

Georgia and Armenia Classical Tour

Key information

Duration: 9 days / 8 nights

Best season: April-October

Tour type: Small group of 2-13 pax

What's included:

Airport transfers, accommodation in hotels 8 nights (3* hotels with free WiFi double/twin room), breakfast, 3 bottles of water per day (0.5lt.), all transfers in air-conditioned vehicles, English speaking guide service for all days, all admission fees, 4-wheel drive vehicle for Gergeti Trinity Church, wine tasting in Signaghi.

What's not included:

Flights, visa fee, medical insurance

Itinerary in brief

Day 1 – Transfer from airport - hotel check-in

Day 2 - Tbilisi city tour - Mtskheta - Jvari monastery

Day 3 – Ananuri forester - Kazbegi - Gudauri - Gudauri balcony - Gergeti - Tbilisi

Day 4 – Kakheti - Telavi - Batonis tsikhe - Tsinandali - Tbilisi

Day 5 – Georgia Armenia Border transfer - Goshavank monastery - Sevan - Yerevan

Day 6 – Yerevan City Tour - Etchmiadzin Cathedral - Genocide Memorial

Day 7 – Khor Virap - Noravank Monastery - Yerevan

Day 8 – Garni Pagan Temple - Geghard Cave Monastery

Day 9 – Departure



Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

Transfer from the airport. Hotel check-in.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Day 2

Morning drive to Mtskheta – one of the most ancient towns in Georgia, known as the religious center of the country. Here you will go up the hill to the Jvari Monastery – the amazing symbol of Georgian church architecture. According to the legend, at the site of the monastery St. Nino established one of her three crosses. The excursion will continue to Svetitskhoveli Cathedral – the first and the main church in Georgia. City tour around Tbilisi – the bright and hospitable capital of Georgia. Trip to the historical district of Metekhi, where you will see the Assumption Church located on the picturesque hill. The next stop is the Bridge of Peace – designed by a well-known Italian architect; it is one of the most famous city's landmarks. Going up to the Narikala Fortress, situated on a hill. You will reach the fortress by the cable car, and at the top, a spectacular view of the city opens. Going down by foot. The excursion will continue to the sulfuric baths – the famous royal bath complex (XVII-XIX centuries), standing on the warm natural sulfur springs. That is one of the main attractions of the Old Town. Stroll around cozy Shardeni Street named after the French traveler Jean Chardin. The street has an architecture resembling Paris and is full of cozy cafes, boutiques, and interesting galleries.

The path will continue to Juma Mosque located on Botanical Street. Visit Meydan Square, one of the central squares of the Old Town.

Excursion to Sioni church. One of the greatest relics of Georgia, the cross of St. Patriarchate is kept there.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 5-6 hours

Length: 60km

Day 3

In the morning Drive to Ananuri Fortress – a well-preserved castle on the shore of the Zhinvali Reservoir, the former defensive fortress of the feudal era.

Stop in Gudauri – a popular ski resort that is beautiful in any season. Here you will see the Balcony dedicated to the Treaty of Georgievsk and enjoy the amazing views of the mountains that open from here.

After a 5-minute drive, you will visit the Sour waters of Vedza. The place offers picturesque scenes.

Visit the Trinity Church (Gergeti) situated at an altitude of 2170 m at the foot of Mount Kazbek. The church was built in the XIV century and is the only cross-domed church in the historic Georgian province of Khevi. From the top of the hill opens the incredibly beautiful scenery.

Drive back to Tbilisi

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 250km



Day 4

Drive to Kakheti – the picturesque region famous for the production of excellent Georgian wines.

Stroll around Telavi – the center of the Kakheti region. Telavi is well-known for its delightful landscapes. There you can see a 9-hundred-year-old tree. Visit Tsinandali village – the patrimony of a famous Georgian family – Chavchavadze. The estate is known for its amazing labyrinth planted with exotic trees and cellars, where the unique collection of Georgian and European wine is preserved. Visit Batonis Tsikhe – the fortress museum of favorable Georgian King Erekle the II. You will also have a Tour around the famous winery Khareba. Here you will have a degustation of local wines, as well as a master class on baking Georgian bread shoti

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 250km

Day 5

After breakfast, you will start your day with a transfer to the Armenia and Georgia border. Meet your guide and driver on the border, and start your excursion in Armenia. Head to the Tavush region and visit the medieval monastery of Goshavank. We will also have a stop at the cozy resort town of Dilijan known for its arts and crafts as well as picturesque lush nature and healing air Continue to Gegharkunik Province which is best known for its amazing Lake Sevan. It is one of the highest freshwater lakes in the world located at an altitude of 1900 meters above sea level. In the evening you will be in Yerevan.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 9-10 hours

Length: 350 km

Day 6

On your second day, you will have a city tour around Yerevan, the ancient capital of Armenia, which was founded in 782 B.C. Armenians are proud that Yerevan is 29 years older than Rome. During the city tour, you will walk around the center of the city and visit Cascade, Opera and Ballet Theater, Mashtots Avenue, and Republic Square. You will visit Genocide Memorial – a solemn reminder of the first genocide of the 20th century.

A short drive will take you to Etchmiadzin town – the religious center of all Armenians around the world. Hereafter the adoption of Christianity in 301 AD –, the first Christian temple in the world – Etchmiadzin Cathedral. It is the seat of the Supreme Patriarch of the Catholicos of all Armenians. The cathedral keeps an important religious relic – the Holy Lance spear. In 2000 Etchmiadzin Cathedral was listed as a UNESCO site. You'll see the ruins of Zvartnots temple (7th century, UNESCO World Heritage Site), which was a miracle of its time.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 5-6 hours

Length: 40km

Day 7

The day will start with a trip to Ararat Province where it proudly stands one of the holiest sites in Armenia – Khor Virap Monastery. You will hike up a small hill to discover the monastery and enjoy the breathtaking view of Biblical Mount Ararat. The tour will continue through a narrow canyon to the valley of red rocks, right where Noravank Monastery is



located – built in the 13th century it is a masterpiece of Armenian architect Momik. On the territory of the monastery, amazing khachkars are scattered all around – cross stones designed by Momik.

Overnight: *Hotel in Yerevan*

Meals: *Breakfast*

Duration: *7-8 hours*

Length: *240km*

Day 8

This day you will have a 1-hour drive to the Canyon of Azat River. Our destination is Geghard Monastery. This unique monastery is carved into nearby rocks and the surrounding cliffs compose a great part of it. In 2000 it became a UNESCO heritage site. The trip leads us to Garni village, well known for its Garni temple – the only surviving example of Hellenistic architecture in the region. Back in Yerevan, you will have an excursion to the History Museum of Armenia – the main historical museum of the country known for its Archaeological, Numismatic, and Ethnographic collections.

Overnight: *Hotel in Yerevan*

Meals: *Breakfast*

Duration: *6-7 hours*

Length: *90km*

Day 9

Transfer to the airport, departure.





Booking terms and conditions

Once we receive your application, and confirm all tour details with you, we will send a deposit invoice. After the deposit of 200 USD/EUR/GBP/AUD 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 200 USD/EUR/GBP/AUD, which will provide our coordinators with the possibility to start organizing a trip (hotel reservation, food, transportation, etc.). Final payment could be made after you arrive in Armenia. 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.

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Tours provided by our company are planned for many months before their inception and are not subject to 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.

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