



Hidden Treasures of Armenia and Georgia in 21 days

Key information

Duration: 21 days / 20 nights

Best season: April - October

Tour type: small group/individual (2-13 pax)

What's included:

Airport and border transfers, Accommodation for 20 nights at 3* hotels (double rooms, free Wi-Fi), Meals: breakfast, All transfers in air-conditioned vehicles, English speaking guide service for all days, All admission fees, Wine tasting, Tatev cable car ticket, 1 bottle (0,5 litre) of water per day per person, Masterclass of Georgian bread and churchkhela making

What's not included:

Flights, Medical insurance, Visa fee

Itinerary in Brief

- Day 1 - Arrival in Tbilisi
- Day 2 - Kakheti - Nekresi - Khareba - Telavi
- Day 3 - Telavi - Tsinandali - Sighnaghi - Tbilisi
- Day 4 - Tbilisi City Tour - Mtskheta - Tbilisi
- Day 5 - Tbilisi - Ananuri - Gudauri - Gergeti - Tbilisi
- Day 6 - Tbilisi - Gori - Kutaisi - Gelati - Bagrati - Kutaisi
- Day 7 - Kutaisi - Colchis - Svaneti - Mestia
- Day 8 - Mestia - Ushguli - Lamaria - Zhibiani - Mestia
- Day 9 - Mestia - Martvili - Prometheus Cave - Kutaisi
- Day 10 - Kutaisi - Uplistsikhe - Tbilisi
- Day 11 - Sadakhlo border - Haghartsin - Goshavank - Dilijan
- Day 12 - Sevanavank - Selim Pass - Jermuk
- Day 13 - Karahunj - Tatev - Khndzoresk - Goris
- Day 14 - Goris - Areni - Noravank - Khor Virap - Yerevan
- Day 15 - Yerevan City Tour
- Day 16 - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan
- Day 17 - Gyumri City Tour
- Day 18 - Harichavank - Saghmosavank - Amberd - Yerevan
- Day 19 - Echmiadzin - Zvartnots - Yerevan
- Day 20 - Free Day
- Day 21 - Departure





Detailed itinerary

Day 1

Transfer from the airport to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Day 2

In the morning you will start a scenic journey to Kakheti Province. Your first stop will be at Nekresi Monastery. This remarkable monastery complex offers a captivating vantage point, overseeing the beauty of the Alazani Valley. Your adventure will continue as you embark on a picturesque drive to the Kvareli Tunnel. Here you will step into the world-renowned winery known as "Khareba." Within its walls, a tour of the winemaking process awaits. Immerse yourself in the rich history of producing these local wines. And the journey doesn't stop at observation — get ready to indulge in a delightful tasting session of these fine wines. But that's not all. Your immersion into Georgian culture will take you deeper as you participate in a master class. Under the guidance of skilled instructors, you will learn the skill of baking Georgian bread, the traditional shoti and the national delicacy, churchkhela.

Overnight: Hotel in Kakheti

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 200 km

Day 3

Your tour will commence in Telavi, the vibrant heart of the Kakheti region. Telavi's allure lies in its picturesque landscapes that stretch out before you. Among its treasures, there is an ancient 900-year old tree. Next you will visit Tsinandali, a place steeped in history as the legacy of the esteemed Chavchavadze family. The estate has a beautiful labyrinth adorned with exotic trees. Its cellars guard a treasure trove: a collection of Georgian and European wines. Signaghi will be your next destination. It is a cozy town often referred to as "the city of love." As your day of exploration draws to a close, you'll be transferred back to Tbilisi.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 250 km

Day 4

In the coming day, you will head to Mtskheta, a town that holds the esteemed title of Georgia's religious nucleus. Your path leads upwards, toward the Jvari Monastery, an architectural marvel that stands as a striking emblem of Georgian spiritual heritage. It is said that this very site cradles one of St. Nino's sacred crosses, a testament to her spiritual influence. The trip will continue to Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, a cornerstone of Georgia's ecclesiastical tapestry. Then you will return to Tbilisi. The city opens its heart as you traverse its historic veins. Metekhi, a district steeped in history, unveils the Assumption Church, perched atop a picturesque hill. As you continue, the Bridge of Peace emerges, a creation of renowned Italian craftsmanship that stands as a symbol of the city. Ascending to the Narikala Fortress by a cable car will let you enjoy panoramic views of the city. Then you will descend to the Old Town and visit the sulfur baths. A leisurely stroll along the charming Shardeni Street, called after Jean Chardin, the French voyager, reveals a Parisian ambiance woven with cozy cafes, intriguing boutiques, and captivating galleries. Your last destination will be Juma Mosque and Meydan Square.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: Breakfast



Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 350 km

Day 5

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 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 the 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 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 6

In the morning you will leave Tbilisi and head to Gori, the very heart of eastern Georgia and the hometown of Stalin. Your exploration unfolds at the Museum of Stalin, a site steeped in the ambiance of the Soviet Union era. Here, a unique atmosphere remains, providing a window into a bygone era. As the day progresses, you'll be transported to Kutaisi, a city of historical significance. Your footsteps lead to the Bagrati Church, a living testament to the region's architectural heritage. With its storied walls and rich history, the church holds its place in time, surrounded by a landscape that echoes with tales of the past. The journey continues to the Gelati Monastery. This revered sanctuary, a UNESCO-protected gem, embodies Georgia's Golden Age and invites you to trace the steps of history's dance. Next you will visit Motsameta Monastery, perched upon a hill. Legends whisper that this sacred ground witnessed the valor of Georgian princes, David and Konstantin Mkheidze, who chose their faith over conversion to Islam, even in the face of Muslim invaders.

Overnight: Hotel in Kutaisi

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 260 km

Day 7

Following your breakfast, you'll start on a journey to Svaneti, an enigmatic highland realm nestled within Georgia. This region is proud for its stunning natural wonders, architectural marvels, and cultural traditions. Prepare to indulge in the local cuisine, a tapestry of flavors that embodies the essence of Svaneti. Once you set foot in this extraordinary land, its essence will etch itself into your memory forever. Your expedition will lead you to Mestia, the center of Svaneti. The town is perched gracefully at an elevation of 1500 meters (4921 feet) amidst the majestic Caucasus Mountains. The air here is fresh and clear, and the scenes are unforgettable!

Overnight: Hotel in Mestia

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 8-9 hours

Length: 300 km

Day 8



In the morning you will visit Ushguli, an elevated haven that is Europe's highest settlement. The very name "Ushguli" resonates with a heritage of courage and fortitude, stemming from the roots of "Ushishari Guli" in the Georgian language, which translates to "fearless heart." This is explained by the fact that the historical essence of the Ushguli community – a resolute people who have long embraced freedom. Perched at an altitude of 2,100 meters (6,900 feet) and cradled at the base of Mount Shkhara, one of the grandest peaks of the Greater Caucasus range, Ushguli unveils its charm. According to an interesting legend, which is known by local inhabitants, the place represents the symbol of lovers. The road winding toward Ushguli will challenge you with its extremes, its narrowness at points so profound that two vehicles cannot traverse it in tandem. Upon reaching the village, you will visit the Church of the Virgin Lamaria, a timeless monument dating back to the 9th and 10th centuries. Within its hallowed walls, ancient frescoes whisper tales of eras long gone. The journey doesn't conclude here, as you venture further to Zhibiani – a petite village nestled alongside Ushguli, a haven that presents itself as a photographer's paradise. As the day unfolds and your exploration reaches its zenith, you'll find your way back to Mestia, your heart and mind brimming with the echoes of Ushguli's indomitable spirit and the imprints of its ageless beauty.

Overnight: *Hotel in Mestia*

Meals: *Breakfast*

Duration: *7-8 hours*

Length: *160 km*

Day 9

After breakfast, you will have a visit to Martvili Canyons that attracts a large number of visitors with its adorable wild nature, practically untouched places by humans. Martvili canyons used to be a bathing place for Dadiani family. Now people visit it to enjoy the scenery, its waterfalls and take a boat trip in the river with deep green colour. Then you will visit Prometheus Cave one of the richest caves in Europe. They are characterized by a variety of underground rivers and breathtaking landscapes. After visiting these beautiful sights, you will be transferred back to Kutaisi for an overnight.

Overnight: *Hotel in Kutaisi*

Meals: *Breakfast*

Duration: *7-8 hours*

Length: *280 km*

Day 10

After breakfast, you will leave Kutaisi and start your trip to Uplistsikhe cave town. This ancient town, carved in the rock, is one of the first towns in Georgia and it dates back to the end of II the beginning of I millennium BC. Here you will explore huge echoing halls, long meandering corridor-streets, and even the remains of Georgia's oldest theatre. There are various kinds of halls, rooms, and buildings made in different epochs still survive. After the tour you will return to Tbilisi.

