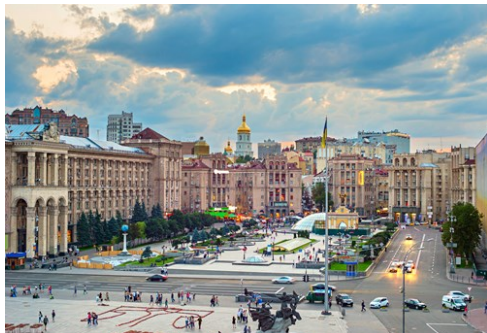




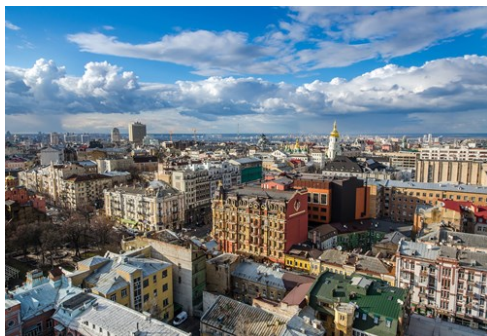
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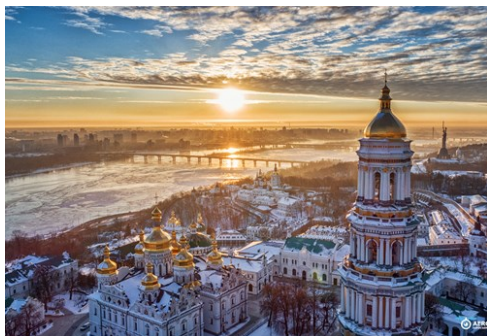


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Golden domes and shimmering spires peek out from the wooded hills rising above the wide Dnipro River. Leafy-green Kyiv, with its traffic-packed boulevards, shopping malls, countless churches, brilliant music and lively nightlife, has embraced capitalism, yet held firmly to its heritage. The Caves Monastery is the spiritual heart of Ukraine, and nearby, a gigantic Brezhnev-era Motherland statue bearing sword and shield casts her all-encompassing eye over the city, the river, and its island beaches.



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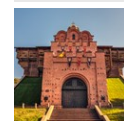
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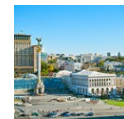
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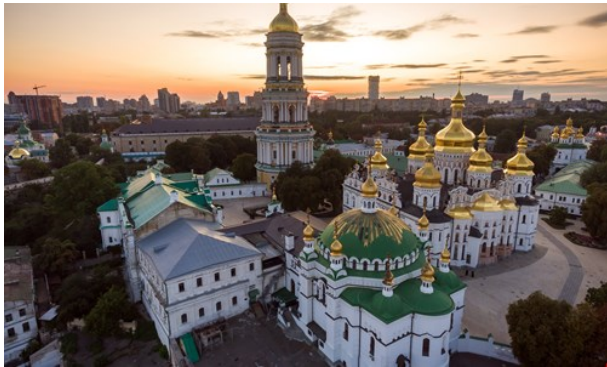
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THE CITY



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Kyiv's 1,500-year-old mix of fortunes rings out loudly from caves left by scholarly monks, the dazzling blue St Michael's, distinctive buildings by Rastrelli – the darling architect of St Petersburg –, the art collected by pre-revolutionary sugar magnates and the Babi Yar massacre memorial. The Stalin Empire architecture, Chernobyl Museum and the proud Independence Square are all part of Kyiv's unique charm.

The changing eras left their clear marks on the city. The stately mansions of the Lypki district are now government buildings, and the Caves Monastery, parks and Soviet statues define ancient Pechersk. The Upper City has landmark churches, and Saint Sophia's Cathedral, the greatest one of all, was modeled on the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul. Bohemian Andrew's Descent delights as it winds down into 19th-century Podil, while a glance across the river offers a starkly contrasting view over the concrete forest of Soviet apartment blocks.

Kyiv's music is unmissable, particularly the superb opera (and ballet!) at the Viennese-style Opera House. There is now an alternative music scene as well, which can be enjoyed in underground bars known to insiders only. Summertime is when street musicians create

their art right at the city streets, filling the air with uplifting tunes and lovely melodies.

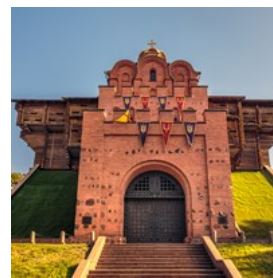
DO & SEE



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Walking along Kyiv streets, one can witness many eras collide: Soviet architecture alongside orthodox cathedrals, and imperial palaces define the Ukrainian capital that has recently been shaken by quite a bit of political turmoil. Kyiv has now embraced modernity and has a lot to offer – its eclectic art and cultural scene can keep busy for days on end, so make sure to plan your route ahead.

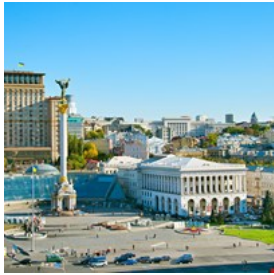
Golden Gate of Kyiv



Restoration of the Golden Gate Monument was initiated on the occasion of Kyiv's 1500-year anniversary in 1982. This was met with some criticism, since this decision implied the structure's original ruins had to be removed to erect the new monument. The has now been rebuilt in a combination of brick and wood.

Photo: Ruslan Kalnitsky/Shutterstock.com
Address: Volodymyrska St 40A, Kyiv

Independence Square



Seat of the Orange Revolution, Kyiv's big social heart hosts many concerts, performances and festivals, and it is thus known for its vibrant and lively atmosphere. Surrounded and embellished with fountains, monuments and an underground shopping mall, this is where real life happens.

Photo: joyfull/Shutterstock.com

Address: Maidan Nezalezhnosti, Khreshchatyk Street, Kyiv

Khreshchatyk



This tree-lined boulevard, the main street of Kyiv, is dominated by Stalin Empire architecture and upmarket shops. It stretches over one kilometer through a valley, that is thronged at weekends when it's closed to traffic

Photo: Veronika Kovalenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Khreshchatyk Street, Kyiv

Kyiv Pechersk Lavra



This monastery is a historic pilgrimage place and an UNESCO World Heritage Site, housing amazing churches, museums and eerie monastery caves. In 2007, it was also elected as one of the Seven Wonders of Ukraine.

