum of Historical Valuables J-5, Sichnevoho Povstannia 21 (Lavra),  **Arsenal'na, tel. 280 13 96.** The Louvre, the Hermitage, or the Prado would be happy to have such a collection of Scythian gold. The gem of the collection is the Scythian queen's neck adornment from the 4th century B.C. The 1.4-kilogram pectoral was made of pure gold by a master craftsman 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 a specially designed chamber filled with inert gas. This is far from

Editor's pick




Andrew's Descent (Андріївський узвіз)  **Kontraktova 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. Its steep and winding cobblestones are a traditional place for outdoor festivals and concerts, and it has numerous intriguing art galleries and museums. Of course, 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, as well as a repository for all souvenirs tacky and/or Soviet. The sidewalk artisans come out in full force on weekends and big holidays. There's an interesting building at №15 that Kyivites refer to as the Castle of Richard. Built in 1902, it's currently being remade into a hotel by a Ukrainian-American joint venture. A bit further down on the right is a steep, twisting flight of iron steps which will reward lovers of heights with yet another commanding vantage point above Podil and the Dnipro. At the bottom of the hill, turn left to reach the former marketplace of Kontraktova ploscha or right to head toward the funicular at Poshtova ploscha.


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 jewellers of the past and present can all be found here. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:45. Closed Mon. Admission 12Hr, students and children 6Hr.

Museum of Russian Art A-4, Tereshchenkiv's'ka 9,  **Teatral'na, tel. 233 62 18.** Outside of Moscow and St. Petersburg, one of the largest collections of Russian art is housed here. The building belonged to the upper-class Tereshchenko family and was built in the 1880s. Private artworks confiscated and nationalised by the Soviets along with the Tereshchenkos' 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. Reikh, 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. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Wed, Thu. Admission 6Hr.

National Art Museum C-4, M.Hrushevs'koho 6,  **Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 278 74 54.** 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 10:00 - 18:00, Mon, Fri 11:00 - 19:00. Admission 6Hr.

National History Museum C-3, Volodymyrs'ka 2,  **Zoloti Vorota, tel. 278 48 64.** Located on a bluff above Andriivskiy 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 archaeological 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 - 17:00. Closed Wed. Admission 12Hr.

National Museum of Chernobyl G-1, Khorevyl'lane 1,  **Kontraktova Ploscha, tel. 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. Bring a big group and make the attendants show you the diorama and video. A few exhibits could be a bit scary for kids, such as life-sized costumes with gas masks and pictures of deformed animals. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Sun. Admission: 5Hr, students 1Hr.

The Bohdan and Varvara Khanenko Museum of Arts A-4, Tereshchenkiv's'ka 15-17,  **L'va Tolstoho, tel./fax 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 Spanish art includes two true gems from the XVII century - 'Portrait of Infant Margarita' by Diego Velasquez and 'Still Life with Chocolate Milk' by Juan de Zurbaran. ▶ Open 10:30 - 17:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission 7.50Hr.

As with all emerging Eastern European countries, the quality and service on offer in Ukraine's hotels and apartments can vary to the greatest degree, and Kyiv is only now beginning to showcase its traditions of fine service. Although there is still a shortage of upscale accommodation in the city centre, many smaller and less prestigious hotels and apartments are beginning to appear. Private companies offering newly renovated apartments can meet the needs of almost any clientele, and renting an apartment on a nightly basis is a sensible alternative to a hotel. It's considerably cheaper, and the advantages of privacy, a kitchen and more space in general are real. Hotels remain most people's first choice however, and new places are being constructed all over the city. Like Kyiv In Your Pocket, the city is growing... Prices include breakfast and VAT (20%), unless otherwise stated.

