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The Major Agricultural Scientific Hands-On Educational Event in Ukraine in 2024

Join us from June 26 to July 11, 2024, for an enriching agricultural journey through Ukraine, merging hands-on scientific engagement with the exploration of Ukraine's rich cultural heritage. This tour offers a balanced 50/50 mix of agricultural education and sightseeing, designed to immerse participants in the latest achievements in soil fertility, microbiology, entomology, and disease control, all while exploring the scenic beauty and resilience of Ukraine.

The crops you will see – soybean, corn, wheat, barley, sunflower, canola, and other niche crops within the crop rotation system, like alfalfa, buckwheat, millet, ryegrass, flex, etc. You will have a chance to see farms and operations of difference scale, from private farmers and small family farms to agricultural holdings.

The field and farm visits are naturally combined with an extensive rural sightseeing program at the rate of 50 by 50.

- **Hands-On Educational Experience**
Collaborate with leading experts from America and around the globe.
- **Diverse Crop Inspection**
Explore fields of soybean, corn, wheat, barley, sunflower, canola, and niche crops.
- **Varied Farm Sizes**
Visit everything from small family farms to large agricultural holdings.
- **Cultural Immersion**
Enjoy extensive rural sightseeing, including farm and factory tours and historical sites.





Itinerary

Europe – Ukraine (Volyn (Lutsk, Rivne) – Lviv – Ternopil – Zhytomyr – Kyiv – Cherkasy – Kropyvnytskyi – Vinnytsya).

Field Agricultural Council Tour is scheduled to take place from June 26 to July 11, a part of the World to Rebuild Rural Ukraine charitable initiative. The tour program offers a unique opportunity to join 10 highly reputable world consultants on soil fertility from the United States and Germany hosted by seven Ukrainian farms located in different regions of Ukraine. These regions were chosen to reflect the diversity of Ukrainian soils and climatic conditions. The annual precipitation rate in the selected regions varies from 400 to 750 mm. The field visits will result in a three day on-the-farm Conference hosting farmers and agribusiness experts from all over Ukraine as well as foreigners.



If you get overwhelmed by a number of field trips, roots and field scouting, take a chance to enjoy the cultural heritage of Ukraine, as each day of the tour offers an alternative route to relax and explore Ukraine. The cultural program uncovers Ukraine through the lens of its agricultural prowess and cultural heritage. It offers visits to farms, and factories producing the most modern equipment, visits to the newest Ukrainian mills, as well as sightseeing spots along the tour route. You will have the ability to immerse in the life of Ukrainians by visiting areas recently liberated from occupation.

Witness firsthand the resilience and beauty of Ukraine's rural and urban life.

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Dates

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Safety

Your safety is our paramount concern. TraveliteAGRO team sees the war risks during the tour as minimal – such as do not accede risks when driving a highway. Despite central Ukraine being relatively safe, we are taking extensive security precautions. The tour, is overseen by the Ministry of Agricultural Affairs of Ukraine, has been meticulously planned to avoid any potential risks. We have obtained approvals from military administrations for all tour locations. The names of the farms as well as the exact route of our group will NOT be published openly until the day of the visits.

However, everyone should be aware of the fact that russian aggression has not been stopped and air-raid alerts and shelling are real. All the farms, facilities, tourist places and hotels within our itinerary are equipped with shelters. The group will be accompanied by at least 5 of TraveliteAGRO coordinators.



Insurance

We have arranged comprehensive medical insurance for all our international guests, covering ALL potential health-related incidents. This includes access to both Ukrainian private and European hospitals, with our TraveliteAGRO team available to ensure prompt transportation to recommended clinics.

The Conference

Scheduled for July 8-10, the conference will be a pivotal moment for sharing observations and recommendations based on the farm visits. This will also serve as an invaluable networking opportunity, expected to attract over a hundred participants in person.

Tour Itinerary

The tour includes visits to six farms, with a concluding conference held at a seventh farm in Vinnytsia oblast. Activities will involve thorough inspections and analyses of agricultural practices, conducted with your comfort in mind under movable sunshades with seating provided. The insights gathered will be compiled into comprehensive reports for each host farm.

