

Brief History of Ukraine

Ukraine was the center of the first eastern Slavic state, Kyivan Rus, which, during the 10th and 11th centuries was the largest and most powerful state in Europe.

A new Ukrainian state was established during the 17th century.

During the latter part of the 18th century, most Ukrainian ethnographic territory was absorbed by the Russian empire.

Following the collapse of czarish Russia in 1917, Ukraine enjoyed a brief period of independence, only to be conquered again and endure a brutal Soviet rule that engineered two artificial famines in which 8 million died.

In World War II, German and Soviet armies were responsible for 7 to 8 million deaths.

Although independence for Ukraine was achieved in 1991 with the dissolution of the USSR, democracy was evasive.

A peaceful protest “Orange Revolution” in 2004 forced authorities to overturn a rigged presidential election and to allow a new internationally monitored vote that swept into power a reformist state

The initial team will consist of 8 team members. If you are interested, the following dates are approximate:

Dates: March 12 -19, 2010

Cost: \$1000 per person



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