

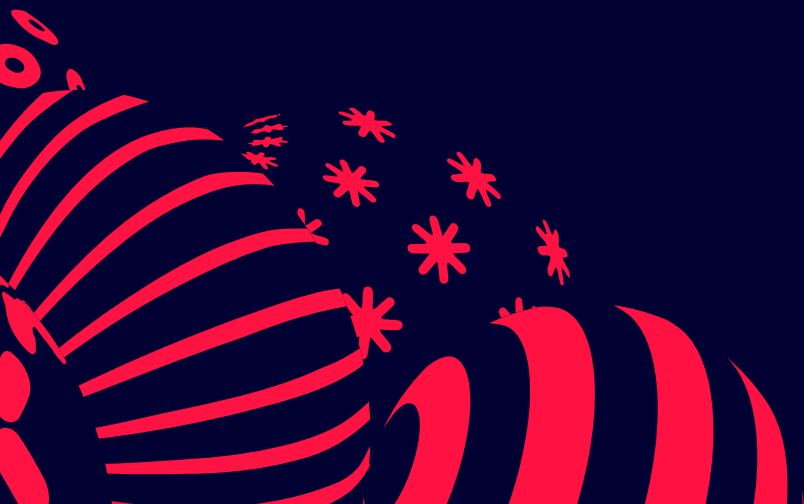
# EMBASSY HANDBOOK

EUROvision  
SONG CONTEST  
KYIV 2017

CELEBRATE  
DIVERSITY



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After a spectacular 61st Eurovision Song Contest hosted last year in Stockholm by Swedish public broadcaster SVT, we are now excitedly looking forward to the upcoming contest in Kyiv, hosted by Ukrainian broadcaster UA:PBC.

Jamala brought Ukraine its second Eurovision Song Contest victory with her song "1944", fending off strong competition at the climax of an exhilarating and gripping new voting procedure. Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital, last hosted the competition back in 2005, the contest's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, following Ruslana's win with "Wild Dances" the previous year.

Kyiv 2017 Eurovision will encourage artists, fans, and viewers to "Celebrate Diversity" – building on last year's theme of "Come Together", and reflecting the heart of Eurovision's values. Those values are all inclusive, and all about countries around Europe and beyond joining together to celebrate both our commonalities and our unique differences, as well as some great music.

"Celebrate Diversity" captures the heart of the Eurovision Song Contest – a television moment that brings people together like no other cultural event. It travels to new territories in Europe every year, and each host country adds its own flavour to the shows. This helps the Eurovision Song Contest develop, giving it a strong European identity, while also celebrating diversity along the way.

On the Eurovision stage, it doesn't matter which country you represent, you will have the same opportunities, the same production quality and support, and the same spotlight.

We look forward to sharing this vision with you in these exciting shows,

**Jon Ola Sand**

Executive Supervisor Eurovision  
Song Contest EBU



We are, indeed, pleased that, for the second time in the history of this contest, Ukraine has the honour to invite guests from all over the world to the most important television event of the year – the Eurovision Song Contest.

Our country first hosted the Song Contest in 2005 following Ruslana's victory. This time, the credit goes to our incredible Jamala. Many things have changed in Ukraine and around the world over these last twelve years, yet one thing that has remained unchanged is the hospitality and warm-heartedness of the Ukrainian people. We are confident that the delegations and fans from the 43 participating countries of this year's Contest who visit Kyiv will experience this warmth.

It is also our desire to draw your attention to the diversity within our culture. Ukraine is a nation set between the East and the West. It is ancient and new, traditional and modern. Kyiv is an ancient city, but also very modern, and an excellent place to celebrate diversity.

With each passing year, the Eurovision Song Contest proves itself the most spectacular and important of television events, setting standards of quality for an entire industry. We are prepared to continue that tradition, presenting viewers with the most remarkable show they have yet seen. This May, the whole world will be filled with unforgettable impressions from this amazing show – something bound to be remembered long throughout Europe and the world.

Come, Celebrate Diversity with us!

**Pavlo Grytsak**  
Executive Producer



Dear Heads of Delegations of countries participating in ESC 2017:

Let us warmly welcome you to Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, where the spectacular, world-class event – the 2017 Eurovision Song Contest – is set to take place. We are thrilled that music fans throughout Europe selected Jamala's incredible performance during last year's event, and now Ukraine and Kyiv will host Eurovision for the second time! This is a great honour and also an invaluable expression of trust that means a great deal to us.

The slogan for ESC 2017 is **Celebrate Diversity**, an idea that reflects both Ukrainian realities and resonates with European values. This May, we expect to experience a fantastic celebration of the diversity of music, perspectives and cultures! We are working tirelessly to create an unforgettable atmosphere not only for the artists and guests of the 2017 Eurovision Song Contest, but for the millions of fans viewing the celebration on television worldwide! The Public Broadcasting Company of Ukraine will give its all to ensure that 2017 ESC shines as a remarkable addition to the long history of this unique pan-European event!

It is my hope that during your time in Kyiv you will be able to experience the hospitality, sincerity and peacefulness of our people, and familiarize yourselves with the unique cultural heritage of our Ukrainian nation!

Sincerely,  
**Hanna Bychok**  
Acting Head of the JSC "UA:PBC"  
Managing Board



## 2017 EUROVISION SONG CONTEST HOSTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED

This year the Eurovision Song Contest will be hosted by three men: two on stage and one in the Green Room. Stuart Barlow, the ESC 2017 Show Producer, explained that the hosts were selected based on several criteria. Firstly, English language skills. Secondly, an experience of hosting live TV shows. Different talents of candidates were also taken into account. "We did not set out

looking for three young men but after all the castings, we started to develop the idea of having these amazing young guys working together. And its great because it has not been done before," said Stuart Barlow.

The 2017 Eurovision Song Contest will be hosted by Oleksandr Skichko, Volodymyr Ostapchuk and Timur Miroshnychenko.





