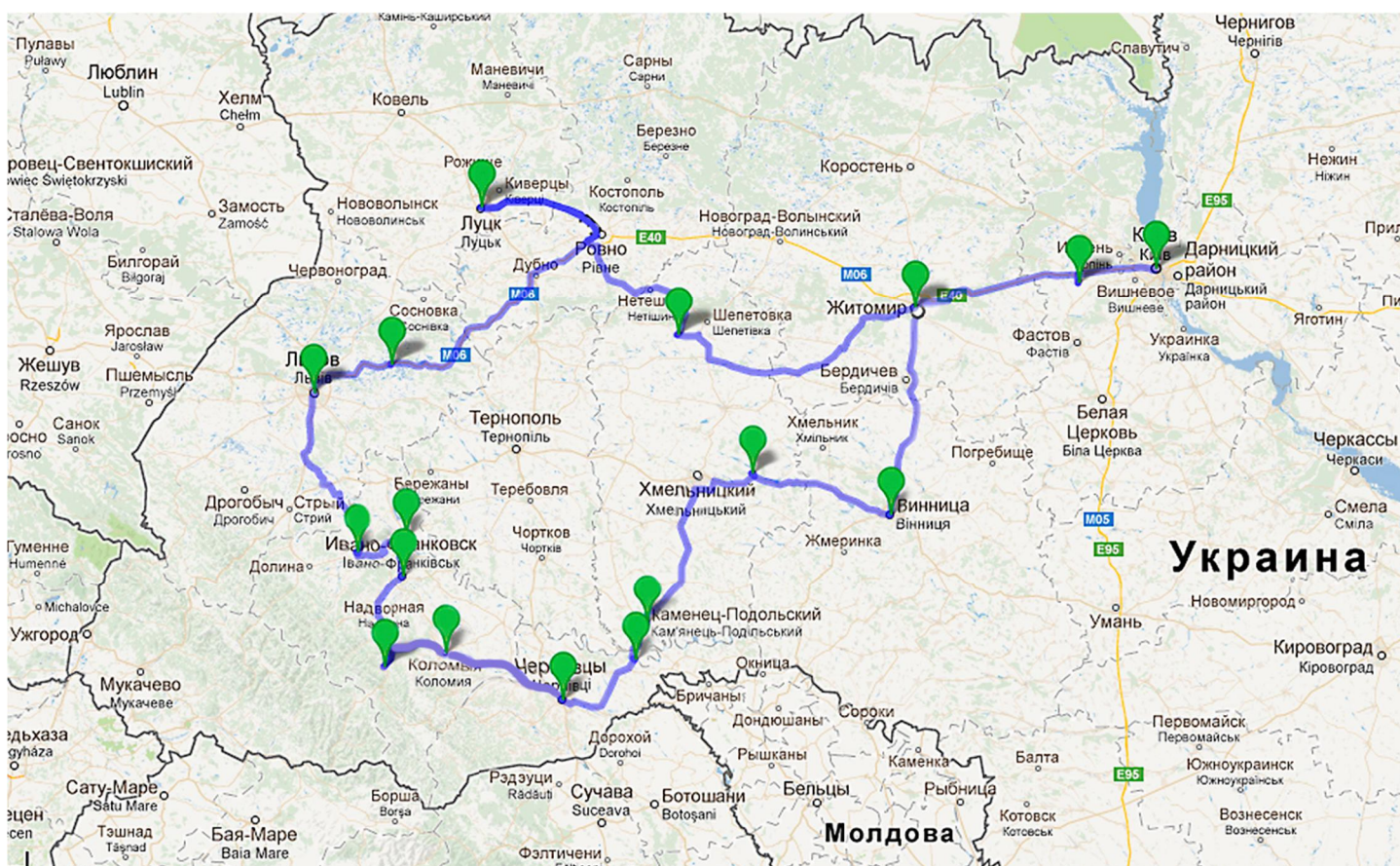


Beekeeping of Western Ukraine is distinguished by originality of the natural landscape and flora and prominent researchers such as Vitvytskyi M., Pylpchuk V., Roi F.-T., Liublinetskyi Yu.-R., Tsiselskyi T., Avetyasian H., Hubin V., Davydenko I., Yuryk I. and others. Their work is decently continued by our contemporaries, who examine the Carpathian bee. In a relatively short time period, 8 lines of 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 Carpathian bee is known worldwide.

