

Welcome to Kyiv!





Kyiv, Shchek, Khoryv and Lybid, three brothers and their sister stand on a majestic boat, floating on the mighty waves of the Dnipro River. These legendary founders of Kyiv are celebrated by this monument which honors the founding of the capital of Ukraine in the year 482 (Cover photo).

Kyiv warmly invites you to experience its unique atmosphere and uncover its hidden secrets. The energizing aura of the Ukrainian capital will open a wave of unforgettable experiences and lifelong memories.

Kyiv – begin your journey into the world of Ukrainian history and culture.





QUICK FACTS ABOUT KYIV:

- Population 2.8 Mio.
- Area 839 km sq.
- Parks and Greenery 56,000 hectares





KYIV – CITY OF HISTORY

The monuments of Kyiv give rise to an opportunity to touch history, give insight to Ukrainian values, and discover the hidden historical pages of Europe's largest country.

From past to present, Kyiv offers exquisite architectural monuments and memorials.





KYIV – CITY OF GOLDEN DOMES

Any visitor of Kyiv can witness firsthand the truly beautiful architecture that has survived centuries in the Ukrainian churches.

With both historical and architectural attractiveness, Kyiv-Pecherska Lavra is one of the largest Orthodox monasteries of Ukraine.

St. Sophia, St. Michael's, Kyrylivsky, Vydubitsky, and St. Nicholas Cathedrals as well as Andrew's Church all contribute to the ensemble of aesthetically pleasing and culturally significant places of worship. These buildings reflect the development of culture, spirituality, and architectural changes that have taken place in Ukrainian history.





KYIV – GREEN CITY

With over 120 parks, Kyiv is one of the top 30 greenest cities in Europe. Residents and guests of Kyiv never run out of the relaxing, comforting, and harmonizing senses of nature.

Also, many enjoy the legendary chestnut trees which are scattered about the city. The beautiful trees indulge a feast for the eyes with their summer bloom, and show off their colors during the fall foliage.



KYIV – CUISINE FOR EVERYBODY

Kyiv hospitably invites you to taste the Ukrainian delicacies like Salo, Borsch (red beet soup), Pampushky, stuffed Cabbage and Chicken Kyiv. Be treated and try our traditional Ukrainian food.





KYIV – CITY OF TRADITIONS

Traditions have been a part of Ukrainian life since ancient times. Kyiv traditions during holidays will bring joy, bright emotions, interest and happiness to every guest of the capital.

Bright costumes, embroidered shirts, colorful wreaths with ribbons, wood carvings, clay work, and paintings are only some examples of Ukrainian ethnic culture. Kyiv is the home of many talented artisans who create the masterpieces of Ukrainian culture and art. Walking along St. Andrew's descent, "the street of artists and vendors" you can buy many sweet and nice presents for relatives and friends.





Kyiv
UEFA EURO 2012™
Host City



KYIV – CITY OF HAPPINESS

Visit Kyiv and create lifelong memories of all our city has to offer!

Welcome to the capital of Ukraine!



KYIV – CITY OF CULTURE

The capital of Ukraine provides cultural program for all categories of tourists with different interests and tastes.





KYIV – CITY OF NIGHTLIFE

The incredible night views of illuminated golden domes and parks create an atmosphere of the night coming alive in Kyiv.