## OLEKSANDR SKICHKO

“The Eurovision Song Contest is a unique world class show with fantastic creative people, true professionals working on it. So it is an honor to be part of this team, but also a great responsibility,” said Oleksandr Skichko.

Oleksandr graduated from the International Economics Department of Kyiv National V. Hetman Economic University. At the age of 15, he succeeded in a casting for a youth program TV host on a music channel. Despite his young age, today Oleksandr has many years of experience in television.

In 2010, Oleksandr discovered another one talent for parody, which he demonstrated in Ukraine's Got Talent show making it to the semi-final. Later on, he starred in a parody TV project Big Difference in Ukrainian Style. In 2012-2013, Oleksandr hosted a morning show Wake Up! on Novyi Channel. That was the project where he started hosting live. He was in seventh heaven despite a tough work schedule and early wake-ups. He was also an author of the idea and creative producer of the reality show Machos Don't Cry. In 2015, he was the host of Sing Like a Star project.

Today, Oleksandr Skichko hosts Star Way project on Ukraina Channel and Let's Go morning show on NRJ radio.



# VOLODYMYR OSTAPCHUK

“Hosting the Eurovision Song Contest is a huge professional challenge and an opportunity to discover my different talents. Moreover, it is pleasure, since the Eurovision Song Contest is a huge show,” said Volodymyr Ostapchuk after the host casting.

Volodymyr studied Philology at Uman Pedagogical University. After graduation he taught English at a local agrarian university. At first, Volodymyr did not even dream of working in television. Striving to leave the small town, however, he once sent his CV to STB TV channel which was looking for announcers. That is how Volodymyr got a job offer in the capital city. He worked off-screen for a while, became the voice of the project Maidan's and many others. The First Automobile TV Channel offered him the job of a TV host.

In 2012-2014, Volodymyr hosted such major projects on TET channel as Shopping Goddess and Style Icon. In the meanwhile, he hosted an evening show on Prosto Radio and a morning show on Hit FM.

Volodymyr has also voiced over numerous feature and animation films. The Hollywood star Zac Efron, the Prince in Frozen, as well as the main character of Storks animation film and many others speak with his voice. He was the voice of Football 1 and Football 2 channels since 2011.

Currently, Volodymyr hosts a morning show on Ukraina TV channel.



## TIMUR MIROSHNYCHENKO

Timur Miroshnychenko graduated from the National Aviation University with a degree in Psychology. At the university, he got fully engaged in KVN (humor contest among students) and started hosting all university concerts and parties. After one of the concerts, Timur was invited to the First National TV Channel (now UA:Pershyyi) to host the live youth talk show Studio 5. After only one month, he contributed to the 50<sup>th</sup> ESC edition as a back-up commentator, where his work was highly appreciated by representatives of the European Broadcasting Union.

Since then, Timur's life has been closely connected with the First National TV Channel and the Eurovision Song Contest. Until 2016, he was the host of all ESC National Selections, a permanent commentator of the Eurovision Song Contest, Junior Eurovision Song Contest, Eurovision Dance Contest and even the Eurovision Young Musicians. He hosted the Junior Eurovision Song Contest in Kyiv twice. For over 12 years in total, Timur has hosted over 30 shows related to the Eurovision Song Contest. "Going on the Eurovision stage, either ESC or JESC, is huge experience. Both times when I hosted the Junior Eurovision Song Contest in 2009 and 2013 were among most important events in my life," says Timur.

Today, Timur Miroshnychenko is the host of educational and entertainment programs How Is It Made?, ESC 2017 City Bidding, a producer and host of How Is the Eurovision project on UA: Pershyi. He will be the Green Room host at the 2017 Eurovision Song Contest.



## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Kyiv is a major city of nearly four million, with limitless sightseeing possibilities, places to be, and traffic jams and ways to get lost! To ease your travel in Kyiv, we've put together this helpful Destinations Guide! Here you will find all the relevant information to master Kyiv's extensive Public Transport System. Let us help you get to where you want to go!

### Kyiv Metro

Limited time? Want to avoid all the street traffic? Just getting "here" to "there" fast? And cheap? The KYIV METRO is your choice. ALL STATIONS are marked in Google Maps, and visually at the entrance with a big, green "M".

The Kyiv metro operates daily from approximately 5:30 am (depending on your station) until after midnight, usually 00:30 am. Price per one-way trip is 4 UAH (about 14 euro cents). Tokens and travel cards can be purchased at all stations. Tokens can also be purchased at designated token dispensing machines at the stations.

**Tip:** Try to avoid riding metro on weekdays between 8 am and 10 am and 6 pm and 8 pm. This is when trains are VERY full. Take this into account when planning your travel..

### Kyiv Buses

Kyiv has an extensive system of mini-buses, buses, trolley-buses and trams. The system is for those who prefer "a look around" while traveling in town. They can be particularly useful in parts of Kyiv where the Metro doesn't go (see map). The cost per one-way trip is 6 UAH (about 20 euro cents). Tickets are sold by drivers of mini-buses or conductors in city buses, trolley-buses and trams, wait for the conductor to sell you your ticket. The conductor will be the one wearing a green or red vest. Rush hours are the same, be it bus or Metro.

**Tip:** Be sure to punch your ticket (or have the conductor do it). Traveling with an "unpunched" ticket will bring you a 60 UAH fine and a quick exit from your bus if the Controller spots you!





### Kyiv Taxi

Taxi service in Kyiv is plentiful, with a wide range of providers. Order your cab by telephone or with the help of SmartPhone apps. Trip prices are based mostly on distance.

**Tip:** Order the taxi ahead of time if you plan traveling during the rush hours. Bad weather can cause delays, too. Be aware that taxi fares in Kyiv are unregulated – prices can vary wildly. A responsible company will always provide you with a quote for the fare beforehand.

### Kyiv River Boats

Very popular among tourists in spring, summer and fall – Dnipro River Tour Boat services offer a gorgeous riverside-view of the city.

Don't forget your camera! Prices start at 100 UAH, depending on the length of your trip. Departure point is near Poshtova Ploshcha Metro on Podil.

