

**17th International Wheelset Congress
September, 22-27, 2013, Kiev, Ukraine**

*Accompanying persons program
(for group 20+1)*

Holy Monastery - Virgin Fate
Monday, September 23, 2013

Holy Dormition Kiev-Pechersk Lavra is included into a UNESCO World Heritage List. It is impossible to imagine Kiev without the unique beauty and grandeur of the architectural complex of the Kiev-Pechersk Lavra. If you were in Kiev and haven't seen Lavra - then you have not seen Kiev. Kiev-Pechersk Lavra is a fate of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the cradle of monasticism in Kiev Rus and the holy Orthodox faith, a kind of Mecca for Orthodox Christians.

The monastery was founded by monks Anthony and Theodosius in the eleventh century.

The ensemble of the Kiev-Pechersk Lavra had been formed for almost nine centuries, and each era has left its mark here. The name of the Kiev-Pechersk Lavra is derived from the word "cave", which are located in its territory. Lavra - is the name of honor, which was given to very large and important men monasteries. The territory of the monastery adjusts the Park of Glory. A beautiful and unforgettable view of the Dnieper might be seen from its observing terrace.



Tour Program

10-00	Visit to the Holy Dormition Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra Trinity Gate Three Saints Church, the oldest church in the monastery, founded in 1106 - The cells of the elders - the Dormition Cathedral, the pearl of Lavra complex, renovated in 2000, Kovnirsky complex - the Museum Treasures of Ukraine - Lavra Typography - Refectory Church - Lavra scenic terrace
11-30	Visiting of exhibition of creative and unique world's only museum of miniatures by Mykola Syadristiy - here you can see the shoe a flea, a windmill in a poppy seed and you may meet with the author himself.
13-00	Lunch
14-00	Visit to the Near and Far Caves. The Near Caves, a complex system of underground corridors height of 2-2.5 m and a width of 1.5 m, at a depth from 5 to 15 m, length of 313 m, Far Caves - 293 m. Optional - Lavra Bell Tower - the highest in Kiev, an unforgettable view of Kiev from a bird's eye view.
15-30	A walk in the Park of Glory. Visiting of the memorial to the Victims of the Holodomor. The Park of Glory is designed as a monument to the Unknown Soldier. Avenue leading to the 27-meters stele, crowning the plates with the names of heroes, Homeland defenders, during World War II. Nearby is the Memorial to the victims of Holodomor - a Candle of Memory, a majestic and mournful sign to the people, died in 1932-33.
17-00	Transfer to hotels

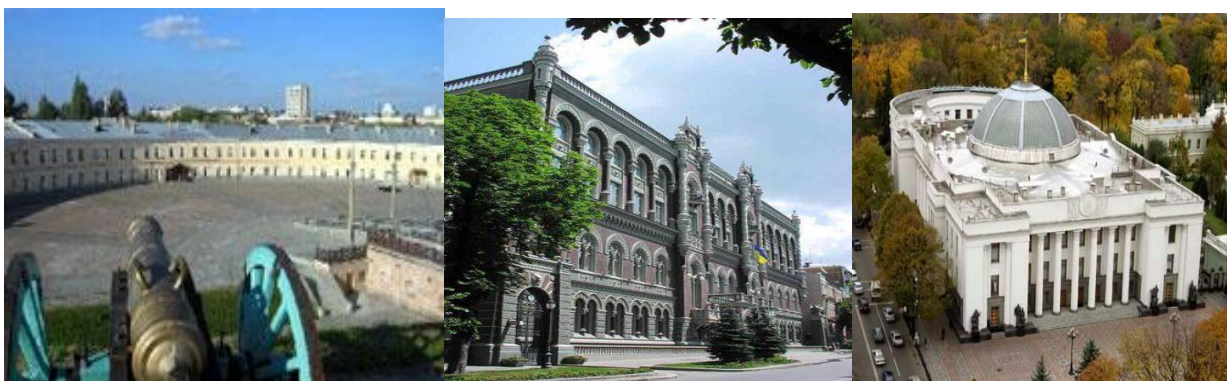
Tour price per person - \$ 65

Kiev Unknown

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

The political elite is placed at the administrative part of Pechersk - the Cabinet of Ministers, the Administration of the President of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada (Supreme Council of Ukraine). After visiting of these facilities you will take a walk in the autumn royal park, where the masterpiece of baroque architecture located: the Mariinsky Palace, the Bridge of Love and charming puppet theater. The magnificent view from the observation terrace of Kreschaty Park will become an unforgettable experience of the day.

Then you can visit the unique monument of the XIX century., one of the most important parts of the Kiev-Pechersk Fortress, which managed to survive in the heart of Pechersk, will see the fortification walls, guns, caponiers, ancient towers fortifications Lisogorsky fort, which is not only a gem of fortification, but also a unique natural complex.



