



ONE DAY GROUP TOUR

Everyone knows about Pripjat — a ghost city and the centre of the largest ecological disaster of mankind. However, the Chernobyl exclusion zone is not only a deadly reactor and an abandoned city, it is a territory covering kilometres of destroyed settlements, Soviet secret facilities and modern facilities for employees. You can see all of them with your own eyes by joining a group one-day tour. The Chernobyl exclusion zone does not leave anyone indifferent: someone feels anxiety and sadness of what he saw, and someone finds inner peace in places where nature has taken the place of man. In addition to the tour of Pripjat and the protective structure over the reactor, you can see the secret Soviet Duga radar of shocking size, as well as an abandoned command post with some undestroyed parts of its equipment. Besides, the tour includes a visit to the Red Forest, where the impact of radiation is best seen, and a buried village, which vividly depicts the consequences of the accident. The Chernobyl exclusion zone is a special place with own tragic history that everyone should see, and you have an opportunity to do it with us.

Languages: English, Ukrainian, Russian

Duration: ~12 hours

The price covers: Transfer from a meeting point, insurance, full package of documents allowing you to visit the Exclusion Zone, guide services.

Approximate Itinerary

(may be changed up to the CEZ administration request)

07:30 am



- Come to the meeting point at **Shuliavska Street, 5** (Metro Station Polytechnic Institute), Kyiv for check-in

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08:00 – 10:00 am

- Road to the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone

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10:05 – 10:40 am



- **"Dytyatky" checkpoint.** Pass through Dytyatky police and dosimetry control checkpoint on the border of the 30-km Exclusion Zone (exclusion zone and the zone of absolute (mandatory resettlement), passport check, instruction of radiation safety rules).

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10:50 am

- **Cherevach village.** Behold hundreds of deserted houses on the way to Chernobyl town.
- **Zalissya village.** A place that was once home for more than 3500 people.
- Discover the town of **Chernobyl.** The town with more than 4000 residents, most of whom are the personal of the Exclusion Zone and Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant



- Take a photo in front of a **Chernobyl “Welcome sign”**

- The memorial complex to all towns and villages that got under the law of mandatory resettlement



- **Statue of Lenin.** A rare chance to see a statue of an infamous communist leader Vladimir Ilyich Lenin in Ukraine. The new decommunization law is not applicable to the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone

- Memorial **“To those who saved the world”** near the Chernobyl fire station whose brigade was one of the first to arrive at the place of Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster on the ill-fated night of April 26th, 1986
- The exhibition of authentic, remote vehicles that were used to clean up the aftermath of the ChNPP disaster

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11:50 am

- Pass the Leliv checkpoint, an entrance to the 10km zone
- **Soviet secret military base Chernobyl -2 and Duga over-the-horizon radar station** is the most secret object of the Soviet Union, and was marked as a “summer camp” on all topographic maps of that time. For the distinctive sound in the air while working (knocking) was called "Russian Woodpecker". The height of the station is about 150 meters, length 800 meters. After the circumstances of 1986, it was frozen and exploitation was discontinued due to possible damage to electronic equipment.

- **The village of Kopachy.** Buried village and it's only building – kindergarten



- Enter the territory of **Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant.** Cooling towers of the ChNPP. Unfinished building of the **ChNPP 5th reactor.** Drive around Chernobyl NPP. Stop near the **observation deck** of the new safe confinement ("**Novarka**")

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- **Break for a lunch.** *(Nutrition is not included in the initial price of the tour and can be bought separately, vegetarian options available)*

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- Pass by the remains of the Red Forest. A relatively small section of a forest belt, about 10 square kilometers, assumed the largest share of the released radioactive dust during the explosion. A powerful radiation leak "painted" the forest in a bright red color. Trees have helped people a lot at the cost of its lives, delaying dozens of tons of radioactive dust as a filter - the pine crown is very dense and well retains dust. One of the most unique places of the Chernobyl zone, where you can visually observe the effect of radiation on living organisms even today.



- Take some photos near the **Prypiat welcome sign**



- Drive through the **“Bridge of Death”** that was shown in one of the episodes of HBO’s Chernobyl TV-series
- Pass the **checkpoint** and enter the Prypiat town. The abandoned city with a lot of radioactive fallout at a present. Dust firmly stuck into the ground, trees, houses. The city is overgrown with artemisia (lat.), which also grew in the vicinity before the accident. Empty buildings gradually come into disrepair under the influence of the environment. The oldest buildings of the city are destroyed most rapidly: for example, the building of the first secondary school, which collapsed in 2005 and had two collapses in 2013. *Note that it is officially forbidden to enter any buildings in Prypiat*
- Spend up to 6 hours in Prypiat discovering the most interesting sights including: Commemorative cross, People’s Friendship statue, **Medical unit number 126**, “Prypiat” Café, Prypiat Abandoned Fluvial Port, Partially Submerged Boat, Cinema **“Prometey”**, Hotel **Polissia**, Palace of Culture **Energetik**, One of the first **Supermarkets** in the USSR



- **Prypiat Amusement.** Park The non-functioning park is located in the center of Prypiat, behind the square with the buildings of the department store, the Energetik Palace of Culture and Polissya Hotel. The most famous object in the park is the Ferris wheel, which became one of the symbols of both Prypiat and the entire Chernobyl exclusion zone as a whole later. The wheel never worked; its launch was planned for May 1, 1986. The park is one of the heavily infected sites in Prypiat.
- The iconic Ferris wheel, **“Avanhard”** Central Stadium, Kindergarten “Cheburashka”, **Swimming pool “Azure”**, Prypiat fire station

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- Pass the **dosimetry control** at the checkpoint at the exit from 10km zone
- Pass the final dosimetry control at the checkpoint on the way out of Chernobyl exclusion zone

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08:00 pm
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- Return to **Kyiv**