Cream of the Crop

Dnipro C-4, Khreschatyk 1/2, [M]Maidan Nezalezhnosti, tel. 254 67 77, fax 254 67 37, reservation@dniprohotel.kiev.ua, www.dniprohotel.kiev.ua. One of the best four star hotels in Ukraine. This 12-storey hotel was built in 1964 in the centre of the business, political and cultural heart of the city. The majority of the rooms are recently renovated; some of the rooms have a spectacular view of the Dnipro river. All rooms have AC, Internet, satellite TV and individually controlled central heating. ▶ 186 rooms (88 singles €105 - 190, 52 doubles €158 - 257, 18 junior suites €170 - 287, 17 Senior suites €220 - 327, 11 Executive suites €260 - 367, extra bed €23 - 46). [M] [I] [P] [W] [A] [S] [F] [C] [B] [D] [E] [G] [H] [J] [K] [L] [N] [O] [P] [Q] [R] [S] [T] [U] [V] [W] [X] [Y] [Z] [AA] [AB] [AC] [AD] [AE] [AF] [AG] [AH] [AI] [AJ] [AK] [AL] [AM] [AN] [AO] [AP] [AQ] [AR] [AS] [AT] [AU] [AV] [AW] [AX] [AY] [AZ] [BA] [BB] [BC] [BD] [BE] [BF] [BG] [BH] [BI] [BJ] [BK] [BL] [BM] [BN] [BO] [BP] [BQ] [BR] [BS] [BT] [BU] [BV] [BW] [BX] [BY] [BZ] [CA] [CB] [CC] [CD] [CE] [CF] [CG] [CH] [CI] [CJ] [CK] [CL] [CM] [CN] [CO] [CP] [CQ] [CR] [CS] [CT] [CU] [CV] [CW] [CX] [CY] [CZ] [DA] [DB] [DC] [DD] [DE] [DF] [DG] [DH] [DI] [DJ] [DK] [DL] [DM] [DN] [DO] [DP] [DQ] [DR] [DS] [DT] [DU] [DV] [DW] [DX] [DY] [DZ] [EA] [EB] [EC] [ED] [EE] [EF] [EG] [EH] [EI] [EJ] [EK] [EL] [EM] [EN] [EO] [EP] [EQ] [ER] [ES] [ET] [EU] [EV] [EW] [EX] [EY] [EZ] [FA] [FB] [FC] [FD] [FE] [FF] [FG] [FH] [FI] [FJ] [FK] [FL] [FM] [FN] [FO] [FP] [FQ] [FR] [FS] [FT] [FU] [FV] [FW] [FX] [FY] [FZ] [GA] [GB] [GC] [GD] [GE] [GF] [GG] [GH] [GI] [GJ] [GK] [GL] [GM] [GN] [GO] [GP] [GQ] [GR] [GS] [GT] [GU] [GV] [GW] [GX] [GY] [GZ] [HA] [HB] [HC] [HD] [HE] [HF] [HG] [HH] [HI] [HJ] [HK] [HL] [HM] [HN] [HO] [HP] [HQ] [HR] [HS] [HT] [HU] [HV] [HW] [HX] [HY] [HZ] [IA] [IB] [IC] [ID] [IE] [IF] [IG] [IH] [II] [IJ] [IK] [IL] [IM] [IN] [IO] [IP] [IQ] [IR] [IS] [IT] [IU] [IV] [IW] [IX] [IY] [IZ] [JA] [JB] [JC] [JD] [JE] [JF] [JG] [JH] [JI] [JJ] [JK] [JL] [JM] [JN] [JO] [JP] [JQ] [JR] [JS] [JT] [JU] [JV] [