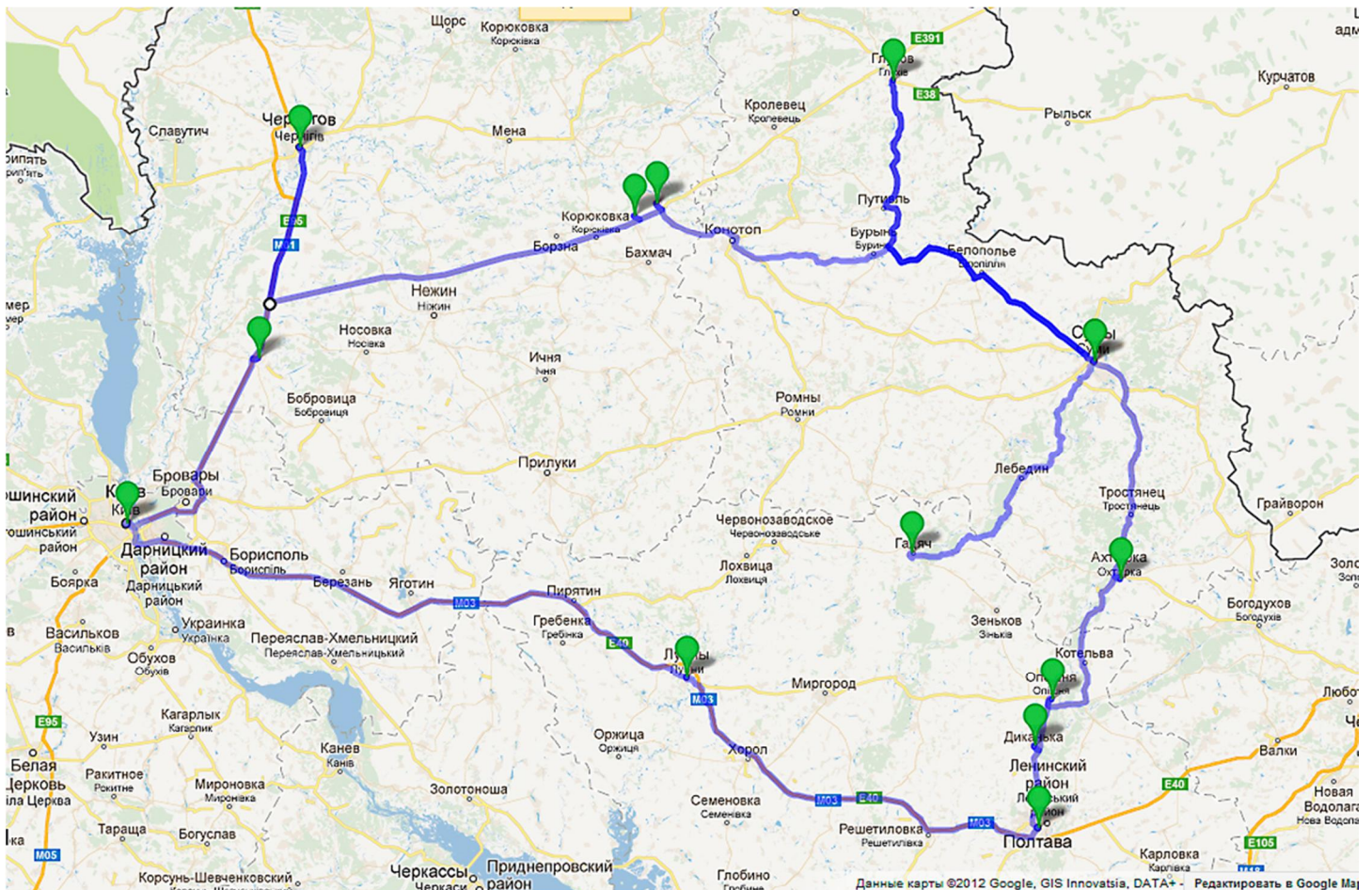


Chernihiv has been a historic competitor of Kyiv since Kyivan Rus times. Throughout its history, this town was one of the main centers of political, economic and socio-cultural life of Ukrainians and nowadays it is famous for its monuments of Princes' and Cossacks times. Chernihiv region is also known worldwide as the birthplace of Prokopovych P.I. Back in the 19th century, our apiarian genius opened a new era of beekeeping – the humanistic beekeeping. This is where the name of this land “Honey flow” comes from as a symbol of fertility of the Ukrainian land, which provided not only Europe but the entire world with the sweet gold.

