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# SILK ROAD'19

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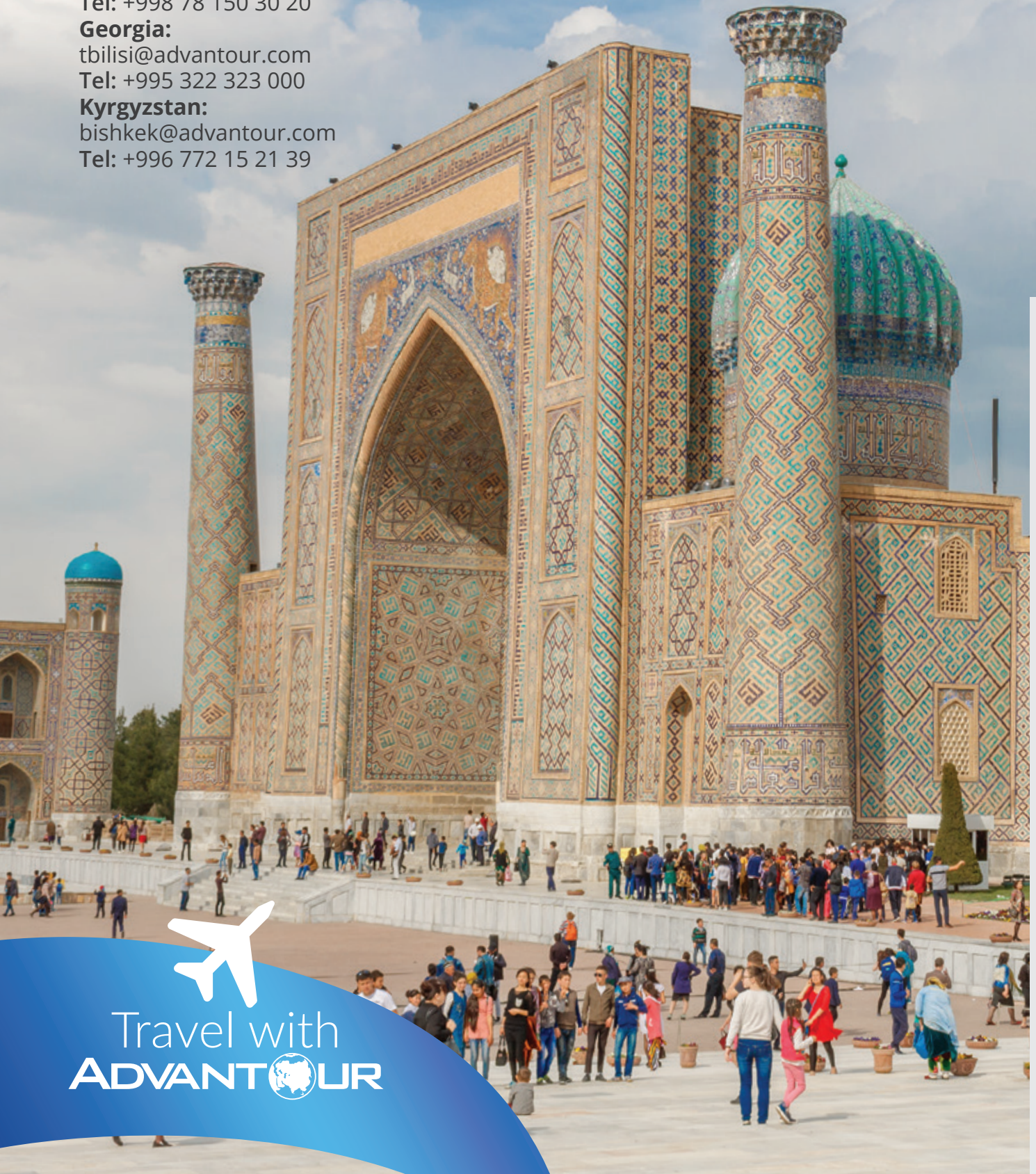
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# Retrace the Silk Road



Khiva



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- 5 Central Asia:** Experience the magic of Central Asia for yourself, from the intricate architecture of Uzbekistan to the ancient ruins of Turkmenistan, from the sweeping nature of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan to the deep history of Tajikistan.
- 7 The Caucasus** have long been famous for their rich cuisine, ancient history, mountain villages, and warm hospitality. Become a local for 16 days as you visit the three countries of the South Caucasus - Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.
- 9 Kyrgyzstan** has it all, from sandy beaches on the shores of sparkling lakes to rugged mountain peaks. Live like a Kyrgyz nomad as you discover all that this colorful country has to offer.
- 11 Uzbekistan** is home to some of the most famous and striking cities of the ancient Silk Road, including Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand. Follow the footsteps of great thinkers, intrepid travelers, and master artisans as you journey through this storied land.
- 13 Georgia:** Escape with a trip to the Black Sea shore or to a hamlet in the mountains, or enjoy the bustle of Tbilisi, with its many excellent restaurants and wines.
- 15 Armenia:** Travel through centuries of history on your tour of Armenia, starting from the modern era, through medieval empires, all the way back to ancient architecture. Discover a land unlike any other, with a history all its own.

