



CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE  
**UKRAINIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY**

**MISSION TO KIEV, UMAN AND ODESSA**  
**WITH OPTION TO CONTINUE TO ISRAEL**

**APRIL 19-26, 2009**

**TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

18:50 Depart Toronto on Aerosvit 142 to Kiev

**MONDAY, APRIL 20 (KIEV)**

11:30 Transfer by deluxe bus with a/c (32 seats) from Boryspil airport  
13:00 Check into President Hotel (3 nights)  
13:30 Lunch in King David Kosher Restaurant  
14:30 Tour of Jewish Kiev  
17:00 Tour of Brodsky Synagogue  
Meeting with Rabbi Moshe Azman Chief Rabbi of the Ukraine  
18:00 Welcome dinner with Jewish community members at the King David Kosher  
Restaurant  
Evening free

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21(KIEV)**

08:30 Breakfast at the hotel  
09:30 Visit Babi Yar, the infamous ravine where tens of thousands of Jews were shot by  
the Nazis.  
10:30-13:00 Tour of Jewish Kiev  
13:30 Lunch at King David Restaurant  
14:30-17:30 Continue tour of Jewish Kiev [http://www.berdichev.org/jewish\\_kiev/index.htm](http://www.berdichev.org/jewish_kiev/index.htm)  
18:30 Dinner with Jewish Ukrainian businessmen  
20:00 Night cruise on the Dniper River or night tour of Kiev  
22:00 Return to hotel

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 (KIEV)**

- 09:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 10:00- 13:00 City Tour of Kiev that will include stops at the Cave Monastery, St. Sophia Cathedral, Independence Square, Mariyinsky Palace, Andriyivsky Uszviz, a street full of art galleries restaurants and souvenir shops.  
[http://www.kievukraine.info/tourist\\_attractions.htm](http://www.kievukraine.info/tourist_attractions.htm)
- 13:30 Lunch at King David Restaurant
- 14:30- 17:00 Tour of Jewish Community charitable projects (soup kitchen, medical clinics, orphanage and Jewish school)
- 18:00 Dinner at King David Restaurant
- 20:00 Attend performance at Kiev Opera House.
- 22:30 Return to Hotel

IF ANYONE ON THE TOUR WISHES TO TRAVEL TO THE BIRTHPLACE OF THEIR RELATIVES, THIS WOULD BE THE DAY TO DO IT. (Wednesday, April 22 ) IF YOU BOOK A MONTH IN ADVANCE, WE WILL ARRANGE TO HAVE A CAR AND AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE TO ACCOMPANY YOU. YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY COSTS INCURRED.

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 23 (KIEV, RAKITNOE, UMAN AND ODESSA)**

- 08:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 09:00 Check out of hotel and depart for Odessa via Uman (via "Lubavitchi" Community Camp at Rakitnoe – 30 km from Belaya Tzerkov)
- 10:30 Rakitnoe Camp, tour of the facilities, kosher snacks in the camp dining hall
- 13:00 Arrive in Uman. Lunch at a kosher restaurant.
- 14:00 Visit the Bretzlov synagogue and the burial site Rabbi Nachman of Bretslav. Rabbi Nachman is associated with the incantation- "na, nach, nachma, nachman, meuman that is displayed on billboards and signs across Israel. Many believe that all wishes will be granted to those who visit this burial place
- 15:00 Visit Sophia Park (Sofyivka) which is one of the most beautiful green spots in all of Europe. Originally designed for the Polish magnate Pototskiy in honour of his wife Sofia, and later owned and improved upon by the Czar and the Russian royal family, this breathtaking park is full of English gardens, waterfalls, lakes, fountains, sculptures and artificial grottos.
- 17:30 Depart for Odessa
- 20:00 Arrive Odessa- check into Hotel
- 20:30 Dinner at Odessa's Kosher restaurant

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 24 (ODESSA)**

- 08:30 Breakfast at the hotel
- 09:30 Tour of Jewish Odessa. Jewish Literary Tour of Odessa  
See where Shalom Aleichem and Haim Nachman Bialik lived and wrote.  
The beginnings of Zionism tour: See where Leon Pinsker, Ahad Ha'am, Meir Dizengoff and Vladamir Jabotinsky lived and wrote
- 13:00 Kosher Lunch
- 14:30-17:30 Continuation of tour of Jewish Odessa including the Central, Brodsky and Habad Synagogues, The Jewish cemetery and 1905 Pogrom Memorial. Visit to the Migdal Shorashim Jewish Museum, the catacombs and the Artillery Depot, where 25,000 Jews were burned alive.
- 18:30 Shabbat dinner with Odessa's Jewish community

