

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

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Certification: In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:

Private Sponsor(s):
International Committee of the Red Cross - ICRC

Travel Dates:
05/23/2025 to 05/31/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$3,136.05	\$405.00	\$228.00	\$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

June 27, 2025

Date

Mike Songer

Printed Name of Traveler



Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

June 27, 2025

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Lodging	\$405.00	- 5/24/2025 5/24/2025 Holiday Inn; Poland; Rzeszow (Day Room); 0 nights; \$58 per night; Does not exceed per diem - 5/24/2025 5/25/2025 Dnister Hotel; Ukraine; Lviv; 1 night; \$60 per night; Does not exceed per diem - 5/25/2025 5/27/2025 Radisson Blue Hotel; Ukraine; Kyiv; 2 nights; \$93 per night; Does not exceed per diem - 5/27/2025 5/27/2025 Brik Hotel; Ukraine; Odesa (Day Room); 0 nights; \$19 per night; Does not exceed per diem - 5/28/2025 5/29/2025 Hotel Sergeev; Ukraine; Mykolaiv; 1 night; \$43 per night; Does not exceed per diem - 5/29/2025 5/30/2025 Brik Hotel; Ukraine; Odesa; 1 night; \$39 per night; Does not exceed per diem
Transportation	\$3,136.05	Round-trip flight - \$2938; Train (Kyiv to Odesa) - \$42; Taxi to Dulles Airport - \$71.99; Taxi from Dulles Airport - \$84.07
Meals	\$228.00	- 5/24/2025 \$10 (breakfast); \$20 (lunch); \$47 (dinner); Germany/Poland/Ukraine; Munich/Rzeszow/Lviv; Does not exceed per diem - 5/25/2025 \$0 (breakfast); \$8 (lunch); \$27 (dinner); Ukraine, Lviv/Kyiv; Does not exceed per diem - 5/26/2025 \$0 (breakfast); \$23 (lunch); \$29 (dinner); Ukraine; Kyiv; Does not exceed per diem - 5/27/2025 \$0 (breakfast); \$0 (lunch); \$24 (dinner); Ukraine; Kyiv; Does not exceed per diem - 5/28/2025 \$0 (breakfast); \$15 (lunch); \$22 (dinner); Ukraine; Odesa; Does not exceed per diem - 5/29/2025 \$0 (breakfast); \$5 (lunch); \$14 (dinner); Ukraine Mykolaiv/Odesa; Does not exceed per diem - 5/30/2025 \$0 (breakfast); \$8 (lunch); \$0 (dinner); Moldova; Chisinau; Does not exceed per diem

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☐ Yes

☒ No

There were changes. Please see attached itinerary.

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

Songer, Mike (Murkowski)

From: Catherine Able-Thomas <cablethomas@icrc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 5:58 PM
To: Songer, Mike (Murkowski)
Cc: Laura Malenas
Subject: Official Invitation to ICRC Ukraine Staff Delegation Trip May 2025
Attachments: Preliminary Itinerary ICRC Ukraine StaffDel May 2025.pdf

Dear Mike,

I am writing to invite you to join a Congressional staff delegation (StaffDel) trip to Ukraine hosted and led by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The trip will showcase the ICRC's diverse operations in Kyiv, Odesa, and Mykolaiv, and highlight the urgent humanitarian needs in the country.

The ICRC organizes Congressional field trips to provide a first-hand understanding of our field operations and bring attention to the critical humanitarian and security needs in areas of interest to U.S. policymakers. **This StaffDel will last one week, departing for Ukraine on Friday, May 23rd, and returning to Washington, D.C. on Friday, May 30th.**

Attached is the itinerary outlining the activities that will make this StaffDel both meaningful and productive. Please note that due to the evolving nature of the armed conflict in Ukraine, ICRC may need to restructure the itinerary to ensure the safety and comfort of all participants. Participants will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.

The ICRC will cover round-trip airfare, accommodations, meals, and incidentals. Our trips comply with all applicable Congressional rules for privately-sponsored travel.

We ask participants to attend all scheduled meetings and briefings, as these are essential to the success of the visit. Please note that participants are required to follow all protocols set by the ICRC to ensure the smooth execution of the trip, participant and staff safety, and compliance with Congressional rules.

