



# Ukrainian national museums and galleries

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# National Museum of History of Ukraine



The National Museum of History of Ukraine is one of the leading museums in the country in terms of the size and value of its collections. It is located on Starokievskaya (Old Kiev) Hill, in the heart of ancient Kiev. The museum funds include over 800,000 unique historical and cultural objects: collections of archaeological finds, coins, weapons, firearms, ethnographic items, and pieces of glass and porcelain. The museum's most unique exhibit is Gold Scythian pectoral, or neckpiece, dating from IV century BC and weighing an impressive 1.5kg.



Among the exhibits you can also find everyday objects of the ancient Slavs and the first Trypillia culture settlements, objects from the times of Kievan Rus, weapons and armor of various tribes. There is also an impressive collection of historical documents and letters of XV–XXI centuries, artifacts belonging to the culture of Zaporozhye Cossacks. Artistic collection includes more than 10,000 items – paintings, drawings, and sculpture. In addition to the main exhibition there are also several thematic exhibitions in the museum. The most popular of them are “The Awards of the World” and “About the history of money circulation in Ukraine”.

# Ukrainian National Chernobyl Museum

There are many museums in the world, but this Kiev museum is unique. It was opened in 1992 – on the sixth anniversary of the nuclear accident at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in 1986. Its mission is to help people comprehend the lessons of the Chernobyl disaster as the real threat of possible destruction of human civilization. “There is a limit of sadness, but there is no limit for worries” – these words meet visitors at the entrance, and all the exhibits of the museum (more than 7000) as if invite to travel back in time and feel the atmosphere of man-made disaster and human pain.

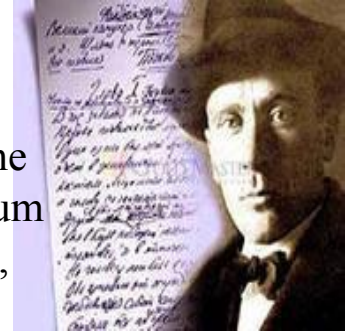


Today, the museum presents great many declassified documents, unique maps, photographs, and personal belongings of the liquidators. The first hall of the exposition is paved with biological protection slabs – as in the main reactor room of a nuclear power station. In the centre of this hall you will see the iconostasis with original fragments of Church of the Resurrection situated in the Exclusion Zone. Near this iconostasis a simple wooden Polesye boat – a symbol of Noah's Ark – is swinging instead of an infant baptistery. The boat filled with toys donated by museum guests – children visiting the museum leave their toys in the boat. The ceiling of the room is made in the form of a world map where nuclear power plants in all continents of the world are blinking with alarming lights.



# Bulgakov Museum

There is a museum in Kiev, which is as popular among the connoisseur of Russian and the world literature as the Sherlock Holmes Museum on London's Baker Street. It is a museum of Mikhail Bulgakov, famous Russian writer, whose works ("The Master and Margarita", "Heart of a Dog", "The White Guard" etc) entered the golden fund of world literature.



The museum is located on one of the oldest streets in Kiev, St. Andrew's descent, in a house where the family of Mikhail Bulgakov lived, and where he placed the characters of his favorite novel, "The White Guard". Once entering the building – the place that was called the God-preserved one by one of the Bulgakov's heroes – you will surrender yourself over to Bulgakov's world magic.

The whole exposition can be defined as "an interior portrait of the author and his heroes" since creators of the museum tried to reproduce an amazing artistic environment inherent in Bulgakov's prose, where memorial and literary objects are connected with special associative links – they engage visitors in a dialogue about life, religion, art, and human destinies.



# One street museum

One Street Museum is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Kiev. Once crossing its threshold, visitors are immersed in the nostalgic atmosphere of the XIX and XX centuries. Here you will see a great number of fascinating objects of the antique interiors, boudoirs with women's clothing accessories and ornaments, and dining room of the nineteenth century with a table served according to the fashion of those days. Vintage postcards and photographs, prints and paintings, everyday objects and glassware, oil lamps and gramophones, manuscripts and currency notes, typewriters and cash registers transport visitors to the past and bygone epoch. There are many rare books and autographs, a large collection of death masks of famous people, and a special exposition dedicated to interesting facts and urban tales about the famous houses of Adreevskiy descent and its illustrious owners.



