

Tour to Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia in 21 days

Key information

Duration: 21 days / 20 nights

Best season: May-October

Tour type: Individual / starting from 2 pax

What's included:

Airport transfers, border transfers, accommodation for 20 nights at 3* hotels (double rooms, free wifi), breakfast, English speaking guide services, comfortable vehicle during the tour, all entrance fees as per itinerary, wine tasting, Tatev cable car ticket, 0.5l of water per day

What's not included:

Flights, visa fee, medical insurance

Itinerary in brief

- Day 1 - Arrival in Baku
- Day 2 - Baku City Tour
- Day 3 - Baku - Mardakan
- Day 4 - Gobustan - Absheron Peninsula
- Day 5 - Baku - Shemakha - Gabala
- Day 6 - Gabala - Sheki
- Day 7 - Sheki - Azerbaijan-Georgian border - Signaghi
- Day 8 - Kakheti - Bodbe - Signaghi - Khareba
- Day 9 - Telavi - Tsinandali - Batonis Tsikhe - Nekresi - Kvareli Tunnel
- Day 10 - Tbilisi City Tour
- Day 11 - Ananuri - Gudauri - Vedza - Gergeti - Dariali Gorge
- Day 12 - Mtskheta - Jvari - Svetitskhoveli - Gori - Kutaisi
- Day 13 - Bagrati Cathedral - Prometheus Cave - Gelati - Motsameta
- Day 14 - Transfer to Sadakhlo border - Haghartsin - Goshavank - Sevan
- Day 15 - Sevanvank - Selim Pass - Karahunj - Goris
- Day 16 - Tatev - Areni - Noravank - Khor Virap - Yerevan
- Day 17 - Yerevan City Tour
- Day 18 - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan
- Day 19 - Echmiadzin - Zvartnots - Yerevan
- Day 20 - Free day
- Day 21 - Departure



Detailed itinerary

Day 1

Meeting at the airport. Transfer to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel in Baku

Day 2

In the morning you will have a city tour in Baku. The route covers the downtown and shows the most interesting historical and architectural sights. The tourists will visit and see the Flag Square, a new Carpet Museum - design of the building is distinguished by its originality as the museum is built in the form of a folded carpet, enjoy the look of the House of Government, the Philharmonic Theatre named after M. Magomayev, the Baku Mayor's office and will visit the "Governor's garden." Then the tour will continue visiting the "old city" that had preserved its walls and narrow cobbled streets till our days... A number of the Soviet-time movies were shot here. Tourists will see the main attractions of the Old City, including the Palace of the Shirvan Shahs (XV cent), the symbol of the city - Maiden Tower (IX cent), Karvansarays, mosques etc. We will continue our excursion visiting Cultural Center named after Heydar Aliyev. Heydar Aliyev Center is a cultural center, projected as a complex structure that includes the auditorium (convention center), a museum, exhibition halls, administrative offices. The design of the building is also notable for the fact that neither in the interior or exterior of the building has any angles. The project of the center was designed by the winner of Pritzker prize and internationally recognized architect Zaha Hadid.

Overnight: Hotel in Baku

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 5-6 hours

Length: 60 km

Day 3

In the morning you will drive to Mardakan. Mardakan is an urban village, located in 34 kilometers from Baku, and has ancient and rich history. The first stop of the tourists will be in the sanctuary - the tomb of Pir Hasan, shrine for many believers. Pir Hasan is a mausoleum that was created in the XVI century. There are the mausoleum of the seventh daughter of Imam Musa al-Kyazimi Hazrati Khadija buried on this place and the mausoleum of Pir Hasan in the courtyard of the sanctuary. Also the famous Azerbaijani Philanthropist Haji Zeynalabdin Tagiyev and his daughter Sarah Khanum are buried here. It is an interesting fact, that this place is known among Azerbaijanis as a place of rescue of fright neurosis, which is cured by the old child method (treatment with hot coals). There is a famous Mardakan fortress, a quadrangular castle (Mardakan) located in the village. The fortress was built in honor of the brilliant victory of Akhsitan over the enemy. In the last part of the excursion the tourists will also see another sight - the former summer residence of the oil millionaire of the end of XIX – the beginning of XX centuries - Murtuza Mukhtarov. In olden times the residence was a true paradise place among Absheron waterless saline steppes. Visit of the Mir Movsum Agha Shuvalan Mosque. Mir Movsum Agha is considered to be a holy man who was believed to have no bones. People claim that witnessed a range of miracles this holy man presented. The mosque is also a place to sacrifice meat and other goods; those are distributed to poor families in the village. Return to Baku.

