



## Вukovel - Буковель (1051m)



Foot : 24.44301° 48.30822°  
Top : 24.42097° 48.33020°



## Tour of Ukraine

Official website : <http://tourofukraine.org/en/home-en/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TourOfUkraine/>

Stage race created in 2016 and part of the UCI Europe Tour, category 2.2. This first edition had 4 stages, all in the very flat region around Kiev.

1- Chabany-Chabany

2a- Hostomel-Bucha (clm par équipes)

2b- Bucha-Bucha

3- Bila Tserkva-Bila Tserkva

### Edition 2017

Three weeks before the start, very little informations, except a general map and the name of the cities : Lviv – Bukovel – Hmelnytsky – Vinnitsa – Bila Tserkva – Suholucha – Bucha and Kiev.



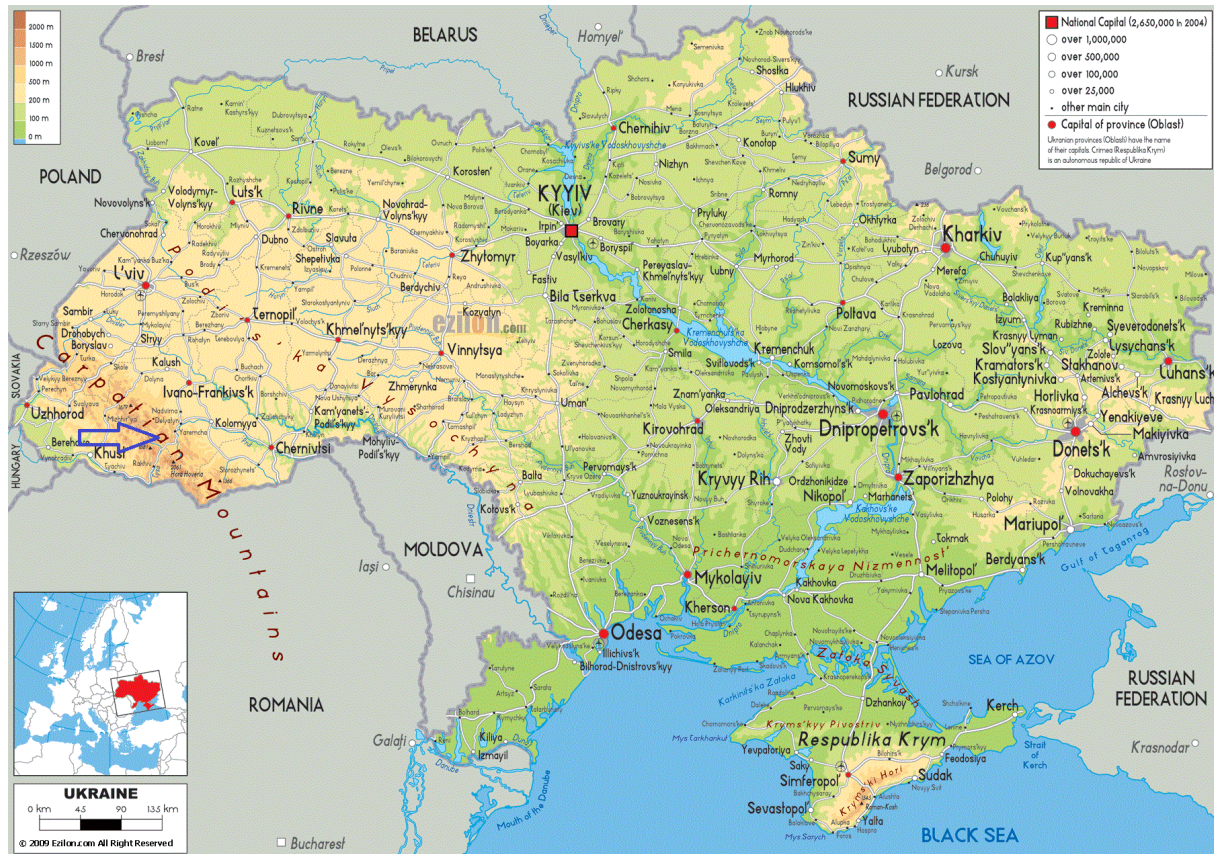
Two significant changes in comparison with 2016 : twice more stages and a route from city to city.

The plan suggests that the Carpathian Mountains will be « caressed », but not penetrated. A very good news for us nevertheless : the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage should arrive in Bukovel, our BIG832.

Hope for the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition : a real hilly stage through the whole Carpathians.

