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Tbilisi is a great place, not only for explorers, but also for those who are fond of nightlife. It's the best place for clubbing and the party culture. Everybody, regardless of age, will be warmly welcomed and will find a place to love and enjoy.



Tbilisi, Georgia



The fashionable city of Baku contrasts with the unique architecture of medieval periods and the most modern buildings with contemporary architectural tendencies.



Prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey to South Caucasus, a region famed for its natural beauty, the warmth of its Caucasian hospitality, rich history, time-honored traditions, vibrant culture, delectable cuisine, and the enigmatic allure that has captivated travelers for centuries.

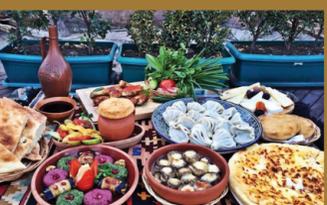


The ancient land of Christianity and the first country to adopt Christianity as its state religion



The remote villages of the Caucasus highlands, are unique with fortifications and dwelling complexes, ecologically unspoiled nature, centuries-old customs and traditions.

Unforgettable moments, glimpses, lifetime memories



Fabulous Caucasian Cuisine
Follow the flavors of all the Caucasian traditional cuisines. Open the full taste of unmistakably distinctive local dishes with all possible kinds of meat, fish and vegetables, all dressed with fragrant greens, spices, garlic and walnuts.



Georgian "Supra"
Life in Colours and Ornaments
Get immersed in a fantastic world of local crafts, meet craftsmen and visit studios. See how traditional carpets, felt rugs, stoking and embroidery is made. Revelle the secrets of cloisonné enamel art, or take part in pottery making.



Carpet-making, Azerbaijan
Lessons of generous hospitality
Experience and enjoy traditions of local hospitality. See how local cheese and "Chacha", which is similar to grappa, is made. Enjoy culinary masterclasses, take part in bread baking and traditional sweets making and make "Khinkali", a kind of dumpling with a perfectly round shape and wrinkles.



Khinkali making, Georgia
Festivities and dinner parties
The Dinner party, or as it is called "Supra" in Georgian, is an essential part of local culture and life style. The dinner table isn't complete without the abundance of elaborate dishes. There is no meal without wine, and no wine without a long speech from "Tamada" – the toast master, the chief of the dinner party.



Niko Pirosmani, Georgian primitivist painter
Open Air Events
Experience exceptional events and luxurious amenities in the most unexpected of places: off-the-beaten-path locations dotted with historical ruins, in ancient cave towns, majestic mountains, arid deserts, farmlands and more.

Cultural and Historical Sites

- AZ Ichen Sheher** - Old City or Inner City is the historical core of Baku. It is widely accepted that the Old City, including its Maiden Tower, date at least to the 12th century, with some researchers contending that construction dates as far back as the 7th century.
- AZ Maiden Tower** - The Maiden Tower or also known as Güz Galasi located in the old city of Baku is an ancient tower built in the 12th century, as a part of the walled city of Baku. The Maiden tower houses a museum, which presents the story of historic evolution of the city.
- AZ** The new building of the Azerbaijan Carpet Museum will amaze you with its vast collection of more than 10,000 items. Aside from carpets woven in the 17th – 20th centuries, a collection of jewelry, ceramics and old metal works is also a part of the exhibition.
- AZ Heydar Aliyev Center** - A symbol of modern Azerbaijan and one of the main attractions of Baku. The center houses the Heydar Aliyev Museum of Modern Art and other temporary exhibitions. The center is recognized as a venue place for international conferences and forums.
- AZ Atesgah** is an ancient religious temple of fire worshippers built in 17th century. Many foreign travelers and historians have described this castle-like place. It is one of the sacred places. Zoroastrians (fire worshippers) used to visit and still do during their pilgrimage.
- AZ Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape** is a hill and mountain site occupying the southeast end of the Big Caucasian Ridge in Azerbaijan. Located on the west bank of the Caspian Sea, it represents an outstanding collection of over 7000 rock engravings dating from Upper Paleolithic to the Middle Ages.
- AZ Sheki Khan's Palace (1790-1797)**. Along with its pool and plane trees, the summer residence is the only remaining structure from the larger palatial complex inside the Sheki Khans' Fortress, which once included a winter palace, residences for the Khan's family and servants's quarters.
- GE Gremi** is a 16th-century architectural monument – in Kakheti, the royal citadel and the Church of the Archangels – in Kakheti. The complex is what has survived from the once flourishing town of Gremi.
- GE Tsinanidali Family Estate and wine cellar**, which once belonged to the 19th century aristocratic poet Alexander Chavchavadze. The residence consists of a summer home, garden and winery, featuring several vineyards of white wine.
- GE Sighnaghi** - the town is famous for its wine and carpet making culture. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Kiziki area and unusual charm of Sighnaghi – the so-called "City of Love" which is surrounded by an 18th century fortified town wall.
- GE Nankkala Fortress (4th c.)** – an ancient fortress of the city built on a steep hill, overlooking the capital of Georgia and the Mikvirani river. The fortress was established in the 4th century as Shuri-Iskhe (i.e., "Invincible Fort"), through most of recent fortifications date from the 16th and 17th centuries.
- GE Abanotubani** (literally "bath district") – located at the foot of Nankkala fortress, Abanotubani is the place where king Vakhtang Gorgasali discovered warm springs; and subsequently found a new capital "Tbilisi" ("Tbil" means "warm" in Georgian).
- GE Svaneti**, the fortified cathedral dating from the 11th century, is a sacred place where the Robe of Christ is buried.
- GE Jvari**, the 6th century cross-shaped monastery is built on the top of a cliff overlooking the confluence of Aragvi and Mikvirani rivers. At this place St. Nino, enlightener of Georgia, erected a large wooden cross on the site of a Pagan temple.
- GE Ananuri Architectural Complex** - former residence of the Dukes of Aragvi, beautifully overlooking Jiravli reservoir. The complex includes churches and towers dating back to the 15th–17th centuries.

