



Survival guide



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WHAT:

"You can fly if you apply".

WHERE:



- Universe →
- Solar system →
- Earth Planet →
- Eurasia →
- Ukraine →
- Kyiv →
- In →

National University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute"

WHEN:

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WHY:

We can fly. You also will. Any doubts?



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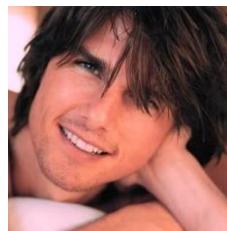
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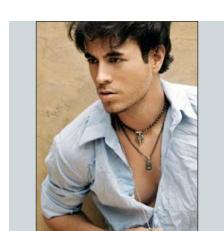
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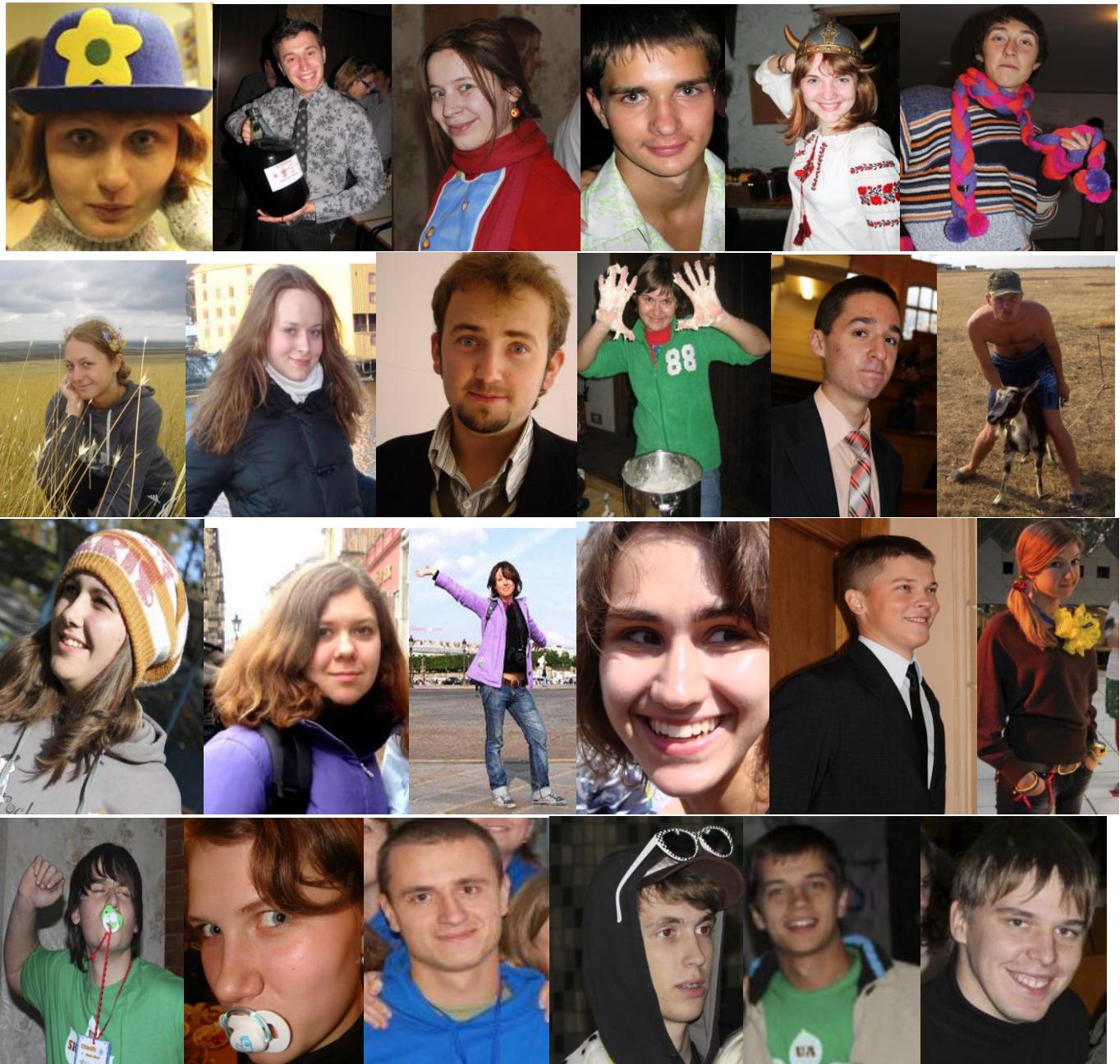
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Well...real organizers:



General information:

Full country name: Ukraine

Area: 603,700 sq km (233,000 sq mi)

Population: 48.4 million (67% urban and 33% of rural residents)

Capital city: Kyiv / Kiev (pop 2.6 million)

Other large cities: Kharkiv, Dniepropetrov'sk, Donetsk, L'viv, Simferopol, Odessa.

