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MESMERIZING GEORGIA AZERBAIJAN

MINIMUM : 12 ADULTS

TOUR CODE : GE08-AZ

TRAVEL PERIOD : UNTIL MARCH 2018

DAY 1 - Tbilisi

Meet and greet at Tbilisi International Airport. Transfer to hotel and check-in. Overnight in Tbilisi.

DAY 2 - Tbilisi : Metekhi > Narikala Fortress > Anchiskhati > National Museum (B)

Tbilisi Baths – natural spring waters with sulfur. Baths’ district is nowadays the heart of the old town Tbilisi. During our city tour, we will visit this famous baths, also XVII C. Metekhi church situated on Metekhi Plateau. From plateau you can see Georgian, Armenian and Catholic churches, also Jewish Synagogue and Muslim Mosque side by side as a symbol of Georgian tolerance. We also visit Narikala fortress, Cathedral Sameba, which is the highest Orthodox Church and the oldest church of Tbilisi, Anchiskhati (VI-VII C). Next to the Anchiskhati is the oldest café of Tbilisi – “Café Gabriadze” named after the famous Georgian film maker Rezo Gabriadze. Visit National Museum. Overnight in Tbilisi.

DAY 3 - Tbilisi > Gori > Uplistsikhe > Mtskheta > Tbilisi (B/L)

After breakfast we will drive to Gori, home town of Stalin. Upon arrival we visit Stalin’s house cum museum. Then we will drive to Uplistsikhe - a cave town built in the VI C. BC. It was one of the important trade cities on the historical Silk Road. After Uplistsikhe, on our way back to Tbilisi, we will first visit local family winery producing Bio wine. We will have wine tasting and lunch. After lunch we proceed to Mtskheta – old capital of Georgia. Mtskheta has magnificent churches Jvari (VI C) and Svetitskhoveli (XII C) which is on the list of UNESCO world heritage. After visiting Mtskheta, we will drive back to Tbilisi. Overnight in Tbilisi.

DAY 4 - Tbilisi > Kakheti > Bodbe Monastery > Signaghi > Kvareli (B)

After breakfast we will drive to Kakheti – the main wine region of Georgia. First we will visit monastery Bodbe, where the grave of St. Nino is. After visiting Bodbe Monastery we will visit Signaghi - cozy city with city wall, which is the second biggest in the world. After city tour in Signaghi we can visit also museum of Pirosmiani. Drive Kvareli for wine tasting in the winery “Khareba”. Overnight in Kvareli.



INCLUSION

- Accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary
- Transfer as per itinerary
- Sightseeing tour as per itinerary
- English speaking tour guides
- Wine tasting in local family winery in Georgia

EXCLUSION

- Air ticket
- Visa for Azerbaijan (Must be obtained electronically in advance)
- Portage fees
- Personal travel insurance
- Other services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Tipping for local guide and driver



DAY 5 - Gremi > Lagodekhi > Sheki (B)

After breakfast we will visit fortress Gremi - XVII C fortress, which was the capital of East Georgia province - Kakheti in during 200 years. After visiting Gremi we will drive to Georgia - Azerbaijan border (Lagodekhi), meet with a guide and driver and after border formalities continue to Sheki. Overnight in Sheki.

DAY 6 - Skeki > Shemakha > Diri Baba Tomb > Yeddi Gumbez > Baku (B)

Explore Sheki, a famous ancient city, famed as a silk centre and an important stop on the Great Silk Road. Proceed to Shamakhy district we will visit the town of , Diri Baba Tomb and Yeddi Gumbez. Shemakha was the capital of Shirvan Kingdom for several centuries. Yeddi Gumbez (The Seven Cupolas) Mausoleum is the burial place for royal families of the Shirvan Shahs. Continue to Baku. Arrive and check-in to the hotel. Overnight in Baku.

DAY 7 - Baku City Tour (B)

Explore Baku. The city is shaped like an amphitheater, descending down to the Caspian Sea. Tour covers the central part of the city called "Old Town" or "Inner City", a small fraction of Baku but concentrated architectural and historical monuments like Maiden Tower (XII century), Palace of Shirvanshahs (XV century), Castle Synyk Gala, Caravan Saray, Juma Mosque and more.

Visit Temple of Zoroastrians – "Atashgah", an ancient religious structure built in place of natural gas output. In the former cells, where pilgrims from around the world are now museum, containing many unique original exhibits. Excursion to Yanar Dag known for its burning rock, a nature phenomenon, incessant burning nature gas on the rock. According to historians, this place may gave the name "the fire country" to Azerbaijan. Overnight at a hotel in Baku.

DAY 8 - Baku > Airport (B)

Free at own leisure. Transfer to the airport.
End of service.

REMARKS

- Deposit required upon confirmation
- Price basis is twin-sharing
- Confirmation subject to availability
- Itinerary subject to change depending on circumstances
- Change of guide and driver at the border.