

## LVIV TOUR FOR 6 DAYS

### DAY ONE

11.00am

Starting the tour off gently on the 1<sup>st</sup> day, we will take a stroll around the Old Town (Ploshcha Rynok) and enjoy the wonderful sights and historical places of medieval Lviv. The narrow cobbled streets around Rynok Square once housed the workshops of Lviv shoemakers, printers, chemists and numerous other Lviv tradesmen.

You will see the Grand Opera, the Latin cathedral, the Museum of Pharmacy, Italian Yard, King's chambers, the Renaissance Church of Assumption in the Ruthenian quarter, the Baroque Cathedral of St. Dominic, the Armenian Quarter, the Jewish quarter, the Monastery of St. Bernard. We will see an original Armenian church and the ruins of the elegant Golden Rosa Synagogue, which are of particular interest, and the city is rich in art galleries and museums.

Lunch will be taken at a local hostelry conveniently placed, at around 4.00pm

Be prepared for frequent stops and have your camera ready -- Lviv's charm will captivate you at every turn. Lviv is a beautiful city that rivals any European locale for its charm. The city is historically rich and its architecture compares with the best that Europe has to offer.

Finally, after a browse round the many antique shops and the open air art and craft market called "Vernisage", you can relax at one of the numerous candle lit cafes spreading the welcome aroma of fresh coffee, and then return in the early evening to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free time.

### DAY TWO

10.00am

After breakfast we will visit the Lychakiv Cemetery, one of the most beautiful in Eastern Europe, famous for its fabulous monuments. Many well-known Ukrainians are buried here, among them the poet Ivan Franko. Tourists are welcome to walk along the designated tree-lined paths to view these marvelous memorials.

Lunch in a traditional Ukrainian restaurant. In the evening we have an optional tour, or you may wish some free time.

6.00pm

A visit to the I. Franko Opera and Ballet Theatre is offered. The theatre was built in classical style following the traditional lines of what was then known in Europe as the Viennese Pseudo-Renaissance of the 19th century. Both the exterior and the interior, enhanced with many original works of art, project magnificence and splendor.

### DAY THREE

10.00am

After breakfast, a pleasant walking tour around the oldest churches in Lviv. All of them appeared in the 13th century.

You will hear a history about the Slavic Lviv, its founder, the famous Danylo the Prince of Galicia and his son Leo. You will learn the difference between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, you will hear about the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

You will visit the most beautiful churches. You will see the wonder-working icon of the Virgin from Terebovlya and the iconostasis of the 17th century, which is located in the church of St. Paraskeva.

Lunch will be taken around 3.00pm and return to your accommodation at around 7.00pm

#### **DAY FOUR**

10.00am

Western Ukraine is famous for its castles, which are luckily still preserved today after centuries of invading forces. The most interesting is the museum of Olesky's castle.

The castle is surrounded by an ancient park and sits on top of the hill, from which you will see the marvelous countryside. During your trip you will see the renaissance castle of Pidhirtsy, and castles in Zolochiv and Svirzh. Transfer will be by minibuss and takes about an hour.

Lunch will be taken there by picnic and you will return at about 6.00pm to your accommodation.

The rest of the day is free time for your leisure

#### **DAY FIVE**

10.00am

After breakfast, we will take an enjoyable day trip from Lviv to the historical town of Zhovkva, 32km north, transfer by minibuss. The town of Zhovkva was built by order of the famous crowned headman Zholkevsky in accordance to the standards of the times of renaissance.

The town is famous for its Catholic church, where sons of the outstanding Polish King, Jan Sobesky, are engraved and its Ukrainian Catholic church, which is decorated with frescoes in modern style.

Lunch will be taken there and return to your accommodation at around 6.00pm

#### **DAY SIX**

10.00am

After breakfast, we take a visit to the open-air Museum of Popular Architecture & Life in Shevchenko Park. You will see about 100 wooden buildings – farmsteads, smithies, windmills, churches, schools, which are dotted over 60 hectares, divided into and representing the many ethnographic groups of western Ukraine. We will take lunch and return around 5.00pm

OR

10.00am

Visit to Lviv History Museum and Lviv Picture Gallery

Lunch will be taken and return to accommodation around 5.00pm

Accommodation, breakfast, lunch, entrance fees and transfers are included in the price of your tour. You only need to allow for evening meals and extra drinks. The tour price is approximately \$875 and includes 6 nights accommodation. Interpreter and guide services are also included. This price is for a single person, we have discounts available for groups.