

# 11 Days Caucasus Tour



## Day 1 – Baku

**Arrival in Baku:** After passing passport control meeting with tour guide or company representative in **Baku International Airport** and transfer to hotel

**Check – in at the hotel**  
**Overnight in Baku**

## Day 2 – Baku City Tour

**Breakfast at the hotel**  
**Baku Sightseeing tour:**

Starting to the tour with panoramic view of Baku city and Baku Bay from Highland Park passing through Martyrs Alley; enjoying from marvelous view of Flame Towers

Later, **visiting Old city – Icherisheher:** Entrance gates of Old Baku; fortification tower; Caravanserai complexes – Bukhara and Multan; Maiden Tower (under UNESCO protection – visiting from outside); old mosques and bathes; Miniature Book Museum; Shirvanshahs' Palace (under UNESCO protection – visiting from outside); narrow small cobbled stone streets;

Continue with **Nizami Street** – a large shopping street in downtown Baku

Walking on Baku Boulevard; boat tour on windless weather upon on the request with extra payment

## Free time for shopping

Returning back to the hotel  
Overnight in Baku



## Day 3 – Gobustan – Absheron Peninsula Tour

**Breakfast at the hotel**

**Visiting Mud Volcanos near Gobustan –** Mud volcano is landform created by the eruption of mud, water and gases. Several geological processes may cause the formation of mud volcanoes. Mud

volcanoes do not produce hot lava. The Earth continuously exudes a mud – like substance.

**Visiting Gobustan National Park** (under UNESCO protection – entrance): primary people carved their daily life styles on rocks. There are more than 6000 carvings on the rocks near the Caspian Sea Side.

**Fire Worshippers' Temple – Ateshgah:** The temple was built over a pocket of natural gas that fuelled a vent providing an 'eternal' fire which Zoroastrians used to worship (entrance)

Free time for taking photo around one of the unique architecture building in the world – **Haydar Aliyev Center** – designed by Zaha Hadid (Iraqi British designer)

Back to the hotel  
Overnight in Baku



#### Day 4 – Baku – Sheki

**Breakfast at the hotel; Check-out from the hotel**  
**Starting to Baku – Lahij route:** after 1 hour drive on the way **visiting Diri Baba Mausoleum** – the tomb of Sufi Sheikh – in Maraza

Continue to **Juma Mosque** (first Mosque of Caucasus), **Yeddi – Gumbez Mausoleum** (cemetery of Shamakhy dynasty Khans) in Shamakhi city

Drive Gabala: visiting **Nohur Mountain Lake** in Nohurgishlag village

**Arrival in Sheki:** Check – in at hotel

**Visiting Old Sheki:** medieval fortress, The Palace of Shaki Khans – a summer residence of Shaki Khans (entrance), Historical Museum; Round temple (outside); handicrafts workshop of Shebaka, national musical instruments', takalduz

Continue with **Sheki Caravanserai** – a historical monument in Sheki

**Free time for shopping on Caravanserai**

Returning back to the hotel  
Overnight in Sheki



#### Day 5 – Sheki – Signaghi – Tbilisi

**Breakfast at the hotel; Check-out from the hotel**  
**Visiting local Eastern Bazaar of Sheki**

After 1,5 hour driving passing the border to Georgia. In geographic terms, Georgia belongs to neither Europe, nor Asia. Culturally, Georgia has language, customs, and traditions uniquely its own. The Georgian script is 1 of only 14 world alphabets, and evolved around the 5th century BC, possibly influenced by Aramaic.

On the way visiting the **royal town of Signagi:** King Erekle constructed a defensive wall around the town, in the 18<sup>th</sup> century with much of its walls and gates still remaining. From its elevation, there are expansive views of valley below and the Caucasus Mountains beyond. Just outside the town is the idyllic convent of **Bodbe** dedicated to Saint Nino. It is an important pilgrimage site, as pilgrims come here to drink from the holy waters from the spring that burst forward when Saint Nino prayed here in the 4th century.

After taking a leisurely stroll through the picturesque town, driving to Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia

**Check – in at hotel**  
**Overnight in Tbilisi**



## Day 6 – Tbilisi

### Breakfast at the hotel

Tbilisi, set on the Mtkvari River, has changed hands many times. It was ruled by the Arabs for 400 years, before King David the Builder, defeated them in 1211, and moved the capital here.

Overlooking the city is the **Narikala Fortress**. We tour the old town, taking in its many monuments, picturesque churches, basilicas, the old synagogue, the old baths, the fortress, the main Cathedral outside the town and much more.

We have a great view of the old city from the Metekhi Church of the Virgin. On Rustaveli Avenue, **we visit the State History Museum**, where 1 of the hi-lites is the "Gold Room" containing solid gold artifacts and jewellery from over 2000 years ago.

