

"A True Perspective of Ukraine and dating Ukrainian Women"

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ABOUT MYSELF



My name is Thom Chabot, I am from the United States, specifically Michigan and have been to Kharkov several times and have utilized the services of UFMA and would like to offer my insights to those who may have questions or even doubts about using the services of UFMA or traveling to Kharkov due to the current misconceptions surrounding Ukraine.

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THE UKRAINE



I will be brief here and then go into more detail about Kharkov.

Conceptions are that the Ukraine is a mess and in a constant state of turmoil due to the conflict in the Southeast and their differences with Russia. Not true.

The economy is not in the best of shape and jobs are scarce for the most part. The average wage is low compared to Western and European standards, about \$200.00 per month.

There are not constant demonstrations, conflicts and dangerous situations through most of the country with the exception of the Southeast region.

My advice, stay away from those areas such as Donetsk and Luhansk until the issues are settled which may take years. I have never had any issues entering or departing the Ukraine. The people I have encountered are hardworking, friendly individuals who take life seriously and just want to have a good life for themselves and their families.

KHARKOV



This city is great. It is a mixture of the old and the new. There are many universities and academies here that attract many young people. It is a calm, safe and interesting city.

It is clean with many parks and attractions. You will find people love being outdoors in all the seasons. The streets are alive with people going about their business or doing whatever. It is easy to find your way around and people will help you even if you do not speak the language.

Shops, cafés, restaurants are everywhere. You will find you can just sit in a park and just people watch and take in the atmosphere with no one bothering you.

The police are very present and do not target foreigners at all, even though, they can recognize you in a second. This makes for a safe city. Not many places I know you can feel absolutely safe walking in the center of the city at 3:00 am and not worry about being victimized by a crime. But as a prudent person, always be

mindful, no place is perfect, but this city is really a safe place, particularly in the center and the close surrounding areas.

Do yourself a favor though, get out of the city and check out some attractions and the countryside. UFMA can assist you in those types of excursions, you will be pleasantly surprised and it will add to your experience and help you really understand this city, the country and its people.



Now let me breakdown a few things that would be helpful in your visit to Kharkov.

TRAVEL TO KHARKOV



Due to the current conflict most travel into Kharkov is by Ukrainian International Airlines www.flyuia.com via Kiev or cities such as Istanbul depending on where you are coming from. Check their website.

European carriers do not fly further into the Ukraine eastward beyond Kiev.

Other carriers from other areas you will

want to check various websites such as:

- www.cheapoair.com
- www.priceline.com
- www.tripadvisor.com
- www.farecompare.com
- www.cheapflights.com

If you want to travel by train, Kharkov has about a 4-hour train ride from Kiev and slightly longer from Odessa.

ACCOMODATIONS



There are options here. If you are a hotel person, the good hotels can be booked through www.booking.com.

The three best would be:

- Kharkiv Premier Palace which costs around \$75.00 per night
- Aurora Hotel, slightly less per night
- Chichikov Hotel, about the same as the Aurora

Most of the staff at these places speaks English, at least the ones you will be mainly dealing with if you stay there. These are in the center and highly recommended by prior guests.

APARTMENT OR FLAT RENTAL



I have found this to be the most economical way to stay in this city and it gives you the flexibility to be like at home.

The flats range from very luxurious to very basic dependent on your budget and your needs. UFMA has flats for rent that you can arrange through Sergey. They even offer packages including accommodations and other services very beneficial

for your visit with your lady.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE



This is a very easy process.

Banks will exchange your currency but make sure your bills are in very good shape. ***Worn, torn, creased or old bills will not be accepted at any exchange.***

The banks operate Monday through Friday and will give you a receipt for your exchange. Keep this receipt and return to this bank if you need

to exchange the Ukrainian Currency, the Hryvnia, for your original currency.

There are many smaller currency exchanges all around the city, many operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

I recommend exchanging smaller amounts at these places with large amounts being exchanged at banks.

Both always have their exchange rates posted outside of their buildings. This will fluctuate day to day as with all currency exchange rates.

At this time, it is a big advantage with the purchasing power of the US Dollar, Euro and British Pound.

RESTAURANTS



This city has such a large diverse number of restaurants it is simply amazing.

From upscale nice places like *Chekov's*, *Pushka*, *The Chateau* and the *Panaroma*, pubs such as *Patricks Irish Pub* to simple street side cafés and even McDonald's and sandwich shops like Freshline.

The food is great, served in correct portions and you will be amazed at

the prices.

I have taken a date to Panaroma, enjoyed appetizers, salad, main course and drinks for less than \$50.00. Some restaurants include a 10% tip, but not all and tipping is totally up to you. Service varies but I have found it is usually very good, maybe sometimes a bit slow but very attentive.

Small bakeries, chocolate and markets abound everywhere and you can find anything you may choose to eat. Beer, wine and liquor prices are also very inexpensive and can be purchased almost everywhere.