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Address: Lavrska Street 15, Kyiv

Opening hours: Apr-Sep 9am-7pm. Oct-Mar 9am-6pm

Phone: +380 44 255 123 7

Internet: www.lavra.ua/en

More Info: The caves are open 8:30am-4:30pm.

Andriivsky Uzviz

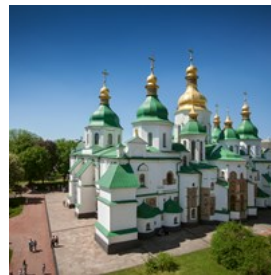


The picturesque and steep cobblestone hill Andriivsky Uzviz, meaning "Andrew's Descent", is lined with souvenir sellers and artists. Historic landmarks, for example the Castle of Richard Lionheart, are spread out along the descent and they all a great sight.

Photo: Elena_Suvorova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Andriivsky Uzviz, Kyiv

Saint Sophia's Cathedral



This 11th-century cathedral, now being a museum, is adorned by stunning mosaics and impressive frescoes. Together with the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra, this one is listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Photo: Alexander Kazarin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vladimirska Street 24, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

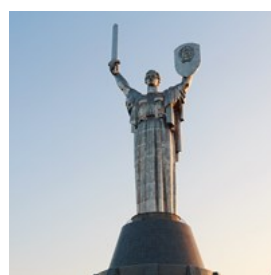
Phone: +380 44 278 262 0

Internet: n.sophiakievskia.org

Email: sophia.kievskia@gmail.com

More Info: The grounds and the tower can be visited 9am-7pm.

The National Museum of the History of the Great Patriotic War

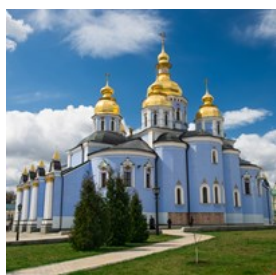


The National Museum of the History of the Great Patriotic War is a great place for getting a profound understanding of Kyiv's history and the

impact it has made on the country today. This museum has both an indoor section and a big outdoor section with monuments and statues.

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Address: Lavrska Street 24, Kyiv
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm. Sat-Sun 10am-7pm
Phone: +380 44 285 945 7
Internet: www.warmuseum.kiev.ua
Email: info@warmuseum.kiev.ua
More Info: The main exhibition starts at 11am.

St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery

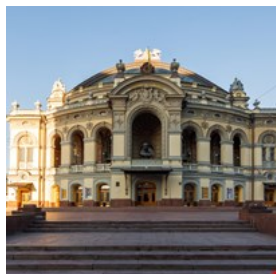


St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery lies on the Dnipro river bank and it boasts soaring domes, mosaics and memories. It was

built in 1713 and it has been complemented as well as rebuilt and reconstructed several times since.

Photo: Serhii Shcherbyna/Shutterstock.com
Address: Triokhsviatytska Street 8, Kyiv
Opening hours: Daily 8am-7pm
Phone: +380 97 777 743 4
Internet: www.archangel.kiev.ua
Email: archimandrit@ukr.net

National Opera House of Ukraine

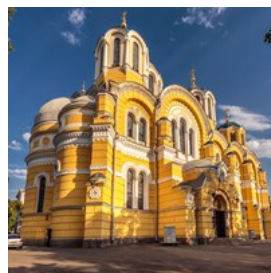


As one of the oldest building of the Ukraine, this historic Opera House invites you to an evening of classic opera or ballet, and the fabled mastery of

its performing artists along with the stately ambiance of the building itself will make for a decidedly unique night out in Kyiv. Prices are reasonable and the seating is good. but make sure to book in advance, as popular shows tend to get sold out early.

Photo: rbrechko/Shutterstock.com
Address: Volodymyrska Street 50, Kyiv
Phone: +380 44 235 260 6
Internet: www.opera.com.ua/en

St. Volodymyr's Cathedral



St Volodymyr's Cathedral is a busy, boldly frescoed 19th-century church in the city center and a memorable landmark. It is the most important cathedral for the Ukrainian Orthodox church.

Photo: Ruslan Kalnitsky/Shutterstock.com
Address: Tarasa Shevchenko Boulevard 20, Kyiv
Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm
Phone: +380 44 235 538 5
Internet: www.katedral.org.ua

Kyiv Funicular



The funicular, connecting the district Podol with the upper part of the city, is an authentic and functional monument to Kyiv's historic past and just another means of public transport for locals. Get in on the lower station (Poschtova Ploscha) and up to Andrew's descent and the upper station (Mykhailivska Ploscha) to save yourself a tiring climb uphill while taking in the spirit of the ages and also a great view.

Photo: Jerick Parrone/Flickr.com (image cropped)
Address: Sahaidachnogo Street 3, Kyiv
Opening hours: Daily 6am-11pm
Phone: +380 44 417 616 2
More Info: For taking the funicular, a special ticket is required. These may be purchased directly at one of its stations.

Babi Yar



The Babi Yar ravine is a sobering memorial to the people massacred during the Nazi occupation. It is estimated that – at this very place – more than 100.000 people lost their lives.

Photo: lindasky76/Shutterstock.com

Address: Oranzhereina Street, Kyiv

The House with Chimaeras

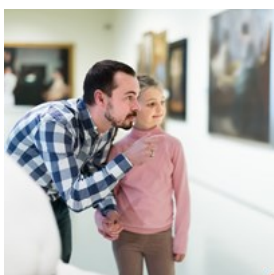


The House with Chimaeras – also called the Gorodetsky house, after its creator – is mainly used by the government but even though it is closed to visitors, the facade alone makes it worth the trip: its exterior is generously decorated with sculptures of various animals and even sea monsters, and it gives the place a very eerie, yet enticing vibe.

Photo: Aleksandr Trofimchuk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bankova Street10, Kyiv

Mystetskyi Arsenal



One of the most ambitious projects on the Ukrainian art scene, Mystetski Arsenal, is a former military factory turned into National Art

and Culture Museum Complex. Although contemporary art is in focus here, past exhibitions have already featured works of great masters such as Chagall or Picasso as well.

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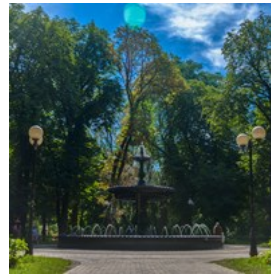
Opening hours: Tue-Sun11am-8pm

Phone: +380 44 288 522 5

Internet: www.artarsenal.in.ua/en/

Email: office@artarsenal.gov.ua

Mariinsky Park



This fabled park bears traces of its imperial heritage, and it is most certainly worth a visit: apart from a leisurely stroll, you can enjoy one of the best views over the Dnipro river and also take a look at the Mariinsky Palace, the baroque ceremonial residence of the Ukrainian president.

