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DAY 1



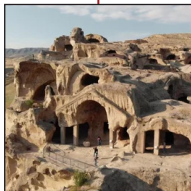
Meet at Malta International Airport at 08:30, check-in, departure with Turkish Airlines at 10:25. Arrival at Istanbul Airport at 14:00 with a 2hr 35m layover and departure to Tbilisi at 16:35. Arrival at Tbilisi Airport at 19:55.

Transfer to the hotel, check-in and dinner.

DAY 2

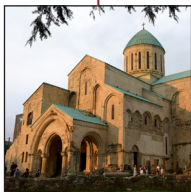


Breakfast and check-out at the hotel. Departure for Kutaisi, driving through Gori, visiting the Uplistsikhe Ancient City, Bagrati Cathedral and Gelat Monastery. Proceeding to Borjomi, taking a walk through the hot springs park.



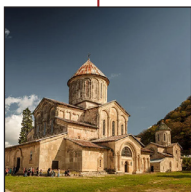
Uplistsikhe Ancient City

The ancient rock-hewn town, showcases a unique trove of pre-Christian architecture. Carved into cliffs, it unveils a fascinating blend of history, and archaeological wonder.



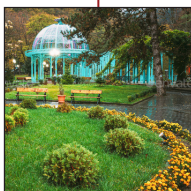
Bagrati Cathedral

The cathedral is a UNESCO-listed masterpiece. Dating back to the 11th century, its stunning architecture and historical significance make it a symbol of Georgian heritage.



Gelati Monastery

The monastery epitomizes medieval ecclesiastical grandeur. Founded by King David IV, it houses stunning frescoes, mosaics, and a significant burial site, embodying Georgian Christianity.

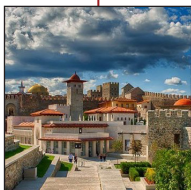


Borjomi - hot springs park

The park is nestled in Georgia's scenic Borjomi Gorge, offers healing mineral waters amidst lush landscapes. This serene sanctuary is a haven for relaxation and rejuvenation.

Check-in at the Hotel in Borjomi.

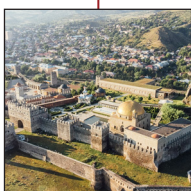
DAY 3



Breakfast and check-out at the hotel.

Excursion to Akhaltsikhe.

Rabati Castle, Khertvisi Castle and Vardzia, a rock-cut city.



Rabati Castle

The castle harmoniously blends medieval, Ottoman, and European architectural styles. This historic fortress, restored to splendour, stands as a cultural and architectural testament.



Khertvisi Castle

The castle, Georgia's oldest fortress, is a formidable symbol of medieval military architecture. Perched on a rocky outcrop, it guards history and commands scenic views of the surrounding landscape.



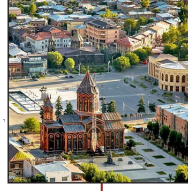
Vardzia

A complex cave monastery with its rock-hewn architecture and ancient frescoes. Carved into cliffs, it stands as a testament to medieval Christian faith and architectural ingenuity.



Pass through the Georgia - Armenia Gyumri border gate. Excursion to Gyumri city.

Check-in at Hotel in Gyumri.



Gyumri

The city is the second largest in Armenia, and boasts rich cultural heritage, charming cobblestone streets, and distinctive architecture. Despite historical challenges, Gyumri thrives with resilience, warmth, and a vibrant community spirit.

DAY 4



Breakfast at the Hotel. Departure to Saghmosavank Monastery.

Coffee break at Aparan.

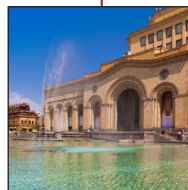


Saghmosavank Monastery

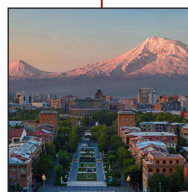
The monastery was built in the 13th century. From here you will admire one of the most breathtaking views of the Kasakh gorge.



Departure to Yerevan, Free time to enjoy your evening in the capital of Yerevan and admire the evening lights of the city centre. Check-in the Hotel in Yerevan.



Breakfast at the Hotel. Excursion to the capital Yerevan together with a local guide.



Yerevan

Yerevan is also known as the Pink Capital because all the buildings of the city are made of Armenian pink stone called tuff.