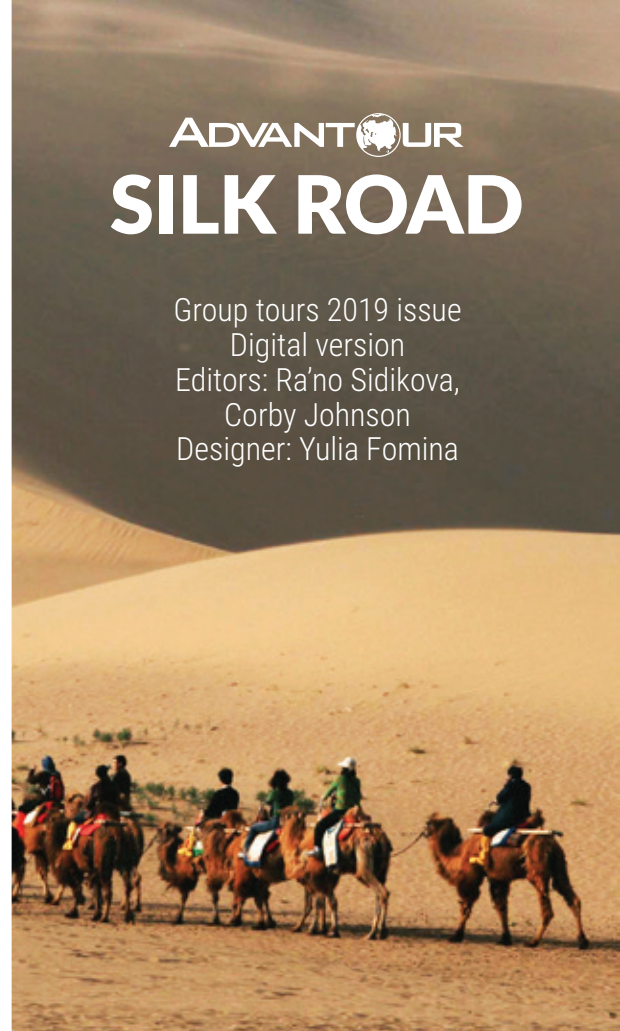
## Travel with Advantour

When you book a group tour, you save on money and gain on experiences. Traveling in 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 Caucasus and Central Asia 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 three 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

6870 USD / person

30 days | Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia 1280 USD 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

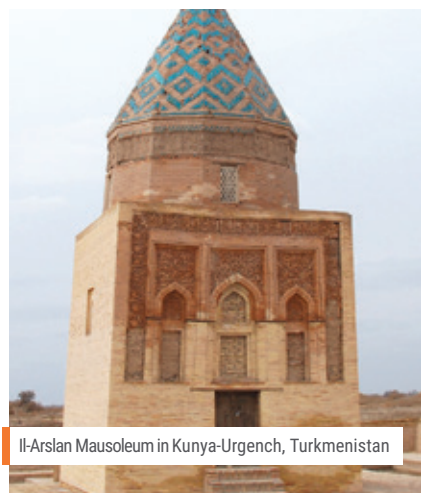
## ABOUT THIS TOUR

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 |         | 2019    |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Mar, 18    | May, 20 | Sep, 9  |
| Apr, 8     | Jun, 3  | Sep, 16 |
| Apr, 22    | Jul, 29 | Sep, 23 |
| Apr, 29    | Aug, 19 | Oct, 7  |

**! Please note** that itinerary and price on 2019 tour are subject to change due to airline and train schedule changes, currency fluctuations and other unforeseeable events.



