



motoexpedition
On Dnepr-bike to Lake Baykal



The motoexpedition “On Dnepr-bike to Lake Baykal” starts in June 2013. We will head East, facing the Sun, we will cross seven time zones and cover 20 000 kilometers.

The journey starts in the picturesque Precarpathian city of Ivano-Frankivsk, by Ukrainian Carpathians` roots. Paving the way through Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, reaching Lake Baykal, it turns around, and through Russia comes back to Ukraine, to Ivano-Frankivsk.



The members of the expedition are: Petro BUIAK and Yuliia PLYSIUK. This is our story. We are travelers, motorcycle fans and bikers. We will ride the renovated Dnepr-11 with a sidecar, which is a real symbol of Ukrainian cycle-building industry.

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It won't be our first experience in a long-distance riding a Ukrainian bike. In 2011 we made a long trip through Ukraine — 13 regions, 2600 kilometers en route. And now we've decided to take our experiences to the next level — to travel through four Eurasian countries. It means that now we face a tougher challenge — the distance is longer, the strain is greater, and danger is more severe. In return we get more experience and deep impression; there will be more photos and ethnic material.

The previous expedition was theme-oriented. It covered 13 regions of Ukraine, where we visited old castles and fortresses. A photo-illustrated report has been issued after the journey.

This time we are going to share with our blog readers not only landscape photos and stories of our adventures, but also the information regarding the roads we are going to ride: their hard and easy parts, places worth seeing, and the ones that should be avoided.



Near Roman Catholic Cathedral in Olyka town in the region of Volyn

The next step of our journey is Asia. The East interests us with lots of its roads, unexplored by us, and places, unknown to us. We want to cross the greatest landmass' border — to go from Europe to Asia. It will be very enlightening for us, Europeans, to see everyday life and customs of Asians, to get to know their culture and traditions.

We will visit Mongolia and Kazakhstan — countries of thousand years history and extraordinary cultures. This is the land of endless steppes, high mountains and deep lakes, the land where people have an exotic, as for Europeans, way of life. One of the particularities of this

journey is to familiarize ourselves with the nomadic culture of Mongolians.

The second in no way less important aim of this expedition is to tell about Ukraine, and also about what one might need for making a motorcycle trip, as huge as ours, possible.

“On Dnepr-bike to Lake Baykal” is an opportunity to acquire experience and to share it with others. The journey is also a challenge for our motorcycle Dnepr-11. It is made for the roads of Middle and Eastern Europe, while we are going to test it on the treacherous road conditions of Central Asia.



Flock of sheep in Mongolian steppe. Photo: Yurko Mostovshchikov

As Ukrainian citizens we will represent our motherland abroad and demonstrate our native culture and customs in four different ways.

The most famous feature of Ukrainians is generosity which is always manifested is the desire to feed the guests. We will be visitors in Russia, Kazakhstan and Mongolia, but still will show ukrainian hospitality: we will treat all those whom we meet to the most delicious home-made dishes.



Undoubtedly local inhabitants will enjoy borscht, dumplings, Hutsul banosh, because they are not even familiar with some Ukrainian foods. In particular, we will carry some vegetables from Ukraine, which we dried so they will keep during the trip.



Traditions of Ukrainian folk crafts we will show and leave in a gift as souvenirs: toys and decoration in traditional style. Children, pupils of Ivano-Frankivsk school of hand made «BAOBAB», will prepare «motanka»-dolls, toys, earrings and bracelets, made in the traditional folk techniques. These handmade products we are going to give children and adult residents of Asia, which we will meet during the trip.



One of the oldest crafts in Ukraine is forging. The famous Ukrainian blacksmith Vasyl Gudyma has produced commemorative coins «On Dnieper-bike to Lake Baykal», which we are going to give biker clubs, journalists and organizations, whom we will be visiting, as a symbol of our motoexpedition.



Matrix and a memorable coin «On Dnepr-bike to lake Baykal»

Vasyl Gudyma has been working with the center blacksmith in Izbzits, Austria since 2010. For the Austrian delegation blacksmiths that in July 2012 participated in international blacksmith festival in Ulan-Ude, he forged the official emblem of the city Izbzits, which was installed in the composition «Bridge of Peoples' Friendship».

