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## Hotels, restaurants and attractions in Kiev, Ukraine

### GETTING THERE

Kiev is best enjoyed once the weather starts turning milder in the spring. KLM and Lufthansa offer one-stop flights out of Washington Dulles starting at about \$800 round-trip in March. U.S. citizens do not need a visa. Getting from the airport to the city is a hefty taxi ride. Hawkers will ask outlandish amounts, but if you negotiate you should be able to get a ride for \$20-\$25 (160-200 hryvnia).

### GETTING AROUND

Central Kiev is walkable. Most things are no more than 20 minutes from the main square, Maidan Nezalezhnosti, or Independence Square. There's a good Metro system (20 cents a ride). You should be able to get a taxi to any place in the center of the city for about \$5 (40 hryvnia), but if you flag down a cab on the street, negotiate the fare before you get in.

### WHERE TO STAY

*Hotel Lybid*, Peremohy 1, 011-380-44-236-0063, <http://hotellybid.com.ua>. A five-minute cab ride from the heart of the city. Doubles from \$115.

*Khreschatyk Hotel*, Khreschatyk Street 14,

011-380-44-596-8000, <http://www.khreschatik.kiev.ua>. Slightly down at the heels, but a great location on the main drag. Doubles from \$108.

*Sunflower B&B Hotel*, Kostelnaya 9-41, 011-380-44-279-3846, <http://www.sunflowerhotel.kiev.ua>. A few steps from the central square. Rooms from \$135.

### WHERE TO EAT

*Volkonsky Cafe and Bakery*, 5 Khreschatyk Passage, 011-380-44-270-5996. Perfect for a light lunch or coffee and a pastry. Entrees \$10-\$16.

*Tike*, Sagaydachnogo 31A, 011-380-44-417-4062. This Turkish restaurant near the river is not cheap, but the food is great. Main dishes, \$10-\$15.

*Varenichnaya*, 28 Esplanadnaya St., 011-380-44-287-1539. This is the place to get varenyky-- dumplings stuffed with meat,

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