

## ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

I have just returned from another wonderfully successful *Volhynian Village Adventure Tour*. Because of our limited group size and restricted area of coverage, we had ample time to visit all the desired villages in a leisurely fashion. In addition, we spent a day sightseeing in Kiev, some time in the State Archives in Zhitomir, had plenty of time interacting with villagers, visited the historical Bolshevik sites in Zhitomir, took a cruise down the Dneiper River and enjoyed a lovely farewell dinner. We had some significant findings in the archives and in the villages. In the past one tour member even found a first cousin on the road to his village. It was incredible!

I can hardly wait until our next tour. I have every confidence it will be equally satisfying. September is a good time of the year to visit Ukraine. The weather is usually nice and the villagers are accessible. I invite you to join me in this “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” to go back to your ancestral villages.



## PRIMARY PACKAGE

The primary package includes visiting all the villages of your choice within the area roughly from Zhitomir to Rovno, touring the historic cities of Kiev and Zhitomir, doing research in the archives, and immersing yourself in Ukrainian culture.

**Additional options:** You can rent a car with an English-speaking guide to re-visit any villages or do a side trip. You can also make a stopover in Europe to visit family and friends, or do additional research and touring. *Any departure from the regular itinerary is at your own expense.*

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- \*Seasoned tour escort.
- \*English-speaking guides.
- \*Comfortable transport van.
- \*Limited group size.
- \*Good accommodations.
- \*Preparatory materials.

## LAND ARRANGEMENTS

While touring the villages, you will stay in a modern hotel in Sadki, a German village outside the city of Zhitomir (Pop. 400,000), where things haven’t changed much in the last 75 years. In Kiev you will stay in a nice hotel within walking distance to the Borispol Airport. Alex Brzhezitsky, our land arrangements expert, has accompanied me on my tours for the last 10 years.

## COST

**\*Land arrangements:** The charge for land arrangements is a flat fee of \$200/day US funds, based on double occupancy and nine days. This includes board and room, interpreters, entrance fees, transportation, sightseeing and many other amenities, not usually offered by other tours. In other words, it’s an *all-inclusive tour*, as long as you stay within the regular itinerary.



**\*Airfare:** The airfare cost will vary depending on your point of departure. For example, the cost from Portland, Oregon is approximately \$1,350. including tax, but from New York it is considerably less. If you are departing from the US, I can usually arrange for you to get a good rate through our travel agent or you can use your own agent. However, if you are leaving from Canada, it may be preferable to make your own travel arrangements to coincide with our schedule and itinerary.

**\*Not included in the above costs:** Cost of passport, travel and health insurance, alcohol beverages, gratuities and any personal items.

## COUNT ME IN

Detach and Mail

Please enter my (our) reservation for the Volhynian Village Adventure Tour.

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

**TELEPHONE**

**E-MAIL**

**COUNTRY OF PASSPORT**

\_\_Enclosed is my (our) non-refundable reservation fee of \$100./person (US Funds). This fee is in addition to the cost of land arrangements. Airline reservations and land arrangements must be made no less than 60 days prior to departure. Cancellations after booking (payment of land arrangements) are subject to a penalty of \$300, unless the cancellation is due to medical reasons. In that event, there is a full refund, except the application fee. **You are encouraged to make your reservation early as the tour usually fills up about four months prior to departure.**

## TOUR ESCORT

As your tour escort, I can promise you a first-class, "hassle-free" tour for that part of the world. I have been to Ukraine some 30 times, up and down the village roads many times and made a lot of strategic contacts over the years. I also have considerable experience leading tour groups, have done extensive research in the archives, gathered a great deal of historical information on the area, published four books on the Russian Germans in Volhynia and founded a growing humanitarian mission work in the Zhitomir region.

I am a retired educator and humanitarian, married with three children and five grandchildren. My wife, Nancy, and I own a U-Cut Christmas tree business and a Lavender farm in the beautiful hills of historic Helvetia, outside Portland, Oregon.

Now is the time to set your dreams in motion for next year's adventure.



Donald N. Miller



## VOLHYNIAN VILLAGE ADVENTURE TOURS

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