



## Three Capital Cities of South Caucasus

**Guaranteed Departures 2019**

**Baku – Tbilisi – Yerevan**

### Day 1: Arrival in Baku (-)

Arrival in Baku. Transfer to the Hotel for suppl. price (see below)

Check-In time at the hotel 03:00 p.m. Free time.

3 Nights in Baku.

Guaranteed departures from 2 PAX:

12.04-22.04.2019

08.05-18.05.2019

02.08-12.08.2019

06.09-16.09.2019

11.10-21.10.2019

### Day 2: Baku City Tour (B)

10:00 a.m.: Meet your guide at the hotel.

You enjoy a panoramic city tour and visit historic and architectural monuments: medieval part of the city- Ichiari Shiakhlar, the Palace of Shirvan-Shakhs, Maiden Tower, medieval bathhouses, Karavansaray.

Handicraft workshops, carpet and antique shops. Later you will have free time to explore the city yourself: take a boat trip in Caspian Sea (if weather permits) or have a walk along the Boulevard.

### Day 3: Baku – Absheron Peninsula – Baku (B)/80 km

09:00 a.m.: Meet your guide at the hotel.

Visit farmer's market with Oriental spices and sweets. Later drive to visit ancient Zoroastrian Temple Ateshgyah (i.e. The House of Fire) on the Absheron Peninsula. The territory of the Temple is world famous for its unique natural phenomenon- hot exhaust of natural gas. Back to Baku you will visit the Heydar Aliyev Center which is designed by Iraqi-British architect Zaha Hadid and noted for its distinctive architecture.

Back to Baku. Time at leisure.

### Day 4: Baku – Gobustan – Baku – Train to Tbilisi (B) / 130 km

10:00 a.m.: Meet your guide at the hotel.

Trip to Gobustan National Park to the south of Baku, between the Great Caucasus and the Caspian Sea. Here used to be the dwellings of pre-historic men, who left numerous rock paintings- petroglyphs. Then take local vehicles to visit famous mud volcanoes. Back to Baku. Free time in city center until transfer to the railway station. Departure at 21:00.

- There is no restaurant in the train and we would recommend to buy some snacks during the stroll in the city.

**Day 5: Tbilisi – Mtskheta – Tbilisi (-) / 80 km**

Arrive in Tbilisi in the morning by train (10:30 a.m.). Meet your guide. After brunch a short drive to visit the old capital of Georgia – Mtskheta (UNESCO World heritage). Christianity in Georgia started from this town in 4<sup>th</sup> century. You will visit Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (11<sup>th</sup> century), spiritual centre of the country. Then drive up to the top of a high cliff with Jvari Monastery and have a splendid panoramic view of how two rivers, Aragvi and Mtkvari join each other. Drive back to Tbilisi. Check-In at the Hotel. 3 Nights in Tbilisi.

**Day 6: Tbilisi (B)**

09:00 a.m.: Meet your guide at the Hotel.

Tbilisi sightseeing tour. Historic part of Tbilisi is located at the foot of Narikala Fortress. It charms visitors with its romantic, narrow streets, beautiful facades and picturesque sites next to each other, including Metekhi Church, Synagogue, Sioni Cathedral, Bridge of Peace, Anchiskhati Church and famous sulphur bathhouses. Its modern part is no less impressive, especially Rustaveli Avenue with its exquisite, 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture. Visit the treasury of Georgian Museum (Golden artifacts from 1st millennium BC and more). Free time.

**Day 7: Tbilisi – Uplistsikhe – Ananuri – Tbilisi (B)/280 km**

09:00 a.m.: Meet your guide at the Hotel.

