

UKRAINE

survival guide

1 GETTING TO THE CITY

After you arrive at **Boryspil International Airport** or **Kyiv International Airport Zhuliany**, where you'll have a chance to **exchange your money** to Ukrainian Hryvnya (₴), you have two main options for getting to the city of Kyiv: bus or taxi. Despite the very tempting bus ticket price (₴50/€1,7), I heartily recommend taking a taxi for convenience.



SKY BUS will take you to the **Kharkivska metro station** or the main railway station of Kyiv (**Vokzalna metro station**). You will see the bright purple bus as soon as you exit the terminal you arrived at. Pay **₴50-84 cash** (depending on the station you want to take off) to the bus driver.



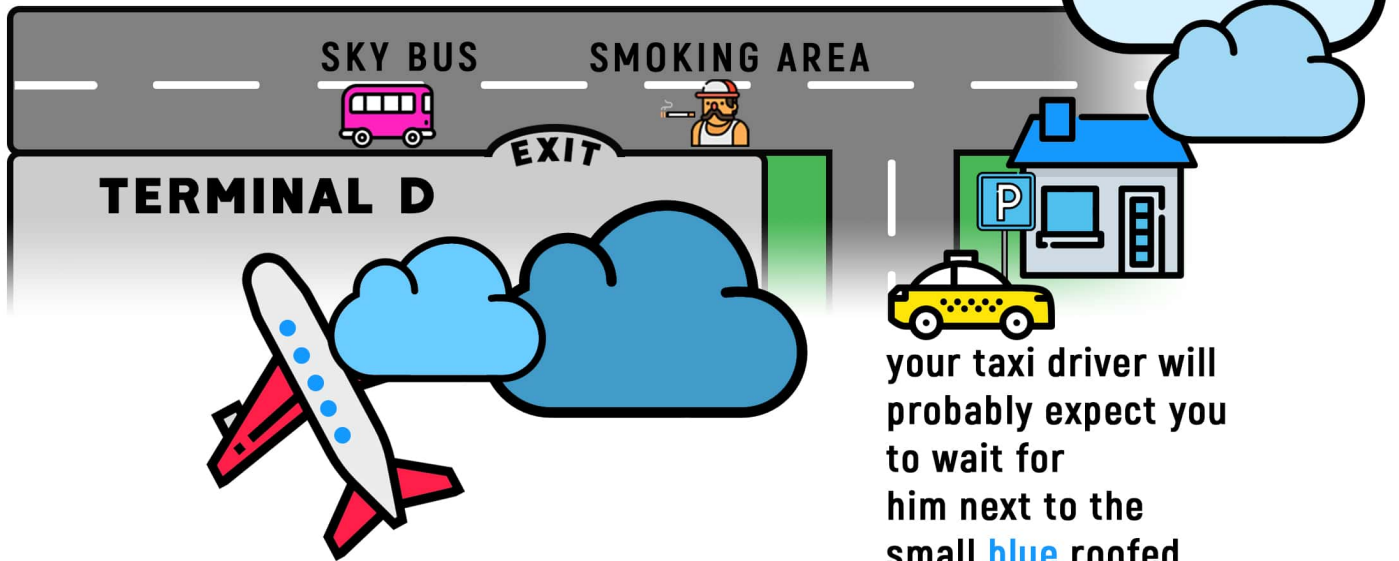
TAXI should cost you around **₴300-450/€10-15**. Right after you get your luggage, a crowd of taxi drivers will offer you a ride in their taxi. Please **beware** of them. They will most likely charge you 2-5 times more than the normal price. Use **SKY TAXI desk** (at the Boryspil airport), **Uber** or order a taxi by phone:

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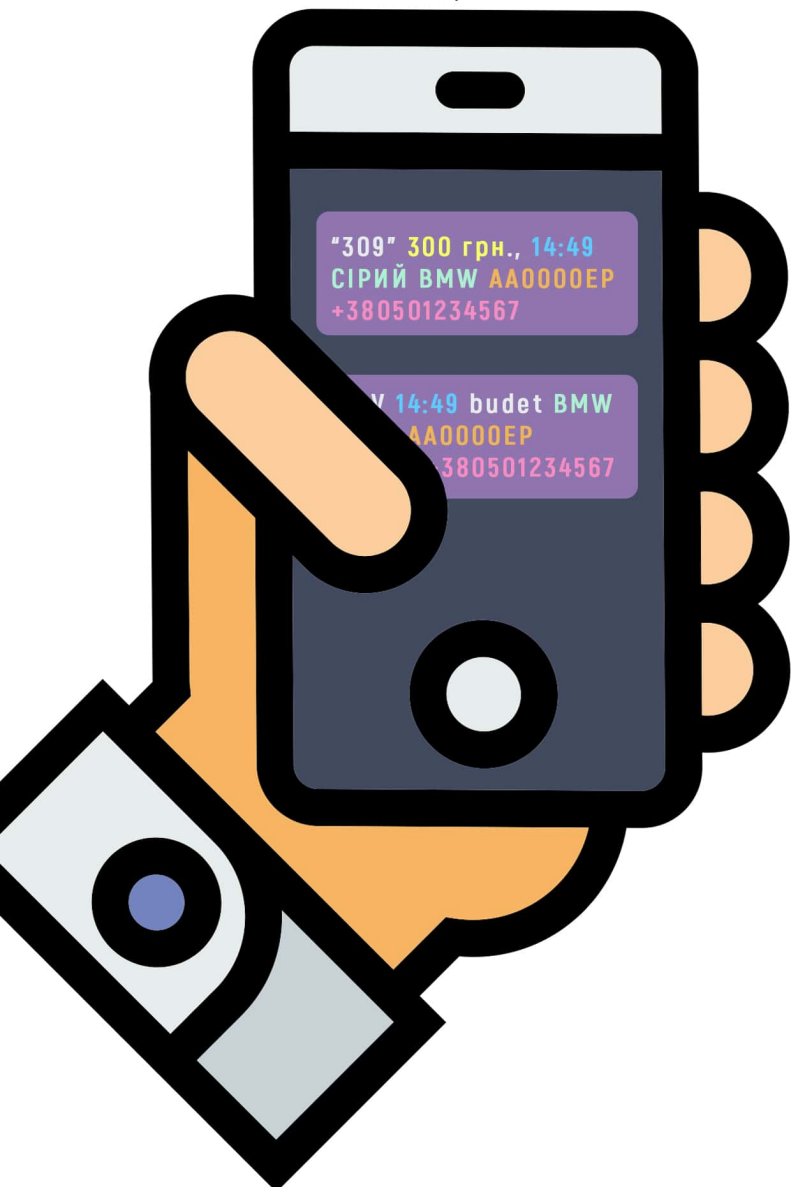


1.1 WHERE WILL MY TAXI ARRIVE?

(if you are at the Boryspil airport)



your taxi driver will probably expect you to wait for him next to the small **blue** roofed house at the entrance to the parking lot