KYIV – CITY OF BEAUTY

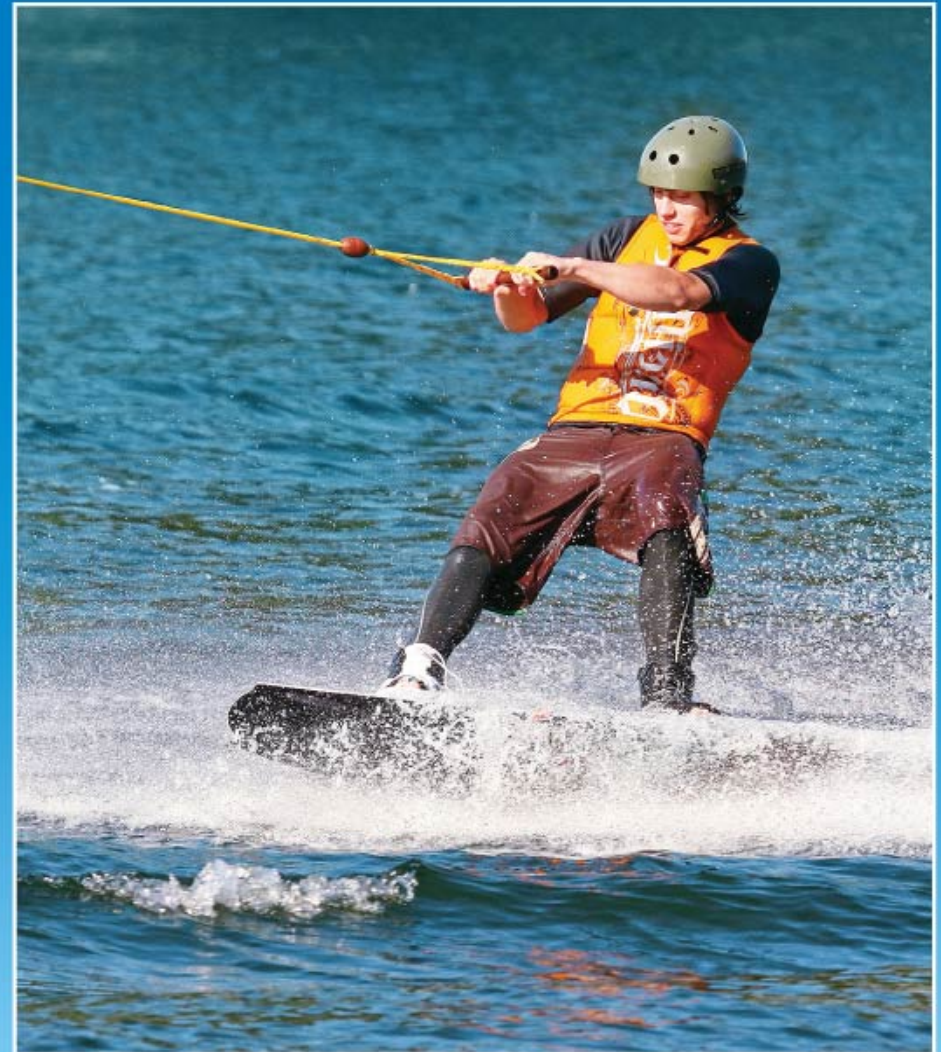
Kyiv takes pride of its culture that can be seen in the religious buildings. Masterpieces of the world, both architecturally and culturally, are seen in St. Sophia, St. Michael's, Kyiv-Pechersk, Vydubitskiy, and Kirillov monasteries. Mariyinsky Palace, House with chimeras, and St. Nicholas Cathedral have long been cherished for their beauty and uniqueness. Amazing architecture, colorful buildings, old streets, vivid sights, and the Dnipro River – Kyiv celebrates its diversity that distinguishes it from other cities in the world.





KYIV – CITY ON THE WATER

Kyiv is located on the banks of the Dnipro River, one of the largest rivers of Europe. The 2000 km long body of water flows into the Black Sea. Any guest of the capital can experience the Dnipro by boat, which departs from the Kyiv river station port.



KYIV – FOOTBALL AND EMOTIONS

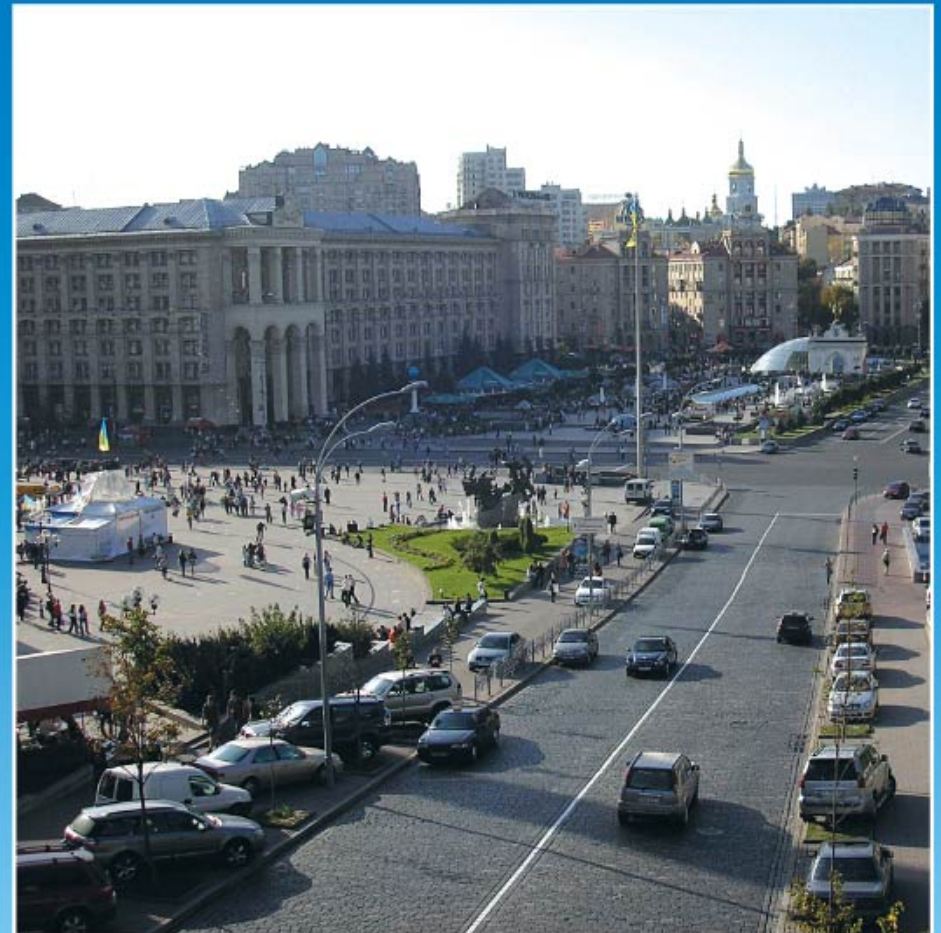
Ukrainian football fans are full of passion and spirit whose admiration and support helped Dynamo Kyiv and their players become world famous. Andriy Shevchenko, Oleh Blokhin, Oleksiy Mykhailychenko are famous footballers as well as ambassadors and friends of EURO 2012.





