



# Georgia-Armenia

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and Modern Vibrancy

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## About your trip

Georgia and Armenia, nestled at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, stand as exclusive travel destinations ripe for exploration. With its captivating blend of modern and ancient, Georgia offers a journey through time, from the cobblestone streets of Tbilisi to the vineyard-laden countryside.

Armenia, steeped in history and culture, beckons with its majestic landscapes and ancient monasteries, a testament to its rich heritage. Both countries, with their unique traditions, delectable cuisines, and warm hospitality, offer an unparalleled travel experience for those seeking destinations that are both off the beaten path and brimming with discoveries.

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## DAY 01

### Gateway to Georgia: Arrival in Tbilisi

Touch down at Tbilisi international airport and be whisked away to your hotel in Tbilisi. Settle into the rhythm of the city before indulging in a welcome dinner at a local eatery, savouring authentic Georgian flavours. Your first night is spent under the Tbilisi sky.

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## DAY 02

### Tbilisi Tapestry: A Day of Discovery

After breakfast at your hotel, your exploration begins. Marvel at the Metekhi Church and wander through the old town. Visit landmarks like Sioni Cathedral, Anchiskhati Church, and the Synagogue, juxtaposed with modern marvels like the Peace Bridge and Marionette Theater. A cable car ride takes you to the Narikala Fortress, followed by a discovery of the famed Sulphur Baths. The day concludes with another restful night in Tbilisi.



## DAY 03

### Caucasus Chronicles: Ananuri to Gergeti

Post-breakfast, witness the 17th-century Ananuri Complex and head to Stepantsminda, a gateway to the breathtaking Caucasus with views of Mount Kasbeg. An off-road adventure leads you to Gergeti Trinity Church, with possible vistas of Mount Kazbek. You return to Tbilisi for the night.

Join a local Georgian family to experience the culinary delights and traditions of Khinkali making. During the cooking master class, you will learn how to make Khinkali - Georgian dumplings, as you are regaled by the immersive anecdotes narrated by your hosts.

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## DAY 04

### Vintage Vignettes: Tsinandali and Sighnaghi

Explore Chavchavadze's house museum and its gardens after breakfast, then venture to Sighnaghi, known as the "Georgian Tuscany." Stroll through this 18th-century town, soaking up panoramic views, before returning to Tbilisi.

Experience the authentic world of Georgian wine with a legacy of over 8000 years. Unique to this region, wine is made in earthen jars buried in the ground - recognised with the UNESCO Intangible Heritage distinction. Visit a traditional Georgian wine cellar and be guided by your sommelier host as you taste the best Georgian wine straight from the Qvevri. End on a happy note with a typical East Georgian lunch paired perfectly with wine.



# DAY 05

## Crossing Cultures: Journey to Yerevan

Your day starts with a scenic transfer to the Georgia-Armenia border. After changing guides and vehicles, visit the UNESCO-listed Haghpat Monastery. Discover Dilijan's "Old Town" and enjoy a scenic drive along Lake Sevan, with lunch included. Your day ends with an arrival in Yerevan for the night.

Be lost in the melody of Duduk - a double reed wind instrument made of Apricot wood, celebrated as UNESCO intangible heritage at the master's studio, where you will experience the skilful artistry that goes into making this ancient instrument with great cultural significance to Armenians along with a private concert of hauntingly beautiful folk songs.

