Lupine Tours
Chernobyl Exclusion Zone
2-Day Itinerary

PLEASE NOTE:

1. At the end of this standard itinerary are the additional stops that Lupine have agreed to include for us.
2. The actual order of places visited may deviate from this list.

We will meet outside the Staro Hotel at 8.30. Our representative will check your passport details before you board the minibus. Along the way we will play a video explaining the background to Chernobyl with some haunting footage filmed at the time of the accident.

Over 100km later we enter Dytyatky (on the border of the 30km Exclusion zone) and undergo document checks by the military. You will also meet your government appointed guide for the day here.

We drive onwards to Chernobyl and meet with the management of the Chernobyl Interinform Agency to give us a rundown of the days events and history of the site at the museum.

On the way we will stop in Kopachi village, to walk around the abandoned kindergarten.

A tour of Chernobyl town follows, before heading to the canteen for a 3 course lunch.
After lunch we head towards the Power Plant, passing the 10km border and check point.

We view the abandoned building work of the unfinished 5th and 6th reactors and cooling towers and pass the monument to the firemen that lost their lives following the disaster.

We soon later reach reactor number 4 and are allowed photograph opportunities for a short time at a distance of 100m.

We then drive through the Red Forest and onto the visit the dead town of Prypyat, the town which housed the workers of the power plant and their families.

Walk around the main town square and view the town hall and theatre. Walk further around the town and see the swimming pool and afterwards the school where leftover books, half marked registers, and toys left behind.
4. Visit the fairground that was due to open days after the disaster, and view the famous Ferris wheel.

We then walk around more of the city past apartment blocks and the Prypyat Hotel.

5. After Prypyat we will return to Chernobyl and check into our hotel before heading out for dinner. Evening spent in the Chernobyl hotel!

6. We arise for an early breakfast before heading out to abandoned villages. Photographs of past residents can be found in some houses.
We then venture out to Duga 3, also known as 'Chernobyl Two'. Duga 3 was a behemoth of a radar system used by the Soviets during the Cold War. At a gigantic 150 metres high and 1km long, it was at the time suspected to be used for mind control and was referred to as the 'Russian Woodpecker' due to the high pitched repetitive tapping signal it transmitted which could be picked up on short wave radios. We will be allowed access right up to the structure, inside the control room and the surrounding administration buildings. Duga has always previously been off limits and we have only recently secured permission to visit.

We will then return to Prypyat to visit some of the lesser seen areas such as the police station, fire station and cinema.

Finally we drive back to Dytyatky Control Point to measure our radiation levels before exiting and returning to Kiev for around 6pm.
Itinerary items added for our group

Lupine have agreed to adapt their standard 2 day itinerary (*above*) to include the following:

- visit the abandoned fishery at the plant
- visit the (originally) Polish Catholic church and the former synagogue and tombs of some of the Tsadikim in Chernobyl town
- talk to some of the locals who were evacuated but have since moved back into the zone (NB Anna Olenenko is available to translate if necessary)

They will try to arrange for the group to see the Pzewalski’s horses, though as they are wild and move around (the horses, that is...), this is not guaranteed.