

ARMENIA & GEORGIA HIGHLIGHTS

History buffs, nature aficionados... discover & Write your story this summer

8 Days 7 Nights



Here are 9 Reasons to visit Georgia

1. Tbilisi: An eclectic melting pot 2. Ushguli: Europe's highest village 3. The birthplace of wine 4. Mysterious cave cities. 5. Supra: A traditional Georgian feast 6. Remote mountain villages 7. Europe's most surreal museum 8. Beautiful and ancient churches 9. The people and Georgian hospitality

Armenia, Must-see country

"Few nations have histories as ancient, complex and laced with tragedy as Armenia (ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆ). And even fewer have a culture that is as rich and resilient. This is a destination where you will be intrigued by history, awed by monuments, amazed by the landscape and charmed by down-to-earth locals... travelling here is as rewarding as it is revelatory".

Tour Highlight:

Day 1: Tbilisi city tour (Old Tbilisi, Narikala Fortress, Rustaveli, Bridge of Peace)

Day 2: Mtskheta tour (Jvari Monastery, Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, Samtavro Monastery)

Day 3: Signaghi wine tour (Kakheti wine gardens, Bodbe monastery, ...)

Day 4: Transfer from Tbilisi to Yerevan

Day 5: Garni: Temple of the sun & Gerhard Monastery (UNESCO Sites); Brandy factory

Day 6: Yerevan City tour (Republic Square, Cascades, Opera, Erebuni Fortress...)

Day 7: Tsakhkadzor - Sevan- Dilijan - Georgian Border

Package is quoted per person in USD and includes:

- ✈ Airline ticket on Turkish Airlines, on E class and subject to availability
- ✈ ALL Airport Taxes.
- 🏠 04-Night accommodation at the hotel of your choice in **TIBLISI**.
- 🏠 03-Night accommodation at the hotel of your choice in **YEREVAN**.
- 🍽 Bed and Breakfast basis
- 🚗 Private Transfer Airport/Hotel/Airport.
- 🗣 English guided Tours
- 🍷 Wine tasting in Signagi
- 🍷 Brandy tasting at Ararat Brandy factory

Important Notices:

This package is on request basis. For packaged rates, drop us kindly an email.

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Day1: Arrival to Tbilisi, transfer to hotel.



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City Tour in Tbilisi. Tbilisi today is one of the most modern and cosmopolitan cities in the Caucasus. The city has been destroyed and rebuilt nearly 30 times following wars and invasions. Visit the **Old Tbilisi** well-known for its sulfur bathhouses fed by natural hot springs. Nearby on *Shardeni Street* you will find modern, popular restaurants, open air café-bars, trendy night clubs and art galleries. Contemplate the Georgian Orthodox, Armenian Gregorian churches, Jewish synagogue, Turkish mosque, reflecting Tbilisi's tolerance and openness. Continue to **Narikala Fortress** and its St. Nikolas Church. Walk up the fortress stairs to get a "bird-eye" view of this magical city. Narikala can be seen from any point within Old Tbilisi.

Stroll in Rustaveli Avenue, which begins at Freedom Square and extends about 1.5 kilometers. This is the center of the city. Overnight in Tbilisi.

Day2: Tbilisi - Mtskheta - Tbilisi



The Historical Monuments of **Mtskheta** are located in the cultural landscape at the confluence of the **Aragvi and Mtkvari Rivers**, 20km northwest of Tbilisi. Highlights: 1) **Jvari Monastery** (5th century, there is church of the same name in Jerusalem); 2) **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral** (the sacred place for every Christian Orthodox); 3) **Samtavro Monastery** (where the king Mirjan and Princess Nana lie. They were the first who recognized Christianity in Georgia. Feast your eyes and senses with the year-round growing, flowering and fruiting blackberry bush. Here lived and preached St. Nino, the enlightener and the first preacher of Christianity in Georgia).

Enlisted as the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Mtskheta was the ancient capital of Kartli, the East Georgian Kingdom from the 3rd century BC to the 5th century AD. It was also the location where Christianity was proclaimed as the official religion in Georgia in 337. To date, it still remains the headquarters of the Georgian Orthodox and Apostolic Church. Uplistsikhe - is an amazing and ancient city, carved in the rock in the 7th century. In the evening return to Tbilisi. Overnight at hotel.

Day3: Sighnaghi tour



Journey to Kakheti, the wine area. There are 2,000 varieties of grapes worldwide, of which 500 varieties grow here in Kakheti. Drive to this beautiful City of love, "Sighnaghi, known for its eponymous castle, the most famous and largest forts in Georgia. Descend to the sources of St. Nino (30 min walk). "Bodbe" - and the monastery complex of St. George's Episcopal. In the evening return to Tbilisi. Overnight at the hotel.

Day4: Meeting at the border - transfer to Yerevan (approx. 5 hours)

Breakfast then drive to Georgia-Armenia border Sadakhlo. Transfer to Yerevan. Visit "Dalma" or "Yerevan" mall, Food market... Overnight at hotel.