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CONSULTANTS



Neal Kinsey

Owner and CEO of Kinsey Agricultural Services, Inc. Specializes in building or re-building soil fertility for improving both quality and yields through soil and plant analysis.



Alan Perry

Founder and CEO of Farm Technologies Network (since 2004) and Bedrock Soil Balancing Services (since 1995). He is an internationally certified crop consultant and a member of the American Society of Agronomy. USA.



York Bayer

Owner and manager of Bayer Handelsvertretung. Germany.



Dr. Michael McNeill

President of Ag Advisory Ltd. Agronomic consultant in soil fertility, plant physiology, and quantitative genetics.



Dr. Steven Van Vleet

Research Agronomist at the McGregor Company. Regional Extension Specialist at Washington State University (in the past). USA.



Dr. Don M. Huber

Professor Emeritus of Plant Pathology at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. USA.

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Bruce Hore

Founder and Managing Director of AgriGanics Ltd, New Zealand.



Dr. Joe Lauer

Professor of Agronomy in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA.



Dr. John Nowatzki

Specialist of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, North Dakota State University (in the past).



Dr. Charles Stolthenow

Dean and Director of the Advisory Service of Nebraska University.



Olha Bykova

Adviser on agronomy, ecology, and soil science. Project manager of "I.P.Cert" LLC.



Vitaliy Hryshenko

Independent agronomist, consultant (In Agri).

Consultant Team Expertise

While the final list of consultants may vary, we guarantee a diverse range of specializations within the team to cover all key aspects of agricultural science comprehensively.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Day 1 26.06 (Wed)

- Arrival to Warsaw, Poland.
- Met by TraveliteAgro project coordinator and interpreter.
- Check into a hotel.
- Dinner.



Day 2 27.06 (Thu)

- Check out. Breakfast.
- Drive to Ukraine.
- Arrive in Lutsk, check into a hotel.
- Lunch.



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Day 3 28.06 (Fri)

- Breakfast. Check out of the hotel.
- **Drive to Farm 1*.**
 - **Met by the farm manager.** Discuss the current agricultural practices and technologies applied at the fields.
 - **Inspect field #1.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
 - **Inspect field #2.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- Lunch.
 - **Inspect field #3.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.

- **Visit to the newest mill in Ukraine - mill for processing rye grain** with a processing capacity of 25 tons of grain per day (including additional grain cleaning and a milling department).
- Dinner.
- Check into a hotel.

OR Alternative tour for the day:

- **Explore the city of Lutsk** with its Churches, Cathedrals, Museums.
 - Visit Lubart's Castle, the symbol of Lutsk and the main city attraction. Emerge into the medieval atmosphere of the old town.
 - **Upon request:** Visit Lutsk underground complex topped the five most mysterious undergrounds of Ukraine. A church, a refectory, tombs, a prison, and numerous secret passages were located underground.
 - Lunch at a restaurant with Ukrainian cuisine.
- Drive to Rivne.
 - Check into a hotel.
 - Dinner.

* Due to the safety reasons we do not mention the names of the farms and facilities in the program itinerary. The Council participants will get the Final Tour Program when arriving to Warsaw.

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Day 4 29.06 (Sat)

- **Drive to Farm 2.**
 - **Met by the farm manager.** Discuss the current agricultural practices and technologies applied at the fields.
 - **Inspect field #1.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
 - **Inspect field #2.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- Lunch.
 - **Inspect field #3.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- Dinner.
- Check into a hotel.

OR Alternative tour for the day:

- **Take a trip to «Amber Mines», to visit the deepest granite quarry in Europe,** amber lakes and safaris on quad bikes to the places of former solar stone mining.
- Check into a hotel.



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Day 5 30.06 (Sun)

- Breakfast. Check out of the hotel.
- Drive to Zhytomyr.
- **Visit Farm 3.**
 - **Met by the farm manager.** Discuss the current agricultural practices and technologies applied at the fields.
 - **Inspect field #1.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
 - **Inspect field #2.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- Lunch.
 - **Inspect field #3.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- Dinner.
- Check into a hotel.

