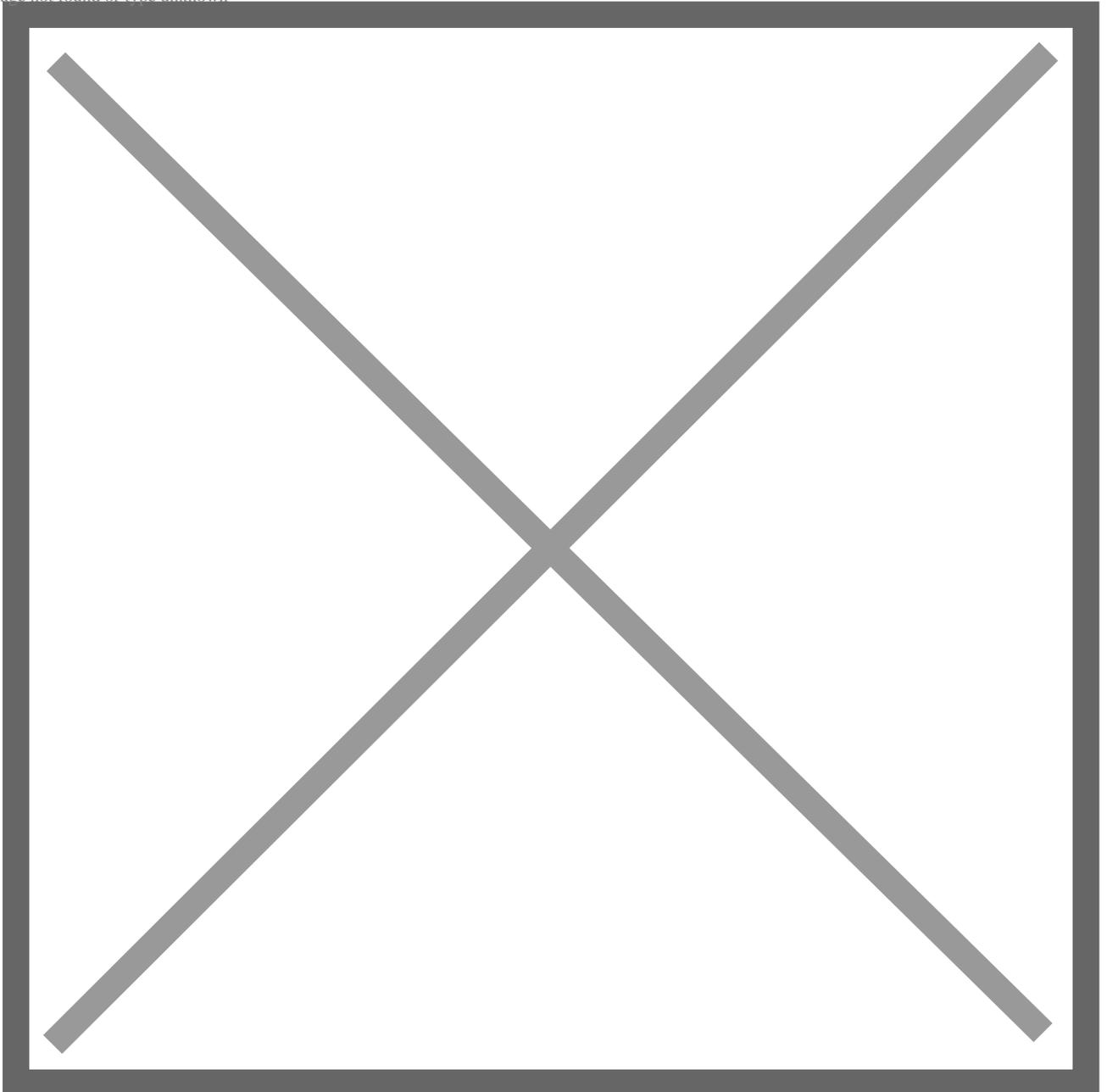


**Full Itinerary & Trip Details**

# **18 Day Turkey - Armenia - Georgia - Azerbaijan Combination Tour**

Welcome to our combined Turkey, Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan Tour!

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**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€0 €0

**DURATION**

18 days

**TOUR ID**

22830

## **ITINERARY**

### **Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day**

Welcome to Turkey Istanbul Airport. Meet with our staff and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour**

Breakfast Included

Our journey begins in Istanbul, the only city in the world situated on two continents. Today we discover the Byzantine and Ottoman treasures of Istanbul. We visit Hippodrome and the Obelisk brought from Egypt. Then our next visit is the Blue Mosque with its six minarets. Visit St. Sophia. This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. Afternoon we will visit the Topkapi Palace, which was the residence of the Ottoman sultans, with its fabulous treasure chambers. Lunch break at 13:00 pm.

