



Air & Sea Travel Center

BEST GROUP TOURS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

THE GRAND CAUCASUS Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia

Cities and Sites Covered: Baku, Gobustan, Shamakhi, Shaki, Sighnaghi, Tbilisi, Gudauri, Mount Kazbek, Mtskheta, Haghpat, Dilijan, Yerevan, Etchmiadzin, and Gori

Departure from Los Angeles: Oct 8 – Oct 22, 2026 (15 Days)

Price per person: **\$ 5,288** Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge Single Supp: \$ 1,400

Tour Package Includes

- International departure from Los Angeles
- All-inclusive Full-Day Tour with **38** Meals & Admissions as Stated
- Deluxe Hotel Accommodation in Each City
- Visits to **6** UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
 - Ancient City of Baku
 - Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape
 - Palace of Shaki Khans
 - Svetitskhoveli Cathedral
 - Haghpat Monastery
 - Etchmiadzin Cathedral
- Lake Sevan – The Large and High-Altitude Freshwater Lake
- Local Winery Visit and Tasting
 - Khareba Winery
 - Ararat Brandy Distillery
- Mount Kazbek – The Highest Mountain in Eastern Georgia
- Roundtrip Cable Car to Narikala Fortress
- Azerbaijani Czar's Hand-Picked Rice and a Live Performance of Azerbaijani Muqam
- Specialties Dinner with Duduk Flute Performance
- The Georgian Traditional Folk Dance Dinner and Show
- Gratuity for Local Tour Guides and Drivers

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner

OptionalOct 7 Honolulu → Los Angeles**

We start our vacation by boarding a domestic flight to Los Angeles and staying there overnight.

Day 1Oct 8 Los Angeles → Istanbul**

Today we will fly from Los Angeles to **Baku** via Istanbul, overnight on flight.

Day 2Oct 9 Istanbul → Baku**

We will transit through Istanbul and fly to **Baku**, the capital of **Azerbaijan**, located on the southern tip of the Abşeron Peninsula overlooking the Bay of Baku on the western shore of the Caspian Sea. It lies on an ancient trade route (the Silk Road) from the Central Asian stepped toward Europe and served as the main port receiving trade from the east to be shipped across the Caspian. Far more than just the capital, Baku is the historical, cultural, and commercial center of this West Asian country. Upon arrival, we will be met by an Air & Sea representative and transferred to our hotel for overnight hotel.

Day 3Oct 10 Baku (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we begin our one-day tour of **Baku**. **The Old City** (Icherisheher) is the historical core of Baku and its most ancient district, enclosed by defensive walls. In December 2000 the Old City, including the Palace of the Shirvanshahs and the Maiden Tower, became Azerbaijan's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. We visit the **Palace of the Shirvanshahs**, a 15th-century royal complex and one of the finest examples of medieval Islamic architecture in Azerbaijan. Built as the seat of the Shirvanshah dynasty, the complex includes a palace, mosque, mausoleum, bathhouses, and intricately carved stone portals and inscriptions. Quiet courtyards, graceful domes, and detailed stonework evoke the region's artistic heritage and offer a vivid glimpse into Azerbaijan's imperial past. We will also view the **Maiden Tower**, an iconic cylindrical stone tower in the Old City. With foundations dating to earlier periods and a visible structure from the 12th century, the tower is one of Azerbaijan's most recognizable landmarks and offers panoramic views over Baku. After lunch we transfer to **Highland Park** (Upland Park), located beside the **Flame Towers**. The park provides striking views of the city and the Caspian Sea and is a popular spot for visitors to capture memorable photos. This evening, we enjoy a welcome dinner featuring Azerbaijani pilaf, accompanied by a performance of mugham — Azerbaijan's classical modal music tradition and a UNESCO-recognized intangible cultural heritage. After dinner we return to the hotel.