Baturyn and Hlukhiv attracted attention as Hetman's residences in the turbulent years of the national liberation struggle of the Ukrainian people. These towns were closely related in history, as on complete devastation of Baturyn it was Hlukhiv that became a new capital. And later on the last Hetman of Ukraine Kyrylo Rozumovskiy sought to renew the status of Baturyn as the capital of the Hetmanate. Today these towns are the striking examples of the Cossack architecture of the 17-18th centuries.

The trip around Poltava region will enrich this program with a special atmosphere as we will visit the land of philosophers, artists and romantics. One of the most attractive recreation areas of Ukraine presents the meetings with valuable architectural monuments, centers and museums of folk crafts. Kotliarevskiy, Hohol, Skovoroda and a number of other prominent people glorified this blessed land. It is here that the itinerant philosopher took his wisdom from and the great writer forever coined the names of Sorochyntsi and Dykanka in his works. Calm rivers with churches and monasteries along the banks soothe the soul and complement the romantic atmosphere of Poltava region.



Day 1, 05.10.2013, Kyiv - Chernihiv (160 km)

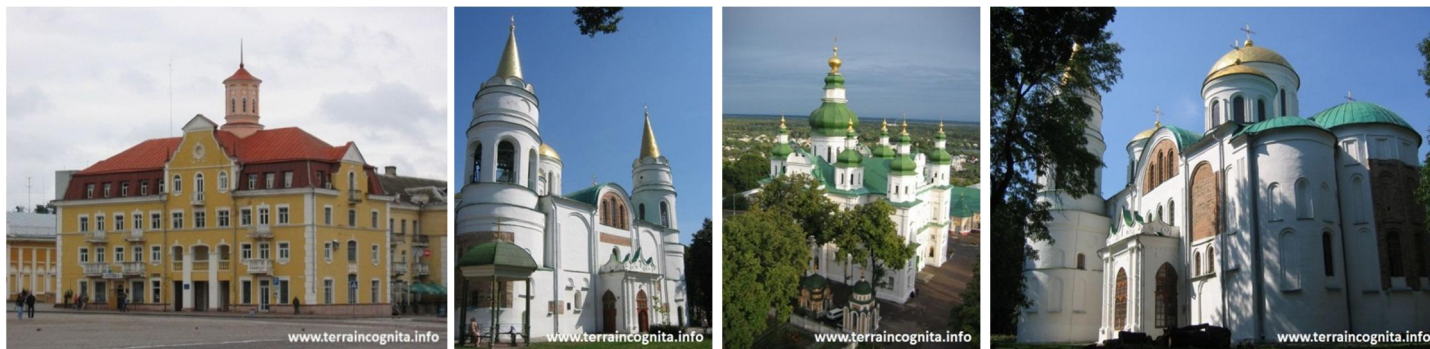
Kyiv – Chernihiv transfer.

Arrival to Chernihiv. Accommodation at a hotel.

Lunch.

Excursion:

- Chernihiv



Tour around the city that can compete with any other city of Ukraine and even Europe in the number of ancient architectural monuments. Situated on a high bank of the Desna river, Chernihiv was a worthy competitor to Kyiv in political and socio-economic life in the 10th century. The Saviour-Transfiguration Cathedral, the Borys-Hlib Cathedral, St. Elias' Church, the Assumption Cathedral, Chernihiv Collegium, the Church of Good Friday, Bezimennyi (Nameless) and Hulbyshche (Merry-making) mounds, Anthony caves of St. Trinity Monastery impress with their age and architectural perfection of the era they represent.

