

# 11 Day Azerbaijan-Georgia

## Multi-Country Tours in Caucasus

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### Overview

#### Azerbaijan-Georgia

11 Days/10 Nights

A combined small group tour to **Azerbaijan and Georgia** is a journey with guaranteed departure dates, which explores two different cultures with diversity of traditions. Tour starts in the capital of **Azerbaijan – Baku**, moves to the town **Sheki**, and from day 3 – continues in [Georgia](#).

Group will be guided by two local experts – one local guide for each country. They will introduce you to the most important historico-cultural and architectural monuments of the two **Caucasus countries**, the **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**, local cuisines etc.

*The group is “Guaranteed to Run” after two people book the tour.*

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### Tour details

- Code: GTAZGEO-07
  - Starts from: Baku
  - Group Size: 15 Persons
  - Duration: 11 Days
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### Sights to Visit

- [Svetitskhoveli](#)
  - [Jvari Monastery](#)
  - [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#)
  - [Uplistsikhe Cave Complex](#)
  - [Vardzia](#)
  - [Ananuri Architectural Complex](#)
  - [Narikala Fortress](#)
  - [Rabati Castle](#)
  - [Anchiskhati](#)
  - [Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi](#)
  - [Sioni Cathedral of Dormition](#)
  - [Ioseb Stalin State Museum](#)
  - [Tsinandali Museum](#)
  - [Signagi Museum of History and Ethnography](#)
  - [Gergeti Trinity Church](#)
  - [Shumi Winery](#)
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## Itinerary

### Day 1: BAKU TOUR

Baku sightseeing tour starts on day 1 at 10:00 AM. The first stop is at the **Mountain Park**, where we can observe Baku Bay and panoramic views of the city.

After a short walk in the alley, we drive to the old city to visit the **Palace of the Shirvanshahs**, which was built in the 15th century and served as a stronghold of **Baku** in the middle ages. Participants of the Baku old city tour will also explore old caravanserai and bathhouse, medieval mosques, art shops, and last but not least – **Maiden tower**, 12th-century monument under the UNESCO World Heritage list.

**Overnight in Baku.**

## **Day 2: BAKU – SHEKI**

After breakfast at the hotel, tour departs to the west – to the town of **Sheki**. On our way, we will make several stops to see the 15th-century mausoleum of **Sheikh Diri-Baba** in **Gobustan** town and 8th century **Juma Mosque** in **Shamakhi** town.

In the evening, we arrive in Sheki. The evening Sheki tour explores Sheki fortress, Palace of Shaki Khans, old caravanserai and mosque.

**Overnight in Sheki.**

### **Day 3: SHEKI – SIGHNAGHI**

After breakfast, we take a short excursion to **Kish** – a village located 5 km from Sheki. The main attraction of the village is the Church of Kish. The existing church building is estimated to be constructed in the 12th century and has served Caucasian Albanian, [Georgian](#) and **Armenian** churches at different times through history. However, archaeologists found that the church stands on much older, ancient cultic sites.

From Kish, we drive to the eastern border of [Georgia](#). The tour guide will assist the participants with border formalities. On the border, we change the vehicles. From now on local Georgian guide will assist you and continue the tour.

From **Georgian-Azerbaijan border** we drive to [Sighnaghi](#) – a town in a traditional wine-making **Kakheti** region in east Georgia. Surrounded by the medieval city wall, Sighnaghi stands on the hills of the **Gombori range**, overlooking **Alazani river valley**. We are going to visit the Sighnaghi Museum that has several important collections and exhibitions, such as the ethnographic and archaeological exhibitions, and collections of the works of prominent Georgian painter [Niko Pirosmani](#). Afterward, we can take a walk in Sighnaghi streets and park.

**Overnight in [Sighnaghi](#).**

## **Day 4: SIGHNAGHI – TSINANDALI – SHUMI – TELAVI - TBILISI**

On day 4, after breakfast, we depart from [Sighnaghi](#) and drive to the village of **Tsinandali** to visit [Aleksandre Chavchavadze House Museum](#). Aleksandre Chavchavadze was a well-known 18th-century Georgian aristocrat, military figure and poet. Nowadays Chavchavadze's residence, garden, and wine-cellar function as a museum and attracts lots of visitors.