Il-Arslan Mausoleum in Kunya-Urgench, Turkmenistan



## TOUR ITINERARY

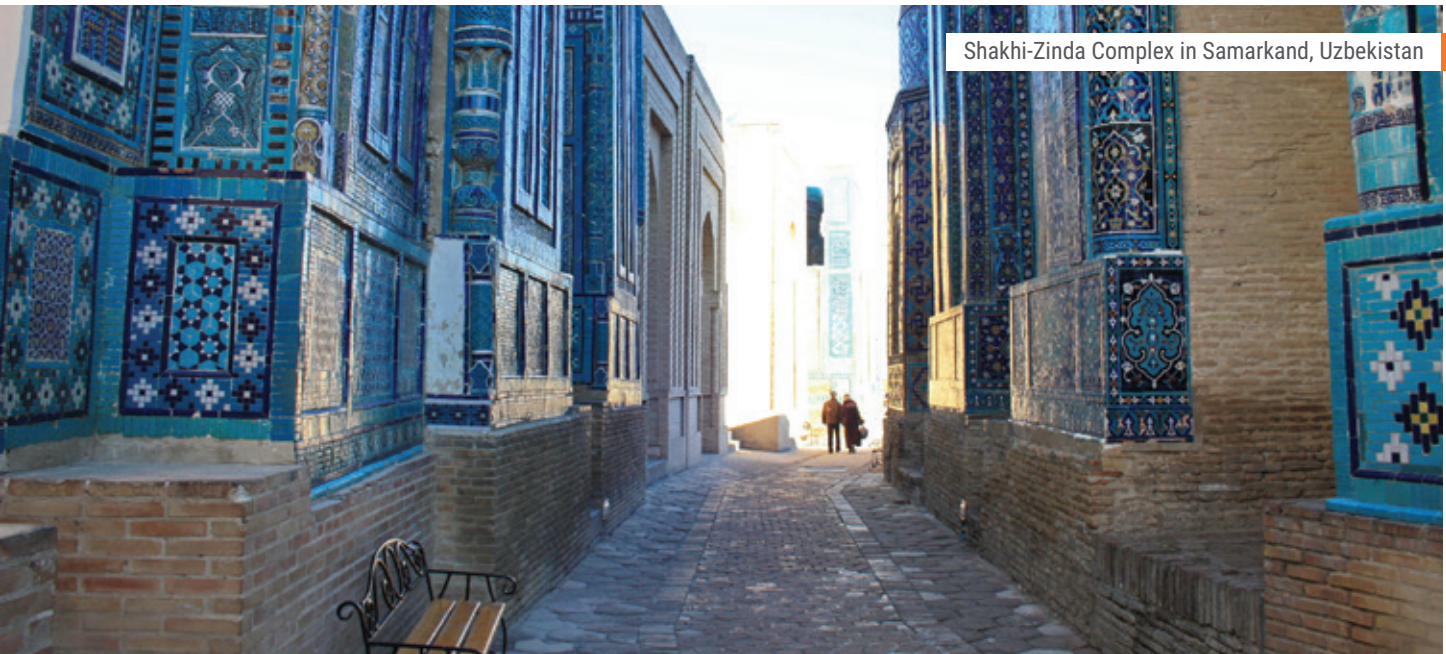
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 Day 6: Samarkand  
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 Day 9: Bukhara  
 Day 10: Bukhara - Mary - Merv - Ashgabat  
 Day 11: Ashgabat - Darvaza Gas Crater  
 Day 12: Darvaza Gas Crater - Khiva  
 Day 13: Khiva - Urgench - Tashkent  
 Day 14: Tashkent - Baku  
 Day 15: Baku  
 Day 16: Baku  
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 Day 18: Baku - Shamakhi - Lahich - Sheki  
 Day 19: Sheki - border Lagodekhi - Kvareli - 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 - Goris  
 Day 28: Goris - Tatev - Areni - Yerevan  
 Day 29: Yerevan - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan  
 Day 30: Yerevan - departure



Haghartsin Monastery in Tavush, Armenia



BOOK THIS TOUR NOW!



