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Retrace
the Silk Road

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- 5 Central Asia:** Discover the enchantment of Central Asia firsthand, from the intricate architecture of Uzbekistan, to the historical ruins of Turkmenistan, from the majestic landscapes of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, to the rich heritage of Tajikistan.
- 7 The Caucasus** region is renowned for its delicious cuisine, rich history, charming mountain villages, and warm hospitality. Immerse yourself fully in local culture for 16 days as you explore the diverse landscapes of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.
- 9 Kyrgyzstan:** Immerse yourself in the rich culture and stunning landscapes of this colorful country. Explore the sandy lake shores of Issyk Kul, hike the towering peaks, and experience the nomadic way of life. Kyrgyzstan awaits your discovery.
- 11 Uzbekistan:** Discover the rich cultural heritage of this historic country, known for its stunning Silk Road cities like Khiva, Bukhara, and Samarkand. Follow in the footsteps of intrepid travelers, great thinkers, and master artisans as you explore. Indulge in the country's famous dish, plov, a hearty rice dish made with lamb, spices, and vegetables.
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- 15 Georgia** is a land of religious and cultural heritage, surrounded by majestic mountains and dotted with ancient churches. Experience the rich traditions of Georgian winemaking and indulge in the country's renowned cuisine. Immerse yourself in the essence of Georgian hospitality.
- 17 Armenia:** Immerse yourself in the rich cultural tapestry of this fascinating country, with its proud heritage and unique history. From the ancient architectural marvels to the majestic Mount Ararat, Armenia offers a one-of-a-kind experience that you won't find anywhere else. Uncover the stories and traditions of this land for yourself.

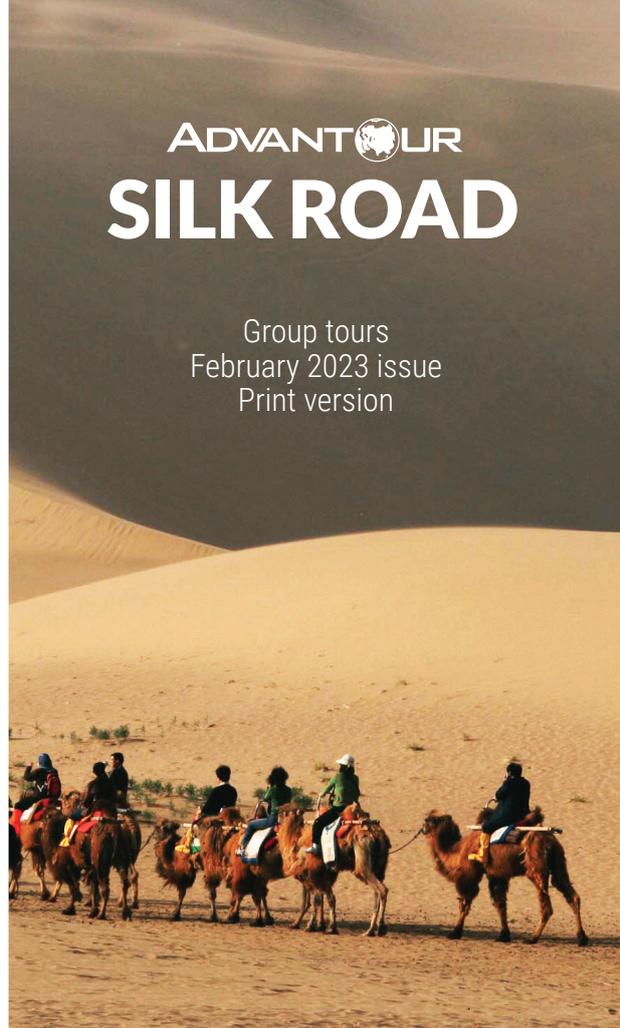
Small Group Tours with Advantour

When you book a small group tour, you save on money and get travel experience of a lifetime. Joining a group allows you to split some expenses without sacrificing on quality or comfort. Plus, Advantour is always available to make sure that your trip is the absolute best it can be.

You benefit from our years of experience in the Central Asia and Caucasus as you explore the best of the region with our expert guides, plus group tours are a great way to make new friends from around the world from your tour group. So let us show you our favorite places!

ADVANTOUR SILK ROAD

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About Advantour

From humble beginnings in 2003, Advantour has grown to two offices in Central Asia and the Caucasus. Even with hundreds of group, private and personalized tours to the best sights in Armenia, Azerbaijan, China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, Advantour remains close to its roots by working with local staff and tour operators to make sure that tours are full of flavor while also supporting sustainable tourism. Whether you want to join one of our small group tours (with no more than 16 people) to some of our favorite destinations, or create a personalized private tour to fit your tastes, we aim to offer the best value and service to make your trip unforgettable.

Silk Road Tour

US\$ 6,530 / person

29 days | Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia US\$ 1,240 single supplement

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Discover 8 countries
- > Walk through Khiva's ancient walls
- > Visit the great cities of the Silk Road
- > Stand on the edge of a burning gas crater
- > Explore ancient monasteries
- > Taste wines straight from the vineyard

ABOUT THIS TOUR

The Silk Road group tour has everything to bring out your adventurous side - go from modern cities to ancient ruins, from the greenest of mountains to the driest of deserts. Even across thousands of kilometers and dozens of cities, each country's local colors and flavors will leave you with a distinct impression. Start in modern Almaty, then head to the towering mountains of Kyrgyzstan, followed by a dip into Tajikistan's rich history in Khudjand. Take extra time at the many archaeological sites of Turkmenistan, then wander through the timeless cities of Bukhara and Samarkand. Then move to the Caucasus: travel through time as you discover Azerbaijan, let the tastes of Georgia sweep you away, and finish up with panoramas of Armenia. From rough stone walls to the softest silk, broaden your horizons and deepen your knowledge with the Silk Road Group Tour.

Group size: 1 - 16 persons

Departures 2023		
Apr, 3	Jul, 24	Sep, 18
May, 1	Aug, 7	Oct, 2
May, 15	Aug, 21	Oct, 16
Jun, 5	Sep, 4	
2024		
Mar, 18	Jun, 3	Sep, 2
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Apr, 29	Aug, 5	Sep, 30
May, 13	Aug, 19	Oct, 14

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TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1: Almaty - arrival
- Day 2: Almaty
- Day 3: Almaty - Bishkek
- Day 4: Bishkek - Burana - Don Aryk - Bishkek - Tashkent
- Day 5: Tashkent - Samarkand
- Day 6: Samarkand
- Day 7: Samarkand - Seven Lakes
- Day 8: Seven Lakes - Penjikent - Samarkand - Bukhara
- Day 9: Bukhara
- Day 10: Bukhara - Mary - Merv - Ashgabat
- Day 11: Ashgabat - Darvaza Gas Crater
- Day 12: Darvaza Gas Crater - Khiva
- Day 13: Khiva - Urgench - Tashkent
- Day 14: Tashkent - Baku
- Day 15: Baku - Absheron Peninsula - Gobustan - Baku
- Day 16: Baku
- Day 17: Baku - Shamakhi - Lahich - Sheki

- Day 18: Sheki - Georgian border
- Day 19: Lagodekhi - Kvareli - Akhasheni - Akhasheni
- Day 20: Akhasheni - Sighnaghi - Bodbe - Tbilisi
- Day 21: Tbilisi
- Day 22: Tbilisi - Jvari - Ananuri - Kazbegi - Gudauri
- Day 23: Gudauri - Gori - Uplistsikhe - Mtskheta - Tbilisi
- Day 24: Tbilisi - free day
- Day 25: Tbilisi - Armenian border - Haghpat - Lake Sevan - Sevanavank - Yerevan
- Day 26: Yerevan - Etchmiadzin - Yerevan
- Day 27: Yerevan - Khor Virap - Areni cave - Noravank - Yerevan
- Day 28: Yerevan - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan
- Day 29: Yerevan - departure