Drive to visit Uplistsikhe Cave Town near Gori. Uplistsikhe served, over the centuries, as a place for both, residential purposes and as a pagan rituals site. The functional aspects of the city are still clearly visible in its remains, including an ancient theatre, the hall of pagan rituals, wine-cellar etc. The Silk Road passed there, traces of which can still be seen. Later, visit a local winery to taste Georgian wines. Georgia is considered to be the homeland of wine. The history of wine-making goes back to 6000 millennium B.C. and counts already 8000 vintages. The ancient Georgian method of making wines in underground clay jars is unique one and is listed in UNESCO World Heritage. Then drive up the Military Highway to the fortress Ananuri. Back to Tbilisi.

**Day 8: Tbilisi – Sadakhlo – Lake Sevan – Yerevan (B) /325 km**

09:00 a.m.: Meet your guide at the Hotel.

Drive to Georgia-Armenia border in Sadakhlo/Bagratashen. After border formalities you will change guide and transportation. Start your acquaintance with Armenia with the monastic complex Haghpat (976 AD) which is among the outstanding works of medieval Armenian architecture and is inscribed in UNESCO World Heritage list. Continue your tour to the high-mountainous Lake Sevan – the emerald of Armenia. It is the second largest alpine freshwater lake in the world and the biggest in the Caucasus. This huge mountain lake, which takes a huge territory of Armenia's surface area, is about 1900 meters above sea level. Sightseeing in Sevan peninsula with Sevan Monastery (8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> centuries). Drive to the capital of Armenia – Yerevan. Check-In at the Hotel. 3 Nights in Yerevan.

**Day 9: Yerevan – Echmiadzin – Yerevan (B) /100 km**

09:00 a.m.: Meet your guide at the Hotel.

Yerevan city tour including a visit of the Memorial Park and Tsitsernakaberd Memorial. Proceed to Echmiadzin, which is mere 20 km from Yerevan. Etchmiadzin Cathedral is known as the center of the Armenian Church and appears to be one of the world's first Christian State churches. Return to Yerevan with stop at the ruins of Zvartnots Temple - the pearl of the 7<sup>th</sup> c. architecture, which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage.

- Optional visit in the famous Yerevan Brandy Factory founded in 1887. The bar offers tasting of various old and chateau sort of brandy. See suppl. price below.

**Day 10: Yerevan – Garni – Geghard – Yerevan (B) /80 km**

09:00 a.m.: Meet your guide at the Hotel.

Tour to Matenadaran which contains historical documents from all over Europe and Asia from many centuries. There is also the first copy of the Bible in Armenian and the Gospels that fascinate with their beautiful miniatures. Depart to Garni Temple. The citadel and pagan temple of Garni is a picturesque monument of the Hellenistic period and an impressive piece of ancient Armenian architecture. Northeast of Garni, higher up the gorge of the Azat River, there is a magnificent monument of medieval Armenian architecture - Geghard Monastery inscribed in UNESCO World Heritage list. Drive back to Yerevan.

**Day 11: Departure (B)**

Transfer to the Airport for suppl. price. (see below).

**Rates in USD 2019**

Package	Price per person in a DBL/Twin room	Sgl. Suppl.	Train tickets Baku - Tbilisi	
			2 pax compart.	4 pax compart.
Standard	975	220	65 USD/pp.	35 USD/pp.
Superior	1040	300		

**Packages:**

The price difference in packages is based on different hotel categories:

**Standard package** includes local 3\* hotels with all basic amenities needed for short stay in the city. e.g. Hotel [Nemi in Baku](#), Hotel [Gureli in Tbilisi](#) , Hotel [Silachi in Yerevan](#)

**Superior package** includes centrally located local 3\*+ or 4\* hotels in walking distance from the main attractions of the city e.g. [Azcot Hotel](#) in Baku, Hotel [Astoria Luxe](#) in Tbilisi, Hotel [Royal Plaza](#) in Yerevan

**Price includes:**

- Accommodation in Hotels incl. Breakfast (3 nights in Baku, 1 night in the train, 3 nights in Tbilisi, 3 nights in Yerevan)
- Transportation by car, minivan, minibus or bus according to the group size
- English speaking Driver-Guide in case of 2-3 PAX, ESG + Driver in case of 4 PAX and more, Driver-guide or guide change at the border
- Entrance fees according to the program
- 1×wine-tasting in Georgia