**Tip:** Planning to go in the evening? Dress warm!

### Kyiv Funicular

Kyiv's own funicular tram offers a short but picturesque ride – up and down – from St. Michael's Cathedral to the Poshtova Ploshcha. A one-way token costs 3 UAH. Tokens are available in the Funicular stations at both ends of the ride. The wait between trams is usually 5-7 minutes.

<http://destinations.com.ua/travel/kyiv-public-transport-useful-tips>





### **Boryspil International Airport**

Ukraine's, busiest airport, Boryspil is located 18.5 km East of the city, and offers the widest selection of flights and carriers in the country. The airport has several terminals, but some domestic and all international flight connections are made at TERMINAL D. Boryspil International official web-site: [www.kbp.kiev.ua](http://www.kbp.kiev.ua)

### **Kyiv Zhulyany Airport**

Located 8 km from the center of Kyiv, Kyiv's Zhulyany Airport serves mostly internal flights and low cost carriers. Near the airport is the Kyiv-Volynsk railway station. Zhulyany Airprot official web-site: [www.airport.kiev.ua](http://www.airport.kiev.ua).



## HOTELS ESC 2017

Twelve hotels are officially partnered with Eurovision and available for booking official delegations, press, and fans. For reservations follow the link: [eurovision.pilott.ua](http://eurovision.pilott.ua)

### 1. Premier Hotel Rus 3\*

4 Hospitalna St.  
Tel: +380 44 256 40 00  
[hotelrus.phnr.com/en/](http://hotelrus.phnr.com/en/)

### 2. Cosmopolite Hotel 4\*

6 V. Hetmana St.  
Tel: +380 44 205 35 20  
[cosmopolite-kyiv.com](http://cosmopolite-kyiv.com)

### 3. President Hotel 4\*

12 Hospitalna St.  
Tel: +380 44 256 32 56  
[presidenthotel.com.ua/en/](http://presidenthotel.com.ua/en/)

### 4. Holiday Inn Kiev 4\*

100 Velyka Vasylykivska St.  
Tel: +380 44 363 30 00  
[holiday-inn-kyiv.kievhotel.net/en/](http://holiday-inn-kyiv.kievhotel.net/en/)

### 5. Alfavito Hotel 4\*

35D Predslavynska St.  
Tel: +380 44 220 45 75  
[www.alfavito.com.ua/en/index.htm](http://www.alfavito.com.ua/en/index.htm)

### 6. Khreschatyk Hotel 4\*

14 Khreschatyk St.  
Tel: +380 44 596 80 00  
[www.hotel-khreschatyk.kiev.ua/en/](http://www.hotel-khreschatyk.kiev.ua/en/)

### 7. Fairmont Grand Hotel 5\*

1, Naberezhno-Khreshchatytska St.  
Tel + 380 44 322 88 88  
[www.fairmont.com/kyiv/](http://www.fairmont.com/kyiv/)

### 8. Hilton 5\*

30 Tarasa Shevchenka Blvd.  
Tel: +380 44 393 54 00  
[www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/ukraine/hilton-kyiv-KBPHIH/index.html](http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/ukraine/hilton-kyiv-KBPHIH/index.html)

### 9. Hyatt Regency 5\*

5 Alla Tarasova St.  
Tel: +380 44 581 1234  
[www.hyatt.com/en-US/home?language=en](http://www.hyatt.com/en-US/home?language=en)

### 10. InterContinental 5\*

2A Velyka Zhytomyrska St.  
Tel: +380 44 219 19 19  
[kyiv.intercontinental.com/en/default.html](http://kyiv.intercontinental.com/en/default.html)

### 11. Premier Palace Hotel 5\*

5-7/29 T. Shevchenka Blvd.  
Pushkinska St.  
Tel: +380 44 244 12 00  
[premier-palace.phnr.com/en](http://premier-palace.phnr.com/en)

### 12. Opera Hotel 5\*

53 B. Khmelnytskogo St.  
Tel: +380 44 581 70 70  
[www.opera-hotel.com/default-en.html](http://www.opera-hotel.com/default-en.html)

## Hotels for press and fans

### 1. Ibis 3\*

25 T. Shevchenko Blvd.  
Tel: +380 44 591 22 22  
[www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-7143-ibis-kyiv-city-center/index.shtml](http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-7143-ibis-kyiv-city-center/index.shtml)

### 2. Premier Hotel Lybid 3\*

1 Peremohy Sq.  
Tel: +380 44 597 90 72  
[lybid-hotel.phnr.com/en](http://lybid-hotel.phnr.com/en)

### 3. Express Hotel

38/40 Shevchenko Blvd.  
Tel: +380 44 503 30 89  
[expresskyiv.com.ua/en/](http://expresskyiv.com.ua/en/)