After the lunch, we will take you to the Grand Spice Bazaar, which is a unique atmosphere with reasonable prices for your shopping. Here you will find; Exotic Spices and Herbs, Turkish Baklava, Turkish Delights, Turkish Coffee, nuts and fruits, small souvenirs such as Ceramic Handicrafts, Evil Eyes totems, all naturel olive oil, soaps and many other goods in Souvenir Shops and stores. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Please Note: Hagia Sophia is closed on Mondays, Topkapi Palace closed on TUESdays. If your tour is on one of these days, we would offer you to visit Underground Cistern instead of Hagia Sophia and Topkapi palace museum.

### **Day 3 : Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour**

Breakfast Included

Af After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pick-ups from hotel. Your tour consultant will give you final timing one day before. BOSPHORUS BY BOAT; a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion, you will see the magnificent sights of the following attractions from your boat. See Dolmabahce Palace, and further along, the parks and imperial pavilions of Yildiz Palace.

On the coastal edge of this park, is Ciragan Palace, 300 meters of its marble facade faces the shore. At Ortakoy a great variety of artists, gather every sunday to display their work along the street. Ortakoy is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries. RUMELI FORTRESS (view from boat), Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul was completed in only four months to control and protect the infamous Bosphorus passage. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world.

BEYLERBEYI PALACE (view from boat), is the summer residence of Ottoman sultans exists in its original renovated glory featuring original antique furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian side of Istanbul. Lunch break at the Turkish restaurant. After the lunch we will then take you to the GRAND

**COVERED BAZAAR** In this labyrinth of streets and passages are more than 4,000 shops with each trade having its own area: the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers, Turkish arts and crafts, such as hand painted ceramic plates, hand-honed copperware, brassware and trays, water ewers, onyx-ware and meerschaum pipes. After the tour transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

#### **Day 4 : Istanbul - Yerevan – Armenia Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and depart for Istanbul International Airport. Arrive to Yerevan and you will be transferred from airport to your hotel by one of official guide of Murti's tour. Check into the hotel where your accommodation has been reserved for the night. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to enjoy party and explore to Yerevan. Overnight in Yerevan.

#### **Day 5 : Yerevan - Garni – Geghard Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, you will depart for a guided city tour Garni and Geghard. During the excursion, first we visit to museum Erebuni, and Genocide Memorial to the victims of 1915. Drive to the Pagan Temple of Garni, which is the only non - Christian temple currently standing in Armenia and cave monastery in Geghard. The structures of the fortress of Garni are in perfect harmony with the surrounding nature.

Lunch at a local house in Garni where you will have opportunity to watch Armenian national bread lavash baking and barbeque making process in the underground stove called tonir. 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 (inscribed in UNESCO World Heritage list). Geghard is another incredible ancient Armenian monastery, partly carved out of a mountain. Dinner at the National Restaurant Our Village where you can taste Armenian National food and listen Folk music. Overnight in Yerevan.

#### **Day 6 : Yerevan - Matenadaran - Ejmiatsin – Zvartnots Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we visit to Matenadaran Museum which was built in 1959, has one of the world's largest manuscript collection in the world and has the largest collection of Armenian manuscripts. We visit to the center of Armenian - Apostolic Church in Echmiadzin where is the world's oldest National Church and is one of the most ancient Christian communities. Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity as its official religion in 301 AD, in establishing this church.

Then, visiting to Main Cathedral and Hripsime church where is one of the oldest surviving churches in Armenia. The structure was completed in the year 618 AD. Lunch in the bee keeper house where we you can have a lunch with his family. We visit ruins of Zvartnots temple where is the ruins of a seventh century centrally - planned aisled tetra conch type Armenian cathedral built by order of the Catholicos Nerses the Builder from 641 - 653. At 7:00 pm, dinner at the famous national restaurant Yerevan Pandok Overnight in Yerevan.

#### **Day 7 : Yerevan - Saghmosavank - Hovhanavank – Amberd Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we visit to Saghmosavank and Hovhanavank medieval monastery, situated in the breathtaking site, at the deep canyon of Ashtarak. After here we go to see the fortress of Amberd which was a

family estate of Pahlavuni dukes. The fortress fell in the XIII century under attack of the Mongols, who burnt everything that could burn and destroyed many stone structures. The fortress was erected on the cape in the junction point of two rivers. Amberd's impregnable walls are assembled of big basalt blocks. Next to that fortress where we do picnic. At 7:00 pm dinner at the Armenian and Georgian national restaurant Genac Vale. Overnight in Yerevan.

