

# THE OFFER

Seeking an out-of-the-box adventure? Georgia, a hidden gem in Eastern Europe, is the destination you seek. Though small in size, it's a diverse country where classic and ultra-modern architecture collide, where lush vineyards lead to soaring mountain ranges, and rock-hewn monasteries and stone watchtowers offer an intriguing glimpse into a complex yet truly fascinating past.

Experience the natural beauty, history and culture of Georgia on this eye-opening 15 day tour visiting the capital of Tbilisi, the UNESCO listed village of Ushguli and beyond. Visit the impressive rock-hewn monastery complex of David Gareja; go wine tasting in the Caucasus Mountains; visit the birthplace of Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin; gaze in wonder at the glaciers and waterfalls of Svaneti; see Jurassic dinosaur footprints in the underground caves of Sataplia; visit Ananuri Fortress on the beautiful Aragvi River and more! This incredible tour includes return international flights, 12 nights hotel accommodation, and English-speaking tour leader and guides.

Want to delve a little deeper into this unique part of the world? Upgrade to the 20 day package with Armenia extension and explore the city of Yerevan, Lake Seven, and Geghard Monastery.

15 DAY DISCOVER GEORGIA \$3999

20 DAY WITH ARMENIA EXT. \$4999

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#### 15 Day Discover Georgia: Standard Package

# Day 1 Australia - Tbilisi, Georgia

Depart Australia for Tbilisi, Georgia. Fly with award winning airlines such as Emirates, Singapore Airlines and Cathay Pacific, to name a few (subject to availability).

Please note: Some flights may involve a layover of up to 8 hours, and affected customers will be provided with a complimentary stop over city tour, or lounge pass.

Meals included: In-Flight

### Day 2 Welcome to Tbilisi

Upon arrival you will be greeted at the airport and transferred to your hotel in Tbilisi.

Overnight: Hotel Coste or similar, Tbilisi, Georgia Meals included: None

# **Day 3 Tbilisi City Tour**

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a full day tour of this historic capital city. Begin at the Holy Trinity Cathedral 'Sameba', which is the main Christian Orthodox cathedral in Georgia. Continue onwards to see the Metekhi Church of Assumption, resting upon the top of the hill. The church was built by the Georgian king St Demetrius II circa 1278-1284.

Afterwards, travel up to Narikala Fortress by aerial cable car and take in magnificent panoramic views over Tbilisi and the Kura River. Comprised of two walled sections on a steep hill between the sulphur baths and the botanical gardens of Tbilisi, Narikala Fortress dates back to the fourth century. Enjoy a stroll over to the Legytakhevi waterfall, located in the center of Tbilisi, and take a walk through the luscious botanical gardens.

Continuing the tour, you will visit Shardeni Street and Meidan Square, which is known for its outdoor cafes, galleries and souvenir shops where you can enjoy a refreshing drink before continuing on to Rustaveli Avenue. This avenue starts at

Freedom Square and extends for about 1.5 kms. Rustaveli is often considered the main thoroughfare of Tbilisi due to the large number of governmental, public, cultural, and business buildings located along and near the avenue.

Travel by Tbilisi funicular to Mtatsminda Park, which is located at the top of Mount Mtatsminda and overlooks the city. The park has carousels, water slides, a roller-coaster, funicular, and a big Ferris Wheel at the edge of the mountain, offering a splendid view over the area.

Overnight - Hotel Coste or similar, Tbilisi Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 4 Tbilisi - David Gareja - Signagi - Kvareli

After breakfast, drive to David Gareja - a rock-hewn Georgian Orthodox monastery complex located in the Kakheti region of Eastern Georgia, around 60-70kms southeast of Tbilisi. The complex was founded in the sixth century and features hundreds of cells, churches, chapels, refectories and living quarters hollowed out of the rock face. Part of the complex is within the Agstafa area of Azerbaijan, and is home to evidence of some of the oldest human habitations in the region.