Overnight: *Hotel in Tbilisi*

Meals: *Breakfast*

Duration: *7-8 hours*

Length: *280 km*

Day 11

In the morning you will say goodbye to Georgia and start your trip to Armenian border. After passing the customs your travel in Armenia will start. Your first stop will be at the beautiful cozy resort town Dilijan known for its lush landscapes and fresh air. Not far from Dilijan there are two majestic medieval monasteries of Haghartsin and Goshavank which will be your next destination. Your last stop will be at Sevan town where you will stay for an overnight.

Overnight: *Hotel in Sevan*



Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 260 km

Day 12

In the morning you will start exploring the sights of 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. The area is also known for its monasteries which you will visit during the tour. After a visit to Hayravank Monastery, you will have a trip along the part of the Great Silk Road towards the Selim Pass. On the way you will have a stop at the 14th century Selim Caravansary – one of the most well-preserved hostels along the ancient Great Silk Road. Your last destination will be Jermuk resort town well-known for its healing mineral waters. Here you will stay for overnight.

Overnight: Hotel in Jermuk

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 200 km

Day 13

The day starts with a trip to the pearl of Armenian medieval architecture, the monastery 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. After we will visit Khndzoresk which is known for the unique cave town located on the slope. The caves of Khndzoresk stretch almost 3 km along the gorge. Before the construction of the bridge, the cave town was isolated. Now there is a suspension bridge leading to the cave town.

Overnight: Hotel in Goris

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 8-9 hours

Length: 260 km

Day 14

After breakfast at the hotel you will continue your journey towards the valley of red rocks where Noravank Monastery proudly stands. Before reaching the monastery, we will make a stop in Areni village which is considered the centre of winemaking in Armenia. Here you will have an excursion in wine factory. Next, you will reach Noravank and after deep exploration of its history and architecture, your trip will continue to the other religious gem of Armenia – Khor Virap Monastery. This site is attractive due to amazing history and location. The monastery is located close to Biblical Mount Ararat and it offers one of the most beautiful views to this mount. In the evening you will get to Yerevan.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 260 km

Day 15

This is the day of acquaintance with 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 centre 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 16

This day you will have a trip to one of the most unique architectural masterpieces of Armenia. Our destination is Geghard Monastery that is carved into nearby rocks and the surrounding cliffs compose a great part of it. In 2000 it became a UNESCO heritage site. The next destination to visit is 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 17

After breakfast at the hotel, you will head to Gyumri – a cultural centre and the second-largest city in Armenia. The city has a museum of local lore, a historical and cultural reserve, as well as five churches, a monastery, and an Orthodox chapel. The most beautiful and historically valuable of them is the church Amenaprkich (the Church of the Savior). The city was once the centre of education and culture in Armenia and the first Armenian opera was established in Gyumri in 1912. Today also you will visit Marmashen Monastery complex which was built 10th-11th cc.

Overnight: Hotel in Gyumri

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 140 km

Day 18

The itinerary of this day includes visit to the monument of Armenian Alphabet founded in 2005 to celebrate the 1600th anniversary of the alphabet foundation. Then you will head to Saghmosavank Monastery located at the yawning gorge carved by the Kasakh River. Amazing view of the canyon will open in front of you once you reach the monastery. After, we will visit the Amberd Fortress which was built from the 7th to the 10th centuries. The castle itself and the part of the fortress walls were built in the 7th century, under the reign of the princely family Kamsarakan. In the evening you will be back to your hotel in Yerevan.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 190 km

Day 19

In the morning you will have a brief yet meaningful journey to Echmiadzin town, a place that holds the spiritual pulse of Armenians scattered across the globe. It was within the embrace of these storied walls, following the watershed moment of 301 AD, that the world bore witness to the birth of one of the first Christian temples – the venerable Echmiadzin Cathedral. In the town the Supreme Patriarch of the Catholicos of all Armenians has its residence. A short distance away, the ruins of the Zvartnots temple stand a testament to human ingenuity and devotion from the 7th century. Once hailed as a marvel beyond its era, the temple's enigmatic fragments still whisper of its grandeur and the passion that carved it into existence. In the evening you will return to Yerevan and visit the Genocide Memorial. With a heavy heart, we stand





before this somber monument, a stark reminder of the first genocide of the 20th century. The names etched in stone carry stories of lives extinguished, a call to remember, reflect, and ensure that history's darkest chapters are never forgotten.

Overnight: *Hotel in Yerevan*

Meals: *Breakfast*

Duration: *5-6 hours*

Length: *40 km*

Day 20

You will have a 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 200 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 200 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 (200 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 200 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 Arara Tour 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.