Shakhi-Zinda Complex in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

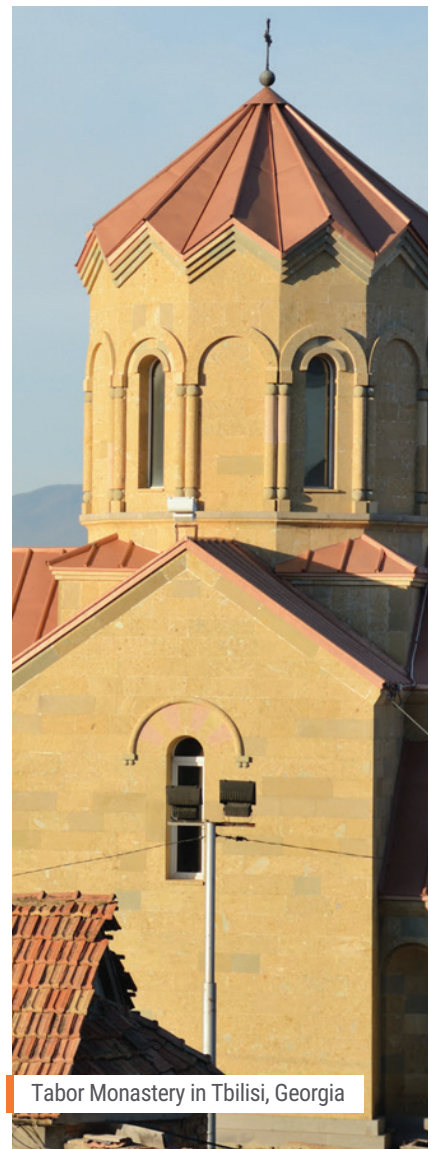
#### ✓ INCLUSIONS

- ▶ 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: Almaty-Bishkek-Tashkent, Mary-Ashgabat, Urgench-Tashkent, Tashkent-Baku;
- ▶ Economy-class tickets for trains: Tashkent-Samarkand-Bukhara;
- ▶ Visa support for Uzbekistan triple entry visa and Turkmenistan tourist visa;
- ▶ E- visas to Tajikistan and Azerbaijan;
- ▶ National Folklore Show in Bukhara on Day 10;
- ▶ Meals: lunches on days 2 in Almaty, 4 in Don Aryk, 7 in Penjikent, 10 in Mary; dinners on days 11 in Darvaza (camp style), 15 in Baku, 21 in Tbilisi, 29 in Yerevan;
- ▶ Two wine tastings (at Khareba Winery in Georgia and Areni Winery in Armenia).

#### ✗ 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

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

3790 USD / person

450 USD 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

- Day 1: Almaty – arrival
- Day 2: Almaty
- Day 3: Almaty – Bishkek
- Day 4: Bishkek – Burana – Don-Aryk – Bishkek – Tashkent
- Day 5: Tashkent – Urgench – Khiva
- Day 6: Khiva
- Day 7: Khiva – Kunya-Urgench – Darvaza gas crater
- Day 8: Darvaza Gas Crater – Ashgabat
- Day 9: Ashgabat – Mary – Merv – Bukhara
- Day 10: Bukhara
- Day 11: Bukhara – Samarkand
- Day 12: Samarkand – Penjikent – Samarkand
- Day 13: Samarkand
- Day 14: Samarkand – Tashkent
- Day 15: Tashkent – departure

Group size: 1 - 16 persons

| Departures |         | 2019    |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Mar, 18    | Jun, 3  | Sep, 16 |
| Apr, 8     | Jun, 10 | Sep, 23 |
| Apr, 22    | Jul, 29 | Oct, 7  |
| Apr, 29    | Aug, 19 | Oct, 21 |
| May, 13    | Sep, 9  | Nov, 4  |
| May, 20    |         |         |

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.

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Yurt Camp, Kazakhstan



BOOK THIS TOUR NOW!



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: Almaty-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 1), lunch in the home of a local family (day 3), lunch in Khujand (day 4), camp style dinner at Darvaza (day 7), folklore show and dinner in Bukhara (day 10);
- ▶ 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



790 USD single supplement

A map showing the Silk Road route connecting the Caspian Sea to the Mediterranean Sea. The route is marked with a red line and passes through several cities: Kazbegi, Gremi, Tbilisi, Haghpat, Sevan, Yerevan, Areni, Goris, Sheki, Lahic, Baku (marked with a green star), and Gobustan.

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|---------|---------|---------|
| Apr, 1  | Jun,3   | Sep, 16 |
| Apr, 22 | Jun, 17 | Sep, 23 |
| May, 6  | Jul, 15 | Sep, 30 |
| May, 13 | Aug, 12 | Oct, 7  |
| May, 20 | Sep, 2  | Oct, 21 |

### Day 16: Yerevan – departure





Flame Towers, Baku, Azerbaijan



#### ✓ INCLUSIONS

- ▶ All transfers;
- ▶ Accommodation based on double/shared twin room, breakfasts included;
- ▶ Sightseeing tour program in each country with local English-speaking guides;
- ▶ Entrance tickets for sights in itinerary;
- ▶ Meals: dinner in Baku (day 1), Tbilisi (day 7), Yerevan (day 15);
- ▶ Three wine tastings: two in Kakheti region, Georgia, and one at Areni wine factory, Armenia.

#### ✗ EXCLUSIONS

- ▶ Full board (lunches and dinners);
- ▶ Hotel charges for additional services;
- ▶ Personal travel insurance;
- ▶ E-visas to Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia.

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

1290 USD / person

210 USD 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 – Cholpon-Ata  
**Day 3:** Cholpon-Ata – Karakol  
**Day 4:** Karakol – Jety-Oguz – Kochkor  
**Day 5 (Apr – May):** Kochkor – Chon-Kemin  
**Day 5 (Jun – Sep):** Kochkor – Son-Kul  
**Day 6:** Son-Kul – Bishkek  
**Day 7:** Bishkek – airport

Group size: 1 - 16 persons

| Departures         |                    | 2019    |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------|
| May, 24<br>Jun, 14 | Jul, 26<br>Aug, 16 | Sep, 13 |



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

- ▶ Accommodation based on double/shared twin room, breakfasts included;
- ▶ All transfers;
- ▶ English-speaking guide to accompany the group (except for day 1 and 8 - transfers to the airport);
- ▶ Entrance tickets for sights in itinerary;
- ▶ Felt carpet show in Kochkor;
- ▶ Eagle hunting show in Bokonbaevo;
- ▶ Kyrgyz folklore show in Kochkor.