Continue on to the Kakheti region and visit the picturesque town of Signagi, famous for its pastel houses and narrow cobblestone streets. It serves as a popular tourist destination thanks to its location at the heart of Georgia's wine-growing regions. Set on a steep hill, Signagi overlooks the vast Alazani Valley, with the Caucasus Mountains in the distance. Here you will visit the Bodbe Monastery, originally built in the ninth century. Afterwards, you will be transported to your hotel in the town of Kvareli, approximately an hour away. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight - The Royal Batoni or similar, Kvareli Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 5 Kvareli - Gremi - Tsinandali - Shumi - Telavi

Today you will visit the Khareba Winery and wine cellar, which







consists of two main tunnels linked to 13 galleries. The wine cellar is renowned for its unique location in the Gvirabi tunnel, carved directly into the Caucasus Mountains. The tunnel was originally built by the Soviet military and is over 7kms in length, with temperatures sitting consistently between 12-14 degrees - perfect for ageing wine in oak barrels and storing bottled wine for an extended period.

Continue to Gremi Citadel and Royal Residence, a 16th century architectural monument which once functioned as the capital of the Kakheti Kingdom. Also known as The Church of the Archangels, it was constructed at the behest of King Levan of Kakheti in 1565 and frescoed by 1577. Built chiefly of stone, it is a cruciform domed church which marries traditional Georgian masonry with a local interpretation of the contemporary Iranian architecture.

Whilst exploring Kakheti, visit The Tsinandali Museum of Alexander Chavchavadze - a Kakhetian nobleman and poet. Continue on to Shumi Winery, located close to the museum, where you will enjoy tasting fine wines with accompanied nibbles. From here you will be transported to your hotel approximately an hour away. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight - Chateau Mere or similar, Telavi Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 6 Telavi - Mtskheta - Ananuri - Gudauri

After breakfast drive to Mtskheta, approx. two hours west of Telavi. Mtskheta was a site of early Christian activity, and the location where Christianity was proclaimed the state religion of Kartli in 337. It remains the headquarters of the Georgian Orthodox Church. The Mtskheta historical monuments, which includes The Jvari Monastery of the sixth century and The Svetitskhoveli Cathedral of the 11th century, are recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Drive approx. two hours north to Gudauri ski resort via the scenic Georgian Military Highway, where you will get to enjoy picturesque views of The Great Caucasus Range, the winding serpent roads, and towering waterfalls. Along the way, stop to visit The Ananuri Fortress, the former residence of the Dukes of Aragvi, a feudal dynasty which ruled the area from the 13th century. The castle was the site of numerous battles. From here you will be transported to your hotel, which is approximately an hour away. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, followed by an included dinner in the evening.

Overnight - Marco Polo Hotel or similar, Gudauri Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

# Day 7 Gudauri - Kazbegi - Gveleti - Gudauri

After breakfast, set out to explore the majestic Caucasus Mountains. Travel to Kazbegi, centre of the Khevi Province in the Stepantsminda district. The striking landscapes of Khevi are dominated by alpine meadows dotted with beautiful rhododendron, mountain passes and waterfalls, along with Mount Kazbek, an ice-capped dormant volcano. En route to the Khevi Province, you will see Jvari Pass, a high mountain cross pass at an elevation of 2379m above sea level on the southern slopes of Caucasus Mountain, in between Georgia and Russia.

During your adventures you will be making a few stops to taste local mineral water around the mountain before stopping in Kazbegi. Here you will board a 4x4 vehicle, which will take you up to Gergeti Mountain, where Gergeti Holy Trinity Church - built in the 14th century - acts as a popular waypoint for trekkers in the area. It can be reached by a steep three hour climb up the mountain, or around 30 minutes by jeep up a mountain trail. Once you have descended back to your original form of transport, return to Kazbegi town and travel to Darial Gorge on the border between Russia and Georgia. Approx. 13kms in length, the gorge features steep granite walls reaching as high as 1,800 meters in some places. While there, take an easy, short stroll to the beautiful Gveleti waterfalls. In the evening you will be transported back to your hotel, where you have the rest of the evening to spend at your own leisure with dinner included.

