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# Friendly guide



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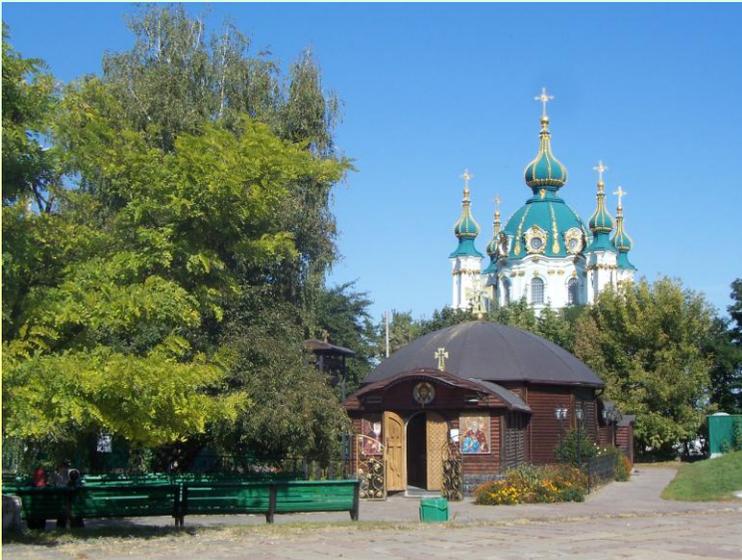


Between East and West, in the heart of continental Europe lost one of the largest European country - [Ukraine](#). This is endless steppes and high mountains, small villages and multi-million megalopolises. At different times the country were born and died the state, its divided empires, all this has left the mark on the culture and architecture. Ukrainian regions are very different both culturally and economically, and in every corner of it you can find something interesting. If you are already tired of popular tourist destinations and you want something new - you need to see [Ukraine](#). Ukraine seems a distant country, but in reality it is much closer. Only a two hour flight from most European capitals and you in Kiev. Kiev is the most famous city and the capital of Ukraine. It is located in the heart of Ukraine, and is a cultural center of the country. Get to Kiev you can by plane from many European cities. You can take advantage of regular airlines or [low cost airline](#) companies. Exchange money for the national currency of Ukraine - UAH, you can at banks or exchange offices. You can get money from ATMs. Accepted Visa and MasterCard.



On the Black Sea coast of Crimea has one of the most popular holiday destinations for gays. Every year, in the village Simeiz come thousand guys from all over Ukraine and other countries. On the Black Sea coast is one of the most picturesque cities of the country - Odessa, a piece of Europe in Ukraine. In the eastern part of the country is the second largest city in Ukraine - Kharkiv. It is the largest educational center of the country. Here has about 300,000 students. The main mode of transport in the country is the railway. On the train ride from Kiev to almost all large cities of the country. Many of you do not need to apply for the visa, you need just want to come. If you need help to organize your travel to Ukraine - I glad to help you. Personal Guide organizes your trip to [Ukraine](#), and will be your interpreter. With a personal guide you can take a trip around the country, to see Kiev, Crimea, Odessa, Ukrainian Carpathians, and other popular [friendly places](#). Your trip will be more interesting, safe and less expensive.

# Kiev – capital of Ukraine



Kiev - one of the oldest cities in Europe, founded in the fifth century on the banks of the Dnieper. He has long been the capital of the Russian land, and her spiritual center. Before the invasion of the Mongol-Tatars it was the largest city of Rus its greatest economic center. Now Kiev is one of the largest cities in Europe. The city's population is about three million people. As in every capital city - you can find in Kiev, the Ukrainian parliament, the government and the presidential administration.

Guests try to visit the city main street - Khreschatyk and Independence Square - where the 2004 Orange Revolution took place. Kiev is known for the impressive church, whose history goes to the Middle Ages. The main cathedral of the city is St. Sophia Cathedral - built by Prince Yaroslav the Wise in 1037. The Cathedral was built on the place where the army Yaroslav defeated the troops Polovtsy. You can explore the ancient frescoes of the cathedral or even climb on the bell tower, whose height is 72 meters. From the bell tower is clearly seen St. Michael's Cathedral, which was destroyed Bolsheviks. St. Michael's Cathedral was rebuilt in 1999. The main shrine is the Kiev-Pechersk Lavra. The monastery was founded in 1051 in caves dug by the monks. Tourists can visit the Caves Monastery. In the caves are buried the remains of church leaders, priests, icon painters, and even legendary warriors. In Kiev, there are many art galleries and museums. Among the most interesting is museum of folk architecture in the village "Pirogovo", arsenal of Arts, and the Museum of Chernobyl.