Dinner.

Day 2, 06.10.2013, Chernihiv – Baturyn – Palchyky – Sumy (320 km)

Breakfast.

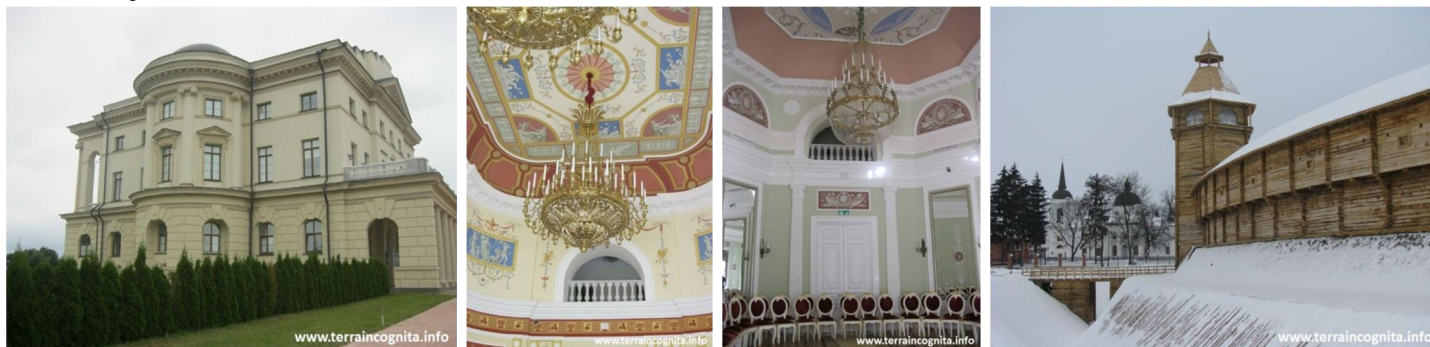
Excursion:

- Palchyky



Visiting the gravesite, museum and apiary of the prominent beekeeper Petro Prokopovych, famous for inventing the world's first movable frame beehive. It was here, in Palchyky that the school of beekeepers known throughout the Russian Empire was established in 1830.

- Baturyn



Tour around the former capital of Zaporizhzhia Cossacks and Hetman's residence of the 18th century. In recent years due to state investments, the complex has become a wonderful tourist attraction called "The National Historical and Cultural Reserve "The Hetman's Capital". Palace of Rozumovski reflects the Hetman's architectural taste; the citadel of Baturyn fortress evidences the military greatness of Cossacks; Resurrection Church and Baturyn St. Nicholas Krupytskyi Monastery tell us about religious beliefs of the Ukrainians.

Lunch.

Arrival to Sumy. Accommodation at a hotel.

Evening walk in the city.

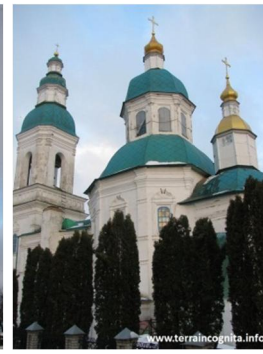
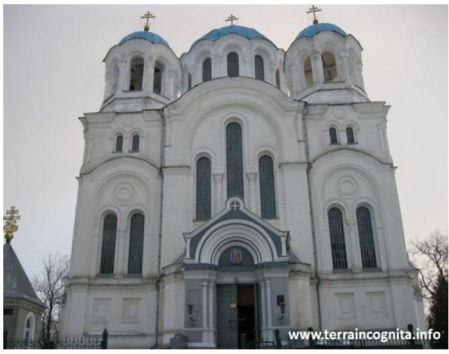
Dinner.

Day 3, 07.10.2013, Sumy – Hlukhiv – Sumy (300 km)

Breakfast.