Photo: Dudaeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mikhaila Grushevskoho Street, Kyiv

National Museum of Ukrainian Architecture and Culture



The National Museum of Ukrainian Architecture and Culture is Europe's biggest open air museum. Here you will get an insight in Ukraine's

culture, history and all of its historical ethnographic regions in a fun and interactive way.

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Address: Vulitsa Akademika Tron'ka, Kyiv

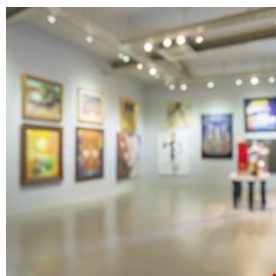
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +38 44 989 138 007

Internet: www.pirogovo.org.ua/

Email: pirogovo-press@ukr.net

Museum of Russian Art



This museum is located in the heart of Kyiv and it boasts an impressive collection of up to 12.000 paintings: ancient icons and famous Russian

artists'pieces that come from the former home of art-collecting aristocrats.

Photo: Pla2na/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tereschenkovskaya Street 9, Kyiv

Opening hours: Tue-Wed and Fri-Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +380 44 287 732 4

Internet: www.kmrm.com.ua

Email: museumru@ukr.net

More Info: Free entrance on the first Wednesday of each month until 2pm.

Mezhyhirya Residence Museum



Also known as the "Museum of Corruption", this former president's home gives visitors a good idea of the obscene opulence of Ukraine's

former leader. This is a slightly alternative day trip but a must-see, for an insight into Ukraine's turbulent political past and present.

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Address: Ivana Franka Street 19, Kyiv

Phone: +380 97 287 887 4

More Info: For a guided tour (in Ukrainian only), head to the sports and sauna complex called FOK.

Mikhail Bulgakov Museum



The mystical air, that surrounded both Bulgakov and his oeuvre, is omnipresent in the museum, as this is where the great author himself

lived while working on "The White Guard".

Joining a guided tour is highly recommended, but call ahead, as the museum may be overcrowded.

Photo: Marina Lo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Andriivskiy Descent 13, Kyiv

Opening hours: Thu-Tue 10am-6pm

Phone: +380 44 425 318 8

Internet: www.bulgakov.org.ua

Landscape Alley



The Landscape Alley is a area located in the historical centre of Kyiv, boasting a great playground and a 30 meter long mosaic as well

as sculptures of cats, rabbits and other figures.

While children will love to play around, art lovers will also enjoy this beautifully arranged quarter, as this is a real gem in the city.

Photo: DmytroChapman/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Vladimirska Street 2 - Zhitomirskaya Street36, Kyiv

One Street Museum



This institution is one of the most popular museums in Kyiv, as it gives a fascinating insight into the history of the old Andrew's Descent. One

name, which is explored through historical documents and photos, is the famous writer Mikhail Bulgakov who used to live in building number 13.

Photo: [spoil.exile/Flickr.com](https://www.flickr.com/photos/spoil/exile/) (image cropped)

Address: Andreyevsky Spusk 2B, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-6pm

Phone: +380 44 425 039 8

Internet: www.onestreet.kiev.ua

Email: OneStreetMuseum@gmail.com

DINING



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Bread is central to Ukrainian food culture, and so is borsch, a hearty and red coloured soup with beetroot. However, other local specialties are varenyky (large stuffed dumplings that can be both savoury and sweet), holubtsi (meat and rice rolled in cabbage leaves and topped with tomato sauce) and pelmeny (meat filled ravioli). Kyiv's cosmopolitan restaurants span multiple national borders, and the Japanese kitchen and fusion menus are the current big thing.

Le Cosmopolite



Le Cosmopolite, as part of the Pees Boy Club, is a authentic brasserie specializing in Belgian beer and cuisine, and in a laid-back and relaxed atmosphere. This venue is great for a friendly get together - especially, if you enjoy live jazz music.

Photo: Milosbeo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Volodymyrska Street 47, Kyiv

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-11pm. Fri 10am-2am. Sat 11am-2am. Sun 11am-11pm

Phone: +380 44 278 727 8

Internet:

www.peesboyclub.com.ua/en/beerbar/le-cosmopolite/

Email: call-center@peesboyclub.com.ua

More Info: Other similar subsidiaries of Pees Boy Club can be found on their website.

Chernomorka on V. Vasylykivska



Housed in a building that looks like a lighthouse, Chernomorka serves seafood and dishes of the Black sea region. The outdoor terrace and wide selection of wines are particularly inviting on balmy summers, so head here for enjoying the night .

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Address: Velyka Vasylykivska St, 49A, Kyiv

Internet: chernomorka.ua

Whisky Corner



For the widest whisky selection and a taste of Scottish haggis, head to this authentic restaurant downtown, where food and drinks come along with an excellent service. Order a sampling set of whisky to familiarize yourself with its large variety at once.

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Address: Sofievska Street 16/16, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-12am

Phone: +380 44 279 021 5

Internet: www.whiskycorner.kiev.ua

Email: whiskycorner@gmail.com

Pizzeria Napule



Enjoy a delicious pizza at Pizzeria Napule, where proper Neapolitan pizza without any oil or fat is served. Choose among 20 different pizzas, all of them prepared in a wood oven built with Neapolitan materials.

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Address: Mechnikova Street 9, Kyiv
Opening hours: 12pm-11pm
Phone: +380 44 495 92 63
Internet: www.gusovsky.com.ua/restaurant/pizzeria-napule

Chachapuri



This Georgian restaurant awaits you with mouthwatering dishes and complementary drinks. Along with the unique traditional décor, this authentic location will easily become a favorite that will suit any taste. The restaurant's name is a portmanteau of chacha (a strong Georgian liquor) and khachapuri (a bread and cheese dish).

Photo: Vigen M/Shutterstock.com
Address: Shevchenko Boulevard 36A, Kyiv
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-11pm. Sat-Sun 10am-11pm
Phone: +380 98 454 911 6
Internet: www.chacha.kiev.ua

The Burger Mexico



For delicious tacos and burritos, head straight to this location, where Mexican food is served around the clock. Complimentary snacks, additionally, will make your experience all the more exciting.