Turabek Khanum Mausoleum in Kunya-Urgench, Turkmenistan



Haghartsin Monastery in Tavush, Armenia



Juma Mosque in Khiva, Uzbekistan

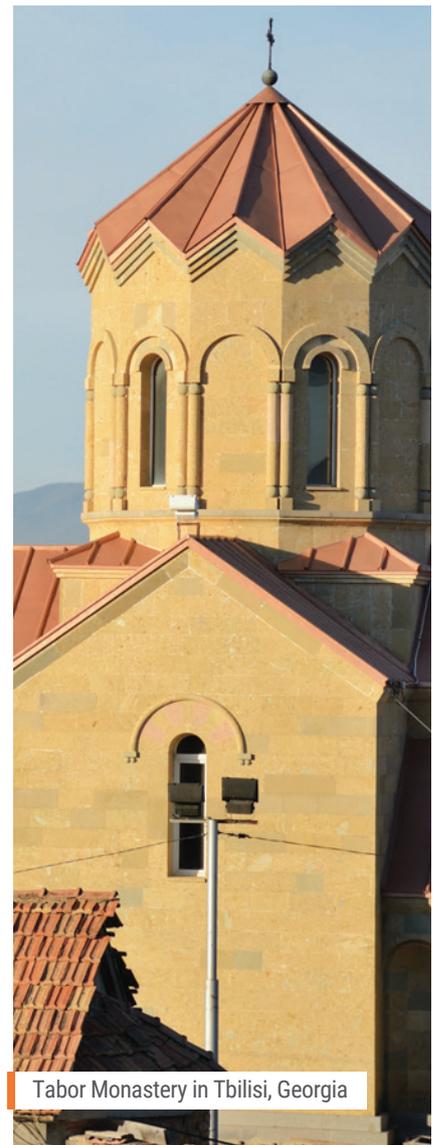
✓ INCLUSIONS

- ▶ All transfers;
- ▶ Accommodation based on double/twin room sharing, breakfasts included;
- ▶ Sightseeing tour program in each country with local, English-speaking guides;
- ▶ Entrance tickets to sights as per itinerary;
- ▶ Economy-class tickets for flights: *Bishkek-Tashkent, Mary-Ashgabat, Urgench-Tashkent, Tashkent-Baku;*
- ▶ Economy-class tickets for trains: *Tashkent-Samarkand-Bukhara;*
- ▶ Visa support for Uzbekistan triple entry visa and for Turkmenistan tourist visa;
- ▶ E-visas to Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan;
- ▶ National Folklore Show in Bukhara on Day 9;
- ▶ **Meals:** lunches on days 2 in Almaty, 4 in Don Aryk, lunch and dinner on Seven lakes on Day 6, 7 on Penjikent, 10 in Mary; Dinners on day 11 in Darvaza (camp style), 14 in Baku, 21 in Tbilisi, 28 in Yerevan
- ▶ Two wine tastings in Kakheti region, Georgia.

✘ EXCLUSIONS

- ▶ Full board (lunches and dinners);
- ▶ Hotel charges for additional services;
- ▶ Personal travel insurance;
- ▶ Consular fees for tourist visas and Turkmenistan migration tax (14 USD);
- ▶ Visa support for Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan tourist visas (if necessary);
- ▶ E-visas to Georgia and Armenia (if necessary);
- ▶ International flight tickets before and after the tour.

THE SILK ROAD GROUP TOUR IS PERFECT FOR EXPLORING DIFFERENT CULTURES, BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES, AND BEAUTIFUL CITIES. CHOOSE A TOUR WITH FIXED DATES TO SKIP HASSLE AND GAIN EXPERIENCES AS YOU TRAVEL WITH PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOURSELF FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.



Tabor Monastery in Tbilisi, Georgia

Central Asia Tour

14 days | Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan

US\$ 3,450 / person

US\$ 500 single supplement

HIGHLIGHTS

- > See street culture in Almaty
- > Climb into history at Burana Tower
- > Travel back in time in Khiva
- > Cross the deserts of Turkmenistan
- > Try traditional Uzbek foods with families
- > Admire the intricate tile work of masters

ABOUT THIS TOUR

Central Asia is so jam-packed with historical and natural sights that it would literally take years to explore it all. We guess that you are rather tight on time, which is why we created the Central Asia Group Tour. In just 14 days, visit all the best of the 5 Stans: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Be awed by the monumental architecture of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, by the natural sights of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, and by the history of Tajikistan. Discover for yourself how much these countries have in common, and how much is uniquely their own. Extend your Central Asia trip with a Small Group Tour to the Caucasus and continue your adventure across the Caspian Sea.



Culture of Kyrgyzstan



TOUR ITINERARY

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- Day 11: Ashgabat – Darvaza Gas Crater
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- Day 13: Khiva – Urgench – Tashkent
- Day 14: Tashkent – departure

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THE BEST TIME TO TRAVEL TO CENTRAL ASIA IS FROM APRIL TO MAY AND SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER. MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TRIP BY CHECKING OUT UPCOMING FESTIVALS AND EVENTS HELD IN THE REGION AND COMBINE YOUR TRIP WITH ONE OF THESE EVENTS TO MAKE YOUR TRIP EXTRA SPECIAL.



Bukhara, Uzbekistan



Book this tour online!



Hissar Fortress, Tajikistan



CENTRAL ASIA HAS LONG BEEN A CENTER OF LEARNING AND SOPHISTICATION – THE SHEER NUMBER OF INTRICATELY-DECORATED MADRASSAS AND MONUMENTS IS A TESTAMENT TO THIS. FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN, HUMBLE TO BREATHTAKING, THIS TOUR HAS IT ALL.

GROUP TOURS ARE THE BEST WAY TO MAKE THE MOST OF A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. LET US PLAN THE ITINERARY AND ACCOMMODATIONS, WHILE YOU ENJOY A TRIP WITH AN EXPERIENCED GUIDE AND TRAVELERS WHO ARE JUST AS ADVENTUROUS AND INTERESTED AS YOU ARE.

✓ INCLUSIONS

- ▶ All transfers: 3-7 pax on minivan, 8-13 pax by 20 seat bus;
- ▶ Accommodation based on double/shared twin room, breakfasts included;
- ▶ Sightseeing tour program with English speaking guides;
- ▶ Entrance tickets for sights in itinerary;
- ▶ Economy class tickets for flights: *Bishkek-Tashkent-Urgench, Ashgabat-Mary;*
- ▶ Economy-class tickets for trains: *Bukhara-Samarkand-Tashkent;*
- ▶ Visa support for Uzbekistan triple entry visa and Turkmenistan tourist visa;
- ▶ **Meals:** dinner in Almaty (day 2), lunch in the home of a local family (day 4), lunch in Seven Lakes (day 6), folklore show and dinner in Bukhara (day 9), camp style dinner at Darvaza (day 11);
- ▶ Tour leader to accompany the travelers for the whole period of the tour starting from 6 pax.

✘ EXCLUSIONS

- ▶ Tour leader to accompany the group of 1-5 travelers for the whole period of the tour;
- ▶ Full board (lunches and dinners);
- ▶ Hotel charges for additional services;
- ▶ Consular fees for Turkmenistan tourist visa;
- ▶ Turkmenistan migration tax (\$14);
- ▶ Visa support for Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan tourist visas;
- ▶ Personal travel insurance;
- ▶ International flight tickets before and after the tour.



Burana Tower, Kyrgyzstan

Caucasus Tour

16 days | Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia

US\$ 2,980 / person

US\$ 740 single supplement

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Be dazzled by the colored glass in Sheki
- > Walk the cobbled streets of Signaghi
- > Breathe the fresh air of the mountains
- > Enjoy the fresh flavors of the Caucasus

ABOUT THIS TOUR

Explore Caucasus in the kilometers of vineyards and cool cellars, mountain peaks, ancient churches, monasteries and castles, hospitable people, mesmerizing dances, songs, and endless poetic toasts at traditional feasts. Take 16-day scheduled Caucasus tour that will introduce you to the three countries of the South Caucasus: Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia. A well-balanced itinerary encapsulates a great number of archaeological, historical and architectural monuments of ancient, medieval, and Soviet times as well as free time to explore capitals at ones convenience. Experience diverse nature and Caucasian cuisine that you cannot resist. You will keep memories of the Caucasus, the land between two seas, for a lifetime.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Baku – arrival

