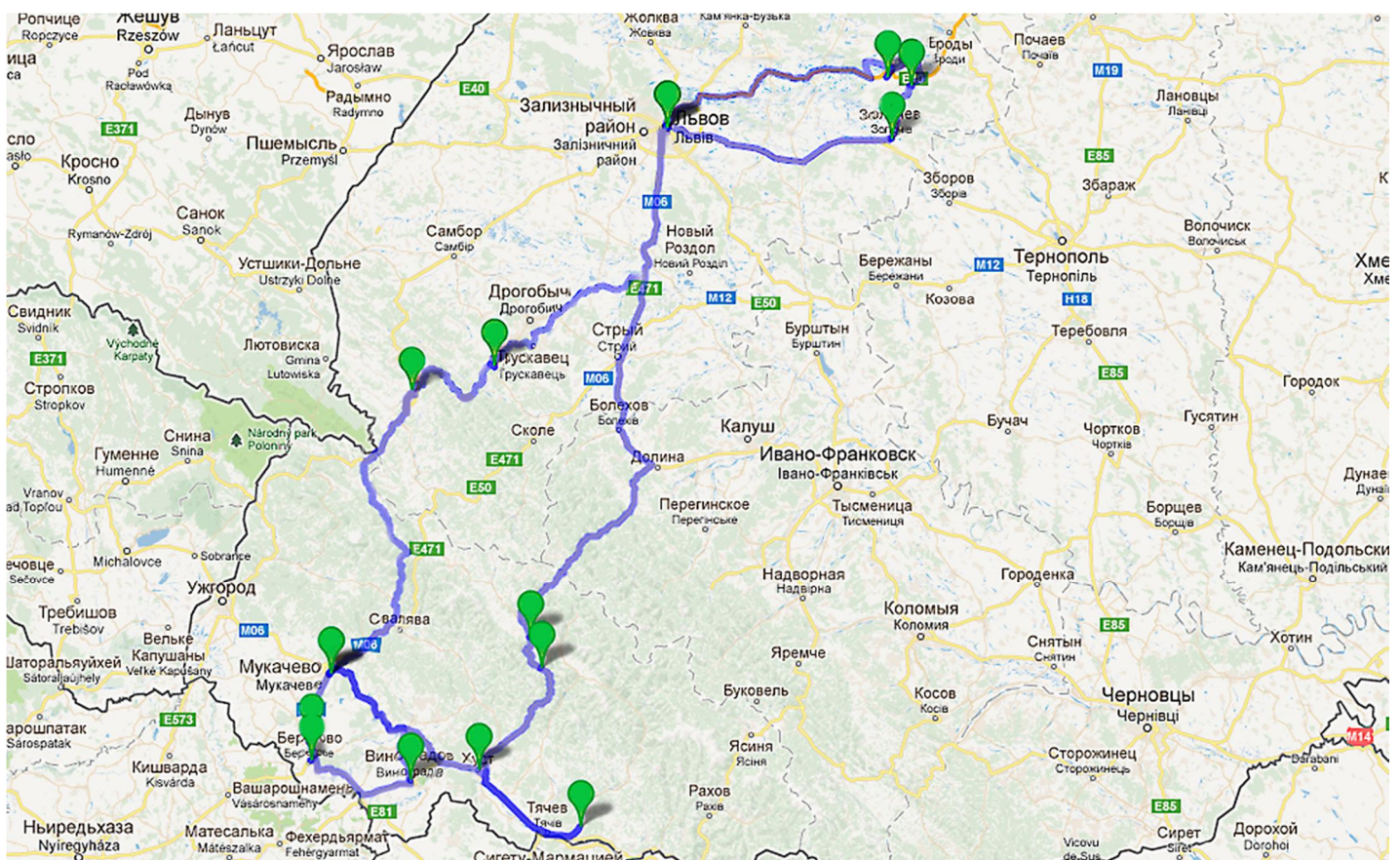


Beekeeping of Transcarpathia is a center of selection of the Carpathian bee in Ukraine. In a relatively short time period 8 lines of the Carpathian bee were selected, pairs of lines that provide the greatest effect of heterosis when crossed were discovered, the selected Carpathian bees in packages started to be produced and used, many scientific and practical researches have been conducted. Today the Carpathian bee is known worldwide.

We offer an interesting and exciting trip to the center of Galicia (Halychyna), the "city-museum"- Lviv. The City of Lion emerged during the turbulent historical events of the Middle Ages, which led to the appearance in Western Ukraine of the dense network of defense constructions, palaces and religious buildings, most of which survived to the present day. At one time these structures played a significant role in the defense of the land. Linked with human destinies, whole families, shrouded in legends, they give us a sense of romance and draw in our imagination images of the past. Most of them are located in Western Ukraine, some are turned to museums, but main part of them remains unnoticed by tourists. Complemented with architecture of monasteries and churches, surrounded by beautiful Ukrainian nature, these islands of our culture are looking forward to meeting every curious tourist.