Please kindly confirm your participation by **Sunday, April 13th**. To confirm, please respond via email to cablethomas@icrc.org and lmalenas@icrc.org. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to reach out, and we will gladly be of assistance. If for any reason you do not receive acknowledgement of your email within 24 hours, please resend as we have had external emails blocked occasionally. Following confirmation of your participation, I will reach out with a list of required information so as to meet the upcoming ethics deadline.

We are excited about the opportunity to have you join us on this important trip to Ukraine, and we look forward to your participation.

Thank you for considering this invitation and we hope to hear from you soon.

Warmly,

Catherine

Catherine L. Able-Thomas

Congressional Affairs Advisor



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RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:

Michael Songer

Employing Office/Committee:

Office of Senator Lisa Murkowski

Private Sponsor(s):

International Committee of the Red Cross

Destination(s):

Lyiv, Kyiv, Odesa, and Mykolaiv

Travel Dates:

May 23, 2025 - May 30, 2025

NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

As Senator Murkowski's National Security Advisor, I lead on defense, foreign affairs, and intelligence issues. This trip will focus on the war in Ukraine and the role of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as a neutral humanitarian actor. Meetings with Ukrainian officials, the Ukrainian Red Cross, U.S. Embassy staff, and the ICRC will deepen my understanding of the conflict and support my ability to advise the Senator on key policy decisions.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? Name and Relationship to Traveler:

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

4/21/25

Date



Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

Senator Lisa Murkowski

Michael Songer

_____ hereby authorize _____
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

4/21/25

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

International Committee of the Red Cross - ICRC: Ukraine StaffDel 2025

 Mike Songer

Title:

None

Employing Office/Committee:

MURKOWSKI, LISA

Duty Station:

WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):

Lviv, Ukraine

Kyiv, Ukraine

Mykolaiv, Ukraine

Odesa, Ukraine

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

None

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:

None

Organization Information

Organization Name

International Committee of the Red Cross - ICRC

Is your organization classified as a 501(c)(3)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

501(c)(3) Organization Type

Public Charity

Address

1100 Connecticut Ave NW

Address 2 (Optional)

Suite 500

City, State Zip

Washington, District Of Columbia 20036 United States

Phone Number

202-386-1870

Organization URL

<https://www.icrc.org/>

History of Congressional Travel

ICRC's Washington office, which manages relations with the U.S. Government, has sponsored Congressional travel for over 10 years. This initiative is crucial for facilitating Congressional oversight and fostering deeper understanding of the unique humanitarian contexts in which the ICRC operates and ICRC's unique value-add in addressing the humanitarian needs in those contexts. By offering firsthand exposure to ICRC's work, these trips enable Congressional staff to witness the critical assistance provided by ICRC to vulnerable populations. These experiences underscore the ongoing importance of continued U.S. Government support for ICRC's mission and humanitarian efforts worldwide. Recent trip destinations include the Philippines, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Educational Activities

ICRC's Washington, DC office engages U.S. Government interlocutors in confidential dialogue to discuss humanitarian contexts around the world. These briefings are held on a rolling basis with key interlocutors in both the executive and legislative branches, as well as with other relevant authorities in Washington, D.C. In addition, the ICRC organizes workshops on International Humanitarian Law (the law of armed conflict) and other events and activities to facilitate the exchange of information, particularly with armed forces. The ICRC also offers courses, both virtual and in-person, to educate the public about critical humanitarian contexts and the principles of the law of armed conflict.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The goals of this trip are to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the conflict in Ukraine through engagements with national and local authorities; to gain insight into the ICRC's role as a neutral and independent humanitarian organization operating in Ukraine; and to familiarize participants with the ICRC's unique services and programming designed to meet the needs of affected populations and minimize suffering. The trip will include meetings with Ukrainian government officials, the Ukrainian Red Cross, U.S. Embassy representatives, and ICRC staff. There will be visits to several key ICRC operational sites in Kyiv, Odesa and Mykolaiv. This week-long trip will offer a closer look at the ICRC's critical work in Ukraine, demonstrating its role in providing protection and assistance to vulnerable populations in a challenging environment.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