Returning back to the hotel  
**Overnight in Tbilisi**



## Day 7 – Tbilisi – Mtskheta – Kazbegi – Tbilisi

### Breakfast at the hotel

Today we explore the treasures along the Georgian Military Highway. First we'll stop at the **Jvari Monastery**, an imposing structure overlooking the Kura and Aragvi Rivers. Nearby is **Mtskheta** (UNESCO World Heritage). It was the capital of the Eastern Georgian Kingdom of Iberia from the 3rd Century BC to the 5th century AD. As the center of the Iberian civilization, it was significant both spiritually and culturally. Georgia's conversion to Christianity took place here in 337 AD. The many "Historical Monuments of Mtskheta" make up this great UNESCO Site.

Later on we stop at the fortress complex of Ananuri. Still further north before returning to Gudauri for the night, we stop at Kazbegi, just a stone's throw from the Russian border, where we visit the famous Tsminda church. We access the church, high above the town via 4-wheel drive vehicles, The views of Kazbegi and the surrounding Caucasus mountains are magnificent.

Returning back to the hotel  
**Overnight in Tbilisi**



## Day 8 – Tbilisi – Yerevan

### Breakfast at the hotel; Check-out from the hotel

Departing to Armenia: passing the border to Armenia; on the way visiting **Monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin**

Later visiting the beautiful Lake Sevan, 6000 feet above sea level

**Check – in at hotel**  
**Overnight in Yerevan**

## Day 9 – Yerevan – Echmiadzin – Zvartnots – Yerevan

### Breakfast at the hotel

Yerevan is more of a contemporary city with colorful unique architecture and the city has a number of beautiful squares and parks. On a clear day we can even see Agri Dagi, barely 35 miles away just across the border in Turkey.

After the tour of the city which includes Republic Square and the History Museum, we venture just 30 minutes outside the city to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the **Cathedral of Echmiadzin and the Zvartnots Temple**.

Returning back to the hotel  
**Overnight in Yerevan**

## Day 10 – Yerevan – Garni – Geghard – Yerevan

### Breakfast at the hotel

Visiting the **Garni Temple**, the site of The Roman Temple of the Sun; the Temple and surroundings became the summer residence of Armenian royalty.

Later visiting the **Geghard cave monastery** (UNESCO World Heritage): Geghard monastery is uniquely carved into the side of a mountain and is one of the fascinating monuments of Armenia. The structure contains monastic cells, churches, tombs, and "Khachkar" crosses all hewn from solid rock.

On the way back to Yerevan stopping at the **Matenadaran** (Museum of Ancient Manuscripts) and visit the **Cascades** and the picturesque **Art Park**

**Day 11 – Yerevan**

**Breakfast at the hotel; Check-out from the hotel  
Departure to the airport; End of Program**

Returning back to the hotel  
**Overnight in Yerevan**

**Prices are per person in DBL / Twin room**

Period	Number of guests	Price per person	SGL stay
Jan – Dec 2020	10	1220 USD	+ 375 USD
	15	1198 USD	
	20	1135 USD	
	25	1094 USD	
	30	1062 USD	

Included services	Excluded services
Professional English speaking guide Entrance fee to museums  <b>Transport:</b> Airport – hotel – airport transfer A/C comfortable transport Local transport to Mud Volcanos  <b>Meal:</b> Breakfast at the hotel 1 x Bottle of water (0,5 L) p/p per day  <b>Accommodation:</b> 3 x overnight at 4* New Baku Hotel or similar category in Baku 1 x overnight at 4* Issam Hotel or similar category in Sheki 3 x overnight at 4* City Avenue Hotel or similar category in Tbilisi 3 x overnight at 4* Ani Plaza Hotel or similar category in Yerevan	International flights Visa fee Lunch and dinner Alcohol with meal Camera charge in museums if needed Tips Any other extra fee which is not shown in the program

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Period	Number of guests	Price per person	SGL stay
2020	10	1620 USD	+ 870 USD
	15	1594 USD	
	20	1514 USD	
	25	1477 USD	
	30	1443 USD	

Included services	Excluded services
Professional English speaking guide Entrance fee to museums  <b>Transport:</b> Airport – hotel – airport transfer A/C comfortable transport Local transport to Mud Volcanos  <b>Meal:</b> Breakfast at the hotel 1 x Bottle of water (0,5 L) p/p per day  <b>Accommodation:</b> 3 x overnight at 5* Renaissance Palace Hotel or similar category in Baku 1 x overnight at 5* Marxal Hotel or similar category in Sheki 3 x overnight at 5* Radisson Blue Hotel or similar category in Tbilisi 3 x overnight at 5* Grand Hotel or similar category in Yerevan	International flights Visa fee Lunch and dinner Alcohol with meal Camera charge in museums if needed Tips Any other extra fee which is not shown in the program

Lunch Supplement	Dinner Supplement
37 USD	40 USD

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