Photo: Dani Elen Rique Prod/Shutterstock.com
Address: Nizhny Val 17/8, Kyiv
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-12am. Fri 9am-3am. Sat 10am-3am. Sun 10am-12am
Phone: +380 44 331 22 32

GOODMAN Steak House



This restaurant's name has become synonymous with quality steak. Rightfully so, as the selection of meat cuts and wines leaves little to desire. Prices are above average but so is both food and service.

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com
Address: Zhylianska Street 75, Kyiv
Public Transport: Vokzalna/University metro station
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-12am
Phone: +380 44 592 314 5
Internet: ua.goodman.ru/en

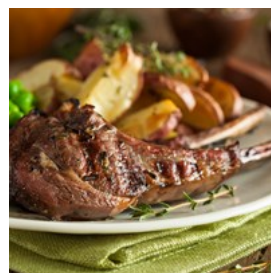
Puzata Hata



This local chain is a true find for everyone who is travelling on low budget, as they offer a buffet with mostly Ukrainian but also international food. Their restaurants are scattered all around the city, so check the website to find one closest to you and go there for having decent quality meals at very affordable prices.

Photo: Vincent Huijgens/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kleshchyatik Street 15/4, Kyiv
Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm
Internet: www.puzatahata.ua
Email: info@puzatahata.kiev.ua

Pervak



This authentic local restaurant is fully committed to its folk theme: the staff wears traditional Ukrainian clothing and the decor will turn your visit into somewhat of a trip to the

museum. Make sure to try one of the traditional liquors ("nastoika") to get the full Ukrainian dining experience.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rohnidynska Street 2, Kyiv

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-12am. Fri-Sat 11am-2am

Phone: +380 44 235 095 2

Internet: www.pervak.kiev.ua

Yoshi Fujiwara



Owned and run by a Japanese chef, this trendy restaurant's menu ranges far beyond sushi, to include unique and lesser known dishes. The

attention to detail in both the food and the interior is stunning, and it makes the slight detour away from the old town worth it.

Photo: Stockmelnik/Shutterstock.com

Address: Solomyanska Street 15A, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm

Phone: +380 44 360 02 09

Internet: www.yoshi-fujiwara.ua

Email: yoshi.kyiv@gmail.com

Imbyr



As a true find for vegetarians and vegans, this unique cafe's food is based on traditional Vedic cooking with minimal to none animal products.

However, everyone will most definitely enjoy Imbyr's fragrant dishes and its cosy atmosphere.

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Address: Zhylanska Street 7, Kyiv

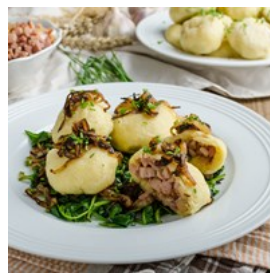
Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm

Phone: +380 44 287 618 0

Internet: www.cafeimbir.com

Email: imbircafe.kiev@gmail.com

U Hromogo Pola



U Hromogo Pola is a family owned restaurant with a menu containing traditional Czech food that you can, in summer, enjoy on an outdoor

terrace. Take your pick from the beer menu and, if you're up for the challenge, go for the special 3 liter beer tube.

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Address: Suvorova Street 4, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 10am-12am

Phone: +380 99 923 810 7

Internet: www.uhromogopola.com.ua

Email: info@uhromogopola.com.ua

Under Wonder



The restaurant's interior has been described as a mix of American steampunk, noble English gothic and Italian romanticism, which -

along with the excellent French and Italian cuisine served here - make for a very special dining experience.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Velyka Vasylykivska Street 21, Kyiv

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +380 44 234 21 81

Internet: www.underwonder.com.ua

Email: underwonder.kiev@gmail.com

CAFES



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Kyiv's cafe scene now boasts quite a few trendy places just like those you'd expect to find in hip neighborhoods of big European capitals. A finer, classical cafe experience awaits those who prefer a cup of coffee and slice of cake in a more sophisticated setting. From upscale to low-key, Kyiv has something to offer everyone.

Reprisa



Reprisa is a slightly upscale patisserie chain that serves tasty soups and salads apart from regular coffee and tea. Here you can always

count on friendly and attentive service.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: Velyka Vasylkivska Street 26, Kyiv

Opening hours: Mon 8am-8pm. Tue-Fri 8am-9pm. Sat-Sun 9am-8pm

Internet: www.reprisa.com

Email: info@reprisa.kiev.ua

More Info: Other shops at Velyka Zhytomyrska 38, Petro Sagaidachny 10/5 and Khmelnytsky Street 40/25.

Shooters



Shooters is located next to the Impressa Hotel, and it is open 24/7. Their menu is a fusion of Ukrainian, French, Turkish, Japanese and Thai cuisine, and as tasteful as it is diverse.

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Address: Moskovskaya Street 22, Kyiv

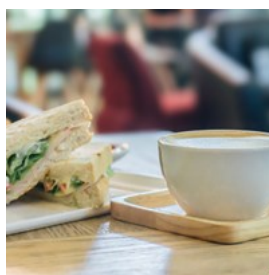
Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +380 44 254 202 4

Internet: www.shooters.kiev.ua/en/

Email: feedback@shooters.kiev.ua

Aroma Espresso Bar



Aroma Espresso Bar is not exclusive to Kyiv, as it is a worldwide chain that has been building up its reputation ever since the first little café in Israel

was opened. However, take a break at one of their locations in town and enjoy both hot meals as well as cold snacks, coming along with coffee and other drinks.

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Address: Zhylianska Street 75, Kyiv

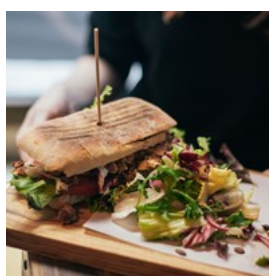
Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +380 44 596 002 0

Internet: www.aromacafe.com.ua

More Info: Another cafe can be found at Khreshchatyk Street 5, from 8am-11pm.

Druzi Cafe&Bar



Druzi Cafe&Bar is a hip new place with table games, delicious food and a very chill atmosphere. This location is perfect for hanging out and catching up with friends while savouring both food and

drinks.

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Address: Prorizna Street 3, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 9am-12am

Phone: +380 98 100 585 6

Internet: www.druzicafe.com.ua

More Info: Another "Druzi" can be found at Andriivskiy Uzviz, 2 D

Squat 17b



This cafe offers you a great place for an relaxing summer evening, providing both awesome food and great drinks.

Take a seat outside at their terrace and enjoy a cider while taking in the location's rustic atmosphere.

