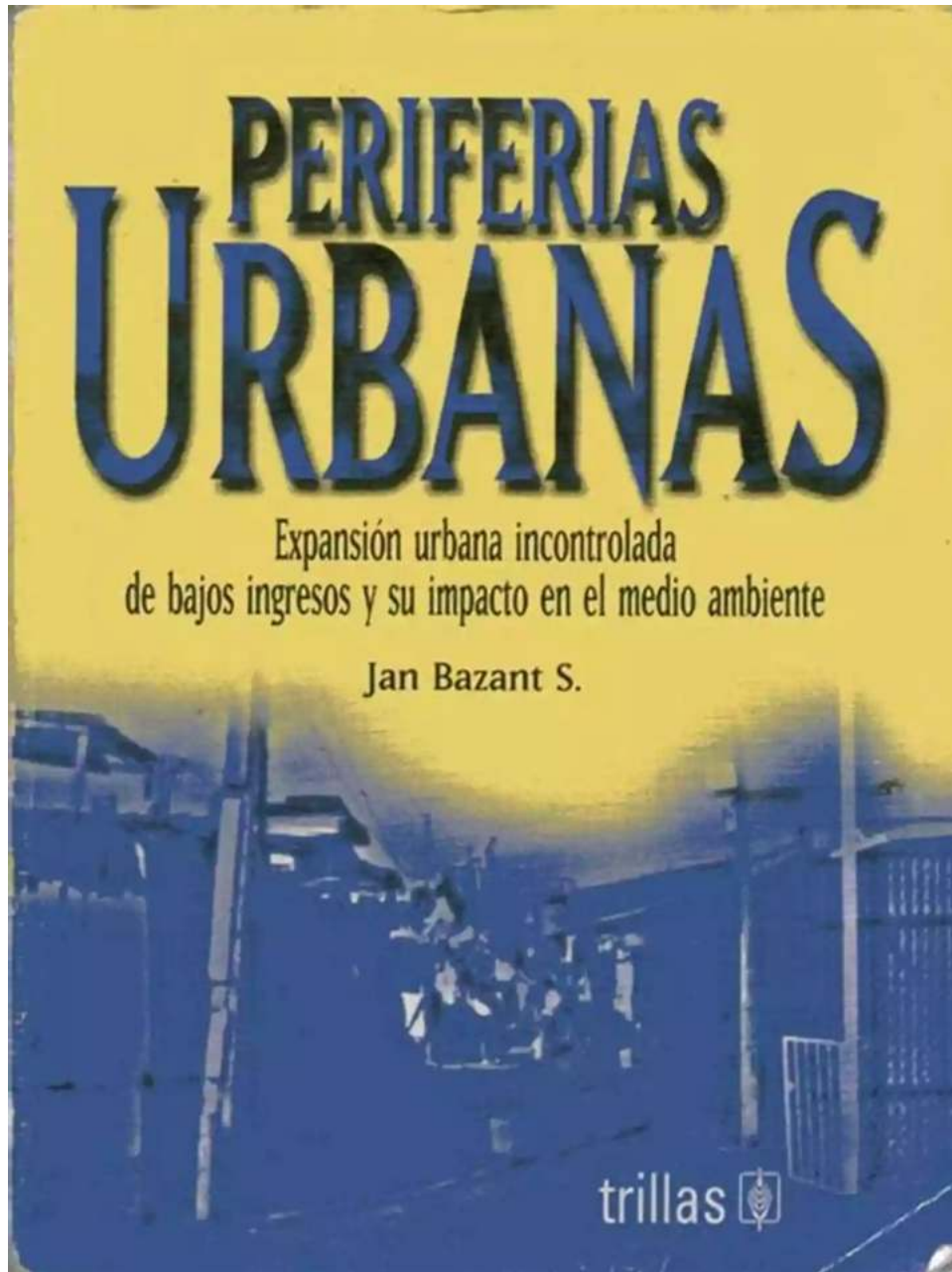


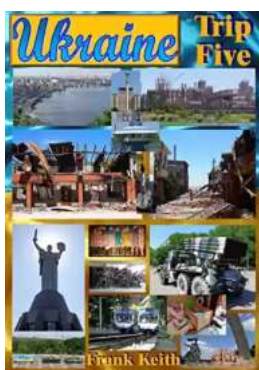
Ukraine Trip Five - Discovering the Hidden Gems with Jan Bazant



In the heart of Eastern Europe lies a country brimming with rich history, stunning landscapes, and a vibrant culture that will leave you captivated - Ukraine. While many travelers flock to popular European destinations such as France or Italy, Ukraine remains a hidden gem waiting to be explored. Join us on a journey like

no other as we embark on Ukraine Trip Five with the renowned travel expert, Jan Bazant.

Jan Bazant, an avid explorer and travel enthusiast, has dedicated his life to uncovering the lesser-known wonders of the world. With his extensive knowledge and genuine passion for adventure, he carefully crafts unique itineraries that allow travelers to immerse themselves in the essence of a destination like never before.



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Unveiling the Hidden Gems

Ukraine Trip Five is the culmination of years of exploration and a deep love for Ukraine. Jan Bazant has meticulously curated an itinerary that takes travelers off the beaten path to discover the country's hidden gems. From the vibrant capital of Kyiv to the serene countryside, each destination has its own distinct charm and allure.