The purpose of this trip aligns with ICRC's mission to provide neutral, impartial, and independent humanitarian assistance to affected populations in conflict zones. By offering participants a comprehensive understanding of the conflict context in Ukraine, the trip highlights the ICRC's essential role in protecting and assisting vulnerable populations. Through engagements with national and local authorities, the U.S. Embassy, the Ukrainian Red Cross and ICRC staff, participants will gain insight into ICRC's identity as a humanitarian organization offering services designed to meet the needs of those affected by conflict. Visits to operational sites will provide a firsthand look at ICRC's efforts in providing critical protection and aid in challenging environments.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- ☒ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

- ☐ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip

- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

- ☒ Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will not** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
05/23/2025 @ 05:40 PM



Trip End Date/Time:
05/30/2025 @ 08:05 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$3,056.77 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$3,000.00

Note

Round Trip - Departure: Washington D.C. (IAD) to Poland (RZE); Return: Moldova (RMO) to Washington D.C. (IAD)

Train	Coach	\$56.77
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Note

One way train: Kyiv to Odesa

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$627.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
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Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
05/24/2025	05/25/2025	Dnister Hotel	Lviv	None	Ukraine	1	\$114.00	No
05/25/2025	05/27/2025	Radisson Blue Hotel	Kyiv	None	Ukraine	2	\$114.00	No
05/27/2025	05/28/2025	Brik Hotel	Odesa (Day room)	None	Ukraine	1	\$57.00	No
05/28/2025	05/29/2025	Hotel Sergeev	Mykolaiv	None	Ukraine	1	\$114.00	No
05/29/2025	05/30/2025	Brik Hotel	Odesa	None	Ukraine	1	\$114.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$372.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
05/24/2025	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$0.00	\$64.00	Lviv	None	Ukraine	No
05/25/2025	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	Lviv/Kyiv	None	Ukraine	No
05/26/2025	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	Kyiv	None	Ukraine	No
05/27/2025	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	Kyiv	None	Ukraine	No
05/28/2025	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$0.00	\$64.00	Odesa	None	Ukraine	No
05/29/2025	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$0.00	\$64.00	Mykolaiv/Odesa	None	Ukraine	No
05/30/2025	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	Chisinau	None	Moldova, Republic of	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
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There are no miscellaneous expenses.

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Ukraine StaffDel 2025

Travel Date(s): 5/23/25 - 5/30/25

Travel Destination(s): Ukraine

Sponsor: International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Dr. Andrea Harrison
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Head of Operations for the Uni
(title)


(signature of sponsor representative)

4/18/25
(date)

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U.S. Congressional Staff Visit to Ukraine