### **Day 8 : Yerevan - Khor Virap - Noravank - Areni - Selim – Sevan**

Breakfast Included

You will be picked up from your hotel, after breakfast, we visit to Khor Virap Monastery, from here one can enjoy the majestic view of Mount Ararat not too far from the Arax river. Khor Virap is the closest point to Mount Ararat from the territory of Armenia, the most convenient place for observing and taking pictures of the biblical mountain. Noravank set in a canyon rich with rare flora. It is a 13th century Armenian Apostolic Church monastery, located 122 km from Yerevan in a narrow gorge made by the Amaghu River, nearby the city of Yeghegnadzor, Armenia. We will have our lunch in the cave of Noravank.

Afterwards, we continue our tour to Areni wine factory. We will have an opportunity to taste Armenia's finest wine in a village. Then our tour continue by Selim pass to Sevan Lake. Lake Sevan is the largest lake in Armenia and one of the largest high - altitude lakes in the world. Lake Sevan is situated in the central part of the Republic of Armenia, inside the Gegharkunik Province, at the altitude of 1, 900m above sea level. Visit to Sevanavank. Sevanavank is a monastic complex located on a peninsula at the northwestern shore of Lake Sevan in the Gegharkunik Province of Armenia. Overnight in Sevan.

### **Day 9 : Sevan - Dilijan - Haghatsin – Alaverdi**

Breakfast Included

You will be picked up from your hotel, after breakfast. First, we visit to Dilijan town. Dilijan is a lush, green city located in the northern Armenian province of Tavush. It is one of the most important resorts of Armenia, situated in Dilijan National Park. Hiking, mountain biking, and picnicking are popular recreational activities. Walking tour to the Haghartsin Monastery. In the upper reaches of the Aghstev River, there is Haghartzin monastery ensemble of the Tavush district. Lunch in a family house in a family house. After lunch driving to Alaverdi Alaverdi Monastery is a Georgian Orthodox monastery located 20 km from Telavi, in the Kakheti region of Eastern Georgia. Parts of the monastery date back to 6th century. Overnight in Dilijan.

### **Day 10 : Haghpat - Sanahin - Sadakhlo Border – Tbilisi Tour**

Breakfast Included

You will be picked up from your hotel, after breakfast. We visit first Sanahin Monastery is an Armenian monastery founded in the 10th century in the Lori Province of Armenia. The name Sanahin literally translates from Armenian as this one is older than that one, presumably representing a claim to having an older monastery than the neighbouring Haghpat Monastery. We visit Haghpat Monastery (10 - 13cc). The construction of this monastery is associated with the glory of the Bagratuni Royal Family. The oldest structure of the monastery, the holy Cross Church was built in 977 - 911. We will have our lunch in this area. We drive to Sadakhlo border. 15:00 Meet at the border, coach and guide change and drive to Tbilisi. Tbilisi is the capital and the largest city of Georgia, lying on the banks of the Mtkvari (Kura) River. Overnight in Tbilisi.

### **Day 11 : Tbilisi - Mtskheta – Gudauri Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast we depart from Tbilisi Pass through Mtskheta one of the oldest cities of the country of Georgia, is located approximately 20 kilometers north of Tbilisi at the confluence of the Aragvi and Kura rivers. On the way, visit two UNESCO world heritage sites: Jvari Monastery is a Georgian Orthodox monastery of the 6th century near Mtskheta (World Heritage site), Mtskheta - Mtianeti region, eastern Georgia.

The name is translated as the Monastery of the Cross. For another, Jerusalem - located Georgian monastery with the same name, see Monastery of the Cross. and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral Svetitskhoveli Cathedral is a Georgian Orthodox cathedral located in the historical town of Mtskheta, Georgia, 20 km (12.5 miles) northwest of the nation's capital of Tbilisi. Then continue to Gudauri is a ski resort located on the southern slopes of The Greater Caucasus Mountain Range in Georgia. The resort offers high quality skiing opportunities. The ski season lasts from December to April. Heliskiing is also available throughout the season. Overnight in Gudauri.

### **Day 12 : Gudauri - Kazbegi – Gudauri Tour**

Breakfast Included

You will be picked up from your hotel, after breakfast to start for a lovely day out and then driving to mount Kazbegi. Mount Kazbek, is a dormant strato volcano and one of the major mountains of the Caucasus located on the border of Kazbegi District of Georgia and North Ossetia. It is the third highest mountain in Georgia (after Mount Shkhara and Janga) and the seventh highest peak in the Caucasus Mountains. Kazbegi is steeped in legend: the ancient Greeks believed that Prometheus was chained to the rocky flanks of the mountain as a punishment for stealing fire from the Gods and giving it to mortals, while Christian legend tells that the manger of Christ was brought to Kazbegi and is still hidden somewhere hereabouts. Whether you believe these tales or not, climbing the mountain is sure to be an unforgettable experience. Overnight in Gudauri.