Expected fare

Arrival time

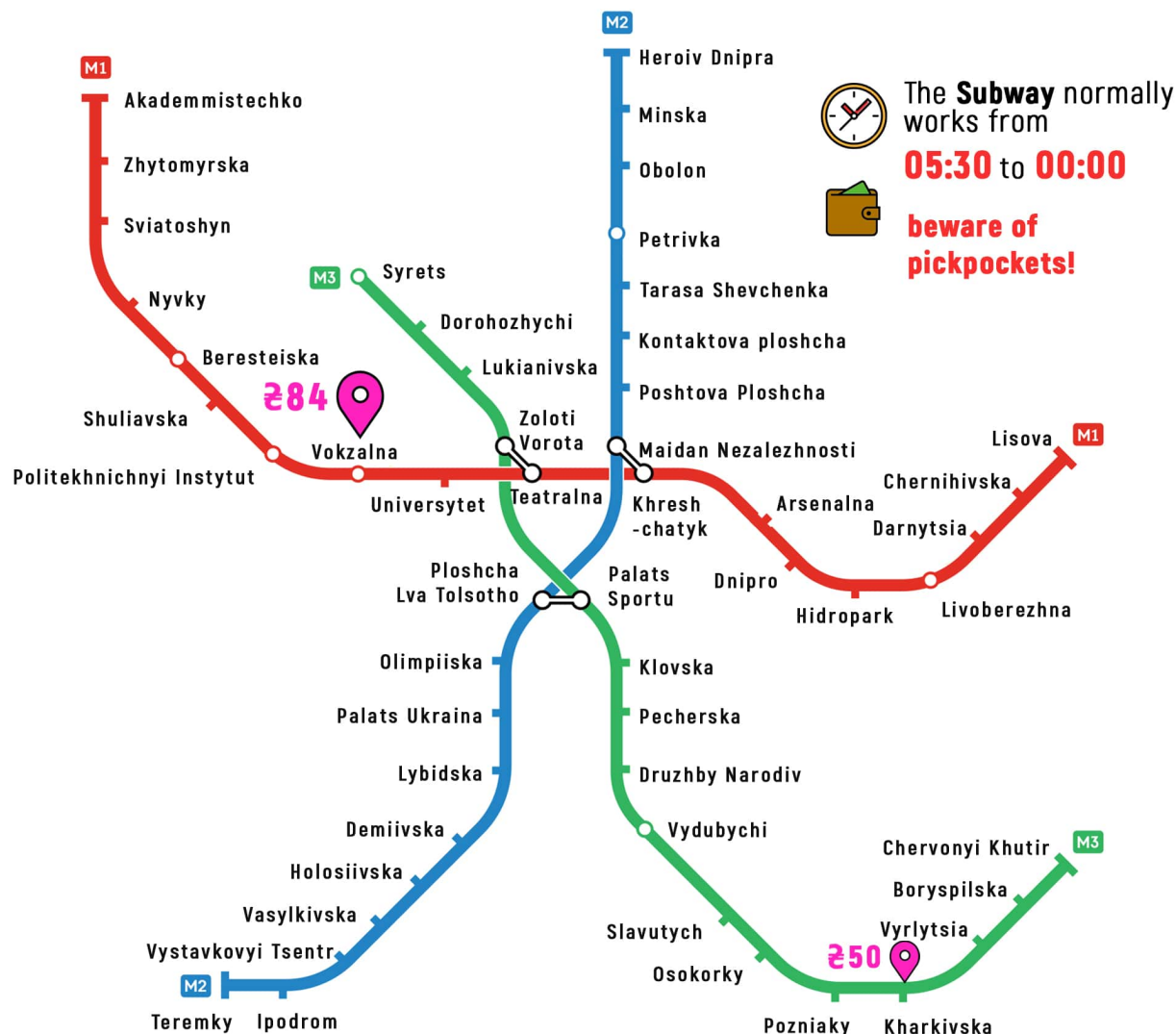
Description of the car

Vehicle registration number

Driver's phone number

In Ukraine, after you order a taxi by phone, you have to wait for a confirmation via SMS. The SMS also gives you a description of the car, the expected arrival time, the driver's phone number and, sometimes, the fare.

1.2 SKY BUS STOPS



1.3 KYIV SUBWAY

A single one-way trip on the subway costs **₴4/€0,13**. You can buy **tokens** for cash at the cash desk or at a token machine at the station entrance. Also, you can buy a **rechargeable card** for the subway for **₴12/€0,4**. You can simply charge it with any amount of money at the automat. You can get that money back after returning your card. Furthermore, you can use your **master card** to pay for your ride by simply using the yellow turnstile (touch the small screen with your card). Attention! Your card must be a contactless smart card.



EACH TOKEN COSTS
₴4/€0,13
AND GETS YOU 1 RIDE
(BUT YOU CANNOT BUY MORE THAN 2 TOKENS AT A TIME)



YOUR CARD IS A CONTACTLESS SMART CARD IF IT HAS THIS SYMBOL ON IT

2 LIVING IN THE CITY OF KYIV



2.1 HOME

It is really important to find a nice area in the city for a comfortable stay. Here I would like to give you a list of the subway stations which are located in the best Kyiv areas. Also, I do not recommend staying close to the **International Exhibition Centre** (where the Eurovision song contest 2017 will take place) because this area is unattractive and far from the city center.

LINES

M1

 **UNIVERSYTET**

 **TEATRALNA**

   **KHRESHCHATYK**

  **ARSENALNA**

M2

 **LYBIDSKA**

PALATS UKRAINA

 **OLIMPIISKA**

PLOSHCHA LVA TOLSTOHO

   **MAIDAN NEZALEZHNOСТИ**

  **POSHTOVA PLOSHCHA**

 **KONTRAKTOVA PLOSHCHA**

M3

  **ZOLOTI VOROTA**

PALATS SPORTU

 historical area

 shopping area

 Eurovision village

 convenient transportation access

 close to the **International Exhibition Centre**

2.2 NA-VIGATION-

Probably the easiest and the fastest way to navigate in Kyiv is [google maps](#) app or [2GIS](#) (offline map). Simply put in the departure address and arrival location.