JW] [JX] [JY] [JZ] [KA] [KB] [KC] [KD] [KE] [KF] [KG] [KH] [KI] [KJ] [KL] [KM] [KN] [KO] [KP] [KQ] [KR] [KS] [KT] [KU] [KV] [KW] [KX] [KY] [KZ] [LA] [LB] [LC] [LD] [LE] [LF] [LG] [LH] [LI] [LJ] [LK] [LL] [LM] [LN] [LO] [LP] [LQ] [LR] [LS] [LT] [LU] [LV] [LW] [LX] [LY] [LZ] [MA] [MB] [MC] [MD] [ME] [MF] [MG] [MH] [MI] [MJ] [MK] [ML] [MN] [MO] [MP] [MQ] [MR] [MS] [MT] [MU] [MV] [MW] [MX] [MY] [MZ] [NA] [NB] [NC] [ND] [NE] [NF] [NG] [NH] [NI] [NJ] [NK] [NL] [NM] [NO] [NP] [NQ] [NR] [NS] [NT] [NU] [NV] [NW] [NX] [NY] [NZ] [OA] [OB] [OC] [OD] [OE] [OF] [OG] [OH] [OI] [OJ] [OK] [OL] [OM] [ON] [OO] [OP] [OQ] [OR] [OS] [OT] [OU] [OV] [OW] [OX] [OY] [OZ] [PA] [PB] [PC] [PD] [PE] [PF] [PG] [PH] [PI] [PJ] [PK] [PL] [PM] [PN] [PO] [PP] [PQ] [PR] [PS] [PT] [PU] [PV] [PW] [PX] [PY] [PZ] [QA] [QB] [QC] [QD] [QE] [QF] [QG] [QH] [QI] [QJ] [QK] [QL] [QM] [QN] [QO] [QP] [QQ] [QR] [QS] [QT] [QU] [QV] [QW] [QX] [QY] [QZ] [RA] [RB] [RC] [RD] [RE] [RF] [RG] [RH] [RI] [RJ] [RK] [RL] [RM] [RN] [RO] [RP] [RQ] [RR] [RS] [RT] [RU] [RV] [RW] [RX] [RY] [RZ] [SA] [SB] [SC] [SD] [SE] [SF] [SG] [SH] [SI] [SJ] [SK] [SL] [SM] [SN] [SO] [SP] [SQ] [SR] [SS] [ST] [SU] [SV] [SW] [SX] [SY] [SZ] [TA] [TB] [TC] [TD] [TE] [TF] [TG] [TH] [TI] [TJ] [TK] [TL] [TM] [TN] [TO] [TP] [TQ] [TR] [TS] [TT] [TU] [TV] [TW] [TX] [TY] [TZ] [UA] [UB] [UC] [UD] [UE] [UF] [UG] [UH] [UI] [UJ] [UK] [UL] [UM] [UN] [UO] [UP] [UQ] [UR] [US] [UT] [UU] [UV] [UW] [UX] [UY] [UZ] [VA] [VB] [VC] [VD] [VE] [VF] [VG] [VH] [VI] [VJ] [VK] [VL] [VM] [VN] [VO] [VP] [VQ] [VR] [VS] [VT] [VU] [VV] [VW] [VX] [VY] [VZ] [WA] [WB] [WC] [WD] [WE] [WF] [WG] [WH] [WI] [WJ] [WK] [WL] [WM] [WN] [WO] [WP] [WQ] [WR] [WS] [WT] [WU] [WV] [WW] [WX] [WY] [WZ] [XA] [XB] [XC] [XD] [XE] [XF] [XG] [XH] [XI] [XJ] [XK] [XL] [XM] [XN] [XO] [XP] [XQ] [XR] [XS] [XT] [XU] [XV] [XW] [XX] [XY] [XZ] [YA] [YB] [YC] [YD] [YE] [YF] [YG] [YH] [YI] [YJ] [YK] [YL] [YM] [YN] [YO] [YP] [YQ] [YR] [YS] [YT] [YU] [YV] [YW] [YX] [YY] [YZ] [ZA] [ZB] [ZC] [ZD] [ZE] [ZF] [ZG] [ZH] [ZI] [ZJ] [ZK] [ZL] [ZM] [ZN] [ZO] [ZP] [ZQ] [ZR] [ZS] [ZT] [ZU] [ZV] [ZW] [ZX] [ZY] [ZZ]

