

Georgia- Armenia

Duration	6nights/ 6 days: Oct. 7-13. 2022.
Accommodation	4*/ 5*
Meal Plan	Full Board
Kilometer	1633

Day 0/ Oct. 7. Arrival to Tbilisi. Check into our hotel. Welcoming Dinner in a traditional Georgian restaurant.

Day 1/ Oct. 8. Tbilisi – Kakheti – Signaghi - Tbilisi. (173km)

- ✚ Our first day starts with a city tour, including the main attractions of Old and New Tbilisi.
- ✚ We begin at Metekhi plateau, where we have a perfect panoramic view of the old city – including Narikala fortress, Bath district, Meidan, Kala district and Betlemi district.
- ✚ With just a few minutes travel by cable car, we can enjoy more magnificent views of Old Tbilisi. From the top station of cable way, we'll have views of the old city and botanical garden.
- ✚ Next, we visit the Bridge of Peace – a modern pedestrian bridge in the heart of the old city, and a favorite photo stop.
- ✚ And of course, we will visit the heart of modern Tbilisi – Rustaveli avenue, with its cozy cafes, and varied and colorful shops.
- ✚ Next, we continue to Kakheti, the wine region of Georgia.
- ✚ First stop: Georgian local bread bakery, where we will taste freshly baked Georgian bread called “Shoti”, and different varieties of cheese.
- ✚ The first winery we are visiting during wine tour is called “Okro wines”. It is Organic, and located in the city of love – Signaghi. The city is also known for its defensive town wall all around it and well worth seeing.
- ✚ Next, we head towards Mosmieri winery for lunch. People from Kakheti love to impress visitors with their local delicious food.
- ✚ The last attraction is Qvevri (special Georgian clay jar used for wine making) maker Zaza, near the town of Telavi. He will lead us into his fine workshop, and we will try his exclusive white wine.
- ✚ Drive back to Tbilisi. Dinner in a traditional restaurant.
- ✚ Overnight in hotel.

Breakfast/ lunch / dinner included



Day 2/ Oct. 9. Tbilisi – Gori- Gelati- Grigoleti- Batumi (414km)

- ✚ Check out of our Hotel.
- ✚ Visit Gori, one of the oldest cities in Georgia, founded in the 7th century AD as Tontio. Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin was born there.
- ✚ Visit Stalin museum, which retains its Soviet-era characteristics.
- ✚ Continue to Gelati Monastery (UNESCO), founded in 1106 in the west of Georgia, the Monastery of Gelati is a masterpiece of the Golden Age of medieval Georgia, a period of political strength and economic growth between the 11th and 13th centuries.
- ✚ Drive to Grigoleti.
- ✚ Visit the Colchic Rainforests and Wetlands (UNESCO), known as a 'slice of the Amazon in Eurasia', a temperate broadleaf and mixed forest ecoregion located along the southern shore of the Black Sea. Drive to Batumi. Overnight.

Breakfast/ lunch / dinner included



Day 3/ Oct. 10. Batumi – Mtskheta – Georgian-Armenian Border – Lori (524 km)

- ✚ Check out of our Hotel.
- ✚ Visit the ancient city of Mtskheta. It is a classic example of medieval church architecture and a testimony to the fine art and culture of the Georgian dynasty.
- ✚ See Svetitskhoveli, a masterpiece of the Early and High Middle Ages, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. It is currently the second largest church building in Georgia, after the Holy Trinity Cathedral. Known as the burial site of the claimed Christ's mantle.
- ✚ Continue to Georgian-Armenian border. Passport control. Entering Armenia.
- ✚ Drive through Lori region to visit local UNESCO World Heritage Sights.

- ✚ Visit Haghpat and Sanahin monasteries, two of the most ancient sights of Lori, built in the 10-13th centuries, and once the largest centers of science, with a rich collection of manuscripts, and facilities for copying library manuscripts, plus cafeterias and universities.
- ✚ See the 12th c. Sanahin Old Bridge, also included in the list of UNESCO Heritage Sights.
- ✚ Drive to Avan Dzoraget Heritage hotel by Tufenkyan at the river bank.
- ✚ Overnight.

