



## Ukrainian Country Guide

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### Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

*Exercise a high degree of caution in Ukraine due to the unpredictable security situation across the country. Tensions could escalate without warning, especially in the form of political protests in the Capital, Kyiv. Exercise common sense and look out for suspicious behaviour, just as you would in Australia. Monitor the media and other sources for changes to local conditions. See [Safety and security](#).*

*Do not travel to the eastern provinces of Donetsk and Luhansk, including to the Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 crash site. Armed separatist groups control parts of the Donetsk and Luhansk provinces. These groups have threatened, detained and kidnapped foreign nationals. The security situation is highly volatile, with ongoing conflict and deaths, including during periods of declared ceasefire. See [Safety and security](#). Do not travel to Crimea. It's not under Ukrainian Government control. See [Safety and security](#).*

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Ukraine at [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au).

### Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Ukraine. This visa can be applied for online (e-Visa), through the embassy or upon arrival at either Boryspil, Zhuliany or Odessa airports (15 days only).

It is recommended that Australian tourists apply for an e-Visa online well in advance of their expected travel date. This allows a single entry into Ukraine for up to 30 days at a cost of US\$65. To apply for an e-Visa, go to <https://evisa.mfa.gov.ua> and follow the application instructions.

All travellers are recommended to ensure their passport is valid for at least six months beyond the period of their intended stay in Ukraine, and has at least 2 blank facing visa pages. Those intending to apply for a visa from the Ukrainian Embassy in Canberra or upon arrival should contact the embassy for the list of application requirements.

Minors or applicants born in Ukraine may require additional documentation. All travellers regardless of visa application method are recommended to contact the Ukrainian Embassy for additional information relative to their specific circumstances. For further details please visit [www.mfa.gov.au/australia](http://www.mfa.gov.au/australia).

### Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Ukraine. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against hepatitis B. Vaccination against rabies (particularly if working with animals) and typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene) should be considered by travellers to Ukraine. Tick-borne encephalitis is present throughout many areas in Europe, predominately in forested regions. Whilst no vaccine is available in Australia, travellers visiting risk areas and planning outdoor activities during summer might consider vaccination once in Europe.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Ukraine should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit [www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips).

### Ukrainian Representation in Australia

Embassy of Ukraine, Canberra

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60 Marcus Clarke Street  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

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GPO Box 1567  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Web: [www.mfa.gov.au/australia](http://www.mfa.gov.au/australia)

Visiting hours: 9:30-1:00 weekdays.



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### Time Differences between Ukraine and Australia

Ukraine is Greenwich Mean Time +2 hours (+3 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is Eastern European Time (EET) or Eastern European Summer Time (EEST). Daylight saving is observed from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.

Ukraine, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 6pm; Darwin 7:30pm; Brisbane 8pm; Adelaide 8:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.  
 Ukraine, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 5pm; Darwin, Adelaide 6:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 7pm.

### Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Ukraine: +380

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>  
 or 8 (wait for tone) 10 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:  
 810 0441 (operator call collect to 01733 457816)

Visa Global Assistance:  
 8 100 11 (wait for tone) 888 557 4445  
 or call the US on +1 303 967 1090

MasterCard:  
 Call the US on +1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:  
 810 44 20 7365 4846

Emergency Services:  
 Fire - 101 (or 01)  
 Police - 102 (or 02)  
 Ambulance - 103 (or 03 or 118)

The emergency services generally do not speak English. To avoid delay it may be best to seek the assistance of an Ukrainian speaker to call the emergency services.

### Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

#### Passports

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Credit Cards

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Travel Insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Australian Representation in Ukraine

Australian Embassy, Poland

Nautilus Building, 3rd floor  
 ul. Nowogrodzka 11  
 00-513 WARSAW

Tel: (+48 22) 521 3444  
 Fax: (+48 22) 627 3500

Web: [www.australia.pl](http://www.australia.pl)

Australian Honorary Consulate,  
 Ukraine

Turhenievska str, 45-49  
 Office 53  
 01054 KYIV

Tel: (+38 044) 206 6698

The Honorary Consulate in Ukraine can only provide limited consular assistance. The Australian Embassy in Poland is accredited to this country (there is also an interim Australian Embassy in Kyiv which can be contacted on (+380 44) 290 6400). Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Ukraine are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at [www.orao.dfat.gov.au](http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au).



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### Duty Free Allowances for Ukraine and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Ukraine:

Alcohol: 1 litre of spirits and 2 litres of wine.  
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 250 g of tobacco.  
 Other Goods: Up to the value of €200.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres of alcoholic beverages.  
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.  
 Other Goods: Up to \$900 (\$450 for minors)

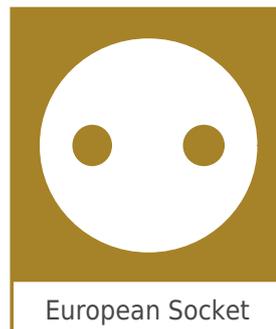
Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Ukraine and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Ukrainian customs please visit [www.minrd.gov.ua](http://www.minrd.gov.ua) or for information regarding Australian customs visit [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au).

### Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: European (some thinner old Russian plugs may also be found in some areas).