### 4. Raziotel Kyiv

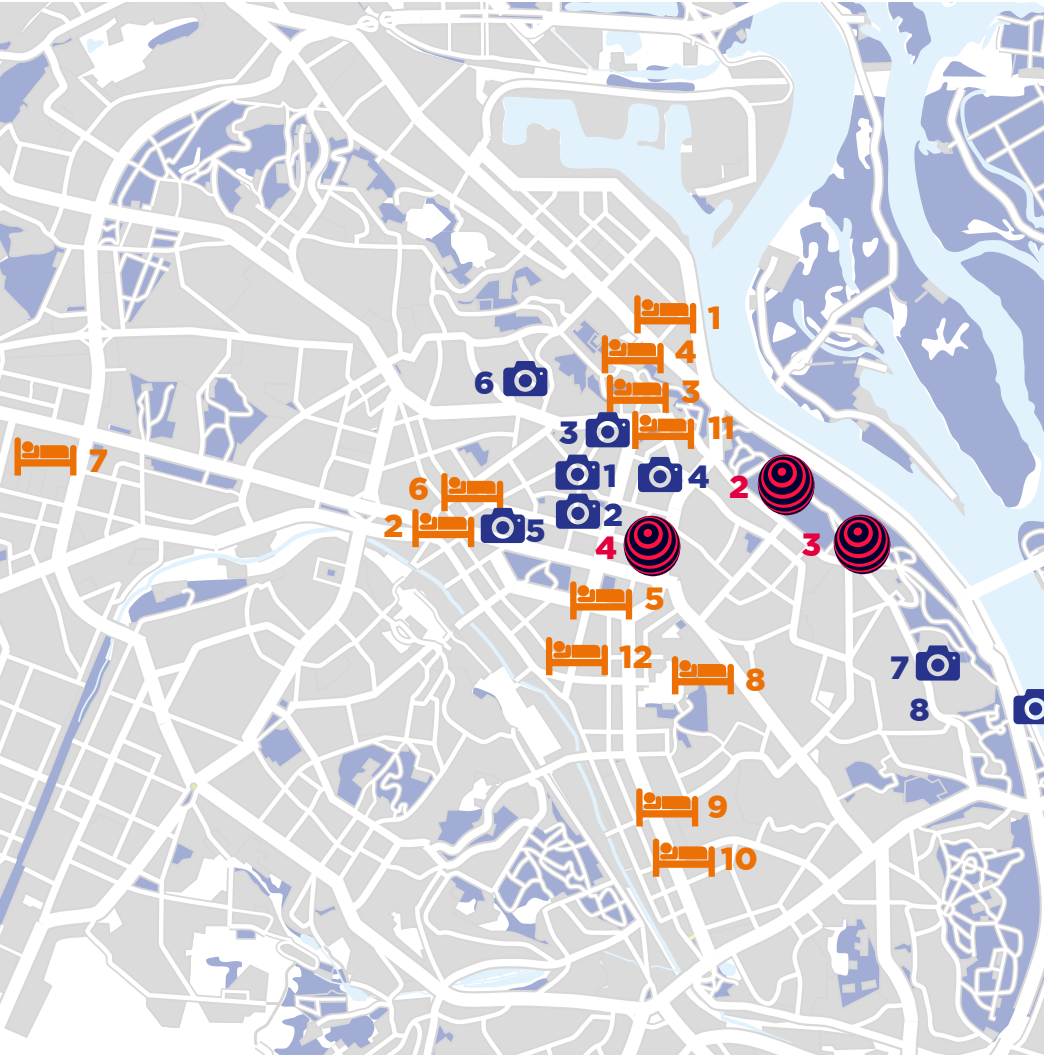
52 Yamska St.  
Tel: +380 44 536 12 11  
[www.reikartz.com/en/](http://www.reikartz.com/en/)

### 5. Amaranth Hotel

71 D Konstantinovskaya St.  
Tel.: +380 44 500 11 45  
[www.amaranthotel.com](http://www.amaranthotel.com)



ACCOMMODATION



- 1. Arena (International Exhibition Centre)
- 2. Red carpet (Mariinsky Palace)
- 3. Opening ceremony Final Afterparty (Eurovision Club)
- 4. Eurovision Village (Khreschatyk Street)



- 1. Golden Gate
- 2. Saint Sophia's Cathedral
- 3. St. Michael's Golden-Domned Monastery
- 4. Maidan
- 5. St. Volodymyr Cathedral
- 6. St. Andrew's Church
- 7. Kyiv Pechersk Lavra
- 8. National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War

**Services:**

All accommodation rates include breakfast

**Available at additional cost:**

Minibar, telephone calls, dry cleaning, additional meals in the hotel restaurant, laundry.

**Hotel Information Desks**

Working hours: **8 am till 8 pm**. For all travel and accommodation related questions – check-in times, rehearsal schedules, first-aid, directions, communications, shuttle bus schedules, local restaurants, health services, etc.

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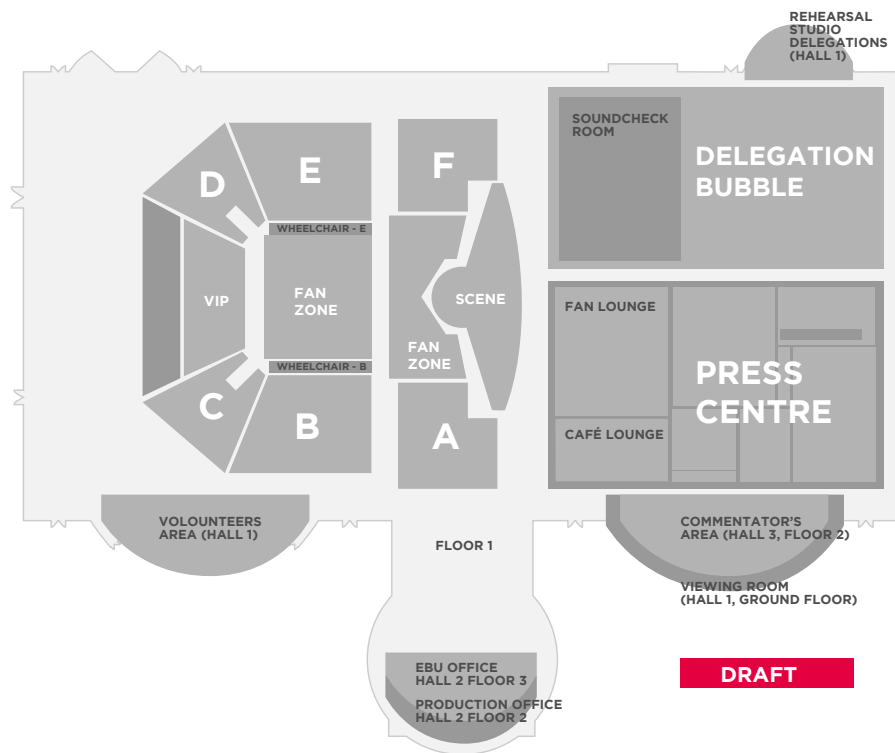