Tour Program

9-00	National Philharmonic of Ukraine - The former building of the Institute for Noble Maidens - Parliamentary Library - stadium "Dynamo" - the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine - Ukrainian Parliament Building - the Mariinsky Palace – the Mariinsky park - scenic terrace of Kreschatyi Park - Bridge of Love.
11-30	Coffee break
12-15	Visit to the historical and architectural museum Kiev Fortress
14-30	Lunch
15-00	Kiev Passage, cozy and monumental - Khreschatyk, the main street of Kiev, combining specific features with global trends - original Bessarabian Market - Pinchuk Art Gallery (optional visit).

Tour price per person - \$ 65

Ukrainian song outdoor
 Wednesday, September 25, 2013

About 100 houses from different regions of Ukraine, built at different times, brought together in one of Europe's largest open-air museums, in The National Museum of Ukrainian Architecture and Culture "Pyrogovo". On the southern outskirts of Kiev, in addition to the living houses, on 147 Ha (363 Acres) are located 5 churches, 3 bell towers, 18 mills, 3 forges, village school and other folk architecture, causing great interest among the residents and guests of the city. Here you can relax at any time of the year, as well as to understand the mentality and spirit of the Ukrainian people a little bit deeper.



Tour Program

9-00	Visiting the flower show at the Song Festival Grounds
10-00	Transfer to the National Museum of Ukrainian Architecture and Culture of Ukraine "Pyrogovo"
11-00	Museum Tour – The surveying of traditional old Ukrainian houses from different regions of Ukraine, carefully transported to the Museum, peasant utensils, outbuildings, apiaries, Mills and Churches. At the Museum workshops are held: pottery, weaving and other crafts. You can also ride a horse, to participate in a horse show and buy authentic handmade souvenirs.
13-00	National style lunch in the restaurant at the museum.
14-00	Continuing the examination of the Museum. Visiting different ethnographic regions of Ukraine. Landscape Park Museum.
17-00	Transfer to hotels

Tour price per person - 65 \$.

Kiev Ancient and Mysterious

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Sightseeing tour begins from the inspection of the Golden Gate - the oldest architectural monument in Kiev. In the XI century, the Golden Gate served as the main entrance to Kiev - "the city of Yaroslav" and was surrounded by powerful fortifications. You will walk on the main road of those old times- to the main church of Kiev Rus', dedicated to Saint Sophia Cathedral, which in Greek means "the wisdom of God." St. Sophia Cathedral is in UNESCO World Heritage List, here is the world's largest collection of mosaics and frescoes of the XI century. At Sophia Square, you will take off the lid of the monument to Bogdan Khmelnytsky, Ukrainian Hetman, the leader of the national liberation struggle of the Ukrainian people (1648-1654).

Modern Michael's Square is also known as "the city of Princes Izjaslav and Svjatopolk" St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery celebrated its 900th anniversary. His story is tragic, because the monastery complex was destroyed in 1936, and only restored in 2000. There is also a monument to Princess Olga - one of the masterpieces of the sculptor Ivan Kavaleridze.

The next part of our tour is visiting of little-known places in Kiev: a walk on Vladimir Hill, inspection of Kokorev's gazebo with its unusual history and a visit to the terrace near the monument to Prince Vladimir, an unforgettable view of the Dnieper and the Left Bank of Kiev.

At the site of the base of Kiev - Old Kiev Hill - the remains of the foundations of the palaces of the first princes of Kiev, and from there the panorama hem bird's-eye view. Nearby is St. Andrew's Church - a masterpiece of Bartolomeo Rastrelli in baroque style.

From there, looking around the courtyards and unknown historical sites, you can follow the Landscape Walk and see the people beloved monuments, then explore the old crow and a unique view of house with a Gargoyle. Going down the stairs to the old tract Gonchary and Kozhумыaki, you can touch the antiquity and ancient unknown coloring.



Tour Program

10-00	Golden Gate - a monument to Yaroslav the Wise - St. Sophia Cathedral, the monument of a thousand years' history (1037 base) , visit to the museum and the rise on the Belfry of Sofia - Sophia Square - a monument to Bohdan Khmelnytsky - St. Michael Cathedral, a monument to Princess Olga, and the creators of the Slavic alphabet Cyril and Methodius.
13-00	Lunch
14-00	A walk on Vladimir Jam with a visit of Kokorev's gazebo– Andrievsky Uzviz, St. Andrew's Church - Starokievskaya Mountain - Richard Castle, a mysterious building with an extraordinary history - Landscape Alley with amazing monuments, loved by the people, visiting of the Three Ravens and the House with gargoyle - descending by staircase to the old tract Gonchary and Kozhумыaki, residence of artisans of ages 17-19.
16-00	Coffee Break in the Coffee house "Chocolate Manufactory"

Tour price per person - 65 \$.