One of the highlights of this journey is the city of Lviv, often referred to as the "Paris of Ukraine." Walking through the cobbled streets of the UNESCO-listed Old

Town, visitors are transported back in time. With its Renaissance and Baroque architecture, Lviv exudes a unique old-world charm that is simply enchanting.

Another must-visit destination during Ukraine Trip Five is Odessa, a city known for its stunning Black Sea coastline and vibrant nightlife. Join a local guide as you wander through the famous Potemkin Stairs, visit the Odessa Opera and Ballet Theater, and indulge in the city's delectable cuisine.

Immersing in Culture

Ukraine is a country deeply rooted in culture, and Jan Bazant ensures that each traveler experiences the best it has to offer. Through curated local interactions and immersive experiences, participants will gain a profound understanding of Ukrainian traditions and customs.

During the trip, enjoy the mesmerizing beauty of traditional Ukrainian folk dances and music, witness master craftsmen at work, and savor authentic meals prepared with love and ancestral recipes. These cultural encounters provide a glimpse into a world that is oftentimes overshadowed by more mainstream tourist attractions.

Connecting with Nature

Jan Bazant knows that connecting with nature is an essential part of any extraordinary travel experience. Ukraine's diverse landscapes offer breathtaking views and countless opportunities to escape into the beauty of the great outdoors.

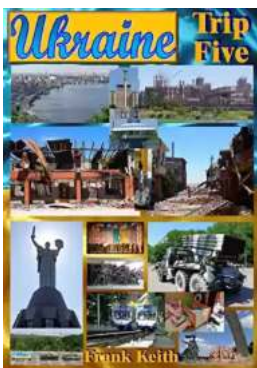
Embark on a picturesque journey through the Carpathian Mountains, where pristine forests, gushing rivers, and charming villages await. Hike to the top of

Mount Hoverla, the highest peak in Ukraine, and be rewarded with panoramic views that will leave you in awe.

For those seeking tranquility, a visit to the stunning Crimea region is a must. Explore the lush vineyards, relax on sandy beaches, and marvel at the historical landmarks that pepper the peninsula. This hidden gem is a true paradise for nature enthusiasts.

Ukraine Trip Five with Jan Bazant promises to be an unforgettable adventure that will satisfy the wanderlust of even the most seasoned traveler. From discovering hidden architectural treasures to immersing in the warmth of Ukrainian culture, this journey offers a unique perspective on a nation often overlooked by globetrotters.

Don't miss out on this extraordinary opportunity to explore the hidden gems of Ukraine. Embark on Ukraine Trip Five with Jan Bazant and create memories that will last a lifetime. Book your journey today and get ready to be captivated by the beauty of Eastern Europe.



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Throughout my third trip to Ukraine, in January and February of 2014, the country was dominated and shaken by the Euromaidan events. It was a trying time for the nation. Though the demonstrations provided nourishment for many predictions from experts and hopes and anticipations from the people, no one really knew where exactly they would ultimately lead to.

Upon my arrival for trip number four, during the summer of that same year, the nation was still undergoing a trying time, although in quite different ways. Now, the country was beleaguered by several exceptional events which occurred during the past several months; in March it had been stripped of the Crimean peninsula by its giant neighbor, it had a war in the east, the Odessa fire occurred in May that killed nearly forty people, also in May pro-Russian separatists in Donetsk and Lugansk declared independence after holding unrecognized referendums there, in June a military plane was downed, killing nearly fifty people on board, and a day before my arrival, July 17th, Flight MH17 was shot down, killing all of the nearly three hundred civilians on board. The only real bright spots were having gotten rid of a very corrupt president and some of his cronies and the election of a new president in May.

Although the Euromaidan was well over, the street barricades and tents had not yet been taken down. While the nation was in the midst of finding its way, those barricades remained standing and manned to serve as tangible warning to the recently elected president and the rest of the government. However, efforts of dismantling them had already begun while I was there.

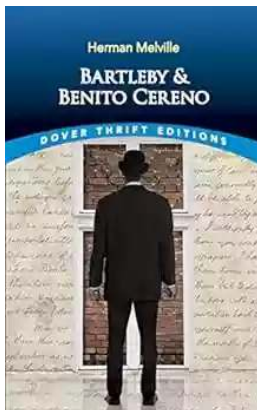
Nearly a year on, amid my most recent journey—Trip Five in May and June, 2014 — the situation in the Ukraine was still very precarious. It was now wholly overshadowed by the war, which had grown instead of shrinking due to Russia's involvement, and a tumbling economy.

As usual when I'm in this country, I had gone on a road trip. This time I went to the southeast ... to a city named Mariupol. The most extraordinary part was being taken to the village of Shyrokyne by members of the Azov Regiment, right on the

frontlines.

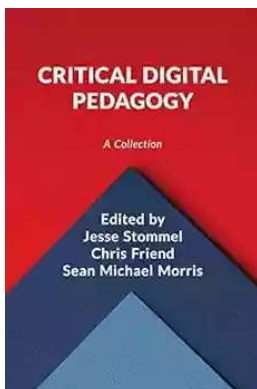
However, my fifth stay in Ukraine was not only dominated by social and economic problems and warfare, but of everyday life, sightseeing and social interactions with friends and strangers. I attended a prom, went to museums and even worked in a dacha garden. It was a most eventful trip.

Cities visited: Kyiv, Boryspil, Kremenchuk, Dneprodzerzhinsk, Dnepropetrovsk, Zaporizhia, Mariupol, Shyrokyne and other, smaller towns and villages.



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