

11D Let's Go Caucasus

Travel period valid from 01 Nov 2019 - 31 Mar 2020

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Meals

8 Breakfasts
7 Lunches
8 Dinner

Hotels

4 Star

Highlights:

- 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Armenian Monasteries - Temple of Garni, Haghat Monastery and Khor Virap.
- Tbilisi Georgia
- Lake Sevan Armenian



Day 01

Departure - Baku

Meals on Board

- Assemble at the airport for your long-haul flight to Baku, Azerbaijan.

Day 02

Baku

Dinner

- Baku – One of the most beautiful world's cities located at the joint of Europe and Asia.
- Ichari Shahar – Visit the UNESCO listed Old City which lies within an exotically crenelated arc of fortress wall. Visit its maze of alleys, mosques, historical buildings and remnants of fortification including the Palace of the Shirvanshahs and the Maiden Tower.
- Medieval Caravansaries – Handmade carpet's workshop art studio.
- Synyk Kala Minaret – City's oldest building erected since 1093 and the 12th century Lezgi Mosque.



Day 03

Baku - Gobustan - Absheron Peninsula - Baku

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Gobustan – Drive along the Caspian shore Gobustan, home to the famous rock petroglyphs and mud volcanoes.
- Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape (UNESCO World Heritage Site) – Tour the volcanic desert sites and mud volcanoes. *(Group will be transferred to local taxis; approximately 20 mins drive to the mud volcanoes sites).*
- Absheron Peninsula – Visit the Ateshgyakh Zoroastrian Fire Worshipping Temple (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the famous Burning Mountain 'Yanar Dag', an ancient and visually stunning fire which blazes continuously on a hillside.



Day 04

Baku - Shemakha - Sheki

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Shemakha – Visit Diri Baba Mausoleum dating from 1402, built into the side of a cliff with ancient rock carvings. Visit the historical Friday Mosque (Juma) and continue driving across scenic Muganly Pass with photo stops to capture great views of the mountains to Sheki.
- Proceed to visit local medieval fortress, Sheki Khans' Palace, local museum of history and local handicrafts workshop.

Day 05

Sheki - Signaghi - Tbilisi

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to Azerbaijan-Georgian border, Lagodekhi.
- Kakheti – Famous for wine making and you get to enjoy homemade lunch and wine at a local family.
- Khareba Winery – Enjoy 4 kinds of wine tasting.
- Signaghi – Visit the fortified town with the prettiest and colourful hilltop town in Kakheti and wonderful view over the Alazani valley.
- Bodbe Monastery – Constructed in 4th century AD on the tomb of St. Nino who introduced Christianity in Georgia.

Day 06

Tbilisi - Mtskheta - Tbilisi

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Mtskheta – Formal capital of Georgia (UNESCO World Heritage Site) in 1994. Visit the Jvari Monastery.
- Svetitskhoveli Cathedral – The royal cathedral of Georgia used for centuries for the coronation and burial of Georgian monarchs.
- Metekhi Church – 7th century Sioni Cathedral and the Great Synagogue
- Stroll along the heart of 21st century Tbilisi, Rustaveli Avenue where you can find dozens of cafes, restaurants and shops along the way.

- Enjoy Tbilisi panoramic tour by cable car to view Narikala fortress.
- Haman – Photo stop at the natural hot sulfur bath, which the city got its name from. *(Cable car operation depends on weather and technical conditions and in the event cable car is not operating, we will visit Narikala fortress on foot.)*

Day 07

Tbilisi - Yerevan

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to Georgian – Armenian border, Sadakhlo.
- Haghpat Monastery – Visit the medieval monastic complex built in the 10th to 13th centuries (UNESCO World Heritage Site).

Day 08

Yerevan - Kotayk - Khor Virap - Yerevan

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Kotayk – Visit Geghard Cave Monastery, one of the country's greatest spiritual and cultural centers.
- The Temple of Garni – Dedicated to the sun goddess Mythra, the only pagan temple in Armenia.
- Excursion to Khor Virap – Visit the fortified monastery of Khor Virap, the place of pilgrimage and one of the most worshipped ones in Armenia and also the holy site for the Armenian Apostolic Church. Enjoy the beautiful view of Mt. Ararat on a clear day.
- Yerevan – One of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world.
- Cascade Monument – Main symbol of the city's 2780th anniversary with the equivalent number of stairs, Opera House and republic Square.
- Erebuni Museum – It contains many artifacts that have been discovered in the excavations of the fortress of Erebuni in 1950-1959.
- Echmiadzin Cathedral – The residence of the Armenian Catholics and the center of Armenian Churches.

Day 09

Yerevan - Lake Sevan - Tbilisi

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Excursion to Lake Sevan – Visit the lake which is also called the 'Armenian Sea' which is the largest lake in Armenia and the Caucasus region. It is also one of the highest located lakes in the world at the altitude of 1900m above sea level.
- Sevanavank Monastery – Enjoy the picturesque view of the ancient religious complex that overlooks Lake Sevan.
- Transfer to Armenian border – Georgian border.

Day 10

Tbilisi - Home

Breakfast | Meals on Board

- Tbilisi – Free at leisure till transport to the Tbilisi airport for flight back home.

We hope you had an enjoyable holiday with us and we look forward to seeing you again.

Day 11

Home

Service Fee and Additional Excursions

1. Service fee & hotel city tax
2. Khor Virap
3. Sevan

Total Euro 280

Remarks:

- The Sequence of the itinerary and hotel are subject to change with/without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstance.
- During major conferences, fairs & festivals, accommodation may be located in an alternative city without prior notice.
- In the event that a place of visit or attraction is closed to visitors, it will be replaced with an alternative if possible.
- Some accommodations may not have specific twin or double room types.
- Free upgrade of hotel is only applicable to selected date.