KYIV – HOST CITY OF EURO 2012

The European Championship 2012, the grandest event in the history of Ukraine, will take place in Kyiv as well. The official fan zone will be located in the heart of the capital on Khreschatyk Street and Independence Square.



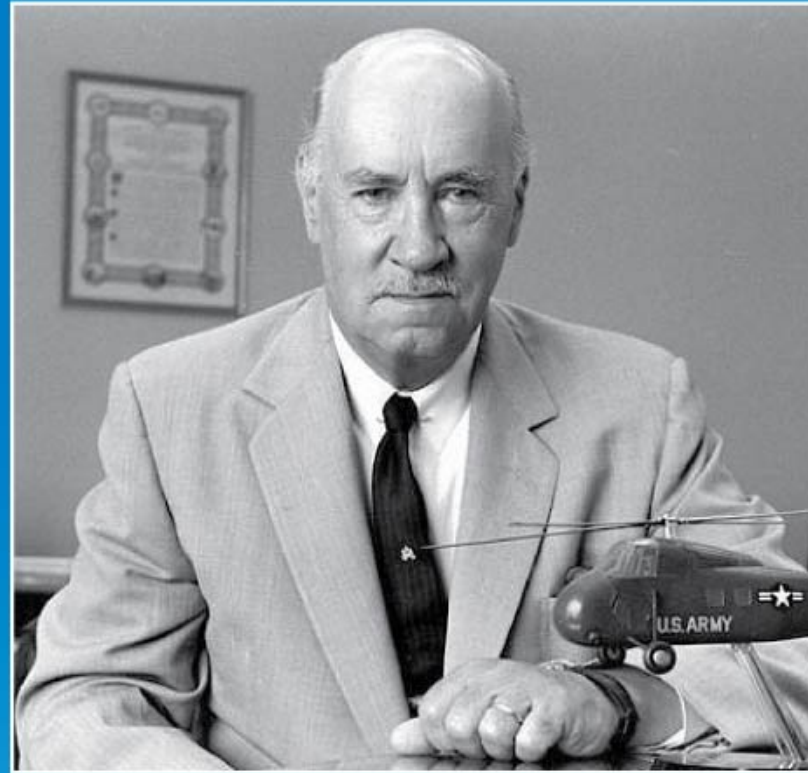
The NSC Olympic Stadium is the main arena for EURO 2012 that will host the final match and closing ceremony. The stadium is a multi-sports complex used for football matches and athletic events that primary holds international level competitions. Reconstruction of the stadium took place in accordance with UEFA requirements for Elite class stadiums; with new security systems, increased entrance and exit routes, video surveillance, and information technology systems.





Valery Lobanovskiy

Famous Ukrainian footballer and football coach of Kyiv "Dynamo".



KYIV – OUR PRIDE

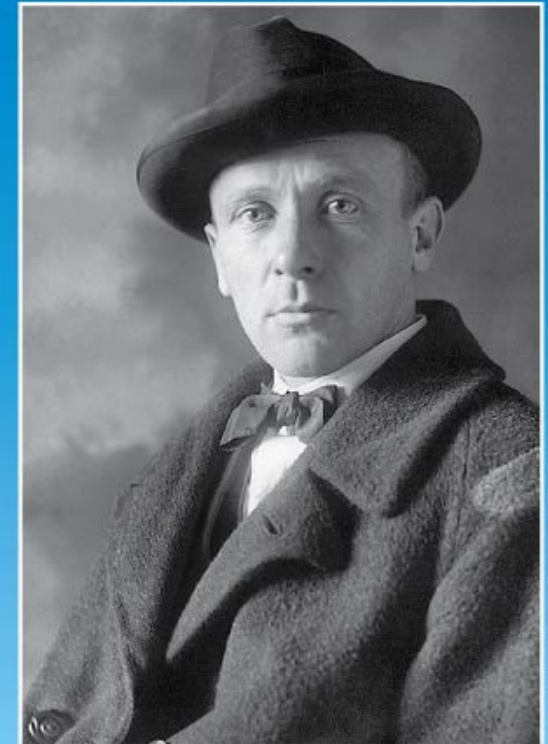
Ihor Sikorsky

Pioneer of the aviation industry and inventor of the helicopter.