23 May – 30 May 2025

Day 1 – Friday 23 MAY - DEPARTURE		WASHINGTON, D.C. TO POLAND
17:40	Departure from Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) on Lufthansa (LH 9281) via Munich (LH 1604)	
Day 2 – Saturday 24 May – ARRIVAL IN POLAND AND CROSSING TO UKRAINE		LVIV
14:20	Arrival at Rzeszow-Jasionka International Airport (RZE); security and baggage pick-up	
15:00-16:30	Quick lunch at the airport and transfer to the border (1h30 drive) in minibus (non-ICRC vehicle)	
16:30-17:00	Border crossing (total walk through the Polish and Ukrainian border posts : 900m)	
17:30-19:00	Transfer: Drive to Lviv (1h30 drive) in ICRC vehicle	
19:00 (approx.)	Arrival in Lviv and check-in hotel	
19:00-19:30	➤ Welcome and security briefing delivered at the hotel, by Alexander Sultan-Khan, Head of ICRC Office Lviv to discuss the security environment/risks in Lviv, what to do in case of air alerts, and shelter location. ➤ Distribution of briefing pack, phones and 4G SIM cards	
20:00-21:30	Dinner in Lviv	
	Overnight at Dnister Hotel	
Day 3 – Sunday 25 May – TRANSFER FROM LVIV TO KYIV		KYIV
07:00-07:30	Breakfast at Dnister Hotel	
07:50-08:00	Hotel checkout	
08:00	Departure from Lviv and Transfer to Kyiv	
08:00-16:30	The 8h30 drive will include several short stops including for a quick lunch (NB: gas stations in Ukraine are very well stock with food and fast-food options including famous Ukrainian Hot Dogs!)	
During the drive	➤ Discussion and briefings on global ICRC operations by Yasmine Praz Dessimoz, Director of Operations – understanding ICRC's mandate under the Geneva Conventions; unique aspects of ICRC's role including "confidential dialogue" with all actors, "neutral intermediary role," dual mission to protect vulnerable persons, e.g., POWs/detainees, the missing, separated families, and to provide assistance to conflict affected populations.	
During the drive	➤ Discussion and briefings on ICRC operations in Ukraine by Wendy Fleury, Humanitarian Affairs Coordinator – Introduction to topics that will be covered in more details during the Briefing day (Monday) and throughout the week such as ICRC engagement with national authorities on POWs, the missing, children and promotion of IHL. Highlight ICRC assistance operations to reach the most vulnerable focusing on building resilience in essential services (water/power/health) at local levels, and improved economic self-sufficiency.	
16:30 (approx.)	Arrival at the Radisson Blue Hotel in Kyiv	
16:30-17:00	➤ Quick complementary security briefing in the hotel lobby (before check-in) by Wendy Fleury, Humanitarian Affairs Coordinator to discuss the security environment in Kyiv, what to do in case of air alerts and shelter location.	
17:00-19:00	➤ Check-in followed by free time to rest or sight-see (St Sophia square located 10m walking distance from hotel)	
19:00-19:05	➤ Walk to restaurant (200m from hotel)	
19:10-20:30	Dinner at Chichiko restaurant (Georgian food) with ICRC Head of Delegation and management team	
	Return to Radisson Blu hotel, overnight stay.	
DAY 4 – Monday 26 May - BRIEFING DAY & IMMERSIVE TOUR		KYIV
08:00-08:30	Breakfast at Radisson Blue Hotel	
08:30-08:45	Pick up and transfer to ICRC sub-office (10 min drive)	
	Briefing on ICRC operations in Ukraine and occupied territories	
09:00-09:15	➤ Welcome & introduction by Yasmine Praz Dessimoz, Director of Operations	
09:15-09:45	➤ Overview of ICRC operations in Ukraine since 2022 by Jürg Eglin, ICRC Head of Delegation - achievement and challenges since 2022, maintaining operations in the occupied territories, relations with host country, neutral intermediary role played by the ICRC between the parties.	
09:45-10:30	➤ Overview of ICRC programs by Charlotte Josue, Morel Head of Operations – Water, power, essential services and urban resilience, health & continuum of care for combatants & civilians, economic security for frontline communities, weapon contamination (mines/UXO), recovery and rehabilitation.	
10:30-11:00	➤ Overview of Red Cross Movement dimension in Ukraine by Karen Hostens, ICRC Kyiv Head of Movement & Prevention – understanding the partnership between ICRC and the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS)	