Overnight: Hotel in Baku

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 90 km



Day 4

Tour to Gobustan historical-art reserve, perfectly preserved rock paintings (petroglyphs), a kind of artistic "archive" of human evolution on Earth. "Documents" of such archive is the first human's presentation to the world. Gobustan Rocks are the brightest witnesses of prehistoric period of human existence and reflect the history of this region for nearly 15,000 years – since the end of the Upper Paleolithic era till middle Ages, this phenomenon set up a lot different interpretations. Today scientists found, and studied more than 4,000 petroglyphs. Visit the interactive museum, where with the help of special programs and multimedia touch screens you'll get information about the nature and the flora of Gobustan. Then you will have the opportunity to explore the traces of active mud volcanoes. We proceed to Absheron one of the few places on earth, one can observe elements of preserved fire cult of the ancient Zoroastrianism religion, places where oil oozes and gas breaks out from earth like flaming torches "Burning earth" since ancient times, has always attracted fire worshipers from around the world. The official religion of the ancient in the VII century BC; Zoroastrianism spread in Azerbaijan was due to spontaneously flammable sources. Therefore, the monument temple Ateshgah (Fire House) has survived. Next we visit the small village Mehemmedli situated in the Mount Yanardagh in Azeri "Yanar" means "burning", "Dagh" means "mountain", the real burning mountain. Once in Absheron lot of places with natural gas coming out from earth to the surface ignited spontaneously, at present, it is the only place of this unique natural phenomenon.

Overnight: Hotel in Baku

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 150 km

Day 5

Breakfast and Check out, drive to the north-west of Azerbaijan through the Caucasus Mountains, dry landscape around Baku replaced by dense forest mountains. On route visit the city of Shemakha, with its largest mosque of the Caucasus and the tomb of the Shirvan Shahs, rulers of "Yeddi Gyumbyaz". On the road excursion Lagich – the small settlement of city type mislaid deeply in mountains of Greater Caucasus, a pearl of the Ismailly area, an ethnographic corner of Azerbaijan, unique by the nature and a way of life of inhabitants. The soil and partially again paved asphalt way to the settlement of Lahij. Transportation to the settlement of Lagich is so stunning, as well as memorable for long time, roads and magnificent beauty of landscapes. Making this trip undoubtedly remembered forever, woods, river and gorge & medical air Visit to the Historical and ethnographic reserve «Lagich» – this unique corner of the Ismailly area, attract travelers from around the world. This Natural isolation made Lagich a very typical settlement in Azerbaijan. Within many centuries the people living nearby in the mountain district and in the valley spoke not only on «azer», but also actively used in communication of «Farsi», the Arab and Russian languages. However here, in this mountain village, inhabitants still spin lace on the unique Persian dialect. Proceed to Gabala to Visit Nij village famous with its ancient religious buildings and citizens, the only place in the world where Udins ethnicity lives (very ancient Caucasian ethnos) that has its own authentic culture and traditions, visit of Chuhur Gabala (ruins of the ancient Caucasian Albania's capital Kabala a very significant place and huge educational centre for mags, priests of Zoroastrian temples. Overnight in Gabala.

Overnight: Hotel in Gabala

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 260 km

Day 6

Breakfast and check-out, Drive to Sheki, one of the most famous and ancient places of Azerbaijan. Situated 700m above sea level like an amphitheatre surrounded by the mountains and forests of oak trees, this ancient city was long famed as a silk centre & important stop on the Great Silk Route. Start Sheki City Tour visiting the 18th century Khan's summer



Palace with magnificent frescos and exquisite stained glass. Then visit “Shebeke” handmade frescos’ workshop, “Pakhlava” famous local sweets’ workshop and “Tekulduz” popular weaving workshop, walking in the old street to witness the different craftsman. Continue to discover Sheki and visit Kish village and the legendary church. Legend says that the church was built in the year 78 AD, but the researchers place it a few centuries later.