Michael Bulgakov

Writer and author of the famous novel "The Master and Margarita".





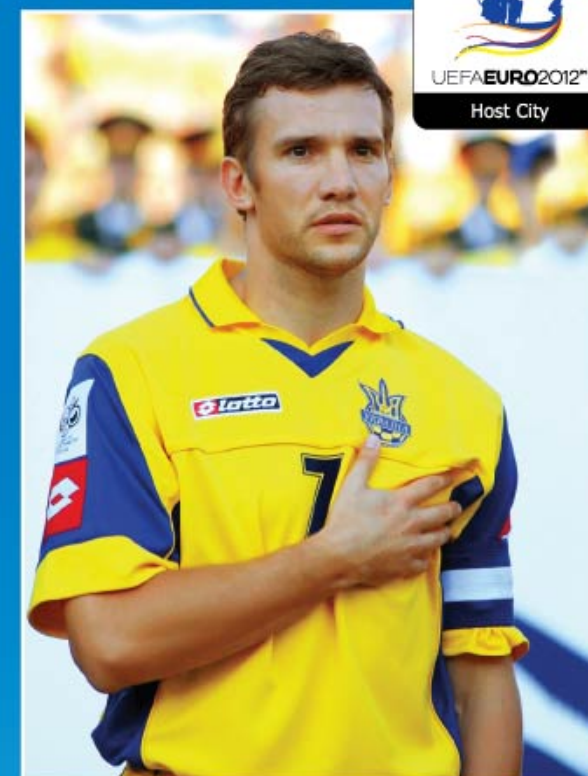
Volodymyr and Vitaliy Klitschko

Volodymyr and Vitaliy Klitschko are world famous boxers and several times heavy weight world champions.



Oleh Blokhin

Famous Ukrainian footballer and current head coach of the National team of Ukraine.



Andriy Shevchenko

World famous Ukrainian footballer, who plays for Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan and FC Chelsea, 2004 awarded as the best footballer in Europe.



Alexei Mikhailichenko

Famous Ukrainian footballer and coach.

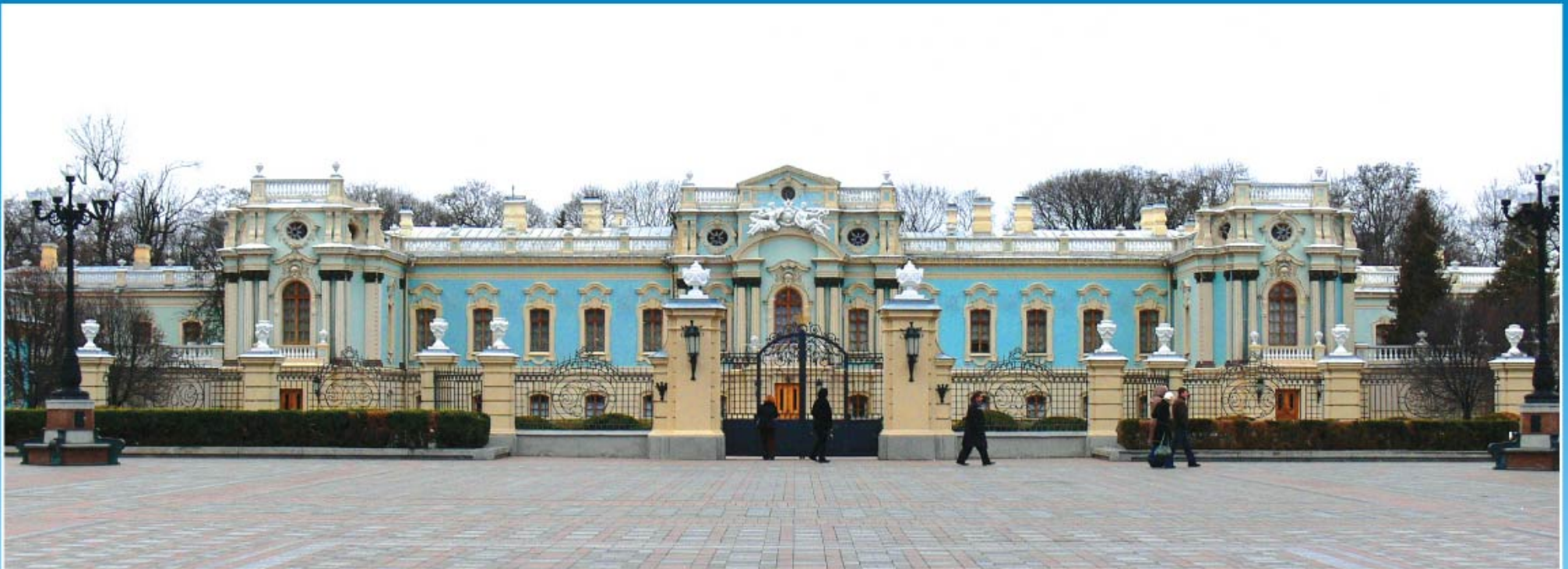




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1. Mariyinsky Palace and Park