Day 2: Baku city tour – Gobustan – Baku

Day 3: Baku – Ateshgah – Baku

Day 4: Baku – Shamakhi – Lahich – Sheki

Day 5: Sheki – Georgian border Lagodekhi – Kvareli – Akhasheni

Day 6: Akhasheni – Tsinandali – Akhasheni

Day 7: Akhasheni – Signaghi – Bodbe – Tbilisi

Day 8: Tbilisi

Day 9: Tbilisi – Jvari – Mtskheta – Kazbegi – Gudauri

Day 10: Gudauri – Ananuri – Uplistsikhe – Gori – Tbilisi

Day 11: Tbilisi – free day

Day 12: Tbilisi – Armenian border – Haghpata – Lake Sevan – Sevanavank – Yerevan

Day 13: Yerevan – Etchmiadzin – Yerevan

Day 14: Yerevan – Khor Virap – Noravank – Areni Cave – Yerevan

Day 15: Yerevan – Garni – Geghard – Yerevan

Day 16: Yerevan – departure

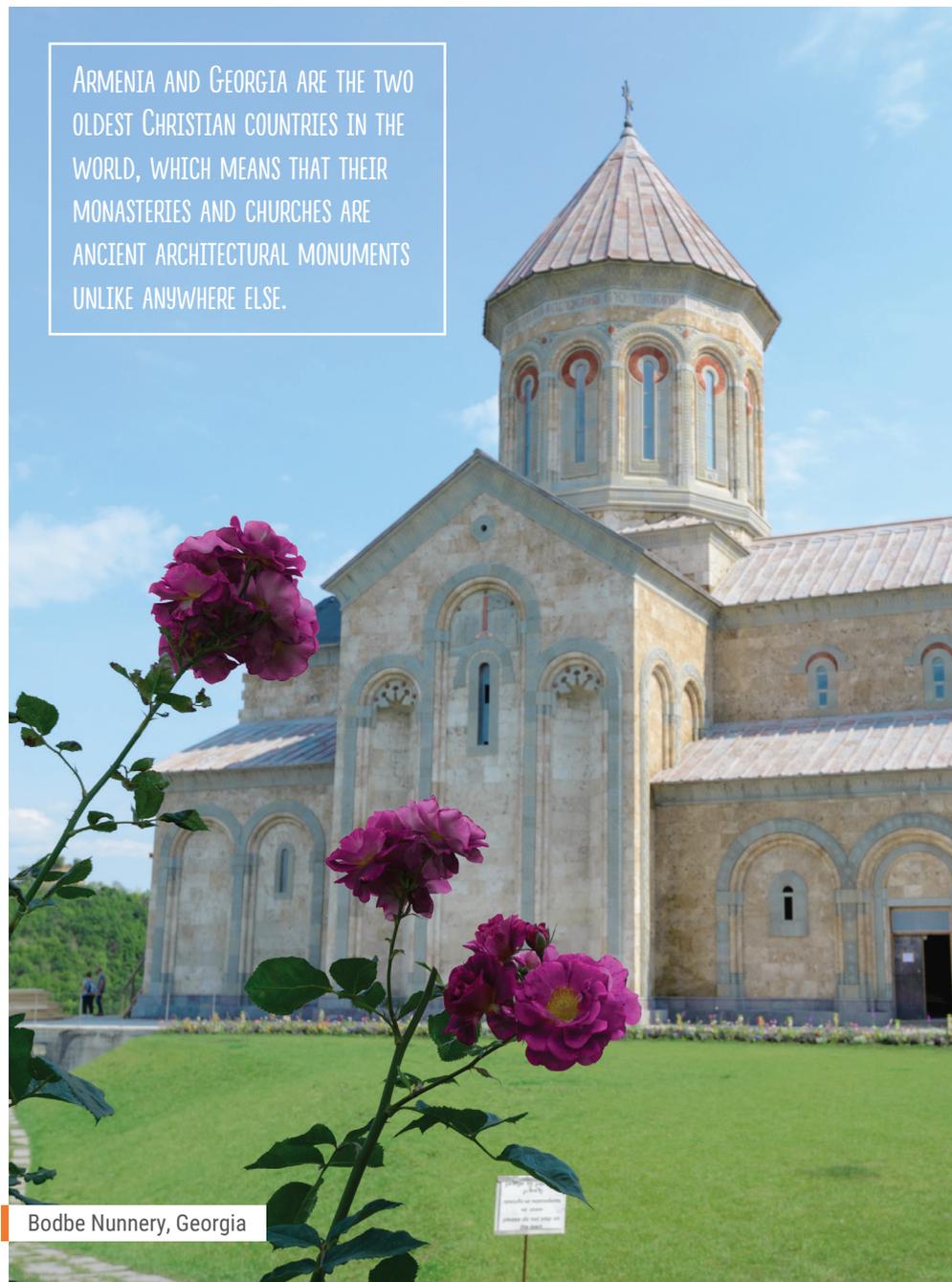
Caucasus



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May, 28	Sep, 3	Oct, 29
Jun, 18		
2024		
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May, 12	Aug, 18	Oct, 13
May, 26	Sep, 1	Oct, 27
Jun, 16		

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ARMENIA AND GEORGIA ARE THE TWO OLDEST CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, WHICH MEANS THAT THEIR MONASTERIES AND CHURCHES ARE ANCIENT ARCHITECTURAL MONUMENTS UNLIKE ANYWHERE ELSE.

Bodbe Nunnery, Georgia



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Baku Panorama, Azerbaijan



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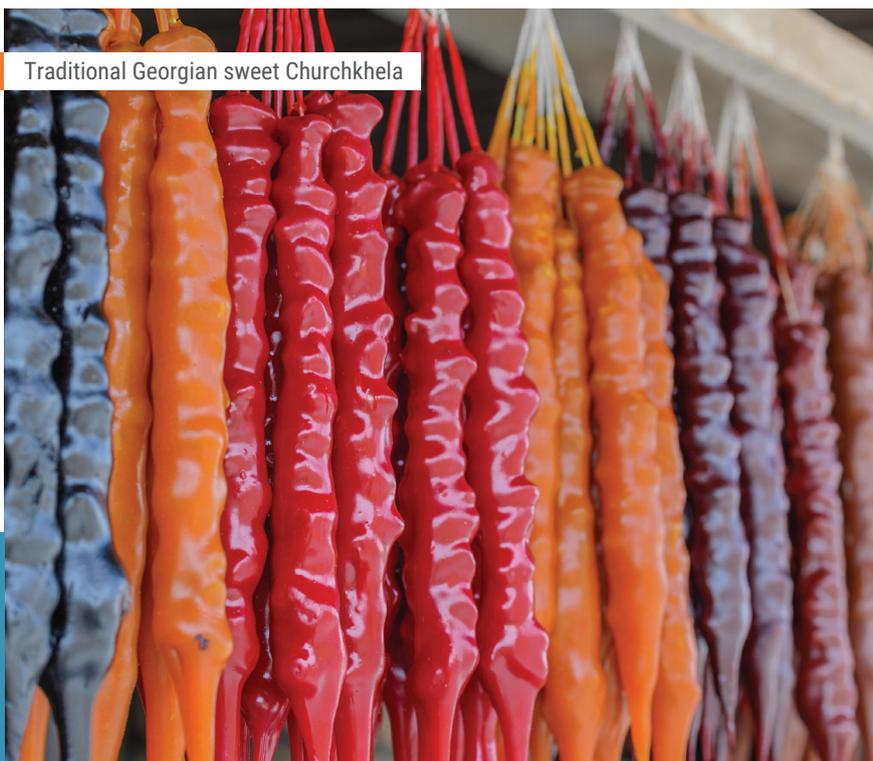
- ▶ All transfers;
- ▶ Accommodation based on double/twin room sharing in 4* hotels, breakfasts included;
- ▶ Sightseeing tour programme in each country with local, English-speaking guides;
- ▶ Entrance tickets to sights as per itinerary;
- ▶ Meals: 15 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners;
- ▶ Three wine tastings: Khareba (GE), Tsinandali (GE), Hin Areni (AM);
- ▶ Azerbaijan E-visa;
- ▶ Mineral water;
- ▶ English-speaking tour leader to accompany groups of 6 or more travellers.

✘ EXCLUSIONS

- ▶ Tour leader for the whole duration of the tour;
- ▶ Other meals;
- ▶ Hotel charges for additional services;
- ▶ Personal travel insurance;
- ▶ International flight tickets before and after the tour.

TRAVEL TO THE CAUCASUS IN JUNE OR SEPTEMBER TO BEAT THE HEAT AND LARGE CROWDS AND MAKE YOUR TRIP AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE. DOUBLE CHECK DATES OF FESTIVALS TO ADD A LITTLE EXTRA EXCITEMENT AND COLOR TO YOUR TRIP.

Traditional Georgian sweet Churchkhela



DON'T MISS THE SIGNATURE FOODS OF THE CAUCASUS. FROM MEATS TO SWEETS, FIND A TASTE FOR ANY PALETTE.

Kyrgyzstan Tour

7 days | Bishkek, Cholpon Ata, Karakol, Kochkor, Son Kul

US\$ 1,190 / person

US\$ 90 single supplement

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Relax on the beaches in Cholpon-Ata
- > Discover multicultural Karakol
- > See master artisans in Kochkor
- > Head deep into the Tian Shan and Son Kul

ABOUT THIS TOUR

From Lake Issyk-Kul, the pearl of Central Asia, to the towering mountains of the Tian Shan, the Kyrgyzstan Small Group Tour takes you to the best of this superb country. Join like-minded travelers from around the world as you discover alpine beaches, mountain vistas, and cozy towns.

TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Bishkek – arrival
Day 2: Bishkek – Burana – Cholpon-Ata
Day 3: Cholpon-Ata – Karakol
Day 4: Karakol – Jety-Oguz – Kochkor
Day 5: Kochkor – Son-Kul
Day 6: Son-Kul – Bishkek
Day 7: Bishkek – departure

Group size: 1 - 16 persons

Departures		2023
May, 26	Jul, 21	Sep, 8
Jun, 9	Aug, 11	
		2024
May, 24	Jul, 19	Sep, 6
Jun, 7	Aug, 9	



KYRGYZSTAN IS AT THE PEAK OF THE EURASIAN CONTINENT, AT THE CENTER BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. DESPITE BEING A RELATIVELY SMALL COUNTRY, KYRGYZSTAN IS HOME TO THREE PEAKS OVER 7,000 M (22,965 FEET). THIS FIGURE IS NOT VERY SURPRISING, CONSIDERING THAT 94% OF THE COUNTRY IS OVER 1,000 M (3,280 FEET) ABOVE SEA LEVEL, AND 80% IS TAKEN UP BY THE RUGGED TIAN SHAN RANGE. THE BEST WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE VARIETY OF CLIMATE ZONES IS TO SIMPLY GO HIKING, SINCE TRAILS PASS THROUGH CONIFEROUS FORESTS, TUNDRA VEGETATION, HIGH PASTURES, AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN PEAKS.



