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PRE-CRUISE LAND PROGRAM – ODESSA, UKRAINE

(Complimentary Pre-Cruise Land Program)

Truly destination-immersive and all-inclusive:

- Deluxe accommodation
- All Transfers are included
- Most meals and beverages
- All tours and entrance fees to sites
- Gratuities for the guides and drivers
- Dedicated Tour Manager who will be with you for the entire Program

Explore Kiev – Ukraine’s Capital, Chernobyl 35-Years Later & Odessa

Duration: 4 Days / 3 nights

Meals: Most

Start your holiday early with a pre-cruise visit to the Ukraine’s captivating capital city of Kiev, and then have an eye-opening exploration of Chernobyl, location of the tragic nuclear accident that took place in 1986.

Day 1

When your flight arrives in Kiev, you will be met at the Boryspil airport and transfer to your hotel (Fairmont Grand Hotel or similar). After lunch in the hotel, check-in and have some time to rest before meeting downstairs in the lobby for your late afternoon panoramic tour of the city. During your drive, see some of Kiev’s key landmarks and make some photo stops to capture the magic of the city. Later, transfer back to the hotel where you will have dinner in the hotel’s restaurant and then the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

Day 2

Start with an early breakfast in the hotel and then board your coach for the drive to Chernobyl. After passing through the Dytyatky and Prypyat checkpoints, you will see the secret DUGA-1 radar station, one of three in the post-Soviet era whose purpose was the early detection of ballistic missile attacks. On arrival in Prypyat, you will tour its abandoned buildings. For safety concerns, all visits are exterior within the city. Once

populated with 50,000 residents, the town now sits in a silent testament to what was once everyday life here. Some of the sights you may see during your tour of the town is the almost buried village of Kopachi with its remaining kindergarten; a concrete reloading unit which was essential for the Sarcophagus erection in 1986; the hospital that received the badly injured firefighters and NPP workers; the river port and once prestigious Pripyat Café at the embankment; the Town Hall which served as the initial headquarters for mitigation; the Polissya Hotel which was the staging area for the helicopters dropping lead bags over the Reactor 4 ruins; the Energetic Palace of Culture; the Ferris Wheel at the never opened amusement park; Prypyat Stadium; and the Azure swimming pool which was still in operation after the accident.

Following your panoramic tour, stop for lunch in the Chernobyl NPP Canteen, before driving to the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) for an interior visit that includes the Administrative Building #1; the central block shield that controlled the third reactor control room; an integrated automatic system of control of the "Shelter" object which was the massive steel and concrete sarcophagus that covered Nuclear Reactor #4; and the reactor's main circulation pump room. During this extraordinary visit, your guide will relate to you the story of the fire extinguishing efforts and evacuation of the residents on the night of the disaster. You will also see a fire station, the Sarcophagus, and the New Safe Confinement "Arch". Following your afternoon of touring, transfer back to Kiev and have a late dinner at the hotel.

Day 3

Enjoy breakfast and after hotel check-out, drive to St. Sophia Cathedral that was built in the 11th century. An interior visit reveals amazing frescoes, mosaics and beautiful church paintings. Next, walk to St. Andrews Church for an exterior visit and have a bit of time to shop for souvenirs before heading to a local restaurant for lunch. This delightfully unique restaurant will introduce you to authentic Ukrainian gastronomy that is unlike any you've ever experienced or heard of. The restaurant is not looking to rebrand traditional fare, but rather create a fundamentally new form of Ukrainian cuisine using its own ingredients, exotic recipes and traditions.

After lunch, drive to the Kyiv-Pecherskaya Lavra Monastery which was founded in 1051 by the monks Antony and Feodosiy to help promote the spread of Christianity. Built primarily in the Ukrainian Baroque style, it makes for a majestic silhouette of Kiev from the Dnipro River. During your visit, you will explore its churches, the golden treasury and a museum of micro miniatures. Afterwards, rejoin your coach and drive to the airport for your flight to Odessa where after being greeted at the airport, transfer directly to your hotel (Decameron Hotel or similar) in the city center where you will spend the night and have dinner on your own.

Day 4

Following breakfast and check-out at the hotel, travel by coach to the Palace of Count Pototsky which houses the Odessa Fine Arts Museum. The building is one of the most notable architectural monuments of Classicism which was popular in the early 19th century. Its maze of over 15 rooms contains treasures that include 15th century icons and works by Levitsky, Ayzovsky and Repin. Your tour includes both the main floor and the underground grotto, which reveals a unique peculiarity of Odessa in that it has thousands of kilometers of underground catacombs.

Continue on with visits to the main temple of Odessa -Transfiguration Cathedral, famous Deribasovskaya Street and the city garden. Enjoy a traditional lunch at a local restaurant before visiting the famous Odessa Opera House and Prymorsky Boulevard with its promenade, park and numerous monuments to its notable past residents. Before your tour ends at the ship for embarkation, stop at the Potemkin Steps where you will have a wonderful view of the ship waiting in the harbor for you.

Special Note: This tour includes a mixture of easy to moderate activity over several days that includes significant walking, steps, inclines and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, those with physical limitations or other health concerns such as heart, respiratory, back or neck issues or pregnant women. There is a mandatory dress code for Chernobyl and all visitors must wear long pants only (no skirts, dresses, leggings or shorts); a long sleeve shirt (no tank tops or short sleeve shirts) and closed toe shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Shoulders, legs and midriffs must be covered when entering religious sites. All safety equipment will be provided where needed. Guests are required to sign a waiver before being allowed to take part in the Chernobyl portion of the tour and must make sure to have their passports and other tour documentation with them at all times.