

# TRIP TO KYIV, UKRAINE

Founded in the 5th century, Kyiv is the mother city of Ukraine, Russia and Belarus. All three descend from Kievan Rus, the Slavic super-state that existed from the 9th to the 11th centuries.



Kyiv, a scenic city of close to 3 million people situated on the Dnipro River, is the bustling capital of Ukraine. Ancient Kievan Rus, which reached its greatest period of ascendancy during the 11th and 12th centuries, was a center of trade routes between the Baltic and the Mediterranean.

Kyiv is a really beautiful city with its marvelous hills and unique sightseeing's. Having bunches of trees and flowers it is always associated with chestnuts. Kyiv's architectural landscape is unique. Due to the huge number of orthodox churches it is sometimes called the Gold-Domed city.

Kiev is considered by many to be the hub of religion in Ukraine and was even referred to as the New Jerusalem. Christianity was brought to this important Ukrainian city in 988 A.D. Soon numerous churches were constructed throughout the city, creating a panorama of beautifully designed domes and walls. Jewish religious buildings are also found dotted around Ukraine. There are just under 50 Jewish sites including burial and birth places of renowned Hassidic rabbis.

Religion has always been an important feature in the lives of Ukrainians. For centuries religious traditions have featured in local culture and this is certainly evidenced by the many religious sites in Ukraine. Churches, cathedrals, monasteries, synagogues and other religious sites are popular attractions for tourists visiting the country. From architectural wonders to more humble places of worship, the religious buildings in Ukraine give one a chance to ponder upon the country's history and culture through the ages.

Ukraine is a very vivid country, rich in culture and history. There is much to offer tourists, many lovely sites, traditional sounds, decadent flavor and unique smells. A wide variety of attractions in Ukraine capture the interest of tourists from the world over.



Shopping Plaza in Kiev, Ukraine