These apps can help you use another type of Kyiv's public transport - small yellow buses called "**Marshrootka**". Usually one ride costs **₴4-6/€0,13-0,2**. Simply give this amount to the driver and take a seat. Sometimes you have to let the driver know that you want to take off. Be loud!



Useful Ukrainian phrases for the Marshrootka:

- Na zoopyntsi!
- Ya hochoo vyity!
- Stop please!

- (Stop) on the next station!
- I want to get out!
- (Use this international phrase, if Ukrainian is too difficult for you to pronounce)
- Thank you!

-Dyakuyu!

2.3 MONEY

The Ukrainian currency is called the **Hryvnia**



You can exchange your money into Hrayvnia in any bank or exchange point (going to a bank would be a better idea due to the better exchange rate).

2.4 CONNECTION



I do not recommend relying on the wi-fi connection even though you will find a free w-fi spot in every cafe or restaurant. Normally, you can buy a sim-card from a local carrier for **₺40-60/€1,3-2** and have unlimited 3G Internet. You can buy a sim-card in pretty much every **electronic store, mobile operator store** or even at **subway stations**.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS YOU MAY NEED

FIRE DEPARTMENT	101
POLICE	102
AMBULANCE	103

2.5 DISCONNECTION (BEWARE OF THESE PEOPLE)



PICKPOCKETS

Tourist season is a golden time for criminals. Please pay attention to your wallets and pockets! Try not to carry too much cash or documents with you.



PEOPLE WITH ANIMALS

Around tourist hotspots you will see many people holding exotic animals or wearing animal costumes. These people will aggressively solicit you to take a picture with them/their animals, but after that they will charge you lots of money.



BEGGARS

Some homeless people will ask you for money. Please don't give them any money or talk to them. They are victims of a mafia syndicate and with your donations you will support organized crime in Ukraine.



TAXI DRIVERS ON THE STREET

Taxi drivers on the street will always charge you 2-3 times more than the normal price. Always call for a taxi by phone or use **Uber**.

EUROVISION INFORMATION

EUROVISION ATTRACTIONS are going to be located on the largest city squares **from 4th to 14th of May**:

Poshtova square will be housing the Retrospective of Eurovision project, where everyone will be able to sing away to all-time ESC songs and melodies on the karaoke stage.

M POSHTOVA PLOSHCHA

Sophia Square: this area consisting of 200 x 200 meters will be covered with an artificial green lawn and decorated with 10,000 tulips. A grand stage will be installed specially for the occasion where artists from all over Ukraine will grace the stage.

M MAIDAN NEZALEZHNOSTI

St. Michael's Square: on the building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, located next to St. Michael's Square, a 3D-laser show will be demonstrated. A children's playground will be installed in the square, too.

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Troitska square: here visitors will be treated to the best of jazz and classical music

M OLIMPIISKA

Khreshchatyk street: the Official Fan Zone. Here Eurovision fans will be able to enjoy live performances from this year's Eurovision participants.

The 3 Eurovision live shows will be broadcast here on giant screens.

There will be lots of activities taking place at the Eurovision Village: competitions, shows, performances, food stalls, etc.

M KHRESHCHATYK / MAIDAN NEZALEZHNOSTI

CEC PARKOVY: 1-14 of May - Euroclub

Parkova Road, 16A 7 of May - Opening ceremony

M ARSENALNA

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTER:

15 Brovarskoy Ave. 9-11 of May - Semifinals

13 of May - Final

M LIVOBEREZHNA

2.8 RULES



Drinking on the streets is forbidden in Ukraine and is punishable by a fine. Alcohol is not sold in most stores from **23:00** to **10:00**



In **orthodox churches** men must take off their hats and women must wear a headscarf. Both must cover their shoulders and knees. Normally, people stand, not sit, in an Orthodox church.

2.9 VOCABULARY (IMPRESS THE LOCALS)

Hello!
How much does it cost?
Too expensive!
Darn!
I don't understand Ukrainian.
Cheers!
Please!
Thanks!
I love you
My friend! (to someone)
Do you like Eurovision?

I come from...
Bye!

Pryvit!
Skilky koshtue?
Za dorohe!
Didko!
Ya ne rozumiyu ukrainsku.
Budmo!
Bud laska!
Dyakuyu!
Ya tebe kohayu
Druzhe!
Tobi podobayetsya
Evrobachennya?
Ya pryihav z...
Buvai!