We offer you an exciting trip visiting apiaries and api-objects of the most prominent beekeeping specialists and the most interesting attractions of the Western Ukraine: spend some time in fabulous Lviv with its unique architecture and friendly locals, visit the Carpathians that will impress you not only with beautiful nature, but also culture and traditions of the region; feel the unusual atmosphere of picturesque castles and fortresses that have been providing the opportunity to feel the spirit of the historical events that took place on these lands for ages!



**Day 1, 05.10.2013, Kyiv - Zhytomyr (200 km)**

Kyiv – Zhytomyr transfer.

- “Valley of Sources” Ecovillage

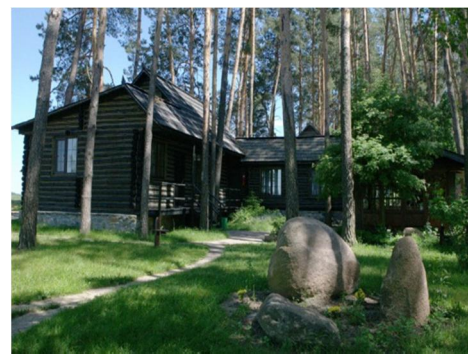
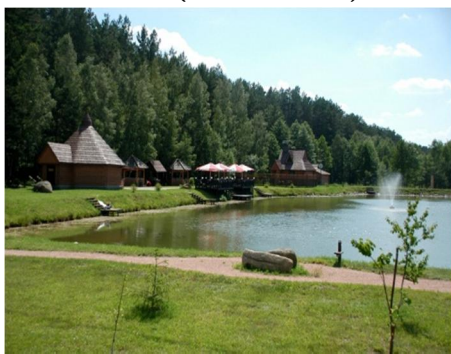


Ecovillage “Valley of Sources”, Motyzhyn village. Production of ecological products of beekeeping. “Valley of Sources” is an ecovillage of homesteads. The living space here is created by inspired work of its inhabitants. In recent years, about 300 family settlements were established in Ukraine. They become partners in experimental eco-construction, agricultural techniques of natural farming, establishment of joint ventures for the production of environmentally friendly agricultural products, among which beekeeping products take an important place. Healthy lifestyle has become an integral part of children and adults of the Valley, who strengthen their health in api-houses. Organization of numerous joint seminars, conferences and holidays of eco-inhabitants

promotes creative abilities development of the inhabitants and arouses interest in the study of folk traditions and crafts. Festivals of folk crafts are held at the beginning of October.

*Lunch.*

- Bee-land ("Pchelandiia")



Pchelandiia is a unique place. It is located at the area of elite recreation - "Chudodiievo" farmstead. It is here, in ecologically clean corner of beautiful Polissia land that this wonderful apiary is located. "Pchelandiia" provides the opportunity to combine outdoor recreation and unique methods of healing by bees and bee products. Atmosphere at the apiary and its positive energy turned "Pchelandiia" into a real natural oasis, the best place to become healthier and relax.

