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Upcoming **events** in Lviv



Natural Diversity And Civilization

From *Jan 1st 1995* until *Jan 19th 2038* , on

Teatralna Str., 18, 79008, L'viv, Ukraine

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Best rated **restaurants** in Lviv



Grand Restaurant

Svobody Prospect 13



The Viennese Cafe

Svobody Prospect 12



Vezha Kramariv

Prospect Svobody 16



Lev Restaurant

Teatralna 16



Celentano

Svobody prosp. 24



New York Street Pizza

Stefanyka 4



Bar Mleczny

Kopernika 9



Kilikia

Virmenska 13/3

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Most popular **pubs & clubs** in Lviv



Dzyga Bar

Virmenska 35



The Viennese Cafe

Prospect Svobody 12



Svit Kavy

Katedralna Square 6



Veronika

Shevchenka prosp. 21



The Italian Courtyard

Rynok Square 6



Titanic

Teatralna 4-6



Lialka

Havryshkevycha Sq. 1

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Best **hotels** in Lviv



Grand Hotel
📍 Svobody Ave, 13



Hotel George
📍 Mickiewicz Square 1



Hotel At Burger
📍 Franka 73



Hotel Wien
📍 Svobody Prospect 12



The Kosmonaut Hostel
📍 Sichovykh Striltsiv 8



Hotel Opera
📍 Svobody Avenue 45



Hotel Eney
📍 Shimzeriv 22



Yellow House Hostel
📍 Zelena 109

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Essential **services** in Lviv



Lviv Airport
📍 Lubinska 168



Avis
📍 Arrivals Hall, Lviv Airport



Hertz
📍 Kopernika 18



American Medical Centers
📍 Bogomoltsa Str. 3



Central Post Office
📍 Slovatskoho 1



Black Eagle Pharmacy
📍 Drukrarska 2



Lviv Train Station
📍 Dvirtseva 1



Pavuk
📍 Svobody Prospect 7

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Need some **culture**?



Dzyga Cultural Centre
📍 Virmenska 35



Roman Catholic Cathedral
📍 Katedralna Square



Bandinelli Palace Museum
📍 Rynok Square 2



Armenian Catholic Cathedral
📍 Virmenska 7



Opera House
📍 Svobody Prospect 28



Pharmacy Museum
📍 Drukarska 2



Potocki Palace
📍 Kopernika 15



The Royal Mansion
📍 Rynok Square 6

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Travel tips

Here are a few things to bear in mind during your stay in Lviv -

* Don't forget to recheck visa requirements before you hit the border. Ukraine may have experimentally relaxed European prerequisites, but citizens of other countries generally still need visas.

* As you'd expect, *bureau de change* rates are at their worst in the airport, closely followed by the hotels. You'll find better offers in town.

* Try and walk as much as possible when in Lviv. Tatty old doorways give way to unexpected treasures. Ornate wooden staircases and swirling pre-war tiles abound. Up on the facades all kinds of dreamy art nouveau details are to be spotted - Lviv's 'Secesja' architecture is a revelation.

* If you're not travelling with a mobile, you can make an international call from the telecom office (entrance: No 37 Doroshenka Street) which adjoins the Main Post Office (No. 1 Slowatskoho Street). You can also purchase phonecards from the Post Office. Another centrally located call centre can be found on the Western corner of Plac Halicki.

* Don't drink the tap water!

* Regardless of the colour on a traffic light, only cross when the locals do. It's safer that way...!

* Don't pick things up on the street, especially wallets etc. They are often props in dastardly swindling games.

* Don't be overly nervous about our advice ... these are just common precautions not instructions for entering no mans land. Lviv is by and large a safe place

* Dollars are warmly welcomed, the crisper the better. But make sure you pay the right price.

* Don't miss the old Lychakivske (Lyczakow) cemetery. Slavic melancholia at its most beautiful!

* It's often said that the best view of the city is from the fabled High Castle. It's certainly worth the walk, but in our opinion the Town Hall Tower tops them all. The music's also an amusing bonus!
(below) Lviv's historic Town Hall



Getting around

By Foot

Lviv is very much a city for walking, and it's only by wandering the streets that the ragged majesty of the place will begin to cast its spell. Nevertheless, this doesn't mean that the pedestrian has it all his own way. Far from it. The Old Town may be largely car free, but elsewhere, look out for those mad motorists. There may well be green lights denoting pedestrian crossings but drivers don't pay much attention to such niceties. Regardless of red or green, wait till a crowd of locals starts to cross. However, the good news is that deliverance comes at weekends when the whole of the Prospect Svobody Avenue is closed to traffic - God be praised!



(above) Retro adventures Lviv style
(below) Wake me up when you've made your move!



By Foot

By Tram

Jump on tram No.6 from the train station, and the journey to the centre of town takes about 8 minutes. There's no need to queue up to buy tickets as a laid back conductor wanders through the carriages selling the stubs, which cost 0.5 UAH apiece. Hold onto these until you finish your journey. Of course, given that street numbers and stops are written in Cyrillic, there is plenty of room for comedy. It's true that most of the older generation don't speak English, but if you say 'Zentair' (centre) you should be understood.

By Taxi

You might say that Lviv is somewhat sparingly lit at night. Pale glimmers of light create a film noirish ambiance that may not be to everyone's tastes, especially if you're carrying luggage. If you have to cross large areas of the city in the dead of night, a taxi may well put your mind at ease. You won't get away with paying less than 10 UAH from the train station to the centre of town, but if the price veers beyond the 25 mark, you're being taken for a ride in both senses - a bit of haggling may be in order. At the moment, only one of the 20 or so registered companies uses a standard meter. You can call them (Radar Taxis) on 0-00(298-1995).

By Bus

The Main Bus Station is located at 109 Stryiska Street, and if you're intending to make forays into the countryside to destinations like Zhovka, Pidhirtsy or Olesko the bus system will be invaluable. The telephone number of the Central Station is 63-2531. Besides the state run buses, a plethora of private minibuses (marshrutky) has now joined the throng. They're a lively feature of city life, with entrepreneurial drivers zipping in and out of the traffic to snatch customers before rivals attempt to do likewise. Standard fares within the city are 1 UAH, but don't expect a seat.