

DAY 1-14.09.2020

Arrival

Meeting at the airport. Transfer to the hotel.

Check in at hotel Sultan inn

DAY 2-15.09.2020

08:00-10:00 Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 Meeting in the hall of the Hotel\ Start of Baku City Tour

During the car - walking tour of Baku you will learn interesting and little-known facts from the history of Baku and understand - how the construction of the city began, how it developed and as a result became a big megalopolis. After the end of our tour, you can confidently say that you saw the most beautiful and significant places in Baku!

Places we will visit: Highland Park , Martyrs Lane, Flame Towers, The National Flag Square, The Heydar Aliyev Center (from outside), Seaside Park, White City, Maiden Tower, Market Square, Mosques, Caravanserais, Baths, Houses, Shirvanshah Palace

In addition, you can see the Philharmonic Hall, "Little Venice", the International Mugam Centre and Azerbaijan Carpet Museum (from the outside).



14:00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 Start of the Absheron Peninsula Tour

We will visit natural, historical and architectural monuments on Absheron (within a radius of 50 km away from Baku)

“Ateshgah” - the temple of fire-worshippers in Surakhani village is one of the signs of the existence of Zoroastrianism in the ancient Azerbaijan.

“Gala” - the Archaeological and Ethnographic Museum Complex. Artefacts from the period between 3rd millennium BC and 20th century AD are stored here.

“Yanar Dag” - the place where natural burning gas comes out of the ground caused by tectonic clashed. It is located in Mamedli village. Yanar Dag was mentioned in the ancient historical books since 5th century.



19:30 End of the tour \ Dinner in National Restaurant
After dinner – transfer and overnight in the hotel Sultan inn.

DAY 3-16.09.2020

08:00-10:00 Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 Meeting in the hall of the Hotel \ Start of the tour to Gobustan

Museum of Petroglyphs – Gobustan or by other name Museum of Petroglyphs located approximately 65 km from Baku. In mountains of Gobustan Beyukdash, Kichikdash, Djingirdag and Shighaya there were concentrated witnesses of the past of azerbaijani nation of the epoch of Stone Age and ongoing periods – rocky paintings, camp of man, tombstones and etc. The most significant of them are rocky pictures – petroglyphs, carved by primitive men on walls of caves, rocks and stony lumps. The aforesaid primitive monuments of art reflect culture, economy, world outlook, customs and traditions of ancient azerbaijani peoples.

15:00 End of the tour \ Free time

DAY 4-17.09.2020

- Breakfast in the hotel

08:00 Meeting in the hall of the Hotel \ Departure from the hotel to Shamakha

10:00 Arrival in Shamakha

10:00 – 10:30 Visiting Juma Mosque in Shamakha

The oldest and largest Shamakhi mosque in Azerbaijan Juma mosque was founded in the VIII century, when Shamakhi was chosen as a residence by the Arab caliph.

10:30 Departure to Lahich

12:00-14:00 Lahich Village

The village of Lahich was built in the 5th century B.C. on the canyon of the river Girdimanchai. The village is small, but very picturesque. The territory is recognized as a cultural reserve and is a popular tourist destination on the Great Silk Road. Lahich has preserved its trade and craft center up to now. Copper, leather and carpet crafts are still flourishing.



14:00 – 15:00 Lunch (Is paid additionally. Our guide will advise you on the restaurant)

15:00 - Departure to Gabala

16:30-17:30 Tour in Gabala

Gabala is an ancient city with many historical and cultural monuments. The main attraction is the ancient city of Kabalaka (Chukhur Gabala), the ruins of which were preserved in 15 km from the modern city. Kabalaka was mentioned in written sources of the 1st c. and for 600 years was the capital of the state of Caucasian Albania

17:30 Departure to Sheki

19:00 Check in at the hotel in Sheki / Sheki Palace Hotel

DAY 5-18.09.2020

Breakfast at the hotel

09:00 – 11:00 Excursion in Sheki



Sheki is another ancient Silk Road city, rich in history and culture. The Khan's palace is of particular interest and it has been proposed as a Unesco World Heritage site.

11:00 – Departure to Balaken (Georgian border)

14:00 - Arrive at the Azerbaijan-Georgia border

Departure from Azerbaijan.