7. Cosmopolite Hotel
8. President Hotel
9. Holiday Inn Kiev
10. Alfavito Hotel
11. Khreschatyk Hotel



12. Premier Hotel Rus

# INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE



**International Exhibition Centre** is a modern world-class complex for organization of exhibition forums, congresses, presentations and entertainment shows. It is the largest expo building in Ukraine, comprised of three pavilions with overall floorspace of 58,000 square meters:

- Exhibition area:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> exhibition hall: 10,564 m<sup>2</sup>
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> exhibition hall 6,600 m<sup>2</sup>
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> exhibition hall: 10,854 m<sup>2</sup>
- Sixteen entrance groups and fifteen transport groups (for delivery of large-dimension cargoes directly to pavilions)

- Headway height (from the floor up to framework) from 14 to 25 m with lateral height from 8 to 9,5 m
- Voltage supply of 220 V and 380 V
- State of the art ventilation and air conditioning system
- Vast storage facilities, elevators and loading transport access
- Post, telephone, Internet, service center, banking services

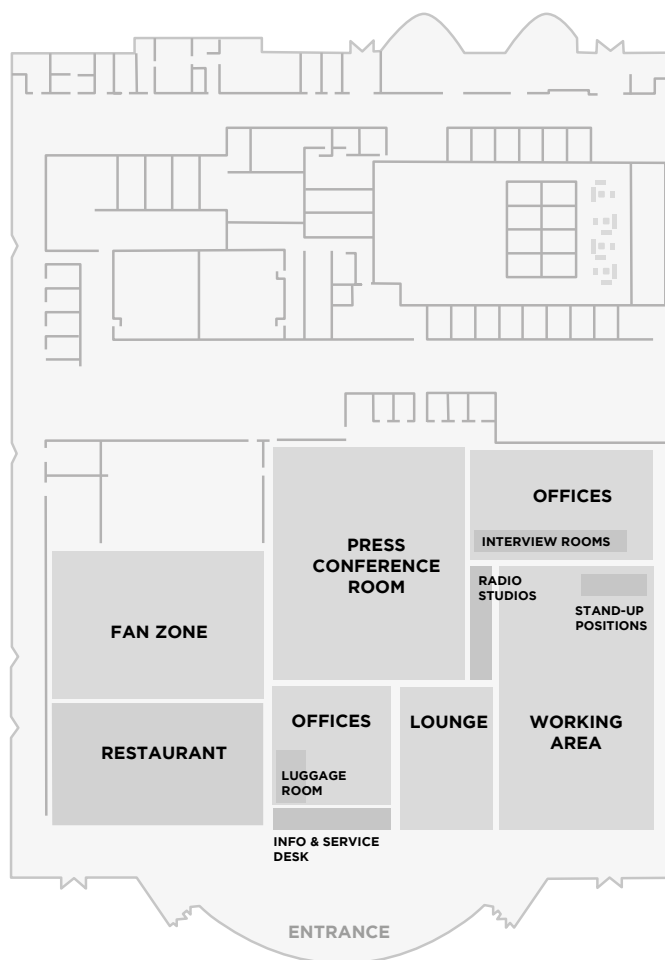
COMPLEX total area = 58,000 m<sup>2</sup>

EXHIBITION HALLS total area = 28,018 m<sup>2</sup>

Parking Spaces available for 2,500 vehicles

## PRESS CENTRE SCHEME

The Press Centre is located inside the International Exhibition Centre, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Exhibition Hall. It occupies an area of about 5,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Posted Signs will lead you to the press entrance once you are near the venue. International Exhibition Centre Address: **15 Brovarskyi Ave.**



### Information & Service Desk

The Information & Service Desk is located right in front of the Press Centre. Press Officers and Volunteers will stay at the desk, helping all accredited reporters, photographers and fans with information and other enquiries.

### Pigeon Holes

Pigeon holes for accredited members of the media are also located at the Information & Service Desk. All press PR promotion material from the delegations to the press will be distributed through the pigeon holes at the Information & Service Desk.

### Luggage Room

Luggage facilities for safely storing belongings for limited periods are available for accredited media and fans at the Info Desk. These are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### Press Working Area

The working area in the Press Centre has a capacity up to 1550 journalists. 1000 separate work spaces for international, national and community media, including:

- 750 workplaces for the accredited media
- 250 workplaces with LAN and 5 with ISDN
- 10 workplaces with computers
- Printing and copy stations

The Press working area is equipped with TV screens to follow the Rehearsals, Press Conferences and Live Shows.

### Press Conference Room

The Press Conference Room can accommodate up to 500 people. It contains a camera platform for 150 media representatives, and is equipped with power plugs and sound multi-box. For photo opportunities, a photo wall is available in the Press Conference Room.

### Café Lounge

The Press Centre includes a lounge with relaxation area and cafe offering a variety of hot/cold drinks and snacks throughout the day.

### Interview Zone

The Press Centre includes 5 interview rooms equipped with chairs and logo backdrops for conducting one-on-one interviews. All accredited media, Heads of Delegations and Heads of Press are welcome to book these rooms on a first come, first-serve basis. Bookings are made at the Information & Service Desk.

### Radio Studios

The Press Centre includes 3 fully equipped radio studios available for use on a per hour basis. The studios are equipped with a table and chairs, Power, ISDN and LAN outlets, as well as live radio equipment. Bookings at the Information & Service Desk. The studios are made available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Important:** Use of personal wireless equipment (PMSE or similar) at the Press Centre or anywhere else in the venue is **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN**, and may result in a loss of accreditation rights.

### Live Position

There is an interview position with a backdrop in the Press Centre that can be used by delegations without prior notice.

### Stand-up Positions

Eurovision Special Events have established a bookable Stand-up Positions:

- 1 stand-up position outside the Press Centre
- 2 stand-up positions in the Press Centre
- 3 stand-up positions in the Arena

For booking and information about these facilities, please contact: [booking@eurovision.net](mailto:booking@eurovision.net)

### Restaurant & Café

The Press Centre has its own restaurant where you can buy food, snacks and soft drinks during the Press Centre's opening hours.