You will also get acquainted with Transcarpathia (Zakarpattia) – a land where a relatively small area concentrated a large number of tourist attractions including castles, palaces and monasteries as well as picturesque mountains, lakes and waterfalls. The variety of nature and excellent climate are combined with the diversity of cultures, languages and traditions here. No traveler will stay indifferent to the melodic Transcarpathian dialects and sincere, smiling people. They have a real character and charisma, so no wonder that Transcarpathians proudly call their land "Transcarpathia". And most importantly, you may visit the tasting centers here, get familiar with the technology of wine and cognac making, as well as learn more about the national traditions of making a "Drink of The Gods" of Transcarpathia.



Day 1, 05.10.2013, Lviv – Busk – Lviv (100 km)

Meeting of the group in the airport (Kyiv).

Kyiv-Lviv flight.

Transfer to Busk.

- Apiary of Iikiv O.I.



Apiary is located in picturesque area of Busk district. The main areas of apiary production are honey, bee packages and queen rearing.

Lunch.

Returning to Lviv. Accommodation at a hotel.

Dinner.

Evening walk in the city.

Day 2, 06.10.2013, Lviv

Breakfast.

- Bus and walking sightseeing in Lviv



Lviv is one of the richest in architectural wonders Ukrainian cities. No wonder that its historical center is inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Indeed, it is so exciting to explore the center of the city: the ensemble of Market Square, shrouded in legends, where each house is a monument of architecture, Neo-Renaissance building of Lviv Opera and Ballet Theatre named after the famous Solomiia Krushelnytska; Armenian, Ruskyi and Jewish neighborhoods, reflecting mixture of cultures and ideologies; religious buildings and monuments to famous people will not let anybody stay indifferent.

Lunch.

- Shevchenko's Grove



Visiting the real embellishment of the city - Ethnographic open-air museum which combines the finest examples of folk architecture and everyday life of the following historical regions: Volyn, Boikivshchyna, Bukovyna, Hutsulshchyna, Transcarpathia, Podillia and Pokuttia. 124 wooden churches and samples of the 18-20th centuries' dwellings are preserved on 60 hectares of the museum. Skansen is annually visited by thousands of tourists who are able to touch the Ukrainian history and understand how our ancestors used to live hundreds of years ago.

- State Scientific-Research Control Institute of Veterinary Medicinal Products and Feed Additives



State Scientific-Research Control Institute of Veterinary Medicinal Products and Feed Additives is a leading organization in standardization and certification, organization and quality control of veterinary medicinal products at all stages, namely their working out, implementation, production, storage, transportation and use. Staff of State Scientific-Research Control Institute of Veterinary Medicinal Products and Feed Additives worked out the System of toxicological control of veterinary medicinal products, National program on controlling the residual quantities of raw materials, animal products, fodders and feed additives. For quality control of veterinary medicinal products more than 300 methods and techniques are used, 68 of which were developed or modernized by staff of the Institute. The main criteria for research works of the Institute are focused on the revival and creation in Ukraine the domestic production of effective veterinary medicinal products, fodders, feed additives and premixes; development, improvement and harmonization of control methods as well as quality assurance of animal products through regulation of residual amounts of active substances of veterinary medicinal products.

Dinner.

Day 3, 07.10.2013, Lviv – Zolochiv – Pidhirtsi – Olesko – Lviv (200 km)



Breakfast.

Excursion:

- Zolochiv (visiting the monument of defensive architecture of the 17th century - Zolochiv castle. At one time the castle was the residence of the famous Polish King Jan III Sobieski and had a royal status. Among castle's well preserved elements are the Entrance Tower, the two-storey palace and one more unusual monument – the Chinese palace that altogether combine the beauty and grandeur of the Renaissance).
- Pidhirtsi (the 17th century castle, worthily recognized as one of Europe's best examples of combination of the Renaissance palace with bastion fortifications. The construction impresses with its beauty and splendor of forms, despite the fact that a few centuries have passed. The "Italian park" which belongs to the monuments of landscape and park architecture is also noteworthy: it perfectly complements the architectural ensemble in Pidhirtsi).

Lunch.

- Olesko (excursion in the 13-18th centuries castle, built with the features of Renaissance and Baroque styles. Nowadays the exhibition halls of Olesko castle display the unique collection of paintings, portrait pictures, furniture, wooden sculpture of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. It is here that you can see the bed on which the Polish King Jan III Sobieski could have slept, the black marble fireplaces that heated the castle, portraits of castle's owners and other titled persons who influenced the history of Europe, wooden sculptures of world renowned master Ioann George Pinzel, go down in the ancient dungeon where a military treasury used to be and just feel the spirit of antiquity, which has been hovering in the castle for the last 600 years.

Zolochiv, Pidhirtsi and Olesko castles make up a popular Ukrainian tourist route "The Golden Horseshoe of Lviv region".

Returning to Lviv.

Dinner.

Day 4, 08.10.2013, Lviv – Skhidnytsia – Mukachevo (300 km)

Breakfast. Check-out at the hotel.