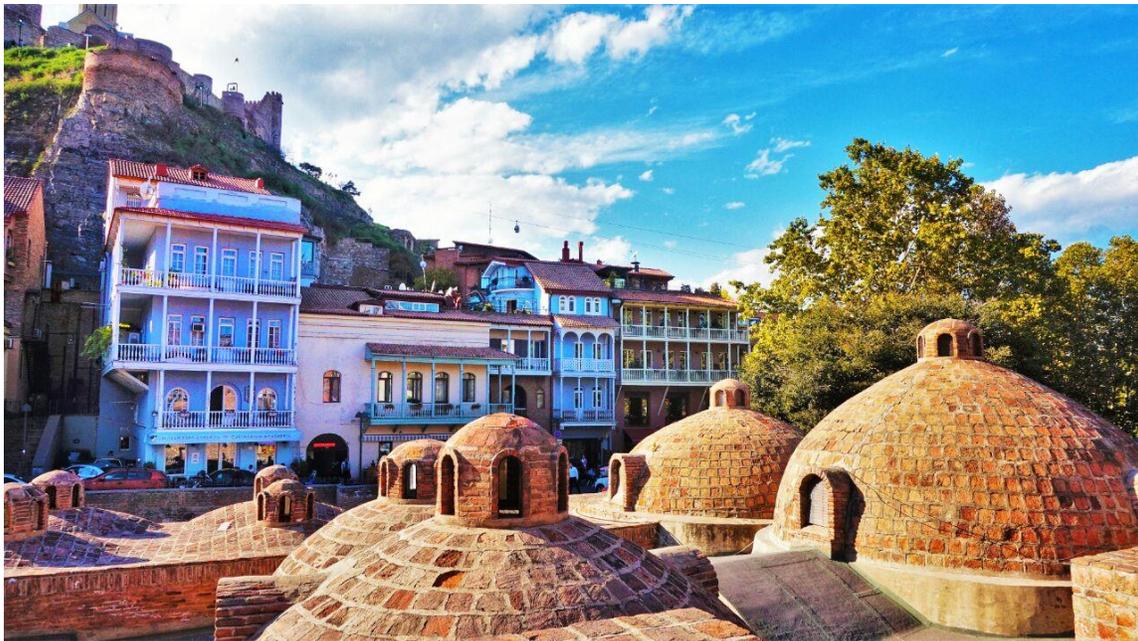
Transfer to Tbilisi

Check-in at the hotel” Vinotel “in Tbilisi.

Dinner at the restaurant in the” shadow of Metekhi”

Optional: Visit “Sulfur Baths“ in an old part of Tbilisi

Overnight in hotel Vinotel



DAY 6-19.09.2020

Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast Tbilisi sightseeing program.

Our first destination is the Metekhi church (13th century). We can enjoy breathtaking views of the Old Town from this place. We continue walking to the Synagogue and then visit two important Georgian churches - Soini Cathedral (6th-7th. centuries) with its beautiful bell towers, mural paintings and the oldest church of Tbilisi - Anchiskhati (6th century).

Afterwards we drive up to get panoramic view of the whole city and walk down to the Narikala Fortress (4th century). The smell of sulfur gets stronger and we approach Sulfur Baths, which delighted Dumas, Pushkin, Lermontov and etc. Old Town, where is a mosque, synagogue and Eastern and Oriental Orthodox churches can all be found within less than 500 meters (1,600 ft.) from each other. Walking through the main walking street Sharden together with its parallel Bambis Rigi and Rkinis Rigi " and Erekle II a little further north - narrow pedestrian streets, with a mixture of European and Asian architecture, full of cozy cafes, bars, restaurants, picture galleries and clubs, one of the most common places for nightlife.

Lunch in the national Georgian Restaurant.

After Lunch drive to Mtskheta. We visit the ancient capital and religious center of Georgia – Mtskheta (3000 years old) and see its historical places: Jvari church (6th century) and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (11th century) where the Robe of Christ is buried. Both Jvari and Svetitskhoveli are UNESCO World Heritage sites;



Dinner in traditional Georgian restaurant with delicious food and wine.

Overnight at the hotel Vinotel.