11:00-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-12:00	Briefing on ICRC Protection activities ➤ ICRC conventional mandate & neutral intermediary role by Natalie Klein Kelly, ICRC Kyiv Head of Protection <i>Learn about ICRC's specific mandate in an international armed conflict to "protect enemy persons in the hands of the adversary", protection of family links, cross-border passage & repatriation operations for separated family members, and repatriation of remains to allow families to understand what happened to their loved one and conduct appropriate funeral rites.</i>
12:00-13:00	➤ Accounting System by Dusan Vujanin, Head of ICRC Central Tracing Agency <i>ICRC runs a dedicated office that centralizes and preserves data on persons in "enemy hands" (prisoners of war, and civilians, alive or dead). This office receives notifications from both parties to the conflict.</i>
13:00-13:45	Lunch (catered on site)
13:45-14:00	Transfer: Drive to main ICRC delegation
14:00-17:30	Hop & stop immersive tour led by Mariana Alcoforado, Deputy Protection Coordinator <i>Step into the real-life operations of the ICRC: visit and interact with ICRC Protection, Data, Forensic teams to understand the invisible protection work of the ICRC.</i> ➤ Module 1 (30 min) : Contact Call Center - interact with ICRC team receiving the calls from families in anguish and orienting them – learn about the pain, difficulties and joys of interacting with families of PoWs and missing ➤ Module 2 (45 min): "Reconnect" - Hear from 'protection of family links' team, how the ICRC facilitate the exchange of messages between Ukrainian PoWs and their families in Ukraine ➤ Module 3 (45 min): "Separated by the frontline" – Experience and hear from ICRC team enabling the cross-border passage of civilians between Russia and Ukraine (both directions) ➤ Module 4 (45 min) : "Interned" learn more about ICRC's visits to PoW camps in Ukraine and support to Ukrainian penitentiary services ➤ Module 5 (30 min): Testimony from a family reunited by the ICRC across the frontline
17:45-18:00	Drive to dinner and stop at Maidan Square
18:00-19:00	➤ Visit of Maidan Square , symbolic heart of Kyiv and epicenter of the 2004 Orange Revolution and 2014 Euromaidan protests. <i>Today, Maidan stands as a tribute to the fallen. It is lined with portraits and memorials honoring the "Heavenly Hundred" killed during the 2014 revolution and flags of Ukrainian soldiers fallen in the ongoing conflict</i>
19:15-20:30	Dinner at "Last Barricade restaurant" underneath Maidan square (Ukrainian cuisine)
21:00	Return to Radisson Blue Hotel, overnight stay.
Day 5 – Tuesday 27 May - VISIT AND EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT	
08:00-08:45	Breakfast at Radisson Blue Hotel
08:45-09:00	Drive to the Burn Center, Hospital No.2
09:00-10:30	➤ Visit to Hospital N°2 – Burn center . Briefing and discussion with Eduard Krasiuk, General Director of the Hospital , and Tatiana Bondarenko, Medical Director . <i>The visit will be accompanied by Luis Tello, ICRC Health Coordinator and Andrii Yablonskyi, Health Field Officer.</i> <i>Learn about the long-term recovery from complex trauma for war-wounded service personnel (supported by the ICRC in partnership with the British Red Cross)</i>
10:45-11:15	Security procedures to access Office of the President (30 min)
11:15-12:15	➤ Meeting with Office of the President (Igor Zhovkva, Deputy Head of OPU for Foreign Policy) <u>or</u> the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (Parliament)
12:15-12:30	Drive to Lunch
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:00	Return drive from Lunch
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16:30-17:00	Drive to U.S Residence and Security
17:00-18:30	➤ Informal welcome and briefing at U.S residence, with U.S. Embassy personnels including CdA John Ginkel and Sarah El Sayed, PRM Coordinator . <i>U.S. in-country activities, engagement with Ukrainian government and other actors including ICRC.</i>

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19:00-19:30	Drive back to Blue Radisson Hotel
19:30-21:30	Refresh and pick-up light dinner at the hotel or Yaroslav street
21:45-22:00	Check out and drive to train station – Train departs at 22:44 – arrive to ODESA 07.20
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09:00-09:30	Breakfast at the Hotel
09:30-09:45	Transfer (walk) to Odesa ICRC Sub Delegation
09:45-12:00	➤ Security briefing led by Nathaniel Rees, Head of Odesa Sub Delegation - discuss the security environment in Odesa, Mykolaiv and Kherson oblasts, specific security rules for the field trip in orange areas (Kherson), what to do in case of air alerts, and shelter locations. ➤ Overview of the program (by Nathaniel Rees) ➤ Briefing on conflict dynamics and key protection issues in Southern Ukraine (by Nathaniel Rees) ➤ Briefing on country-wide forensic operations by Andres Rodriguez Zorro, Forensic coordinator. <i>Shedding light on ICRC's systemic support to Ukraine's medico-legal system and participates as neutral intermediary in regular operations of repatriation of fallen servicemen between Russia and Ukraine. Focus on challenges and long-term perspectives</i>
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14:45-15:30	Transfer to Oleksandrivka (45 min drive)
15:30-16:00	➤ Visit satellite Medico Legal Bureau (MLB) with Ms. Tetiana Papizh, MLB Director; Mr. Valeriy Cherniavskyi, pathologist of Oleksandrivka MLB; Niamh Smith, ICRC Forensic Specialist. ICRC has supported this satellite MLB with refrigerated containers, and will support with rehabilitation of the morgue later this year.: <i>Staffers will gain an understanding of the process of identification and preservation of human remains in a conflict setting. As a follow on to the visit at the Medical Legal Bureau, see the facility where the forensic work takes place, and challenges facing staff as they manage large caseloads of missing, complex technical challenges to positive identification of remains, and pressing needs of families waiting for clarification on the fate of their loved ones.</i>
16:00-18:00	Transfer: Drive to Mykolaiv (2hrs)
18:00-19:00	Arrival at Hotel Sergeev, Mykolaiv and check-in (overnight stay)
19:00-20:30	Dinner (location TBC and depending on security situation at the time of the visit)
DAY 7 - Thursday 29 May – URBAN RESILIENCE AND LIVELIHOOD	
	MYKOLAIV & KHERSON
07:00-08:30	Breakfast in Hotel Sergeev and check out
08:30-09:00	Drive to Mykolaiv Central Heating Plant
09:00-11:00	➤ Visit of Mykolaiv Central Heating Plant with Guillaume Binet, ICRC Water & Habitat Program Manager and Mr. Dmytro Myroshnychenko, Director of Heating Plant <i>Learn about the challenges related to strikes on critical infrastructure and ICRC's Urban Resilience Program. Staffers will see how ICRC efforts, supported by U.S. contributions, allow local authorities to maintain essential services for populations even with ongoing hostilities, ultimately reducing need.</i>
11:00-11:30	Drive to Governor's Office
11:30-12:30	➤ Meeting with Vitalii Kim Governor of Mykolaiv Oblast and head of the Mykolaiv Regional Military Administration. <i>The Governor will brief on the humanitarian impact of the conflict, the role of local authorities in responding to the needs and coordination/prioritization with the ICRC.</i>
12:30-13:00	Transfer: Drive to Mirne (Mykolaiv Oblast)