Day 4Oct 11 Baku – Gobustan – Baku (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we transfer to **Gobustan**, a settlement and municipality near Baku best known for its rock petroglyphs and mud volcanoes. Our first stop is the **Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape** — a historic site containing a large collection of petroglyphs that depict the region's flora and fauna, hunting practices, social life, and cultural expressions from prehistoric through medieval times. The site is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is part of the larger Gobustan State Historical and Cultural Reserve, which protects important archaeological, cultural, and natural landmarks. Azerbaijan hosts one of the world's highest concentrations of **mud volcanoes**, primarily in the country's eastern regions and in adjacent Caspian waters; roughly half of the world's 700 mud volcanoes are found in Azerbaijan. After lunch, we return to Baku to visit the **Heydar Aliyev Center**. Explore its rotating art collections and exhibitions, then step outside to admire the building's fluid, sculptural form. To enjoy Baku's relaxed seaside atmosphere, stroll along the **Baku Boulevard**, a landscaped promenade and national park offering pleasant walks along the Caspian waterfront. After dinner we return to our hotel.

Day 5Oct 12 Baku – Shamakhi – Shaki (B, L, D)**

After breakfast at the hotel, we will check out and begin our journey to the ancient Silk Road Town of Shaki. **Shaki** is Azerbaijan's true travel gem — a small city tucked into the forested slopes of the Greater Caucasus

Mountains, rich in Silk Road history and renowned for its distinctive architecture, cuisine, and warm local hospitality. En route we will visit the **Juma Mosque in Shamakhi**, the oldest and largest mosque in Azerbaijan. After lunch we continue to Shaki. **The Palace of the Shaki Khans**, built in 1797 during the reign of Muhammad Husayn Khan Mushtaq, served as the khans' summer residence. The palace is celebrated for its unique spatial composition, richly decorated interiors, and harmonious setting within the natural landscape. On 7 July 2019 the historic center of Shaki, including the Khan's Palace, was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Along the Silk Road, caravanserais provided lodging and trading spots for travelling merchants; two remain in Shaki today on historic Akhundzade Street. **The Upper Caravanserai** is an outstanding architectural monument that also functions as a hotel, with a teahouse, restaurant, and views of the Caucasus. After dinner we will check in to our hotel in Shaki.

Day 6**Oct 13

Shaki – Signaghi – Tbilisi

(B, L, D)

After breakfast, we transfer to the **Balakan–Lagodekhi border** checkpoint to cross from Azerbaijan into Georgia. **Georgia** is a mountainous country at the crossroads of Eastern Europe and Western Asia, lying south of the Greater Caucasus and north of the Lesser Caucasus. Centuries of trade and cultural exchange have shaped a distinctive identity: ancient Christian heritage, rich folk traditions, world-class winemaking, and warm hospitality. On arrival in Georgia, we visit the **Khareba Winery**. Khareba is one of Georgia's major wine producers and exporters, combining ancient winemaking methods with modern technology. Here we will enjoy a tour of the cellars, a wine-tasting and a hands-on workshop. After lunch at the winery we continue to **Signaghi**, a small and picturesque town in the heart of Georgia's wine region. Known for its pastel houses, narrow cobblestone streets, and sweeping views, Signaghi is framed by a remarkably well-preserved 18th-century defensive wall built under King Erekle II. Later we transfer to **Tbilisi**, Georgia's capital. Tbilisi's atmospheric old town reflects a long, layered history — from Persian and Ottoman influences to Russian and Soviet periods — and features Eastern Orthodox churches, elegant Art Nouveau buildings, and Soviet Modernist architecture. Overlooking the city are the Narikala fortress and the iconic Kartlis Deda (“Mother of Georgia”) statue. After dinner we check in to our hotel.

Day 7**Oct 14

Tbilisi – Gudauri – Mount Kazbek

(B, L, D)

After breakfast, we transfer to **Gudauri**, a ski resort on the south-facing plateau of the Greater Caucasus. En route we visit the **Russia–Georgia Friendship Monument**, is a monument built in 1983 to commemorate the bicentennial of the Treaty of Georgievsk and the purported friendship between Soviet Georgia and Soviet Russia. Next, we visit the **Ananuri Architectural Complex**, a late-medieval ensemble on the Aragvi River gorge. The complex includes a fortress, a bell tower, three churches, and intricately carved curtain walls. After lunch, we continue toward **Mount Kazbek**. Mount Kazbek is a dormant stratovolcano and one of the major peaks of the Greater Caucasus. It dominates the northern skyline of eastern Georgia. On arrival in the Kazbegi region we take **local jeeps** up to **Gergeti Trinity Church**, a 14th-century stone church perched above Stepantsminda with iconic panoramic views of the Kazbegi valley and Mount Kazbek. After dinner we check in to our hotel in Kazbek.