Overnight - Marco Polo Hotel or similar, Gudauri Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner







### Day 8 Gudauri - Gori - Uplistsikhe - Kutaisi

After breakfast, drive to Gori (approx. two hours) where the soviet dictator Joseph Stalin was born and spent his first four years. Nowadays his former home functions as a museum and presents items related to his life. The museum contains the dictator's personal train carriage, as well as a museum building and small house where he was born. Continue on to Uplistsikhe, an ancient rock-hewn town in eastern Georgia, followed by Kutaisi - the legislative capital of Georgia and capital of the western region of Imereti - via Rikoti pass. Historically one of the major cities of Georgia, it served as the capital of the Kingdom of Georgia in the Middle Ages, and later as the capital of the Kingdom of Imereti. The Parliament of Georgia moved to Kutaisi in 2012 in an effort to both acknowledge the status of the city, and to decentralise the Georgian government. On the way back to your hotel, enjoy a few stops along the way to visit pottery and farmers markets. Arrive at your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight - Boutique Hotel Argo or similar, Kutaisi Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 9 Kutaisi - Zugdidi - Mestia

After breakfast, drive 20 minutes to visit the Sataplia karst caves and natural reserve. Though rather small, the cave is famous for fine specimens of speleothem cave formations, as well as dinosaur footprints nearby. The tour enters the throughcave on one hillside, crosses the hill underground and then goes back on the surface past the dinosaur footprints.

The cave is named after Mt. Sataplia (494m), an extinct volcano, which is now the nature preserve. The preserve was intended to protect the five karst caves of the area and the dinosaur footprints. At present there are 200 known footprints found in two different layers of the Cretaceous limestone. The 30 cm long footprints of the lower layer belong to an unknown predator, while the 48cm long footprints of the upper layer belong to an ornithopod herbivore. Sapalia has been renovated in recent years and turned into a Jurassic Theme Park.

Continue on to Zugdidi (approx. 1.5hrs drive) to visit Dadiani

Palace. This museum was established in the middle of 19th century by Prince David Dadiani of Samegrelo and still functions as an exhibition, where important findings from The Nokalakevi archaeological site are presented. Drive north to the Svaneti region. Along the way stop near Enguri Dam, the world's second highest concrete arch dam. Later on you will arrive in the picturesque mountain town of Mestia, capital of the Svaneti Region, where you will be transported to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure and a dinner this evening.

Overnight: Hotel Mountain Mestia or similar, Mestia Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

# Day 10 Mestia - Ushguli - Mestia

Today explore the beautiful Svaneti region, surrounded by mountains, glaciers, high peaks and waterfalls. Drive 4x4 vehicles to the Ushguli village which is a community of four villages at the head of the Enguri Gorge. It is considered one of the highest summits of the Greater Caucasus mountains and, due to its particularly inaccessible location, it has kept a timeless feel. The road to Ushguli goes through the villages of Ipari and Kala. The small churches in these villages contain beautiful frescos and murals dedicated to the history of the region.

From here you will take a walk towards Shkhara Glacier, one of the highest mountain in Georgia. Surrounding villages contain old Svan towers and buildings that make Ushguli part of the UNESCO World Heritage listed sites in Upper Svaneti. In the evening you will be transported to your hotel (approx. two hours) where you will spend the rest of the evening at your own leisure, with dinner included.