Overnight: Hotel in Sheki

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 5-6 hours

Length: 120 km

Day 7

Meet at the Georgia-Azerbaijan border (Lagodekhi), change transport and guide and head to Signaghi for free time and overnight.

Overnight: Hotel in Signaghi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 4-5 hours

Length: 200 km

Day 8

After breakfast at hotel you will drive to Kakheti – the picturesque region famous for the producing of excellent Georgian wines. Your tour will continue to Signaghi - “the town of love”, which is famous for its architecture in the style of southern Italian classicism. Here you will visit the famous monastery of Bodbe where St. Nino – the founder of Christianity in Georgia, is buried. You will also have an excursion around the famous winery Khareba. Here you will taste local wines, and will have a master class on baking Georgian bread shoti and national sweet churchkhela.

Overnight: Hotel in Signaghi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 250 km

Day 9

This day you will be able to stroll around Telavi – the center of Kakheti region. Telavi is well-known for its delightful landscapes. Here you can see 9-hundred-year old tree. Your tour will continue to Tsinandali village – the patrimony of famous Georgian family – Chavchavadze. The estate is known for its amazing labyrinth planted with exotic trees in it and cellars, where the unique collection of Georgian and European wine is preserved. You will also visit Batoni Tsikhe – the fortress museum of favorable Georgian King Erekle the II. In the evening you will drive to Tbilisi.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 250 km

Day 10

This day begins with a city tour around Tbilisi – the bright and hospitable capital of Georgia. You will visit Tsminda Sameba – the main church of Georgian Orthodox Church and the highest temple in Georgia. You will also visit the historical district of Metekhi, where you will see the Assumption Church located on the picturesque hill. Next place that you will visit is Bridge of Peace, which is designed by a well-known Italian architect. It is one of the most famous city’s landmarks. Then you will go up to the Narikala Fortress, situated on a hill. You will reach the fortress by the cable car, at the top opens a



spectacular view of the city. Your tour will continue to the sulfuric baths – famous royal bath complex (XVII-XIX cc.), standing on the warm natural sulfur springs. This is one of the main attractions of the Old Town. You will stroll around cozy Shardeni Street named after the French traveler Jean Chardin. The street has an architecture resembling Paris and is full of cozy cafes, boutiques, and interesting galleries. The way will continue to Juma Mosque located on the Botanical Street, where you will also visit Botanical Garden and an amazing waterfall. You will also be able to visit Meydan Square one of the central squares of Old Town. Sioni church, where is kept one of the greatest relics of Georgia, the cross of St. Patriarchate. At the end of your tour you will head to Mtatsminda Mount by the funicular railway.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 5-6 hours

Length: 70 km

Day 11

After breakfast 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. Next place that you will visit is Gudauri – popular ski resort which is beautiful in any season. Here you will see the Balcony dedicated to the treaty of Georgievsk and enjoy the amazing views to the mountains that open from here. After 5-minute drive, you will reach Sour waters of Vedza. The place offers picturesque scenes. Then you will head to the Trinity Church (Gergeti) situated at an altitude of 2170 m at the foot of Mount Kazbek.

The church was built in the XIV-th century and is the only cross-domed church in the historic Georgian province Khevi.

From the top of the hill opens the incredibly beautiful scenery. In the evening you will drive back to Tbilisi.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 250 km

Day 12

After a relaxed breakfast at the hotel you will drive to Mtskheta – one of the most ancient towns in Georgia, known as the religious center of the country. Here you will go up the hill to Jvari Monastery – the amazing symbol of the Georgian church architecture. According to the legend, at the site of the monastery St.Nino established one of her three crosses. You will also visit Svetitskhoveli Cathedral – the first and the main church in Georgia. Your tour will continue to Gori town – the heart of eastern Georgia and Joseph Stalin's homeland. In the evening you will drive to Kutaisi for rest and overnight.

