

WELCOME TO KYIV

*"On these hills will shine forth the grace of God,
and a great city will be created here,
and the Lord will raise up many churches in it."
Andrew the Apostle*

Now visa-free for the better part of the world, and increasingly accessible by air travel, the magnificent city of Kyiv, so close to the geographical center of the continent, is still something of a novelty for European tourists. A mere couple of hours' flight from most major cities in Europe, it is an ancient beauty of a town, its history dating back over 1,500 years, its parks and green zones routinely ranked among Europe's most abundant, and its hundreds of restaurants so affordable that the average delicious meal rarely exceeds the 10 Euro mark. Speckled with over 150 beautiful churches and temples, some of which are on the UNESCO World Heritage List, Kyiv boasts an arresting blend of medieval, baroque, constructivist, and modernist buildings. Those less captivated by history and architecture are sure to be won over by Kyiv's highly original bars serving craft cocktails and by night clubs hosting legendary underground raves, justifying the city's reputation as "the new Berlin."

For a perfect romantic getaway, take a leisurely stroll across one of Kyiv's lovely parks (you'll need at least a week to see them all!), or book a boat trip along the Dnipro, or have a nice picnic on the vast river's bank. A 15-minute walk from the downtown area can bring you straight to the beach anytime you feel you need some R & R.

Kyiv prides itself on being a perfect tourist destination and vacation spot. There are two airports in the city, as well as a marina and a railway network that connects it to the rest of Europe. Plenty of five-star hotels, mostly international chains, can be found in the city. Other accommodation options include reasonably-priced boutique hotels and apartments for rent right in the city's beating heart. In addition to theatres, museums, galleries, and malls, Kyiv is brimming with beaches and wooded areas, its parks accounting for more than half of its square mileage.

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TOP 10 THINGS TO DO IN KYIV

1



Try the iconic **Chicken Kyiv** as it is cooked where it was invented.

2

Sample at least five brands of **Ukrainian craft beer** and take some home as a souvenir.



3

Stroll down **Andriyivskyy Descent** and climb one of Kyiv's mountains.

4



Take an evening **boat trip** along the Dnipro, with or without dancing on deck.

5



Find an artisanal **coffee house** off the beaten path and sip some delectable java brewed just right.

6



Locate at least **10 murals** in the city center – some of them found even underground, at the Osokorky station – and pick your favorites.

7

Have a cheat day and treat yourself to some unbeatable **Kyiv cake** made by Roshen.



8

Have some scrumptious **borsch or okroshka** at a local restaurant.

9

Put some blisters on your feet by roaming the numerous **Kyiv parks**: it is well worth it!



10

Ride the **Kyiv metro** to see one of the world's deepest stations (Arsenalna) as well as one of the most beautiful (Zoloti Vorota).





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WHERE TO SHOP

In Kyiv, there are not clearly marked but several very beautiful shopping areas where you can buy everything you need, depending on the purpose of shopping.

SHOPPING MALLS

1. Bessarabsky Market

2 Bessarabska Square, Kyiv
The oldest and first indoor market of Kyiv. Start shopping for food exactly from here there is a vast choice of meat specialties and local products.

2. TSUM Kyiv

38 Khreshchatyk St., Kyiv,
+38 (0800) 60-02-02,
tsum.ua
Khreshchatyk Street offers a lot of interesting shops, but the renovated TSUM is a must to visit. There are six floors of children's, men's and women's wear, home decor and sportswear, and two more floors of farm shops and restaurants.

3. Vsi. Svoi

27 Khreshchatyk St., Kyiv,
+38 (063) 437-99-33,
vsiivoi.ua
A store with the largest number of Ukrainian brands of high-quality and stylish clothes, footwear and accessories is located opposite TSUM.

4. Vsi. Svoi Dim ta Dekor

34 Khreshchatyk St., Kyiv,
facebook.com/vsi.svoi.store.34
The world's largest store of Ukrainian brands of subject design and decor. A great place to buy souvenirs and ceramics made in Ukraine.

5. Kyiv Passage

15 Khreshchatyk St., Kyiv
Golden Quarter of Kyiv. Place



WHERE TO EAT

One or two new restaurants with interesting interiors and great cuisine open in Kyiv every month. Following the results of the main professional National SALT® Restaurant Awards, we have chosen and offer the best of the best restaurants, bars and cafes.

RESTAURANTS WITH BEST WINE LISTS

1. Vino e Cucina

Restaurant-Enoteca

82 Sichovykh Striltsiv St., Kyiv,
+38 (044) 499-14-13,
famiglia.com.ua

Atmospheric restaurant,
where you want to come back.
Live music, a summer terrace.

A large selection of wines,
fish and seafood.