*Journey to Zhytomyr. Accommodation at a hotel.*

*Dinner.*

### Day 2, 06.10.2013, Zhytomyr – Iziaslav – Lutsk (400 km)

*Breakfast. Check-out at the hotel.*

- Zhytomyr National Agroecological University

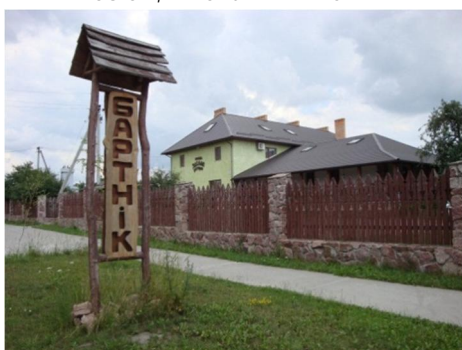


Zhytomyr National Agroecological University provides education for students at 45 departments and about 80 branches, including the departments of environmental profile: general ecology, agroecology, environmental monitoring, environmental economics and ecosociology, forest ecology and melioration, technical service and environmental engineering, natural resources protection.

*Journey to Iziaslav.*

*Lunch.*

- Iziaslav, «Bartnik» LLC



"Bartnik" beekeeping enterprise is the famous Ukrainian exporter of beekeeping products. Up-to-date equipment and marketing differ the company from many domestic enterprises. It is located in Iziaslav town of Khmelnytskyi region. To ensure the high quality of bee products (both their physical, chemical and safety parameters), on taking into the account the world experience in processing technology, a modern production line is set at the enterprise. An accredited laboratory of the company has cutting-edge equipment and highly qualified staff that provide high quality products.

*Journey to Lutsk. Accommodation at a hotel.*

*Dinner.*

### Day 3, 07.10.2013, Lutsk – Busk – Lviv (250 km)

*Breakfast. Check-out at the hotel.*

*Excursion:*

- Lutsk (Lubart's castle)



The castle in Lutsk is one of the largest and best preserved in Ukraine. Today during visiting Prince Lubart's Castle, you can climb the 28-m high Entrance tower that allows admiring the fantastic views of the city and powerful fortifications, built in medieval times, walk along the galleries of number of loopholes on defensive walls of the castle, visit the unique museum of bells, go down to the old dungeons in order to see the foundations of the church of St. John the Divine of the 12<sup>th</sup> century and huge wine cellars, visit the art museum. Also, thanks to being well preserved the castle creates a special atmosphere for a variety of festivals, the most famous of which are the festival of historical reenactment "Sword of Lutsk Castle" and the famous "Lubar-fest."

- «Haivka Beekeeping Farm» farmstead of Pryimak V.I., "Sole Beekeeping farmstead" of Tkachuk V.M. and "Shotiky family apiary".



«Haivka Beekeeping Farm» farmstead of Pryimak V.I., "Beekeeping farmstead" of Tkachuk V.M. and "Shotiky family apiary". Calm honey farms with the apiaries of V.I. Pryimak, V.M. Tkachuk and Shotiky family are located in picturesque areas of Volyn region. The area is rich in natural honey plants. It is a great place to relax and become healthier thanks to bee products. Here the possibility of health improvement in special houses – so called "beds" is practiced. It is also possible to consult doctors - apitherapists.

*Lunch.*

*Journey to Busk.*

- Apiary of Ilkiv O.I.



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

*Journey to Lviv. Accommodation at a hotel.*

*Dinner.*

Day 4, 08.10.2013, 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 listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Indeed, it is so exciting to explore the center of the city: the ensemble of Market Square, shrouded by legends, where each house is a monument of architecture, Neo-Renaissance building of Lviv Opera and Ballet Theatre, named after the famous Solomiia Krushelnyska; Armenian, Ruskyi and Jewish blocks, reflecting mixture of cultures and ideologies; religious buildings and monuments of famous people will not let anybody stay indifferent.

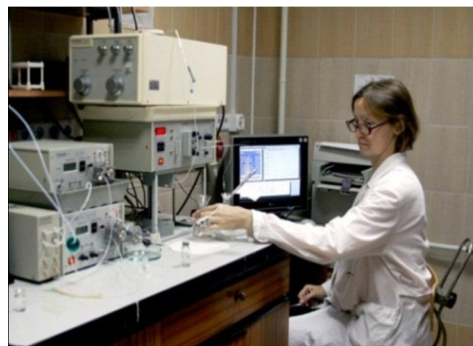
Lunch.