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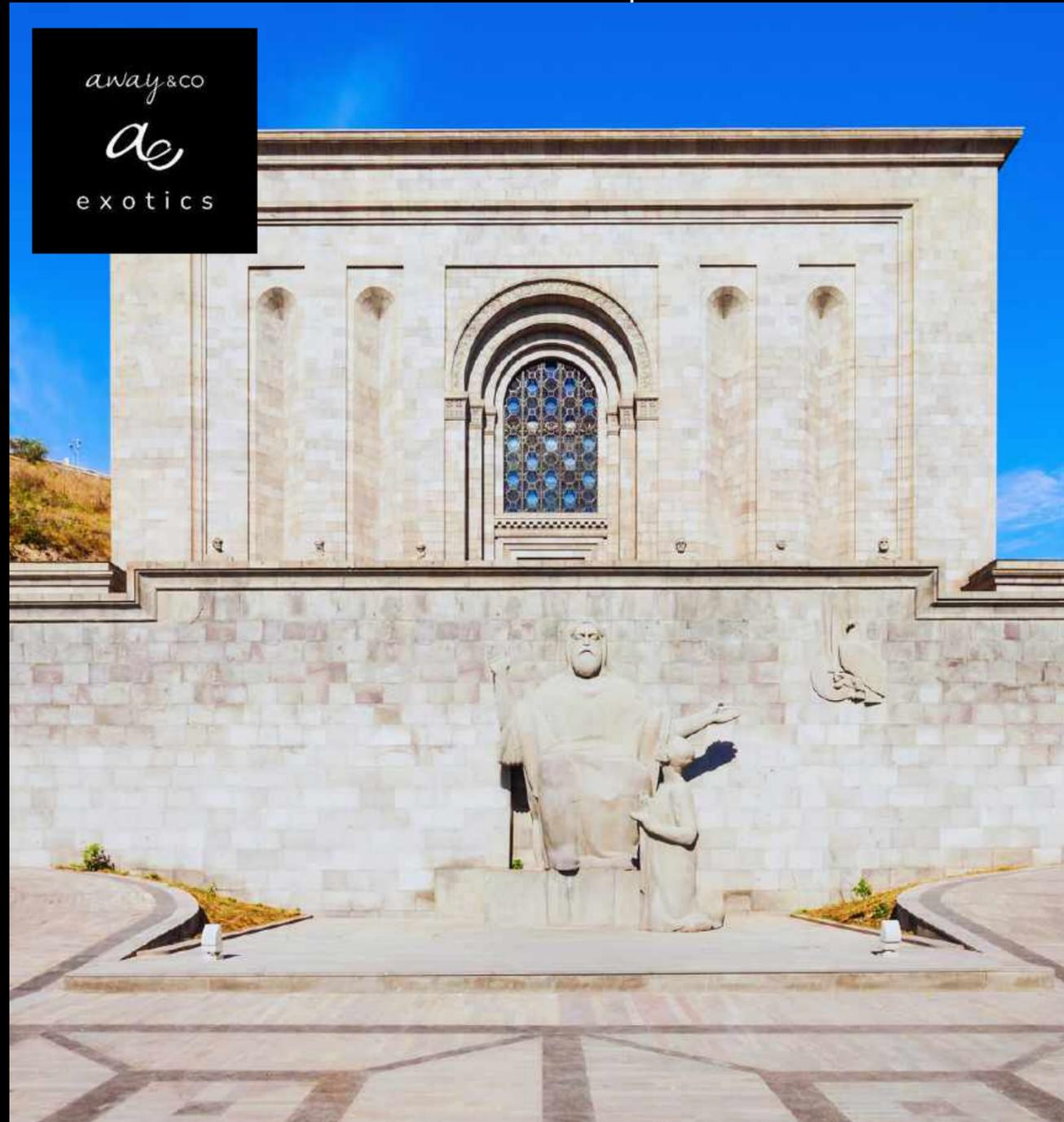


## DAY 06

### Yerevan Rhapsody: City Charms and Brandy Tales

Post-breakfast, embark on a full-day tour of Yerevan, including visits to key sites like the Opera House and Republic Square, and a stop at the Cafesjian Center for the Arts. A highlight is a visit to a Brandy Factory for a unique degustation. Spend your night in Yerevan.

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## DAY 07

### Ancient Echoes: Matenadaran, Garni, and Geghard

Visit the Matenadaran Institute of Ancient Manuscripts and explore the Garni village and its ancient temple. Experience local culture with Armenian duduk sounds and lavash baking. Witness the "Symphony of Stones" and explore the Geghard Monastery. The day concludes with a visit to "Gumi Shuka" for local products and a farewell dinner featuring an Armenian Folk show, before spending your final night in Yerevan.

Be enthralled by Armenian vocal performances at the Geghard Monastery with songs that are deeply rooted in the country's religious and cultural heritage. Characterised by its beautiful and unique vocal tenor, these hymns have been integral to Armenian Christian worship for centuries.

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# DAY 08

## Departure from Yerevan

Enjoy a final breakfast at your hotel before your departure transfer to Zvartnots International Airport, concluding your unforgettable journey.



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