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

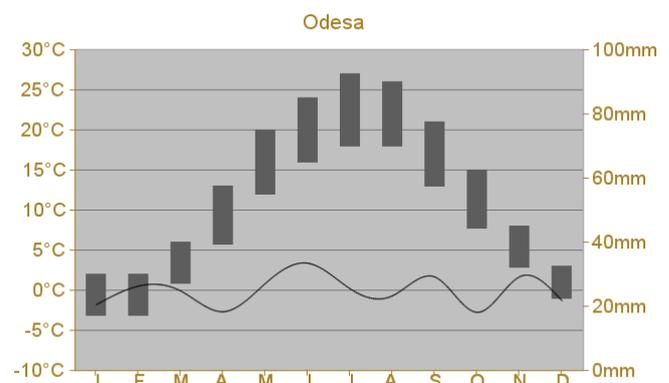
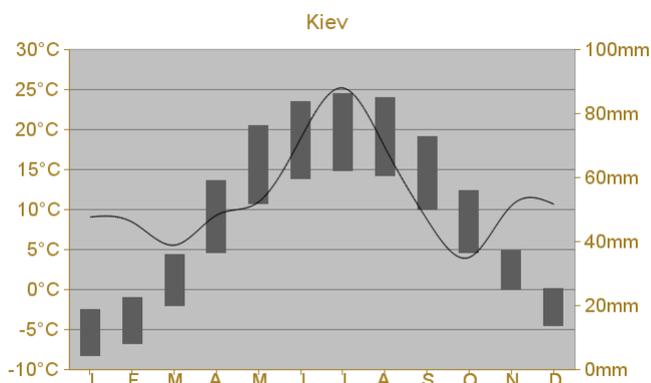
To purchase electrical adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at [www.korjo.com.au](http://www.korjo.com.au).



### Ukrainian Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Years Day
07 - 08 Jan:	Orthodox Christmas Day
08/09 Mar:	International Women's Day
08 - 09 Apr:	Orthodox Easter
30 Apr - 01 May	May Day
09 May:	Victory Day
27 - 28 May:	Holy Trinity Day (Orthodox Pentecost)
28 - 29 Jun:	Constitution Day
24 Aug:	Independence Day
14 Oct:	Defenders of Ukraine Day

### Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Ukraine



Source: Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Centre. For local forecasts please go to [www.meteo.gov.ua/en](http://www.meteo.gov.ua/en) or [www.bbc.co.uk/weather](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather).

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#### Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 20.27 Ukrainian Hryvnia  
 10 Ukrainian Hryvnia (UAH) = 0.49 Australian Dollars

#### With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 19.49 Ukrainian Hryvnia  
 10 Ukrainian Hryvnia (UAH) will cost 0.51 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

The following is a purchasing power comparison of the Ukrainian Hryvnia and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it is not a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing-power of the two currencies.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = 121 Ukrainian Hryvnia  
 Big Mac Ukraine: 47.00 (UAH) = 2.32 Australian Dollars

*A Big Mac in Ukraine is therefore 61% less expensive than in Australia.*

This comparison is based on 2018 prices using current exchange rates. Prices may not include variations by locality or local taxes.

### Currency Cheat Sheet

5 UAH = \$0.26 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.		1,000 UAH = \$51.31 AUD	
10 UAH = \$0.51 AUD	100 UAH = \$5.13 AUD	2,000 UAH = \$102.63 AUD	20 UAH = \$1.03 AUD	300 UAH = \$15.39 AUD	3,000 UAH = \$153.94 AUD
30 UAH = \$1.54 AUD	400 UAH = \$20.53 AUD	4,000 UAH = \$205.26 AUD	40 UAH = \$2.05 AUD	500 UAH = \$25.66 AUD	5,000 UAH = \$256.57 AUD
50 UAH = \$2.57 AUD	600 UAH = \$30.79 AUD	6,000 UAH = \$307.89 AUD	50 UAH = \$2.57 AUD	700 UAH = \$35.92 AUD	7,000 UAH = \$359.20 AUD
60 UAH = \$3.08 AUD	800 UAH = \$41.05 AUD	8,000 UAH = \$410.52 AUD	60 UAH = \$3.08 AUD	900 UAH = \$46.18 AUD	9,000 UAH = \$461.83 AUD
70 UAH = \$3.59 AUD	10,000 UAH = \$513.15 AUD		70 UAH = \$3.59 AUD		
80 UAH = \$4.11 AUD			80 UAH = \$4.11 AUD		
90 UAH = \$4.62 AUD			90 UAH = \$4.62 AUD		

### Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Ukraine is the hryvnia, which is abbreviated using the symbol ₴ and has the currency code "UAH". The subunit is called the kopyyka, of which there are 100 in every hryvnia. The following units of currency are the most common in Ukraine but other versions and denominations are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images prior to travelling.





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### About Ukraine

Full Name: Ukrayina (Ukraine).  
 Independence: 24 August 1991 (from the Soviet Union), 982 AD (Kyivan Rus is consolidated).  
 Size: 603,550 sq km (75% the size of NSW).  
 Population: 45 million (nearly double the size of Australia). Kiev (capital) 2.7 mil.; Kharkiv 1.5 mil.; Dnipropetrovsk 1 mil.; Odessa 1 mil.  
 Language: Ukrainian (official) 67%, Russian 24%.  
 Religion: Ukrainian Orthodox 84%, Ukrainian Greek Catholic 8%, Catholic 2.2%, Protestant 2.2%.  
 GDP Per Capita: US\$7,500 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:  
 882-1230- Kievan Rus becomes one of Europe's main political and cultural centres. It is later sacked by the Mongols.  
 988 - Kievan Rus converts to Christianity.  
 1664 - Tsarist Russia takes control of Ukraine.  
 1853-56 - Crimean War. Florence Nightingale becomes famous.  
 1932 - 7 million die in famine caused by farm collectivisation.  
 1937 - Stalin purges intellectuals in mass executions.  
 1941-44 - Nazi occupation. 5 million Ukrainians die in fighting.  
 1945 - Soviet Union annexes Ukraine.  
 1986 - Nuclear reactor in Chernobyl explodes.  
 1991 - Independence from the USSR.  
 2004 - Orange Revolution. Mass protests lead to a rerun of election following reports of vote rigging.