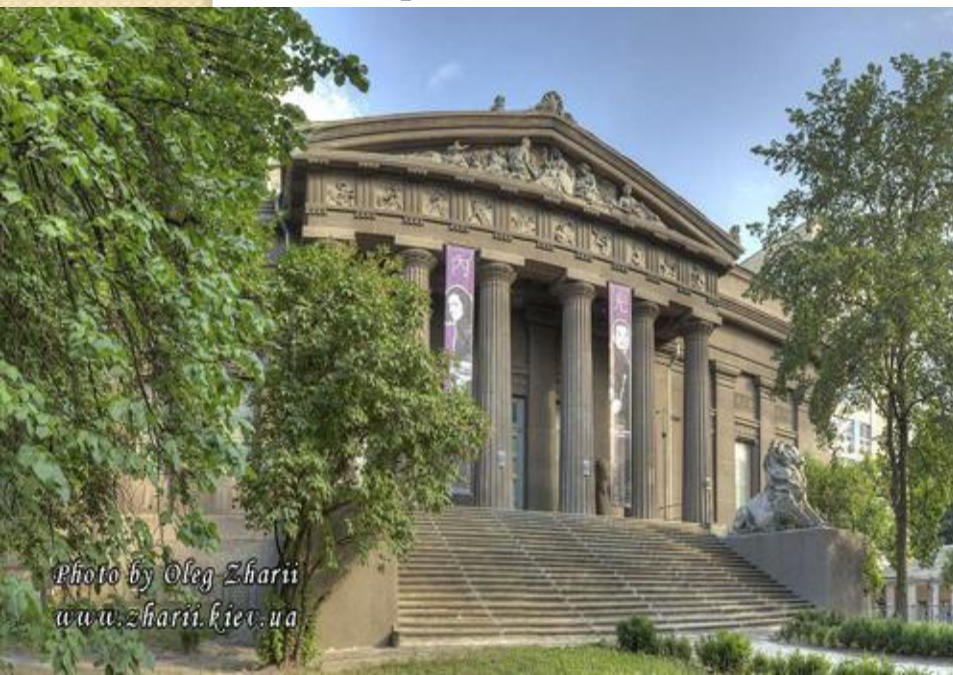
The museum's permanent collection is frequently updated, leaving room for temporary exhibitions. The range of themes is very wide – from great women (Edith Piaf, Marlene Dietrich, Claudia Shulzhenko, Evita Peron) to Christmas decorations, cards, and gifts.

History kaleidoscope of One Street Museum attracts and excites people by tangible presence of the past times; it keeps its own world, small, but a sincere and charming with its natural beauty frozen in time.



# National Art Museum of Ukraine

The history of National Art Museum of Ukraine starts in the end of XIX century. Museum has a rich collection of Ukrainian painting, sculpture and graphics from Kyiv Rus age to nowadays; it also keeps one of the best Ukrainian icon collections including the rare object of XII century – polychrome wooden relief “Saint George with hagiography” of Byzantine origin, and XIII century’s Bohomatir Odyhitria Volynska (Volyn Holy Mother). Connoisseurs of ancient art will be interested in the so-called Parsuna – remarkable works XIV-XVII centuries – a transition from the iconography to the secular portrait painting, with tsars, princes, military leaders, church hierarchy acting as main characters. There is also quite special section of the exhibition – popular folk paintings widely used by the Ukrainians till XIX century. Mamai the Cossack was often portrayed in these paintings and became so popular that was regarded as a sort of national Ukrainian symbol. There are great many variations of these pictures in the museum.



Works of the great Ukrainian poet and artist, Taras Shevchenko, could also be found here, as well as works of the artists of the Soviet epoch and Itinerants.

The museum’s collection provides a comprehensive view of the stages in formation and development of arts in Ukraine.





# Museum of Water

Museum of Water was opened in 2003 in a renovated old water tower – more than 130 years old. The main goal of the museum is to give people more information of the Earth's hydrosphere and, in particular, about water resources in Ukraine. Visitors can learn how Kiev was supplied with water in the past, take a look at water treatment technologies used for making water safe to drink, explore water purification systems, and learn to use water in a rational way.



