

UF01 Ancient Bastion

Dates: July 24- August 06 2016

Number of volunteers (as planned) – 10

Camp location: Medzhybizh State Historical-Cultural Reserve, village Medzhibozh, Khmelnytskyi region., 30 km east of Khmelnytskyi

BEFORE GOING TO CAMP: check your passport

TO ENTER UKRAINE YOU MUST HAVE international passport (not plastic EU ID!!!!) valid for sixth months beyond date of travel. The citizens of EU and EEA countries, USA, Canada, Izrael, Japan, Korea, Turkey, Serbia and neighbouring ex-Soviet countries – DO NOT NEED visas to come to Ukraine for short term. The other nationalities might need visa - please check it in advance.

Updated information about each country citizens on the site of Ukrainian Government

<http://mfa.gov.ua/en/consular-affairs/entering-ukraine/visa-requirements-for-foreigners>

IS IT SAFE TO TAKE PART IN UNION FORUM CAMPS? – YES, IT

IS! 😊

After 2014 due to mass-media contradicting information some people have doubts on how safe it is in Ukraine. And this is very sad, because just little research in internet would ruin this fears. Ukraine is VERY BIG- the biggest country in Europe and distance between camps and zone of conflict is very big. The conflict is in 2 of 25 districts of Ukraine and only on a PART of this districts- you can see it on a map.

Thanks to international governments and bodies (such as OSCE, UN, others) the conflict is frozen. No heavy weapons are used (aviation was NEVER used, as there is no military aviation on conflict side).

The other reason why it is absolutely safe in Ukraine- no risks of terrorist attacks (never happen), No people massive protests since winter 2014.

THE MAXIMUM danger which can expect international volunteers is pickpocketing in public transport and theft of personal belongings IF REMAIN UNWATCHED in public places (such as train/ stations/street, etc).

About the project: The camp will be located in a village Medzhibozh, Khmelnytskyi region, in the western part of Ukraine. The first mention about the village dates back in 1146.

Medzhybizh Fortress – a monument of fortification architecture of the XVI century, made in the Renaissance style. The significant landmark was

built on a cape formed by the rivers Southern Bug and Buzhok. In 2001 the castle has received the status of the State Historical and Cultural Reserve. Since 2004 the castle is the center of Ukrainian historical festival "Ancient Medzhybizh" which annually takes place at the end of August. During the festival days in the castle live knights, archers, princesses and mythical heroes. There is a museum in the territory of the castle. The new exposition of Medzhybizh museum includes ethnography, history and icon painting, Memory Museum of victims of Holodomor 1932-1933 (in Podilia region) and exhibition halls. Today Medzhybizh is interesting not only by its ancient castle, which attracts the tourists from the whole world.





Work: The work depends on the weather conditions. It can be both outside and inside. Inside, in the dungeon of the castle archaeological digging, taking out the stones and ground which come out from archaeological digging out of dungeon, washing the archeological material. In good weather - Palaeolithic age archaeological digging on a distance of 1,5 from the castle. Time to time the work can also include some restoration and manual work at the historical buildings of castle and its territory. The work will be carried out under the guidance of the archaeologists of Medzhybizh Castle.



What to bring: working clothes (that can get dirty), rain jacket and sturdy working boots, warm clothes as well as good working gloves.

GENERAL CAMP SCHEDULE: 1st day- arrival day – July 24, 2016, Sunday, Arrival place – Khmelnytskyi city, Ukraine, overnight stay in a hostel, July 25 – in the morning group travel together to camp site, looking around, putting tents, excursion around castle, possible 2-3 hours of work. July 25- August 5 - camp days, August 6 – departure day, in the morning group transportation from campsite to Khmelnytskyi

Accommodation: Volunteers will be accommodated in tents on the territory of the fortress. Sleeping bag needed!! Mattresses will be provided. Food will be partially prepared by volunteers (breakfast and lunch) and dinner will be provided in small restaurant nearby. Facilities are available on the territory, including free Wi-Fi. Clothes washing facilities are simple – a washing powder and a basin with warm water 😊



Leisure time: Volunteers can enjoy group life, evening fires, the beautiful nature sights, swim in the river nearby, visit nearby places and towns. The place is at remote area, so do not expect night clubs or active night life nearby. The researchers working at this reserve will do interesting excursions and workshops / master classes for volunteers.

WHAT TO BRING: sleeping bag, working & rainproof clothes(that can get dirty), working boots, anti-mosquito lotion, individual medicines, if you use any special. As well, please bring some your favorite games ideas, your country traditional snacks, ideas of how to represent your country during the cultural evenings.

Additional info: Camp language is English. For student studying archeology administration of reserve is ready to provide a certificate about participating in the archeological field work. EXTRA FEE €15

Terminal: nearest international airports are Lviv (LWO) and Kyiv (KBP)

Arrival/ Place of meeting of volunteers

OPTION 1 - Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine. As far as there is NO airport in Khmelnytskyi, volunteers would need to fly to Kyiv or Lviv and then take a train. If you travel by BUS, please check about the buses going via Khmelnytskyi. Either take a bus to Lviv and then take a bus or train to Khmelnytskyi. Detailed information about meeting place, how to get there from Kyiv or Lviv is below.

OPTION 2 – Lviv, Ukraine and go to Khmelnytskyi together with a leader

TRAVEL TIPS:

- 1) **TRIP TO Kiev** (other transliteration is KYIV) (capital of Ukraine) it is easy to get by low cost WIZZAIR (direct connection with Germany, Hungary, Poland, UK and Lithuania). Sometimes Ukrainian airlines also offer very competitive prices <http://www.flyuia.com/eng/main.html>

If you come with WIZZAIR company– you arrive at **ZULIANY** airport in Kiev (international code IEV), which is almost in city centre. Find your route to main train station at <http://www.eway.in.ua/en/cities/kyiv>
The other international flights arrive at airport BORYSPIL – international code KBP (around 30 KM away from Kyiv). There is the direct connection from Boryspil Airport to Main Rail Station by the shuttle buses "SKYBUS". Sky Bus provides passengers with a direct, cost-effective way of getting from Boryspil International Airport to Kyiv- Main Train Station. Fare: 50 UAH. Tickets can be purchased straight from the driver or at the ticket office of Terminals B, and D.

In airport BORYSPIL there is a FREE shuttle bus between airport terminals. The information is here <https://kbp.aero/en/transport/shuttle-bus/>

- 2) **TRIP TO Lviv** (the other transliteration is Lvov) – international airport code is LWO
- 3) BY PLAIN: the best way is to fly to Lviv (LWO) – there are low cost Pegasus and Turkish airlines flights (Pegasus is the cheapest usually) . There are also some cheap direct flight from Lviv to European cities (Spain, Italy) by Ukrainian airlines <http://www.flyuia.com/eng/main.html>

Transportation from Khmelnytskyi to camp site and back will be provided.

[MEETING DAY for both Lviv and Khmelnytskyi is July 24, \(Sunday\)](#)