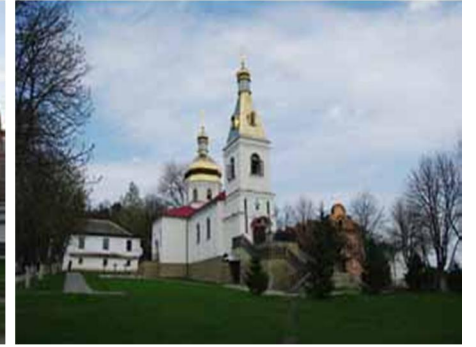
Excursion:

- Hlukhiv



A short sightseeing around one more Hetman's capital of the 19th century. This small town is known for a big number of monuments of history and architecture that form the "Hlukhiv" National Reserve. Tereshchenko family, the famous Ukrainian entrepreneurs and philanthropists famous for their public and charitable activities, originates from here.

- Hlynyskiy monastery



Visiting the monastery and its apiary, one of the oldest in Ukraine. It was here, back in the 16th century, that the image of the Blessed Virgin appeared to local beekeepers in tree branches, and from under the roots of the tree emerged the source of healing water. Later a monastery was built here and the monks are still continuing the ancient traditions of beekeeping.

Returning to Sumy.

Dinner.

Day 4, 08.10.2013, Sumy

Breakfast.

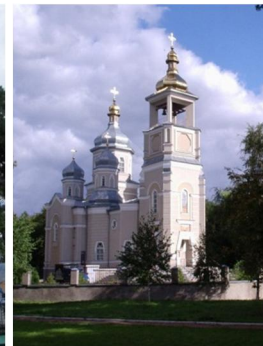
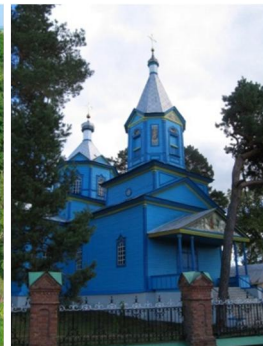
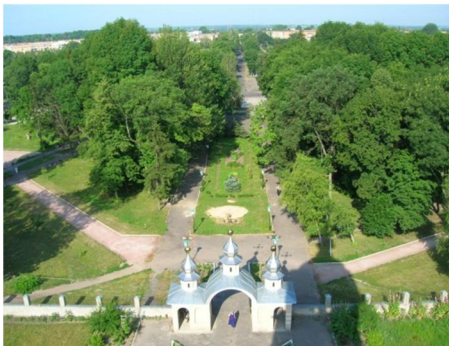
- Opening of the exhibition of a beekeeper-painter and inventor Mykola Yaroviy.



The life philosophy of this author is unique as it combines a healthy lifestyle, art and beekeeping. Mykola Yaroviy pays great attention to beekeeping, creating inventions in beekeeping and apitherapy.

Lunch.

- Hadiach school of beekeepers



Wonderful nature of Poltava region is favorable for beekeeping development. Hadiach 1-year agricultural school is one of the leading educational establishments of Ukraine training the specialists in beekeeping. It was organized in 1932 for training the specialists of mass qualifications in agricultural production.

Returning to Sumy.

Dinner.

Day 5, 09.10.2012, Sumy – Okhtyrka – Opishne – Dykanka – Poltava (200 km)

Breakfast.

Check out at a hotel.

- Okhtyrka – Kuzemyn village (beekeeping farmstead of Yehoshyni)



Visiting the unique farmstead of Yehoshyni, distinguished by implementation of their own innovations in beekeeping. Numerous research works and experiments on keeping bees in summer and winter, on stationary and mobile apiaries, queen rearing and bee packages are held here. Thanks to their innovations implementation, the farmstead of Yehoshyni is one of the leading ones in Ukraine with high efficiency of production of high-quality beekeeping products.

