

# UKRAINE

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ART, CULTURE, SIGHTS & FOOD



#### Where is Ukraine in the world?



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Ukraine is a republic in Europe. The capital of Ukraine is Kiev (also called Kyiv). 44 million people live in Ukraine.

It borders several countries such as Russia, Belarus, Poland, Moldova, and Romania.

#### History

Ukraine was part of the Soviet Union from 1922 to 1991. The Soviet Union collapsed and Ukraine became an independent country in 1991.



The pink area shows the Soviet Union.

Map by Aris Katsaris

#### What does Ukraine look like? **If has:** Forests Carpathian Mountains





Farming Villages

Cities



## What is the main language in Ukraine? UKRAINIAN

According to the 2001 census, 67% of the population speaks Ukrainian as their native language and 29% percent speak Russian. Most native Ukrainian speakers know Russian as a second language.

Hello How are you? Thank you Goodbye Vitayu Jak spravy Diakuju Do pobačennja

#### What are some **FOOdS** from Ukraine?

#### Nalysnyky

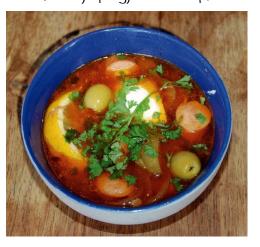
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Varenyky (stuffed dumplings)



Solyanka (thick, spicy, sour soup)



Kiev Cake



Chicken Kiev (stuffed with butter and herbs)



<u>Most meals contain:</u> sausages or fish mushrooms potatoes bread vegetables fruit pastry

#### Borsch+

Borscht is a soup from Ukraine. It is made with beets, potatoes, and cabbage. In Ukraine, people eat it with garlic rolls and sour cream.



## What is the traditional **CLO+hing** like?

#### Zupan -long garment



#### Sharovary-loose pants



Kozhukh- fur coat



#### Ochipok-headdress



Vyshyvanka-embroidered shirt, and a wreath



#### What are some interesting things I'd see in Ukraine?



Kiev, the capital city

When people visit Ukraine they like to go to the mountains and go skiing, hiking, and fishing. The Black Sea coastline is a fun place to go in the summer. There are many beautiful churches, castle rvins, and parks to see in Ukraine.

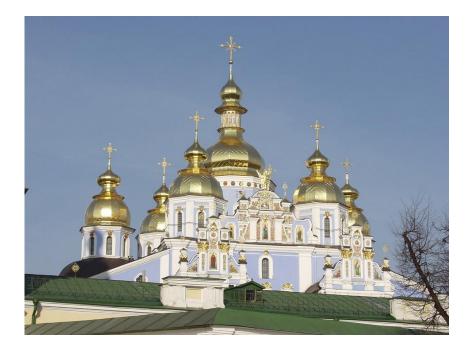
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The Black Sea

### Saint Sophia Cathedral

Saint Sophia Cathedral in the city of Kiev, is a large cathedral, or church. It was built 1,000 years ago. It has a big bell tower and it is one of the most famous places to visit in Ukraine.





A picture of Saint Sophia is printed on Ukrainian money, called the 2 hryvnia.



Gabriel, the angel

Here is some of the art you would see inside the Saint Sophia cathedral. The words on the artwork are written in the Greek language. Both artworks are **mosaics**, made with thousands of tiny tiles.



#### **Castle**

Kamianets-Podilskyi is a city in western Ukraine that has been around over 1,000 years. There is an ancient castle there. Today 100,000 people live in the city there.



Kamianets-Podilskyi castle

Photo by Håkan Henriksson

Map from 1691 of the town and castle

#### Animals in Ukraine



Lynx



Mink



Gopher





Wolf

Wild Boar

### Money

In Ukraine, money is called **hryvnia**. It comes in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and 500. 22 hryvnia is worth about the same as 1 US dollar.



This is the symbol for hryvnia. What is the symbol for corrency in your country?

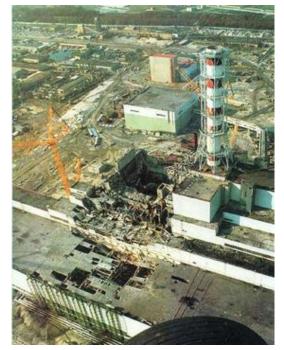






### Chernobyl

On April 26, 1986, the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in the town of Pripyat, exploded during a test. It released radioactive material into the air that caused 31 people to die, and 237 more to be very sick. The land and rivers became contaminated and everyone in the town had to move away. Today the town sits empty like a ghost town, exactly as it was left in 1986. It shows the damage that can be done with dangerous materials that are not handled safely.



The nuclear reactor after the explosion



The abandoned town of Pripyat

#### sports

Football (called soccer in the U.S.A.), is the most popular sport in Ukraine. Other popular sports are handball, tennis, rugby, basketball, gymnastics, and ice hockey.







## What are some types of **ar+s and Craf+s** from Ukraine?



Pottery

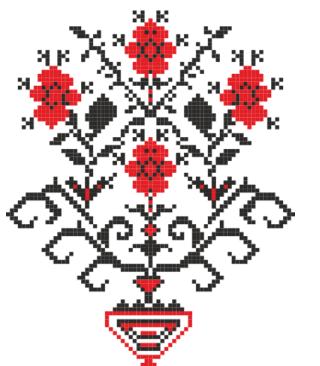
### pysanka

A pysanka is a Ukrainian Easter egg, decorated with traditional designs. The designs are drawn on with beeswax and dyed. Ukrainians have been making these for thousands of years.



#### Fabric Arts

Embroidery, weaving, and lace-making are used in traditional folk dress and in traditional celebrations. The types of designs and colors have special meanings.



Traditional Embroidery, 1821



### paper cutting



Vytynanky is the art of paper cutting. The designs feature animals, people, and plants. Sometimes designs are about Easter or Christmas, two big holidays in Ukraine.



#### **QUIZ TIME!**

Which of these animals does not naturally live in Ukraine?



A. Lynx





B. Wild Boar C. Penguin

#### Answer

Which of these animals does not naturally live in Ukraine?



C. Penguin

#### **QUIZ TIME!**

What are the Ukrainian Easter eggs called that are made with beeswax and then dyed?

A. Pysanka B. Vytynanky C. Eggsanky



#### Answer

What are the Ukrainian Easter eggs called that are made with beeswax and then dyed?

A. Pysanka



#### **QUIZ TIME!**

What is the name of the power plant that exploded and caused a lot of environmental damage?

A. Kiev B. Chernobyl C. Saint Sophia



#### Answer

What is the name of the power plant that exploded and caused a lot of environmental damage?

B. Chernobyl



#### **QUIZ TIME!**

Borscht is a popular soup in Ukraine. What ingredient makes it a red-violet color?

A. Tomatoes B. Raspberries C. Beets



#### Answer

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