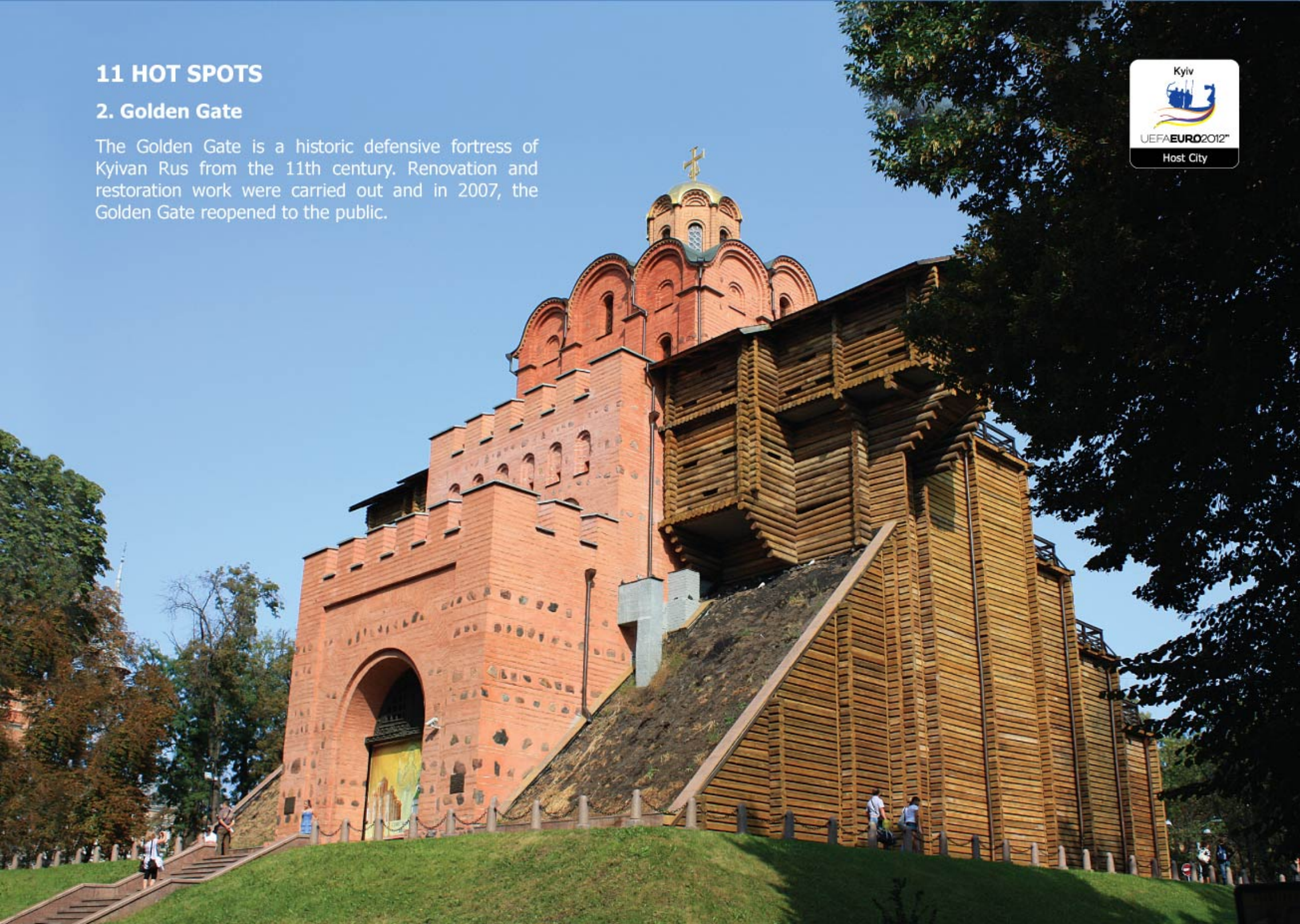
The Palace was constructed in 1755 upon the request of Empress Elizabeth II. The Park, founded in 1874, was modeled off of the gardens of Peter the First. In 1917, the palace became the residence of the royal family. Today, it is used for official government ceremonies and commemorative public events.