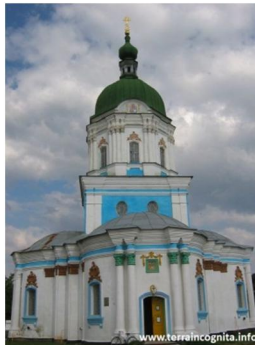
- Opishne



Visiting the pottery capital of Ukraine, products of which are known almost in the whole world. The National Museum-reserve of Ukrainian pottery tells you not only about life of potters in the past and their creations, but also gives the opportunity to become a potter yourself, i.e. to participate in the master class of pottery.

Lunch.

- Dykanka



A short sightseeing tour around one of the most picturesque places of Ukraine, glorified by Mykola Hohol. The Triumphal Arch, St. Nicholas Church, Kochubei's oaks, the Trinity Church are witnessing the ancient history of the village and represent the authentic, national art and nature of the Ukrainians.

Arrival to Poltava. Accommodation at a hotel.

Dinner.

Day 6, 10.10.2012, Poltava – Myrhorod (110 km)

Breakfast. Check-out at a hotel.

- Sightseeing in Poltava



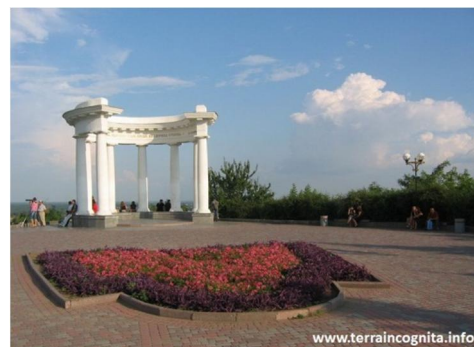
Cradle of the Ukrainian literary language...Regimental capital of the Cossack state...Homeland of Mykola Hohol, Ivan Kotliarevskiy and Marusia Churai...Architectural pearl of the 17-19th centuries...Each stone in this city is a living history of the Ukrainian people that is majestic and dramatic, full of hope and sorrow. A circular square with the Monument of Glory, Soborna

Square, homestead of I.Kotliarevskyi, the Assumption Cathedral, the Savior Church and other architectural structures will provide you an opportunity to feel the true historic spirit of Poltava.

Lunch.

Excursion:

- Poltava Battle Field



Visiting one of the most famous places in Ukraine that is a mute witness of the great military battles during the Great Northern War. On June 27, 1709 the decisive battle between the Kingdom of Sweden and Russia took place here, which identified the further course of military events. "Poltava Battle Field" Reserve is a member of international organization of the military-historical museums under the auspices of UNESCO and is included in the worldwide tourist route.

Arrival to Myrhorod. Accommodation at a hotel.

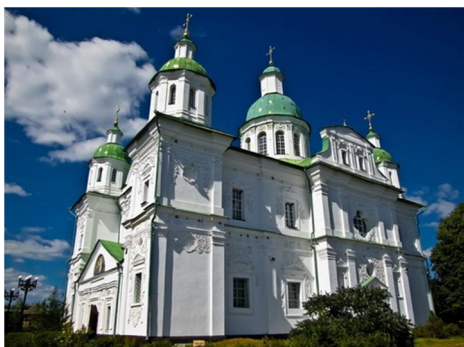
Dinner.

Day 7, 11.10.2012, Myrhorod – Lubny - Kyiv (270 km)

Breakfast. Check-out at a hotel.

Excursion:

- Mharskyi monastery



Visiting the Savior-Transfiguration Mharskyi monastery of the 17th century and a monastery's apiary. Mharska mountain is towering over the scenic river Sula not far from the ancient town of Lubny. They say that the first monks settled here in Kievan Rus times. So it is not surprising that this place was chosen again for the foundation of the monastery in the early 17th century.

Arrival to Kyiv.

End of the program.

Price for tour per person	Early booking (till 01.03.2013)	Standard booking (till 01.05.2013)	Late booking (till 01.07.2013)
Price, €	910	953	997

Included:

- Transportation services and transfers (by bus);
- Accommodation at a hotel (DBL rooms);
- Meals according to the program;
- English-speaking guide;
- Museums entrance fees;
- Souvenirs;
- Health worker;
- Insurance;
- Organization costs.

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