Breakfast/ lunch / dinner included



Day 4/ Oct. 11. Lori – Dilijan – Sevan – Yerevan (165 km)

- ✚ Visit Dilijan National Park town, elected to be a part of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities. Dilijan International College continues to unite students together from all across the globe. Visit The Old Dilijan Complex, which demonstrates the historic spirit of the city.
- ✚ Continue drive to Sevan. Lake Sevan, with its altitude of 1900 m above sea level, is one of the biggest high altitude fresh-water lakes in the world.
- ✚ Visit Sevanavank, a 9th c Monastery on the top of peninsula where a gorgeous view of the whole lake opens up to you.
- ✚ Lunch at Taghkunq village, near Sevan, in the restaurant Tsaghkunq, ranked among the Top 10 restaurants in Armenia according to Forbes. Includes a traditional specialty of the house, where Armenian lavash bread will be baked especially for you along with a finger-licking meal.
- ✚ Drive to Yerevan. City tour of the main streets and squares.
- ✚ Visit Legendary Ararat cognac factory to see the production of cognac, along with a degustation of highlighted batches.
- ✚ Welcome dinner in a traditional Armenian restaurant. Overnight.

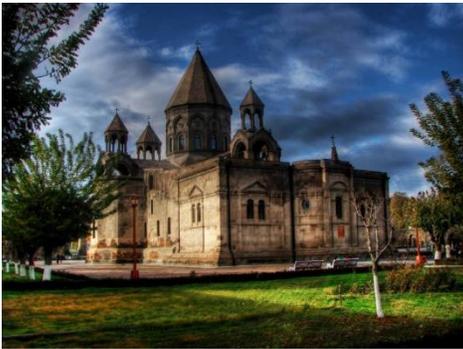
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Day 5/ Oct. 12. Yerevan – Echmiadzin – Garni – Geghard – Yerevan (117 km)

- ✚ Visit the Mother Cathedral and churches of Echmiadzin (UNESCO). Built in the 4-7th centuries, they are very important witnesses to the implantation of Christianity in Armenia.
- ✚ Visit the Echmiadzin treasury, which hosts the values of the history of the Armenian church.
- ✚ Drive to Kotayk Region to visit Garni (UNESCO), the only surviving Pagan Temple in the whole ex USSR territory. This 2000 year old temple will impress you with its style and surrounding nature. Then 15min drive and another masterpiece well worth visiting. Geghard (UNESCO) is a 4-13th century Monastery, half of which is from a single piece of rock. With a rich background history and its own sacred spring as a water source, Geghard is the most visited sight in Armenia.
- ✚ Drive back to Yerevan
- ✚ Dinner in restaurant.

Breakfast/ lunch / dinner included



Day 6/ Oct. 13. Yerevan- Wine region- Areni Cave- Noravank - Yerevan (240km)

- ✚ Our tour to Armenia’s Wine region will be through Ararat valley, known as a cradle of civilizations.
- ✚ First, we visit the Old Bridge winery show room. Try one of the best wines of this region. Armen the owner will tell us about his wines, and the local homemade food served on the table.
- ✚ Photo-stop for the Biblical Mountain Ararat where Noah descended and planted the first grape.
- ✚ Visit the oldest known winery- an open archeological site in Areni village, 6100 years old. In this rich site, the oldest shoe in the world (5500 years old), and also the oldest human brain were found.
- ✚ We’ll drive through a very narrow canyon to Visit Noravank, a 9-14th century Monastery and Masterpiece of Armenian architecture, surrounded with picturesque red rocks and a fascinating background history.
- ✚ Visit Trinity, an organic winery, for degustation and dinner. The winery owner will tell you all about the wines, as well as the traditions of Armenian feasts.
- ✚ Drive back to Yerevan.

Breakfast/ lunch included

