



Armenia's 10th century  
Haghat Monastery

# FLEXIBLE ESSENTIAL PRIVATE TRIPS

## CLASSIC INDEPENDENT JOURNEYS

*F*lexible Essential Private Trips are compact, well-designed private tour itineraries — researched and ready to book on the dates you choose. They work perfectly as brief overviews of a country or as effortless extensions to group tours — great for solo travelers, couples, or private parties who prefer to travel independently but appreciate a savvy pre-designed program.

### Essential Caucasus

HIGHLIGHTS OF ARMENIA, GEORGIA AND AZERBAIJAN

Armenia's intricate stone *khachkar* crosses, the bounteous wines of Georgia and the ancient petroglyphs of Azerbaijan are icons of these three intertwined Caucasus countries, where you can experience five UNESCO masterpieces in ten days.

**Days 1-4: Yerevan** Investigate the pagan Temple of Garni; Geghard Monastery, carved into the side of a mountain; and Khor Virap with its fantastic views of Mt. Ararat. Drive to Tbilisi stopping en route at UNESCO-listed Haghat Monastery, founded in the 10th century.

**Days 5-7: Tbilisi, day trips** Admire the 4th century Narikala Fortress looming over Tbilisi. Visit Mtskheta, capital of the early kingdom of Iberia; Gori, Stalin's hometown; and the David Gareja cave monasteries.

**Days 8-10: Baku** In the 9th century, Baku's people were reported (unbelievably) to be burning oil that came from the ground. Wander through the Old Town and appreciate the bold designs of Azeri carpets at the Carpet Museum. Explore Gobustan, an important site of ancient petroglyphs discovered in the 1930s.



### Essential Georgia

GEORGIA FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER

The tiny country of Georgia has a long history of bountiful table traditions and winemaking. Ancient land of Colchis, where Jason sought the Golden Fleece, Georgia has lived in myth and legend for centuries.

**Days 1-3: Tbilisi, Mtskheta, Ananuri, Gudauri** Admire Tbilisi's Metekhi Church of the Virgin, visit the 6th century Anchiskhati Basilica, and sample Georgian wines. Explore UNESCO-listed Mtskheta, capital of the early kingdom of Iberia, then drive the Georgian Military Highway to Gudauri.

**Days 4-5: Kazbegi, Kutaisi** Visit alpine Kazbegi and in Kutaisi, capital of ancient Colchis, tour UNESCO-listed Gelati Monastery.

**Days 6-8: Bakuriani, Vardzia, Gori, Tbilisi** Ascend to the ski resort of Bakuriani, explore the remarkable cave town of Vardzia, begun in the 12th century, and visit Stalin's hometown, Gori.

**Days 9-11: David Gareja, Tbilisi** Admire the exquisite monastery of David Gareja, revered as the holiest place in Georgia.

**NEW!** Essential Caucasus  
10 Days  
Private Journey

Your choice of dates – start on a Saturday

#### Land Tour Cost

2 traveler minimum From \$3,995\*\*  
Single Supplement From \$895

\*\*Land tour cost includes internal flight costs which are subject to change; see the Descriptive Daily Itinerary for details.

Essential trip prices vary by season and are subject to hotel availability for your travel dates. Hotel upgrades, additional nights and solo traveler prices are available on request. Contact us for a descriptive itinerary and booking details.



Folk costumes of Georgia

Essential Georgia  
11 Days

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