OR **Alternative tour for the day:**

- **City tour of Zhytomyr.** Explore the old city of Zhytomyr, its Churches, Cathedrals, Monuments and picturesque parks.
- **Visit Radomysl Castle** – a unique historical and cultural complex located in a picturesque place. The medieval building has recently been renovated, namely the period from 2007 to 2011, which helped to recreate the authentic interior of 17-19 centuries.

OR



- **Visit July Morning Observatory**, the only private astronomical observatory in Ukraine. The observatory observes the rings of Saturn, the satellites of Jupiter, the sickle of Venus, and also works on the creation of a telescope capable of seeing objects a million times weaker than those seen by human vision.
- Lunch.
- Drive to Kyiv. Check into a hotel.
- Dinner.

Day 6 1.07 (Mon)

- Day off.
 - **Explore Kyiv.** Walk along Khreschatyk Street, St. Sophia Cathedral, etc. Visit a current exhibition at the Ukrainian House.
 - **Lunch at «Sto Rokiv Tomu Vpered»**, a modern Ukrainian restaurant exploring national gastronomic traditions.
 - **Drive to Dobra Ferma** – visit a small family farm producing goat cheese. Farm tour and cheese tasting.
 - **Visit a small farmer who grows vegetables known as «borsch set».** Meet farm manager, discuss his production goals and problems he faces during war time.
- Drive to Cherkasy.
- Check into a hotel.

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Day 7 2.07 (Tue)

- Breakfast. Check out of the hotel.
- **Drive to Farm 4.**
 - **Met by the farm manager.** Discuss the current agricultural practices and technologies applied at the fields.
 - **Inspect field #1.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
 - **Inspect field #2.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- Lunch.
 - **Inspect field #3.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- Dinner.
- Check into a hotel.

OR **Alternative tour for the day:**

- **Visit AgroRavlyk Farm** – a snail farm, take a tour and enjoy snail tasting at the local authentic restaurant.
- **Vist Chygyryn** – the National History and Culture Reserve, which is considered the cradle of Ukrainian Cossacks. There are unique monuments, most of them associated with the formation of Ukrainian statehood and acts of Hetman Bohdan Khmelnytsky.
- **Cherkasy tour** – enjoy a quiet walk along the picturesque parks and promenades at the Dniپر river.
- Dinner.
- Check into a hotel.



Day 8 3.07 (Wed)

- Breakfast. Check out of the hotel.
- Drive to Kropyvnytskyi.
- **Drive to Farm 5.**
 - **Met by the farm manager.** Discuss the current agricultural practices and technologies applied at the fields.
 - **Inspect field #1.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
 - **Inspect field #2.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- Lunch.
 - **Inspect field #3.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- **Visit to the plant which produces the applicator for the CULTAN technology.**
- Dinner.
- Check into a hotel.



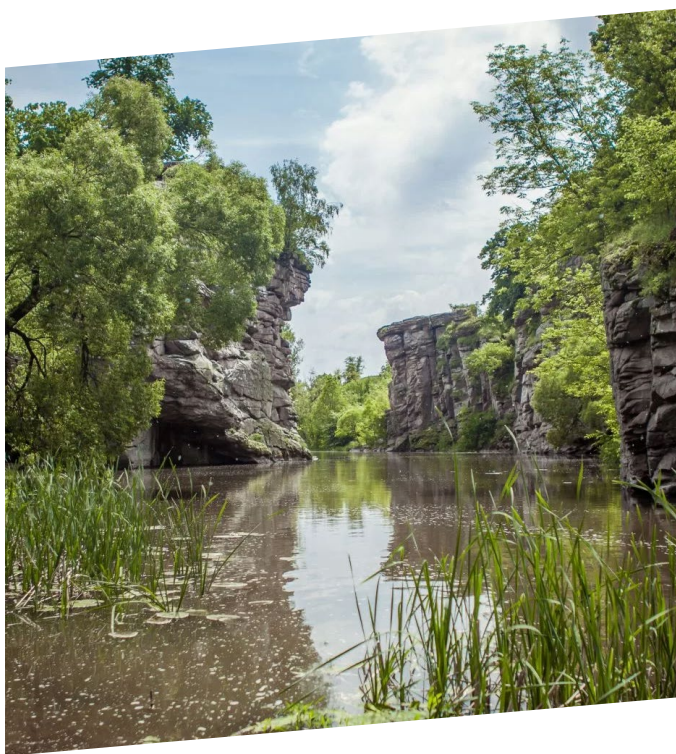
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Day 9 4.07 (Thu)