NIGHTCLUBS

Too many to get into but check out on www.tripadvisor.com

Best descriptions and locations can be found here.

SHOPPING



Everywhere! Just walk the streets and you will find so many.

One drawback, they have limited stock so if you cannot find your size in something you like, you may not get it but if the shop has another location with that size, they will get it for you very quickly.

There is a two mall complex north of the city, just ask for the *Dafi Mall*.

There is a 4 story quite nice mall in the center of the city called *Ave Plaza* on Sums kaya Street which is also worth a visit.

Then there is the *Barabashovo Shopping Center* which is huge complex and you can easily get lost in this place but well worth the visit. Listed as the largest shopping complex in Eastern Europe.

TRANSPORTATION



Taxis, buses and of course the Metro are present.

If you utilize the Metro, get a map as it can be a bit confusing.

Taxi's can take you most places that cannot be walked to usually for less

than \$10.00 and that would be a taxi ride of some distance to cost that much.

I also found it helpful to have where I am staying written in Russian on a piece of paper in my pocket to show a taxi driver in case I need one to get home.

You can find many on the streets and it should state "I need transportation to this address". Then ask how much. If a taxi driver states some ridiculous price, walk away! If he wants the fare he will change that price. I found that a taxi fare from say Feldman Eco Park Zoo north of the city to the end of Sums kaya Street costs only 80 hryvnia (\$3.50).

In the center of the city, you can walk almost everywhere, but do yourself a big favor, wear comfortable nice walking shoes, you will not regret it.

When walking, a number of streets have signs at intersections in both Russian and English but get to know landmarks such as certain shops or buildings so as not to get lost. Believe, I have, and that is the best way to remember your way around.

ABOUT UFMA



This firm is a legitimate, upstanding operation devoted to helping men find possibly the love of their lives in the Ukraine.

The operation is not large but is very professional and I imagine it will continue to grow in the future.

Sergey and his staff are the utmost professionals in all aspects of this business. They have one goal, to help people find their romantic partner. This is not a scam operation in any sense of

the word. This is a forthright, honest company that prides itself in its integrity and reputation.

The women that men will find on their site are carefully screened for their character, sincerity and credentials before they are even accepted to be listed on their site.

They are looking for the same thing the men are that visit the site, true love and a companion for life. From first hand observance I have seen women rejected by UFMA to be listed on their site and no scam or questionable operation would do that if they were in the business just to line their pockets with your money.

Sergey and his staff will treat you with the most professionalism you would ever experience from a dating service. You are always advised up front of the costs of utilizing their services when meeting and going out on a date with a woman.

THE UKRAINIAN WOMEN OF UFMA



Tanya (36)



Julia (38)



Leila (27)



Irina (37)

As stated previously, these women are very serious about their intentions and that is why they have requested Sergey and his staff to assist them in their search for their true love.

These women are not out to empty your wallet, secure a green card, get lots of presents, clothing or screw you over in any manner. They are looking for love.

I have found that many women here are frustrated and not happy with the way Ukrainian men are. There are many reasons for this and not all Ukrainian men are typical of the feelings of these women.

These women want to be treated with honesty, respect, courtesy and love. Many feel that Ukrainian men expect far too much from them. To do everything from providing an income, cleaning, raising a family and at times, ignoring their infidelities.

They find Western, Australian and other men much more appealing in their overall treatment of women. From firsthand experience, they are impressed by simple gestures such as opening a door for them to enter before you, assisting them in being seated at a restaurant or café or just being attentive to them. They have to be independent but do want a man to be with and want to share their lives with a good man who will be honest and open with them. They want what most women want, to be happy!

If you have corresponded with a woman through UFMA, things go well and you travel here to meet her, you will find she will be genuinely excited to meet you. You will see it in your first meeting, I guarantee that. ***Do yourself a favor, bring her a few flowers (odd number not even, which is considered bad luck) and you will impress her because you thought about her.***

Now, let's be completely honest here. Perhaps you meet and the chemistry is not right between the two of you, either from one party or the other. Now she will be honest about it and you should be too. This is just life. If this happens, Sergey and his staff will make the utmost effort to match you with someone else and arrange that introduction.

A few last comments about Ukrainian women, they take a lot of pride in their appearance and behavior. More so than any women I have seen in other countries and I have traveled quite a bit.

Sure they will dress down for a certain activity but still will look great. They will wear jeans and but then they will blow your mind with the way they dress. Even to simply go to the shop to purchase an item, they will dress up rather than throw on a T-Shirt and sweat pants. Even if they do, you can bet it is a nice T-Shirt and sweats and they will still look great. There are exceptions of course, but in this city, I have seen very few. They are also very family oriented.

In conclusion, if you are considering utilizing UFMA and coming to Kharkov, DO IT! You will have no regrets.

If you have specific questions, I can be reached through UFMA and will answer any of your questions as best I can.

Sincerely,

Thomas Chabot

For the members of UFMA

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