In the evening you can relax in one of the themed clubs in town. In Kiev all times work about five [gay clubs and some thematic saunas](#). You can stay at one of the city hotels, or rent an apartment in the center. The average price of rooms at Hotel 60 euros, and apartments in the center of 40 euros per day.

# Crimea



Crimea - a peninsula in the south of Ukraine. This is the most popular summer resort for the citizens of Ukraine and Russia. In the southern part of Crimea towering mountains, more than a kilometer high. The southern slope of the mountains bordering the Black Sea. This is the warmest place of the country. On the southern coast of Crimea sub tropical climate. Even in the winter there is rarely snow.

In this land crossed different countries and empires. Here have been Greeks and Byzantines, Genueztzy and Turks, British and French, German and Russian. And now it is Ukraine. Small town Simeiz - a popular holiday destination gay men from many countries. This is a very special place that you need to visit. Around Simeiz a lot of architectural monuments, palaces and parks. This is a friendly place for gays.

On the rocky coast near the village of Simeiz is the most popular gay beach in Ukraine. Here come the boys for thousand kilometers. Among the stones you can find a cozy place to relax without clothes or hide with your boyfriend. You can spend the evening in the most popular themed bar, "Jerzy" or in small Tatar restaurants.

Many of you have heard about the Yalta Conference, which took place not far from Yalta in 1945 at the Livadia Palace. Now in the palace give tours. Near Yalta is the residence of the Russian tsars, Soviet presidents and other famous people. One hundred kilometers from Yalta is Sevastopol. This is a city of Russian military glory and the largest base of the Russian fleet in the Black Sea. In the vicinity of Sevastopol are many monuments of the Crimean War and the Second World War, as well as many military objects of the Soviet time. This city - part of the history of Russia, Turkey, France, UK, Greece and Ukraine.

Everyone can find something interesting in the Crimea. It is Black Sea, the Crimean mountains, ancient city-state, cave cities and many other places. Visit here by train or by plane from Kiev, Moscow, Frankfurt, Tel Aviv and other

cities. Majority of population of Crimea speaks in Russian.

# Odessa, Lvov and Kharkov



**Odessa** - southern city and that's saying a lot. The city was built as a port on the Black Sea to facilitate the trade with other countries. Odessa was founded in 1794 by decree of Empress Catherine the Great. This is one of the few cities in the Russian Empire, built on the approved plan. Odessa is now the largest port city with a population of about one million people. In architecture, the perfect balance of many architectural styles. In summer city attracts a lot of tourists from many European countries, especially Russia. For the LGBT community are a few [clubs in the center of Odessa](#). Near Odessa is a large network of catacombs, which are used as storage of goods. During World War II, the catacombs were used by partisans. You can visit the Museum of the Odessa catacombs, in the village Nerubayske.



Lvov the largest city in western Ukraine. The city's architecture is more similar to Poland than in Ukraine. It is due to the fact that for a long time, Lvov was part of Poland, and only in the last century became part of the Ukrainian Republic. The city is very popular among tourists from Poland, especially on the weekends. Guests of the city visiting: High Castle, Market Square and the numerous cafes of the city. Everyone can go up the stairs to the clock tower of the city council. From there you can see almost the entire city. To the city can be reached by car or train from Kiev and other Ukrainian cities.



[Kharkiv](#) is located in eastern Ukraine, 470 km from Kiev. The city was founded in 1654 on the border of the wild field, as a border fortress. The population of the city is more than 1.5 millions people. From 1919 to 1934 Kharkov was the capital of Ukraine. In Kharkov, a large number of higher education institutions, in which they teach about 300,000 students. In the city, lives a lot of gay and works one [themed club](#). The main attractions of Kharkov - the largest in Europe Square, Intercession Monastery, a monument to Taras Shevchenko and many other places. In city works the children's railway, aerial ropeway and a modern recreation park. In Kharkov is an international airport and railway station. Arrive to Kharkov you can by plane from Vienna, Istanbul, Moscow, Kiev, Tbilisi, or railroad.

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