3 SIGHTSEEING

1. MAIDAN SQUARE AND KHRYSHCHATYK STREET

Maidan is the central square of the city of Kyiv. There you can find lots of tourist attractions, like the famous Independence Monument located on the square, which is unofficially called "The Bat" by locals. Experience the famous Stalin Empire style of Khryshchatyk street (the main street of Kyiv). Don't forget that the Eurovision village is located on Khryshchatyk street. Also, the central department store "Tsum" (ЦУМ), is located on this street.

M MAIDAN NEZALEZHNOСТИ, KHRESHCHATYK



2. HOUSE WITH CHIMAERAS

This masterpiece of Art Nouveau constructed by Vladyslav Gorodetsky is located close to Maidan Square. Located across the street from the President of Ukraine's office, this house is a monument to the chimaera architectural style which features animal figures as decorations. It is now used for government ceremonies and events.

M KHRESHCHATYK



3. THE GOLDEN GATES AND THE KARAITE KENESA OF KYIV

A part of the wall that surrounded Kyiv in the Medieval Ages, the Golden Gates were also a ceremonial entrance used only for special occasions. Everyone bearing good news was permitted to pass through them. Today the medieval monument has been recently renovated and opened to the public. Only 100m away from the Gates you can find the Karaite Kenesa of Kiev (Karaite synagogue) - another masterpiece by Vladyslav Gorodetsky - which nowadays serves as the Ukrainian House of Actors (Yaroslaviv Val St, 7).

M ZOLOTI VOROTA



4. SAINT VOLODYMYR HILL

A beautiful park located on the steep right bank of the Dnipro River, its most famous and prominent landmark is the monument to St. Volodymyr of Kiev, the ruler of Kievan Rus from 980 to 1015 who established Christianity. The park is very picturesque and pleasant for a walk. On the north side of the park, you can find a funicular that will bring you to the Poshtova Ploshcha metro station, which is located in the historical Podil neighborhood.



M MAIDAN NEZALEZHNOСТИ / POSHTOVA PLOSHCHA

+ FUNICULAR

5. PODIL

Podil is one of the capital's oldest neighborhoods. Charming and historical, it holds Kontraktova Square at its heart - the oldest square in the city. From there, you can get to Andriivsky Descent, referred to as "Kyiv's Montmartre," a pleasant place to stroll around and buy some souvenirs, vintage curiosities, and paintings or handcrafts from local artists. At the descent, you will also find a masterpiece of the Baroque style - the Andriivska Church.

M KONTRAKTOVA PLOSHCHA

6. PICTURESQUE ALLEY

This bizarre downtown alley is one of the most favorite tourist attractions. Here you can enjoy viewing modern art sculptures as well as grotesque figures and fountains, including zebras, elephants, huge cats and characters from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. In addition, you can gaze at an amazing view of the city.

M ZOLOTI VOROTA + WALK



7. KYIV PECHERSK LAVRA

One of the first monasteries in Kyivan Rus and one of the most important Orthodox shrines, it was founded in 1051.

The most outstanding landmarks of the monastery are **the Great Lavra Belltower**, **the Monastery Caves**, **the Dormition Cathedral**, **the Gate of the Trinity** and **the Necropolis of the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra**.



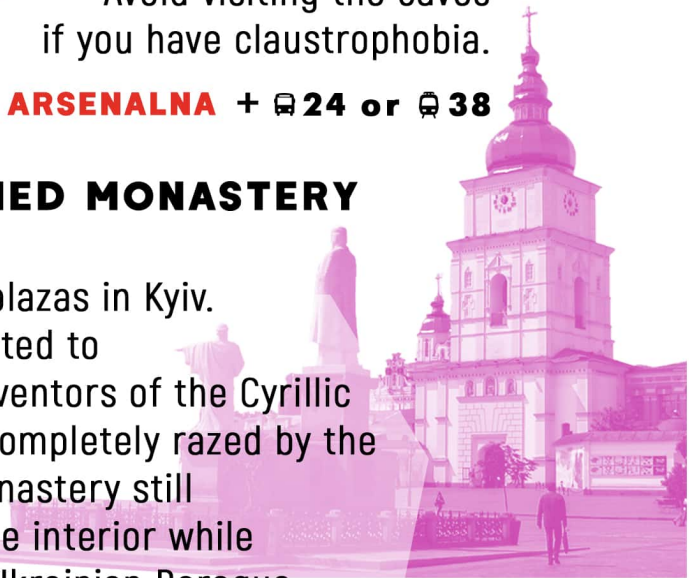
Avoid visiting the caves if you have claustrophobia.