People: Ukrainian nationals belong to 126 ethnic groups. Ukrainians 77.8%; principal minorities include Russians, Byelorussians, Romanians, Tatars

Languages: Official - Ukrainian; other languages spoken are Russian, Romanian, Polish, Hungarian

Religion: Ukrainian Orthodox, Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox, Ukrainian Catholic, Protestant, Jewish

Currency: 1 Hryvnia (Hr) = 100 kopiyok

Government: Parliamentary-Presidential Republic

Legislative Power: Verkhovna Rada (Supreme Council)

Executive Power: Cabinet of Ministers

Judicial Power: Constitutional Court

Political Division: 24 oblasts (regions) and one Autonomous Republic of Crimea

President: Viktor V. Yuschenko

Ukrainian Flag: Composed of two equal horizontal bands of blue and yellow colors. It represents ripe wheat under the blue sky.



Coat of Arms: Trident (Trizub) on the blue background. In Kievan Rus it was the coat of arms of the Ryurik Dynasty. Ukraine is basically a bilingual Country. You'll find an abundance of Russian speakers in the East and South of the Country, whereas the native Ukrainian speakers you'll find more in the central and western areas.





Weather: Ukraine has a mostly temperate continental climate, although a more Mediterranean climate is found on the southern Crimean coast. Winters vary from cool along the Black Sea to cold farther inland. Average annual temperatures range from 5.5–7 °C (42–45 °F) in the north, to 11–13 °C (52–55.4 °F) in the south.

Take a look here for detailed information:

<http://weather.bigmir.net/>

Kiev, Kyiv (Ukrainian: Київ - *Kyiv*, Russian: Киев - "Kiev") is the capital and largest city of Ukraine with - officially - over 3.5 million inhabitants (unofficially the number is closer to 6.0 million inhabitants). The city is located in north central Ukraine on the Dnipro (Dniepr) river.



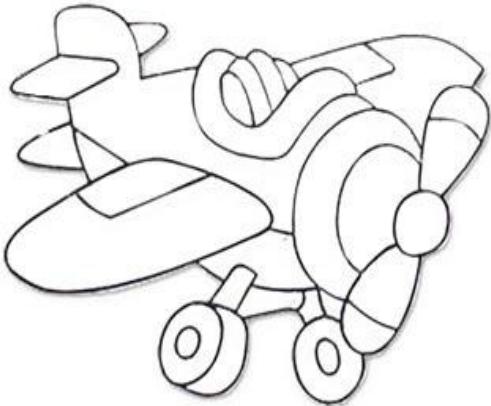
How to get in:

By plane:

Search for cheap tickets here www.wizzair.com,

www.skyscanner.net

(you can select English language)



The **Boryspil International Airport (KBP)** (Міжнародний аеропорт "Бориспіль") is about 1.5 hours from the city center. The simplest way to get to the city center is to take a mini bus, we call it "marshrutka".

We recommend using the comfortable and convenient "**Polit**" buses that travel from the Boryspil to Kyiv and back every 20-30 minutes 24 hours a day. Late at night (between 23:00 and 6:00) the bus runs about every hour. Fare is 20 UAH (\$1.7 Euro) one way; advance reservation is not possible.

The total driving time is from 50 minutes if there's no traffic to 1 hour 30 minutes in bad traffic. The bus waits directly in front of the right exit of the airport terminal, so it's easy to find. Buses have a baggage compartment.

By train:

For further information try several websites:

www.seat61.com/Ukraine.htm

http://www.pz.gov.ua/_q/exprt.php?lid=1&mid=31

<http://www.bahn.de/p/view/index.shtml>



Well, if you are travelling from Western Europe you can get to Ukraine through Chop (Чоп) - from the side of Hungary, Chernivtsi (Чернівці), Ujgorod (Ужгород). All these cities are located not far from the border.