Free time at the Cascade complex located in the centre of the city. Visiting the Opera and Ballet Theatre building. Followed by Matenadaran and Garni Pagan Temple.



Opera and Ballet Theatre

The theatre is an architectural gem built by the capital's architect Alexander Tamanyan, and hosts world-class performances. Its grandeur and cultural significance make it a captivating venue.



Matenadaran

Yerevan's ancient manuscript repository, houses an invaluable collection of illuminated manuscripts and ancient texts, preserving Armenia's literary and cultural heritage through the ages.



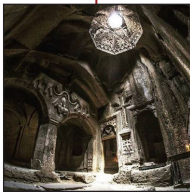
Garni Pagan Temple

The temple was built in the 1st century AD. It is the only temple remaining from the Pagan period in Armenia. It was dedicated to Mihr, the Sun God, and was a gift to the queen. It was destroyed by an earthquake in 1679. In 1975 the Temple was restored.

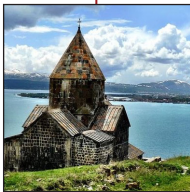


Departure to Geghard.

A cliff-surrounded medieval monastery partially carved into the adjacent mountain. It is on the UNESCO World Heritage List. While the main chapel was built in 1215, the monastery complex was founded in the 4th century by Gregory the Illuminator on the site of a holy spring inside a cave. **Return to the Hotel in Yerevan.**

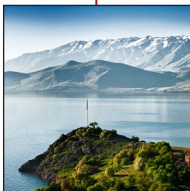


DAY 6



Breakfast and check-out at the Hotel.

Departure to Lake Sevan towards the Armenia-Georgia border gate. Check-in at the Hotel in Tbilisi.



Lake Sevan

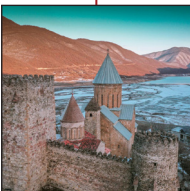
Armenia's jewel lake, mesmerises with its azure waters, surrounded by scenic mountains. This vast alpine lake showcases natural beauty, biodiversity, and cultural significance, captivating all who visit.

DAY 7



Breakfast and check-out at the Hotel. Departure to Kazbegi.

Visiting Ananuri Castle, and the Gergeti Trinity Church at the top of the mountain in Kazbegi with off-road vehicles. (Weather permitting).



Ananuri Castle

The castle, on the Georgian Military Highway, preserves centuries of history, showcasing medieval architecture and strategic significance, symbolizing the nation's resilience amid cultural and geopolitical shifts.



Gergeti Trinity Church

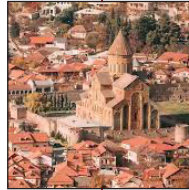
The church captivates with its breathtaking perch atop the Caucasus Mountains, offering panoramic views of the majestic Kazbek peak, creating an awe-inspiring and spiritual setting. **Check-in at the Hotel in Gudairi.**

DAY 8



Breakfast and check-out at the Hotel.

Departure to Tbilisi. Visiting Mtskheta, Sveti Tskhoveli Cathedral and Jvari Monastery, Check-in at the Hotel in Tbilisi.



Mtskheta

The ancient capital, enchants with its UNESCO-listed sites, cobblestone streets, and the serene confluence of rivers. A living testament to the nation's cultural and historical splendour.



Sveti Tskhoveli Cathedral

The cathedral exerts profound influence as a spiritual hub and UNESCO gem, embodying centuries of Orthodox Christianity impact on Georgian culture and identity.



Jvari Monastery

The monastery commands a strategic hilltop position, providing breathtaking views of the confluence of the Mtkvari and Aragvi rivers, embodying a spiritual and historical crossroads.

DAY 9



Breakfast at the Hotel.

Tbilisi city tour. Visiting Metekhi Temple, Narikala Castle, Synagogue, Sioni Cathedral National Museum.



Metekhi Temple

The temple stands as a historic symbol of endurance and faith. Perched on a cliff, it offers stunning views and preserves the nation's cultural and spiritual legacy.



Narikala Castle

The castle, overlooking Tbilisi, enthral visitors with its ancient fortress walls, panoramic city views, and a historic charm that echoes centuries of Georgian resilience and heritage.



Synagogue

The Great Synagogue mesmerises with its grand architecture, intricate detailing, and a rich history, symbolizing the enduring beauty of Jewish heritage in the heart of the city.