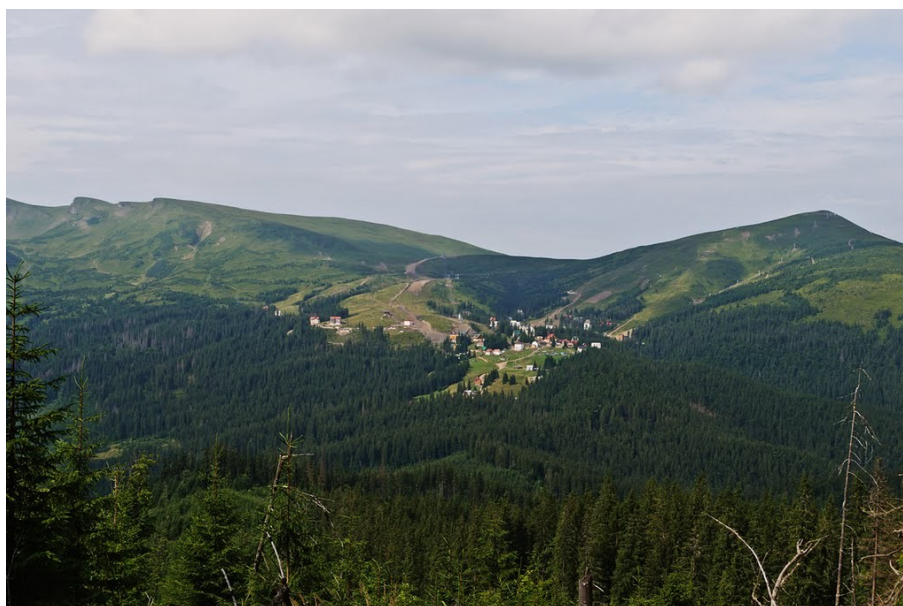


## Topography of the Ukraine



After the Crimean « landslide » towards Russia, the Carpathians became the only mountainous range left in the Ukraine ; the summit : Hoverla at 2061m. The landscape is similar to what can be found in the neighbouring Poland, Slovakia and Romania.

The range is still kept out of the human exploitation : some passes still unpaved, pereval Shurdyn for instance, and the heights are very preserved. Obvious example : **Dragobrat resort (1300m)**, fixed on an alpine pasture, waiting for a little asphalt to make its access easier. 670m elevation gain in 8km : 4,7 2,4 7,4 9,6 7,9 9,5 15,0 10,8%