## ✗ EXCLUSIONS

- ▶ Hotel charges for additional services;
- ▶ Early arrival charge;
- ▶ Photo/video permission at sights;
- ▶ Horse riding in Chon-Kemin/Son-Kul;
- ▶ Consular fees for Kyrgyzstan tourist visa;
- ▶ Kyrgyzstan visa support;
- ▶ Full board (lunches and dinners);
- ▶ 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

**1090 USD** / person

220 USD 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 |         | 2019    |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Apr, 12    | Jun, 21 | Sep, 20 |
| Apr, 19    | Jul, 5  | Oct, 4  |
| May, 3     | Aug, 2  | Oct, 11 |
| May, 17    | Aug, 23 | Nov, 1  |
| May, 31    | Sep, 6  |         |
| Jun, 7     | 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 – Tashkent**

**Day 7: 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**

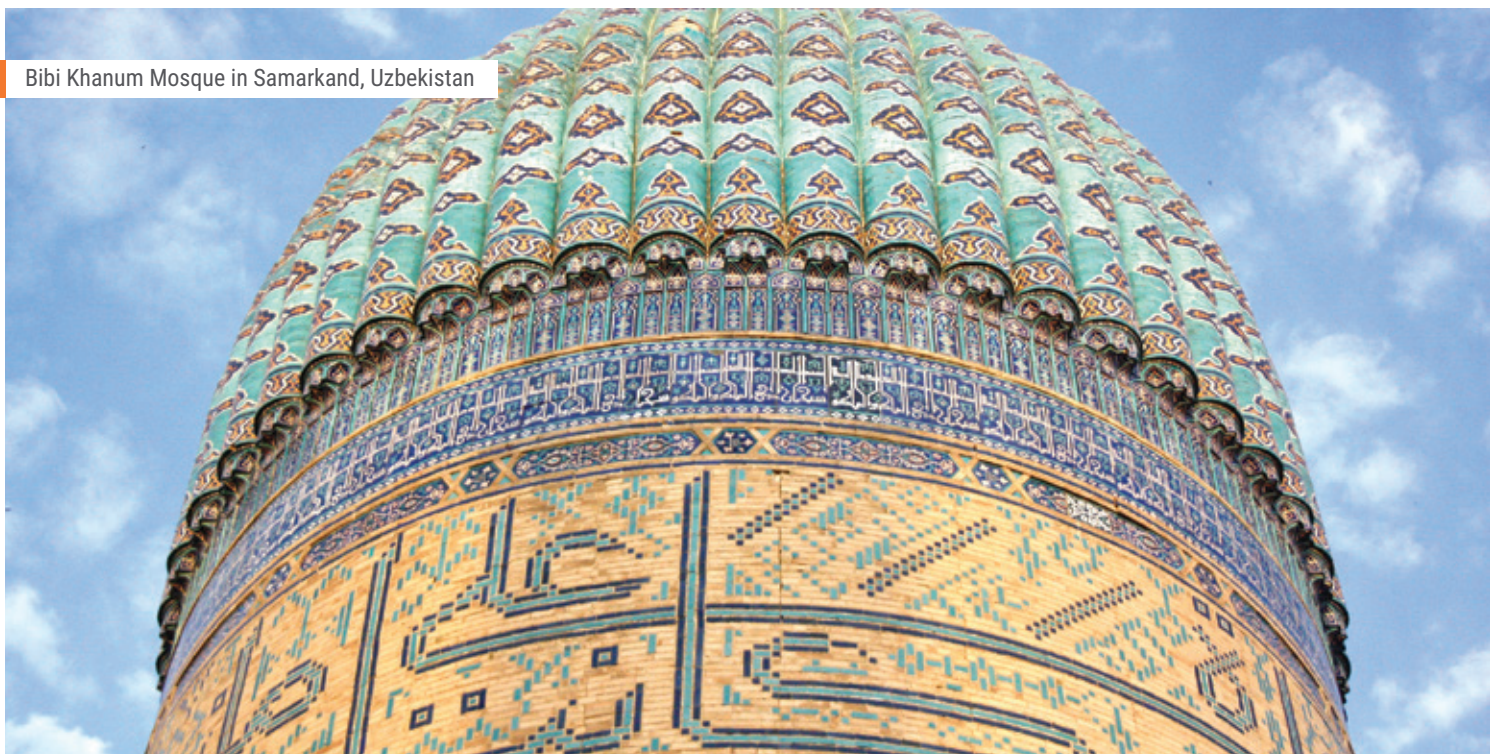
## KHIVA

Kalta-Minor Minaret





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 ticket for flight Tashkent-Urgench;
- ▶ Economy class ticket for train Samarkand-Tashkent;
- ▶ Visa support letter for Uzbekistan visa;
- ▶ Dinner with folklore show program at Nadir Divan-Begi Madrasah in Bukhara, farewell lunch in Tashkent;
- ▶ English-speaking tour leader to accompany a group of 6 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).

