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NEWSLETTER



THE LEGEND OF THE CITY OF YAREMCHE

Yaremche is a lowland resort located in an extremely picturesque hollow between the mountains on the banks of the Prut River. The road to the highest peak of the Ukrainian Carpathians, Hoverla, runs through the town.



The first historical mention of Yaremche dates back to 1787. According to legend, the name comes from the name of the Hutsul Yarema Godovanets, who was the first to settle in this area. The town began to develop rapidly after the construction of the Stanislaviv (now Ivano-Frankivsk) - Yaremche -Vorokhta - Rakhiv railway in 1894, which was intended to transport timber to the industrial areas of Austria-Hungary. Even earlier, Yaremche became popular as a summer cottage town where residents of Lviv, Krakow, and Warsaw vacationed.

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MODERN YAREMCHE

Today, Yaremche is the most famous tourist center in Prykarpattia, with more than 40 tourist and recreational facilities and sanatoriums, and more than 100 green tourism sites. Climate therapy, mineral baths, etc. are used for spa therapy. Almost half of the territory of Yaremche City Council is occupied by the Carpathian National Nature Park, established in 1980 (the first in Ukraine).

Every season in Yaremche is incredible and unique. In summer, in the last week of July, the city celebrates its birthday. For a tourist, it's a whole theatrical performance involving local residents. Starting from the traditions of celebration and ending with costumes, you will definitely not see anything like this anywhere else. In winter, in addition to traditional skiing and sledding, you can celebrate New Year and Christmas in true Hutsul traditions. From the end of December, the city is already in a fullfledged New Year's mood, which lasts for a whole month. You will want to come to celebrate the winter holidays in Yaremche every year, because the flavor and incredible emotions are unlikely to be repeated at home.

By the way, right in Yaremche, there is a 200-meter ski lift that offers incredible views of the city and its surroundings. If this is not enough for you, you can visit the neighboring Bukovel (32 km), Vorokhta or Yablunytsia (35 km), Dragobrat (50 km). Undoubtedly, if you are a ski enthusiast, you cannot do without this trip, but if you just want to spend your vacation in a European way, with comfort and fun, Yaremche will be enough for you!

> DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF YAREMCHE

EXSERCISES

Exercise 1: Reading Comprehension

Read the passage about Yaremche and answer the following questions:

1. When was the first historical mention of Yaremche?

a) 1787 b) 1894 c) 1980

2.What was the purpose of the railway constructed in 1894?

a) Transportation of timber b) Tourism development c) Agricultural export

3.How did Yaremche become popular before the railway was built?

a) As an industrial hub b) As a summer cottage town for city residents c) As a mining center

Exercise 2: Vocabulary

Match the words with their meanings:

1. Sanatorium

a) A person who settles in a new area

2.Spa therapy

b) A facility for promoting health and wellness

3.Geographical

c) Treatment involving mineral baths and climate therapy

Exercise 3: True or False

Indicate whether the following statements are true or false based on the passage:

- 1. Yaremche celebrates its birthday in the last week of August.
- 2. The Carpathian National Nature Park was established in 1894.
- 3. Yaremche is only popular as a winter destination.

Exercise 4: Creative Writing

Imagine you are a tourist visiting Yaremche for the first time. Write a postcard to a friend describing your experience. Include details about the scenery, activities, and any cultural events you participated in. Use at least five adjectives to express your feelings about the town.

Exercise 5: Math Challenge

If Yaremche celebrates its birthday every year in the last week of July and the first historical mention of the town dates back to 1787, how many years has Yaremche been celebrating its birthday?