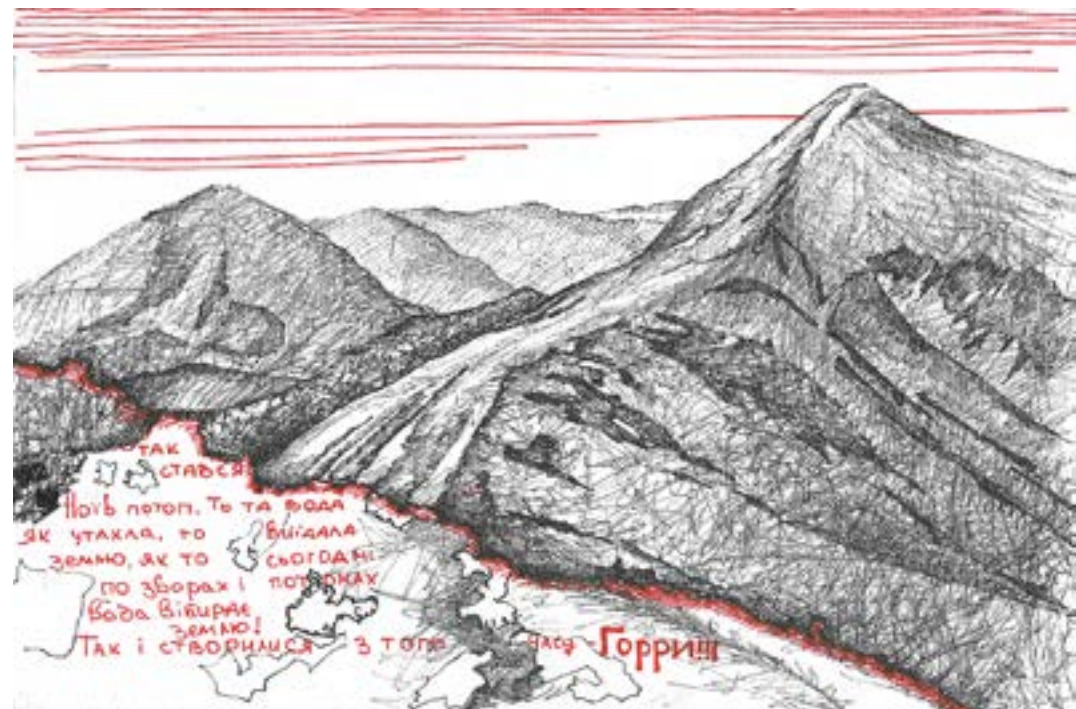


Forged Izbzits coat of arms

Within motoexpedition we will carry the honorable mission of supporting cooperation between blacksmiths of Ukraine, Austria and Buryatia. The element for the composition «Bridge of Peoples' Friendship» with the symbols «On Dnieper-bike to Lake Baykal» and Ukraine, forged by Vasyl Gudyma, we will deliver to the city of Ulan-Ude.



Element of composition «Bridge of Peoples' Friendship»



Visual Arts of Ukraine in our motoexpedition will be presented by the pictures of the artist Yarema Stetsyk known in Western Ukraine. The works will be auctioned, where Ukrainians can buy the right to sign a picture and send it to any corner on the route of «On Dnieper-bike to Lake Baykal».



Thus we make paintings with images of nature, typical architecture, lifestyle of Ukrainians, as well as the motives of the music band Perkalaba, decorate homes in Asia. Collected at the auction funds will fund motoexpedition.

Expedition map



Motoexpedition “On Dnepr-bike to Lake Baykal” is going to be an incredibly interesting and challenging journey. Thousands of kilometers of the Central Asian roads, including dirt roads, and often even off-roads. Due to the difficult nature of landscapes and low population density, we will have to

cross rivers, deserts and roads by ourselves, and also cover hundreds of kilometers without ability to refuel or restock our food reserves.

Hence our expedition does not imply any maintenance crew to follow us; we can rely only on ourselves.

20 000 km road length
3 000 l of fuel
250 kg of cargo
115 days on the road
7 time zones
4 countries



Mongolian yurt. Photo: Yurko Mostovshchikov



Ulan-Bator bikers. Photo: Tegshee Shagaa



Charyn Canyon

We are going to show you Charyn Canyon in Kazakhstan, you are going to see the life of one of the most advanced Central Asian countries. You will find out, how challenging the Altai Mountains and how endless the Mongolian steppes of Hangai are.