From Tsinandali, we move to **Shumi** – where we can take a look at another, [Shumi winery](#) and the wine museum “**Vazoni**”, where visitors can taste local wine and snacks.

Our next stop is [Telavi](#) – the major town of **Kakheti** region. In Telavi, we can visit medieval fortress that served as a residence of the Kings of Kakheti – **Batonistsikhe**. We make a short [Telavi](#) tour and afterward depart for [Tbilisi](#) through the **Gombori pass** (1620 m).

**Overnight in [Tbilisi](#).**

## **Day 5: TBILISI CITY TOUR**

**Tbilisi** city tour starts from visiting the **Holy Trinity Cathedral** (Sameba), one of the tallest Orthodox Christian churches in the world.

From Sameba, we move to **Metekhi Plateau** and **Metekhi church** built in the 5th century, located on the cliff over river **Mtkvari** and the old city district.

From Metekhi we move to **Narikala fortress** – ancient fortification overlooking Tbilisi from the hill, which can be reached by an aerial cable car.

From Narikala we take a walk through the old city full of various attractions and sites: the **National Botanical Garden of Georgia**, **Jumah Mosque**, **Legvtakhevi** canyon and waterfall, **Abanotubani** – historical sulfur bathhouse district of Tbilisi, **Shardeni** and **Erekle II** streets and the glass **Bridge of Peace**. Tbilisi city tour finishes at Meidan Square.

**Overnight in Tbilisi.**

## **Day 6: TBILISI – MTSKHETA – ANANURI – GUDAURI**

After breakfast at the hotel we drive to the north to **Mtskheta** – historical capital of Georgia, located near Tbilisi at the convergence of the two rivers of Mtkvari and Aragvi. In Mtskheta we can take a look at two **UNESCO World Heritage Sites** – [Jvari Monastery](#) (6th century) and [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#) (11th century).

After Mtskheta tour where we can visit handicrafts, souvenir shops and wine cellars located in the center of the town, we head to the north and drive on the Georgian Military Highway. On our way to [Gudauri](#) we make a stop near **Zhinvali reservoir** and visit [Ananuri Architectural Complex](#) that was once a fortification and residential building of local dukes. In the evening we arrive at [Gudauri ski-resort](#), located at an elevation of 2196 m above sea level.

**Dinner and overnight in [Gudauri](#).**

## **Day 7: GUDAURI – KAZBEGI – TBILISI**

On day 7 after breakfast, we drive to **Kazbegi** town. On our way, we make a stop at the travertine hill and taste local mineral waters.

After our arrival in Kazbegi we set off for Mount **Gergeti trek**. Mount Gergeti is famous for its **Holy Trinity Church** built in 14th century, which stands under the **Kazbegi glacier** (5033 m) while overlooking Kazbegi town.

After the Mount Gergeti trek, we come back to Kazbegi town and drive to **Tbilisi**.

**Overnight in Tbilisi.**

## **Day 8: TBILISI – GORI – UPLISTSIKHE – BORJOMI – AKHALTSIKHE**

On day 8 after breakfast, we head to **Samtskhe** region and drive through **Kartli province**.

Our first stop is at **Gori town**, where we will visit the museum of **Joseph Stalin**. Museum consists of Stalin's memorial house, exposition building with a tower and a personal room with belongings.

Our next stop in Kartli – **Uplistsikhe** cave complex is another popular site located near Gori. Uplistsikhe represents an ancient cave complex, which is one of the oldest urban settlements in Georgia dated back to the 1st millennium BC.

The next stop is in **Borjomi** – a spa-resort in Mtkvari ravine, where well-known mineral water 'Borjomi' comes from. After a walk in Borjomi park, we depart for **Akhaltshikhe** and arrive there in the evening.

