

GEORGIA & ARMENIA

Discover two neighbours at once ...



For all those who are fascinated with the South Caucasus and would like to see both Georgia *and* Armenia, this tour offers a chance to discover both of the neighbouring countries at once.

It will give you the opportunity to experience the differences and similarities between them, and to enjoy the best each of them can offer.

After you experience your first impression of urban life in Georgia with a Tbilisi city tour, this round trip takes you into the High Caucasus. You will visit the main cultural sites along the Georgian military highway – the ancient capital of Mtskheta and the fortified castle of Ananuri. Later, Mount Kazbegi gives you a flavour of what a mythical mountain looks like, so that you look forward to the prospect of biblical Mount Ararat. In the next part of the tour, your comfortable car takes you through the Lesser Caucasus towards Yerevan. What a contrast in landscapes!

Armenia, or “Hayasa” in Armenian, is a small, landlocked country south of Georgia, situated 1,000 meters above sea level. It is made up of a marvellous pattern of different landscapes, ranging from rough and dry plateaus to lush and

fertile hills and valleys. It is here that the famous pomegranates, persimmons, mazzards, apricots, and peaches grow – not to forget the grapes that make Armenian brandy truly excellent, and well worth a taste. In many ways, Armenia is exceptional, be it for its early conversion to Christianity, its tormented history, its entrepreneurial people, or its warm hospitality.

Having been exposed to some of Armenia’s most interesting cultural and historical characteristics, you will then return to Georgia to be taken to the final highlight of your two-country tour: the Kakheti region with its rich history and great traditions. Crowning the visit to the monastery of David Gareja – carved into the rock and decorated with unrivaled frescoes – a farewell dinner held according to all the rules of the art of Georgian hospitality gives you a last and lasting impression of this unique part of the world. **Gaumardjos! Genatsoot!**

- Day 1 **Arrival in Tbilisi**
- Day 2 **Tbilisi city tour**
- Day 3 **Transfer via Mtskheta and Ananuri to Gudauri**
- Day 4 **Excursion around Kazbegi**
- Day 5 **Transfer to Yerevan**
- Day 6 **Yerevan city tour and visit to Garni and Geghard Temples**
- Day 7 **Visit to Echmiadzin Temple and museum, and to a brandy factory**
- Day 8 **Visits to Haghartsin Cathedral and Haphpat Monastery, transfer to Tbilisi**
- Day 9 **Excursion to David Gareja and the Kakheti region**
- Day 10 **Excursion in the Kakheti region, farewell dinner, departure from Tbilisi**