Caucasus- Crossroad of Cultures, the Land of Myths, Ancient History and Natural Beauty

The Argonauts
In search of the Golden Fleece and richness, the Argonauts fulfilled the mythical journey to the Kingdom of Colchis 33 centuries ago. (West Georgia)

Caucasian Shepherd Dog
The Ancient breed mentioned in several historical annals; It is discerned for its size, physical strength, courageous nature, intelligence, fidelity and affection. (Georgia)

Prometheus
Chained on the high peak of the Caucasus mountains, Prometheus was punished by the Gods for bringing fire to humans.

The Great Silk Road, one of the remarkable achievements of the ancient civilizations, connected different countries and nations.

It was not only the trading chain but also a channel of interchange of different cultures, arts and crafts, technologies, ideas, and beliefs.

Cradle of wine
8000 years history of continuous wine making tradition; up to 500 indigenous grape varieties still cultivated. (Kakheti, Georgia)

The land of Fire
The phenomena of "burning hillsides" caused by gas seeping through fissures in the earth, is considered one of the wonders of the world. (Yanar-Dag, Azerbaijan)

Caviar
In a fashionable atmosphere of Brother Noble's house-museum, enjoy caviar tasting, of which the Caspian Sea is so rich. Carefully selected caviar with delicate flavor and pearl-like texture will be served for our guests.

Matsoni
"Matsoni" is a fermented milk product similar to yogurt, both healthy and tasty, but with much more benefits to the health than yogurt can give. Matsoni contains very valuable probiotics and lacto-bacteria, it decreases cholesterol, strengthens the immune system and resolves digestive problems. Matsoni is believed to keep the secrets of longevity so common in the Caucasus. (Georgia)

Homo Erectus
The archaeological discovery of the hominid materials give new evidence to the origin of man, his evolution and settlements. It is the oldest and the most primitive in Eurasia and belonged to Homo Erectus, who lived here 1.8 million years ago. (Dmanisi, Georgia)

Noah's Ark
The Bible records that Noah's ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat, and there are many references of Noah's descent from the mountain after the Great Flood. (Mt. Ararat, Historic Armenia)

Bedrock of Christianity
The land of Christianity is the home of the first nation to adopt Christianity as its official religion in 301 AD. (Armenia)

The Caucasus boasts evidence of a flourishing culture with numerous UNESCO sites and other cultural, architectural and religious monuments of highly artistic value and importance.