Overnight: Hotel Mountain Mestia, Mestia Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

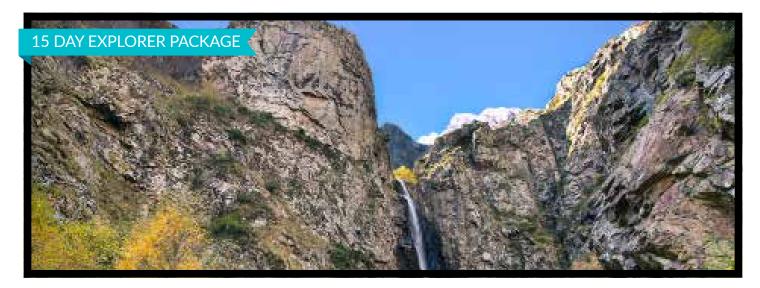
#### **Day 11 Mestia & surroundings**

After breakfast, enjoy a tour to see the Svan Towers, the symbol of Svaneti and many of which date back to Medieval times.

These defensive structures were built as protection from







invaders and natural disasters. Afterwards you will continue to Svaneti Museum, where you will find unique icons and manuscripts from the fourth to the sixth centuries, as well as ethnic artefacts associated with Svaneti and its people. After your visit to the museum, you will be transported back to your hotel where you can enjoy the rest of the evening to explore at your own leisure, with dinner included.

Optional: Ride the Hatsvali Cable Car to enjoy magnificent panoramic views of the surrounding area (weather dependant), which incur an additional fee of \$2-3 USD (approx. \$4 AUD).

Overnight: Hotel Mountain Mestia or similar, Mestia Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

# Day 12 Mestia - Kutaisi

Following breakfast drive to Martvili, a small town home to the uniquely beautiful Martvili Canyon, a magnificent gorge carved through limestone rocks by the Abasha River. View the beautiful creations of nature with the surrounds of canyons, caves and waterfalls. There are stretches of quiet water where you can take the opportunity to swim, climb on the surrounding rocks, and stand beneath the spectacular waterfalls. In the upper part of the canyon, you will take a short boat trip with a few stops along the way. Head to the beginning of the canyon where you will see the powerful waterfall (approx. 7 meters in height). Once your tour has ended, be transported back to your hotel to spend the rest of the day free to explore at your own leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Argo Boutique or similar, Kutaisi Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 13 Kutaisi - Tbilisi

After breakfast, embark on a tour to the Gelati Academy and Monastery, a medieval monastic complex near Kutaisi. A masterpiece of the Georgian Golden Age, Gelati was founded in 1106 by King David IV of Georgia in the 12th century. It was one of the first monasteries in Georgia and adds great value to the Georgian culture and beauty. Next stop is the Bagrati Cathedral, built in the early years of the 11th century. Conservation

and restoration works, as well as archaeological studies at the Cathedral began in the 1950s under the leadership of a Georgian architect Vakhtang Tsintsadze, and concluded in 2012. After your tour you will be transported to your hotel with your last evening to explore at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Coste or similar, Tbilisi

Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 14 Tbilisi - Australia

Today you will check-out from your hotel and be transferred to Tbilisi International Airport and board your flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

#### **Day 15 Arrive in Australia**

Please note: some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later. Due to limited flight scheduling, some customers may experience a layover of up to 6 hours on this outbound flight. Lounge passes may be purchased at your own expense.

# 20 Day Discover Georgia with Armenia Extension

# Day 14 Tbilisi - Yerevan, Armenia

This morning be transferred to the Sadakhlo border, arriving around 10:00 am. Please Note: you may be asked to exit the vehicle at the borders indoor terminal, where your belongings will be scanned prior to leaving the Georgian side of the border. After this short stop, you will take a drive to Alaverdi - approx. 2.5hrs.

Along the way visit the UNESCO listed monasteries of Sanahin and Haghpat, two masterpieces of Armenian architecture from the 10th and 13th centuries. The two complexes are very close to one another, however they are separated by a deep crevice formed by a small river that leads into the Debed River. Haghpat Monastery was one of the largest religious, cultural and educational centres of medieval Armenia. Afterwards, you will







be transferred to your hotel accommodation to spend the rest of the day at your own leisure.