### Fan Zone

The Fan Zone is for accredited fans and is located near the Press Centre and Restaurant & Café. There are lounge furniture and monitors to follow the Rehearsals and Live Shows.

### Arena

Accredited media can follow 1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsals on the screens in the Press Centre and attend Meet&Greet in the Press Conference Room. The Arena opens for accredited media for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rehearsals and 1<sup>st</sup> Dress Rehearsal for each Semi Final.

**Important:** Photo and Video Cameras are allowed in the Arena during 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Rehearsals only and only within designed areas.

### Press Rights during Open Rehearsals

Accredited media can follow 1<sup>st</sup> rehearsals on the screens in the Press Centre, followed by Meet & greets in the Press Conference Room. The Meet & greet are optional for all delegations. The Arena opens for accredited media for 2<sup>nd</sup> Rehearsals and 1<sup>st</sup> Dress Rehearsal for each Semi Final.

### Photo & Video Rights

In the Arena, photo and video cameras are allowed during 2<sup>nd</sup> open rehearsals and only within designated areas. The number of crew members should be kept to a minimum. Delegations that wish to film backstage will need a special accreditation sticker for the camera and the team. The Head of Delegation can apply for these stickers at the Show Desk.

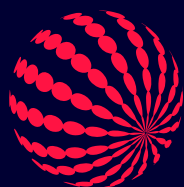
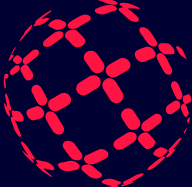
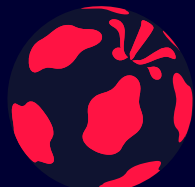
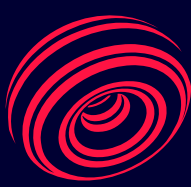
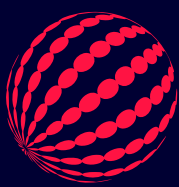
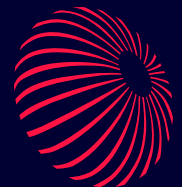
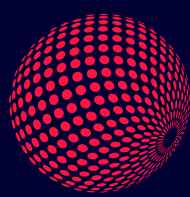
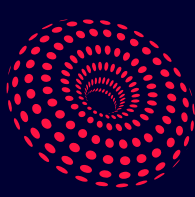
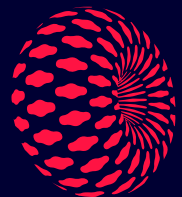
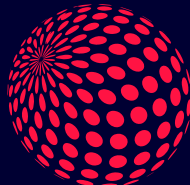
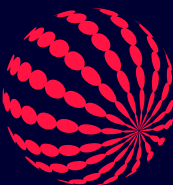
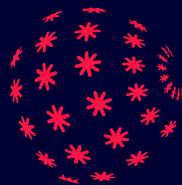
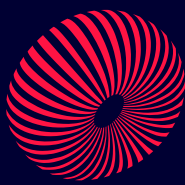
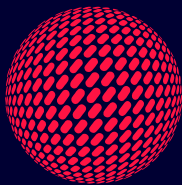
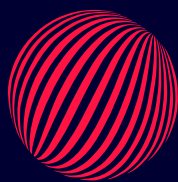
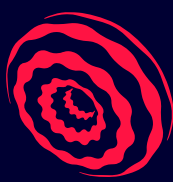
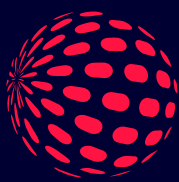
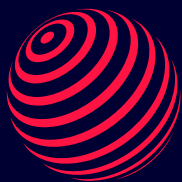
### LAN/WI-FI

The Press Center is equipped with LAN and Wi-Fi internet connection. The required login and password is available at the Information & Service Desk.

**Note:** It is FORBIDDEN to use private Wi-Fi modems in the Press Center as this will interfere with the main Wi-Fi.

### Press Centre - Working Hours

Sunday, 30 April	9:00 - 21:00
Monday, 1 May	9:00 - 21:00
Tuesday, 2 May	9:00 - 21:00
Wednesday, 3 May	9:00 - 21:00
Thursday, 4 May	9:00 - 21:00
Friday, 5 May	9:00 - 23:00
Saturday, 6 May	9:00 - 19:00
Sunday, 7 May	9:00 - 15:00
Monday, 8 May	9:00 - 02:00
Tuesday, 9 May	9:00 - 02:30
Wednesday, 10 May	9:00 - 23:30
Thursday, 11 May	9:00 - 02:30
Friday, 12 May	9:00 - 02:30
Saturday, 13 May	9:00 - 04:00





## GOOD TO KNOW

### Telephone

The country code for Ukraine is +380

### Electricity

220 Volt

### Public Transportation

Kyiv has comfortable system of public transportation. The Subway has three main lines. One ride costs 4 UAH.

### Tipping

Tips are not included in restaurant bills. Small gratuity (10%) is expected in case of friendly and hospitable service.

### Drinking Water

We don't suggest drinking tap water. You can find water bottles in supermarkets and pharmacies.

### Weather

In May:

Daytime: 17-23 °C (62-73 °F)

Nighttime: 10-13 °C (50-55 °F)

### Currency

Ukraine national currency is hryvna (UAH). 1€ equals approximately 28.6 UAH.

### Shopping

Most of the shops operate weekly from 10:00 to 21:00.

Banks are open from 9:00 to 18:00, except on Sundays.

### Credit Cards

Major credit cards are widely accepted throughout Kyiv at banks, hotels, stores, restaurants (some restriction may apply to American Express). We suggest having cash if using public transportation.

