



According to archaeological data, it was founded in the second half of the XII-th century. First documentary reference dates from 1408. It was a town in the Polish-Lithuanian kingdom and the chief center of the area known as Bukovina.

Guess the name of the city comes from a populous city-fortress on the southern borders of the Galician power, which was called "Chern'", built on the left shore of the river Prut.



Chernivtsi in the XX-th century.

Today Chernivtsi is the historic center of Bukovina and along with L'viv is considered the cultural center of West Ukraine.

For centuries, it has been formed as a town with unique architecture of various styles and with rich cultural heritage.

The town design with its considerable relief differences creates variety of landscapes. The skyline is complicated by various confessions churches and the clock tower of the town hall.



St. Nicholas Cathedral ("The Drunk Church").



City clock hall









Theatre Square and Avenue of stars

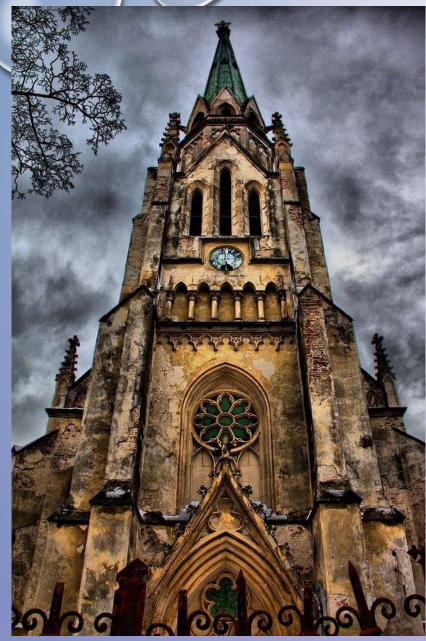
Square of a Turkish well, bath and the Church appeared in the city in the XVIII century.



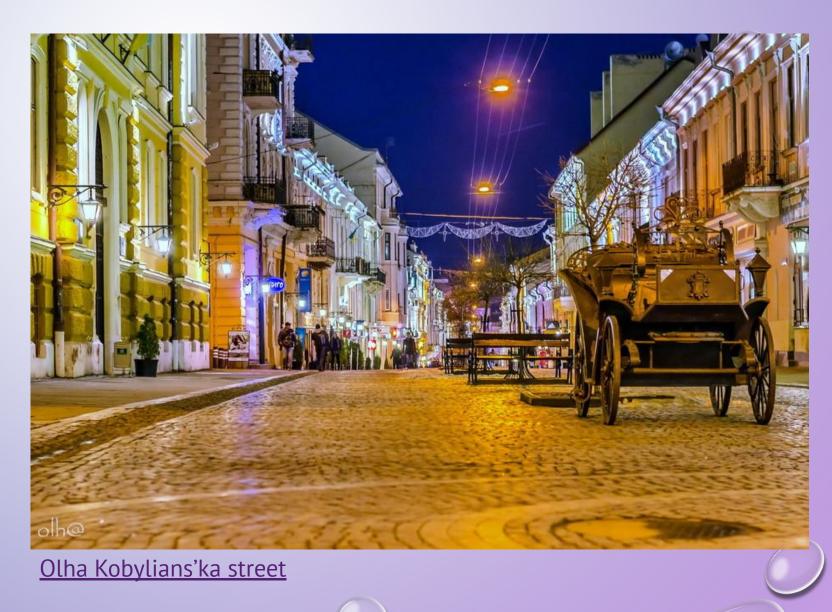
Square of Saint Mary

2008 on the birthday of the city square reconstructed and given a modern look. On a steep slope near the bridge placed floral clock, and the square it self is positioned Bike "forgot Gulliver"





The Heart Of Jesus Church



Notable people

A lot of famous people were born in Chernivtsi. Here are some of them:







Ani Lorak – Ukrainian singer



Arseniy Yatsenyuk - Ukrainian politician