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Address: Tereshchenkovskaya Street 17B, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm

Phone: +380 89 678 235 9

More Info: The cafe is hidden in one of the backyards east of Shevchenko park

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Unlike many European cities, most of Kyiv's bars and clubs are open well into the night, so prepare to be out and about until day-break. Locals, expats and tourists alike mix and mingle in the nightlife establishments and their variety

will offer something for all age groups and wallet sizes. Jazz and techno dance clubs, casinos, discos – whatever you're looking for, Kyiv definitely has it all.

Caribbean Club



Caribbean Club is a heated Latin disco where you can be inspired by professional salsa dancers that will set the dance floor on fire. Find out if there are any performances while you are in town, and then do not miss it.

Photo: COD Newsroom/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Symona Petlyury Street 4, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-6am

Phone: +380 67 224 411 1

Internet: www.caribbean.com.ua

Email: cariba.club@gmail.com

Arena City



Arena is a stylish venue housing multiple nightclubs, restaurants, high-end stores and a Casino, and many of those are open all night.

Time will fly as you explore the upscale establishments the Arena Entertainment Center has to offer, so start enjoying the night while it is still young.

Photo: *bbernard/Shutterstock.com*

Address: Basseynaya Street №1 3/2A, Kyiv

Phone: +380 44 494 447 5

Internet: www.arena-city.com/en/

Email: info@arena-kiev.com

More Info: Opening hours vary, depending on establishment.

Wood You Like



Wood you like is a cosy bar quickly that made its way into the evening itineraries of tourists and locals alike. Known for its incredible designer

cocktails, the place also attracts visitors with its friendly (and fancy) atmosphere.

Photo: Aleksandrs Muiznieks/Shutterstock.com

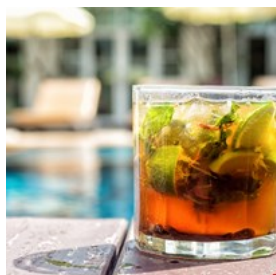
Address: Mezhyhirska Street 24, Kyiv

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-1am. Fri 9am-3am. Sat 1pm-3am. Sun 1pm-1am

Phone: +380 44 225 220 2

Email: woodbar24@gmail.com

Olmecca Beach



Although Olmecca Beach is not exactly on the French Riviera, its ambiance resembles the one of a luxury resort.

With an open-air pool, sunbeds and access to the Dnipro river beach, this is a round the clock party place during summer months.

Photo: sc0rpi0nce/Shutterstock.com

Address: Island Dolobetskiy, Gidropark, Kyiv

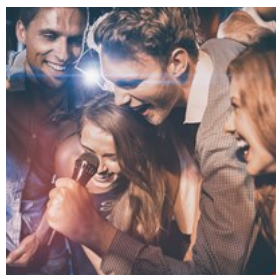
Opening hours: Daily 9am-closing

Phone: +380 67 445 635 2

Internet: www.nasha-karta.ua/restaurant/olmecca-plage

Email: olmecaplage.info@gmail.com

Skybar



As one of the top upscale establishments in Kyiv, Skybar is a high-end club and restaurant with regular karaoke parties.

Here you can rock the dance floor (and stage) as well as savour some

amazing cocktails.

Photo: vectorfusionart/Shutterstock.com

Address: Velyka Vasylkivska Street 5, Kyiv

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-6am. Sun 8pm-12am

Phone: +380 44 223 8888

Internet: www.skybar.ua

Email: lebedev.bar@gmail.com

More Info: Sky bar uses face control and they do have a dress code.

Closer



As a trendy mix of nightclub and art center, this hip place occupies the building of a former factory, and it houses dance floors along with

exhibition spaces. Quality music is played by guest DJs and jazz musicians perform live, so make sure to check for upcoming events.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nizhneyurkovskaya 31, Kyiv

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 4pm-10pm. Sat 4pm-8am

Phone: +380 67 250 030 8

The Bar



Located inside the Arena City entertainment center, this bar is at arm's length from some of the trendiest upscale nightclubs in town. Thus,

it is the perfect pre-party location, and it is also known for its relaxing atmosphere.

Photo: Thitinun Lerdkijsakul/Shutterstock.com

Address: Velyka Vasylkivska Street 5, Kyiv

Opening hours: Sun-Mon 6pm-6am. Tue-Sat 4pm-6am

Phone: +380 44 331 312 1

Sherlock Pub



Named in honor of the legendary fictional detective, this pub is all about Victorian Britain and, of course, beer.

While stouts and ales, and food and snacks await you in a welcoming setting, this bar is also known for its great service.

Photo: Master1305/Shutterstock.com

Address: Borshchahivska Street 144A, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm

Phone: +380 44 456 442 2

Internet: www.sherlock.kiev.ua

Parovoz Speak Easy



This speakeasy-style bar is known for the craftsmanship of its bartenders, and if you're lucky, you might even get to watch them work their

magic while fixing your cocktail. Try the best-selling "Old-fashioned" or ask for a recommendation or today's special.

Photo: FrauTori/Shutterstock.com

Address: Velyka Vasylkivska Street 19, Kyiv

Opening hours: Sun-Tue 12pm-1am. Wed-Thu 12pm-2am.

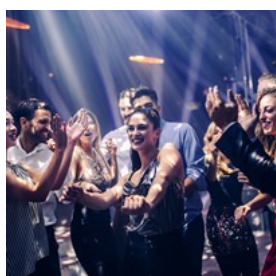
Fri-Sat 12pm-3am

Phone: +380 44 235 241 3

Internet: www.parovoz.bar

Email: anna.nekrassa@gmail.com

D.Fleur Night Club



At this upscale nightclub, you can dance the night away, as long as you follow the dress code as the face control may be rather strict. While there

is a restaurant and bar on the first floor, another flight of stairs takes you to the dance floor, where the party vibe will catch you at the latest.