13:00-13:30	➤ Urban resilience water project led by Guillaume Binet, ICRC Water & Habitat Program Manager <i>Visit of water pipeline sabotaged during the withdrawal of Russian armed forces in 2022 and repaired with ICRC support, allowing restoration of clean water access to the local population.</i> <i>Meet with Dudenko Boris Leonidovich, Director of Vodakanal, understand the challenges facing local authorities in providing essential services to conflict-affected populations and ICRC's support for clean water access.</i>
13:30-14:00	Lunch on the go and transfer to Posad-Pokrovske village (Kherson oblast)
14:00-17:30	Visit various communities of people affected by the conflict led by Guillaume Binet, ICRC Water & Habitat Program Manager <i>ICRC livelihood and agricultural projects - Since 2023, ICRC has been running an agricultural support program in frontline areas of Ukraine. Communities are provided with everything they need to plant, grow and increase crop yields including seeds, fertilizers, agricultural tools, irrigation systems and greenhouses. Briefing conducted by Yan Sun, Economic Security Program manager</i>
17:30-19:30	Return Drive to Odesa
19:30-20:30	Arrival and check into Brik Hotel, Odesa
20:30-22:00	Closure dinner in City Garden area with ICRC Team
DAY 8 - Friday 30 May – DEPARTURE	
07:00-08:00	Breakfast in Brik Hotel and check-out
08:00	Transfer: Drive from Odesa to Moldova border + border crossing (20-30 min – 400m walk)
12:00 (approx.)	Arrival in Chisinau, Moldova
14:10	Departure from Chisinau International Airport (RMO) on Lufthansa (LH 1559) via Frankfurt (LH 9252)
20:05	Arrival at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)
MOLDOVA to WASHINGTON, D.C.	



