

COUNTRY(S)  
GEORGIA & ARMENIA

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## MEDIEVAL CITIES IN GEORGIA & ARMENIA

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



### GEORGIA

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

### ARMENIA

- Yerevan City Tour
- Echmiadzin & Zvartnots
- Khor Virap
- Lake Sevan
- Garni & Geghard

## ITINERARY

### DAY 01 ARRIVAL IN TBILISI (GEORGIA)

Meal  
-/D

Upon arrival at the airport, meet and greet by a local guide. 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 02 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 Gudauri.



### DAY 03 GUDAURI > MTSKKHETA > 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 04 TBILISI > UPLISTSIKHE

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 05 | TBILISI > SIGHNAGI > TELAVI**

**Meal**  
**B/L/D**

Transfer to **Sighnagi** and have a walking tour visiting ancient wall-fortress and seeing with breathtaking views of Alazani valley. It is a small town in the east of Georgia situated on the mountainside in the historical region of Kakheti. Sightseeing the city and museum. Transfer to Telavi/Kvareli to visit **Gremi Monastery**, the royal citadel and the Church of Archangels, this town once was the capital of the Kakheti region. Continue the sightseeing program and visit to the **Tsinandali** family museum. Today you will visit the historic winery of **Alexander Chavchavadze**, a famous Georgian poet and public figure. Dinner. Overnight in Telavi.



**DAY 06 | TELAVI > TBILISI**

**Meal**  
**B/L/D**

After breakfast transfer to Tbilisi. In Tbilisi, head to **Ethnography Museum** and the **Funicular** for a tour. Overnight in Tbilisi.



**DAY 07 | TBILISI > HAGHPAT (ARMENIA) > LAKE SEVAN > YEREVAN**

**Meal**  
**B/L/D**

Drive to Sadakhlo border, change of bus and guide after the immigration formalities. Drive to **Haghpat Monastery** (UNESCO), one of the largest religious, cultural and educational centers of medieval Armenia. Drive to **Lake Sevan** via Dilijan resort town. Visit **Lake Sevan**, **Sevanavank Monastery** and sightseeing on the peninsula. Continue journey to Yerevan. Overnight in Yerevan.



**DAY 08 | YEREVAN > KHOR VIRAP > ECHMIADZIN > ZVARTNOTS > YEREVAN**

**Meal**  
**B/L/D**

Start journey to Ararat Valley to visit **Khor Virap Monastery**, located in the place of an ancient capital of Armenia – Artashat. The significance of the church is relatively connected with Grigor Illuminator who was spreading Christianity in Armenia. Depart to visit **Echmiadzin Cathedral** (UNESCO) a holy place, one will be impressed by the spiritual atmosphere around and can hit a candle just for his/her dreams. Here we will have lunch in a local community which is also a school for “Children with limited disabilities”. Here we will help them to build up their sculptures and will also help the community with building reconstruction. Drive back to Yerevan with a stop at the ruins of **Zvartnots Temple**. Visit **Brandy Factory** for brandy degustation. Overnight in Yerevan.



**DAY 09 | YEREVAN > GARNI & GEGHARD > YEREVAN**

**Meal**  
**B/L/D**

Start city tour in Yerevan includes visits to a high scale viewpoint over the city, **Abovyan Street, Republic Square, Opera House and Swan Lake**. Visit **Cascades** which is an open air museum. Visit **Tsitsernakaberd Memorial** and the museum of victims of Genocide. Depart to the **Temple of Garni** built by the Romans in the classical Greek style with columns and altar. The columns and cornice of the temple are decorated with rich ornaments. Next stop is **Geghard Monastery**, located at the cliff and is surrounded by steep rocks. The monastic complex includes the Katoghike church, part of which is cut in the rock, the cave church, cave ladders, khachkars and the underwater river. According to legend water has a healing power. Return to Yerevan and visit **Vernissage flea market** where you can buy different kinds of Armenian traditional souvenirs. Overnight in Yerevan.



**DAY 10 | YEREVAN > DEPARTURE**

**Meal**  
**B/L/D**

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



INCLUSION	EXCLUSION	REMARKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 Nights hotel accommodation</li> <li>• Fullboard meals as per itinerary</li> <li>• Return airport transfer</li> <li>• English speaking Guide</li> <li>• Sightseeing, entrance fees, activities &amp; transport services as per itinerary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International air ticket</li> <li>• Visa</li> <li>• Beverages not included in the meals</li> <li>• Additional / Special meals</li> <li>• Personal expenses</li> <li>• Other charges in the hotel for additional services</li> <li>• Peak season surcharge</li> <li>• Tipping for Driver and Guide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 10 pax to go</li> <li>• Special meals can be arranged upon request with additional charges</li> <li>• Tour itinerary sequence may be different, subject to any necessary changes in accordance to local requirements</li> <li>• Price quoted is subject to change without prior notice.</li> <li>• GATS terms &amp; conditions apply</li> </ul>