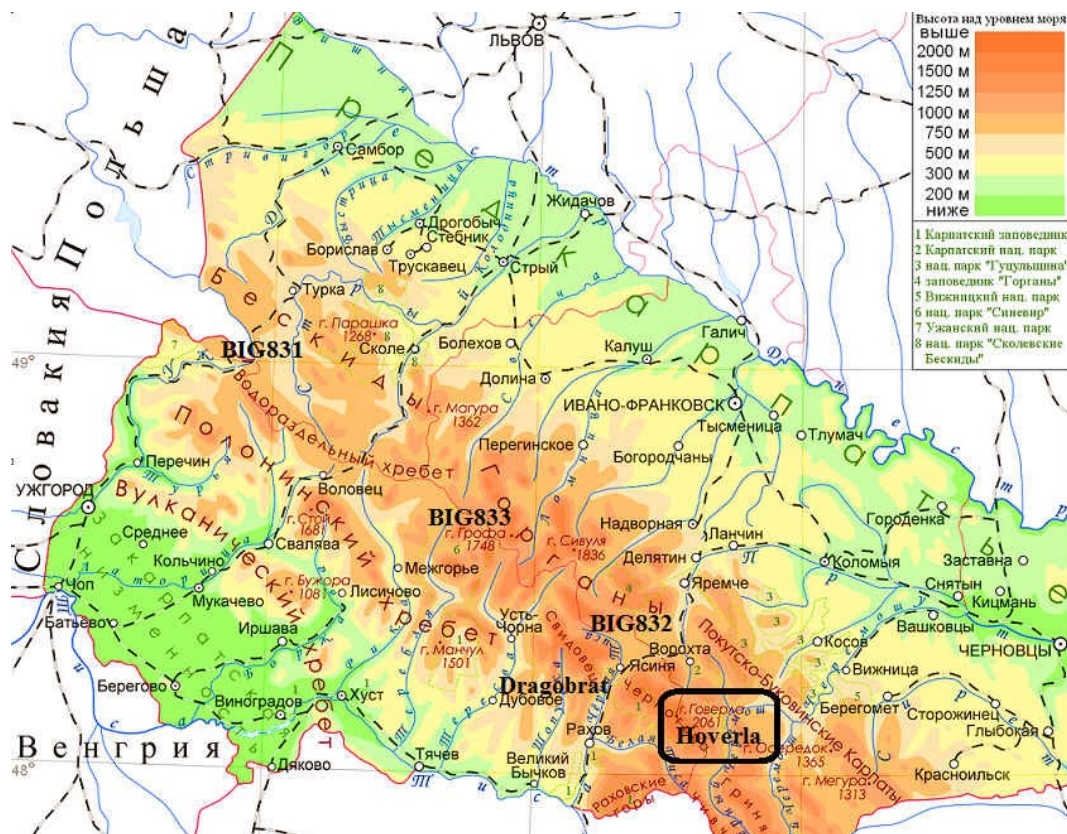


8km on a track – pure quiet guaranteed



## The Ukrainian Carpathians in the Superlist BIG

<https://www.bigcycling.eu/en/big/index/zone/zone/10/>



For now the Superlist has 3 climbs in the region :

BIG831 = Uzhotskiy pereval (Ужоцький перевал) 889m

BIG832 = Bukovel

BIG833 = Vyshkivskiy pereval (Вишківський перевал) 986m

In the immediate future, the 2 Crimeans (BIG834 et 835) will be moved in the Carpathians. The good ideas are welcome. In bulk : Zaroslyak, Kamin, pereval Nimchich, pereval Shurdyn, why not Dragobrat ?, ...

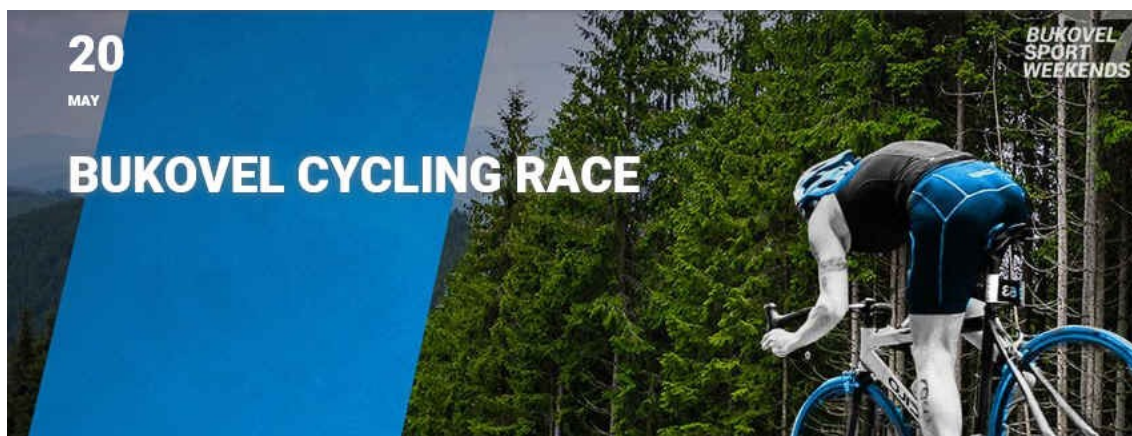


Arrival at the very short, but very steep pereval Nimchich

## Bukovel – Portrait

Why Bukovel ? Clearly not for its relative difficulty. Deprived of the Crimean touristic area, the Ukraine has to find other cash cows, for instance the Carpathians. Bukovel is still a building site and it is the spearhead of a whole region in development. The English names given to the shops reveal that the public aimed is more occidental than Russian speaking. The first sport events have appeared. Apart from the stage in the Tour of Ukraine, the resort also organizes two races (40 and 90km) with elevation gain (20th May) and a triathlon (27th May). More informations on :

<https://bukovel.com/en/events/421>

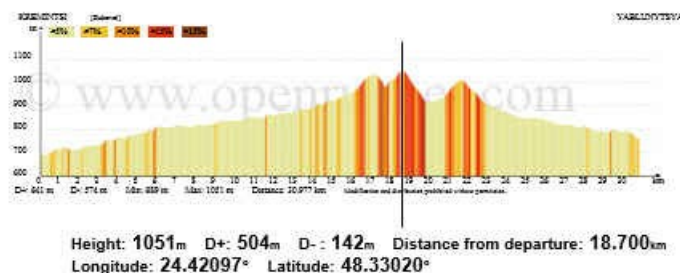


« Difficulty » is not the right word to describe this long slight uphill valley. From Tatariv, the 14km allow to gain 200m (894-689m) :