We are going to show you the Eastern Siberia's pearl — the cleanest and deepest lake in the world, the Baykal lake. We will tell about the Ukraine and Ukrainians to everyone we meet, while driving through the wide and vast spreads of Russia, Kazakhstan and Mongolia.

We are going to photograph and film everything we see and also thoroughly write about the challenges our brave Ukrainian bike “Dnepr-11” is going to face. Also, we are going to show you the lives of biker clubs in Moscow, Irkutsk and Ulan-Bator.

The expedition is going to start in June 2013. We are already making preparations: we have restored our motorcycle by ourselves. “Dnepr-11” with a sidecar was in a terrible state; now it is in perfect condition, we have adapted it to off-road and long drives without refueling of fuel or water.





We've worked out our itinerary; we are preparing equipment, calculating rations, studying information about countries and places we are going to visit.

Preliminary expedition schedule

Country	Town	Day of the journey	Distance, km
Ukraine	Ivano-Frankivsk	1 day	600
	Kyiv	3-4 day	480
	Kharkiv	6-7 day	364
Russia	Voronezh	9-10 day	521
	Saratov	12-13 day	441
Kazakhstan	Oral	15 day	1250
	Kustanay	20 day	690
	Astana	23-24 day	240
	Karaganda (Shahtinsk)	25-27 day	371
	Balkhash (lake)	30 day	631
	Almaty	32-39 day	570
	Alakol (lake)	41 day	565
	Semey	43 day	200
Russia	Rubtsovsk	44 day	300
	Barnaul	46 day	760
Mongolia	Olgii	49 day	1700
	Ulan Bator	59-63 day	630
Russia	Ulan-Ude	66-67 day	450
	Irkutsk	70-71 day	1060
	Krasnoyarsk	75-76 day	810
	Novosibirsk	79-80 day	705
	Omsk	83-84 day	310
Kazakhstan	Petropavlovsk	86 day	420
Russia	Chelyabinsk	88-89 day	500
	Ufa	90-91 day	300
	Naberezhnye Chelny	92 day	120
	Izhevsk	93-94 day	380
	Kazan	96 day	388
	Nizhny Novgorod	98 day	420
	Moscow	100-104 day	851
Ukraine	Kyiv	108-113 day	600
	Ivano-Frankivsk	115 day	
Total:		115 days	17 627 km