Day5: Garni - Geghard - Yerevan Brandy Factory



Journey to Garni. Discover the **Temple of the Sun of Garni**, one of the most ancient structures on Armenian territory (1st century AD, enlisted in **UNESCO World Heritage**). The Garni architectural complex was the summer residence of Armenian kings. It is located above Azat river gorge, famous for its unique geological basalt structure called Stone Symphony. The path descending down the gorge will take us to the symphony.

Continue to Gerhard Monastery, 7th - 12th Century monument enlisted in **UNESCO World Heritage**, which reflects the medieval Armenian architecture. The original parts of the complex are 2 churches carved in the depth of the rock. Then head towards Yerevan Brandy Factory and loose your senses to the aromas and taste of the world-famous Armenian brandy. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day6: Yerevan City Tour



Experience Yerevan on foot, learn more about the iconic landmarks in this beautiful city, as well as the local anecdotes and humor. Stroll to the Republic Square, Opera House, the Cascades. Enjoy a panoramic view of the Armenian capital from atop a giant stairway built into a Yerevan hillside. This walk will reveal some of Yerevan’s hidden gems which you can go back and discover at your own pace.

Gaze through the centuries at the ruins of Erebuni Fortress erected in 782 BC, Erebuni Museum.

Visit the impressive monument, the Memorial of the Genocide Victims of 1915.

Visit Matenadaran - one of the biggest depositories of ancient manuscripts.

Overnight in Yerevan.

Day7: Tsakhkadzor - Sevan- Dilijan - Georgian Border



Breakfast then drive Tsakhkadzor sport complex, visiting Kecharis Monastery; cable car (funicular). En route stop at Lake Sevan, “the pearl of Armenia”, which is situated at an altitude of almost 2000 m. above sea level. Visit St. Karapet and Arakelots Churches on the peninsula. Pause in Dilijan. Drive to Tbilisi border. Overnight at hotel.

Day8: Breakfast. Transfer to Tbilisi international airport

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

TIBLISI

<p>Sites to See Cathedral Sameba built in the 21st century, and is the 2nd largest temple in the World; Cathedral Metekhi' founded in the 13th century; Anchiskhati-Tbilisi ancient temple, consecrated in honor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; The bridge named by the president "Bridge of Peace" and is the 2nd largest in the world known for its architecture.</p>		
Old Tbilisi	Narikala Fortress	Rustaveli Avenue & Freedom Square
Dry Bridge (home to a famous flea market)	Tbilisi Funicular (finest example of cable railways in the world)	Agmashenebeli Avenue (one of the longest and most beautiful streets of the city. Here you can find gorgeous historic buildings, painted entryways and distinctive architectural ornaments.
Museums & Art Palace Of Georgia	Gabriadze Theater	Holy Trinity Cathedral (one of the tallest Eastern Orthodox cathedrals in the World. Includes an underground, 9 chapels, buildings, gardens)

SIGHNAGHI (The City of Love is an hour from Tbilisi)

- ✦ Kakheti region, Wine and spirits. Taste the Georgian bread, cheese and Chacha
- ✦ Signagi, one of the most beautiful towns, with its unusually peculiar architecture, charming houses...
- ✦ Bodbe monastery is 2 km far from Signaghi linked to the adoption of Christianity. The monastery's area is covered with wonderful flowers, bushes and vineyards. St. George Cathedral, part of the monastery, holds the remains of St. Nino, Equal to the Apostles, who brought Christianity to Georgia.
- ✦ Winery Khareba is Georgia's largest wine cellar. There is perfect storage conditions for wine, 7,7 km of tunnels and galleries.

YEREVAN

Republic Square	Yerevan Opera Theatre	Cascades
Erebuni Fortress	Zvartnots Cathedral	Etchmiadzin Cathedral
Saint Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral	Mother Armenia monument	Tsitsernakaberd
Victory Park	Matenadaran	Blue Mosque

TSAKHKADZOR

The ski resort Tsakhkadzor is located in the Kotayk Province (Armenia).

For skiing and snowboarding, there are 27 km of slopes, 6 lifts. The winter sports area is situated between the elevations of 1,966 and 2,819 m.

In the Armenian language 'tsaghi' means flower and 'dzor' is a ravine, as you could guess "Tsakhkadzor" means "ravine full of flowers". Stunning nature with nice smells of different flowers of bright colors.

Kecharis Monastery | Saint Harutyun Church | Ropeway | Zip Line | Entertainment: cafes, casinos, restaurants, pubs (Saya, etc), the famous Kalyan Lounge, Royale Entertainment Center, Parisian Casino, etc.

TRAVEL. EXPLORE. SHARE

Kindly share Photos, Tips. Enrich our Blog and Packages with your experience and knowledge of a city. We can post your name or stay anonymous.

Suggested themes to cover:

- ✦ Show us the beauty of a city through your eyes.
- ✦ Let us know if you experienced something new, met inspirational locals, immersed yourself in a different culture.
- ✦ Take us with you off the beaten path in pursuit of an adventure. Show us how and where.
- ✦ Spread the news of your standout dinners, street food, decadent hangouts...
- ✦ Tell us what travel is for you: is it that instant when toes meet sand or a blissful solitude of nature....

Don't shy away from small stories.

- ✦ Share Your Experience in a Credible, Trustworthy manner (noting that opinions & Feedback are subjective)
- ✦ We may filter Data to Post your Messages, Videos, Pictures on Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.)