- Day off.
- Check out of the hotel.
- Drive to Vinnytsia.
- **Visit Buky Canyon** – State nature heritage complex. Scenic granite canyon located on the mountain river Tikych is one of the hundred most beautiful places in Ukraine. Buky canyon is 800 m below the dam of a former Butskiy HPP, which is the original rocky coast with gray granite rocks about 30 meters.
- **Visit a private plant which develops and produces highly efficient fertilizers.** They provide customers with full advisory support in the field of plant nutrition, share the experience of optimizing production costs to increase the profitability of the crop industry.
- Check into a hotel.



Day 10 5.07 (Fri)

- Breakfast. Check out of the hotel.
- Drive to Ternopil.
- **Drive to Farm 6.**
 - **Met by the farm manager.** Discuss the current agricultural practices and technologies applied at the fields.
 - **Inspect field #1.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
 - **Inspect field #2.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- Lunch.
 - **Inspect field #3.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- Dinner.
- Check into a hotel.

OR **Alternative tour for the day:**

- **Ternopil City Tour.**
 - **Visit Zbarazh Castle** is one of the masterpieces of the fortification of the Ternopil region, widely known thanks to the events connected with the national liberation struggle of Ukrainian Cossacks, led by Hetman Bohdan Khmelnytsky.
 - **Visit Berezovsky Apiary** – one of the largest Apiaries in Western Ukraine. See the production and enjoy Ukrainian honey and mead wine tasting.
- Dinner.
- Check into a hotel.

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Day 11 6.07 (Sat)

- Check out of the hotel.
- Drive to Lviv.
- **Day off.**
 - Cultural Program in Lviv. Visit to Rynok Square, Opera House, Armenian Cathedral.
 - Visit to the chocolate workshop and coffee mine.
 - Visit Art Exhibition of Modern Ukrainian Art.
 - Lunch at the authentic Lviv restaurant.
- Check into a hotel.
- Dinner.



Day 12 7.07 (Sun)

- **Visit Farm 7.**
 - **Met by the farm manager.** Discuss the current agricultural practices and technologies applied at the fields.
 - **Inspect field #1.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
 - **Inspect field #2.** Learn the key principles of field scouting, get the recommendations on further applications and practices, learn how to fix the problems on the fields.
- **Conference. Day 1.**
 - Discussion of field visits, soil fertility problems and their possible solutions, recommendations.

Day 13 8.07 (Mon)

- **Conference. Day 2.**
 - Discussion of field visits, soil fertility problems and their possible solutions, recommendations.

Day 14 9.07 (Tue)

- **Conference. Day 3.**
 - Discussion of field visits, soil fertility problems and their possible solutions, recommendations.

Day 15-16 10-11.07

- Drive to Krakow, Poland.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The price of the tour is **3000\$**.

The amount to be paid upon arrival to Europe.

Price includes

- Hotel accommodation + meals.
- Logistics: Mercedes Sprinter business class (driver, bus, fuel, parking).
- Ukrainian medical insurance.

Price does not include

- Tips and personal expenses.
- Flights.

Accompaniment

The group is accompanied by TraveliteAgro project coordinators through the whole rout of the Program. At least two coordinators (1 driver, 1 interpreter-coordinator) will accompany each vehicle. Please note that all TraveliteAgro coordinators have extensive experience in coordinating USAID projects (like Farmer-to-Farmer) accompanying volunteers from the USA to Ukraine.

Join our Field Agricultural Council and discover the unique world of Ukrainian agriculture!



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