Poi-Kalon in Bukhara, Uzbekistan



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.



# Georgia Tour

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

**970 USD** / person  
290 USD 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, like 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 |         | 2019    |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Apr, 4     | Jun, 6  | Sep, 19 |
| Apr, 25    | Jun, 20 | Sep, 26 |
| May, 9     | Jul, 18 | Oct, 3  |
| May, 16    | Aug, 15 | Oct, 10 |
| May, 23    | Sep, 5  | Oct, 24 |

Sameba Cathedral in Tbilisi, Georgia



## TOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** Tbilisi - arrival

**Day 2:** Tbilisi - Telavi - Gremi - Khareba winery - Telavi

**Day 3:** Telavi - Tsinandali - Signaghi - Bodbe - Tbilisi

**Day 4:** Tbilisi

**Day 5:** Tbilisi - Jvari - Ananuri - Kazbegi - Gudauri

**Day 6:** Gudauri - Gori - Uplistsikhe - Mtskheta - 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.



PERCHED ABOVE THE ARAGVI RIVER IS ANANURI, A FORTIFIED CASTLE THAT SERVED AS A HOME FOR RULERS STARTING FROM THE 13TH CENTURY.

#### ✓ INCLUSIONS

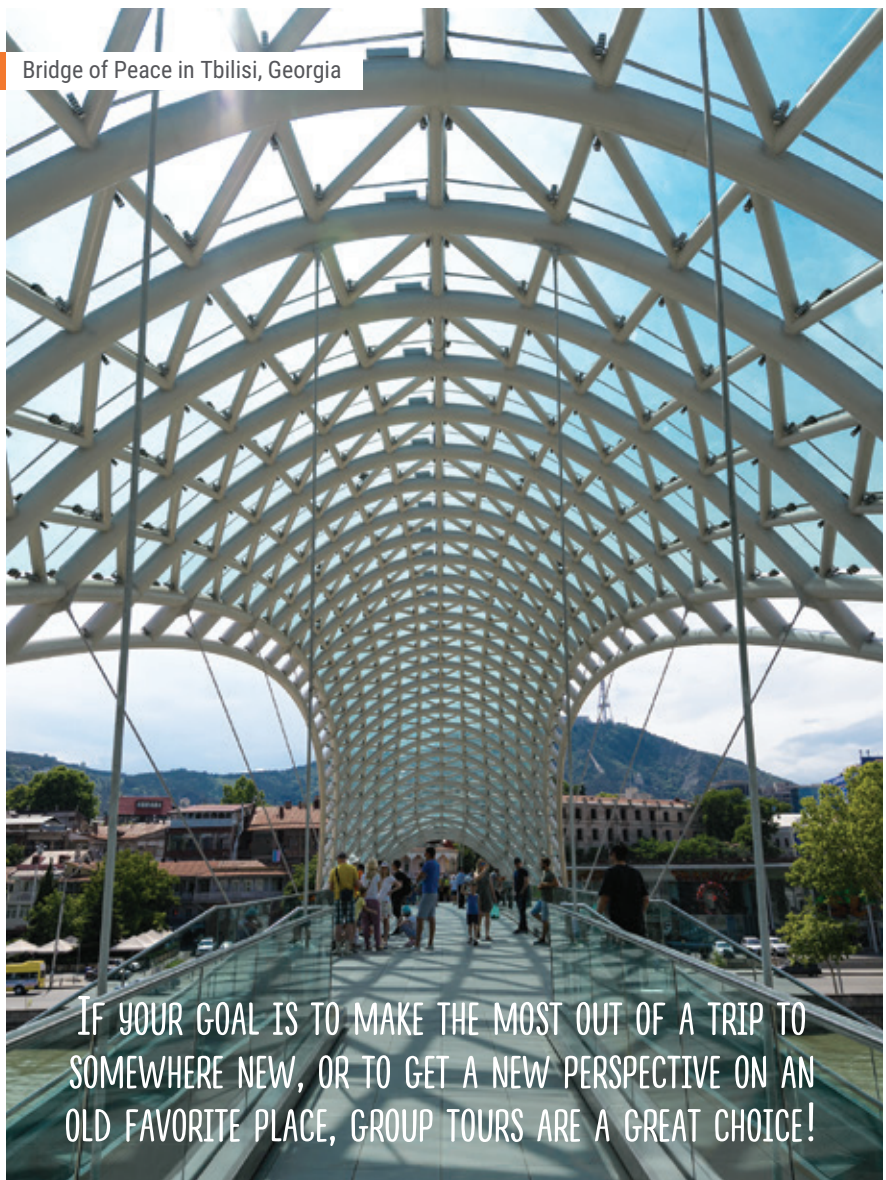
- ▶ All transfers;
- ▶ Accommodation based on double/shared twin room, breakfasts included;
- ▶ Sightseeing tour program with local English-speaking guides;
- ▶ Entrance tickets for sights in itinerary;
- ▶ Welcome dinner on day 1;
- ▶ Two wine tastings in Kakheti region, Georgia.

