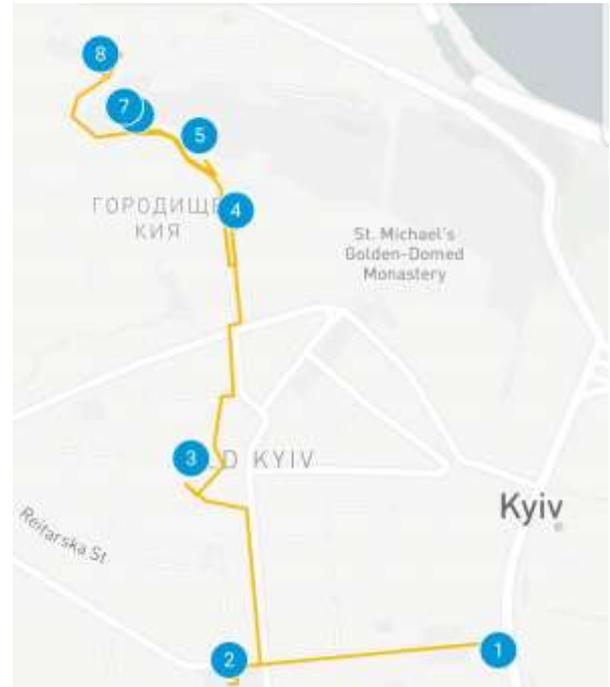


## Old Kyiv and Ukrainian Montmartre (general walking tour)

Duration: 3 hrs

We start our walking tour on the main street – Khreschatyk, and visit the most significant sights in the history of Kyiv and Ukraine, starting from the creation of Kyiv Rus – country, that existed one thousand years ago.

If it were to take the time machine and get here around a thousand years ago, you would have ended up in the woods somewhere near Great Wall, which surrounded ancient city in those days. Today, when you are in the middle of bustling streets, cars are passing nearby, sounds of music can be heard from the local restaurants and you have the opportunity in one hour to get to any part of Kyiv, it's quite hard to imagine that just a few hundred years ago it was quite different. Let's explore Kyiv and discover together with Yukari!



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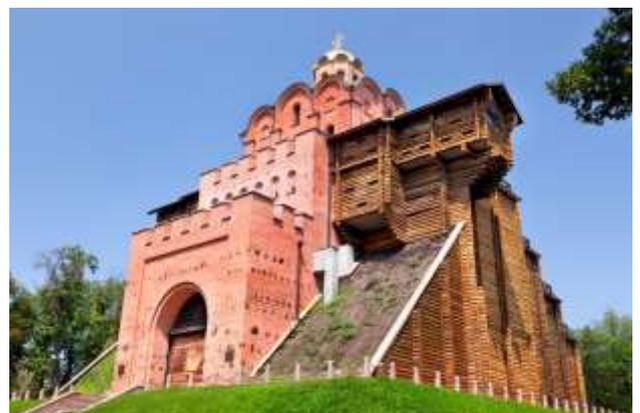
### 1. Khreschatyk street

Khreshchatyk emerged as the main street only in the 19th century (at that time Kyiv as well as the whole territory of Ukraine were part of Russian Empire). In the 19th and 20th cent. everything was quite the same - shops, cafes and restaurants were located all along the way, but the architecture was very different from the one you see today.



### 2. Museum "Golden Gates"

It served as the main entrance to the city during the 11-17<sup>th</sup> century and today is the monument of defensive architecture of Kyiv Rus, one of the oldest buildings in Eastern Europe, and, of course, a symbol of the capital of Ukraine. This entry to Kyiv was ceremonial and therefore the most important - all the official foreign ambassadors came to the city through the Golden Gates.



### 3. St. Sofia Square

Since the Kyiv Rus, this public square was the center of the city, there were council assemblies held here. In the 16th – 19th centuries St. Sophia Square was used as the marketplace as well as a place for fairs. Today, on Kyiv Sophia Square we celebrate the New Year, Christmas, Easter - for each holiday we organize trade fairs, set carousels for kids, arrange photoshoot zones for the guests.



### 4. Old Kyiv Hill

A historic area where one of the most important complex of monuments of archaeology, history, architecture and art has been preserved. Here, on Kyevytsia Hill, the “Upper city” was formed. First princes of Kyiv and Kyiv Rus used to live and to rule from here, including famous prince Kyi, who is considered to be the founder of Kyiv. Old Kyiv Hill is the place where epoch and faith have intertwine.



### 5. St. Andrew's Church

History of creation of St. Andrew's Church brings us back to the middle of the 18th century, a period when Kyiv was one out of the thousands of cities in Russian Empire. However, this didn't stop Russian Empress Elizabeth from falling in love with our city. She even gave an order to build a church and a palace for her, after the visit to Kyiv.



### 6. St. Andrew's Descent (Kyiv Montmartre)

Every European capital has a special place, which combines history, architecture, art and spirit of the city and its culture. Kyiv is no exception. City welcomes you on St. Andrew's descent – the only and unique street, living its own life in the heart of the modern metropolis. St. Andrew's Descent can surprise guests every time in different way – with melodies of street musicians, usual street-art, theatrical performances, unique paintings made by local artists.



### 7. Mural "Revival of Ukraine"

Mural art phenomenon can be called post-folklore. We are now in such a socio-political situation, when it's important through the ornaments, which now appear on the pavement and the houses, to mark our space, to make a statement: Here is Ukraine, we are Ukrainians, and this is the sign of our presence on this land.



- 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.