



## UKRAINIAN CULTURAL TIPS

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- HOSPITALITY**
- Ukrainians are known for their hospitality and welcoming nature. If you are invited into someone's home, expect to be treated like family and be offered plenty of food and drink. It's polite to compliment your host on their hospitality and the food they serve.
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- SUPER-STITIONS**
- Ukrainians have a strong belief in customs and superstitions that might pose a challenge for foreigners to comprehend. For example, it's considered bad luck to whistle indoors, and it's believed that an itchy palm means you will receive money soon.
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- TIME MANAGEMENT**
- Ukrainians tend to be more relaxed about time and punctuality than in some other cultures, so don't be surprised if people arrive late to appointments or meetings. However, showing up on time for business meetings and appointments is still important.
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- NONVERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**
- When communicating with Ukrainians, it's important to pay attention to their nonverbal cues. Ukrainians tend to use more facial expressions, gestures, and eye contact and may stand closer when speaking compared to other cultures. By being aware of these differences in communication, you can better understand and connect with Ukrainian speakers.
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- FAMILY VALUES**
- Family is very important in Ukrainian culture, and many families are large and close-knit. It's important to respect elders and prioritize family time and obligations.
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- MUSIC AND DANCE**
- Ukraine has a rich music and dance tradition, so try to attend a traditional Ukrainian music or dance performance if you can. Ukrainians also love to sing and play music at social gatherings, so don't be surprised if you're invited to join in.
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- GREETINGS**
- Ukrainians usually greet each other with a handshake, a hug or a kiss on the cheek, depending on the level of familiarity. When greeting someone, it's customary to use their first name followed by their patronymic and last name.
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- SMALL TALK**
- In Ukrainian culture, engaging in small talk is considered a polite way to demonstrate an interest in the other person. Conversations revolving around topics such as weather, family, and work are generally deemed safe and appropriate.
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