- Apiary of Dr. Senyshyn "Steps of joy" (Skhidnytsia) and "Path of Longevity" recreational complex (Turka district)



Bee products have been used for treatment of various ailments since old times in folk and later in traditional medicine. Beekeepers used to believe and still consider the bee products to be a Gift of God and call them the "elixir of life", they recommend to consume them both as food and medicine. They also state that there is no disease that couldn't be cured by bees, because they know about the healing effects of bees on the human body and constantly feel these effects on themselves. We invite you to visit the "Path of Longevity" recreational complex, which is located in the most beautiful part of the Carpathian Mountains, in the village of Lastivka, Turka district.

Lunch.

Arrival to Mukachevo. Accommodation at a hotel.

Dinner.

Day 5, 09.10.2013, Mukachevo



Breakfast.

Excursion:

- Mukachevo (sightseeing in one of the old cultural, religious and political centers of Transcarpathia, which has been a competitor to the regional center – Uzhhorod for many centuries. The city is located at the junction of the ridges of volcanic Carpathians and Transcarpathian lowland. It is quite densely built up along the both banks of Latorytsia river. The historic pearl of Mukachevo is Palanok castle, a unique example of medieval fortification architecture. The stronghold is located on the mountain of volcanic origin that provided impregnability of the castle for centuries).

Lunch.

- Apiary of Haidar V.A.



This breeding apiary of the Carpathian bees rearing has over 300 bee colonies, 2200 [bee queens' places \(?\)](#), production of 800 bee packages and 15 000 bee queens, the health and recreational facilities, a laboratory of inoculation of larvae and [incubation of queen cells](#), laboratory for instrumental insemination of bee queens, equipment for disinfection, systems of various hives, frames and beekeeping equipment, collection of nuc hives and many more.

Dinner.

Day 6, 10.10.2013, Mukachevo – Vynohradiv – Berehovo – Yanoshi – Mukachevo (200 km)



Breakfast.

Excursion:

- Vynohradiv (a trip to a “paradise corner” of Transcarpathia with special climate, covered with beautiful vineyards and lush gardens with ripe apricots and peaches. The hospitable land where each guest will be pleasantly received and told about history and traditions, treated to delicious local cuisine. The highlight of the trip will be visiting the palace of Baron Pereni that is the oldest baroque building in Transcarpathia).
- Berehove (sightseeing in the town of medieval history and architecture of this epoch. Here you can fully experience the belonging of Ukraine to the general European culture, country's special relationship with Hungary, since most of the population are of Hungarian nationality. Berehove is the warmest part of Ukraine, where cherries, peaches, and of course, grapes ripen the fastest. Some of the best wines of Europe are made from these grapes).

Lunch.

- Tasting of wine of the Hungarian part of Transcarpathia in Yanoshi village (visiting the house of wine “Berehvidek”, a kind of mini-museum of winemaking. Yanoshi village is considered to be one of the winemaking capitals of the Transcarpathian part of Ukraine as local wine is distinguished by amazing taste and is extremely popular (you'll see this on tasting)).

Returning to Mukachevo.

Dinner.

Day 7 11.10.2013, Mukachevo – Khust - Bilovartsy – Vuchkove – Mizhhiria (280 km)

Breakfast. Check-out at the hotel.

- Khust.



Farmstead of Papp V.V. Specialization of it is the reproduction and research of the Carpathian bee.

Lunch.

- Tiachiv district



A breeding apiary of the Carpathian bees rearing of Vasyly Dochynets in Bilovartsy village Tiachiv district, Transcarpathian region. The farm is located in ecologically clean area with developed tourist and resort infrastructure. It specializes in production and marketing of bee packages and fertile bee queens, has 300 bee colonies and 1100 [bee queens' places](#), is equipped with the new system of nucs and a laboratory of [larvae carrying](#).

- Vuchkove



Mountain isolated apiary of the most common pure-bred Carpathian bees is the initial reproducer of the breeding material of the selected type "Vuchkivskyi" of the "Institute of Beekeeping named after Prokopovych P.I." National Scientific Center. The apiary is located in Vuchkove village (Mizhhiria ditrict).

Arrival to Mizhhiria. Accommodation at a hotel.

Dinner.

Day 8, 12.10.2013, Mizhhiria - Lviv (230 km)

Breakfast. Check-out at the hotel.

Transfer to Lviv.

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, €	938	983	1028

Included:

- *Transportation services and transfers (by bus);*
- *Accommodation at hotels (DBL rooms);*
- *Meals (FB);*
- *English-speaking guide;*
- *Museums entrance fees;*
- *Souvenirs;*
- *Health worker;*
- *Insurance;*
- *Organizational costs.*

Excluded:

- *Kyiv – Lviv flight (about 80-120 €);*

**The organizer is entitled to the right to make the slight changes to the program without changing the general content of a trip. A flight/ticket from Lviv may be provided if booked additionally.*



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