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 25 (ODESSA)**

- 08:30 Breakfast at the hotel
- 09:30-12:30 Walking tour of Odessa (a walk along Primorsky Blvd., the city's most popular promenade; Odessa's most beautiful buildings and monuments; the Palace of Count Vorontsov, the Palace of Weddings and Count Pototsky's former palace which is now the Fine Arts Gallery; the famous Potemkin Staircase; the Pushkin Monument, the Cannon Trophy from the Crimean war; the famous Odessa opera, etc.
- 13:00 Lunch at kosher restaurant
- 14:30-18:00 FREE
- 18:30 Dinner
- 20:00 Attend performance at Odessa Opera House.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26 (ODESSA-KIEV)**

Transfer to airport, fly to Kiev

13:05 Depart for Toronto on Aerosvit 141

16:50 Arrive Toronto

**PRICE: \$3500 CDA PER PERSON**

**\$555 CDA SUPPLEMENT FOR SINGLE**

Above price includes:

- Airfare Toronto-Kiev-Toronto
- Accommodation in Twin rooms for 3 nights in Kyiv and for 3 nights in Odesa; single supplement in Single rooms
- Breakfasts at the hotel
- Bus usage – with A/C, microphone (68 hrs)
- Guide as per itinerary (36 hrs)
- Entrance tickets as per itinerary
- 6 lunches and 6 dinners
- Mineral water on the bus and in hotel upon arrival
- Portage at the airport and hotel
- Bytsko escort
- Flight ticket Odessa - Kiev

ITINERARY AND PRICE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## **ISRAEL OPTION ITINERARY**

What follows is a sample itinerary based on the The Israel Classic Tour. If we have more than 5 people carrying on to Israel from Ukraine, we will customize this tour. Price will remain approximately the same.

**APRIL 26- MAY 5, 2009**

### **Sunday, April 26**

#### **Depart Odessa by plane to Kiev**

13:30 Depart Kiev for Tel Aviv on Aerosvit 237

15:55 Arrive Tel Aviv

Met at airport and transferred to Tel Aviv

### **Monday, April 27 ( Tel Aviv)**

Free

### **Tuesday, April 28 (Tel Aviv-Jerusalem)**

Free

Transported to Jerusalem

### **Wednesday, April 29 (Jerusalem and Bethlehem)**

AM: The Old City: Visit the tomb of King David and the room of the Last Supper on Mt. Zion. Enter the walled city and walk through the newly restored Jewish Quarter. Visit the Roman Cardo, the Herodian Quarter and continue to the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the church of the Holy Sepulchre, proceed to Mount Scopus and then to the Mount of Olives for a magnificent panoramic view of the Old City. Continue to Bethlehem, stopping at Rachel's Tomb and to visit the Church of the Nativity. [B]

PM: Partake in Israel's Independence Day Celebrations

### **Thursday, April 30 (Jerusalem New City)**

Jerusalem: The New City: Drive to the Hadassah Medical Center in Ein Kerem to see the Chagall stained glass windows. Proceed to Bayit Vegan to visit the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period. Continue to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust and then to the Israel Museum. Visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and see the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, and the Givat Ram Campus of the Hebrew University. [B]

### **Friday, May 1 (Qumeran, Massada, Dead Sea, Tel Aviv)**

Drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, almost 1300 feet (400 meters) below sea level. Stop at Qumeran to visit the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Massada. Ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans before committing mass suicide in 73 AD. Descend by cable car, time and weather permitting, an opportunity will be provided to float on the Dead Sea. Proceed to Tel Aviv

### **Saturday, May 2 (Tel Aviv)**

At leisure in Tel Aviv.

### **Sunday, May 3 (Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Haifa)**

Depart Tel Aviv and drive to the Diaspora Museum for a visit. Proceed along the coastal plain to Caesarea, capital of Judea under the Romans. See the excavations of the Crusader city and the Roman port, aqueduct and the amphitheater that has been restored to its former glory as a concert venue. Continue via the Druze villages to Haifa. \*Overnight: Haifa x 1 night. \*[B]

**Monday, May 4** (Haifa, Safed, Golan Heights) The tour of Haifa will begin at the summit of Mount Carmel where you will take in a breathtaking panoramic view of the Haifa Bay and Western Galilee. Continue on to the golden domed Bahai Shrine to visit the exotic Persian Gardens. Proceed to Safed, the center of Jewish mysticism, where you will visit the ancient synagogues and the artists' colony. Continue to the Golan Heights to see the former Syrian bunkers, Kuneitra and the new Israeli town of Katzrin. \*Overnight: Kibbutz x 1 night. \*[B]

**Tuesday, May 5**

07:15 Depart Tel Aviv on Aerosvit 238 for Kiev

11:30 Arrive Kiev

13:05 Depart Kiev for Toronto on Aerosvit 141

16:50 Arrive Toronto

**PRICE FOR UKRAINE PLUS ISRAEL OPTION \$5900 CANADIAN (subject to change)**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$555 (subject to change)**

**ABOVE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Airfare Toronto-Kiev- Tel Aviv- Kiev- Toronto
- Hotels (Dan Panorama)
- Breakfasts in hotels
- Inland transportation
- Entrance fees
- English speaking guide