Day 8**Oct 15

Mount Kazbek – Mtskheta – Tbilisi

(B, L, D)

After breakfast, we transfer to **Mtskheta**, a city in the Mtskheta-Mtianeti region and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Once a large fortified capital of the Kingdom of Iberia until the 5th century AD, Mtskheta remains an important spiritual and cultural center. On arrival we explore the **ancient city** and view the **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral**, an outstanding example of Early and High Medieval Georgian architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Svetitskhoveli — Georgia's second-largest church after the Holy Trinity Cathedral — is celebrated for its monumental scale, historic significance, and richly carved stone details. After lunch we visit **Jvari Monastery**, one of Georgia's most ancient and venerated Christian sanctuaries. Perched on a hill above Mtskheta, Jvari commands sweeping views over the old capital, Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, and the confluence of the Kura and Aragvi rivers. The monastery is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List for its exceptional historical and spiritual value. We then transfer to Tbilisi for dinner and overnight.

Day 9Oct 16** **Tbilisi – Haghpat – Dilijan** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we transfer to the **Sadakhlo–Bagratashen border checkpoint** and cross from Georgia into Armenia. On arrival we proceed toward **Dilijan**, a picturesque town in northern Armenia renowned for its spa resorts, forested surroundings, and traditional craft workshops. En route we visit **Haghpat Monastery Complex**, a 10th–13th century Armenian monastic ensemble perched above the Debed Gorge. Haghpat is celebrated for its harmonious medieval architecture, intricately carved khachkars, and its historic role as a center of religious scholarship; it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site (together with nearby Sanahin). After lunch, we continue to **Lake Sevan**, the largest body of water in Armenia and one of the largest high-altitude freshwater lakes in Eurasia. On a narrow peninsula above the lake stands **Sevanavank Monastery**, home to two 9th-century stone churches that offer sweeping views across the reservoir. We then transfer to **Dilijan**. After dinner we check in to our hotel in Dilijan.

Day 10Oct 17** **Dilijan – Yerevan** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we enjoy a half-day tour of **Dilijan’s old town**. Stroll along **Sharambeyan Street** with its narrow lanes, ornate wooden balconies, and handicraft shops—the most colorful and atmospheric quarter of Dilijan. We then continue our journey to **Yerevan**, Armenia’s capital and largest city and one of the world’s oldest continuously inhabited cities. Straddling the Hrazdan River, Yerevan is the country’s administrative, cultural, and industrial centre. Often called the “Pink City,” many of its buildings are faced in locally quarried pink volcanic tuff. In Yerevan, we visit the **Yerevan Brandy Company** (Ararat Brandy) for a **cellar tour and tasting** of iconic Armenian brandies and local wines. After lunch, we explore the **Yerevan Cascade (Staircase) complex**, a monumental outdoor stairway and cultural square featuring contemporary art installations and offering panoramic views over the city. This evening dinner is **specialy arranged with local Armenian specialties, accompanied by a live duduk flute performance.**

Day 11Oct 18** **Yerevan – Garni – Yerevan** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will drive to **Garni village** near Yerevan to visit the reconstructed **Greco-Roman Garni Temple**. The 1st-century AD Ionic temple—likely commissioned by King Tiridates I with Roman support—is dedicated to the sun god Mihr and is the only standing Hellenistic-style monument in Armenia and the former Soviet Union. After lunch, we will return to Yerevan for an exterior visit to **Republic Square**, the city’s largest and oldest central plaza framed by landmark buildings faced in pink tuff and famed for its evening illumination and nightly music fountain. We then visit the **Megerian Carpet Armenia** to view antique rugs and living weaving traditions, watch live weaving and natural-dye demonstrations. Tonight, we will enjoy some traditional dishes at the museum restaurant. The day concludes with a transfer back to the hotel in Yerevan.

Day 12Oct 19** **Yerevan – Etchmiadzin – Tbilisi** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we depart for **Etchmiadzin** (Vagharshapat) to visit **Etchmiadzin Cathedral**, the mother church of the Armenian Apostolic Church—often regarded as the first cathedral built in ancient Armenia and one of the oldest cathedrals in the world. After the visit we drive to the border for the crossing into Georgia and continue to Tbilisi. Upon arrival in Tbilisi we enjoy dinner and check in to our hotel.