### **Day 13 : Gudauri – Kutaisi Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, drive to second largest city of Georgia founded about 40 centuries ago, former capital of the west Georgian Kingdom Colchics which is related the myth of Golden Fleece and Argonauts. Visiting to Bagrati Temple Bagrati Cathedral is an 11th century cathedral church perched atop the Ukimerioni Hill. The cathedral is now in ruins, but is still considered a masterpiece of Georgian medieval architecture. The Bagrati Cathedral, combined with the Gelati Monastery are recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. After here, visiting Gelati Monastery is a monastic complex near Kutaisi, Imereti, western Georgia. It contains the Church of the Virgin founded by the King of Georgia David the Builder in 1106, and the 13th - century churches of St George and St Nicholas. Overnight in Kutaisi.

### **Day 14 : Kutaisi - Gori – Tbilisi Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, you will be picked up and head to Gori, visiting Joseph Stalins House Museum. The Joseph Stalin Museum is a museum in Gori, Georgia dedicated to the life of Joseph Stalin, the leader of the Soviet Union, who was born in Gori. The museum has three sections, all located in the town's central square. It was officially dedicated to Stalin in 1957. With the downfall of the Soviet Union and independence movement of Georgia, the museum closed in 1989, but has since been reopened, and is a popular tourist attraction. Return to Tbilisi. Overnight in Tbilisi.

## **Day 15 : Tbilisi – Sheki Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast at the hotel, on the way to the Georgian - Azerbaijani border where we visit Gremi complex. Gremi is a 16th - century architectural monument - the royal citadel and the Church of the Archangels - in Kakheti, Georgia. The complex is what has survived from the once flourishing town of Gremi and is located east of the present - day village of the same name in the Kvareli district, 175 kilometers east of Tbilisi, capital of Georgia. Visit Sinaghi, Lagodekhi Lagodekhi is a small town and district in the Kakheti region of eastern Georgia. There is a border crossing there leading to Azerbaijan's Balakan Province. Lagodekhi Nature Reserve, established in 1911, is situated in this area. From the border we continue our trip to the town of Sheki. Overnight in Sheki.

## **Day 16 : Sheki - Shemakha – Baku Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we go start for a nice day. The sightseeing tour of Sheki includes a visit to Caravanserai, Khan's Palace and local market. Then, we continue to Baku en route visiting the town of Shemakha. Shemakha is a city in and the capital of the Shamakhi Rayon of Azerbaijan. The city has a rich heritage and has provided the backdrop to major political events throughout much of its two millennia of existence. The city's estimated population as of 2010 was 31, 704. It is famous for its traditional dancers, the Shamakhi Dancers. In its history, eleven major earthquakes have rocked Shamakhi but through multiple reconstructions it maintained its role as the economic and administrative capital of Shirvan and one of the key towns on the Silk Road. The only building to have survived eight of the eleven earthquakes is the landmark Juma Mosque, built in the 10th century. Overnight in Baku.

## **Day 17 : Baku Tour**

Breakfast Included

Baku sightseeing program - Gobustan ruins, Shirvanshah Palace Palace of the Shirvanshahs is the biggest monument of the Shirvan - Absheron branch of the Azerbaijan architecture, situated in the Inner City of Baku. The complex contains the main building of the palace, Divanhane, the burial - vaults, the shah's mosque with a minaret, Seyid Yahya Bakuvis mausoleum, a portal in the east - Murads gate, a reservoir and the remnants of the bath - house. Afterwards, we see Maidens Tower and you can ask your our guide to tell you the story about this tower. The last place to visit Ateshgah Fire - Worshippers Temple, the unique Atesgah Fire Temple is one of Azerbaijan's most remarkable sights. It stands on the site of a natural gas vent that was sacred to Zoroastrians for centuries, though this temple was actually built by 18th - century Indian Shiva devotees. Overnight in Baku.

## **Day 18 : Baku - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

Check out from your hotel before 11:00 am. We hope you had a memorable tour and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another Turkey tour. We provide your return Airport transfer services. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 3 nights hotel in Istanbul
- 17 breakfasts
- Return airport transfer to Istanbul Airport
- International flight from Istanbul to Yerevan
- Arrival Airport transfer from Yerevan Airport
- 4 nights' hotel accommodation in Yerevan
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Sevan
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Dilijan
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation in Tbilisi
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation in Gudauri
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Kutaisi
- Guided Yerevan Tour
- Guided Sevan Tour
- Guided Dilijan Tour
- Guided Tbilisi Tour
- Guided Gudauri Tour
- Guided Kutaisi Tour
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Sheki
- Guided Baku tour
- Return transfer to Baku Airport
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation in Baku
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour
- Guided Sheiki Tour

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Optinal land excursion
- City tax
- Tipping
- Hotel room taxes
- Armenia entry visa
- Georgia entry visa
- Azerbaijan entry visa

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

25 August, 2020 - 31 March, 2022 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

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