Photo: bbernard/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mykhaila Hrushevskoho Street 3, Kyiv

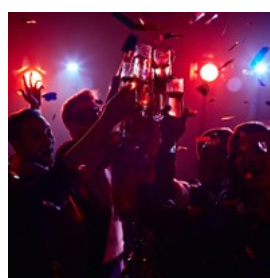
Opening hours: Thu-Sat 5pm-6am

Phone: +380 44 200 900 9

Internet: www.dlux.com.ua

Email: info@dfleur.club

Buddha Bar



The Kyiv installment of this world-renowned chic chain holds up the oriental theme, and it has all you need for a fabulous night out:

wonderful music, fantastic food (mainly Asian) and great drink.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Khreshchatyk Street 14, Kyiv

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 12pm-3am. Fri 12pm-5am. Sat 1pm-5am. Sun 2pm-3am

Phone: +380 44 270 7676

Internet: <http://buddhabar.com.ua/>

Email: rezerv@buddhabar.com.ua

Coyote Ugly



In this legendary establishment, everything is possible: from dancing on the bar over taking body shots served by the fiery "coyotes" to even

removing a bit of clothing. Things tend to get wild as the night progresses, and any free spirit is welcome to join.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mechnykova Street 9, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 8pm-6am

Phone: +380 44 280 067 8

Internet: www.coyoteuglysaloon.com/kyiv
Email: info@coyoteugly.ru

Vinsanto Wine Bar



While Vinsanto Wine Bar always offers an extensive wine list, they also serve a special wine tasting on Wednesdays and

Thursdays. Enjoy a glass or two here, in a very casual and laid-back atmosphere.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com
Address: Pushkinska Street 20, Kyiv
Opening hours: Daily 3pm-2am
Phone: +380 67 977 977 6
Internet: www.vinsanto.com.ua/en/
Email: mail@vinsanto.com.ua

Palata No.6



Best prepare for the full Chekhov-style madhouse experience, as drinks and food are served by staff in nurses' disguise. The solutions inside the

offered tubes and syringes are not exactly medicine but their effects may turn out to be comparable.

Photo: Sergey Novikov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Bulvarno-Kudriavska 31A, Kyiv
Opening hours: Daily 11am-2am
Phone: +380 44 486 515 2
Internet: www.palata6.io.ua
More Info: The bar is hidden in the backyard and doesn't have a sign by the door. You might have to ask someone local to show you the entrance

SHOPPING



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Looking at the variety of shops and department stores in the streets of Kyiv makes it hard to believe that just a couple of decades ago, shopping was practically non-existent. Today, you can find anything and everything in the fashion-conscious Ukrainian capital: while TsUM department store is known as "Kyiv's Harrods" and the posh Mandarin Plaza for its moneyed shop, Dream Town is more down to earth. Markets, bookstores and wine boutiques fill the bustling Ukrainian capital and they will keep you busy for days on end, if you just let them.

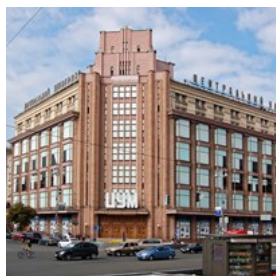
Bessarabsky Rynok



The boisterous Bessarabsky market with its fresh produce and incredible variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers is an essential stop for anyone looking for catching up the spirit of a lively marketplace. This authentic shopping experience should not be missed when in Kyiv.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Bessarabs'ka Square, Kyiv
Opening hours: Daily 8am-10pm

TsUM



As home to many high-end shops, the TsUM department store is an attraction as much as it is a shopping mall. The historic building has a very Soviet air about it, and as nicknamed "Kyiv's Harrods", this giant has anything your heart desires.

Photo: AMY/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Khreshchatyk Street 38, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +380 44 507 14 19

Internet: www.newtsum.com

Roshen



Little-known outside the former USSR countries, this major confectionery manufacturer produces an incredible variety of quality sweets, and its outlet stores are scattered all over Kyiv and easy to find. Roshen chocolates make great gifts, too.

Photo: congerdesign/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: Khreshchatyk Street 29/1, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 8am-10pm

Phone: +380 44 235 125 2

Internet: www.roshen.com

Globus



Shopping doesn't get more central than this, as the Globus mall is located directly in the heart of Independence Square. As Kyiv's favorite clothes-shopping destination, it hosts global brand-name stores such as Adidas, Tommy Hilfiger as well as many others.

Photo: NaiyanaB/Shutterstock.com

Address: Maidan Nezalezhnosti 1, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +380 44 371 113 7

Internet: www.globus.com.ua

Email: globus@lrp.com.ua

Dinternal



Slightly off the beaten track, this book shop is one of the few places in Kyiv where English-language literature can be found. The store specializes in textbooks but some fiction is also on offer, so do have a look.

Photo: Dean Drobot/Shutterstock.com

Address: Anri Barbyusa Street 16, Kyiv

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 10 am - 7 pm, Sat 10 am - 6 pm

Phone: +380 44 569 88 40

Internet: www.dinternal.com.ua

Email: office@dinternal.com.ua

Wine & Food



As wine-lovers' mecca, this place houses an immense variety of high quality wines which can be sampled prior to purchase as well as consumed right there, accompanied by finest meats and cheeses.

Photo: Amy Johansson/Shutterstock.com

Address: Naberezhno-Khreshchatyts'ka 3A, Kyiv

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-9pm. Fri-Sat 10am-10pm

Phone: +380 44 417 001 3

Skymall



Located on the left river bank in the new part of town, this enormous mall houses a variety of local and international brands as well as a food court

occupying an entire floor. There is also an affordable supermarket, Auchan, that offers both traditional Ukrainian food and international specialties.

Photo: leungchopan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Henerala Vatutina Ave 2r, Kyiv

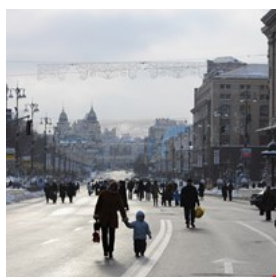
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +380 44 371 413 0

Internet: www.skymall.ua

Email: reklama@skymall.ua

Khreshchatyk Street



Kyiv's main artery, Khreshchatyk, is closed for traffic on weekends and holidays, and this makes shopping experience even more

convenient. With its Globus Mall as well as numerous separate stores - both high-end and affordable - Khreshchatyk attracts hundreds of tourists and shoppers every day.

Photo: Mstyslav Chernov/Wikimedia.org

Address: Khreshchatyk Street, Kyiv

More Info: Most stores are open from 8am-8pm.

Mandarin Plaza



This multi-story shopping center features global high-end brand stores such as Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Armani and Ralph Lauren - for just to

name a few - and also other shops that will

enrich your shopping experience when being in Kyiv.

Photo: Kagai19927/Shutterstock.com

Address: Baseina Street 6, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +380 44 230 961 1

Internet: www.mandarinplaza.ua

Email: contact@mandarin.kiev.ua

Gulliver



Occupying several stories inside a centrally located skyscraper, this mall has all you need and even more, as to a panoramic rooftop swimming pool

inside a luxury fitness center. A variety of entertainment options, including a bowling alley. are at visitors' disposal.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1A Sportyvna, Kyiv

Opening hours: Shopping gallery: daily 10am-10pm.