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8. ST. MICHAEL'S GOLDEN-DOMED MONASTERY AND MICHAEL'S SQUARE

Michael's Square is one of the oldest plazas in Kyiv. There you can find a monument dedicated to the Saints Cyril and Methodius - the inventors of the Cyrillic alphabet. Founded in 1108 but almost completely razed by the Soviet authorities in the 1930s, this monastery still boasts its original Byzantine style in the interior while the exterior was rebuilt in 1999 in the Ukrainian Baroque Style. It is known as the first Orthodox monastery with a golden dome, as all subsequent Orthodox churches and monasteries were similarly crowned with golden domes. During the Euromaidan Revolution in 2014, the monastery served as a shelter and a hospital for the protesters.

M MAIDAN NEZALEZHNOSTI



9. "MOTHER MOTHERLAND" MONUMENT

This monumental statue is dedicated to the victory in the Second World War and is a part of the Museum of The History of Ukraine in World War II. Together with its pedestal, it towers 102 meters. Two elevators inside the sculpture can bring you to the observation desk atop the shield.

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10. SAINT SOPHIA'S CATHEDRAL

Founded in the 11th century, this awe-inspiring cathedral full of Medieval mosaics, including a six-meter image of Virgin Mary, is not only the oldest building in Kiev, but also the oldest Eastern Slavic Christian temple that still stands today. It is a must-see UNESCO World Heritage Site.

M ZOLOTI VOROTA / MAIDAN NEZALEZHNOСТИ



11. SAINT VOLODYMYR'S CATHEDRAL

Built in the Neo-Byzantine style in 1882, the colourful interior of this cathedral is particularly striking. Its mosaics were brought to life by master artists from Venice. The gorgeous frescoes were created by a group of prominent painters led by Adrian Prakhov: Wilhelm Kotarbiński, Mikhail Nesterov, Mykola Pymonenko, Pavel Svedomsky, **Viktor Vasnetsov**, **Mikhail Vrubel**, Viktor Zamyraylo, and others. The painting of the Holy Mother of God by Vasnetsov in the altar apse is remarkable.

M UNIVERSYTET











12. PYROHIV

An open-air historical museum that will take you back in time to old Ukraine, it is the largest open-air museum in Europe. Here you can find unique buildings from the 16th to the 20th century: wind- and watermills, churches, barns, a school, a tavern, a village council and other buildings. A guided tour gives you the chance to explore their interiors. Furthermore, you can visit various festivals on weekends, where you can learn craftwork, try traditional cuisine, and watch Ukrainian singing and dancing.

📍 172 FROM MICHAEL'S SQUARE

CUT THESE CARDS OUT AND FILL THEM IN TO ALWAYS BE UNDERSTOOD



 <p>My name is... Мене звати _____</p>	 <p>My address is Моя адреса _____</p>	 <p>My blood type is... Im allergic to... Моя група крові _____ У мене алергія на _____</p>
 <p>How can I get to... Як мені дістатися до _____</p>	 <p>Where am i? Де я?</p>	 <p>Show me on a map please Покажіть, будь ласка, на карті</p>
 <p>Where is the station of the bus number... Де зупинка маршрутки номер _____</p>	 <p>I need a taxi Викличте мені таксі</p>	 <p>Where is the nearest metro station? Де найближча станція метро?</p>
 <p>Call the police Викличте поліцію</p>	 <p>Someone stole my money Хтось вкрав мої гроші</p>	 <p>Call an ambulance Викличте швидку</p>
 <p>I have lost my passport Я загубив свій паспорт</p>	 <p>Where is the currency exchange? Де є обмін валют?</p>	 <p>Can you please write down how much I owe you? Напишіть, будь ласка, скільки я маю заплатити</p>
 <p>Where is the restroom here? Де тут туалет?</p>	 <p>Where can I find the nearest grocery store? Де тут є найближчий супермаркет?</p>	 <p>Make me a cossack hairstyle Вистрежіть мені козацького чуба</p>
 <p>Do you take credit cards? Ви приймаєте оплату карткою?</p>	 <p>I'd like to know the wi-fi password Підкажіть, будь ласка, пароль до вай-фаю</p>	 <p>Do you have a charger for... Чи є у вас зарядний пристрій для _____</p>