



Intercity Transport

Reading

1 Do you like travelling by train? Why/Why not? Tell the class.

2 What is long-distance travel like in Ukraine? Read to find out.

Ukraine is a large country but travelling from one city or town to another is fast and comfortable thanks to the country's good bus and train services.



Intercity buses

Buses are the best and cheapest way to travel in Ukraine. They connect every major city and town within Ukraine and also travel to and from major cities around Europe. There are buses owned and run by private companies and there are also state-owned buses. The buses that are managed by private companies offer the most comfortable way to travel around the country. On these buses, you can travel in style and comfort while a steward serves you tea, coffee and sandwiches. The vehicles are air-conditioned and they have a TV. The state-run buses may not be as comfortable but they are fast, on time and cheaper.

Intercity trains

Train travel is very popular in Ukraine. The best way to travel by train is on the Hyundai high-speed intercity trains. These are the fastest and most comfortable trains available but they only cover few destinations at present. There are also the express/overnight trains. They are not as fast as the Hyundai trains but they travel between all big cities and towns in the country and offer services of good quality. For a more luxurious trip, you can travel in a 1st class carriage, available on the Hyundai and the express/overnight trains.



Buying tickets

- 3** How can you buy railway tickets in Ukraine? Read the information from the Ukrzaliznytsia (Ukrainian Railways) site to find out.



INFO

Dear Passengers,

The Ukrzaliznytsia railway network has a track length over 22,000 km. Railway transport in Ukraine serves 37.5% of the country's passenger traffic.

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We are trying not only to improve the quality of our services but also introduce new ways for passengers to quickly and easily book their tickets.

To buy train tickets you can:

- buy them at ticket offices found around major cities and at central train stations
- pay for them through the Post Office (Ukrposhta) and then collect them at a ticket office
- book tickets over the phone and then collect them at a ticket office or have them delivered to you
- book and pay for tickets through the Internet

Have a nice trip!

CHECK THESE WORDS

intercity, connect, major, run, state-owned, steward, vehicle, luxurious, carriage, track, introduce, collect

- 4** Read the text again and mark the sentences as *T* (true), *F* (false) or *DS* (doesn't say).

- 1 The cost of bus tickets in Ukraine is very high.
- 2 The state-owned buses are usually late.
- 3 People in Ukraine like travelling by train.
- 4 The Hyundai trains do not travel everywhere within Ukraine.
- 5 The Hyundai trains make very few stops.
- 6 You can buy train tickets online.

Vocabulary

- 5** Use words from the *Check These Words* box to complete the sentences.

- 1 On privately-owned buses, you can ask a to bring you something to eat or drink.
- 2 Travelling in a 1st class means your trip is very comfortable.
- 3 trains and buses offer fast and safe travel between Ukrainian cities and towns.
- 4 You can pay for your train ticket through the post office and then it at a ticket office.
- 5 Buses and trains in Ukraine most major cities and towns with one another.

Speaking & Writing

- 6** Work in pairs. Use the information in the text to advise your foreign friend on which form of transport he/she can use when travelling around Ukraine.
- 7** You are planning to travel to one of the regional cities. Fill in the form to buy a ticket online.

Trains Journey

Buy Tickets

From:

To:

Departing on

Departure time

Returning on

Departure time

Passengers

Adults

Children

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