DAY 7-20.09.2020

Breakfast,

Transfer to Kazbegi, on the way visit Ananuri Castle and Jinali water reservoir.

Lunch on the way to Kazbegi. Check in at the hotel Kazbegi Rooms.

Afterwards drive to Gergeti trinity church. We will take jeeps to reach the church. The church is situated on the right bank of the river Chkheri, at an elevation of 2170 meters (7120 feet), under Mount Kazbek. The Gergeti Trinity Church was built in the 14th century.

Dinner in the Hotel or in the local restaurant.

Overnight in Kazbegi, Rooms hotel Kazbegi.



DAY 8 - 21.09.2020

Breakfast and Transfer to Tbilisi.

Check-in at Vinotel hotel, Lunch in the restaurant.

Free time.

Tour in evening old Tbilisi. Dinner in the restaurant.

Overnight at Vinotel hotel.

Day 9 - 22.09.2020

Breakfast at the hotel;

Check-in at the Best Western hotel.

Transfer to Kutaisi. Lunch on the way in a local restaurant (Zgapari or Jargvali)

Kutaisi is the second largest city of Georgia, founded about 40 centuries ago, former capital of the west Georgian Kingdom Colchis, to which is related the myth of Golden Fleece and Argonauts. In Kutaisi we will visit Bagrati Temple (11th c. UNESCO heritage) and main sights of the city.

Dinner in the local restaurant.

Overnight at Best Western Kutaisi.

Day 10 -23.09.2020

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Zugdidi.

Lunch in the Megrelian local restaurant.

In Zugdidi we will visit Dadiani palaces Historical Museum.

Transfer to the village Salkhino, next to the Autumn Residence of Dadiani family.

Check in at the hotel L'Auberge Dadianebi.

Wine-House “Dadianebi” is located in the village Salkhino, next to the Autumn Residence of Dadianebi. Wine-House “Dadianebi” provides calm, family environment where you could be able to taste Megrelian cuisine with a wine “Odjaleshi”. The wine – caller of 18th century is the only visit card of Salkhino. In 1912 wine exported first time, the whole world got to know better and returned to Georgia with Golden Medal.

Dinner in the Wine-House “Dadianebi” with wine degustation.

Free Time

Overnight at the Hotel L'Auberge Dadianebi.

DAY 11 -24.09.2020

Breakfast and Transfer to Svaneti.

Check in at hotel Posta.

Lunch in the local café.

We have a walking tour of historical districts of Mestia – Lanchvali, Lekhtagi and Lagami, with a visit to ancient Svan house of Margiani, Museum of famous mountain climber- Mikheil Khargiani and Mestia museum of history and ethnography.

Dinner in the local restaurants, with local cuisine and wine.

Overnight in Mestia, Hotel Posta.



DAY 12 -25.09.2020

Breakfast, Transfer to Ushguli.

Drive to highest village in Europe – Ushguli, in bottom of mountain Shkhara – 5068 meters above the sea level. The village is listed by UNESCO as world heritage site. Visit ancient Svan house, church Lamaria, museum of icons.

After lunch in Café in Ushguli we return to Mestia.

Dinner at the local café.

Overnight in Mestia, Hotel Posta.

DAY 13 -26.09.2020

Breakfast. Free time in Mestia

Lunch and dinner in the local cafés.

Overnight at Hotel Posta.

Day 14 - 27.09.2020

Breakfast;

Transfer to Kutaisi;

Fly to London.

Hotel Links:

1. Baku / Sultan Inn Boutique Hotel - <https://tinyurl.com/yys6hggh>
2. Sheki / Sheki palace hotel - <https://tinyurl.com/yxvho8lw>
3. Tbilisi / Vinotel Boutique Hotel - <https://tinyurl.com/y2xrccpn>
4. Kazbegi / Rooms Hotel Kazbegi - <https://tinyurl.com/y39zyqft>
5. Kutaisi / Best Western Kutaisi - <https://tinyurl.com/y2hmwyz9>
6. Salkhino / L'Auberge Dadianebi - <https://tinyurl.com/y6efn9gz>
7. Svaneti / Hotel Posta - <https://tinyurl.com/y6472yzv>