#### ✗ 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 THROUGH 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.

Bridge of Peace in Tbilisi, Georgia



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!



# Armenia Tour

**7 days** | Yerevan, Hayravank, Noratus, Sevanavank, Etchmiadzin, Khor Virap, Noravank, Goris, Tatev, Areni, Garni, Geghard

**1280 USD** / person

290 USD 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

*This 7-day tour will introduce you to the deep history and culture of Armenia, the first official Christian country in the world. Visit the Echmiadzin Cathedral, considered the oldest in the world, or take walks through the monasteries of Tatev, Khor Virap and Geghard. Don't miss a drive along the shore of Lake Sevan, the jewel of Armenia, whose shores are dotted with the monasteries of Sevanavank and Hayravank. Of course, Mount Ararat is an important stop, while taking time to learn about the Greco-Roman architecture at Garni and the traditional dishes unique to this corner of the Caucasus will make your trip unforgettable.*

## TOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** Yerevan – arrival

**Day 2:** Yerevan – Hayravank – Noratus – Sevanavank – Yerevan

**Day 3:** Yerevan – Echmiadzin

**Day 4:** Yerevan – Khor Virap – Areni cave – Noravank – Goris

**Day 5:** Goris – Tatev – Areni – Yerevan

**Day 6:** Yerevan – Garni – Geghard – Yerevan

**Day 7:** Yerevan – departure

Group size: 1 - 16 persons

| Departures |         | 2019    |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Apr, 10    | Jun, 12 | Sep, 25 |
| May, 1     | Jun, 26 | Oct, 2  |
| May, 15    | Jul, 24 | Oct, 9  |
| May, 22    | Aug, 21 | Oct, 16 |
| May, 29    | Sep, 11 | Oct, 30 |

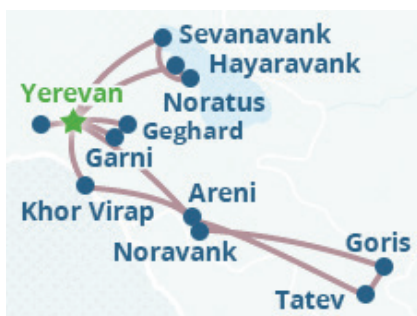
OUR EXPERIENCED GUIDES WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO EVERYTHING THEY KNOW AND LOVE ABOUT ARMENIA, AND YOU'LL LEAVE FEELING LIKE AN EXPERT.

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.





### ✓ INCLUSIONS

- ▶ All transfers;
- ▶ Accommodation based on double/shared twin room, breakfasts included;
- ▶ Sightseeing tour program in each country with local English-speaking guides;
- ▶ Entrance tickets for sights in itinerary;
- ▶ Farewell dinner in Yerevan (day 6);
- ▶ Wine tasting at Areni wine factory.