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[B] Casino	[D] Conference facilities
[E] Child friendly	[F] Facilities for the disabled
[G] Internet	[H] Guarded parking
[I] Fitness centre	[J] Non-smoking rooms
[K] Restaurant	[L] Nearest metro station
[M] Sauna	[N] Swimming pool
[O] Animal friendly	[P] Wi-Fi Internet access

wine near a fireplace, but you will also feel right at home, although home may be oceans away. The Opera Hotel is located just 15 minutes from downtown Kyiv and Khreschatyk Street allowing one to be in touch with Kyiv's business and social life, but away from the busy downtown area. Business club, lobby lounge, conference rooms and spa & fitness club are all a part of the luxury facilities offered to guests. ▶ 138 rooms (singles €430 - 520, doubles €450 - 540, suites €850 - 870, king, business club). [M] [I] [P] [W] [A] [S] [F] [C] [B] [D] [E] [G] [H] [J] [K] [L] [N] [O] [P] [Q] [R] [S] [T] [U] [V] [W] [X] [Y] [Z] [AA] [AB] [AC] [AD] [AE] [AF] [AG] [AH] [AI] [AJ] [AK] [AL] [AM] [AN] [AO] [AP] [AQ] [AR] [AS] [AT] [AU] [AV] [AW] [AX] [AY] [AZ] [BA] [BB] [BC] [BD] [BE] [BF] [BG] [BH] [BI] [BJ] [BK] [BL] [BM] [BN] [BO] [BP] [BQ] [BR] [BS] [BT] [BU] [BV] [BW] [BX] [BY] [BZ] [CA] [CB] [CC] [CD] [CE] [CF] [CG] [CH] [CI] [CJ] [CK] [CL] [CM] [CN] [CO] [CP] [CQ] [CR] [CS] [CT] [CU] [CV] [CW] [CX] [CY] [CZ] [DA] [DB] [DC] [DD] [DE] [DF] [DG] [DH] [DI] [DJ] [DK] [DL] [DM] [DN] [DO] [DP] [DQ] [DR] [DS] [DT] [DU] [DV] [DW] [DX] [DY] [DZ] [EA] [EB] [EC] [ED] [EE] [EF] [EG] [EH] [EI] [EJ] [EK] [EL] [EM] [EN] [EO] [EP] [EQ] [ER] [ES] [ET] [EU] [EV] [EW] [EX] [EY] [EZ] [FA] [FB] [FC] [FD] [FE] [FF] [FG] [FH] [FI] [FJ] [FK] [FL] [FM] [FN] [FO] [FP] [FQ] [FR] [FS] [FT] [FU] [FV] [FW] [FX] [FY] [FZ] [GA] [GB] [GC] [GD] [GE] [GF] [GG] [GH] [GI] [GJ] [GK] [GL] [GM] [GN] [GO] [GP] [GQ] [GR] [GS] [GT] [GU] [GV] [GW] [GX] [GY] [GZ] [HA] [HB] [HC] [HD] [HE] [HF] [HG] [HH] [HI] [HJ] [HK] [HL] [HM] [HN] [HO] [HP] [HQ] [HR] [HS] [HT] [HU] [HV] [HW] [HX] [HY] [HZ] [IA] [IB] [IC] [ID] [IE] [IF] [IG] [IH] [II] [IJ] [IK] [IL] [IM] [IN] [IO] [IP] [IQ] [IR] [IS] [IT] [IU] [IV] [IW] [IX] [IY] [IZ] [JA] [JB] [JC] [JD] [JE] [JF] [JG] [JH] [JI] [JJ] [JK] [JL] [JM] [JN] [JO] [JP] [JQ] [JR] [JS] [JT] [JU] [JV] [JW] [JX] [JY] [JZ] [KA] [KB] [KC] [KD] [KE] [KF] [KG] [KH] [KI] [KJ] [KL] [KM] [KN] [KO] [KP] [KQ] [KR] [KS] [KT] [KU] [KV] [KW] [KX] [KY] [KZ] [LA] [LB] [LC] [LD] [LE] [LF] [LG] [LH] [LI] [LJ] [LK] [LM] [LN] [LO] [LP] [LQ] [LR] [LS] [LT] [LU] [LV] [LW] [LX] [LY] [LZ] [MA] [MB] [MC] [MD] [ME] [MF] [MG] [MH] [MI] [MJ] [MK] [ML] [MN] [MO] [MP] [MQ] [MR] [MS] [MT] [MU] [MV] [MW] [MX] [MY] [MZ] [NA] [NB] [NC] [ND] [NE] [NF] [NG] [NH] [NI] [NJ] [NK] [NL] [NM] [NO] [NP] [NQ] [NR] [NS] [NT] [NU] [NV] [NW] [NX] [NY] [NZ] [OA] [OB] [OC] [OD] [OE] [OF] [OG] [OH] [OI] [OJ] [OK] [OL] [OM] [ON] [OO] [OP] [OQ] [OR] [OS] [OT] [OU] [OV] [OW] [OX] [OY] [OZ] [PA] [PB] [PC] [PD] [PE] [PF] [PG] [PH] [PI] [PJ] [PK] [PL] [PM] [PN] [PO] [PP] [PQ] [PR] [PS] [PT] [PU] [PV] [PW] [PX] [PY] [PZ] [QA] [QB] [QC] [QD] [QE] [QF] [QG] [QH] [QI] [QJ] [QK] [QL] [QM] [QN] [QO] [QP] [QQ] [QR] [QS] [QT] [QU] [QV] [QW] [QX] [QY] [QZ] [RA] [RB] [RC] [RD] [RE] [RF] [RG] [RH] [RI] [RJ] [RK] [RL] [RM] [RN] [RO] [RP] [RQ] [RR] [RS] [RT] [RU] [RV] [RW] [RX] [RY] [RZ] [SA] [SB] [SC] [SD] [SE] [SF] [SG] [SH] [SI] [SJ] [SK] [SL] [SM] [SN] [SO] [SP] [SQ] [SR] [SS] [ST] [SU] [SV] [SW] [SX] [SY] [SZ] [TA] [TB] [TC] [TD] [TE] [TF] [TG] [TH] [TI] [TJ] [TK] [TL] [TM] [TN] [TO] [TP] [TQ] [TR] [TS] [TT] [TU] [TV] [TW] [TX] [TY] [TZ] [UA] [UB] [UC] [UD] [UE] [UF] [UG] [UH] [UI] [UJ] [UK] [UL] [UM] [UN] [UO] [UP] [UQ] [UR] [US] [UT] [UU] [UV] [UW] [UX] [UY] [UZ] [VA] [VB] [VC] [VD] [VE] [VF] [VG] [VH] [VI] [VJ] [VK] [VL] [VM] [VN] [VO] [VP] [VQ] [VR] [VS] [VT] [VU] [VV] [VW] [VX] [VY] [VZ] [WA] [WB] [WC] [WD] [WE] [WF] [WG] [WH] [WI] [WJ] [WK] [WL] [WM] [WN] [WO] [WP] [WQ] [WR] [WS] [WT] [WU] [WV] [WW] [WX] [WY] [WZ] [XA] [XB] [XC] [XD] [XE] [XF] [XG] [XH] [XI] [XJ] [XK] [XL] [XM] [XN] [XO] [XP] [XQ] [XR] [XS] [XT] [XU] [XV] [XW] [XX] [XY] [XZ] [YA] [YB] [YC] [YD] [YE] [YF] [YG] [YH] [YI] [YJ] [YK] [YL] [YM] [YN] [YO] [YP] [YQ] [YR] [YS] [YT] [YU] [YV] [YW] [YX] [YY] [YZ] [ZA] [ZB] [ZC] [ZD] [ZE] [ZF] [ZG] [ZH] [ZI] [ZJ] [ZK] [ZL] [ZM] [ZN] [ZO] [ZP] [ZQ] [ZR] [ZS] [ZT] [ZU] [ZV] [ZW] [ZX] [ZY] [ZZ]