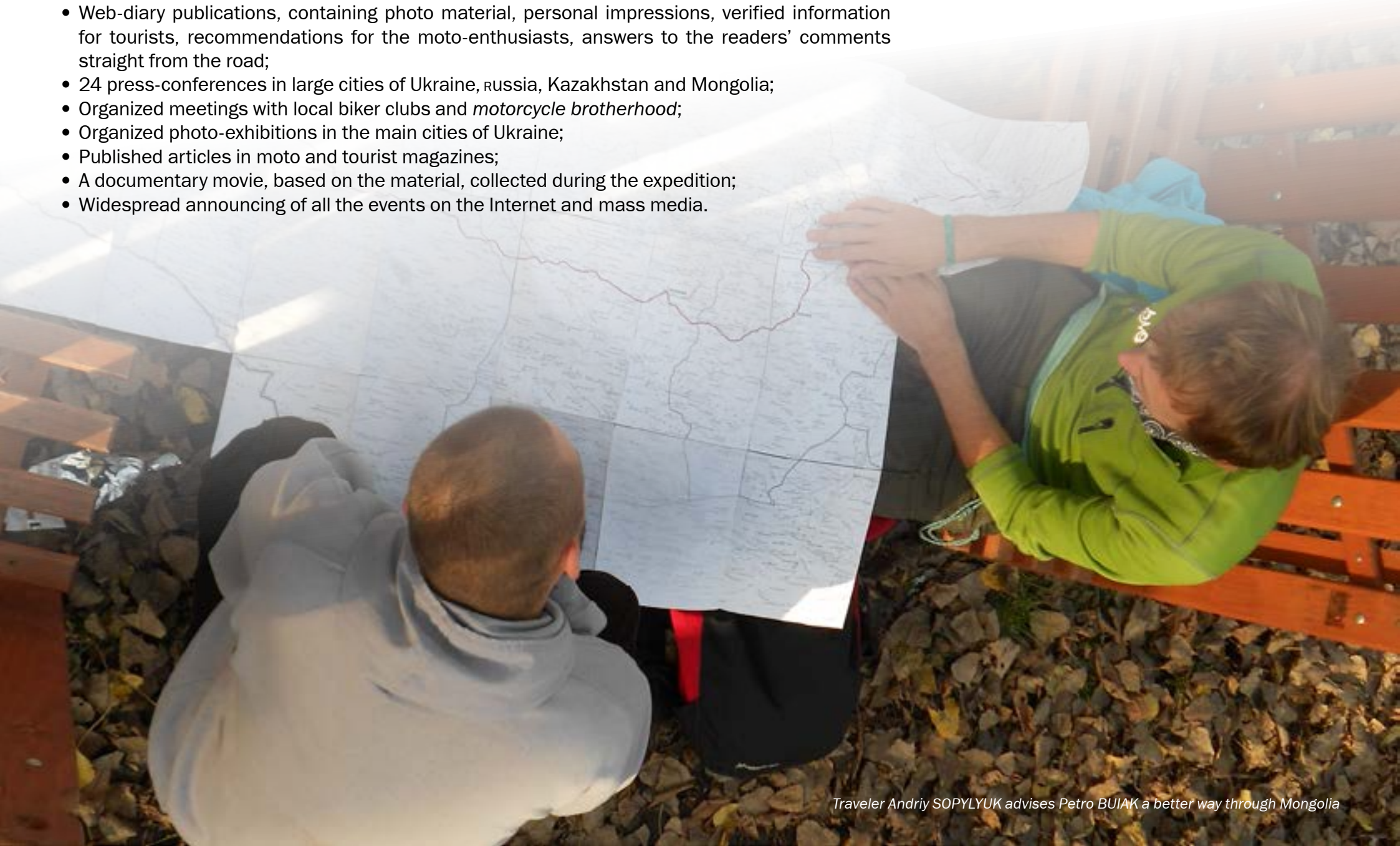
We are going to hold 24 press-conferences during our journey in main cities.

Places for holding press-conferences

Ukraine	Ivano-Frankivsk Kyiv Kharkiv
Russia	Voronezh Saratov
Kazakhstan	Astana Almaty
Mongolia	Ulan Bator
Росія	Ulan-Ude Irkutsk Krasnoyarsk Novosibirsk Omsk Chelyabinsk Ufa Kazan Nizhny Novgorod Moscow
Україна	Kharkiv Kyiv Rivne Lutsk Lviv Ivano-Frankivsk

The results of the motoexpedition “Baykal-lake by Dnepr-bike” will be:

- Web-diary publications, containing photo material, personal impressions, verified information for tourists, recommendations for the moto-enthusiasts, answers to the readers' comments straight from the road;
- 24 press-conferences in large cities of Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan and Mongolia;
- Organized meetings with local biker clubs and *motorcycle brotherhood*;
- Organized photo-exhibitions in the main cities of Ukraine;
- Published articles in moto and tourist magazines;
- A documentary movie, based on the material, collected during the expedition;
- Widespread announcing of all the events on the Internet and mass media.



Technical specs

of the heavy motorcycle
with a sidecar "Dnepr-11"

ENGINE	
Amount of cylinders	2
Position of cylinders	Opposite
Displacement	650.00 cc
Power	38.00 hp
Number of ticks	4
Ignition	Electronic
Cooling	Air
Amount of valves per cylinder	2
Bore / Stroke	78.0 x 68.0 mm
TRANSMISSION	
Gearbox	4 forward, 1 reverse
Drive shaft	Cardan
CHASSIS	
Type of fork	Leading link forks
Front Brake	Drumbrake
Rear Brake	Drumbrake
DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT	
Weight, including liquid	350.0
Tyres	3.75-19
PERFORMANCE AND PROFITABILITY	
Tank Volume	19.00 L
Maximum Speed	125.0 kmh
Average fuel consumption	6-6.5 L/100 km



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