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2. Golden Gate

The Golden Gate is a historic defensive fortress of Kyivan Rus from the 11th century. Renovation and restoration work were carried out and in 2007, the Golden Gate reopened to the public.





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3. House with chimeras

The building was built in 1903 and designed in the shape of a cube and decorated with sculptures of mythical creatures. Today, it is the official residence of the Ukrainian President.



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4. Castle of Richard the Lionheart

Named after King Richard the Lionheart, the castle was built in the 19th century in English-Gothic style. The castle stands on the grounds below St. Andrew's church and legends say that it is shrouded in evil spirits.

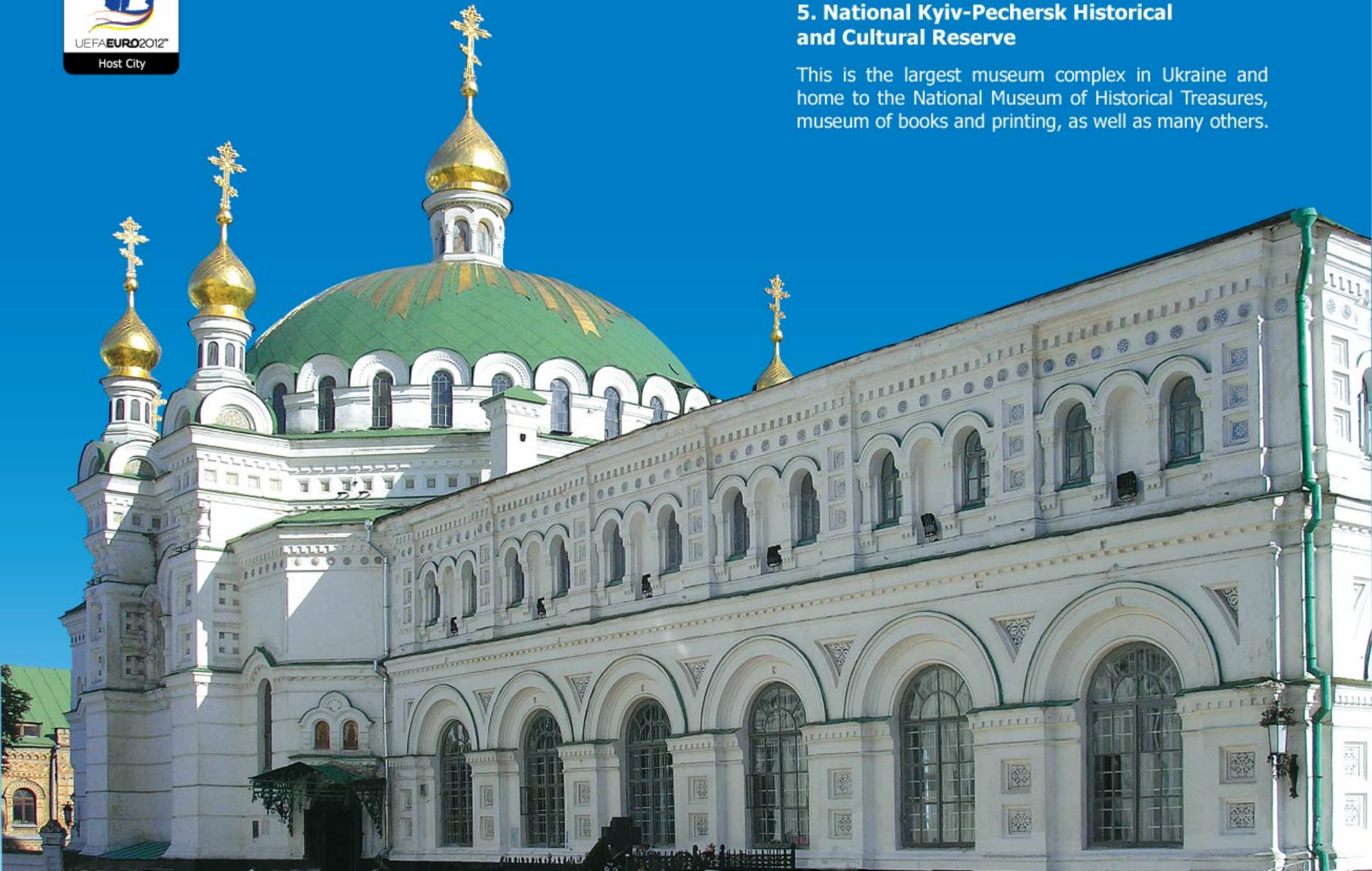




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5. National Kyiv-Pechersk Historical and Cultural Reserve

