

THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT UKRAINE

Ukraine is the second largest country on the European continent. Ukraine covers approximately 600,000 square kilometers (230,000 sq mi). The official language of Ukraine is Ukrainian. The formation of Ukraine dates back to Kievan Rus - 882 CE. Ukraine gained independence in 1991 as the Soviet Union dissolved, and declared itself neutral.[12] A new constitution was adopted in 1996. A series of mass demonstrations, known as the Euromaidan, led to the establishment of a new government in 2014 after a revolution. Prior to the ongoing Russian invasion, it was the eighth-most populous country in Europe, with a population of around 41 million people (now it is 36.7 million).



The coat of arms of Ukraine is a blue shield with a gold trident. Officially referred to as the Emblem of the Royal State of Volodymyr the Great (there was another great Volodimir in Ukraine), or, colloquially, the "tryzub". Some say the word "volya" ("freedom") is hidden in the tryzub. Others say the white gyrfalcon, is possibly the inspiration for Ukraine's trident.



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