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GENERAL FACTS

Official language: Ukrainian
Capital: Kyiv
Independence: August, 24, 1991
Location: Central-Eastern Europe, part of the East-European plain,
Area: 603 700 km²
Climate: moderately continental, except for Southern Crimea, where the climate is subtropical, of the Mediterranean type. The Carpathian climate is also mild, with warm winter and rainy summer.

Average winter temperature is from -8° to -12° C (from +17.6° F to +3° F). In the Southern regions average winter temperature is 0° C (+32° F).

Average summer temperature is from +18° to +25° C (from +64.4° F to +77° F), although maximum temperature can be more than +35° C (+95° F).

Best time to visit Ukraine: summer, late spring and early autumn.

Population: 47 732 079 (25th in the world, population density – 80 p/km²)
Currency: hryvnia (letter code UAH, digital code 980)
Time zone: GMT+2 (UTC+2)
Internet top-level domain: ua
International phone code: +380
UKRAINE IS A HIGHLY TRADITIONAL COUNTRY, WHERE THE OBSERVANCE OF CERTAIN CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN ITS CULTURE. YOUNGER GENERATIONS GLADLY ADOPT AND FOLLOW THESE RITUALS, MAKING THEM EVEN MORE VIVID AND UP-TO-DATE. UKRAINE POSSESSES A WEALTH OF CULTURAL TALENT AND A CONSIDERABLE CULTURAL LEGACY.

Impressive monuments of architecture and museums displaying works by generations of Ukrainian artists can be found throughout the country, and art galleries featuring contemporary Ukrainian artists have become commonplace in larger urban centres.

The folk songs are very popular and melodic. Even today many historical songs such as the dummy and the playing of the kobza is still enjoyed. These songs are usually accompanied by folk dance hopak. In addition, high-calibre performing artists and singers appear regularly in Ukraine’s entertainment industry, some of them becoming world-wide known celebrities.

The special place in Ukrainian culture belongs to embroidery. Although vyshyvanka (an embroidered shirt) is a part of traditional Ukrainian attire, it is a trendy piece for everyday life as well. Many Ukrainian brands have created their own interpretations of its shape, colour and length, thus, making it a popular item all over the world.
The most well-known and symbolical traditional Ukrainian food is, of course, borscht - a vegetable soup, made of beetroot, cabbage, tomatoes, potatoes and dill. Sometimes, meat or fish is added into the dish. Apart from the classical “red” borscht, in which beetroot gives its recognizable color, many Ukrainians also love “green” borscht, where the main component is sorrel leaves. Red borscht is traditionally served with pampushky - small, fluffy buns often sprinkled with garlic and dill.

Varenyky are dumplings with a variety of fillings. The most ‘basic’ filling is boiled potatoes. Other savory fillings include pickled cabbage, salty cheese, boiled mushrooms, as well as meat, liver, or fish. The most popular sweet filling, without a doubt, is cherry.

Non-alcoholic drinks in Ukraine are traditionally made of diverse fruits and berries. You should try uzvar (traditional Christmas drink), kysil or compote. There is also an interesting drink called “kvas” made of rye bread, sometimes with addition of different fruits such as peaches or apples.
The city of Ostroh was a prominent landmark, well-known even during the ducal period. The buildings here carry remembrances of those times: monumental structures of the Lutsk Gate and the Ostrozkyi Castle have been converted into museums, and the ruins of the Ostroh Tatar Tower peek over a residential area. The city received a new lease of life after 1994 with the arrival of prospective students of the Ostroh Academy.

Kostiantyn Vasyl Ostrozky, called by some the uncrowned king of Rus, baron of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and senator of Rzeczpospolita Polska, having the right to seal with red wax (a right reserved for kings and barons of special merit), created something in Ostroh that would come to be seen as Ukrainian renaissance. He won 86 battles as a military commander, predominantly against the Tatars. Each of these battles prevented the Tatars from entering into Central Europe.
The National University of Ostroh Academy (The NUOA) is a higher educational institution licensed and accredited by the Ministry of Education of Ukraine as Autonomous Scientific and Research University. It offers an excellent setting, combining rigorous training with a rich cultural atmosphere. First founded in 1576 and then re-established in 1994, the NUOA enjoys an excellent reputation all over Ukraine and abroad.

The NUOA offers undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate programs in law, economics, history, cultural and political studies, psychology, international relations, PR and linguistics, journalism, computer sciences. There are about three thousand students studying at the NUOA. Academic staff consist about 300 highly qualified university instructors. Scientific Library of the NUOA enjoys excellent leading in Ukraine. It is the first digitalized library in the region.

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The NUOA draws on the vast range of expertise in its academic areas, with full capacity to engage in innovative and in-depth policy-oriented research projects as well as development projects. The academic life at the NUOA is organized within the following structure:

- Faculty of International Relations
- Faculty of Political Studies and Information Management
- Faculty of Romance and Germanic Languages
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Economics
- I. Malynovskyi Institute of Law

The NUOA is the only university in Ukraine to set the Guinness World Record for Longest Marathon in reading T. Shevchenko’s poetry for 456 hours without a break in 2014, and the Guinness World Record for Largest Archeology Lesson in 2019.

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There are two campuses of the NUOA in Ostroh:
- **main building** is located at 2 Seminarska Str. (*Ostroh Academy* on the map);
- **new campus**, opened in 2019, is located at 3 Nezalezhnosti Avenue (*Humanitarnyy Korpus* on the map).

The International Relations Department
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THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE NUOA
(2 SEMINARSKA STR., OSTROH)

THE NEW CAMPUS OF THE NUOA
(3 NEZALEZHNOSTI AVENUE, OSTROH)
Travel Information

Get to Ostroh from Kyiv
(Boryspil International Airport / Kyiv Sikorsky Airport)
- by train: https://booking.uz.gov.ua/en/
- by bus: directly to Ostroh or via Rivne (contact us: dir@oa.edu.ua)

Get to Ostroh from Lviv
(Danylo Halytskyi International Airport Lviv)
- by train: https://booking.uz.gov.ua/en/
- by bus: directly to Ostroh or via Rivne (contact us: dir@oa.edu.ua)

Instructions on airport transfers
- Danylo Halytskyi International Airport Lviv - https://lwo.aero/en/transport
USEFUL TIPS

GRADING SYSTEM

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS
Fire and Rescue Service – 101
Police – 102
Ambulance – 103

UKRAINIAN NUMBERS
- 0 нуль /nul'/ = zero
- 1 один /odyn/ = one
- 2 два /dva/ = two
- 3 три /try/ = three
- 4 чотири /čotyry/ = four
- 5 п'ять /p'jat'/ = five
- 6 шість /šist'/ = six
- 7 сім /sim/ = seven
- 8 вісім /visim/ = eight
- 9 дев'ять /dev'jat'/ = nine
- 10 десять /desjat'/ = ten

BASIC UKRAINIAN PHRASES
- Добрий день /dobryj den'/ = Hello
- Привіт /pryv'it/ = Hi
- Дякую /d'akuju/ = Thank you
- Будь ласка /bud' laska/ = You're welcome or Please
- Вибачте /vybachte/ = Excuse me
- Так /tak/ = Yes
- Ні /ni/ = No
- До побачення /do pobachen':a/ = Good bye!
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