

## Three Capital Cities of South Caucasus

**Baku – Tbilisi – Yerevan**

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

Arrival in Baku. Transfer to the Hotel (without guide).

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

2 Nights in Baku.

Guaranteed departures from 4PAX:

**07.04 – 16.04.2017**

**12.05 – 21.05.2017**

**02.06 – 11.06.2017**

**25.08 – 03.09.2017**

**22.09 – 01.10.2017**

### Day 2: Baku – Gobustan – Baku (B/D) /130 km

09:00 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.

Back to Baku, you experience 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 a panoramic view of the city from Mountain Park. Dinner in a restaurant. Last Night in Baku.

### Day 3: Baku – Absheron Peninsula – Night Train to Tbilisi (B/L)/80 km

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



Visit ancient Zoroastrian Temple Ateshgah (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.

After Lunch, you stroll through the boulevard along the Caspian Sea and through a part of the city with luxury houses of local elite. Free time for dining. Night train to Tbilisi.

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

### Day 4: Tbilisi – Mtskheta – Tbilisi (L/D) /80 km

Arrive in Tbilisi in the morning by train. 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. If you visit Jvari Monastery at the top of a high cliff, you can have a splendid panoramic view of how two rivers, Aragvi and Mtkvari join each other, as well as the great view on Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (11<sup>th</sup> century), spiritual centre of the country. Drive back to Tbilisi. Check-In at the Hotel. Free time.

Dinner in a traditional Georgian restaurant. 3 Nights in Tbilisi.

### **Day 5: Tbilisi (B/D)**

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, 19th century architecture. Visit the treasury of Georgian Museum (Golden artifacts from 1st millennium BC and more). Free time. Dinner in a restaurant.



### **Day 6: Tbilisi – Signagi – Bodbe – Gurjaani – Tbilisi (B/L)/280 km**

09:00 a.m.: Meet your guide at the Hotel. Visiting eastern region of Kakheti, noted for its hospitality and winemaking. You will visit the grave of St.Nino, who brought Christianity to Georgia, in Bodbe Convent. Next to it is situated a beautiful town of Signagi, with a picturesque view on Alazani Valley. It is surrounded by defensive wall built in 18th century. Sightseeing in the town. Drive on to the village Gurjaani and get to know the old Georgian way of wine-making in a farmer's house. Wine-tasting in a wine cellar and lunch with home-made dishes. Back to Tbilisi. Last Night in Tbilisi.

### **Day 7: Tbilisi – Sadakhlo – Lake Sevan – Yerevan (B/D) /325 km**

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



Drive to Georgian-Armenian border in Sadakhlo/Bagratashen. After border formalities you 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 (8th-9th centuries). Drive to the capital of Armenia – Yerevan. Check-In at the Hotel. Dinner in a restaurant. 3 Nights in Yerevan.

**Day 8: Yerevan – Echmiadzin – Yerevan (B/L) /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. Lunch in a local community, with tasting of home-made dishes. Return to Yerevan with stop at the ruins of Zvartnots Temple - the pearl of the 7th c. architecture, which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage. In the second half of the day visit the famous Yerevan Brandy Factory founded in 1887. The bar offers tasting of various old and chateau sort of cognacs. Free Time for Dinner.

**Day 9: Yerevan – Garni – Geghard – Yerevan (B/D) /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. Dinner in a restaurant. Last Night in Yerevan.

**Day 10: Departure (-)**

Transfer to the airport (without guide) and departure.

**Rates in USD 2017:**

Package	Price per person in a DBL/Twin room	Sgl. Suppl.	E-Visa for Azerbaijan	Train tickets	
				2 pax compart.	4 pax compart.
Economy	902	205	35/pp.	75 /pp.	50 /pp.
Standard	992	240			
Superior	1152	365			

**Packages:**

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

**Economy package** includes nice 3\* hotels with all basic amenities needed for short stay in the city. e.g. Hotel Gureli in Tbilisi [www.hotelgureli.com](http://www.hotelgureli.com) , Hotel Minotel Barsam Suites in Yerevan [www.barsamsuites.com](http://www.barsamsuites.com)

**Standard package** includes centrally located 3\* hotels in walking distance from the main attractions of the city e.g. Central Park Hotel in Baku [www.centralparkhotelbaku.com](http://www.centralparkhotelbaku.com) , Hotel Old Meidan in Tbilisi <http://oldmeidan.ge/eng/home/> , Hotel Aviatrans in Yerevan [www.hotelaviatrans.am](http://www.hotelaviatrans.am)

**Superior package** includes centrally located international brand Hotels 4\* or stylish Boutique Hotels with special atmosphere, roof terrace or spa. e.g. Shah Palace in Baku [www.shahpalacehotel.com](http://www.shahpalacehotel.com) , Mercure Tbilisi Old Town <http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-9417-mercure-tbilisi-old-town/index.shtml> , Best Western Congress Hotel in Yerevan <http://www.congresshotelyerevan.com/bestwestern/>

**Price includes:**

- Accommodation in Hotels incl. Breakfast
- Transportation and Transfers

- Meals: 4×Lunch and 5×Dinner
- English speaking Guide
- Entrance fees according to the program

**Not included:**

- Flight
- Insurance
- Beverages
- Visa fee
- Other service, note mentioned above.

**Visa:**

Azerbaijan e-visa procedure takes approx. 15 office days. We recommend to send the documents – passport copy, photo (in colour), application form (enclosed) and air ticket copy – not later than 1 month prior to arrival date.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Guaranteed departure:**

Departure is guaranteed, if we have at least 4 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).

We offer the following Payment Options:

\*Bank transfer: additionally to your ordinary bank fee, you should consider Intermediary bank fee to make the transfer payment to Georgia, 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 due to domestic Law.

\*Credit card: 3% fee will be added to the package price in your invoice, which is the local Bank fee for CC Payment. If you don't pay this, we cannot guarantee your trip.

**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. Visa fee is non refundable.