

Tour “Highlights of Armenia and Georgia”

Key information

Duration: 15 days / 14 nights

Tour type: Small group of 3-13 people

What's included:

Transfers from/to the airport, accommodation for 14 nights (3* hotels, double rooms), breakfast, 1 bottle of water per day (0.5lt.), English speaking guide services, comfortable vehicle during the tour, all entrance fees as per program, Tatev Cable car ticket

What's not included:

Flights, visa fee, medical insurance, lunches, dinners

Itinerary in brief

- Day 1 - Arrival in Yerevan
- Day 2 - Yerevan City Tour - Echmiadzin - Zvartnots
- Day 3 - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan
- Day 4 - Khor Virap - Noravank - Areni - Karahunj - Goris
- Day 5 - Tatev - Devil's Bridge - Jermuk - Arpa
- Day 6 - Selim Pass - Sevan - Dilijan
- Day 7 - Lori - Stepanavan - Haghpat
- Day 8 - Armenian-Georgian border - Tbilisi
- Day 9 - Ananuri - Gudauri - Vedza - Gergeti - Dariali - Tbilisi
- Day 10 - Javakheti - Paravani - Khertvisi - Vardzia - Akhaltsikhe
- Day 11 - Rabati - Sapara - Borjomi - Kutaisi
- Day 12 - Kutaisi - Bagrati - Sataplia - Gelati - Motsameta - Tbilisi
- Day 13 - Kakheti - Telavi - Tsinandali - Signaghi - Tbilisi
- Day 14 - Mtskheta - Jvari - Svetitskhoveli - Gori - Tbilisi
- Day 15 - Departure



Detailed itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Yerevan, transfer to the hotel. Yerevan is the capital of Armenia, its largest city and the administrative, cultural, and industrial centre. Yerevan is often referred to as the city of contradictions where modernity is interweaving with antiquity. It is filled with a cosy atmosphere, there is no hustle and bustle and you will feel friendliness and hospitality. More interesting facts about Yerevan you will learn the next day during your guided city tour.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Day 2

City tour around Yerevan. Visit Matenadaran institute museum which houses over 17,000 ancient and medieval manuscripts. Stop at the Food Market of Yerevan where you will have an opportunity to wander through the aisles of locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables. Trip to Echmiadzin town, the religious centre of all Armenians around the world. Visit Echmiadzin Cathedral. On the way back you will stop at the ruins of Zvartnots temple (7th century, UNESCO World Heritage Site) that was a miracle of its time.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 5-6 hours

Length: 40 km

Day 3

Trip to the scenic canyon of the Azat River to Geghard Cave Monastery listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Tour to Hellenistic Garni temple built in 77 AD, dedicated to the Armenian God of the Sun Mitra. Visit the Museum of Armenian History where you will have a fascinating journey through the rich history of Armenia.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 90 km

Day 4

Trip to the south of Armenia to Khor Virap Monastery located at the foot of Biblical Mount Ararat. The tour will continue through a narrow canyon to the valley of red rocks where Noravank Monastery is located. En route, you will visit wine factory to taste local wine made of the unique grape sort "Areni". Stop at Karahunj - a 6,000-year-old observatory known as the "Armenian Stonehenge". The last tour destination is Goris town encompassed by rocky caves and mountains.

Overnight: Hotel in Goris

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 240 km

Day 5

Trip to the pearl of Armenian Medieval architecture, the Monastery and the University of Tatev. The monastery can be reached by the longest cable car in the world which stretches over the 320 meter-deep Vorotan River Canyon. Stop at natural bridge named "Devil's Bridge" at the bottom of the deep canyon. Next stop is the resort town of Jermuk, famous for its hot mineral springs and scenic landscape. Walkthrough the Arpa River Canyon to admire the Jermuk Waterfall.

Overnight: Hotel in Jermuk

Meals: Breakfast



Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 180 km

Day 6

The trip along the part of the Great Silk Road towards the Selim Pass. Stop at 14th century Selim Caravanserai – one of the most well-preserved hostels along the ancient Great Silk Road. En route, you will be able to admire the azure waters of Lake Sevan located 2000 m above the sea.

Overnight: Hotel in Dilijan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 6-7 hours

Length: 210 km

Day 7

Morning trip to Lori region. Here you will see the ruins of the ancient fortress of Lori which was once the centre of Lori Kingdom. Visit Stepanavan dendropark – Armenia's first botanical garden. 15 hectares of its territory are planted with exotic trees and the rest 20 hectares are covered by natural wild forest. It is not by chance that this amazing place is considered one of the most beautiful corners of Armenia – once here, you will feel like in a fairy tale. Trip to the north of the country to visit Haghpat Monastery, which is listed by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites. Free evening in Haghpat village.

