

Best of Armenia and Georgia - 12 days

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This 12 day tour combines the best of Armenia and Georgia, two very different but equally rewarding countries. In both, you'll discover centuries-old monasteries in breathtaking locations, fascinating museums, characterful cities and of course a landscape that's as beautiful as it is varied. Taste Armenian brandy, learn how to bake lavash, explore underground cave cities, luxuriate in a thermal bath and visit a chaotic animal bazaar. Throughout, you'll receive a typically warm Caucasus welcome in a region where hospitality means so much more than just polite and efficient service.

DEPARTURE DATES:

28.10.2021; 04.11.2021; 11.11.2021; 17.03.2022; 24.03.2022; 31.03.2022; 07.04.2022; 14.04.2022; 21.04.2022; 28.04.2022; 05.05.2022; 12.05.2022; 19.05.2022; 26.05.2022; 02.06.2022; 09.06.2022; 16.06.2022; 23.06.2022; 30.06.2022; 07.07.2022; 14.07.2022; 21.07.2022; 28.07.2022; 04.08.2022; 11.08.2022; 18.08.2022; 25.08.2022; 01.09.2022; 08.09.2022; 15.09.2022; 22.09.2022; 29.09.2022; 06.10.2022; 13.10.2022; 20.10.2022; 27.10.2022; 03.11.2022; 10.11.2022.

ITINERARY

Day 1. Yerevan

Arrival in Yerevan. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day 2. Yerevan - Echmiadzin - Zvartnots - Yerevan

Yerevan city tour - we'll begin in the history museum moving on to the Matenadaran Library. Afterwards, you'll tour the city's main sights. Later, we'll make an excursion to the UNESCO-listed Armenian Catholic cathedral at Echmiadzin and to Zvartnots. Overnight in Yerevan. Driving distance: 55 km / 34 ml.

Day 3. Yerevan - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan

This morning we drive out to Garni. Stroll through the canyon and over the 9th century bridge to reach this pagan temple. Nearby, you'll visit the legendary Geghard Monastery. We've also arranged a visit to a local house where you will help prepare a typical Armenian bread. Overnight in Yerevan. Driving distance: 75 km / 47 ml.

Day 4. Yerevan - Khor Virap - Noravank - Areni - Yerevan

Gregory the Illuminator introduced Christianity to Armenia and the monastery of Khor Virap is connected to this important figure. We also visit Noravank - a 12th century monastery nestled in a twisty gorge. Our last stop today is Areni Winery. Return to Yerevan. Overnight in Yerevan. Driving distance: 245 km / 153 ml.

Day 5. Yerevan - Sevan - Dilijan - Haghpat - Tbilisi

Today we'll drive to one of the largest high altitude freshwater lakes - Lake Sevan and will visit Sevanavank Monastery. From there we move on to what's dubbed "Armenian Switzerland" and have a city tour of the delightful Dilijan. En route to the Georgian border, we'll call in at Haghpat monastery. Meet your Georgian guide on the border and together drive to Tbilisi. Overnight in Tbilisi. Driving distance: 301 km / 188 ml.

Day 6. Tbilisi

Today during a city tour you'll get to know the charming Georgian capital, Tbilisi, we will also visit the Georgian National Museum and stroll along bustling Rustaveli Avenue, the city's main drag. Overnight in Tbilisi.

Day 7. Tbilisi - Mtskheta - Kutaisi

Visit Mtskheta - the ancient capital and religious centre of Georgia. Two important, UNESCO-listed sites are on the itinerary: the 6th century Djvari church and the 11th century Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. Afterwards, we drive to Kutaisi. Nearby, we'll show you around Prometheus Cave. Overnight in Kutaisi. Driving distance: 265 km / 166 ml.

Day 8. Kutaisi - Gelati - Bagrati - Akhaltsikhe

Visit a local bazaar. Then we go to the Gelati Monastery and Academy Complex. Moving on, we'll tour Bagrati

Cathedral. From there, we'll drive to our base tonight at Akhaltsikhe. Overnight in Akhaltsikhe. Driving distance: 213 km / 133 ml.

Day 9. Akhaltsikhe - Vardzia - Rabati Fortress - Akhaltsikhe

The incredible cave city of Vardzia is the highlight of today's sightseeing programme. Later, we'll stop off at Rabati Fortress where there's an excellent ethnographic museum to check out. Overnight in Akhaltsikhe. Driving distance: 122 km / 76 ml.

Day 10. Akhaltsikhe - Borjomi - Gori - Uplistikhe - Tbilisi

This morning we'll set our sights on Gori, breaking the journey with a wander through Borjomi Park. Visit Stalin's museum in Gori. Near Gori we'll explore another cave city - Uplistikhe before returning to Tbilisi. There, we'll enjoy a traditional dinner accompanied by folk dancing. Overnight in Tbilisi. Driving distance: 240 km / 150 ml.

Day 11. Tbilisi

Having ticked off the must-sees, this day is free for you to explore Tbilisi at your own pace. Overnight in Tbilisi.

Day 12. Tbilisi

This morning marks the end of your Caucasus adventure. Transfer to the airport.

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

- International flights
- Accommodation
- Guided tours & cultural programme
- Half-board meals
- Ground transportation
- Airport transfers

Not included

- Personal travel insurance
- Optional excursions and services

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3* PACKAGE

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28/10/2021 - 08/11/2021	£1945	£2345	£245.00
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PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

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ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Best of Caucasus" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > [Great Armenian Discovery - 10 days \(AM-03\)](#), Price from £1695, 10 days
- > [Highlights of Azerbaijan - 6 days \(AZ-01\)](#), Price from £945, 6 days
- > [Discover Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan - 16 days \(CT-02\)](#), Price from £2745, 16 days
- > [Short Break in Istanbul with a Visit to Cappadocia - 6 days \(TR-02\)](#), Price from £945, 6 days

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Best of Caucasus holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.best-of-caucasus.co.uk and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Best of Caucasus, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@best-of-caucasus.co.uk, or

Phone: call us on +44 (0)20 30 51 76 40

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum £100) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card, cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

