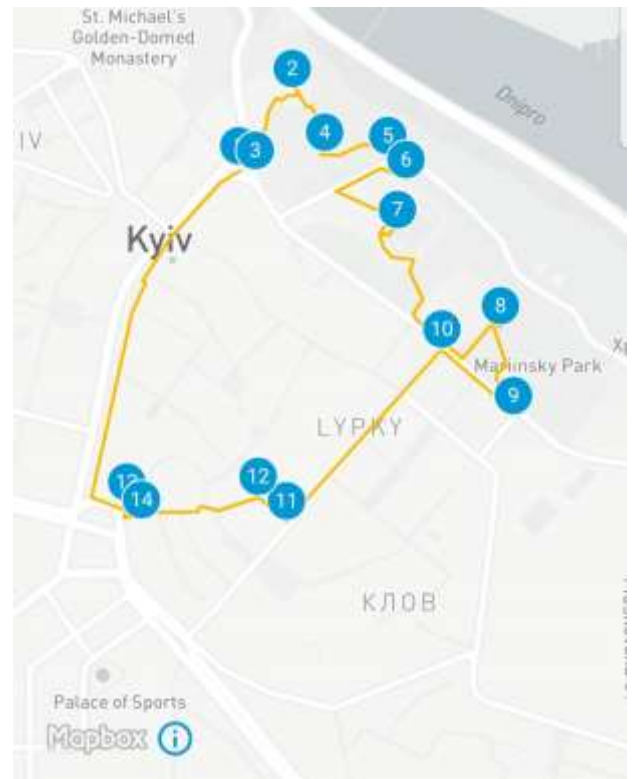


Green Hills and Respectable Lypky (general walking tour)

Duration: 2 hrs

We start at the square which played crucial role during Euromaidan protests, we'll walk to the Arch of Friendship, and enjoy lovely views of Podil and Poshtova Square. After a brief visit to a Puppet show and Water museum we'll cross Lovers Bridge, observe Lobanovski stadium and take a long walkthrough a glorious Mariinsky park. Then we'll get to one of the most respectable districts in Kyiv - Lypky - and descend to Bessarabska square. Let's explore Kyiv and discover together with Yukari!



You will see:

1. European Square

The square appeared in early XIX century and had changed its name nine times since then. Overlooking the square is the Ukrainian house, that was opened in 1982 as Lenin museum, and now serves for exhibitions and conventions.



2. Arch of Friendship

The Arch; constructed in 1980s, symbolizes the friendship between Russia and Ukraine, and was supposed to be taken down in 2016. Later the authorities changed their minds.



3. Kyiv State Academic Puppet Theatre

The building looks like a fairy-tale castle, and is loved by kids and grown-ups. In Soviet time it used to be a movie theatre, then, in 2005, when Puppet-show needed an independent building, the cinema was closed, the building - totally renovated.



4. Lovers Bridge

This is a popular date location, couples also hook signed locks on the bridge's fences, it is considered good luck for the relationship. And, it's a great place to take pictures there.



5. The City Garden

It was founded by Peter the Great and designed by Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli, a renowned French-born Russian architect of Italian descent. Kyivans often enjoy pleasant walks in this park along with their families.



6. Mariinski Park

The park was set around the royal palace built in XVIII century on Rastrelli's designs. In XIX century the palace burned in full, and was reconstructed from scratch during the reign of Empress Maria Alexandrovna of Russia. Hence, the palace and the park nearby were called in her honor - Mariinski.



7. Historical Mansions

Going down Shovkovychna st. will take you through one of the most prestigious districts in Kyiv – Lybky. It is a luxurious living location, with mansions and wealthy public houses. City's officials, business and military elite used to live here, and almost every house on every street has a story to tell.



8. Bessarabska square

At the end of 18th and beginning of 19th centuries peasants from Bessarabia were selling their goods. Later, quite a big building of Bessarabsky market was constructed (1912) in the modern style, and till now it is still considered the most prestigious.



- It is a general walking tour, so we do not enter the museums. In case you would like to get inside, please let us know in advance.