- 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 18-20<sup>th</sup> 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 medicines and feed additives



State Scientific-Research Control Institute of Veterinary medicines and feed additives is a leading organization in standardization and certification, organization and quality control of veterinary medicines at all stages, namely their working out, implementation, production, storage, transportation and use. Staff of State Scientific-Research Control Institute of Veterinary medicines and feed additives worked out the System of toxicological control of veterinary medicines, National program on controlling the residual quantities of raw materials, animal products, feeds and feed additives. For quality control of veterinary medicines 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 medicines, feeds, 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 medicines.

Dinner.

Day 5, 09.10.2013, Lviv – Kalush – Halych – Yaremche (300 km)

Breakfast. Check-out at the hotel.

Lviv – Kalush transfer.

- «Carpathian bee» private enterprise



«Carpathian bee» private enterprise of Bodnar family that has a status of bee's nursery since 2004 is located in ecologically clean area. 310 bee colonies are situated on 4 fixed places, the system of hives consists of beds, beekeeper's house and other outbuildings. Four and eight-frame nucs for 800 queens are located on the main apiary. The activities of the apiary are queen bees of Carpathian breed rearing, formation and realization of bee packages (150 - 200 packages per year), rearing and realization of 1000 infertile and 2000 fertile queens.

Lunch.

Journey to Halych.

- "Bdzholandia" agricultural cooperative



The experimental apiary of "Bdzholandia" cooperative has been developing the hives of new generation for 10 years. Among them is a hive of a new type - "Collective mind hive" which enables the maximum approximation of bees' life to a natural hollow. It is distinguished by numerous innovations and productivity of bees is doubled. The technologies of apitherapy are introduced at the apiary.

Arrival to Yaremche. Accommodation at a hotel.

Dinner.

Day 6, 10.10.2013, Yaremche – Kolomyia – Chernivtsi (200 km)

Breakfast. Check-out at a hotel.

- Yaremche.



Admiring the most turbulent waterfall in the Carpathians "Probii" from the 20-meter-high bridge over Prut mountain river. The real attraction of Yaremche is a hutsulian market with hand-made goods of craftsmen from different regions of the Carpathians reflecting great skills of hutsuls. Here you can buy souvenirs that will remind you about beautiful Carpathian land for years.

- Carpathian National Park in Yaremche. A reserve apiary of the Carpathian bee.



In the Carpathian National Nature Park there is a unique apiary - 500 bee colonies – on revival and preservation of the Carpathian bees (there is also a nomadic apiary, transported to the mountains). Carpathian bee is the most productive in Ukraine. Harsh mountain climate with frequent changes in weather, short summers, long cold winters led to a number of important features of these bees that allow them to work productively and survive in such conditions. The task of this apiary is spreading the Carpathian bees in other national parks, production and promotion of organic bee products in the Carpathians, environmental and educational work. From now on it is a kind of sweet calling card of the Carpathian National Nature Park.

The youth environmental camps are held on the basis of Yaremche apiary. Moreover the state of environment is determined by quality of honey.

*Lunch.*

*Journey to Kolomyia.*

- Kolomyia



Visiting the world's only museum of Easter eggs ("Pysanka"). The uniqueness of the object is in a collection of six thousands of Easter eggs, representing Easter traditions not only of Ukraine, but also of the world. And the 13-meter high building of the museum itself is the largest monument to Easter egg - one of the symbols of immortality of the Ukrainian nation. The logical continuation of exploring the city will be the Museum of folk art of Hutsulshchyna and Pokuttia that will tell you rich and mysterious history of the Carpathians.

*Arrival to Chernivtsi. Accommodation at a hotel.*

- Chernivtsi.