Tradition of eagle hunting in Kyrgyzstan



A Yurt on Son-Kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan



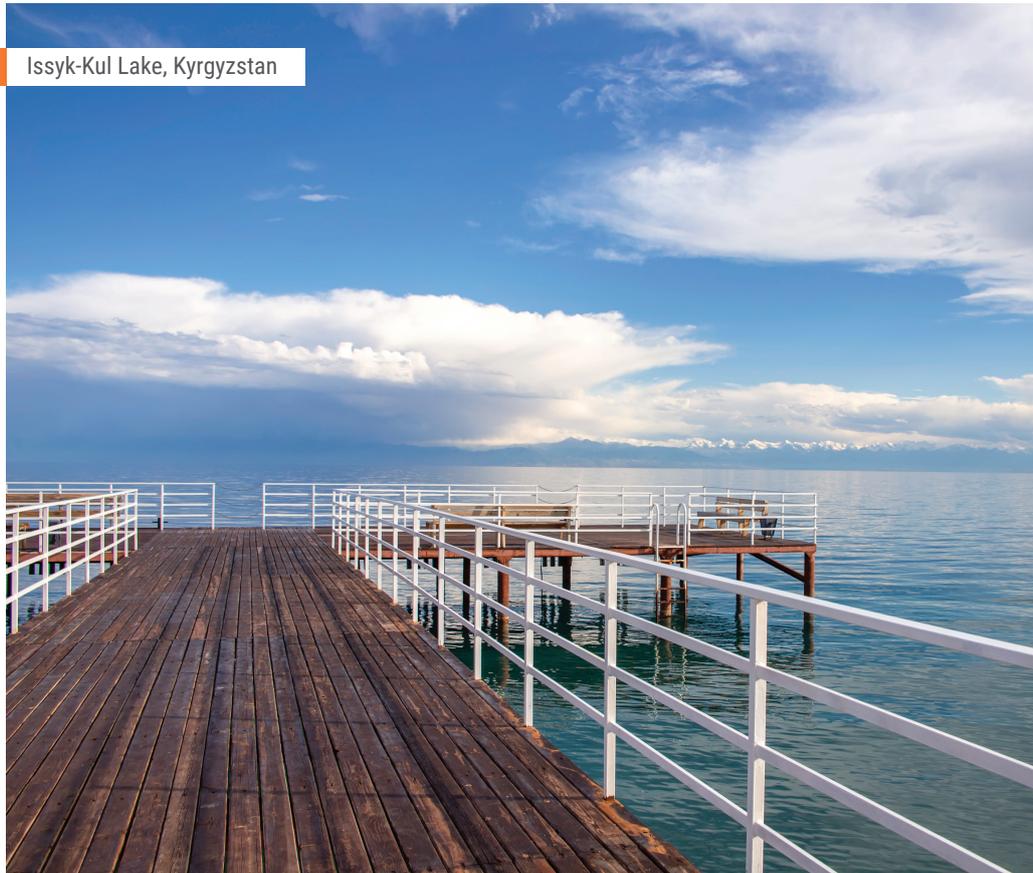
✓ INCLUSIONS

- ▶ Twin/double room accommodation. Yurts in Son Kul are shared by 2 people;
- ▶ Meals as per the program;
- ▶ All transfers;
- ▶ English speaking guide to accompany the group (except for the day 7 – transfer to the airport);
- ▶ Entrance fees to sights according to the program;
- ▶ Felt carpet show in Kochkor;
- ▶ Eagle hunting show in Bokonbaevo;
- ▶ Folklore show in Karakol;
- ▶ National show and farewell dinner in Bishkek;
- ▶ Horse game “Ulak-Tartysh”.

✘ EXCLUSIONS

- ▶ Hotel charges for additional services;
- ▶ Early check-in (except for Day 1) and late check-out;
- ▶ Camera/video at the sights;
- ▶ Horse riding in Son-Kul;
- ▶ Consular fees for Kyrgyzstan tourist visa;
- ▶ Kyrgyzstan visa support;
- ▶ Full board meals;
- ▶ International flight tickets before and after the tour;
- ▶ Personal insurance.

Issyk-Kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan



Make your journey big and combine your Kyrgyzstan trip with an **Uzbekistan group tour** (see next page).

Uzbekistan Tour

8 days | Tashkent, Khiva, Bukhara, Samarkand

US\$ 1,090 / person

US\$ 190 single supplement

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Live the life of a merchant in Khiva
- > Visit the minarets, mosques and madrassas of Bukhara
- > Stand in awe of the monuments of Samarkand
- > Learn from master chefs and artisans
- > Combine history and modernity in Tashkent

ABOUT THIS TOUR

With its legendary monuments and stunning sights, Uzbekistan is a land of unique beauty. Visit the most popular sights in Khiva, Bukhara, Samarkand and Tashkent with the Uzbekistan Small Group Tour, and take advantage of scheduled departure dates and the many benefits of group travel.

Group size: 1 - 16 persons

Departures

2023

Apr, 7	Jun, 30	Sep, 29
Apr, 14	Jul, 28	Oct, 6
Apr, 28	Aug, 18	Oct, 20
May, 12	Aug, 25	Oct, 27
May, 26	Sep, 1	Nov, 3
Jun, 2	Sep, 15	Nov, 17
Jun, 16		

2024

Mar, 29	Jun, 14	Sep, 27
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Apr, 12	Jul, 26	Oct, 18
Apr, 26	Aug, 16	Oct, 25
May, 10	Aug, 23	Nov, 1
May, 24	Aug, 30	Nov, 15
May, 31	Sep, 13	

TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1: Tashkent – arrival
- Day 2: Tashkent – Urgench – Khiva
- Day 3: Khiva – Bukhara
- Day 4: Bukhara
- Day 5: Bukhara – Samarkand
- Day 6: Samarkand
- Day 7: Samarkand – Tashkent
- Day 8: Tashkent – departure



Uzbekistan is one of two doubly-landlocked countries in the world. To get to the open sea, one would need to cross two other countries first. The only other doubly-landlocked country is Liechtenstein.

Uzbeks always negotiate prices before buying something. It may seem funny but both sellers and buyers love doing it. Any purchase is not a good purchase if it is bought without bargaining. So, when you look for souvenirs or fruit on the market, make sure you get 10%-20% off the price.

Uzbekistan's signature dish is plov (also called palov or pilaf), a main course classically made with rice, meat, yellow and orange carrots and onions. There are dozens of plov recipes from all over Uzbekistan. Though the same ingredients are used across the country, cooking methods vary from region to region. Try plov in Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Shakhrisabz, Khiva, and the Fergana Valley and see if you can choose your favorite one.

Samarkand bread does not get stale for many days if stored in a cloth bread bag. Uzbeks always bring bread from Samarkand to their families as a souvenir. The best places to buy bread are Siyob Market and Tashkent Street in Samarkand.