Overnight: The Imperial Palace Hotel or similar, Yerevan Meals included: Breakfast

#### **Day 15 Yerevan City Tour**

After breakfast, embark on a tour of Yerevan, the capital of Armenia. The city is known by locals as the 'pink city', due to the colour of stone commonly used on the buildings. In the city centre you will visit Republic Square. Next on the list is Mashtoc Avenue, where you will see some of the most prominent buildings and attractive structures, followed by the gorgeous Yerevan Cascade, a giant multi-level stairway built of limestone and adorned with modernist sculptures. The stairs direct visitors' gaze to views of central Yerevan and Mount Ararat. At the base of the Cascade is a garden courtyard with statues by contemporary sculptures such as Botero.

Continuing onwards you will visit the Yerevan Theatre of Opera and Ballet which officially opened in 1933, with Alexander Spendiaryan's Almast opera performance. Next stop is the Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts, a museum and repository of ancient manuscripts.

A short walk on will take you to the Yerevan Brandy Factory, founded in 1887 during the period of the Russian Empire. Your tour will continue to the monuments of the Zvartnots Cathedral, which translates to 'Celestial Angels Cathedral'. The next monument on your list will be The Ejmiatsin Cathedral (a spiritual centre) which, according to scholars, was the first cathedral built in ancient Armenia. The original church was built in the early fourth century between 301 and 303. Both of these sites are listed on UNESCO World Heritage Site list.

After your tour you will be transferred back to your hotel to enjoy the remainder of the day at your own leisure, with a delicious traditional dinner included.

Overnight: Imperial Palace Hotel or similar, Yerevan Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

# Day 16 Yerevan - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan

After breakfast, meet with your tour leader and take a short drive to Garni (approx. 45 mins). Visit a Pagan Temple built in the 1st century AD, the only temple that has been preserved from the Pagan times in Armenia. The temple is at the edge of a triangular cliff which overlooks the ravine of the Azat River and the Gegham mountains. It is part of the fortress of Garni.

Continue your tour to the UNESCO listed Geghard Monastery. Once you have been enriched with the local historical monuments you will be transported back to Yerevan where you will get the chance to explore the local fruit markets of Yerevan, concluding your day with a lovely dinner at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel.

Overnight: Imperial Palace Hotel or similar, Yerevan Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 17 Yerevan - Khor Virap - Noravank - Areni - Yerevan

After breakfast, you will take a trip to Khor Virap Monastery - translated to "deep dungeon". Located in the Ararat plain, near the closed border with Turkey, the monastery was host to a theological seminary and was the residence of Armenian Catholicos, Gregory the Illuminator. Here you will enjoy the spectacular view of the sacred Ararat Mountain - an immortal symbol of Armenia with the monastery being surrounded by green pasture lands and vineyards.

You will then continue to Noravank, an Armenian monastery built in the 13th century and nestled in a gorge by the Amaghu, amongst amazing sheer rocks on the twisted bends of the river. The monastery is best known for its two-storey Surb Astvatsatsin (Holy Mother of God) church, which grants access to the second floor by way of a narrow stone-made staircase jutting out from the face of building.

End your tour with a stop in the village of Areni, an important centre in the production of wine. You will be transported back to your hotel accommodation where you will have the rest of the day to spend at your own leisure.

Overnight: Imperial Palace Hotel or similar, Yerevan







Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 18 Yerevan - Dilijan City Tour - Sadakhlo - Tbilisi

Today you will drive to Lake Sevan, one of the largest freshwater high altitude lakes in Eurasia, where you will have some time to enjoy the scenery and stunning blue water. From here you will visit Sevanavank Monastery, a monastic complex in the Gegharkunik Province of Armenia.

