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# **DISCOVER AZERBAIJAN GEORGIA**

# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**



## **AZERBAIJAN**

- · Icheri Shahar (Old Baku)
- Rock Art Cultural Landscape
- Sheki

### **GEORGIA**

- · Tbilisi City Tour
- Kazbegi
- Mtskheta City
- Uplistsikhe
- Sighnagi

## **ITINERARY**

## **DAY 01**

### **ARRIVAL IN BAKU (AZERBAIJAN)**

Meal -/D

Upon arrival at Baku International airport, meet and greet by a local guide. Transfer to hotel for check in. Evening, start Baku sightseeing tour with visits to Memory Lane "Shehidler Khiyabany", enjoy panoramic view of Baku city from the Martyrs Lane. Continue to medieval fortress of Old Baku - "Icheri Shahar", Maiden Tower, The complex of "Shirvan Shahs" Palace, Medieval Karvansaray, Medieval Market Square, Handmade carpet workshop and the Old Town. Overnight in Baku.

### **DAY 02**

### BAKU > GOBUSTAN > ABSHERON > BAKU

Meal B/L/D After breakfast transfer to Gobustan to visit Rock Art Cultural Landscape (UNESCO). Drive to the Temple of Fire Worshippers - Ateshgah and visit Yanardag, which is translated as "Fire Mountain". On the way visit the Mardakan Castle dates from the 14th century. Overnight in Baku.

## **DAY 03**

### **BAKU > SHAMAKHY > SHEKI**

Meal

B/L/D

Depart for Shamakhy and visit the town, Diri Baba Tomb and Yeddi Gumbez. After lunch drive to Sheki. Upon arrival, start with Sheki sightseeing tour. Visit the local medieval fortress Sheki Khan's Palace, local museum of history and enjoy panoramic view of the town. Overnight in Sheki

## **DAY 04**

# SHEKI > LAGODEKHI (GEORGIA) > TELAVI

Meal B/L/D Transfer to Azerbaijan- Georgia border Lagodekhi. After immigration formalities, meet Georgia local guide at the border and proceed to Kakheti region. Tour Sighnaghi and visit ancient wall-fortress and enjoy breathtaking views of Alazani valley. Sighnaghi is a small town in the east of Georgia situated on the mountainside in the historical region of Kakheti. Overnight in Telavi.

# **DAY 05**

# TELAVI > TBILISI

Meal B/L/D

Tour to Gremi Monastery, the royal citadel and the Church of Archangels, this town once was the capital of the Kakheti region. Continuation of the sightseeing program and proceed to visit Tsinandali family museum. Today you will visit the historic winery of Alexander Chavchavadze, a famous Georgian poet and public figure. Transfer to Tbilisi. Overnight in Tbilisi.











#### **DAY 06**

#### **TBILISI**

Meal B/L/D Start city tour with visits to **Abanotubani** (district of sulfur baths) – built on natural hot Sulphur springs in XVII-XIX; **Tbilisi Mosque** and **Synagogue**; **Narikala fortress** - the old citadel, was the main fortress of the city; **Metekhi Church** of Blessed Virgin Mary (XIII AC) and the **Cathedral of Holy Trinity Sameba**, built in 1996 –2004 which became the main cathedral of Georgian Orthodox Church. At the end of the tour we will take a walk on **Rustaveli Avenue**, which is the main street of the city. Free time for shopping of souvenirs. Overnight in Tbilisi.

### **DAY 07**

### TBILISI > ANANURI > KAZBEGI/GUDAURI

Meal B/L/D Start the journey with **Ananuri castle.** represents multifunctional architectural complex located on the main trade rout leading to the North, to Russia and in past it was part of the Great Silk Road. Nowadays the road is called the **Georgian Military Highway**. Transfer to **Kazbegi** with visit to **Gergeti Trinity Church**, beautifully situated on the top of the hill, overlooking Kazbegi, is the main chapel of the Khevi region. Its impressive location, set before the stunning backdrop of the snow-capped, 5033m high Mt. Kazbek makes it a unique place to experience. Overnight in Kazbegi/Gudauri.

# **DAY 08**

### KAZBEGI/GUDAURI > MTSKHETA > TBILISI

Meal B/L/D After breakfast we drive to **Trusso Gorge**. Transfer to **Mtskheta City** – the old capital of Georgia. Sightseeing **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral and Jvari Monastery**. Mtskheta has been Georgia's spiritual heart since Christianity. It was the capital of Georgia from about the 3rd century BC to the 5th century AD. This town is located approximately 20 kilometres north of Tbilisi, at the confluence of the Aragvi and Kura rivers. First, we see Jvari Monastery, which means Monastery of the Cross. Next, we will visit Svetitskhoveli cathedral (11th century) literally, "the Living Pillar", known as the burial site of Christ's mantle. It is listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site along with other historical monuments of Mtskheta. Transfer to Tbilisi. Overnight in Tbilisi.

### **DAY 09**

#### TBILISI > GORI & UPLISTSIKHE > TBILISI

Meal B/L/D Drive to towards Gori. Enroute, visit the ancient rock-hewn town **Uplistsikhe** (VI-IV BC). Built on a high rocky left bank of the Mtkvari River, Uplistsikhe is notable for the unique combination of various styles of rock-cut cultures, as well as the co-existence of pagan and Christian architecture. It is suggested to be one of the oldest urban settlements in Georgia. Proceed to Gori to visit **Stalin's Museum**. Transfer back to Tbilisi. Overnight in Tbilisi.

# **DAY 10**

# TBILISI > DEPARTURE

Meal

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**INCLUSION** 

After breakfast, free until time to be transferred to airport for flight departure. End of service.

### **EXCLUSION**

- 9 Nights hotel accommodation
- Fullboard meals as per itinerary
- Return airport transfer
- English speaking Guide
- Sightseeing, entrance fees, activities & transport services as per itinerary
- International air ticket
- Visa
- Beverages not included in the meals
- Additional / Special meals
- Personal expenses
- Other charges in the hotel for additional services
- Peak season surcharge
- Tipping for Driver and Guide

# REMARKS

- Minimum 10 pax to go
- Special meals can be arranged upon request with additional charges
- Tour itinerary sequence may be different, subject to any necessary changes in accordance to local requirements
- Price quoted is subject to change without prior notice.
- GATS terms & conditions apply