DID YOU KNOW

Uzbekistan

KHIVA

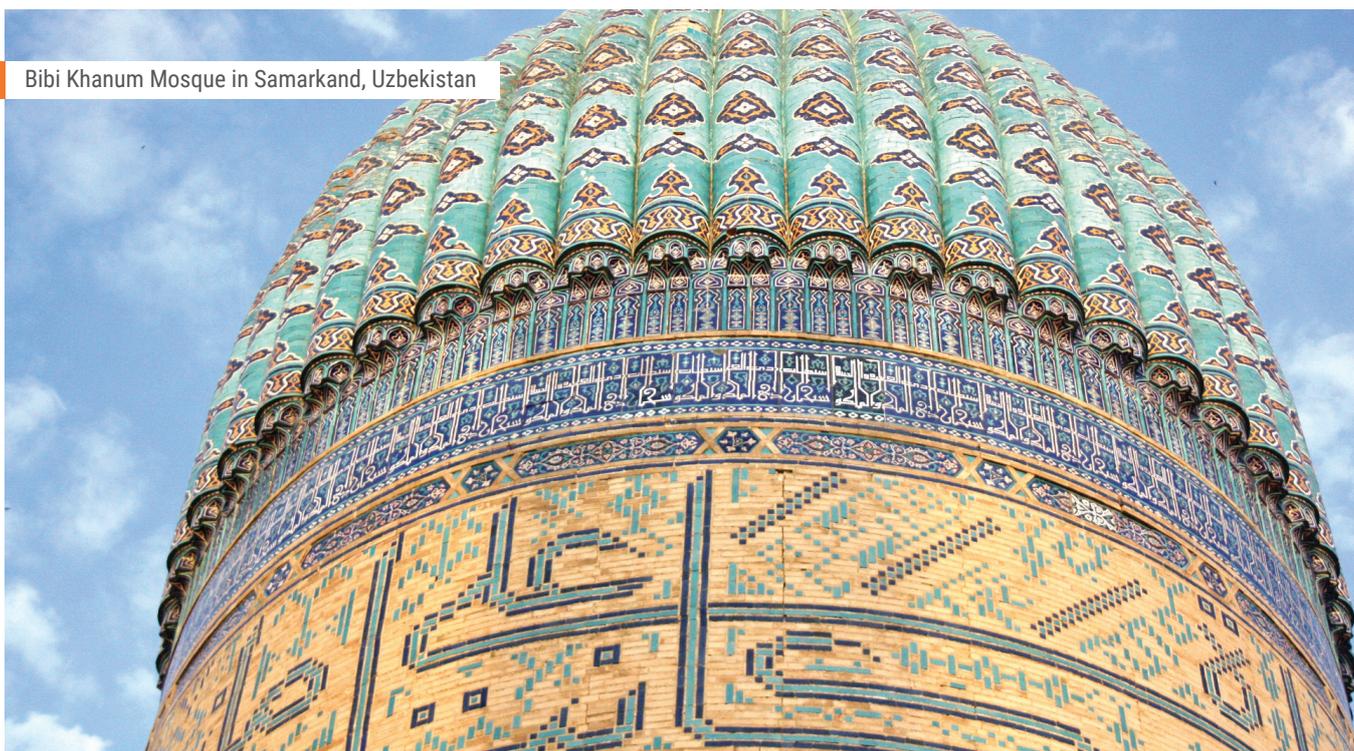
Kalta-Minor Minaret





Book this tour online!

Bibi Khanum Mosque in Samarkand, Uzbekistan



✓ INCLUSIONS

- ▶ Accommodation based on double/shared twin room, breakfasts included;
- ▶ Transportation throughout the tour, including airports/train stations pick up and drop offs;
- ▶ Sightseeing with a local English speaking guide in each city;
- ▶ Entrance tickets for sights in itinerary;
- ▶ Economy class tickets for flights: *Tashkent-Urgench, Urgench-Bukhara;*
- ▶ Economy class tickets for trains *Bukhara-Samarkand-Tashkent;*
- ▶ Visa support letter for Uzbekistan visa;
- ▶ Dinner with folklore show program at Nadir Divan-Begi Madrasah in Bukhara, farewell lunch in Samarkand;
- ▶ English-speaking tour leader to accompany a group of 8 persons or more.

✗ EXCLUSIONS

- ▶ Charges in hotels for additional services;
- ▶ Consular fees for Uzbekistan tourist visa;
- ▶ Photo/video permission at sights, when charged separately;
- ▶ Travel insurance;
- ▶ International flight tickets before and after the tour;
- ▶ Full board (lunches and dinners).

UZBEKISTAN IS MOST FAMOUS FOR ITS MONUMENTAL ARCHITECTURE. THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES, ARTISANS PERFECTED THE TILES AND PAINTINGS THAT DECORATE THE FACADES AND INTERIORS OF THESE GRAND BUILDINGS.

Lyabi-Hauz Ensemble in Bukhara, Uzbekistan



Aral Sea & Savitsky Museum Tour

3 days | Nukus, Muynak, Ustyurt Plateau, Aral Sea, Kurgancha, Sudochie lake, Kungrad, Mizdakhan, Gyaur-Kala

US\$ **870** | **520** | **420**
1 person | 2 persons | 3 persons

US\$ 25 single supplement

HIGHLIGHTS

- > The Savitsky Museum, with one of the world's largest collections of Russian avant-garde art and Central Asian applied art
- > An eerie and haunting beauty of the landscapes
- > The night sky in all its glory
- > Impressive picture at sunrise and sunset, when the white rocks are painted in purple colors

ABOUT THIS TOUR

This three-day Aral Sea tour from Tashkent is the best tour for those who want to experience Uzbekistan in full, and go deeper into different aspects of this beautiful country. Even just fifty years ago, the Aral Sea was such a big saltwater lake straddling the border between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, that it had to be called a sea. As the sea began to recede, it left fishing villages far from the water and revealed the strange contours of the Aral Desert and the Ustyurt Plateau. Ships were left stranded, gathered into graveyards, and left to rust; communities that remembered the rich marshland ecosystems were suddenly surrounded by desert. A trip to the Aral Sea can be saddening, since it shows how much damage humans can create, yet the landscapes have an eerie and haunting beauty that will stay with you for long after you finish this tour.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Tashkent – Nukus

Day 2: Nukus – Muynak – Ustyurt Plateau – Aral Sea

Day 3: Kurgancha Kala – Sudochie lake – Kungrad – Mizdakhan – Gyaur-Kala – Nukus



Aral Sea shore



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KARAKALPAKSTAN STATE MUSEUM OF THE ARTS HAS APTLY BEEN NICKNAMED "LOUVRE IN THE SANDS". IN SUMMER 2009, WRITERS FROM THE NEW YORK TIME'S "LEISURE" COLUMN AND THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE ADVISED ART-SAVVY READERS WHO ARE GENERALLY "DIFFICULT TO SURPRISE" TO "VISIT THE NUKUS MUSEUM BEFORE DYING", EVOKING THE FAMOUS PHRASE OF ILYA EHRENBURG "TO SEE PARIS AND DIE!" IN 2015, THE TELEGRAPH RATED THE CITY OF NUKUS #2 AMONG "10 EXTRAORDINARY DESTINATIONS YOU HAVE PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF".



✓ INCLUSIONS

- > Airport transfers in Nukus. For Aral Sea trip 4WD type of vehicle;
- > Accommodation in Nukus based on double/twin room sharing, breakfast included;
- > Accommodation in the yurt camp;
- > Entrance fees to the Savitsky Art Museum, Local History Museum and Mizdakhan memorial complex;
- > Escort guide for Aral Sea trip;
- > Meals as per itinerary.

✗ EXCLUSIONS

- > Round-trip tickets for flight Tashkent-Nukus-Tashkent;
- > Hotel charges for additional services;
- > Tips are not included, but would be appreciated;
- > Travel insurance.

Uzbekistan Train Tour

5 days | Tashkent, Bukhara, Samarkand

US\$ 1,170 | 700 | 650
1 person | 2 persons | 3 persons

US\$ 120 single supplement

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Get to faraway places at a minimal cost and with minimal hassle by fast-going train
- ▶ Enjoy unique monuments of the IX-XIX centuries
- ▶ Feel yourself like in an eastern fairy tale
- ▶ Learn the rich culture and traditions of the Uzbek people

ABOUT THIS TOUR

An intense five-day cultural train tour will introduce you to the most interesting sights of Tashkent, Bukhara and Samarkand. Tashkent you will remember as a modern capital, not devoid of eastern charm. Samarkand, city of the same age as Rome and Babylon, will introduce you to the unique monuments of medieval architecture. The last but not the least, in Bukhara you will feel yourself like in an eastern fairy tale which you won't want to leave.



TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1: Arrival in Tashkent – Bukhara
- Day 2: Bukhara
- Day 3: Bukhara – Samarkand
- Day 4: Samarkand – Tashkent
- Day 5: Tashkent – departure

✓ INCLUSIONS

- ▶ All transfers;
- ▶ Accommodation based on double room sharing, breakfasts included at 3* hotels;
- ▶ Sightseeing tour program in each city with local guides;
- ▶ Entrance tickets to sights as per itinerary;
- ▶ Tickets for trains: Tashkent-Bukhara-Samarkand-Tashkent.

✘ EXCLUSIONS

- ▶ Accommodation on Day 1 in Tashkent;
- ▶ Tour leader to accompany the travellers for the whole period of the tour;
- ▶ Full board (lunches and dinners);
- ▶ Hotel charges for additional services;
- ▶ Consular fees for Uzbekistan tourist visa;
- ▶ Tips are not included, but would be appreciated;
- ▶ Travel insurance.

SAMARKAND IS ONE OF THE MOST ANCIENT CITIES IN THE WORLD. AS OTHER FIRST CENTERS OF HUMAN CIVILIZATION – BABYLON AND MEMPHIS, ATHENS AND ROME, ALEXANDRIA AND BYZANTIUM – SAMARKAND WAS INTENDED TO GO THROUGH MANY EVENTS AND SHAKES.

Heart of Samarkand – REGISTAN SQUARE



Book this tour online!