2. Lucky Restaurant Vinoteque

9 Mechnykova St., Kyiv,
+38 (095) 299-07-99,
lucky.ua

Cozy and comfortable place
in the famous wine shop
GoodWine. Delicious food and
excellent wine card. Book a table
in advance.

3. Vinsanto Wine Bar

20 Pushkinska St., Kyiv,
+38 (067) 977-97-76,
vinsanto.com.ua

A classic European wine bar
in the city center. A wide selection
of wines and whiskey from
different manufacturers, delicious
snacks. Cozy summer terrace.

4. Osteria Pantagruel

1 Lysenko St., Kyiv,
+38 (044) 278-81-42,
gusovsky.com.ua

Kyiv restaurant with a long history.
Delicious Italian dishes and a huge
wine list. Book at table in advance,
especially at weekends.

5. Bottega Wine & Tapas

13 Tereshchenkivska St., Kyiv,
+38 (094) 823-85-74,
bottega.in.ua



WHERE TO STAY



Eleven Mirrors Design Hotel

According to the hotel data from booking.com, there are more than 900 different accommodations available in Kyiv, about 100 hotels with different star rating – from 5 stars to 1 star, and more than 800 different hotels and apartments unrated by a star system. There are also available more than a hundred hostels. Be careful when booking – the owners of the apartments can often indicate the office address, the apartments themselves may be located elsewhere.

HIGH-PRICED

1. InterContinental Kyiv

2A Velyka Zhytomyrska St., Kyiv,
+38 (044) 393-22-22,
kyiv.intercontinental.com

Luxury hotel in the historic and business center of Kyiv, ten minute walk from the Maidan Nezalezhnosti, Khreshchatyk, elite shopping malls, the best restaurants and cafés.

2. Hyatt Regency Kyiv

5 Tarasova St., Kyiv,
+38 (044) 581-12-34,
kyiv.regency.hyatt.com.ua

A five-star hotel in the heart of Kyiv overlooking St. Sophia Cathedral, with magnificent bar on the eighth floor and perhaps the best spa in Kyiv.

3. Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv

1 Naberezhno-Khreshchatytska St., Kyiv,
+38 (044) 322-88-88,
fairmont.com/kyiv

The luxurious hotel of the world-wide network with spacious rooms and views of the river Dnipro, is located in the historic district of Podil. Elegant restaurants, a bar, Vogue Café.

4. Premier Palace Hotel Kyiv

5-7 Tarasa Shevchenka Blvd., Kyiv,

+38 (044) 244-12-00,
premier-palace.phnr.com

A historic hotel in the city center with unique fresh, organic, traditional breakfasts, a panoramic restaurant on the roof and a 17-meter swimming pool.

BOUTIQUE HOTELS

1. Opera Hotel

53 Bohdana Khmelnytskoho St., Kyiv, +38 (044) 581-70-70,
opera-hotel.com

Boutique hotel in the central area of the city, near the Opera House, St. Sophia`s and St. Volodymyr`s Cathedrals. Thematic suites are decorated in the style of world opera masterpieces.

2. Eleven Mirrors Design Hotel

34A Bohdana Khmelnytskoho St., Kyiv, +38 (044) 581-11-11,
11mirrors-hotel.com

Eleven Mirrors is the first and original boutique hotel in Kyiv, which is located in the very city center of the capital. The family of two famous boxers, Klitschko, owns the hotel.

3. Vozdvyzhensky Hotel

60 A-B Vozdvyzhenska St., Kyiv,
+38 (044) 585-99-00,
vozd-hotel.com



Volodymyrska
Hirka
(Volodymyr's Hill)
Park



HALLMARKS OF THE REVOLUTION OF DIGNITY

VOLODYMYRSKA HIRKA (VOLODYMYR'S HILL) PARK

In his novel *The White Guard*, known in the world Kyivan writer Mikhail Bulgakov calls Volodymyr's Hill "the best place in the world," no less – an opinion shared by photographers, artists, locals and tourists, who one and all enjoy the astounding city vistas that open up here.

On Sep 28, 1853, the newly-built park hosted the official unveiling of a monument to Prince Volodymyr, who at the end of the 10th century had baptized the local citizenry in the Dnipro river. This being the first monument in Kyiv, the best sculptors and architects of the imperial

court were invited to work on the project, although the credit now mostly goes to professor Peter Klodt. Ornamented with a relief commemorating the Baptism of Kyiv, the city emblem, and the Order of St. Volodymyr, the 20-m pedestal was designed by architect Alexander Ton and sculptor Vladimir Demut-Malinovsky.

Later, Volodymyrska Hirka became a popular holiday destination for local residents, its popularity reaching its peak in the 1860s-80s. If the aristocrats walked city parks only in warm weather, lower-class visitors flooded the Volodymyrska Hirka park all year long. Nowadays, it still remains a sentimental favorite for many Kyivans.