Overnight: Hotel in Haghpat

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 6-7 hours

Length: 130 km

Day 8

Transfer to Armenian-Georgian border. You will meet our Georgian representatives on the border and then head to Tbilisi. Tour to the open-air Museum of Ethnography located on the territory of Turtle Lake. The museum exhibits traditional houses and farm buildings which have the architecture typical to different Georgian regions. Stroll around Meidani Square. Visit the Assumption Church located on the picturesque hill in the historic district of Metekhi. Trip up the hill by the cable car to Narikala Fortress which is an ancient symbol of Tbilisi. Tour in the Old Town where the famous sulfuric baths are located (XVII-XIX cc.) standing on the natural sulfur springs. The last tour destination – Mtatsminda Mount located in the city centre.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 160 km

Day 9

Drive to Ananuri well-preserved castle located on the shore of the Zhinvali reservoir. Once it was the defensive fortress of the feudal era. Stop in Gudauri resort town to admire amazing views of the mountains. Stop to visit Sour waters of Vedza. Visit Gergeti Church located at an altitude of 2170 m not far from legendary Mount Kabegi. From the top of the hill opens an amazing view which cannot be expressed in words. The last tour destination will be the Dariali Gorge and the church of Transfiguration. Return to Tbilisi.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours



Length: 250 km

Day 10

Trip through Javakheti region to Vardzia cave town. Stop at Paravani Lake which is the largest in the country. Near the lake you will visit the monastery of St. Nino which is famous for its small dairy managed by local nuns. Here you will find various unique kinds of cheeses that cannot be found anywhere else in Georgia. Climb up the hill to Khertvisi Fortress (X century) for making memorable photos. The last destination will be Vardzia – cave monastery complex that dates back to the XII century. It consists of thousands of caves carved out in the rock. Stop in Akhaltsikhe town.

Overnight: Hotel in Akhaltsikhe

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 350 km

Day 11

Visit Rabati Fortress which is a recently renovated huge castle complex of Akhaltsikhe. It dates back to the XIII century. A short trip to Sapara Monastery hidden in the mountain forests. It is located about 11 km from Akhaltsikhe. Stop in Borjomi resort town to try its world-famous mineral waters just from the spring in the Mineral Water Park. Trip to Kutaisi – the second largest city in Georgia.

Overnight: Hotel in Kutaisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 5-6 hours

Length: 200 km

Day 12

Sightseeing tour in Kutaisi. Visit Bagrati Cathedral (UNESCO object) which is located on a hill overlooking the entire town. Visit Sataplia – the national reserve located in the amazing mountains. Visit the Gelati Monastery (UNESCO object). The last excursion will be at Motsameta Monastery located on the hill under the River Tskhaltsitela-Red River. Drive to Tbilisi.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 8-9 hours

Length: 300 km

Day 13

Trip to Kakheti winemaking region. Visit Telavi – the centre of Kakheti and winemaking in general. Excursion around Tsinandali estate that once belonged to Chavchavadzes dynasty. The estate is known for its amazing labyrinth-gathered with exotic trees in it and with cellars, where the unique collection of Georgian and European wine is preserved. Stroll around beautiful Signaghi town famous for its architecture in the style of southern Italian classicism. Drive back to Tbilisi.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 280 km



Day 14

Trip to Mtskheta – the ancient capital of Georgia. Climb up the hill to Jvari Monastery located on the top of the mountain. This area offers breathtaking views of the confluence of the Aragvi and Mtkvari rivers and the entire town. Visit Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (UNESCO object) which is the main cathedral of Georgia. Trip to Gori town located in the eastern part of Georgia. Drive back to Tbilisi.

Overnight: *Hotel in Tbilisi*

Meals: *Breakfast*

Duration: *8-9 hours*

Length: *300 km*

Day 15

Transfer to the airport, departure.



Booking terms and conditions

Once we received your application, confirmed all tour details with you, we will send a deposit invoice. After the deposit of 50-100 euro per person (depending on the tour price) is received, we will start your hotel reservation and other service booking and will send your Tour Voucher with all the trip details.

Payment Terms

After you have booked the tour, it is necessary to make a non-refundable deposit of 50-100 euros, which will provide our coordinators with the possibility to start organizing a trip (hotel reservation, food, transportation, etc.). Final payment could be made after your arrival on the spot. We reserve the right to cancel your booking and apply the relevant cancellation charges (detailed below) if we do not receive all payments at the due time.

Cancellation of the tour

If you or a member of your group wants to cancel the tour, please, inform our company as soon as possible in writing form. Please, note that the prepayment (50-100 euros) is non-refundable, however, you can use it throughout the year and book another tour. In this case, our company will have to charge an extra 100 euros for re-booking the hotel.

Rights and obligations

Tours provided by our company are planned for many months before its inception and are not the subject of change or cancellation. Under the obligation of forced circumstances (weather, holidays) we can make some changes in the itinerary, however, all that relates to services and attractions will remain unchanged.

Please note, that our tours require a minimum number of participants – 2 persons. We reserve the right to cancel the trip, if any tour will not have the minimum number of participants. We will inform you about the cancellation of the tour no later than 30 days before the start and will do the full refund of the amount paid, including the prepayment.

We also request immediately and promptly report all complaints and any claims during the tour. If possible, all problems will be solved. If the tourist does not report any complaint, the compensation will not be implemented.

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