By bus:

For further information go to this link or you can try your own ☺

<http://www.bus.com.ua/>

www.eurolines.com

From the railway station:



Well , you should remember that **meeting point** is **the station of Metro KPI** (Kyiv Polytechnic Institute – Київський Політехнічний Інститут). So after coming to the railway station you must go to Metro, but at first you should exchange your currency (**remember that you should better take cash instead of credit cards**). You need to buy a ticket in a small windows near the entrance. A trip in Metro costs **1.7 UAH (0.17 Euro)**. So, station *KPI* (Київський Політехнічний Інститут) is in one stop after the *Railway Station* (Вокзальна) – so just please be attentive and choose the right way!



At platform level, all signages are in Cyrillic, so it's best to correlate the Cyrillic station names on the wall to the transliterated names on your map book. Once inside the train, the metro route maps over central windows have names transliterated into latin letters, and there is a station announcement as the metro approaches each station as well as TV screens in all carriages that between stations show adverts, but flag up the impending station as it approaches it, and the next station as it departs. Unfortunately not all trains are equipped with the TV screens.

Metro stations where you can interchange have two different names - one for each line. If you're changing lines, the other station can usually be reached by an overpass in the centre of the platform.

Trains run every 30 sec. to 2:30 minutes in business hours and from 10 to 15 minutes from 11 p.m till 1 a.m. at the last station. Even so, they are often very crowded . Remember: there are a lot of reports of pickpockets and bag slashings, so keep your hands on your belongings. And be prepared to push, as this may be the only way you get on the train, during peak hours.

Pay attention to your belongings – don't take all your documents in the wallet (keep your documents away from money), and don't take all the sum of your money every day!

It's interesting to note that the Kiev metro has some of the deepest stations in the world. The Arsenal'na station (Ukrainian: Арсенальна) station is the deepest metro station in the world, at 107 meters deep, and the Universitet station (Ukrainian: Університет) has one of the longest escalators in the world (87 meters long).

Remember that metro in Kyiv doesn't work 24 hours per day. It closes near to 0.00 o'clock I the midnight – so be careful and try not to be late from pubs)

Please, remember to write a letter with detailed information about arrival and departure to arrival/departure responsible!!!!



Some alternative metods of travelling in Ukraine:



For people from other planets ☺



For those who want to save money on avio\train\bus ticket ;)



About our university:

National Technical University of Ukraine 'Kyiv Polytechnic Institute' is one of the [oldest](#) and largest technical universities in Europe. It was founded in 1898. NTUU KPI is famous for its academic excellence and leading innovative research.

NTUU KPI [ranks](#) first nationally, and is world recognized in the number of graduate academic and research programs in the top ten in their field. 40 500 students study at 29 University Colleges. NTUU KPI has drawn 1 500 students from all over the world. Our students receive the highest level of education provided by the Academic and Research staff of the University. There are fifty-eight Academicians and ten thousand Professors and Researchers among its active faculty.

The glory and traditions of the University have been created by the [famous scientists](#) such as D. Mendeleyev, I. Sikorski, S. Korolev, S. Timoshenko, V. Kirpichev, E. Paton, I. Bardin, O. Mickulin, L. Luliev, O. Vinter, B. Vul, A. Lulka, V. Plotnikov, and others.

Today NTUU KPI is the biggest university in Ukraine. Here are some statistics about our University:

- Every sixth student in Kyiv is a KPI student;
- 4% of all freshmen in Ukraine are KPI students;
- Every 25-th Professor in Ukraine is a Professor of KPI;
- Every 5-th College/Faculty is KPI College/Faculty among all Polytechnic universities of Ukraine;
- In Ukraine, every third student in Engineering is a KPI student.



Food, or how not to be hungry in Ukraine:

In general, it is very cheap to dine in Kiev in comparison with EU standards. So long as you stay away from the places that totally pander to tourists, the food is

great and cheap. Try the Borscht and the Mlyntzi and then try absolutely everything else. Baked goods are cheap and great too. Even the ice-cream on the street is great.



When you see vendors selling some liquid from big yellow/blue tanks on the street, you can be sure that it is "Kvas," which is a brewed bread drink, it's like non-alchogol drink. Some people like it and others hate it. It tastes a bit like malt. Try "Odyn Malenkyi" (one small) drink.

You should not drink the tap water. You can always order "Bonaqua" (mineral water), but beer is just about as cheap and nice). McDonald's and others fast foods are actually opened tell 12pm, and you can buy some snacks there. Prices are also cheaper than European. (BigMak costs only 1 euro).

SUPERMARKETS (GROCERIES)



The leading supermarket chains are "**MegaMarket**" (МегаМаркет), "**Furshet**" (Фуршет), "**Velyka kyshenya**" (Велика кишеня), which are conveniently located to the city centre.