Overnight: Hotel in Kutaisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 280 km

Day 13

This day you will have a city tour around Kutaisi, which will begin with a visit to the temple of Bagrat – one of the largest and most important Georgian churches and continue to the Prometheus Cave – one of the most unique in Europe. It is characterized by impressive reliefs of stalactites and stalagmites and a variety of underground rivers. You will also visit the monastery of Gelati. This monastery is a living symbol of Georgia's Golden Age and is protected by UNESCO. Your tour will continue to the monastery of Motsameta located on a hill where, according to the legend, the Muslim invaders executed Georgian princes David and Konstantin Mkheidze who refused to be converted to Islam. In the evening you will return to Tbilisi.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi



Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 260 km

Day 14

In the morning you will head to Georgia Armenia border, meet your Armenian representatives and start the tour in Armenia. Here the first stop we'll have at the cozy resort town of Dilijan known for its arts and crafts as well as picturesque lush nature and healing air. After an excursion to the medieval monasteries of Haghartsin and Goshavank the tour will continue to Gegharkunik province best known for amazing Lake Sevan. It is one of the highest freshwater lakes in the world located at an altitude of 1900 meters above the sea level. Overnight will be organized near Lake Sevan.

Overnight: Hotel in Sevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 260 km

Day 15

In the morning after a visit to Hayravank monastery you will have a Trip along the part of the Great Silk Road towards the Selim Pass. Stop at 14th century Selim Caravansary – one of the most well-preserved hostels along the ancient Great Silk Road. Trip along the part of the Great Silk Road towards the Selim Pass. Stop at 14th century Selim Caravansary – one of the most well-preserved hostels along the ancient Great Silk Road. En route you will be able to admire the azure waters of Lake Sevan located 2000 m above sea.

Overnight: Hotel in Goris

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 8-9 hours

Length: 280 km

Day 16

Trip to the pearl of Armenian Medieval architecture, the Monastery and the University of Tatev. The monastery can be reached by the longest cable car in the world which stretches over the 320 meter-deep Vorotan River Canyon. Stop at natural bridge named “Devil’s Bridge” at the bottom of the deep canyon. The tour will continue through a narrow canyon to the valley of red rocks where Noravank Monastery is located. En route you will visit wine factory to taste local wine made of the unique grape sort “Areni”. Trip to the south of Armenia to Khor Virap Monastery located at the foot of Biblical Mount Ararat. In the evening you will be in Yerevan for an overnight.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 260 km

Day 17

On your first day you will have a city tour around Yerevan, the ancient capital of Armenia, which was founded in 782 B.C. Armenians are proud that Yerevan is 29 years older than Rome. During the city tour, you will walk around the center of the city and visit Cascade, Opera and Ballet Theater, Mashtots Avenue, and the Republic Square. The tour also includes a visit to History Museum.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast



Duration: 5-6 hours

Length: 40 km

Day 18

This day you will have a 1-hour drive to the Canyon of Azat River. Our destination is Geghard Monastery. This unique monastery is carved into nearby rocks and the surrounding cliffs compose a great part of it. In 2000 it became a UNESCO heritage site. The trip leads us to Garni village, well known for its Garni temple – the only surviving example of Hellenistic architecture in the region.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 6-7 hours

Length: 90 km

Day 19

A short morning drive will take you to Echmiadzin town – the religious center of all Armenians around the world. Here – after the adoption of Christianity in 301 AD – was built the first Christian temple in the world – Echmiadzin Cathedral. It is the seat of the Supreme Patriarch of the Catholicos of all Armenians. The cathedral keeps an important religious relic – the Holy Lance spear. In 2000 Echmiadzin Cathedral was listed as an UNESCO site. You'll see the ruins of Zvartnots temple (7th century, UNESCO World Heritage Site), that was a miracle of its time. The trip will continue to the Genocide Memorial – a solemn reminder of the first genocide of the 20th century.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 5-6 hours

Length: 40 km

Day 20

Free day in Yerevan.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Day 21

Transfer to the airport, departure.



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.

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