



## Odessa

### Facts & Figures

Population: 1,100,000

Foundation: 1794, by Catherine the Great

Climate: Moderately continental and comparatively dry, with a short mild winter and long hot summer

GMT Offset: GMT +2 hours



Odessa boasts a fantastic climate, long beaches and beautiful natural environment on the edge of the Black Sea! The city really does enjoy a great location beside the sea. There are a large number of restaurants and cafés to try out, many of which are outdoors. The food on offer is tasty and fresh and if you like then you can enjoy a good glass of Ukrainian wine or a tasty Ukrainian pastry.

The lovely beaches offer great bathing opportunities. When you tire of the beach then you can easily take advantage of the many excursions on offer to the coast, Crimea or indeed Kiev. The locals speak mostly Russian but can also speak Ukrainian.

### Courses

We offer Russian and Ukrainian language courses for students of all abilities, ages and backgrounds. The courses are on offer all year round. If you wish you can combine your language courses with other courses such as culture, history, art and music to name just a few.

### Group courses

Group courses are on offer during the summer months and begin on certain fixed dates. You will study in a group of maximum five students. On arrival you will be asked to take part in a short informal test so that the staff can place you in the appropriate group. The groups are formed of students from all over the world, which means

that there is a real international feel to the courses. The small sized groups help to ensure that the teachers can give each student sufficient attention. You will usually take up to 20 lessons a week or four lessons a day. The language training focuses on grammar, speaking, listening and writing.

### Individual courses

Individual courses are designed to meet your needs and wishes. You can dictate the content and pace of your studies. Courses vary from 10 to 30 lessons a week depending on what suits you best.

### Accommodation

Accommodation is offered with a host family, in a self-catering apartment, in a student room or in a hotel usually not far from the school in the central parts of the city. Accommodation is generally reserved from Sunday prior to the start of the course until Saturday following the end of the course. Extra nights before and after the course can be arranged at an extra fee.

### Excursions

Odessa and the Black Sea coast have much to offer in terms of sightseeing and a large range of excursions and activities are on offer. Weekend trips to Kiev and Lvov among other cities are highly recommended. All arrangements and payment for excursions are made locally.

- Day trip to Sofia Park in Uman
- Day trip to Belgorod-Dnestrovski fortress
- Museums
- Visit the opera and concert hall
- Odessa's churches and monasteries
- The catacombs
- Odessa city tour



*Belgorod-Dnestrovski fortress*

*"The teachers were really nice and competent."*

■ ■ **Jerome P., France**