

1. Sun Mall Shopping Centre

181 Gagarina Ave., Kharkiv, +38 (067) 574-37-34. http://sunmall.com.ua In the multi-storey shopping mall you will find clothes. electronics, children's wear, gastro delicacies. There is a cinema. bowling, places to eat.

"Frantsuzkvi Bulvar" Shopping Mall

44B Akademika Pavlova St., Kharkiv. +38 (057) 760-26-01. https://mall.com.ua A great shopping center and a wonderful place is not only for

those who love shopping, but for those who appreciate active entertainement. On the territory of the mall besides the shops there is a bowling, rope park, questroom, climbing wall and so on.

Market Barabashovo

182 Lva Landau St., Kharkiv. www.harabashava.kh.ua Barabashovo is the biggest market in Eastern Europe, with the territory up to 80 hectares. Not only the guests, but also the locals find It is hard to find their way in the market. It is true that it is possible to buy absolutely anything here: from cheap Chinese or Turkish items of clothing to branded accessories and clothes. Locals recommend buying good quality textiles, building materials and

price. Market is open seven days

per week: from 06:00 till 15:00 for retailed shopping. and from 15:00 until 21:00 for wholesale.

4. Show-rooms of Ukrainian brands:

Cabanchi.com

82A Sumska St., Kharkiv, +38 (066) 351-32-62. http://cabanchi.com Loved by Ukrainian women casual style.

Daleko

+38 (067) 754-75-97. http://dalekoclothes.com A creative union of two sisters. who design sustainable fashion and make linen clothes of excellent quality for women.

Grishko Design

80 Sumska St., Kharkiv, +38 (095) 868-35-66. https://gridress.com.ua Even though it is new to the market, Grishko Design is already a very popular brand in Odesa, A wide range of clothing from a summer silk top to cachemire coat. Laconic design, minimum of decoration, use of monochrome fabrics characterize Grishko Design clothes.

Kharkiv Region Tourism and Information Center

5/1. Svobody Sauare, Kharkiv, +38 (057) 757-45-13. www.omctur.kh.ua

(12 Mury St.) complex, which unites various 17th-cent, edifices, fortifications, and monasteries, both Jesuit and Dominican. The Museum of Local Lore's subsidiary is The Memorial Military Museum of the Vinnytsya Region (20 Ovodova St.), located in Yevropeiska Ploshcha in a former water/fire tower. Interesting fact: this tower, with its embrasures and chiming clocks, reemerged from the many 20th-cent, wars almost unscathed and even enioved a brief stint as a residential building. Five minutes from Yevropeiska Ploshcha is the 19thcent. Central Park (1 Khlibna St., parkgorky.com.ua). complete with a concert venue, openair pavilion, stadium, ice-skating rink, restaurant, planetarium, playground, and "park within a park' mini-Vinnytsia: 12 3D-printed scale models of the town's most celebrated buildings.

A short walk from Central Park down to Vyshenske Lake will bring you to Vinnytsia's most famous landmark, The *Pirogov Estate* (155 Pirogova St., pirogov.com.ua), the burial site of the great scientist who single-handedly invented field surgery and ether anesthesia. The first physician to use plaster casts, he introduced a series of other innovations that have saved thousands of lives.



In and Around Obukhiv

Let's now journey across the oblast's Southeast. No less than three landmarks can be found in the Obukhiv district. The Dnipro interstate will take you down to the **Blakytne Lake** in Pidhirtsi: in summertime, you can find refuge from heat at its well-equipped beach, and the village itself offers for your viewing pleasure the 18thcent. St. Michael's Church, a masterpiece of woodworking with wonderful murals and a carved

iconostasis. A mere 15 km away is Kopachiv, home to the *Kyivan Rus Park* (parkkyivrus.com), a historical-cultural center meant to recreate, in historically accurate detail, the landscape and architecture of Detinets (a 5th-13th-cent. city fort). Various festivals, horseback-riding shows, and martial-art champion-ships are held there every weekend. Then, by way of Obukhiv, you should see the relics of the ancient Trypillia on the Dnipro banks. It was

here that over a century ago archeologists unearthed this ancient civilization from the 5th-3rd mill. BC. Two local museums are devoted to this cultural phenomenon: The District Museum of Archeology (12 Heroiv Trypillia, koam.com.ua) and the privately-owned "Ancient Ukraine-Aratta". It is worth noting that their views on the Cucuteni-Trypillia culture are somewhat different, although neither denies its singularity. The exhibits feature tools, ceramics, anthropomorphic figurines, etc.

A southbound trip down the river will take you to Rzhyshchev. Its Trypillia Park is swarming with sculptures that replicate the ancient ceramics, but the town's main selling point is on water rather than dry land: it is the Church of the Transfiguration of Christ in Husyntsi village, flooded when the Kaniv Hydroelectric Powerplant was constructed. The restored church is perched on an islet 200 m away from shore.