**Optional transfers, excursions, meals etc.:**

Transfer Airport – Hotel in Baku (without guide)	20 USD/pp. one way
Additional night in Baku in case of pre-program, 3* Hotel Nemi	55 USD per DBL room per night, incl. breakfast; 42 USD per SGL room per night, incl. breakfast.
Additional night in Baku in case of pre-program, 4* Hotel Azcot	66 USD per DBL room per night, incl. breakfast; 55 USD per SGL room per night, incl. breakfast.
Dinner in a traditional restaurant with Folk Show in Baku	30 USD/pp. per dinner
Dinner in a traditional restaurant in Tbilisi	25 USD/pp. per dinner
Dinner in a traditional restaurant in Yerevan	20 USD/pp. per dinner
Transfer Hotel – Airport in Yerevan (without guide)	20 USD/pp. one way
Brandy-tasting in Yerevan	2 types of Brandy: 10 USD/pp. 3 types of Brandy: 20 USD/pp.
Additional night in Yerevan in case of post-program, 3* Hotel Silachi	60 USD per DBL room per night, incl. breakfast; 50 USD per SGL room per night, incl. breakfast.
Additional night in Yerevan in case of post-program, 4* Hotel Royal Plaza	75 USD per DBL room per night, incl. breakfast; 65 USD per SGL room per night, incl. breakfast.

**Visa:**

Citizens of EU member countries and many other countries need a visa to enter Azerbaijan. In the event, you need a visa, you can apply for e-visa yourself or take advantage of our assistance. E-visa procedure takes approx. 15 office days. If you want to apply for e-visa with our assistance, you need to send us the documents – passport copy (in colour) and application form (enclosed) – not later than 1 month prior to arrival date.

Visa fee is 30 USD.

Citizens of EU member countries and some other countries don't need a visa to enter Armenia and Georgia.

In the event, you need visa for these countries, you can apply for e-visa online:

Azerbaijan <https://evisa.gov.az/en/>

Armenia <https://evisa.mfa.am/>

Georgia <https://www.evisa.gov.ge/GeoVisa/>

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS****Guaranteed departure:**

Departure is guaranteed, if we have at least 2 PAX booked for the tour. If we have less, you will be informed about that at least 45 days before planned Arrival and you can cancel the tour, book another tour from our guaranteed offers or book a private tour with us for a more or less different price. The maximum group size for the dates above is 25 PAX each.

**Payment conditions:**

As soon as your tour is confirmed (latest 45 days prior to arrival date), you will receive the booking confirmation and the invoice from us. The full amount must be paid within next 5 days (not later than 40 days prior to arrival date).

Please, note that we offer accept by bank transfer and payment by credit card. In case of transfer payment you should consider Intermediary bank fee additionally to your ordinary bank fee, which is approx. 35 USD per transfer payment (depending on your Bank) and should be paid by the client. If you don't pay the fee for the Intermediary bank, this fee will be cut from our amount and we can not guarantee your trip in this case. In case of credit card payment, 3,5 % charges will apply (bank fee), which will be included in our invoice.

**Cancellation:**

The tour can be cancelled without cancellation fee 40 days prior to arrival date. If you cancel the Tour later than 40 days before arrival, the following cancellation fee will apply:

39-30 days prior to arrival date: 30 % from the total package price

29-15 days prior to arrival date: 60% from the total package price

14-4 days prior to arrival date: 80 % from the total package price

3-1 days prior to arrival date or NO-Show: 100 % from the total package price

If we don't receive the payment 40 days prior to arrival date, your booking will be automatically cancelled. If you have already paid for the tour and cancel it later, the fee for the transfer back to you will be cut from the amount to be refund.