Podol Plaza D-1, Kostiantyniv'ska 7A, [M]Kontraktova Ploscha, tel. 503 92 93, fax 503 92 20, reservation@podolplazahotel.com.ua, www.podolplazahotel.com.ua. This four-star boutique hotel creates a distinctive charm of elegance and antique style in the historical centre of Kyiv. Located just a few steps from the city's best museums and most spectacular Orthodox cathedrals, it has all the advantages of a larger establishment, yet exudes the warmth, intimacy and attention to detail that only a privately-owned hotel can. The hotel's Gallery Restaurant combines traditional cuisine with new flavours and is equally appropriate for both business lunches and dinners. The bar is a perfect place to numb your senses after a hectic day. ▶ 57 rooms (singles 1200 - 1800Hr, doubles 1600 - 1900Hr, suites 2200Hr, apartments 3000 - 4500Hr, junior suite 2200Hr). [M] [I] [P] [W] [A] [S] [F] [C] [B] [D] [E] [G] [H] [J] [K] [L] [N] [O] [P] [Q] [R] [S] [T] [U] [V] [W] [X] [Y] [Z] [AA] [AB] [AC] [AD] [AE] [AF] [AG] [AH] [AI] [AJ] [AK] [AL] [AM] [AN] [AO] [AP] [AQ] [AR] [AS] [AT] [AU] [AV] [AW] [AX] [AY] [AZ] [BA] [BB] [BC] [BD] [BE] [BF] [BG] [BH] [BI] [BJ] [BK] [BL] [BM] [BN] [BO] [BP] [BQ] [BR] [BS] [BT] [BU] [BV] [BW] [BX] [BY] [BZ] [CA] [CB] [CC] [CD] [CE] [CF] [CG] [CH] [CI] [CJ] [CK] [CL] [CM] [CN] [CO] [CP] [CQ] [CR] [CS] [CT] [CU] [CV] [CW] [CX] [CY] [CZ] [DA] [DB] [DC] [DD] [DE] [DF] [DG] [DH] [DI] [DJ] [DK] [DL] [DM] [DN] [DO] [DP] [DQ] [DR] [DS] [DT] [DU] [DV] [DW] [DX] [DY] [DZ] [EA] [EB] [EC] [ED] [EE] [EF] [EG] [EH] [EI] [EJ] [EK] [EL] [EM] [EN] [EO] [EP] [EQ] [ER] [ES] [ET] [EU] [EV] [EW] [EX] [EY] [EZ] [FA] [FB] [FC] [FD] [FE] [FF] [FG] [FH] [FI] [FJ] [FK] [FL] [FM] [FN] [FO] [FP] [FQ] [FR] [FS] [FT] [FU] [FV] [FW] [FX] [FY] [FZ] [GA] [GB] [GC] [GD] [GE] [GF] [GG] [GH] [GI] [GJ] [GK] [GL] [GM] [GN] [GO] [GP] [GQ] [GR] [GS] [GT] [GU] [GV] [GW] [GX] [GY] [GZ] [HA] [HB] [HC] [HD] [HE] [HF] [HG] [HH] [HI] [HJ] [HK] [HL] [HM] [HN] [HO] [HP] [HQ] [HR] [HS] [HT] [HU] [HV] [HW] [HX] [HY] [HZ] [IA] [IB] [IC] [ID] [IE] [IF] [IG] [IH] [II] [IJ] [IK] [IL] [IM] [IN] [IO] [IP] [IQ] [IR] [IS] [IT] [IU] [IV] [IW] [IX] [IY] [IZ] [JA] [JB] [JC] [JD] [JE] [JF] [JG] [JH] [JI] [JJ] [JK] [JL] [JM] [JN] [JO] [JP] [JQ] [JR] [JS] [JT] [JU] [JV] [JW] [JX] [JY] [JZ] [KA] [KB] [KC] [KD] [KE] [KF] [KG] [KH] [KI] [KJ] [KL] [KM] [KN] [KO] [KP] [KQ] [KR] [KS] [KT] [KU] [KV] [KW] [KX] [KY] [KZ] [LA] [LB] [LC] [LD] [LE] [LF] [LG] [LH] [LI] [LJ] [LK] [LM] [LN] [LO] [LP] [LQ] [LR] [LS] [LT] [LU] [LV] [LW] [LX] [LY] [LZ] [MA] [MB] [MC] [MD] [ME] [MF] [MG] [MH] [MI] [MJ] [MK] [ML] [MN] [MO] [MP] [MQ] [MR] [MS] [MT] [MU] [MV] [MW] [MX] [MY] [MZ] [NA] [NB] [NC] [ND] [NE] [NF] [NG] [NH] [NI] [NJ] [NK] [NL] [NM] [NO] [NP] [NQ] [NR] [NS] [NT] [NU] [NV] [NW] [NX] [NY] [NZ] [OA] [OB] [OC] [OD] [OE] [OF] [OG] [OH] [OI] [OJ] [OK] [OL] [OM] [ON] [OO] [OP] [OQ] [OR] [OS] [OT] [OU] [OV] [OW] [OX] [OY] [OZ] [PA] [PB] [PC] [PD] [PE] [PF] [PG] [PH] [PI] [PJ] [PK] [PL] [PM] [PN] [PO] [PP] [PQ] [PR] [PS] [PT] [PU] [PV] [PW] [PX] [PY] [PZ] [QA] [QB] [QC] [QD] [QE] [QF] [QG] [QH] [QI] [QJ] [QK] [QL] [QM] [QN] [QO] [QP] [QQ] [QR] [QS] [QT] [QU] [QV] [QW] [QX] [QY] [QZ] [RA] [RB] [RC] [RD] [RE] [RF]