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23 May – 30 May 2025

Day 1 – Friday 23 MAY – DEPARTURE		WASHINGTON, D.C. TO POLAND
17:40	Departure from Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) on Lufthansa (LH 9281) via Munich (LH 1604)	
Day 2 – Saturday 24 May – ARRIVAL IN POLAND AND CROSSING TO UKRAINE		LVIV
12:20	Arrival LH 1604 to Rzeszow-Jasionka International Airport (RZE) – [Wendy Fleury, ICRC Humanitarian Affairs Coordinator will be waiting at arrivals with an ICRC sign].	
13:00-14:45	Lunch at the Holiday Inn airport hotel; arrival of ICRC Director of Operations.	
14:45-16:30	Depart airport hotel and transfer to the border (1h30 drive) in minibus (non-ICRC vehicle)	
16:30-17:00	Border crossing (total walk through the Polish and Ukrainian border posts: 900m)	
17:30-19:30	Transfer: Drive to Lviv (approx. 2h drive) in ICRC minibus	
	Arrival in Lviv and check-in hotel Dnister	
19:30 (approx.)	➤ Welcome and security briefing delivered at the hotel, by Alexander Sultan-Khan, Head of ICRC Office Lviv to discuss the security environment/risks in Lviv, what to do in case of air alerts, and shelter location. ➤ Distribution of briefing pack, phones and 4G SIM cards	
20:00-21:30	Dinner in Lviv city center	
Day 3 – Sunday 25 May – TRANSFER FROM LVIV TO KYIV		KYIV
07:00-07:30	Breakfast at Dnister Hotel	
07:50-08:00	Hotel checkout	
08:00	Departure from Lviv and Transfer to Kyiv	
08:00-16:30	The 8h30 drive will include several short stops including for a quick lunch [NB: gas stations in Ukraine are very well stocked with fast-food options including famous Ukrainian Hot Dogs!]	
During the drive	➤ Discussion and briefings on global ICRC operations by Yasmine Praz Dessimoz, Director of Operations – understanding ICRC's mandate under the Geneva Conventions; unique aspects of ICRC's role including "confidential dialogue" with all actors, "neutral intermediary role," dual mission to protect vulnerable persons, e.g., POWs/detainees, the missing, separated families, and to provide assistance to conflict affected populations.	
During the drive	➤ Discussion and briefings on ICRC operations in Ukraine by Wendy Fleury, Humanitarian Affairs Coordinator – Introduction to topics that will be covered in more details during the Briefing day (Monday) and throughout the week such as ICRC engagement with national authorities on POWs, the missing, children and promotion of IHL. Highlight ICRC assistance operations to reach the most vulnerable focusing on building resilience in essential services (water/power/health) at local levels, and improved economic self-sufficiency.	
16:30 (approx.)	Arrival at the Radisson Blue Hotel in Kyiv	
16:30-17:00	➤ Quick complementary security briefing and visit of the hotel underground shelter by Wendy Fleury to discuss what to do in case of air alerts.	
17:00-19:00	➤ Check-in followed by free time to rest or sight-see (St Sophia square located 10m walking distance from hotel)	
19:00-19:05	➤ Walk to restaurant (200m from hotel)	
19:10-20:30	Dinner at Chichiko restaurant (Georgian food) with ICRC Head of Delegation and management team	
	Return to Radisson Blu hotel, overnight stay	
DAY 4 – Monday 26 May – BRIEFING DAY & IMMERSIVE TOUR		KYIV
08:00-08:30	Breakfast at Radisson Blue Hotel	
08:30-08:45	Pick up and transfer to ICRC sub-office (10 min drive)	
	Briefing on ICRC operations in Ukraine and occupied territories	
09:00-09:15	➤ Welcome & introduction by Yasmine Praz Dessimoz, Director of Operations	
09:15-09:45	➤ Overview of ICRC operations in Ukraine since 2022 by Jürg Eglin, ICRC Head of Delegation – achievement and challenges since 2022, maintaining operations in the occupied territories, relations with host country, neutral intermediary role played by the ICRC between the parties.	
09:45-10:30	➤ Overview of ICRC programs by Charlotte Josue, Morel Deputy Head of Delegation – Water, power, essential services and urban resilience, health & continuum of care for combatants & civilians, economic security for frontline communities, weapon contamination (mines/UXO), recovery and rehabilitation.	
10:30-11:00	➤ Overview of Red Cross Movement dimension in Ukraine by Karen Hostens, Deputy Head of Delegation – understanding the partnership between ICRC and the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS)	