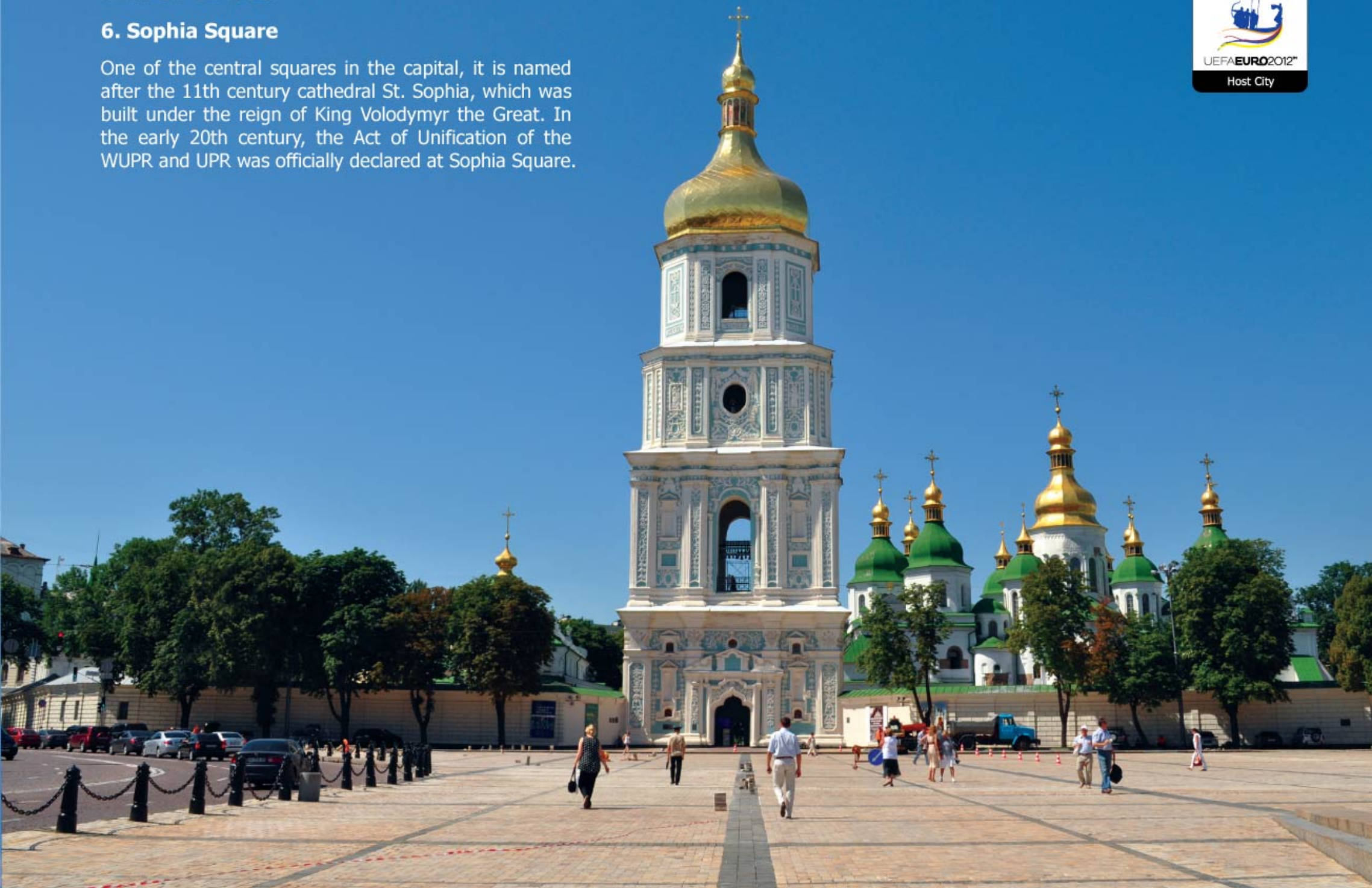
This is the largest museum complex in Ukraine and home to the National Museum of Historical Treasures, museum of books and printing, as well as many others.



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6. Sophia Square

One of the central squares in the capital, it is named after the 11th century cathedral St. Sophia, which was built under the reign of King Volodymyr the Great. In the early 20th century, the Act of Unification of the WUPR and UPR was officially declared at Sophia Square.