**Overnight in Akhaltshikhe.**

## **Day 9: AKHALTSIKHE – AKHALTSIKHE CASTLE – VARDZIA – AKHALTSIKHE**

After breakfast, we start Akhaltsikhe (translated as a “new castle”) tour and visit its most remarkable monument – **Rabati**, a medieval fortress, and castle. [Akhaltsikhe Castle](#) excursion includes **Rabati museum**, 14th-century Jakeli Castle, fortress church and the St. Marine church.

From Akhaltsikhe, we leave for [Vardzia](#) in the afternoon. Vardzia is another famous cave complex located in Samtskhe. It is a rock-hewn cave monastery founded in the 12th-13th century.

In the evening we drive back to Akhaltsikhe.

**Overnight in [Akhaltsikhe](#).**

## **Day 10: AKHALTSIKHE – TSALKA – TBILISI**

On day 10 after breakfast, we leave for Tbilisi. Our way to Tbilisi goes through **Javakheti Plateau**, where we will make several stops at the alpine lakes of **Sagamo, Paravani and Tsalka** reservoir.

In the evening we arrive in Tbilisi.

**Overnight in Tbilisi.**

*Note: In case you want to travel longer, please see the extensions or contact us [trips@georgianholidays.com](mailto:trips@georgianholidays.com)*

*Those taking extension trips to Georgia will start their tour next morning after breakfast.*

## **Day 11: TBILISI**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out time before 12:00 pm. End of service.

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## Inclusions

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### Transportation:

- 1x transfer from Lagodekhi border: 3;
- Transportation service all days;
- 1x local jeep in Kazbegi on day: 7;
- English speaking Guide & Driver service all days;
- 1 x overnight in Baku 4\* hotel Central Park/Desire/Azcot/Saphire Bayil in double/twin rooms
- 1 x overnight in Sheki 4\* hotel Sheki Park in double/twin rooms
- 1 x overnight in Signaghi 3\* hotel [Brigitte/Solomoni](#) in double/twin rooms
- 4 x overnights in Tbilisi 3\* hotel Brigitte/IBIS Tbilisi Stadium/Zeg in double/twin rooms
- 1 x overnight in Gudauri 3\* Hotel [Alpina](#) in double/twin rooms
- 2 x overnights in Akhaltsikhe 3\* Hotel [Tiflis/Almi](#) in double/twin rooms
- 10 x breakfasts on days: 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, 11
- 1 x dinner on day 6;
- 1 x wine tasting in Shumi winery on day 4
- 1 x glass of wine in Tsinandali museum on day 4
- Entrance fees per program;
- 1 bottle of mineral water per person per day

### Excluded

- Visa fees
  - Travel insurance
  - Air tickets
  - Accommodation in a single room
  - Hotel night on the last day of the Land Only itinerary
  - Alcohol beverages unless mentioned in the itinerary
  - Breakfast on the final day if departing earlier than 8 am
  - Lunches & Dinners
  - Farewell dinner in Georgian Traditional restaurant with folk show – 25 E 25 EUR per person
  - All airport transfers;
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## More Info

### Additional Info

Additional cost for Single room accommodation is 215 €

Additional cost for the airport private pick up a transfer: 25 €

Additional cost for the airport private drop off transfer: 20 €

Discounted individual transfer rate for the double way: 40 €

To arrange airport transfers and additional hotel overnights, contact us trips [at] georgianholidays.com

### CHILD POLICY:

0-1 years - Free

2-6 years – 719 EURO

7 years and over - Adult price

### Cancelation Policy

Cancellation is free of charge prior 31 days of the starting day.

- The booking deposit 200 Euro is non-refundable in case of cancellation of the tour after booking has been confirmed. The fee is kept as a deposit on the Tourist's account for future booking(s).

If Tourist cancels the booked tour for some reasons not depending on Tour Operator, the following sums are kept back as a fine:

- 10% of total cost of tourist product in case of cancellation 30 days prior to the tour;
- 50% of total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 15-7 days prior to the tour;
- 90% of total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 7 and fewer days prior to the tour;
- 99% of total cost of tourist product due to the Tourist's failure to appear at the airport no more than 2 hours prior to departure or non-admission on the flight owing to circumstances beyond the Tour Operator's controls.