11:00-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-12:00	Briefing on ICRC Protection activities ➤ ICRC conventional mandate & neutral intermediary role by Natalie Klein Kelly, ICRC Kyiv Head of Protection <i>Learn about ICRC's specific mandate in an international armed conflict to "protect enemy persons in the hands of the adversary", protection of family links, cross-border passage & repatriation operations for separated family members, and repatriation of remains to allow families to understand what happened to their loved one and conduct appropriate funeral rites.</i>
12:00-13:00	➤ Accounting System by Dusan Vujasanin, Head of ICRC Central Tracing Agency <i>ICRC runs a dedicated office that centralizes and preserves data on persons in "enemy hands" (prisoners of war, and civilians, alive or dead). This office receives notifications from both parties to the conflict.</i>
13:00-13:45	Lunch (catered on site)
13:45-14:00	Transfer: Drive to main ICRC delegation Hop & stop immersive tour led by Mariana Alcoforado, Deputy Protection Coordinator <i>Step into the real-life operations of the ICRC: visit and interact with ICRC Protection, Data, Forensic teams to understand the invisible protection work of the ICRC.</i>
14:00-17:30	➤ Module 1 (30 min) : Contact Call Center - interact with ICRC team receiving the calls from families in anguish and orienting them – learn about the pain, difficulties and joys of interacting with families of PoWs and missing ➤ Module 3 (45 min): "Separated by the frontline" – Experience and hear from ICRC team enabling the cross-border passage of civilians between Russia and Ukraine (both directions) ➤ Module 2 (45 min): "Reconnect" - Hear from 'protection of family links' team, how the ICRC facilitate the exchange of messages between Ukrainian PoWs and their families in Ukraine Coffee break ➤ Module 4 (45 min) : "Interned" learn more about ICRC's visits to PoW camps in Ukraine and support to Ukrainian penitentiary services ➤ Module 5 (30 min): Testimony from a family reunited by the ICRC across the frontline
17:45-18:00	Drive to Maidan Square ➤ Visit of Maidan Square , symbolic heart of Kyiv and epicenter of the 2004 Orange Revolution and 2014 Euromaidan protests. <i>Today, Maidan stands as a tribute to the fallen. It is lined with portraits and memorials honoring the "Heavenly Hundred" killed during the 2014 revolution and flags of Ukrainian soldiers fallen in the ongoing conflict</i>
18:00-19:00	Dinner at "Last Barricade restaurant" underneath Maidan square (Ukrainian cuisine)
19:15-20:30	
21:00	Return to Radisson Blue Hotel, rest overnight.
Day 5 – Tuesday 27 May - VISIT AND EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT	
08:00-08:45	Breakfast at Radisson Blue Hotel
08:30-09:00	Drive to the Burn Center, Hospital No.2
09:00-11:15	➤ Visit to Hospital N°2 – Burn center. Briefing and discussion with Eduard Krasiuk, General Director of the Hospital and Tatiana Bondarenko, Medical Director. <i>The visit will be accompanied by Luis Tello, ICRC Health Coordinator and Andrii Yablonskyi, Health Field Officer. Learn about the long-term recovery from complex trauma for war-wounded service personnel (supported by the ICRC in partnership with the British Red Cross)</i>
11:15-12:00	Drive and security procedures to access Office of the President (30 min) ➤ Meeting with Office of the President (OPU) - Igor Zhovkva, Deputy Head of OPU for Foreign Policy <i>Mr. Zhovkva will provide an overview of the humanitarian impacts of three years of conflict on the Ukrainian population, as well as the government's response and coordination with international and local humanitarian actors to respond to these impacts, including essential services (water, power, health), access to education, livelihoods, and efforts to protect the most vulnerable from the effects of the conflict.</i>
12:00-13:15	
13:15-14:00	Lunch on-the-go; Drive and security procedures to access U.S. Embassy
14:00-15:30	➤ Meeting with U.S. Ambassador Julie Davis , various heads of departments and sectors, and PRM Coordinator Sarah El-Sayed <i>U.S. in-country activities, engagement with Ukrainian government and other actors including ICRC.</i>
15:30-16:00	Drive to Ukrainian Red Cross Society Office
16:00-17:00	➤ Meeting with Maksym Dotsenko, Director General of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) <i>ICRC partners with URCS to deliver relief to people affected by the conflict in Ukraine. We work together to respond to the needs generated by the long years of armed conflict.</i>
17:00-17:30	Drive and security procedures to access Ministry of Defense

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11:45-13:00	Drive to Governor office & lunch on-the-go
13:00-14:30	➤ Meeting with Mykola Marinov, Deputy Chief of the Mykolaiv Regional Military Administration (Governor's Office) <i>The Governor's office will brief on the humanitarian impact of the conflict, the role of local authorities in responding to the needs and coordination/prioritization with the ICRC.</i>
14:30-15:00	Drive to Mykolaiv water treatment center
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15:45-18:30	Return Drive to Odesa
18:30-20:30	Arrival and check into Brik Hotel
20:30-22:00	Rest and short city tour around Odesa with ICRC Head of Sub Delegation, Nathaniel Rees
	Closure dinner at Poncho Snack Art Bar and Restaurant with ICRC Team
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