Sioni Cathedral National Museum
The museum houses a treasure trove of religious artifacts, ancient manuscripts, and sacred relics, offering a glimpse into Georgia's rich ecclesiastical and cultural heritage.

DAY 10



Breakfast at the Hotel. Departure to the Kakheti region. Trips to Bodbe Monastery, Signagi. Optional Georgian wine tasting. Free time in Signagi. Return to the Hotel in Tbilisi.



Bodbe Monastery
The monastery holds profound historic significance as the burial site of Saint Nino, credited with converting Georgia to Christianity. Its ancient architecture and spiritual ambiance resonate through time.



Signagi
This charming town, captivates with its cobbled streets, vibrant vineyards, and panoramic views of the Alazani Valley. Rich history, cozy cafes, and cultural allure await visitors.

DAY 11



Check-out at the Hotel. Transfer to Tbilisi Airport, check-in and departure with Turkish Airlines to Istanbul at 05:25. Arrival at 07:00, with a layover of 1hr and departure to Malta at 08:00. Arrival in Malta at 09:30.



**The above itinerary is subject to change to unforeseen circumstances and weather conditions.*

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The booking deposit is usually in the region of €250 per person. This deposit will be considered a payment on account of your holiday and by paying it you are committing yourself to pay the full amount payable of the holiday. The balance is due 6 weeks prior to the date of departure or immediately. The deposit is either paid by cash or cheque and not refundable.

It is compulsory, when travelling with YTC, to have a holiday insurance covering the whole period of your holiday, not only for your protection and your baggage, but also in case of cancellations.

YTC can offer you an insurance, which will be cheaper since we are booking as a group not individuals. Alternatively you can arrange a policy yourself giving comparable or better cover under all sections. Prior to every tour you will be given a date and time for the informative meeting which is compulsory for you and all the adult members in your group.

Seat allocations are at the sole discretion of the airline, except for singular reasons.

You need to be in possession of a valid passport and any appropriate VISA.

Make sure to check passport and VISA requirements well in advance especially if you are travelling to a country outside Europe and non-Schengen area, and if you are a non-Maltese passport holder.

Any surcharge on extra weight on luggage is to be borne by you with the airline. Luggage has to be seen to, carried and packed by the owner at all times.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you carry a European Health Insurance card (E111) for travel within the EU countries.

Keep the leader's mobile number at hand and also the name of the hotel you are staying at, in case you get lost.

If you are not going to attend to any of the excursions please inform YTC preferably before your holiday starts; whilst you are still in Malta. Children are solely the responsibility of the parents or guardians throughout the holiday.

YTC condemns any disruptive, dangerous or annoying behaviour by you or your children to the people around you or damages to any property. YTC will not pay any refund of any cost incurred by this behaviour.

Departure times are advised beforehand and should you be late, the leader reserves the right to depart at the appointed time, and does not accept any responsibility for any missed transport by the client which has to be replaced at the client's expense.

Rooms are distributed according to the list we provide to the accommodation providers. Any lost keys have to be paid for.

Meals are a three course set menu with moderate portions. Please let us know beforehand if you have any food intolerance or if you are vegetarian or vegan. Drinks including water and wine are not always included with the meal.

Use of mini-bar and telephone calls made from the rooms are charged at the reception desk on check out.

Inform the leader at once if any of your possessions are lost or stolen, as a police report would have to be drawn for insurance purposes.

The group leader or guide is not obliged to accompany you or any other member of your group around shops, markets, theme parks and sites or to eat with you during free time.

Same goes if you fall ill, the leader will ask the hotel reception for a doctor which needs to be paid by you and the receipt claimed with your insurance on your arrival to Malta.

If any part of your holiday is lost due to natural disasters, bad weather, industrial actions, war, government restrictions or any matter of force majeure, YTC cannot be held liable to pay compensation or pay for damages incurred.

If you have a problem or cause for complaint, bring it to the attention of the tour leader or hotel reception whilst abroad not after your arrival to Malta.

YTC reserves the right to change the itinerary, parts of your holiday programme, flights, and accommodation etc. at any time due to unforeseen circumstances.

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Maltese/English speaking group leader
English speaking travel companion
English speaking licensed tour guides as per itinerary
Entrance fees as per itinerary
All transfers and transportation during the trip
Insolvency fund
City Tax and Tips

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Kazbeği Jeep SAFARI
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