Continuing onwards, you will drive to Dilijan to begin a city tour. Usually called Armenian Switzerland or Little Switzerland by the locals, it is one of the most important resorts of Armenia, situated within the Dilijan National Park. The forested and reclusive town is home to numerous Armenian artists, composers, and filmmakers and features some traditional Armenian architecture. The Sharambeyan street in the centre, has been preserved and maintained as an "old town", complete with craftsman's workshops, a gallery and a museum.

Once you have had time to take in the history of the town of Dilijan, you will then be transferred to your hotel accommodation in Tbilisi, via the Sadakhlo border where you will transfer through the terminal for baggage scanning (this takes around 10-15 minutes), once this small process is complete you will forward onto Tbilisi where you will have the rest of the day to spend at your own leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Coste or similar, Tbilisi, Georgia Meals included: Breakfast

#### **Day 19 Tbilisi - Australia**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your trip back home.

Please note: Due to limited flight availability between Tbilisi and Australia, some pax may be required to depart the following day and arrive home a day later (Day 21). Affected travelers will receive an extra nights accommodation in Tbilisi.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

### **Day 20 Arrive in Australia**

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# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore Tbilisi, Kvareli, Telavi, Gudauri, Kutaisi, Mestia and more
- Visit 'Sameba' Holy Trinity Cathedral, the main cathedral of the Georgian Orthodox Church
- Travel to the famous Mtatsminda Park by funicular
- Explore the rock-hewn monastery complex of David Gareja
- Visit wine cellars in a tunnel carved into the Caucasus Mountains
- Enjoy wine tasting and snacks at Shumi Winery
- Travel through the Gudauri ski region in the Great Caucasus Range
- Visit the 16th century Ananuri Fortress on Aragvi River
- Explore the Darial Gorge and Gveleti waterfalls
- Visit the museum and birthplace of Soviet Dictator Joseph Stalin
- See Jurassic dinosaur footprints in the Sataplia caves
- Discover the ancient rock-hewn town of Uplistsikhe
- See Enguri Dam, the second highest arch dam in the world
- Witness mountains, glaciers and waterfalls in Svaneti
- Tour UNESCo listed Ushguli Village by 4WD vehicles
- Explore the breathtaking Martvili canyon

# **TOUR ESSENTIALS**

- English speaking tour leader and guides
- Water (2 x bottles per person daily)
- All entrance fees and local taxes

#### **TRANSPORT**

- Transportation by private A/C vehicles
- 4x4 private vehicles to Gergeti and Ushguli

#### **TRANSFERS**

- Return airport transfers

# **20 DAY WITH ARMENIA EXTENSION**

All of the Standard Package plus the following:

- 5 nights hotel accomodation
- 6 additional meals including daily breakfast
- Experience the highlights of Yerevan on a city tour
- Admire the stunning scenery of Lake Sevan
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage listed Geghard Monastery

### **FLIGHTS**

Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/PER

### **ACCOMMODATION**

12 night hotel accommodation

#### **DINING**

- Enjoy 17 meals including daily breakfast





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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# **BOOKING INFORMATION**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form.

Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant (unless otherwise stated).

#### **OFFER ESSENTIALS**

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 19th October 2019.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

# **Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies.

- 15 Day Georgia: \$490
- 20 Day Georgia & Armenia: \$720

#### **Departure Dates**

Selected dates in 2019

# **Surcharges**

Please note: dates with an \* incur a flight surcharge of \$300 per person.

#### **Departure Cities**

Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide

or Perth

#### **FLIGHTS**

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

Qatar Airways, Etihad Airways, Emirates, British Airways, Lufthansa, Swiss Airways, Austrian Airlines, Air France, KLM, Singapore Airlines, Virgin Australia, Virgin Atlantic, Thai Airways, Malaysian Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Alitalia, Finnair, Air China, China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Finnair, Oman Air and codeshare partners (subject to availability).

