

## Tour to Georgia and Armenia with arrival in Kutaisi

### Key information

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Best season: May - October

Tour type: Small group / individual (starting from 2 persons)

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### What's included:

Transfers from/to airport, border transfers from/to Tbilisi, accommodation for 7 nights (3\* hotel / free WiFi), meals: Breakfast, 1 bottle of water per day (0.5lt.), English speaking guide-driver for 6 days, comfortable vehicle during the tour, all admission fees

### What's not included:

Flights, visa fee, medical insurance

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### Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival in Kutaisi

Day 2 - Transfer to Tbilisi - Tbilisi city tour

Day 3 - Ananuri - Gudauri - Vedza - Trinity of Gergeti - Dariali Gorge - Tbilisi

Day 4 - Armenian-Georgian border - Haghpat - Saghmosavank - Yerevan

Day 5 - Geghard - Garni - Yerevan City Tour

Day 6 - Yerevan - Lake Sevan - Dilijan - Tbilisi

Day 7 - Mtskheta City Tour - Kutaisi

Day 8 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

After your arrival in Kutaisi airport, you will be transferred to hotel and have a free day.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Kutaisi*

### Day 2

You will be transferred to Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia. Then you will have city tour around Tbilisi. The great opportunity to feel the capital city of Georgia where interlace ancient culture and up-to-date trends. The tour includes: Sameba – the biggest church in Tbilisi and modern symbol of Georgian Orthodox tradition. The trip will continue to the historical part of the city, which will also include the Assumption Church (Metekhi church) and the statuary of the constructor of Tbilisi, King Vakhtang I Gorgasali, located on the picturesque hill. The next stop is Bridge of Peace – designed by a well-known Italian architect; it is one of the most famous landmarks of the city. The following direction is to Chardin Street - a cozy street named after the French traveler Jean Chardin. The street has an architecture resembling Paris and is full of cozy cafes, boutiques, and eye-catching art galleries. Excursion to the sulfuric baths – famous royal bath complex (XVII-XIX cc.), standing on the warm natural sulfur springs. That is one of the main attractions of Old Town. Your last stop is Narikala - the ancient fortress overlooking Tbilisi, which was established in 4th century AD. You will reach the fortress by cable vehicle. At the top, a spectacular view of the whole city opens.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### Day 3

Your day tour will start from Kazbegi – the highland region located at the border with Russia with its unique views and nature, full of ancient pagan legends mixed with lately incoming Christian traditions. Afterwards, you will drive to Ananuri Fortress – a well-preserved castle on the shore of the Zhinvali Reservoir, the former defensive fortress of the feudal era. To reach Ananuri you need about 1 hour. You will stay there for 30 minutes. The following destination is Gudauri, which is an amazing place full of green grass and flowers in summers and snow in winters. Reaching Kazbegi and visiting Gergeti Trinity Church are must see places of Georgia. The church itself is dated back to the 14th century. Hidden in white clouds and fog it will enchant you. From the point opens breathtaking landscapes on Stepantsminda village. You will finish the day via visiting Stepantsminda, a picturesque village and administrative centre of Kazbegi region.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### Day 4

You will move to Sadakhlo, then be transferred to Georgia-Armenia border. Visit Haghpat Monastery, which is listed by UNESCO as World Heritage Site. You will have a chance to admire beautiful landscapes of lush forests, the rocky deep canyon of Debed river and quaint little villages scattered along the canyon. Stop at Saghmosavank Monastery located at the yawning Kasakh River Gorge. You will finalise your tour in Yerevan and have check-in at the hotel.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Yerevan*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### Day 5

Drive to the scenic Azat River Canyon to Geghard Cave Monastery – the unique architectural masterpiece known for its impressive rocky architecture (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Furthermore, your trip will continue to Garni village,



where the Hellenistic style Garni temple (77 AD) is located. Additionally, you will have evening city tour around Yerevan – 2800 years old capital of Armenia.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Yerevan*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 6**

After breakfast, your day tour will be directed to the North. Gegharkunik Province is the best known for amazing and ultramarine Sevan Lake. It is one of the highest freshwater lakes in the world located at an altitude of 1900 meters above the sea level. We continue our trip further north to Lori Province. Here we 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. After visiting Dilijan, the tour will continue to the Armenian-Georgian border. After passing the customs, you will drive another hour to Tbilisi, capital of Georgia.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 7**

After the breakfast, you will have city tour to Mtskheta – a beautifully renovated town belonging to the 2nd half of the 1st millennium BC, the first capital of Georgia. Nowadays, Mtskheta represents museum-city and is under the protection of UNESCO World Heritage. Next, Jvari Monastery was built in the 6th century. From the point opens charming view on the entire city and the confluence of two rivers: Mtkvari and Aragvi. Then, you will visit Svetitskhoveli Temple – a masterpiece of the Early Middle Ages, which is recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. It is currently the second largest church-building in Georgia, after the Holy Trinity Cathedral. Finally, you will be transferred to Kutaisi, where you will have overnight.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Kutaisi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 8**

Transfer to the airport of Kutaisi, departure.

**Meals:** *Breakfast*



### **Booking terms and conditions**

Once we received your application, confirmed all tour details with you, we will send a deposit invoice. After the deposit of 50-100 euro 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 50-100 euros, which will provide our coordinators with the possibility to start organizing a trip (hotel reservation, food, transportation, etc.). Final payment could be made after your arrival on the spot. 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.

### **Cancellation of the tour**

If you or a member of your group wants to cancel the tour, please, inform our company as soon as possible in writing form. Please, note that the prepayment (50-100 euros) is non-refundable, however, you can use it throughout the year and book another tour. In this case, our company will have to charge an extra 100 euros for re-booking the hotel.

### **Rights and obligations**

Tours provided by our company are planned for many months before its inception and are not the subject of 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.

Please note, that our tours require a minimum number of participants – 2 persons. We reserve the right to cancel the trip, if any tour will not have the minimum number of participants. We will inform you about the cancellation of the tour no later than 30 days before the start and will do the full refund of the amount paid, including the prepayment.

We also request immediately and promptly report all complaints and any claims during the tour. If possible, all problems will be solved. If the tourist does not report any complaint, the compensation will not be implemented.

Please, also note that the company AraraTour is not liable for services not included in the tour price. Our responsibility is limited only to the extent provided by our tour.

Force majeure or any other event which is beyond our control and which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part frees both parties from liability or obligation. In case of Force majeure, we don't issue any refund.

### **Insolvency or bankruptcy insurance**

Tour operator Arara guarantees the refund of clients' money for unfulfilled services even in the case of company's own insolvency or bankruptcy.

