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- Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is available from World Affairs Council. Details will be sent upon receipt of your registration.

Responsibility:
- A detailed statement of limitations and exclusions of liability of World Affairs Council of Philadelphia and MIR Corporation for loss of property, injury or death will be provided to passengers upon enrollment and is available to prospective travelers upon request. A signed release of liability/assumption of risk agreement is required for trip participation.

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Program Rates, per person based on double occupancy:
Ukraine Main Tour: $6,490 • Single Supplement: $895
Belarus Pre-Tour: $2,350 • Single Supplement: $495
Moldova Post-Tour: $2,245 • Single Supplement: $375

Included:
• All accommodation, hotel taxes • Meals per itinerary (3 meals a day) • Arrival/departure transfers for passengers arriving/departing on scheduled start/end days • Internal airfare from Chernivtsi to Odessa and from Odessa to Kiev • All overland transportation per itinerary by private vehicles • Special cultural events and extensive sightseeing, including entrance fees • English-speaking guides and Tour Manager throughout the itinerary • Baggage handling at the hotels; gratuities to local guides, drivers, Tour Manager and restaurant staff during included meals • Visa support (excluding visa fees) • Comprehensive pre-departure packet

Not Included:
• International airfare to Lviv/from Kiev. Our tour operator MIR Corporation can assist with reservations • Travel insurance • Meals not included in the itinerary • Personal items such as telephone calls, laundry, excess baggage fees, visa fees, alcoholic beverages

Air Arrangements:
Program rates do not include international airfare to Lviv/from Kiev. Because of the global nature of our members and patrons, there is no group flight for this program. A recommended flight itinerary will be sent by our tour operator upon confirmation.

Reservations and Payments:
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