Originally performed exposition is mainly located underground. Here you can see huge aquariums, an elevator opening up into a vault, working model of an artesian well, and ... even a fairy grotto where you can witness various transformations and states of water – stormy rain, a real waterfall, etc. Dynamics and ostensiveness of the exhibition impresses even adults, say nothing of children –the Museum of Water will be a truly memorable adventure for them.



# GALLERIES



## ARTEast

The exhibition of ARTEast gallery represents authentic works by well-established artists, members of the Ukrainian Union of Artists. ARTEast gallery displays classical and contemporary

## Bottega

Projects exhibited here not only represent achievements of well-known painters, sculptors, and photographers well-established in modern Ukrainian art, as well as gifted beginners. The Bottega gallery's key mission is to promote

Ukrainian contemporary



## Maysternia

This gallery specializes on posters, photo, and modern graphic art. Maysternia features the largest collection of Ukrainian Soviet posters of the 50-90s (originals only), as well as paintings, sculptures and graphic works by contemporary Ukrainian artists. A new exhibition opens every two weeks.

## Dukat

Dukat is an extensive centrally-located exhibition space specializing in a broad spectrum of national cultural and artistic







### **Lavra**

One of the most famous galleries in Kiev offering exhibitions of contemporary art: painting, sculpture, and photography.

### **Gallery of the Florentine mosaic**

The only Florentine mosaic gallery in Ukraine represents auteur exhibition of Tatiana Koshil – well-known Ukrainian artist working with precious stones in a unique technique.



### **Charm**

Permanent exhibition and sale of Ukrainian paintings and sculptures by famous contemporary artists.



### **Art-Insight**

Painting, drawing, photography. Exhibitions presentations are held.



RA

This is one of the leading contemporary art galleries positioning itself as a completely independent institution on the Ukrainian art scene. It develops and presents its own unique projects that determine the face of contemporary Ukrainian art.



Triptych

Ukraine's first private gallery (1988), it specializes in contemporary art and is highly respected among artists and connoisseurs of art. Permanent authors of the gallery are the best Ukrainian artists, famous in the CIS countries and abroad. Every two weeks you





# Happiness, *Gallery of Eugenia Gapchinskaya*

Cheerful and bright paintings of one of the most successful Ukrainian artists are imbued with positive energy and literally energize people with optimism. *Gapchinskaya's* big-head angels with pink cheeks enchant visitors and fill them with sincere admiration “flavored” with tender sadness about the bygone childhood with its beliefs in magic and miracles. Museums and private individuals enthusiastically buy paintings of Eugenia Gapchinskaya since her works are widely-known not only in Ukraine but also abroad.





### 365 Mystetsky prostir

Specializing in contemporary art, this gallery arranges presentations of paintings, photographs, design, non-commercial cinema, as well as concerts and literary soirees. You may also attend artistic and choreographic rehabilitation workshops and find your own way to express yourself.

#### Fortuna

This small temple of realistic art is one of the most popular and successful galleries of Andriivskiy Descent exhibiting paintings, drawings and sculpture. Paintings depicting Ukrainian Cossacks, classical works of socialist realism, female characters in painting and sculpture, urban and seascapes, icons, surrealism and abstraction all can be found here.

#### Brucie Collections

Brucie Collections gallery focuses solely on photography and represents works by international gurus of contemporary photography. Brucie collection displays s photographs by Helmut Newton, Sebastiao Salgado, Leni Riefenstahl, Albert Watson, Howard Schatz, as well as works by the best Ukrainian and Russian artists. Most of the works are offered for sale.





## Parsuna

Gallery of collector's dolls and painting that represents works by Ukrainian and foreign artists. Parsuna offers special trainings and doll-making workshops led by of famous masterofdoll-making from Ukraine, Russia, the Netherlands, etc.

## Da Vinci

The gallery features paintings and sculptures, drawings, porcelain, jewelry. The works of world-famous Ukrainian artists – Oleg Pinchuk, Vasiliy Sukhov, Sergey Repin, Petr Bevza and many others are represented here and could be bought.





Thank you!