The nearest one to the place where you will live is "**Materuk**", "**MegaMarket**", "**Sil'po**" (Сільпо)

Do not forget to buy Kyivskij tort (київський торт) – another thing you should eat in Kiev if you love cakes. Dark rye bread, Ryazhenka (Ряженка, krainian style yogurt), Kvas (Квас) could be also be interesting things to taste.

Don't be stupid, or how to survive in Ukraine, and be safe & sound:

Actually not all people in Ukraine are maniacs, pickpockets or killers. =)

Don't be afraid if someone came to ask you something it doesn't mean that he\she wants to grab all your money or kill you for selling your kidney :D



But nevertheless... Avoid drinking the water from the tap - bottled water is cheap & available everywhere. Kiev is a generally open and friendly city and stays lively until at least 11PM in most districts.

Robberies and Scams on tourists are fairly common in Kiev. The best approach is to be extremely selfish and ignore anyone who approaches you. If

you do get caught up in a scam (such as the infamous Wallet scam or "Look i've just found money" scam, or even if you are stopped by someone claiming to be a policeman, simply ignore them and walk away or indicate that you want to call your embassy, or take them to the embassy to get the problem sorted. This will usually shake them off.

On the metro ALWAYS keep your belongings securely zipped as close to your skin as possible. Pickpockets are highly organized and often in gangs that know what they are doing.

Currency

Information about course of currency you can get with a help of this web-page:
<http://www.bank.gov.ua/Engl/default.htm>

On the date 03.02.10 1 euro = 11,11 grivnas



What should you take for sure?

<i>Your tickets here and back</i>	<i>100% you will need them.</i>
<i>Your passport \ID and ISIC, EURO<26</i>	<i>Here are some discounts for ISIC owners</i>
<i>Insurance</i>	<i>Just in case</i>
<i>Mobile phones</i>	<i>To make a call to your Mom and say you are alive ☺</i>
<i>A camera</i>	<i>For cool and unforgettable pictures.</i>
<i>Stuff for going to bath and a towel for sure.</i>	<i>If you need it)</i>
<i>Flip-flops</i>	<i>For going safe to bath</i>
<i>Some medicine</i>	<i>Just in case</i>
<i>Comfortable footwear.</i>	<i>We will really walk a lot – and the city is really hilly.</i>
<i>Enough underwear and socks without holes.</i>	<i>In God we trust ☺</i>
<i>Cool threads for the most cool parties!</i>	<i>To show you are the best!</i>
<i>Cash money.</i>	<i>It is better to have cash than credit cards.</i>
<i>Some traditional food and drink for the international evening.</i>	<i>Let us make it unforgettable)</i>
<i>Common sense.</i>	<i>☺</i>



List of Ukrainian phrases:

For you to help you to understand the Ukrainian language, and to better help you communicate on your trip to Ukraine

english	how to read	ukrainian
Hi	pryvit	привіт
good morning	dobryi ranok	добрый ранок
good afternoone	dobrogo dnia	доброго дня
good evening	dobrogo vechora	доброго вечора
bye	poka	пока
how are you	iak tu	як ти
yes	tak, da	так, да
no	ni	ні
thanks	diakuu	дякую
you're welcome	bud' laska	будь ласка
How can I get to..?	iak proity do..?	як пройти до..?
I don't understand Ukrainian\ Russian	ia ne rozumiui Ukrainsku\ Rosiusku	я не розумію Українську\ Російську
Cool	kruto	круто
One beer, please	odne puvo, bud' laska	одне пиво, будь ласка
no more vodka..	ne treba bil'she gorilku	не треба більше горілки
I like you	ty meni podobaieshsia	ти мені подобаєшся
how much does it cost?	skil'ku tce koshtue?	скільки це коштує?
I want to buy	ia hochu kupytu	я хочу купити
what time is it now?	kotra godyn?	котра година?
Cheers	bud'mo	будьмо
bustgalter	natcutcnuk	нацизник
1	odyn	один
2	dva	два
3	try	три
4	chotyry	четири
5	piat'	п"ять
6	shist'	шість
7	sim	сім
8	visim	вісім
9	deviat'	дев"ять
10	desiat'	десять
kiss me, I'm strawberry	potcilui mene, ia polunychka	поцілуй мене, я полуничка
good night	dobroii nochi	доброї ночі
party	vechirka	вечірка

SEE YOU

SOON

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