

Travel Guide for Guests of the ICOM Security Annual Conference

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Dear colleagues and friends,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Lviv for the ICOM Security Annual Conference!

Ukraine continues to live and work under extraordinary circumstances, and we are determined to keep our cultural institutions, professional communities, and international connections alive. Your decision to join us in Ukraine means a great deal to us.

We have prepared this guide to help you plan your journey, find your way around Lviv, and feel as comfortable and safe as possible during your stay. While the security situation requires some additional precautions, you can count on the warmth, resourcefulness, and hospitality of Ukrainians. If you need help, please do not hesitate to ask.

1. Getting to Lviv

Civilian flights to Ukraine are currently suspended. You can fly to Poland and continue to Lviv by bus or train.

From Warsaw

- **By direct bus:** Search for tickets on [FlixBus](#) or [INFOBUS](#), selecting Warsaw → Lviv.
- **By train via Przemyśl:** Travel from Warszawa to Przemyśl Główny, then continue to Lviv. Book the first leg through [PKP Intercity](#) and the second through [Ukrainian Railways](#).

From Kraków

- **By direct bus:** Tickets are available through [FlixBus](#) or [INFOBUS](#).
- **By train via Przemyśl:** Travel from Kraków Główny to Przemyśl Główny, then continue to Lviv. Book each leg through the relevant railway operator: [PKP Intercity](#) and [Ukrainian Railways](#).

Buying train tickets through Ukrainian Railways

Foreign passengers can purchase tickets online for international services operated by Ukrainian Railways. However, non-Ukrainian passengers may need to verify their account before purchasing tickets.

We recommend that you:

- Register in the official Ukrainian Railways app in advance.
- Follow the instructions for [account verification for non-Ukrainian passengers](#).
- Allow sufficient time for verification: Ukrainian Railways indicates that confirmation may take up to 12 hours.
- Check which operator sells each leg of your journey, as tickets for different parts of an international trip may need to be purchased separately.

Please book your tickets well in advance and allow extra time for connections and border crossings. Before travelling, check the exact departure and arrival stations or bus terminals shown on your tickets.

If your flight arrives in another city or country, please let us know. We will be happy to help you plan the most convenient onward journey to Lviv.

2. Getting to the Hotel

You will be staying at **Modern Art Hotel** , located at:

28 Shevchenka Avenue (Prospekt Shevchenka), Lviv

Please note that the hotel is on Shevchenka Avenue, not Shevchenka Street.

From Lviv's main railway station, you can take a tram or a taxi.

By tram

- **Tram No. 9:** Board at Dvortseva Square, just outside the station, heading towards Torfiana Street (*Торф'яна*). Get off at the Saksahanskoho stop (*Саксаганського*), then walk along Saksahanskoho Street to Shevchenka Avenue and continue to No. 28.
- **Tram No. 1:** Board at Dvortseva Square, heading towards Pohulianka (*Погулянка*). Get off at the Doroshenka stop (*Дорошенка*). Walk towards Svobody Avenue, continue towards Mickiewicz Square, and cross the square to reach Shevchenka Avenue. Continue to No. 28.

You can check routes and stops using [EasyWay](#).

Paying for public transport: On Lviv trams, you can pay by tapping a contactless bank card or a phone or watch with Apple Pay or Google Pay against the onboard validator. Follow the validator's instructions and check that your payment has been accepted.

By taxi

You can book a car through [Bolt](#) or [Uklon](#) or [Uber](#). Enter the destination as **Modern Art Hotel, Prospekt Shevchenka, 28**. Before getting into the car, check that its registration number matches the one shown in the app.

If you are arriving by bus, please check your arrival location carefully: not all buses stop near the main railway station.

3. Air Raid Alerts and Safety

Air raid alerts are part of everyday life in Ukraine. Although Lviv is in western Ukraine, air raids can occur here too. Please take all alerts seriously and follow local instructions.

Before your trip

Install the official [Air Alert app](#) for Android or iOS. Select Lviv Region or the relevant local community, and enable notifications and sound alerts. The app is available in English. Further information and download links are also available here:

<https://ajax.systems/de/blog/zastosunok-povitryana-trivoga/>

In Lviv, the local organizers will provide guidance on safety procedures and access to shelters in the event of an air-raid alert. You may also follow channels such as War Monitor for additional updates: https://t.me/s/war_monitor

You can also follow the official [Lviv Regional Military Administration Telegram channel](#).

The hotel shelter

The hotel's shelter is on level -1, one floor below the ground floor. After checking in, please ask the hotel staff to show you how to get there.

If an air raid alert is announced:

- Go to the nearest shelter immediately and follow the hotel staff's instructions.
- Stay there until the official all-clear is announced. Do not leave just because the siren has stopped.
- Take your phone, a power bank, your identification documents, some drinking water, and a warm layer of clothing with you. These items will be useful if you need to remain in the shelter for an extended period.
- Keep your phone charged and your essential belongings close at hand.

Please familiarise yourself with the route to the shelter as soon as you arrive.

4. Curfew in Lviv

As of October 2026, the curfew in Lviv and the surrounding region is **from midnight (00:00) until 05:00**. During these hours, people are generally not permitted to be outdoors or in public places without special authorisation.

Please plan your arrival and evening activities accordingly. If you expect to arrive late, contact the organisers in advance so we can help you consider the options.

Curfew arrangements may change, so please check the latest information shortly before travelling.

5. Money and Payments

The local currency is the Ukrainian hryvnia (UAH).

- **Card payments are widely accepted.** Bank cards and contactless payments work in most hotels, restaurants, cafés, shops, and supermarkets.
- **Bring a small amount of cash in Ukrainian hryvnias.** It can be useful for small purchases or in situations where a card terminal is temporarily unavailable.
- ATMs are available throughout the city.
- Contactless payment by phone or watch using Apple Pay or Google Pay is also widely used.

You do not need to carry large amounts of cash, but having a little on hand is sensible.

6. Before You Travel

We recommend that you:

- Save your tickets, hotel address, and the organisers' contact details on your phone so you can access them without an internet connection.
- Bring a power bank and any essential medication.
- Keep your passport or other relevant travel documents accessible.
- Check entry requirements, your country's official travel advice, and your travel insurance coverage.
- Check the latest curfew hours and plan your arrival in Lviv accordingly.
- Dress for late-November weather: a warm coat, comfortable shoes, and an extra layer are recommended.

We Look Forward to Welcoming You

Thank you for making the journey to Lviv and for standing with Ukraine's museum community.

Our circumstances may be challenging, but our commitment to culture, professional solidarity, and international cooperation remains strong. Ukrainians are known for their hospitality, and we will do our best to make you feel welcome and supported. If something unexpected happens, please remember that you do not have to manage it alone — ask us or someone nearby for help.

We wish you a safe journey and look forward to meeting you in Lviv!

With warm wishes,

The ICOM Security Annual Conference Organising Team