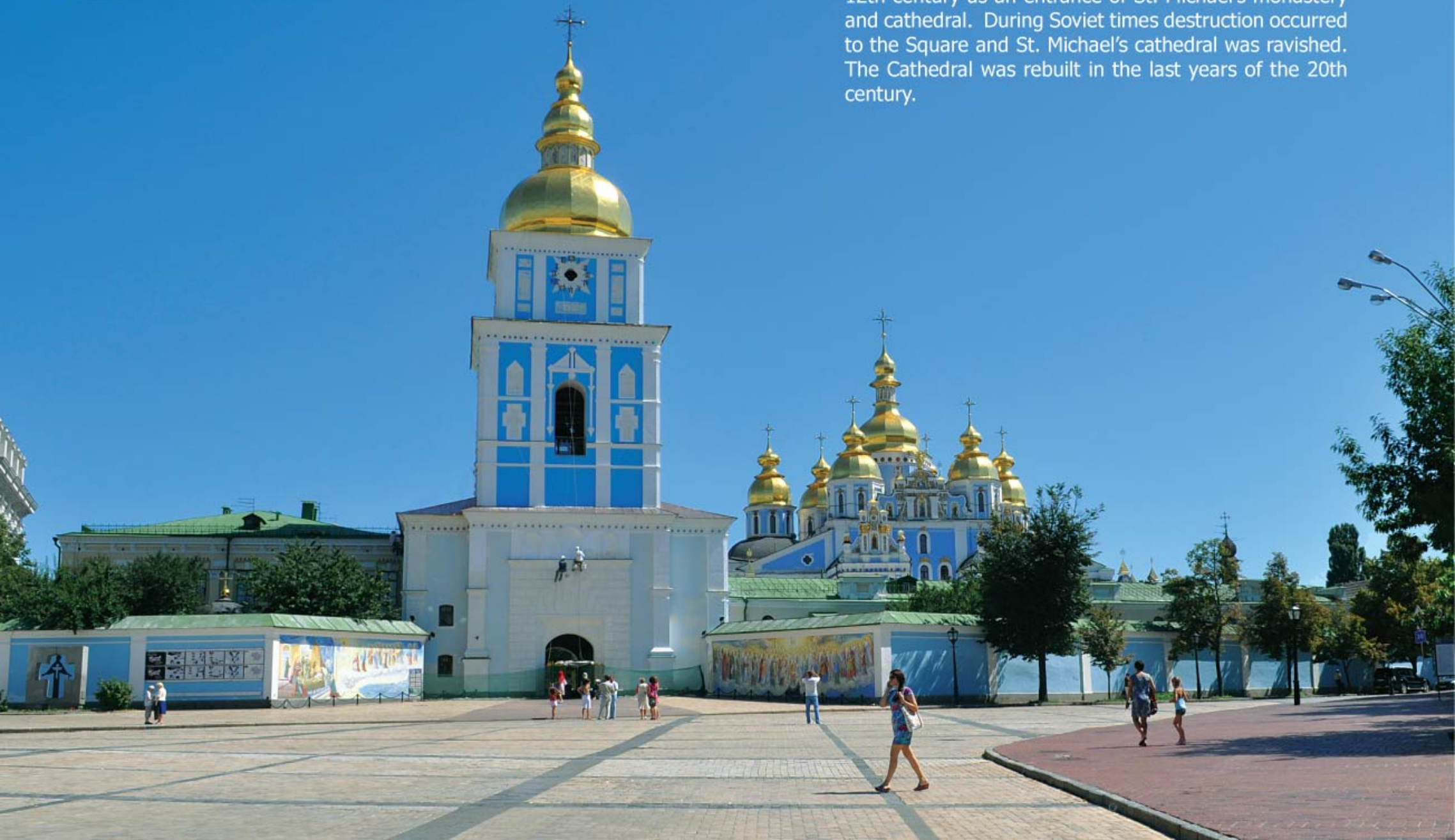




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7. St. Michael's Square

One of the oldest squares in Kyiv, it was formed in the 12th century as an entrance of St. Michael's monastery and cathedral. During Soviet times destruction occurred to the Square and St. Michael's cathedral was ravished. The Cathedral was rebuilt in the last years of the 20th century.



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8. Ukrainian National Philharmonic

The National Philharmonic was established in 1863. During the 20 years of independence, the Philharmonic has aided Ukrainian cultural development and help Ukraine be an integral part of European arts.





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9. Andrew's Descent

One of the oldest streets of Kyiv, St. Andrew's Descent connects Kyiv's uptown with the historically commercial Podil neighborhood. The descent was likely originated in the 18th century after St. Andrew's Church. Today, it is widely known for exhibiting and selling paintings and folk art. Andrew's Descent is also popularly called Kyiv's Monmartre.



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10. "Mystetskyi Arsenal"

The Arsenal, the first classical building in Kyiv, was constructed in 1803 in the Old Pecherska district. Today, it's a cultural arts museum complex where new artistic innovations are on display and cultural events are often held. The Arsenal operates on artistic value and generating development of Ukrainian culture.



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11. Taras Shevchenko Park and Monument

The monument in honor of the greatest Ukrainian poet and artist Taras Shevchenko is located in Shevchenko Park, near the National University. Shevchenko Park was established in 1939, on the 125th anniversary of the poet. A symbol of modern Kyiv and independence of Ukraine, Shevchenko Park is a widely popular place for residents and guests of Kyiv.



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