Entertainment zone: daily 10am-2am

Phone: +380 98 555 550 9

Internet: www.gullivercenter.com

Ocean Plaza



With its variety of shops and entertainment options, this shopping centre, located only slightly outside of town, is easy to reach, and it will

easily keep you occupied for a full day.

Photo: smzaidi/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: Antonovich Street 176, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +380 44 591 390 9

Internet: www.oceanplaza.com.ua

Petrivka Market



Although known as a book market, Petrivka is more of a flea market where almost anything can be found. However, several stalls specialize in foreign language literature.

Photo: geralt/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: Petrivka metro station, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm

UA made



Located inside the Globus shopping mall, this store is definitely worth stopping by. Featuring souvenirs and clothes made by young Ukrainian

designers, this is a place where you can browse for a good while and be duly rewarded with excellent gift choices.

Photo: JamesDeMers/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: 1 Maidan Nezalezhnosti, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +380 98 483 223 1

Internet: www.uamade.com.ua

Email: info@uamade.com.ua

Egersund Seafood



This Norwegian and off-the-beaten-path store in fish market-style and its restaurant are a unique experience in Kyiv, as you can not only

buy but also try seafood and sushi made with fresh ingredients on the spot. Be careful with the herring sandwiches, as locals warn that they are addictive!

Photo: bildgebende_Momente/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: Petra Hryhorenka 32, Kyiv

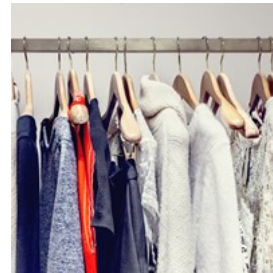
Opening hours: Mon 12pm-10pm. Tue-Sun 10am-10pm

Phone: +380 67 219 774 7

Internet: www.egersund.ua

Email: info@egersund.ua

Meeting Place OVD



Tucked away in a secluded spot while still right in the city centre, this "concept store" is mostly visited by locals and insiders. Started by

two young enthusiasts, the shop offers both a collection of unique items created by Ukrainian designers for shopping as well as coffee and cake for a break.

Photo: Adisa/Shutterstock.com

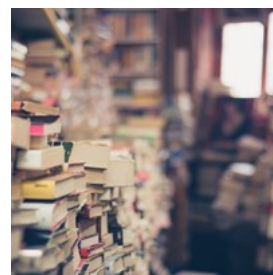
Address: Mykhailivs'kyi Lane 24, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +380 66 575 0805

Email: ovdmeetingplace@gmail.com

Bookstore Ye



This bookstore is frequented by local literature-lovers, as the variety of books is quite impressive - it even includes a

foreign-language section, and lectures and recitals are often hosted as well. You can also exchange books, so just feel free to ask the staff about "bookcrossing".

Photo: EliFrancis/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: Lysenko Street 3, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +380 44 235 885 0

Internet: www.book-ye.com.ua

Email: art.kyiv@book-ye.com.ua

More Info: Other shops are at Lva Tolstoho Street 1,

Povitroflotsky 33/2, and Spasska Street 5.

Cheese Kingdom



Cheese is not exactly a Ukrainian specialty but this cheese shop chain, however, is worth a visit. Stop by and sample from their impressive variety until you drop before making a purchase.

Photo: QMETHODS/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: Prospect Obolonsky 1B, Kyiv

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +380 73 091 947 2

Internet: www.cheesekingdom.com.ua

Email: cheese@cheesekingdom.com

More Info: The chain owns many shops across town, do check their locations on their website.

Good Wine



Good Wine is a wonderful store with much more than just an impressive selection of great wines, as they also offer highlights such as fresh oysters, sushi and ice cream, for just naming a few. This is a great place to come for organic grocery shopping (and tasting).

Photo: Keita Kuroki/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Mechnykova Street 9, Kyiv

Opening hours: Sat-Thu 8am-10pm. Fri 8am-12am

Phone: +380 44 390 796 2

Internet: www.goodwine.ua

KAPKAN Store



KAPKAN is a true skaters' paradise, as this alternative store is themed around hardcore/punk music and street wear. Mainly represented by brand names such as Vans, Dickies and Rip N Dip, it offers a huge variety and also some bargains.

Photo: Free-Photos/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: Reitarska Street 9, Kyiv

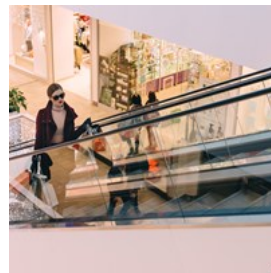
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-8pm. Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +380 93 088 752 5

Internet: www.kapkanshop.com

Email: info@kapkanshop.com

Dream Town



A multitude of shops and restaurants as well as a giant food court, a cinema and even a zoo await you at this huge shopping and entertainment centre. Come with time to spare, as wandering around will easily take up a whole day.

Photo: StockSnap/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: Obolonsky Avenue, Kyiv

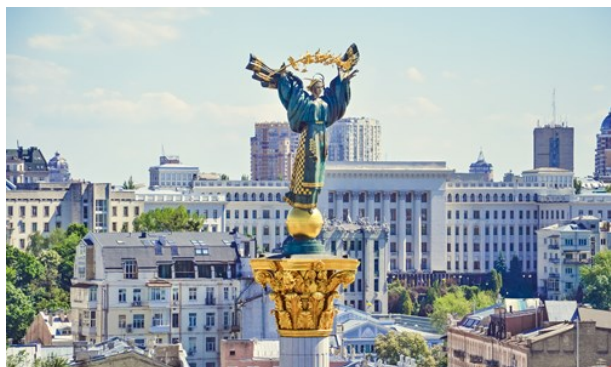
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm.

Phone: +380 44 428 361 1

Internet: www.dreamtown.ua

More Info: Opening hours may vary, depending on shops.

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Boryspil International Airport



The largest passenger airport in the Ukraine, Boryspil, is located 35 kilometers away from the city centre. The easiest way to get here is by Sky

Bus, which connects the airport with Kyiv's main railway station via the Kharkivska metro station: it runs with 15 minute intervals during day time and 30-45 minutes apart at night, and tickets may be purchased in terminals B and D or straight at the bus; the journey lasts about 50 minutes.