### **Arrive early in Tbilisi**

\$200 per person, subject to availability

#### Please note

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

#### Stay behind in Tbilisi

\$200 per person, subject to availability

#### Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

### **Stopover Packages**

Twin share: \$450 per person/each way

Solo Traveller: \$700 each way

Locations:

\* Doha

Includes:

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

### Please note:

 An outbound and inbound stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used. - Stopover packages are subject to availability.

# **Flight Class Upgrades**

- Premium Economy: Not available
- Business Class: Buy now for \$6599 per person.

#### Please note:

- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.
- If Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Doha stopovers are offered, Premium Economy upgrades will not be available

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

#### **Accommodation Used**

15 Day Standard Package

3-4 Star (self-rated)

Tbilisi: Coste Hotel

Kvareli: Royal Batoni Hotel

Telavi: Chateau Mere

Gudauri: Marco Polo Hotel

Kutaisi: Argo Boutique Hotel

Mestia: Mountain Mestia Hotel

20 Day Georgia + Armenia extension

4 Star (self rated)

Yerevan: Imperial Palace Hotel

Please note: rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

#### **Extra Nights**

- Tbilisi (Pre Tour): \$180 per room.
- Tbilisi (Post Tour): \$180 per room.

Please note: extra nights are based on room only and subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### **Maximum Room Capacity**

3 people (subject to availability).

### **Child Policy**

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 8 years old and over. Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

#### **Triple Share**

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.

#### **Bedding Configuration**

2 x Twin Beds or 1 x Double Bed (subject to availability).

#### **Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms**

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

# **GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION**

Minimum group size 6, maximum group size 16 per vehicle.

# **Optional Tours / Activities**

 Mestia: Hatsvali Cable Car - \$3 USD (approx. \$4 AUD)

#### Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa is not required if travelling to Georgia or Armenia on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Recommended gratuities/tipping: \$3USD per person/day payable on tour.
- Optional activities/tours

- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

  Please note: A comprehensive travel
  Insurance policy must be organised
  BEFORE all details can be finalised.

# OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURE** 

#### Thilisi:

The city experiences very warm summers and moderately cold winters. Like other regions of Georgia, Tbilisi receives significant rainfall throughout the year with no distinct dry period. The city's climate is influenced both by dry (Central Asian/Siberian) air masses from the east and oceanic (Atlantic/Black Sea) air masses from the west. Because the city is bounded on most sides by mountain ranges, the close proximity to large bodies of water (Black and Caspian Seas) and the fact that the Greater Caucasus Mountains Range (further to the north) blocks the intrusion of cold air masses from Russia, Tbilisi has a relatively mild microclimate compared to other cities that possess a similar climate along the same latitudes.

#### Mestia:

The climate of Mestia is humid and is influenced by the air masses coming in from the Black Sea throughout the year. Average temperatures and precipitation vary considerably with elevation. Annual precipitation ranges between 1000 and 3200 mm (39 and 126 inches). The highest amount of precipitation falls on the Greater Caucasus Mountains. Due to Mestias elevation temperatures are generally colder than the lowlands. The average high in July is 16 C and the average low is 8 C

# TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### **Tour Guide:**

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets

the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

# **FLIGHTS**

#### **Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:**

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

#### **COACH TOUR**

# Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/





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requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

application required.

# Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

# Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a moderate level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

# **Gratuities / Tipping:**

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip for the tour leader and driver is \$3 USD (approx. \$4 AUD) per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour.

#### **VISAS**

# Georgia:

A tourist who holds an Australian passport can visit Georgia without a visa for periods of up to 12 months.

# Armenia (20 Day Discover Georgia with Armenia extension):

You can visit Armenia without a visa for up to 180 days per year.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such a journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of

#### **INSURANCE**

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

#### **SCHEDULE OF FEES**

# **Voluntary Changes**

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- · 1st Change \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- · 2nd Change \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- · Subsequent changes \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- · Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- · Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

# **Name Changes Due To Passenger Error**

· If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.