Georgia Tour

7 days | Tbilisi, Telavi, Tsinandali, Kvareli, Akhasheni, Signaghi, Bodbe, Mtskheta, Kazbegi, Ananuri, Uplistsikhe, Gori

US\$ 980 / person
US\$ 290 single supplement

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Taste the best of Georgian wine in Telavi
- > Explore monasteries in Bodbe and Mtskheta
- > Breathe in fresh mountain air in Kazbegi
- > Climb castles in Ananuri
- > Live an artsy, cosmopolitan life in Tbilisi
- > Sample new tastes and dishes, wines and cheeses

ABOUT THIS TOUR

From deep fertile valleys to rough mountain slopes, rough-hewn rock towns to lush vineyards, Georgia is a land of new impressions and deep emotions. Experience the past coming to life at ancient monasteries and listen to the stories of fortresses and decide for yourself - are all the myths surrounding this Caucasian country true?

Group size: 1 - 16 persons

Departures			2023
Apr, 6	Jun, 22	Sep, 21	
Apr, 20	Jul, 13	Sep, 28	
May, 4	Aug, 10	Oct, 19	
May, 18	Aug, 24	Nov, 2	
Jun, 1	Sep, 7		
			2024
Apr, 4	Jun, 20	Sep, 19	
Apr, 18	Jul, 11	Sep, 26	
May, 2	Aug, 8	Oct, 17	
May, 16	Aug, 22	Oct, 31	
May, 30	Sep, 5		



Tbilisi Old Town, Georgia

TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Tbilisi - arrival
Day 2: Tbilisi - Telavi - Tsinandali - Kvareli - Akhasheni
Day 3: Akhasheni - Signaghi - Bodbe - Tbilisi
Day 4: Tbilisi
Day 5: Tbilisi - Jvari - Mtskheta - Kazbegi - Gudauri
Day 6: Gudauri - Ananuri - Uplistsikhe - Gori - Tbilisi
Day 7: Tbilisi - departure



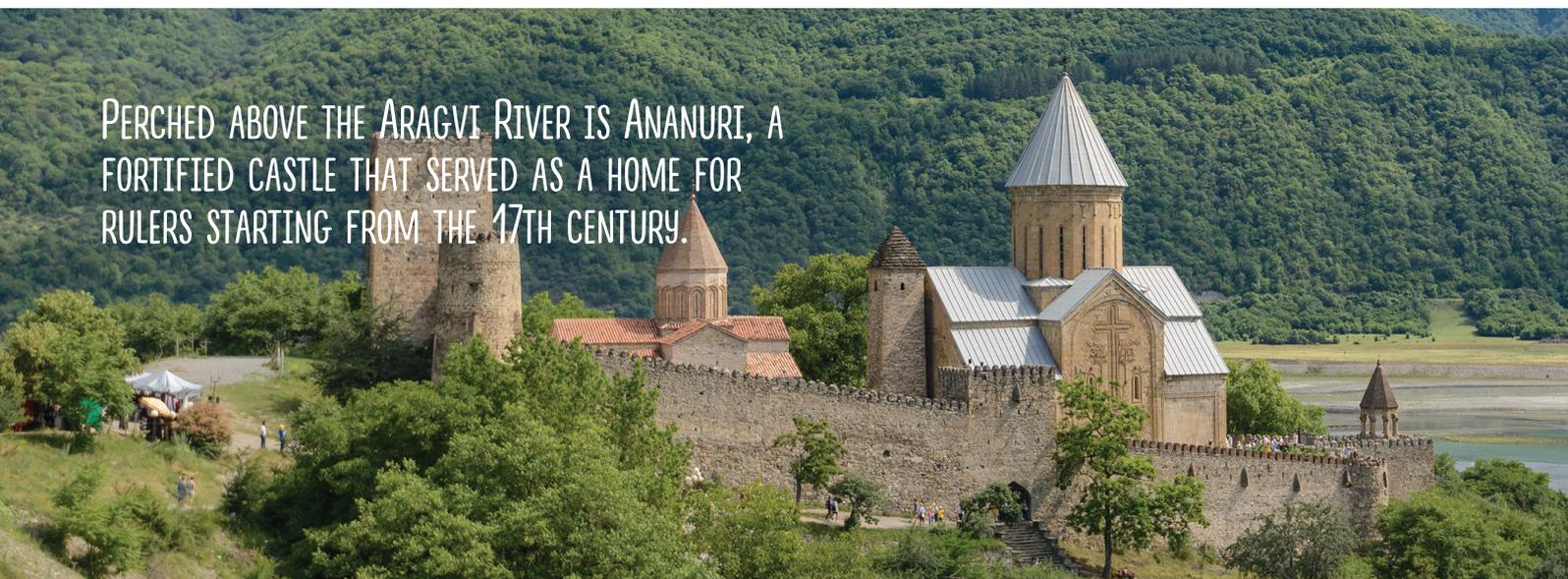
GEORGIA IS FAMOUS FOR ITS RICH CULINARY TRADITIONS, FROM WINE TO CHEESE TO TRADITIONAL DISHES NOT FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD. WITH A VARIETY OF SAUCES, SPICES, STYLES AND FLAVORS, THERE'S A DISH FOR EVERYONE IN GEORGIA.

MEAT LOVERS WILL ENJOY KEBABS, SMOKED OVER A ROASTER TO MAKE THEM TENDER AND JUICY, WHILE KHACHAPURI, WITH CHEESE BAKED INTO BREAD, HAVE LONG BEEN A FAVORITE BOTH IN GEORGIA AND ABROAD.



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PERCHED ABOVE THE ARAGVI RIVER IS ANANURI, A FORTIFIED CASTLE THAT SERVED AS A HOME FOR RULERS STARTING FROM THE 17TH CENTURY.



✓ INCLUSIONS

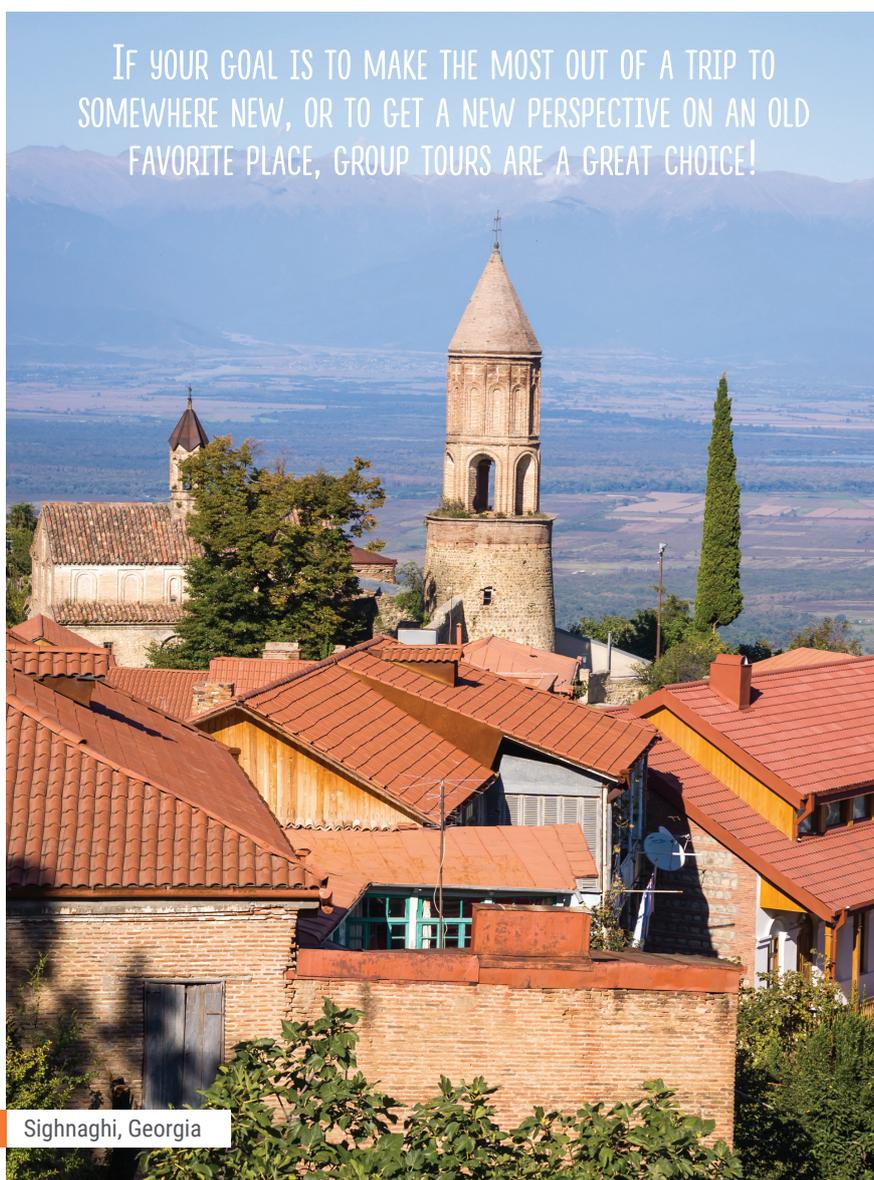
- ▶ All transfers;
- ▶ Accommodation based on double/twin room sharing in 4* hotels, breakfasts included;
- ▶ Sightseeing tour programme with local, English-speaking guides;
- ▶ Entrance fees to the sights;
- ▶ Meals: 2 lunches and 1 dinner;
- ▶ Two wine tastings: Khareba, Tsinandali.

