

Kiev

Kiev or Kyiv is the capital and largest city in Ukraine with a population of 2847200 residents according to official figures and up to 5 million according to unofficial probably closer to the truth somewhere in between nevertheless Kiev at least 8th city in Europe by population, bypassing cities such as Rome and Paris. Kiev is located in the North-Central part of the country on the Dnieper river. Kiev is mother of Russian cities, the birthplace of such a state as Kievan Rus on the basis of which appeared in Russia and Belarus. Kiev is the largest in Eastern Europe, industrial, transport and cultural center with a large number of universities, historical monuments and museums. Probably Kiev founded in the 5th century when there was trade Slavic settlement on the way of the Dnipro between Scandinavia and Constantinople. In the 9th century Kiev was captured by the Vikings and the Normans in 1240 was destroyed by the Mongol-Tatar invasion, then eked out the name of the capital on the outskirts of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and then Poland and Russia. In the late 19th century, Kiev was visited by the prosperity during the Russian Empire the industrial revolution the most valuable historical buildings in the city built between 1907 19014 years. In 1917 Kiev became the capital of independent Ukraine, however, later in 1921 it lost this status becoming the capital of the Ukrainian SSR. As a result of the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Kiev became again the capital of an independent state which led to greater progress and economic prosperity against the background of the labour force and some decline in other cities of Ukraine. Today, Kiev is the best proud for living in Ukraine for all parameters including the average life expectancy is 4 years higher than in General in Ukraine turned into the most Pro-Western and democratic region of Ukraine that wants closer integration with the European Union and the Western world. The architecture of the city was badly damaged during the second world war as evidenced by photos of those times where you can see the complete destruction of all buildings putting Kiev on a single line with such affected cities like Dresden or Hiroshima. Great were the losses and manpower more than 600,000 Soviet soldiers were killed or captured in the encirclement of Kiev in 1941. The officers of the NKVD was mined and blown up all the buildings in the Central part of Kiev, thus preventing the creation by the Germans of its infrastructure in the city and incidentally killed many civilians. Allegedly in response to the actions of the NKVD, the German soldiers destroyed 34,000 of Kiev's Jews at Babi Yar on 29 and 30 September 1941. In the post-war years Kiev was rebuilt Central street Khreshchatyk received a magnificent building in the style of Stalin's Empire however to the further prosperity of the city prevented Khrushchev who began to fight extravagance in the construction industry that Kyiv has lost the right

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