There is a free airport shuttle bus circulating along the following route: Terminal D - Hotel - Terminal B (Bus terminal) - Hotel - Terminal D.

Several long-distance bus routes directly from the airport are offered by the companies "Gunsel", "Autolux" and "Ukrbus", and all normally run via the central bus station.

Taxis are available for hire as well, but make sure to agree on the price before departure.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Boryspil International Airport, Kyiv
Phone: +380 44 363 450 5
Internet: www.kbp.aero

Kyiv Zhulyany International Airport



The main business aviation airport in the Ukraine, Kyiv Zhulyany, is located only 8 kilometers to the South of the city centre. Due to its convenient location, getting here by public transport is easy and quite fast, as minibuses routes 169, 565, 368, 302, 482, 496, 499 and trolleybus 22 route regularly.

Photo: Juan Garces
Address: Medova Street 2, Kyiv
Phone: +380 44 364 451 4
Internet: www.airport.kiev.ua

Passport / Visa



Citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Uzbekistan can enter the Ukraine without a visa for an indefinite stay, whereas holders of passports from all European countries and number of others can enter without a visa for a stay up to 90 days - use the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine to check for individual requirements. All visitors who do need a visa can obtain one upon arrival at Kyiv Boryspil Airport, Kyiv International Airport (Zhuliany) and Odessa International Airport for a stay of up to 15 days, providing documents about either invitation or tourism or investment businesses.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com
Internet: <https://mfa.gov.ua/en/consular-affairs/entering-ukraine/visa-requirements-for-foreigners>

Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Kyiv is the summer season from May until September, as both the average temperature as well as rainfall are at

their most visitor-friendly. However, this period is only second most crowded, as the charm of Christmas in Kyiv attracts many visitors - do travel around New Year's/Christmas time (January 7th is when the latter is celebrated) to experience Kyiv among festive locals.

Photo: VectorA/Shutterstock.com

Public Transport



Public transport runs from 05:45am to 12am on trolleybuses, buses and the Metro, and mini-buses (shuttle buses) can stop anywhere along

the route upon request. The fast, clean and very deep Metro has three lines that are fairly easy to navigate, as metro schemes are available at all stations.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



There are many different taxi companies in town to choose from. Agree on the price before the journey begins in order to avoid being overcharged

upon arrival.

Blues
+380 44 529 300 0

Kyiv City
+380 44 502 020 2

Alfa
+380 44 227 711 1

Photo: Taxi

Post



The Central Post Office is a tourist attraction of its own, so make sure to visit it and possibly send a postcard or two to family and friends back home.

Drop your mail off directly at the post office or use one of the yellow or blue post boxes scattered around the city. However, make sure it says "outside Kyiv" if you are sending international mail. Delivery might take a while, so turn to a private delivery service in case you are in a rush.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Khreschatyk Street 22, Kyiv

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-9pm. Sun 9am-7pm

Phone: +380 44 279 192

Internet: www.ukrposhta.com

Pharmacy



Most of the pharmacies are open until late (24/7) and they have a good selection of both locally made and imported medicine. Many

prescription drugs are available over the counter in the Ukraine due to regulation differences. One of them is Pharmacy Concept store on the main street.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Khreschatyk Street 44, Kyiv
Opening hours: 24/7
Phone: +380 44 498 010 8

Telephone



Country code: +380 Area
code: +44

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



230 V, 50 Hz, C/F

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

2.9 million

Currency

1 Hryvnia = 100 kopyyka

Opening hours

The general opening hours for shops are 10am-9pm every day, and often even longer for malls, although some shops close for lunch. Banking hours are usually 9am-5pm from Monday to Friday, and currency exchange kiosks (Obmin Valut) are open 9am-9pm daily. ATMs (Bankomats) can be found plentiful throughout the whole city.

Newspapers

Kyiv Post
The Day
Mirror Weekly
The Ukrainian Weekly
What's On Kyiv

Emergency numbers

Police: 102
Ambulance: 103
Fire Brigade: 101
European Emergency Number: 112

Tourist information

There are several Tour Info Kyiv booths located throughout the city, the most central one being in maydan

Nezalezhnosti. Staff normally speak English and will be able to assist by providing information, buying public transport tickets, bookings, etc.

Tourist info phone: 6116
www.visitkyiv.travel/en





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Desiatynna vulytsia	C2	Prorizna vulytsia	C3	vulytsia Leontovycha	B3 B4
Frolivs'ka vulytsia	B1 C1	Pushkins'ka vulytsia	C4	vulytsia Lysenka	B3
Heorhiivs'kyi vulytsia	B3	Reitars'ka vulytsia	B2 B3	vulytsia L'va Tolstoho	A4
Hlybochys'ka vulytsia	A1	Shovkovychna vulytsia	D4	vulytsia Mykhaila Hrusheys'koho	D3
Honcharna vulytsia	B1 B2	Sofiis'ka vulytsia	C3	vulytsia Mykhaila Kotsiubyns'koho	A3 A4
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Kosohirnyi provulok	A1	Stritens'ka vulytsia	B2	vulytsia Patorzhyns'koho	C3
Kostiantynivs'ka vulytsia	B1 C1	Tereschenkivs'ka vulytsia	B4	vulytsia Petra Sahaidachnoho	C1
Kost'ol'na vulytsia	C3 D3	Tr'okhsviatyts'ka vulytsia	C2 D2	vulytsia Pyrohova	A3 A4
Kozhumaiats'ka vulytsia	B1	Velyka Zhytomyrs'ka vulytsia	B2	vulytsia Saksahans'koho	A4
Kudriavs'ka vulytsia	A1 A2	Volodymyrs'ka vulytsia	B3 C2	vulytsia Smyrnova-Lastochkina	A1 A2
Kudriavs'kyi uzviz	A2	Volodymyrs'kyi proezd	C2	vulytsia Verkhniiv Val	B1
Liuterans'ka vulytsia	D4	Volodymyrs'kyi Uzviz	D2	vulytsia Vorovs'koho	A2 A3
Lukianivs'ka vulytsia	A1	Vozdvzhens'ka vulytsia	B1	vulytsia Yaroslaviv	B2 B3
Maidan Nezalezhnpti	C3	vulytsia Akademika Bohomol'tsia	D4	vulytsia Zan'kovets'kol	C4 D3
Mala Zhytomyrs'ka vulytsia	C2 C3	vulytsia Arkhitektora Horodets'koho	C3 D3	Zolotovorits'ka vulytsia	B3
Mykhailivs'ka pl	C2	vulytsia Artema	A2		