Day 13Oct 20** **Tbilisi** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we begin a full-day tour of Tbilisi, starting in the atmospheric **Old Town** — the city’s historic heart and lively entertainment hub with numerous restaurants, cafés and bars. We visit **Holy Trinity Cathedral (Sameba)**, whose main dome rises to nearly 100 metres and whose complex includes surrounding walls, a bell tower and several chapels, and we view the contemporary **Peace Bridge**, one of Tbilisi’s modern architectural landmarks. After lunch we take the **cable car** to **Narikala Fortress**, the ancient 4th-century stronghold that provides one of the best panoramic viewpoints over the city. The tour also includes photo stops at the iconic Kartlis Deda (**Mother of Georgia**) statue, the whimsical Rezo Gabriadze **Puppet Theatre clock tower**, **Freedom Square**, and a stroll along **Rustaveli Avenue**. Tonight’s farewell dinner is a **specialy arranged Georgian banquet featuring traditional dishes, accompanied by a live performance of national dances and folk choreography.**

Day 14Oct 21** **Tbilisi – Gori - Tbilisi** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will depart for **Gori**, the birthplace of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin, and visit the **Stalin Museum** to view photographs, documents, and personal items from his life — including his office desk, a bronze tank model, and gifts from foreign leaders. We also tour the **Former Residence of Stalin**, a simple brick house, and see the restored green train carriage associated with his 1945 Yalta journey. Lunch is arranged at a local Georgian restaurant in Gori. Afterwards, we drive to **Uplistsikhe**, an ancient rock-hewn city dating to the Bronze Age that later became a regional political and cultural center before declining after the 13th-century invasions. Following our visit, we return to Tbilisi, and dinner is arranged at a Ukrainian restaurant.

Day 15Oct 22** **Tbilisi → Istanbul → Los Angeles** **(B)**

Today we will say farewell to **Tbilisi** and transfer to the airport for our return flight to Los Angeles via Istanbul. Transfer to hotel and stay overnight (optional).

Optional **Oct 23 **Los Angeles → Honolulu**

We will take a flight back to Honolulu, taking home lasting memories of a magnificent The Grand Caucasus.

We wish you a safe journey and have many wonderful memories to share with family and friends! ☺

Remarks:

1. International Airfares from Los Angeles is included
2. Honolulu departure is available, please call your agent for price
3. Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
4. Business class is available, please call your agent for price
5. Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
6. Refer to “General Condition of Air & Sea”
7. We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
8. Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers is included
9. Azerbaijan requires a E-Visa for a US Passport Holder. The visa fee is about \$20 per person and is valid for a single entry within 90 days of issuance and permits a 30-day stay in Azerbaijan.
10. Tour cost is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
11. Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at time of listing and pricing on Feb 27, 2026
12. It is mandatory to inform Air and Sea Travel of any existing conditions that may require medical attention or accommodations during the trip. You need to provide this information in writing in the Tour Supplemental Information section of the application. If you do not have a travel companion who can help you with your special needs, you need to talk to your agent to determine if this is an appropriate tour for you. Some tours may be too strenuous depending on your condition. Air and Sea Travel reserves the right to reject or cancel your booking. You are responsible for any cancellation penalty that this may incur.
13. All travelers, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, are welcome to travel with us and will no longer be required to provide proof of pre-departure testing, except for specific countries where COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or additional documentation are required by law. Please visit or revisit the government site to verify the travel requirements. Fully vaccinated are recommended. Vaccines combined with multi-layered preventative health and safety measures will help us provide a safe and healthy vacation environment.
14. As government regulations evolve, our health and safety protocols will evolve as needed to ensure compliance. This may mean different protocols from state to state and city to city based on local requirements.

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of **\$1,500** per person is required at the time of application. The balance is due on **Jun 8, 2026**. In the event balance payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a service fee for cancellation.

Written notice is required for any cancellation.

Cancellation Policy:

****From Mar 23, 2026, \$350 of the deposit is non-refundable**

****Apr 8, 2026 – Jun 7, 2026, \$550 of the deposit is non-refundable**

****Jun 8 – Jul 7, 2026: \$1,500 deposit per person is non-refundable**

****Jul 8 – Aug 20, 2026: 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;**

****From Aug 21, 2026 to departure or withdrawal during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, 100% of the total price, and the request for other service as substitute shall not be accepted.**

---Also we strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make your reservation---