



Student Exchange Program Photo Journal

Saskatoon
Saskatchewan



Chernivtsi
Ukraine



History of the exchange

In the Spring of 1990, an agreement was signed between the Ministry of Education in Ukraine and Saskatchewan's Education Ministry. The agreement made specific provisions for student exchanges between both Ukraine and Saskatchewan for educational purposes.

Aim of the exchange program

- To facilitate the establishment of direct friendly contacts between students, parents and educators in Ukraine and Saskatchewan.
- To provide an educational opportunity which will raise the level of English language fluency by students from Ukraine and the level of Ukrainian language fluency by Saskatchewan students.
- To facilitate mutual familiarization with the history, culture and national traditions of both countries.





This two-part educational exchange requires approximately two years of planning and preparation. One part focuses on preparation of the Grade 11/12 students for their educational excursion to Ukraine; the other part involves hosting the exchange students from Chernivtsi, Ukraine, in Saskatoon.

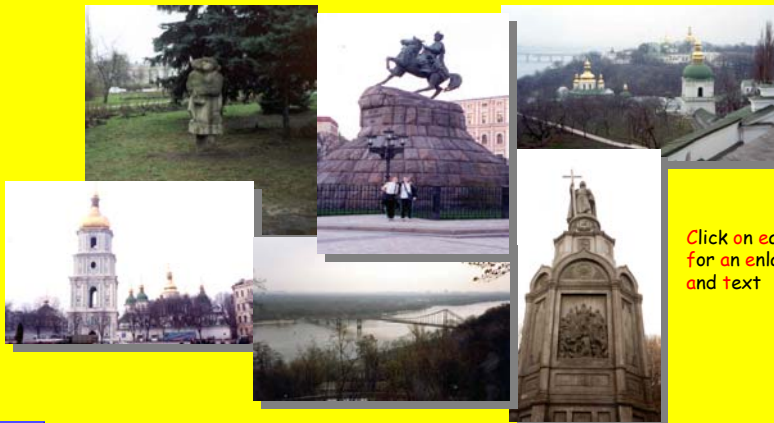
You are invited to enjoy Ukraine through the eyes of the exchange students in the photo journal which follows...



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In the capital of Ukraine, Kyiv, we enjoyed seeing...



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The statue of Bohdan
Khmelnytsky in Central Square



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The monument to St. Volodymyr
overlooking the Dnipro River



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St. Sophia's Cathedral,
built in 1037



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The mighty and powerful
Dnipro River



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'Pecherska Lavra', or the
Monastery of the Caves



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'Kamiani' or stone babas, dating
back to the time of the
Scythians (8th -3rd cent. BC)



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In Kaniv, we were deeply moved by...



our visit to the gravesite of the
greatest Ukrainian poet, Taras
Shevchenko



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In Western Ukraine, we felt the strength of Ukraine's history as we toured ...

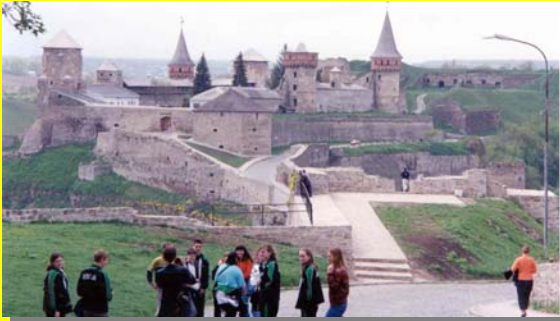


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The fortress at
Kamianets' Podilsky



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The fortress at
Khotyn, on the banks
of the Dnister River



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The beautiful Yuriy
Fedkovych National
University in
Chernivtsi



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The Haras Museum
of Ukrainian
embroidery in
Vyzhnytsia



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In the foothills of the Carpathian mountains, we truly enjoyed...



The rustic charm of the chalet at Nimchych



The unique scenery of the gentle mountainscape



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While visiting relatives in the selo (village), we were awed by...



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Traditional Easter
celebrations



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The crowds of
villagers who attend
church at Easter



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The beautiful embroidery inside village homes



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The village landscapes and large backyard gardens



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During school visits, we enjoyed...



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Observing typical
classroom lessons



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Musical performances given by students



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Answering questions about Canada



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Most of all, we enjoyed experiencing life in another country. We were able to use our Ukrainian language skills, enjoy both new and familiar foods, attend cultural events and participate in typical daily activities with students our own age. Here we are...



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'skipping rocks' in the
Dnister River.



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accompanying our families to church at Easter.



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enjoying a soccer game between Kyiv Dynamo and Bukovyna.



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being welcomed in a beautiful traditional manner.



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What a wonderful, moving, *life-altering* experience. We highly recommend it!



The End

