

# K401 ~ THE BEST OF UKRAINE, POLAND AND HUNGARY

12 days from Kiev to Lviv, Krakow, Zakopane and Budapest

## TOUR FEATURES:

- × First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- × Service charges and hotel taxes
- × Breakfast daily, 1 lunch and 7 dinners
- × Airport transfers
- × Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- × Professional English speaking tour director
- × Luggage handling
- × Headsets will be provided for included sightseeing tours, so you can easily hear your guide's commentary

## SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

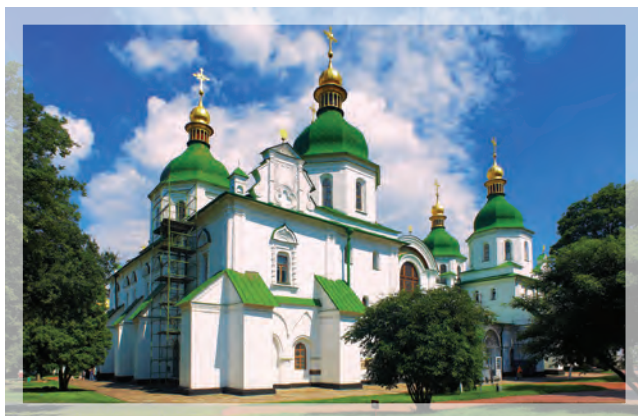
- × Kiev
- × Kamenets-Podolsky
- × Lviv
- × Krakow
- × Zakopane
- × Budapest

## Day 1, arrive Kiev, Saturday

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax. Welcome dinner tonight in a typical Ukrainian restaurant. **(D)**

## Day 2, in Kiev, Sunday

Morning sightseeing tour of Ukraine's capital features some of the most impressive sights of this ancient city, such as the stunning 'onion-domed' **St. Sophia Cathedral**, home to a breathtaking



collection of mosaics and frescoes; St. Vladimir Cathedral with wonderful frescoes and bustling main boulevard Kreschatyk. See also the Golden Gate, the only remaining section of ancient Kiev's original fortification. Following, drive to the fascinating **Lavra Monastery**; it was Kievian Rus' first monastery and is today one of the city's prime tourist and pilgrim site. We will take a guided tour of some of the main highlights of the complex, including The Museum of Historical Treasures. The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

## Day 3, to Vinitza and Kamenets-Podolsky, Monday

This morning drive to Vinitza, passing by cities Zhitomyr and Berdichev. Lunch at the local restaurant is followed by visit of **Werewolf**, the site of former Hitler's bunker during WWII. Conclude the day in Kamenets-Podolsky. Dinner at hotel. **(B, L, D)**

## Day 4, via Ternopol to Lviv, Tuesday

Morning short city tour of Kamenets-Podolsky, the town-museum, including visit to the **Fortress**. Following, our journey takes us pass former border territory between Poland and Soviet Union; via Ternopol to Lviv, example of cross-culture mixture for centuries. Dinner and overnight. **(B, D)**

## Day 5, in Lviv, Wednesday

Lviv is renowned as one of the prettiest towns in Ukraine and its historic centre is protected by UNESCO World Heritage Site. This morning we take in some of city's highlights, including the Opera house, the Dominican Church and the fascinating

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**Lykachivsky Cemetery**, with one of the oldest graveyards in Europe. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore city on your own. Overnight. **(B)**

## Day 6, to Krakow, Thursday

After breakfast we leave Ukraine behind, as we drive through Polish countryside to Krakow. On the way stop in Lancut and visit the **Lancut Castle**; housing valuable equipment, art and very unique collection of noble carriages. Dinner and overnight. **(B, D)**

## Day 7, in Krakow, Friday

Your sightseeing tour starts with a visit to the Wawel Hill, viewing the Royal Castle and visiting the **Royal Cathedral**. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town where you will visit the Main Market Square, Renaissance Cloth Hall and **St. Mary's Church**. The afternoon is free for a stroll around the city. **(B)**

## Day 8, Krakow to Zakopane, Saturday

After free morning, drive to Zakopane. Although Zakopane is known as the winter capital of Poland, the town is beautiful and attractive all year round. Stroll along Krupowki street and admire unique Zakopane-style houses and myriad traditional highland inns and restaurants. Visit a beautiful timber lodge of **Villa Atma**, the old Zakopane cemetery and the 19th-century wooden **Old Church**. Dinner with folklore music at local restaurant. **(B, D)**

## Day 9, Zakopane to Budapest, Sunday

After breakfast, take a ride on a **funicular railway** to the top of Mount Gubalowka. The summit offers breathtaking views of the Tatra Mountains as well as other ranges.

The road to Budapest winds through the lovely hills and countryside of Slovakia, past the Tatras Mountains and along Danube River. Reach Budapest just in time to relax before dinner. **(B, D)**

## Day 10, in Budapest, Monday

Situated on the opposite banks of the Danube River, the former cities of Buda and Pest are linked by a series of graceful bridges. Your morning sightseeing tour

includes views of the decorative Parliament building, seat of the National Assembly; Vaci Utca, a pedestrian street lined with shops and restaurants; Heroes' Square with the Millennium Memorial, 118 foot high Corinthian column dedicated to the Roman Catholic Church, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The balance of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

## Day 11, in Budapest, Tuesday

Sightseeing tour this morning focuses on the Castle Hill area, the 13th century **Matthias Church**, **Fisherman's Bastion** and Royal Palace. Afternoon is free for last minute shopping or independent exploration. Tonight, enjoy farewell dinner with entertainment in a typical Csarda restaurant. **(B, D)**

## Day 12, depart Budapest, Wednesday

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight. **(B)**

## HOTELS:

- × **Kiev:** Radisson Blu (F)
- × **Kamenets-Podolsky:** Amadeus (F)
- × **Lviv:** Dnister (F)
- × **Krakow:** Hotel Andels (SF)
- × **Zakopane:** Hotel Belvedere (F)
- × **Budapest:** Hotel Zara Continental (SF)

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STARTING DATES:	TERMINATION DATES:
12-May	23-May
02-Jun	13-Jun
14-Jul	25-Jul
04-Aug	15-Aug
25-Aug	05-Sep
15-Sep	26-Sep
06-Oct	17-Oct
PRICES:	
Per person in twin:	\$ 2,498
Single room supplement:	\$ 984