Cultural and Historical Sites

- GE Gergeti Trinity Church** – the 14th c. altar and bell tower, situated on the slopes of Mt. Kazbek at 2170 m. is the most important church of Khvivi province. The stone decorations represented on the facade of the church help us to understand the ancient rituals and beliefs.
- GE Uplistsikhe** rock-town (1st Millennium BC), which is notable for unique combination of various styles of rock-cut cultures and the co-existence of Pagan and Christian architecture. Here you can see ancient wine presses carved in stone.
- GE Kutaisi** is Georgia's second largest city located in the western region of Imereti. Kutaisi was the capital of the ancient Kingdom of Colchis. You will enjoy learning about turbulent history of the city of Kutaisi, which retained its greatest monuments - Bagrat Cathedral (11th century) and Gelati Monastery complex.
- GE Gelati Monastery**, founded in 1106 AD, by the famous king of Georgia, Davit the Builder. The frescos of the monastery are considered to be unique, as they display the entire history and most important stages of Georgian ecclesiastical mural paintings. Gelati Monastery is listed in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- GE Ushguli** – at about 2200 m. above sea level, is the highest village in Europe, is an architecturally unique Middle Age village-fortification in Svaneti. It represents a junction of watchtowers, dwelling complexes and basilicas decorated with murals.
- GE Batumi**, one of the oldest cities in Georgia was inhabited from as early as the 3rd century BC. Batumi is mentioned by Greek and Roman sources as one of the principal ports of the Black Sea.
- GE Vardzia Cave Complex** was founded in the 12th-13th centuries, during the reign of Giorgi III and Queen Tamar. The complex became a well fortified monastery, which had a significant role in the political, cultural, educational and spiritual life of Georgia.
- AM Echmiadzin** is the center of the Armenian Church. It is where the Catholics of all Armenians lives, and is also the location of the Echmiadzin Cathedral. The cathedral, built in 480 AD, is located in a walled compound with gardens and various structures.
- AM Zvartnots Cathedral** - the Zvartnots dates from the 7th century, and was built to suppress the Echmiadzin Cathedral in grandeur. This complex consists of a temple and the palace of Catholics Nerses III. Now in ruins, it is located at the edge of the City of Echmiadzin in Armenia's Armani Province.
- AM Khor-Virap** ("Deep Dungeon") – one of the holiest sites in Armenia, the site of the underground pit where Gregory the Illuminator was imprisoned before converting King Tiridates III to Christianity. Its location, near the closest point to Mount Ararat within Armenian borders, offers a spectacular view of the mountain.
- AM Tatev Monastery** - the 9th century monastery, played a significant role in the history of the region as a center of economic, political, spiritual and cultural activity. The monastery can be reached by Wings of Tatev, the longest non-stop double track cable car.
- AM Monastery of Geghard** is a unique architectural construction in the Kotayk province of Armenia, being partially carved out of the adjacent mountain, surrounded by cliffs at the entrance to the Azat Valley.
- AM Garni** – the Hellenistic temple was built in the 1st century AD, which served as a summer residence for Armenian kings. It is the only Pagan temple on the territory of modern Armenia. Others were destroyed after the adoption of Christianity.
- AM Lake Sevan** – the largest lake in Armenia, and one of the largest high-altitude lakes in the world. Its surface is at an altitude of 1,950 m above sea level. Armenians call it "The Blue Pearl".
- AM Hagpat Monastery** is a medieval Armenian monastery complex founded by Queen Khosrovanush 976 AD. Hagpat monastery was placed on UNESCO World Heritage List in 1996.

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The Land of Wine and Vine
Having an 8000 year history of wine production, Georgia has lots to offer to wine lovers. Enjoy wine tasting with professional sommeliers and taste true flavors of this astonishing country, where approximately 500 indigenous grape varieties are still cultivated.



Armenian Brandy
Visit one of the famous brandy factories in Yerevan for brandy tasting. Ararat Valley grape varieties, spring water, and time-honored distilling techniques combine to give Armenian brandy its distinctive flavor and golden hue.



Thematic Events
Visit the studios of well-known painters, sculptors or photographers. Be a guest of artists, actors and musicians. Enjoy reception with aperitif during thematic evenings, often accompanied by the classic music concerts or polyphonic songs, specially organized performances, lectures, exhibitions, fashion shows, etc.



Outdoor Activities
Enjoy rafting on the white water rivers, a 4WD drive adventure or horse-back riding. Take a hot air balloon ride and be impressed by the variety of rural landscapes. Fly up to the sky and discover majestic views of the valley below, crowned by the peaks of the Caucasus Mountains, topped with white snow.



Folk-Shows and Performances
Don't miss attending breath-taking Caucasian dance performances. It's part of the local culture, and each dance portrays the life style of the region of country it originated from. The beautiful costumes, rhythm of movement and sounds of traditional musical instruments are blended into one single harmony.





SOUTH CAUCASUS COUNTRIES



Georgia

Territory: 69,700 sq km **Population:** 3 688 600
Capital / Main cities: Tbilisi - 1 200 000
 Batumi - 173 700
 Kutaisi - 130 000
Official Language: Georgian **Script:** Georgian (33 Letters)
Climate: A humid subtropical climate in Western Georgia and subtropical to moderate in Eastern Georgia
Time zone: GMT +4 (o DST)
Main Religion: Orthodox Christian
Currency (Code): Lari (GEL - Georgian Lari)
Telephone: Country code: 995 Area code for Tbilisi: 32
Electricity: 220 volt, 50 Hz. **Socket Type:** Europlug, Schuko



Azerbaijan

Territory: 86 600 sq km **Population:** 10 346 250
Capital / Main cities: Baku - 2 293 100
 Ganja - 335 600
 Sumqayıt - 358 680
Official Language: Azeri **Script:** Latin
Climate: Varies from subtropical and dry in Central and Eastern Azerbaijan to subtropical and humid in the southeast.
Time zone: GMT +4
Main Religion: Islam
Currency (code): New Azerbaijani Manat (AZN)
Telephone: Country code: 994, Area code for Baku: 12
Electricity: 220 volt, 50 Hz. **Socket Type:** Europlug, Schuko



Armenia

Territory: 29 800 sq km **Population:** 2 961 900
Capital / Main cities: Yerevan - 1 092 800
 Gyumri - 110 200
 Vanadzor - 76 220
Official Language: Armenian **Script:** Armenian
Climate: Highland continental
Time zone: GMT+4
Main Religion: Christian (Armenian Apostolic)
Currency (code): Armenian Dram (AMD)
Telephone: Country code: 374, Area code for Yerevan: 10
Electricity: 220 volt, 50 Hz. **Socket Type:** Europlug, Schuko

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