✗ EXCLUSIONS

- ▶ Full board (lunches and dinners);
- ▶ Hotel charges for additional services;
- ▶ International flight tickets before and after the tour;
- ▶ Personal travel insurance.

THE GEORGIAN GOLD AGE LASTED FROM THE LATE 11TH CENTURY TILL THE 13TH CENTURY, AND WAS A TIME OF GREAT DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH FOR THE REGION. DAVID THE BUILDER STARTED THE ERA WITH HIS EMPHASIS ON CREATING A UNIQUE GEORGIAN IDENTITY THROUGH ARCHITECTURE. MANY OF HIS MONUMENTS STILL STAND TODAY, AND HAVE BECOME IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL SIGHTS.

IF YOUR GOAL IS TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF A TRIP TO SOMEWHERE NEW, OR TO GET A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON AN OLD FAVORITE PLACE, GROUP TOURS ARE A GREAT CHOICE!



Sighnaghi, Georgia

Armenia Tour

5 days | Yerevan, Hayravank, Noratus, Sevanavank, Etchmiadzin, Khor Virap, Areni Cave, Noravank, Garni, Geghard

US\$ 790 / person
US\$ 290 single supplement

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Walk along the shores of Lake Sevan
- > Learn history in Echmiadzin
- > See the snowy mountain-top of the magnificent Ararat
- > Listen the magic sounds of Duduk

ABOUT THIS TOUR

The 5-day Armenia small group tour will open up the country that was first to accept Christianity in the world and has a rich culture intertwined with the religion. You will see its evidence at the Holy Echmiadzin, beautiful monasteries of Khor Virap, Sevanavank, Hayravank, Geghard and many more. You will drive along Sevan Lake often called 'the Jewel of Armenia', climb the great Cascade in Yerevan, make a photo of the Mountains of Ararat, learn Roman style architecture of Garni and enjoy delicious Caucasus cuisine with like-minded people from all over the world.

TOUR ITINERARY

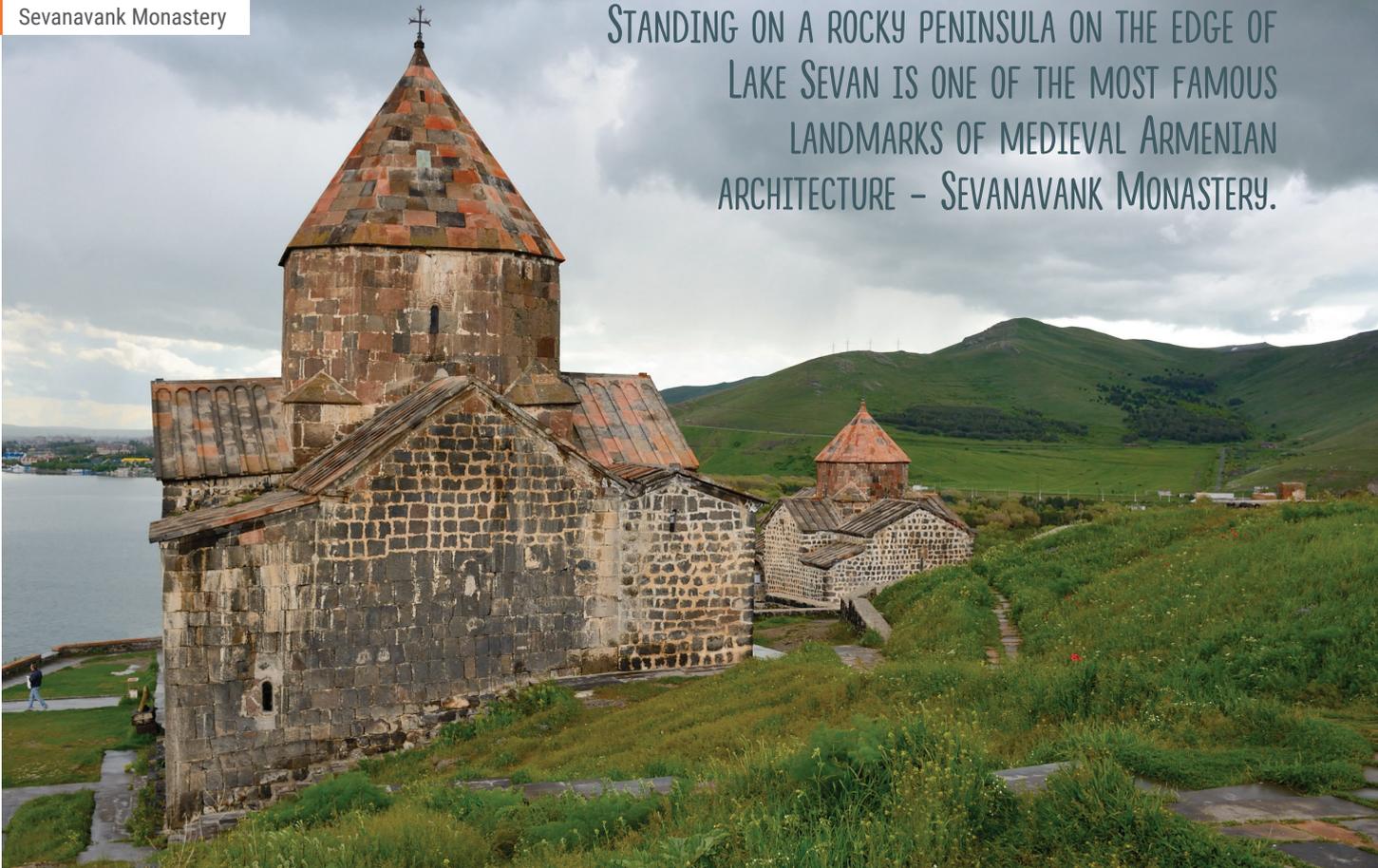
- Day 1:** Yerevan – arrival
Day 2: Yerevan – Echmiadzin – Yerevan
Day 3: Yerevan – Khor Virap – Noravank – Areni Cave – Yerevan
Day 4: Yerevan – Garni – Geghard – Yerevan
Day 5: Yerevan – departure

Group size: 1 - 16 persons

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May, 9	Aug, 15	Oct, 24
May, 23	Aug, 29	Nov, 7
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OUR EXPERIENCED GUIDES WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO EVERYTHING THEY KNOW AND LOVE ABOUT ARMENIA, AND YOU'LL LEAVE FEELING LIKE AN EXPERT.

Sevanavank Monastery



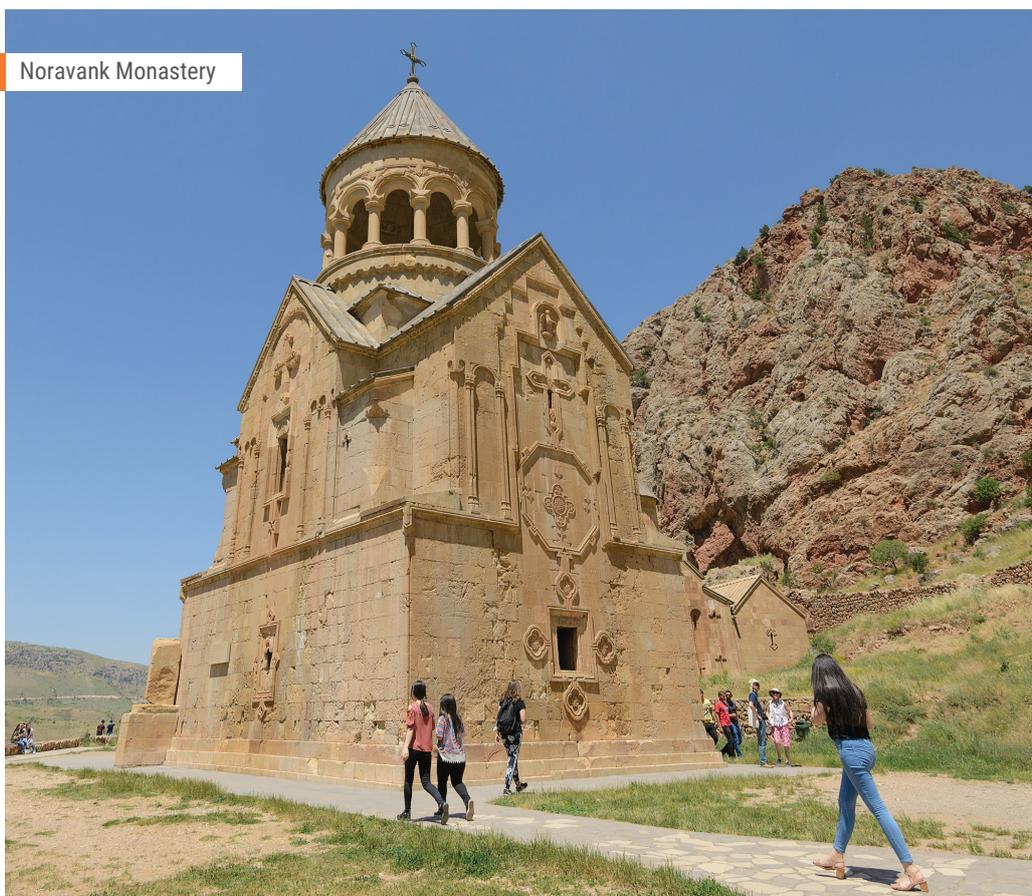
STANDING ON A ROCKY PENINSULA ON THE EDGE OF LAKE SEVAN IS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS LANDMARKS OF MEDIEVAL ARMENIAN ARCHITECTURE – SEVANAVANK MONASTERY.