## EXPLORE THE CITY WITH GUIDED TOURS

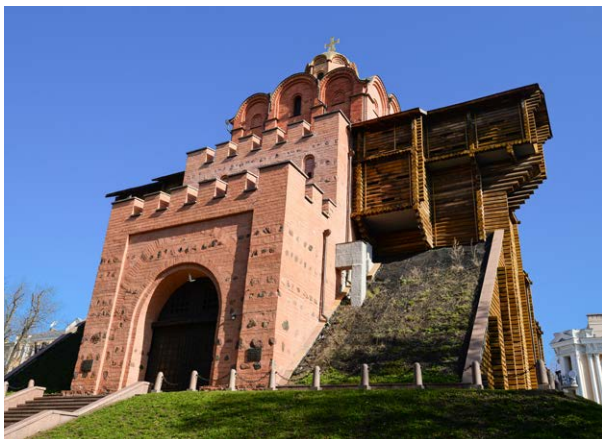
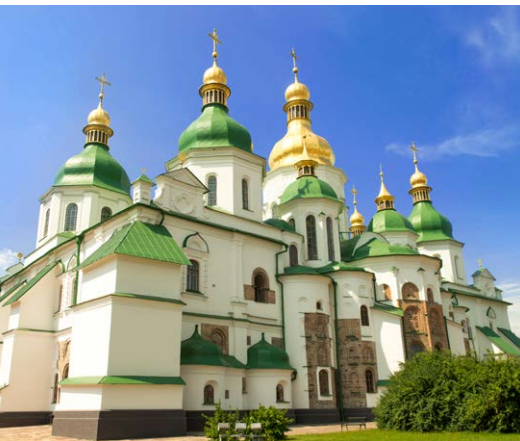
### Introducing Kyiv

**bus tour with stops, 3 hours**

**Daily, 1-4 May, 10:30-13:30**

#### TOP 10 sights

A great opportunity to get to know the wonderfully diverse city that is Kyiv. The route runs through the most attractive must-see sights of the Ukrainian capital: Independence Square, Governmental District, Kyiv Pechersk Lavra, Motherland Statue, Uptown, Opera House, Golden Gates, St. Sophia Cathedral and monument of Bogdan Khmelnickiy, and St. Michael's Golden Domed Cathedral.



### Old town tour

**walking tour, 2 hours**

**Daily 30 April - 5 May, 15:00-17:00**

#### Climb aboard our time machine and stop by the 11<sup>th</sup> Century

The city of Kyiv is more than 1500 years old, the capital of the Great Kievan Rus. During this walking tour you will enter the old town from the Golden Gates that guarded the ancient city, meet Yaroslav the Wise, admire 1,000-year-old St. Sophia Cathedral, and saunter along the town's oldest and most picturesque street - St. Andrew's Descent, described by one local writer as "...beautiful in the way that a thing can be only at advanced age — after history has weighed in..." A visit to the area will also show you the visible remnants of the greatest revolution on Ukrainian history.

**Street art tour****walking tour, 1,5 hours****30 April, 6 May, 7 May, 10:00-11:30****Feel the vibe of the modern city**

Kyiv has been called a “capital of street art”. In the last three years, over 150 large-scale murals have been painted on the walls of houses and apartment blocks, and the number grows. Talented artists from all over the world come to Kyiv to express their vision and views of burning social issues on our walls. We've chosen 15 of the most striking of these works to put a smile on your face, surprise, and, perhaps, even inspire you.

**Kyiv evening tour****bus tour, 1,5 hours****29 April, 4 May, 6 May, 21:00-22:30****Everything is illuminated**

Kyiv's cityscape alters astoundingly after the sun goes down. With the Dnipro shining in moonlight, you'll also see a rainbow that shines only at night, meet the ancient founders of the city, and admire the City in Light from an astounding hillside perch.

## OPENING CEREMONY

### Red Carpet

Each delegation will receive an e-mail outlining pick-up times at their hotel and appearance time on the red carpet.

**NOTE:** Admittance to the Red Carpet will be permitted BY BADGE ONLY. Badges will reflect varying levels of access for both the Red Carpet and Opening Ceremonies.

The Opening Ceremony will begin with a red carpet walk on **Sunday, 7 May at 17:00**. In order to welcome the national delegations, a long red carpet will be rolled out where accredited media and fans will be able to view all nations' delegations, and do interviews with the competing artists and delegation members. Red Carpet groups are to be made up of between three (3) to ten (10) people per national delegation. Solo-artist delegations are allowed up to four (4) persons, and bands up to ten (10).

### The Opening Ceremony

Times of the Official Opening Ceremony:

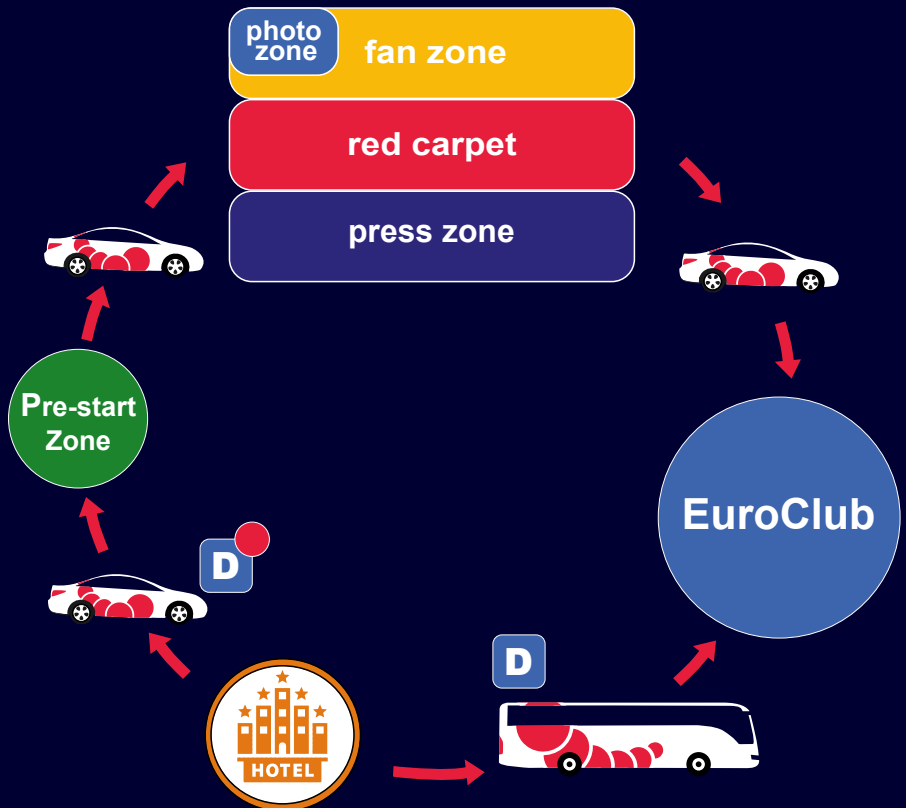
**17:00-22:00**

The Opening Ceremony After-Party time:

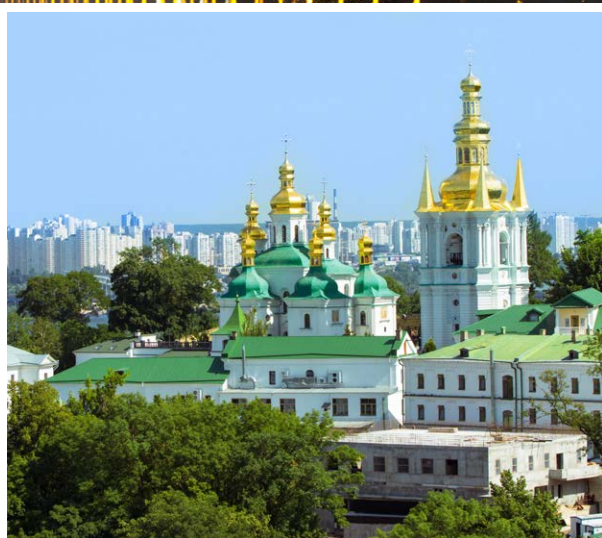
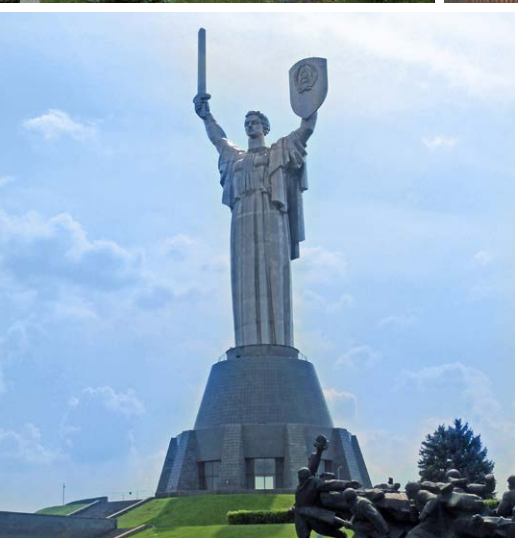
**22:00-01:00**. Artists and national delegations are invited to the

Opening Afterparty. Don't forget your badge, as this is your ticket! At **22:00**, shuttle buses will be waiting for you near your hotel.

## SCHEME







## SOME FACTS ABOUT KYIV

Kyiv is a rapidly developing European capital that boasts a combination of ancient history, a singular culture, and all the best of contemporary life. Its origins shrouded in legend and myth, Kyiv lies on seven picturesque hills along the mighty Dnipro River. The capital of Ukraine is also known as the “City of Golden Domes”, as any visitor to the city may witness firsthand. Kyiv enjoys an abundance of spectacular and ancient architecture that has weathered the centuries. Ukrainian churches contribute particularly to the city’s ensemble: Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, St. Sophia Cathedral, St. Michael’s, St. Cyril’s and Vydubskyi Monasteries, and the magnificent St. Andrew’s Church to name just a few.

Kyiv culture has bloomed repeatedly and well, filling the town with museums, galleries, concert halls, new theatres and art centres. In these halls one may find ancient and internationally esteemed works of high art: the famous Ostrozka Bible of 1581, art works by Velasquez, Mt. Sinai icons from the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> centuries, and unique creations of Vrubel and other masters.

One must-see part of the city is St. Andrew’s Descent. The street has been described as the “Kyiv Montmartre”, but one local writer puts it best: “Stones come loose, yards overgrown, random, tumbling watercourses following a heavy rain, and light from a streetlamp curving through fog in a way that quantum physics rejects but the 19-century insists on. The street is beautiful in the way that a thing can be only at advanced age – after history has weighed in...” St. Andrew’s Descent is a meeting place of folk masters, modern Ukrainian artists, and creative youth of every generation!

But Kyiv is also home to a broad selection of night clubs, jazz clubs, featuring terraces that look out over the night in the city. There really is something for every taste and for every budget.

It’s time YOU were let in on one of the world’s great cultural secrets!

18 TOURINFO centres are conveniently located in the city centre and at key points along major tourist routes. [www.visitkyiv.travel](http://www.visitkyiv.travel) – official Kyiv web portal for tourists.

The staff working at the TOURINFO centres can speak several core European languages, English, German, Spanish, French, and more, and will provide the information you need to get around. For additional information please contact:

[www.tourinfo.kiev.ua](http://www.tourinfo.kiev.ua)

Social media:

[Facebook/tourinfo.kiev.ua](https://www.facebook.com/tourinfo.kiev.ua)

[Skype/tourinfo.kiev](https://www.skype.com/tourinfo.kiev)

Telephone numbers:

**+380 67 108 23 33**

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All outdoor tourist sites are unrestricted for photography. At regulated, historically-significant objects, special permission for photography is available at the site.

### 10-top places to film:

1. **St. Sophia Cathedral** – photos allowed on the territory, restricted inside the main Cathedral
2. **Caves Monastery (Kyiv Pechersk Lavra)** special permission required to film
3. **View of Right Bank Kyiv** from the bluffs above Dnipro River (or Left Bank)
4. **Old town, St. Andrew’s Descent**
5. **Golden Gates Metro station**
6. **Independence Square**
7. **Khreshatyk Street**
8. **M.M. Gryshko National Botanic Garden**
9. **National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War, The Motherland Monument** – to take photos inside the museum, a special fee is required
10. **Sofiivska Square**



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