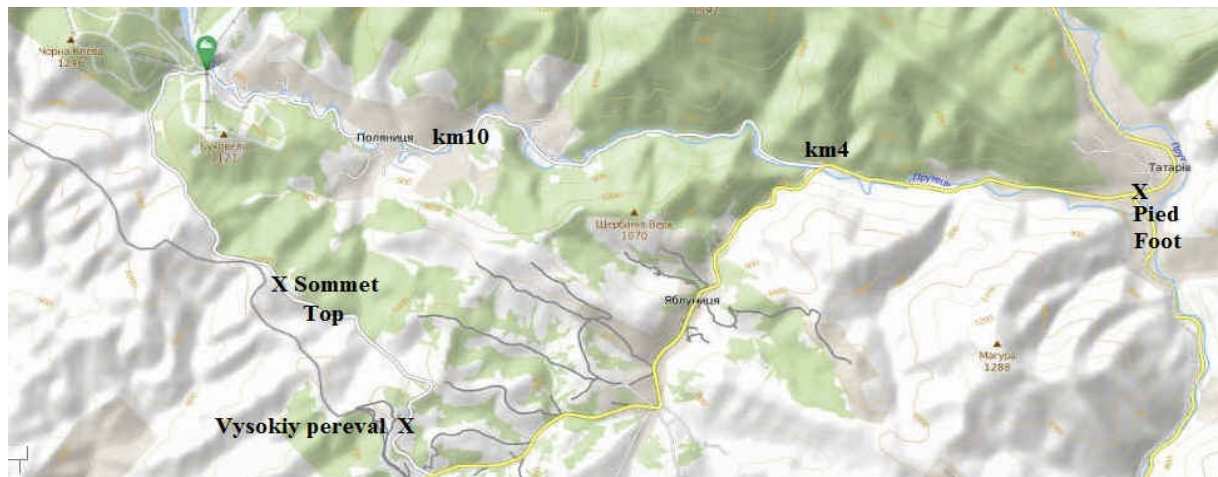
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The Tour of Ukraine is likely to finish in Bukovel itself, in order to promote the resort. But very fortunately the road is not dead-end. We can « double down » (and up). At first 140m in 3km (2,7 4,0 7,0%) ; then a last effort (70m in 900m) after a very short descent (50m in 600m), to reach the highest spot (1051m), called « Ezhevika » (« the blackberry »).

A way back to the km4 of the climb and to the foot in Tatariv is possible. You'll just have to follow the road after the top for 4km, passing by the small Vysokiy pereval, to the main road (in yellow on the map below). Uphill from the crossroads, you'll find Yablunitskiy pereval (921m).







## Bukovel in pictures

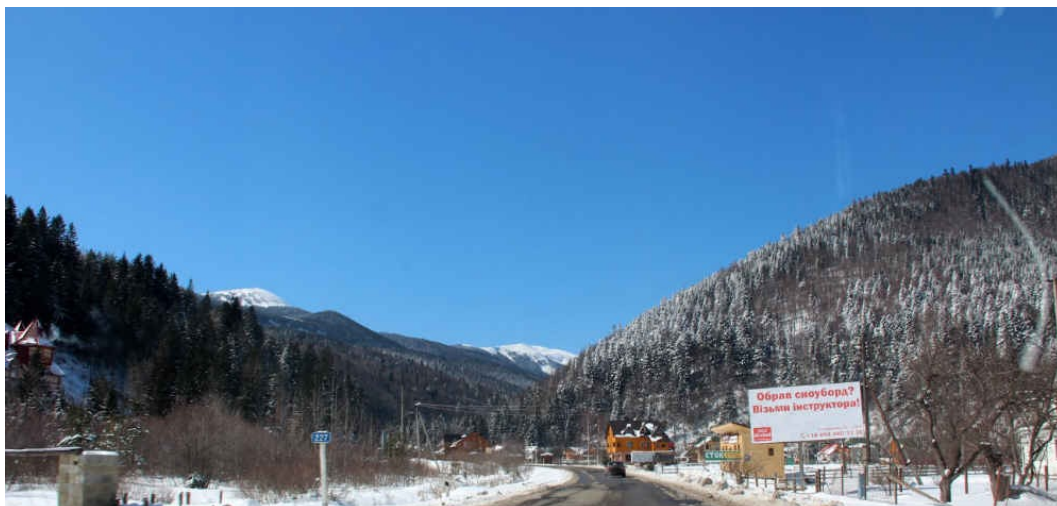


Foot at Tatariv



Crossroads at km4, to the right





Entrance into the Prutets valley



km5







Entrance into the resort



Aerial picture of Bukovel



7% after the resort





Descent between Visoki pereval and the main road



Back on the main road – Uphill to Yablunitskiy pereval



Yablunitskiy pereval – You'll never ride alone