Traveling through Kaharlyk and Myronivka, you'll reach the southernmost outposts of the region, where the most persistent of tourists will be rewarded. in Vilkhovets village, with the ancient architecture marvel that is the Assumption Church, manywindowed and omately decorated. Where Kvivska Oblast borders Cherkaska one, the village of Medvvn stands in the shadow of Mount Totokha, frequently compared to Tibet for its esoteric powers. Listed as one of the Seven Mystical Places in Ukraine, the mountain is rumored to alleviate stress and even heal.





WHERE TO EAT

New York Street Pizza

1 Kozatskyi Val St., 60 Petropavlivska St., Sumv.

+38 (0542) 22-32-02, +38 (0542) 61-06-06, www.pizza-nys.com.ua Network of restaurants operating all over Ukraine. You can quickly and inexpensively have a snack here. Serve pizza, pasta, sushi, ribs with beer and traditional desserts.

Strudel Bakery-Cafes

19/2 Ivana Sirka St., 27 Soborna St., 60 Petropavlivska St., Sumv. +38 (095) 347-71-98, +38 (050) 341-71-70, www.strudel.com.ua Locals advise these home bakeries as places where you can quickly and inexpensively have home food for lunch and drink delicious coffee.

WHERE TO STAY

1. Reikartz Hotel

1 Voskresenska St., Sumy, +38 (0542) 70-21-90, www.reikartz.com There is an optimal price-quality ratio in the network of the hotels. The hotel in Sumy is located in the historic center, which is convenient for tourists, not far from the train station.

2. Hotel-restaurant complex "Zdybanka"

7/1 Zalyvna St., Sumy, +38 (0542) 60-41-35, www.zdybanka.com A nice place on the river bank to spend the weekend. The complex consists of five cozy hotel rooms and one of the best restaurants in the city offering Ukrainian and European cuisine, including pizza made in a special oven.

3. Cottage park "Slavna"

Monastyrska St., Chemechchyna, Sumska Oblast, +38 (095) 650-28-10. https://park-slavna.com.ua

Resort on the way to Kharkiv near Okhtyrka. Charming nature and fresh air compensate for all the inconveniences of the bad road journey. A private house can be booked.

1. "Manufaktura" Shopping Mall

2 Kharkivska St., Sumv. +38 (0542) 66-33-63

The two-storey shopping mall was built on the site of the plant, where wonderful woolenfabrics used to be made - the echo of production is in the name and design of the building. There is a supermarket, a food court, a cinema, clothes stores, children's goods, household appliances in the mall.





6. Braty Hryl Family Restaurant

17 Derybasivska St., Odesa, +38 (067) 599-33-99 First and formost, it's steaks and Odesa cuisine. There are many items in the menu prepared on the Italian ecological grill from local seasonal products.

7. Dacha Restaurant

15 block, 85 Frantsuzkvi Blvd., Odesa, +38 (048) 770-31-19, www.dacha.com.ua Legendary restaurant with Odesa cuisine and Soviet country house setting in its best traditions.

8. City Food Market

9A Rishelievska St., Odesa, +38 (099) 323-90-19, www.cityfood.market Young and active colleague of the famous colorful market Prvvoz. This place is like a courtyard of Odesa: bustling and multinational. Life rages here from morning till night, food is cooked and emotional conversations are heard everywhere. You can have a quick snack or eat with no hurry and enjoy a glass of wine or craft beer.

9. ClaraBara Restaurant

28 Preobrazhenska St., Odesa, +38 (098) 205-00-55 The restaurant in the Miskvi Sad (City Garden) harmoniously fits into the historic center. It invites guests to find out what Odesa specialties taste like and astonishes the guests with original presentations of dishes.

10. Kompot Cafes Chain

70 Panteleimonivska St., Odesa, +38 (067) 480-84-09. 20 Derybasivska St., Odesa, +38 (048) 728-77-75. 1 Admiralskvi Ave., Odesa, +38 (048) 759-21-23. second floor, 2 Nebesnoi Satni Ave., City Centre shopping mall, Odesa, +38 (048) 705-87-35, www.kompat.ua

The network is known for its French charm, Odesa hospitality, buns with raisins and breakfast at any time.





Legend has it that the Drevlians, appalled by their extortionist tributes, defeated Igor's troops and murdered the prince. His widow Olga exacted her revenge in full as the first peace messengers from the rebellious tribe were thrown, along with their boats, into a concealed hole in the ground and buried there alive, and the second group of envoys was cordially invited to the sauna only to be burnt alive inside. Afterwards, Olga and her retinue set out for the Drevlians' capital Iskorosten to have a funereal banquet by her husband's grave. Once sufficiently inebriated, the locals were stabbed to death. Finallv. in 946 Olga besieged Iskorosten for a year. Purportedly to end the siege, she deviously demanded each house donate three doves and three sparrows as ransom. The birds were then sent back home with burning kindling attached to their feet. This is how the city was burnt to the ground, killing many a Drevlian, while the survivors were forced to pay an even heftier tribute to the princess.