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WELCOME TO CHERNOBYL
THE NUCLEAR TOURISM
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Exploring the swimming pool gym,
Pripyat, exclusion zone

Yuriy does a very particular job: the travel guide in Chernobyl. Since 2011, Ukraine has opened the doors to the area where the nuclear accident occurred back in 1986. Every year at least 15 thousands people visit the place. Yuriy works for one of the many companies which from Kiev organize the "Chernobyl tour": a day in the disaster area that includes a stop in front of the exploded reactor, a visit to the monument in memory of the dead firefighters, the entry in the abandoned villages and the arrival in Pripyat, the city evacuated two days after the explosion and that today is completing falling apart. Tourists come from the US, Europe, Australia, Japan and South America. Today their money is the only thing which hold the economy of this modern Pompei.

Abandoned river port, exclusion zone

Explanation of the guide in front of the exclusion zone's map, check point of the 30 kilometer exclusion zone

Yevgen Goncharenko in a work break
in the bar inside the hotel,
Chernobyl city, the exclusion zone

Inside the scientific laboratories,
the exclusion zone

Selfie from the roof of a building in the city of Pripyat with distant views of the nuclear power plant, zone of exclusion

Inside the kindergarten “Zolotoj Kluchik”,
the golden key, Pripyat, exclusion zone,
compositions made by tourists to take pictures

Tourist at the monument to the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, Chernobyl city, exclusion zone

Panoramic view of the nuclear power plant from the roof of a building, Pripyat, exclusion zone

Tourists with their guide in the main square of Pripyat, exclusion zone

The chef of the hotel near the Chernobyl gadgets for tourists, Chernobyl city, the exclusion zone

Inside the supermarket in the main square of Pripyat, exclusion zone

A fox in the main square of Pripyat, exclusion zone. Wild animals, thanks to the absence humans, have taken possession of the environment

Francesco is from Italy, here is inside the scientific laboratories, the exclusion zone. “I was born in Italy only some days after the disaster, a country very affected by Chernobyl fallout. Since childhood I have heard the name Chernobyl, my parents occasionally spoke of the incident and so I always had the curiosity to see this place. Visiting the exclusion zone was a unique experience, put me in front of the disturbing scenario of a nuclear disaster, the sense of anxiety and anguish pervades everything, leaving only questions that they will not find answers. In addition in the last period I began to devote myself as a photographer to urban exploration of abandoned places, as documentation to fix in the memory locations that will disappear, as the city of Pripyat.”

Gadgets for tourists inside the hotel,
Chernobyl city, the exclusion zone

Inside the cooling tower never finished of the reactor number 5, the exclusion zone

The fence enclosing the exclusion zone, check point of the 30 kilometer exclusion zone

Swimming pool, Pripyat, exclusion zone

Yuriy Tatarchuck while giving to tourists diplomas certifying their visit to the exclusion zone

Behind the fire station, Pripyat,
exclusion zone

Military antenna Duga 3 , Exclusion zone

Yuriy Tatarchuck on ice inside the abandoned electronics factory. The whole basement is flooded and during the winter becomes a slab of ice, where it is possible to walk. Pripyat, exclusion zone

Inside the school number 1, Pripyat, exclusion zone

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