Evening walk around the city with amazing architectural ensemble that recently celebrated its 600th anniversary. The wealth of historical monuments of Chernivtsi is striking: the former residence of the metropolitan of Bukovina and Dalmatia, a remarkable building, included in the UNESCO World Heritage List; Chernivtsi Music and Drama Theater named after the talented Ukrainian writer Olha Kobylanska; City hall, a symbol of city's self-governance; the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, the main church of Orthodox Christians of Bukovyna; interesting squares, narrow streets, elegant houses make the most pleasant impressions from the city tour.

*Dinner.*

### Day 7, 11.10.2013, Chernivtsi – Khotyn – Kamianets-Podilskyi (100 km)

*Breakfast. Check-out at a hotel.*

*Excursion:*

- Khotyn fortress of 13-19<sup>th</sup> centuries



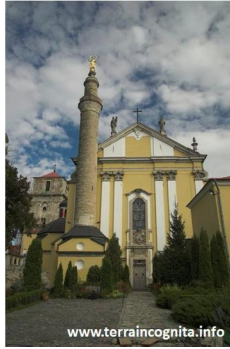
One of the best preserved fortified strongholds above the Dniester river, included into the list of top seven historical and cultural monuments identified during the Ukrainian project "7 Wonders of Ukraine." Due to its geographical location Khotyn fortress played an important role in the history of Ukraine, Moldova, Poland, Turkey and the Russian Empire. Thanks to excellent preservation of the fortress, shooting of many popular feature films were carried out here, and recently the first international festival of medieval historical reenactment of the new format "Battle of Nations" was held in the fortress.

*Transfer to Kamianets-Podilskyi.*

Accommodation at the hotel.

Lunch.

- «Old Kamianets» excursion



Nowadays Kamianets-Podilskyi can be divided into two parts: the New Town with universities, numerous hotels, green parks and entertainment venues and the Old Town, surrounded by a deep rocky canyon of the Smotrych river with blocks built up over the last millennium by representatives of seven different nationalities: Poles, Ukrainians, Lithuanians, Russians, Armenians, Jews and Turks. The famous Kamianets-Podilsk fortress has been guarding the peace of residents of the Old City over many hundreds of years. Due to unique combination of architectural and historical heritage of the Old City and the landscape of the Smotrych river canyon, the "Cultural Landscape in Kamianets-Podilsky" is defined as a candidate to the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Dinner.

- Night excursion in Kamianets-Podilskyi fortress



Theatrical performance that takes visitors for hundreds of years in the past: the Kamianets castle's headman personally greets the guests, tells them about the history of the towers and dungeons, reveals the secrets of the castle. In addition, visitors can take part in medieval contests, listen to historic songs, ride on horseback.

### Day 8, 12.10.2013, Kamianets-Podilskyi – Medzhybizh – Vinnytsia (250 km)

Breakfast. Check-out at a hotel.

Excursion:

- Medzhybizh



Visiting the mighty 16<sup>th</sup> century fortress, that is a striking example of combination of Renaissance and Bastion styles. Nowadays, when visiting Medzhybizh, you can see the partly restored fortress, climb the highest Knights' tower to admire the beautiful scenery, walk in halls of prince's palace, visit the 15<sup>th</sup> century Church of the Assumption and historical museum. The International Historic and Music Festival "Ancient Medzhybizh" is held annually in the fortress.

Arrival to Vinnytsia.

Lunch.

- «Honey of Podillia»



History of "Honey of Podillia" enterprise counts more than 70 years. It began its activities with providing beekeepers of Vinnytsia region with beehives, tribal bees, medicine for their treatment. Today it is powerful production with modern equipment of workshops of honey packing, wax processing, production of protein feed. A plant of bees rearing of Ukrainian steppe breed is created. The enterprise has profitable apiaries and modern laboratory.

*Accommodation at a hotel. Dinner.*

**Day 9, 12.10.2013, Vinnytsia – Kyiv (300 km)**

*Breakfast. Check-out at a hotel.*

*Vinnytsia – Kyiv transfer.*

*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, €	1042	1091	1141

*Included:*

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

*\*The organizer is entitled to the right to make the slight changes to the program without changing the general content of a trip.*



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