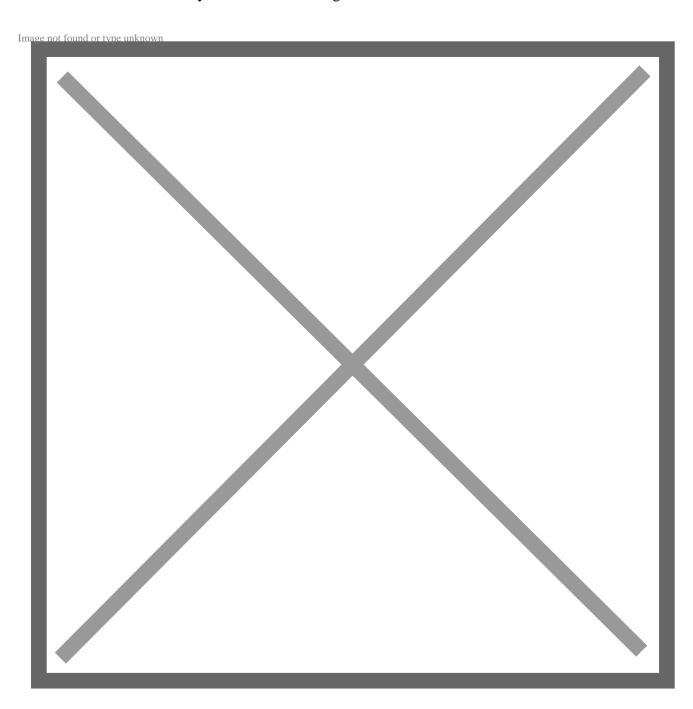


Full Itinerary & Trip Details

19 Day Explore Caucasus Turkey - Armenia - Georgia Combined Tour

Welcome to our combined Turkey, Armenia and Georgia Tour!



DURATION

TOUR ID

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19 days

22828

ITINERARY

Day 1: Istanbul - Arrival Day

Breakfast Included

Meet at the Istanbul International Airport and transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2: Istanbul Tour

Breakfast Included

Guided Istanbul Old City Tour on foot, visiting Topkapi Palace (closed on Tuesdays) Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia Museum (closed on Mondays), Underground Cistern, Covered Grand Bazaar (closed on Sundays). Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 3: Bosphorus and Shopping Tour with Domestic Flight to Izmir

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Pick up at 08:30, from the hotel for the tour of Bosphorus and Shopping Tour. During the tour, we will enjoy a Bosphorus Cruise and Grand Spice Market visit. Tonight we have an evening flight to Kusadasi. Overnight in Kusadasi

Day 4: Ephesus and House of Virgin Mary

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Todays is pick up time again at 08:30 for the tour of the ancient city of Ephesus and Virgin Marys House. You will visit: The Temple of Diana, The Old City of Ephesus, Temple of Hadrian and Serapis, Library of Celcius, lunch in Selcuk and onto sightseeing of the Last Abode of Virgin Mary and Temple of Artemis. Overnight in Kusadasi.

Day 5: Kusadasi and Cappadocia Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included

The day is yours till your flight time. You will be picked up from your hotel and transfer to Airport for your domestic flight to Cappadocia. Upon arrival transfer and check into your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 6: Cappadocia Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included

You will be picked up from your hotel at 09:30 for the second day tour of Cappadocia. You will visit: Red valley (4 kms hiking), Rose valley (visiting the churches), Cavusin (Old Christian village), Lunch in Pigeon valley, Kaymakli (Underground City), and Ortahisar Castle. After the tour, transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 7: Cappadocia Tour

Breakfast Included

Your day starts with a pick up at 9:30 and tour of the local highlights of Cappadocia. You will visit: Devrent Valley, Monk's valley (Pasabag), Avanos (lunch in Avanos), Goreme open air museum, Uchisar (Natural Castle). End of the tour transfer to Airport for your domestic flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, transfer and check into your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 8 : 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 our official guides. 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 9: Garni - Geghard Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, you will depart for a Guided City Tour of 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 10 : 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. Afterwards, 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 11: Yerevan - Saghmosavank - Hovhanavank - Amberd Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast we visit to Saghmossavank and Hovhanavank medieval monastery, situated in the breath-taking 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 we do picnic. At 7:00 pm dinner at the Armenian and Georgian national restaurant Genac Vale. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day 12: Yerevan - Khor Virap - Noravank - Areni - Selim - Sevan Tour

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner 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 continues by Selim pass the 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, 900 m 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. Dinner and overnight in Sevan.

Day 13 : Sevan - Dilijan - Haghatsin - Alaverdi Tour

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

You will be picked up from your hote, 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, drive to Alaverdi Alaverdi Monastery which 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. Dinner and overnight in Dilijan.

Day 14: Haghpat - Sanahin - Sadakhlo border - Tbilisi Tour

Breakfast Included

You will be picked up from your hotel, after breakfast. We start with a visit to Sanahin Monastery that 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 15: 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 16: 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 drive 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 17 : Gudauri – Kutaissi Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast drive to second largest city of Georgia, founded about 40 centuries ago, former capital of the west Georgian Kingdom Colkhics 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, we pay a visit to Gelati Monastery which 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 18: Kutaisi - Gori - Tbilissi Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, you will be picked up and drive 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 19: Tbilisi - 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 service from your hotel. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

Includes

- 2 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 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
- Guided Ephesus tour
- 2 nights hotel in Kusadasi
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 3 nights hotel in Istanbul
- Return airport transfer to Istanbul Airport
- 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
- Return transfer to Tbilisi Airport
- Guided Cappadocia tours
- 11 breakfasts

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
- Domestic flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Izmir
- Optional land excursions
- City tax
- Tipping
- Domestic flight from Izmir to Cappadocia
- Hotel room taxes
- Armenia entry visa
- Georgia entry visa

Routes

Available On Dates

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