Book this tour online!



Noravank Monastery



✓ INCLUSIONS

- ▶ All transfers;
- ▶ Accommodation based on double/twin room sharing;
- ▶ Sightseeing tour program in each country with local English-speaking guides;
- ▶ Entrance tickets to sights as per itinerary;
- ▶ Meals as per itinerary;
- ▶ Wine tasting at Hin Areni winery.

✗ EXCLUSIONS

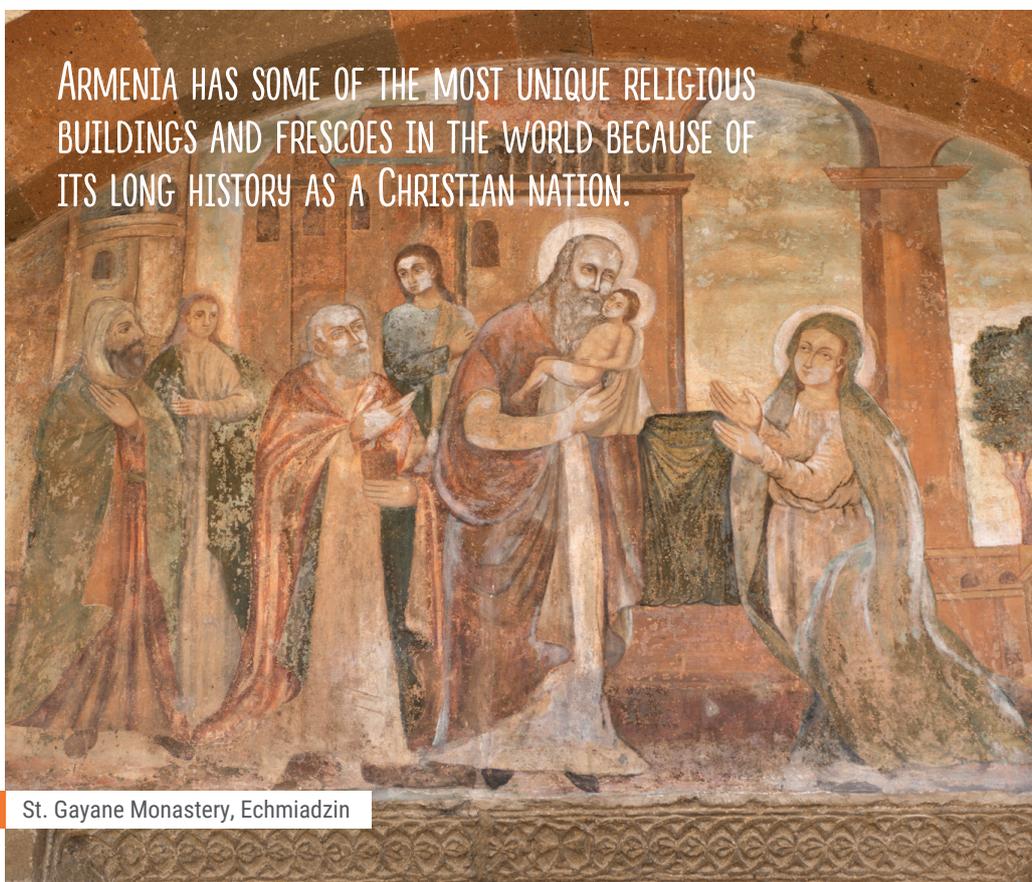
- ▶ Full board (lunches and dinners);
- ▶ Hotel charges for additional services;
- ▶ International flight tickets before and after the tour;
- ▶ Personal travel insurance;

Did you know...

MOUNT ARARAT, WHERE NOAH LANDED HIS ARK AS TOLD IN THE BIBLE, IS AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL FOR ARMENIA. ALTHOUGH THE MOUNTAIN ITSELF IS IN TURKEY, THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF MOUNT ARARAT REMAINS STRONG IN ARMENIA, A COUNTRY WITH DEEP CHRISTIAN ROOTS.

THE APRICOT IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT SYMBOL, AND IS THE NATIONAL FRUIT OF ARMENIA. APRICOT WOOD IS USED TO MAKE THE DUDUK, AN ANCIENT DOUBLE-REED WOODWIND INSTRUMENT THAT IS ANOTHER SYMBOL OF ARMENIA'S CULTURE.

ARMENIA HAS SOME OF THE MOST UNIQUE RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS AND FRESCOS IN THE WORLD BECAUSE OF ITS LONG HISTORY AS A CHRISTIAN NATION.



St. Gayane Monastery, Echmiadzin

REVIEWS

Caucasus Group Tour

WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN OFFERING THE BEST FOR OUR TRAVELERS, FROM THE MOMENT THEY FIRST CONTACT US TO THE MOMENT THEY GO HOME. READ MORE ON OUR TESTIMONIALS PAGE: WWW.ADVANTOUR.COM/TESTIMONIALS.HTM

“ - Julianna Keyes, USA -

The tour was a dream come true. Everything was amazing. I loved the small group, the local guides, the flexibility in the schedule, etc. This was the best group travel experience, I've ever had.



- Wynoma De Faria, India -

It was our second with Advantour. First of all on behalf of the group our thanks to Yuriy for having organised a superb travel of the 03 Caucasian countries Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia for a group of 16 pax for 15 days. It was Yuriy's quick reply to my first mail that made me confirm the destination and then the agency, 15 months before our trip started. Wasn't sure what to expect as not many people have been to these countries undiscovered by tourists.

It was much more than I expected... grandiose places, full of history culture, different food etc one has to visit these countries now before they are exploited by mass tourism.

I have exchanged uncountable mails with Yuriy wrt to hotels, sites, prices etc etc but there was a prompt reply to all the queries, you are amazing Yuriy.

I had no apprehension at all...and right enough from the airport PICK-UP to all land travel may be over 2000 kms to airport DROP we had no problem at all with transportation not even a tyre puncture...the buses and drivers were very good and drove us diligently over the Caucasian mountain gorges and plains.

The hotels were good too, and as requested for central locations all were superbly located and better than reviews, specially the Shah Palace Hotel in Baku, and Aviatran in Yerevan and Mirhav in Goris were excellent.

The guides too were extremely knowledgeable, well versed in their matter with good diction and experienced in their profession and answered all our questions. Patient as well to handle a group of 16, Seymour of Baku, Anna of Georgia and Nune of Yerevan were just top of the line.

The sites included were also well chosen by Advantour, bear in mind that visiting these countries involves a lot of bus travel as one has to move out of the city.

The dinners organised in Tblisi and Yerevan were of high standard with an insight to the folk and food culture of the country, do include one in Baku as well...it completes the cultural experience.

Thanks for your effort to get our Armenia Visas, got it at the nick of time, we were under lot of stress due to this delay. Travellers from India please contact your agent as soon as you submit your visa application to the Armenian consulate in Delhi as it is imminent that you won't get your visas without their help.

We enjoyed every bit of the tour to wine tasting, cognac tasting, mud volcanoes, monasteries etc etc and God willing will visit again. I highly recommend Advantour...organisation good and price good. Thank you Yuriy and your team.

Uzbekistan Group Tour

“ - Tova and Zvi Tauber, Israel -

Thank you very much for organizing a magnificent tour for us.

Starting with the group: we were 7 people representing 4 continents, the span of ages was 33 to 76, and with all these differences, we got along very good and had a great time together.

The program was also very good, we managed to cover in a relatively short time the most important attraction in Uzbekistan.

The hotels were OK, some very good, some could be better.

Last but not least our guide Mirza, a wonderful person, a lot of knowledge, very good English. He did his job in a very interesting way and was not a burden on us, he took us to nice local restaurants, shops and we had a very good time with him.



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