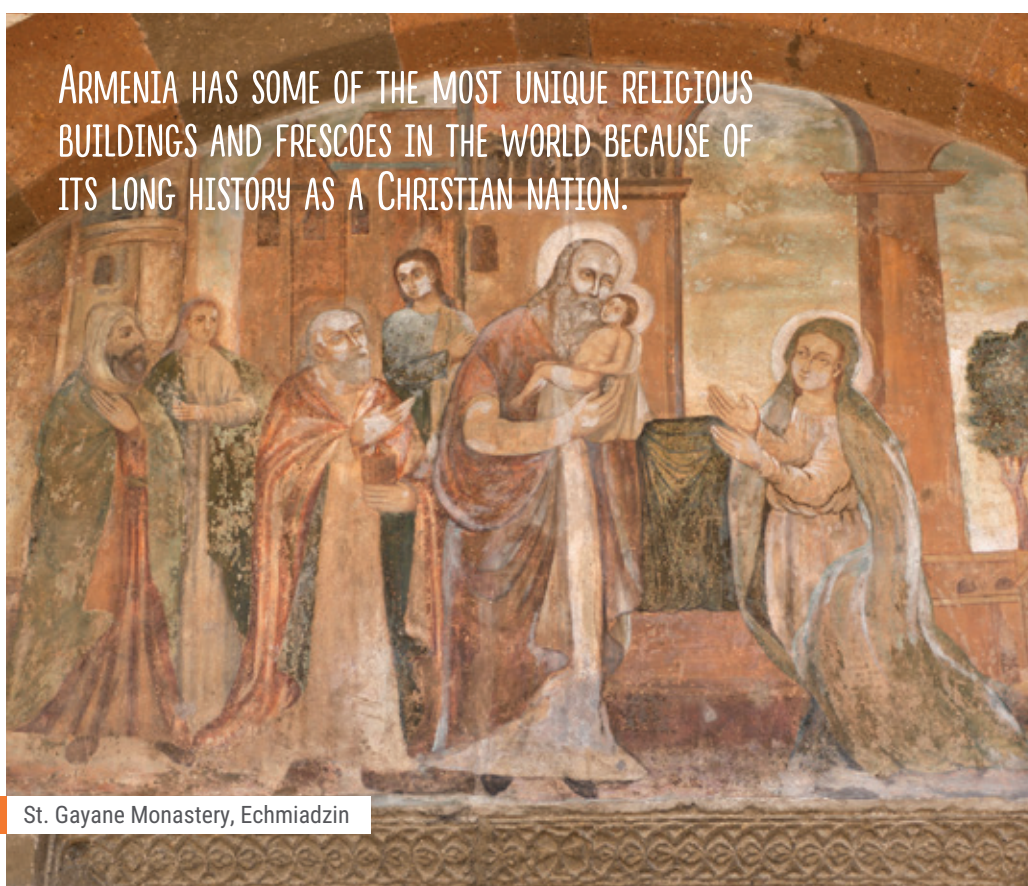
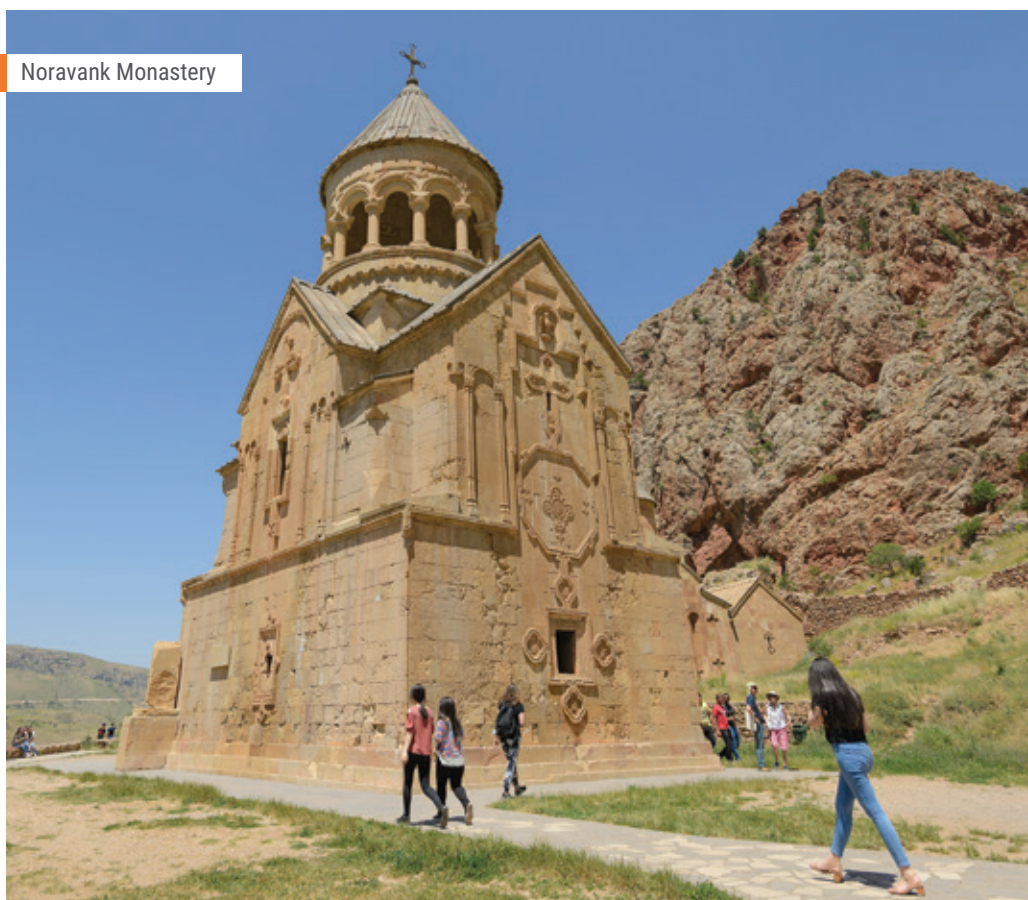
### ✗ EXCLUSIONS

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

### 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.



St. Gayane Monastery, Echmiadzin



# REVIEWS

Caucasus Essentials Tour  
September, 2017

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- 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 the first being Uzbekistan May 2016.

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 Tbilisi 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.



- 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.



Uzbekistan Group Tour  
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