



## Country Profile: Ukraine

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### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Ukraine
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	Kyiv (or Kiev)
Boundary Countries:	Poland, Romania, and Moldova in the west and Russia in the east
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	American Medical Center (Kyiv)
Main Cities:	Kiev, Odesa, Sumy, Yalta
Country Size:	603,700 sq km
Population:	46,710,816

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### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Ukrainian (official) 67%, Russian 24%, small Romanian-, Polish-, and Hungarian-speaking minorities
Currency:	Hryvnia (UAH)
Predominant Religions:	Ukrainian Orthodox - Kyiv Patriarchate 50.4%, Ukrainian Orthodox - Moscow Patriarchate 26.1%, Ukrainian Greek Catholic 8%, Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox 7.2%, Roman Catholic 2.2%, Protestant 2.2%, Jewish 0.6%, other 3.2% (2006 est.)
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 24 August (1991); 22 January (1918), the day Ukraine first declared its independence (from Soviet Russia) and the day the short-lived Western and Central Ukrainian republics united (1919), is now celebrated as Unity Day
Economic Status:	Ukraine is undergoing profound political and economic change as it moves from its Soviet past toward a market economy and multi-party democracy and integration into Euro-Atlantic and other international institutions. In recent years, the availability of goods and services has increased along with increased rates of growth in Ukraine's economy, and facilities for travelers have improved somewhat. Nonetheless, the availability of travel and tourist services remains uneven throughout the country, and Ukraine still lacks the abundance of many of the goods and services taken for granted in other countries.
Security:	Ground Forces, Naval Forces, Air Forces (Viyskovo-Povitryani Syly), Air Defense Forces
US Presence:	<a href="#">U.S. Embassy in Kyiv</a> 4 A.I. Sikorsky St. 04112 Kyiv, Ukraine Phone: 044-521-5000

<b>Major Airports:</b>	Airports: 499 Airports w/paved runways: 193  <b>Kiev State Enterprise Boryspil International Airport (KBP/UKBB)</b> Airport Boryspil, 08307 Boryspil 7, Kyiv Region <i>Tel:</i> +380 44 281-78-54, +380 44 281-74-17 <i>Fax:</i> +380 44 281-71-22, +380 44 490-47-71 <i>email:</i> document.write('direc' + 'tor' + cat + 'kbp.k' + 'iev.u' + 'a'); director@kbp.kiev.ua <i>Website:</i> www.kbp.kiev.ua <i>Telex:</i> 131924 AFL SU <b>Additional Contact -</b> Boryspil Airport, 08307 Kyiv <i>Tel:</i> +380 44 281-76-53 <i>Fax:</i> +380 44 490-47-71
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