Exploring the Caucasus  Georgia & Armenia

17 days for $5,174 total price from San Francisco
($4,695 air & land inclusive plus $479 airline taxes and fees)

Bounded by the Black and Caspian seas and separating Europe from Asia, the Caucasus lend a stunning backdrop to our small group journey. We encounter Armenia’s early Christian heritage and Georgia’s traditional culture, contemporary cities and breathtaking scenery, and everywhere, local people offering the warmest of welcomes.

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Armenian UNESCO sites: Garni Temple, Geghard Monastery, Zvartnots temple, Haghpat  •  Scenic Ararat plain  •  Tbilisi’s old town  •  Georgian National Museum  •  Breathtaking Caucasus scenery  •  Wine country excursion  •  Ancient capital of Mtiketa  •  Lunch with a Georgian family  •  Mt. Kazbek and Sno Valley  •  Georgian cave towns

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1  Depart U.S. for Yerevan
2-5  Yerevan  Grand Hotel Yerevan  Sup. First Class
6  Dilijan (Lake Sevan)  BW Plus Paradise Hotel  First Class
7-9  Tbilisi  Sheraton Grand Tbilisi  Sup. First Class
10-11  Stepanosvinda (Kazbegi)  Rooms Hotel Kazbegi  First Class
12-14  Borjomi  Crowne Plaza Borjomi  Sup. First Class
15  Tbilisi  Sheraton Grand Tbilisi  Sup. First Class
16  Depart Tbilisi for U.S. (overnight flight)
17  Arrive U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Yerevan, Armenia

Day 2: Arrive Yerevan  Upon arrival in the Armenian capital late tonight, we transfer directly to our hotel.

Day 3: Yerevan  After time to rest this morning and have lunch on our own, we meet our Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome briefing about the journey ahead. Then this afternoon, we set out to discover this modern city, once the crossroads of ancient caravan routes. We visit central Republic Square, and see the Yerevan Cascade complex of terraced fountains and the Armenian Opera Theatre. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel.  B,D

Day 4: Yerevan/Garni/Geghard  This morning we visit two Armenian icons: the citadel and pagan temple of Garni, dating to the Hellenistic era; and medieval Geghard Monastery, a UNESCO site. We have lunch in Garni village, where we see the Armenian bread lavash baked in a traditional oven. After returning to Yerevan early afternoon, we’re free for independent exploration and dinner on our own.  B,L

Day 5: Yerevan/Lake Sevan/Dilijan  Traveling east today, we stop to see cerulean Lake Sevan then continue on to the spa town of Dilijan, the “Armenian Switzerland.” We visit the 13th-century Monastery of Haghartsin, beautifully set in a river canyon surrounded by dense forest. After lunch together here, we reach our hotel then enjoy time at leisure.  B,L,D

Day 6: Yerevan/Lake Sevan/Dilijan  En route to Tbilisi, we visit the 10th-century monastic complex of Haghpat, a UNESCO site known as a masterpiece of religious architecture. Early afternoon we reach the border with Georgia then continue on to Tbilisi, the country’s capital and largest city, arriving late afternoon.  B,L,D

Day 7: Dilijan/Tbilisi, Georgia  Founded in the 4th century on the site of warm mineral springs, Tbilisi boasts a long and storied history as a key stop on the Silk Road and a center of commerce and arts in the Middle Ages. We get a taste of these cultural riches on today’s tour

From the Khor Virap monastery, which we visit on Day 5, we can see biblical Mt. Ararat in Eastern Turkey.
that begins in the fortified old town. We see the
Georgian Orthodox Metekhi Temple, Abanotubani
thermal baths (ca. 12th century), Narikala fortress,
5th century Sioni Cathedral, Georgia’s oldest; and
the pedestrian Bridge of Peace. This afternoon: the
Georgian National Museum, pride of the country;
stately Freedom Square; and busy Rustaveli Avenue.
Then we ride a funicular up 2,330 feet for panoramic
views over the city. B,L

Day 9: Tbilisi/Kakheti Today we tour Georgia’s
wine country, one of the world’s oldest, a pastoral
region of mountain scenery, picturesque villages,
and vineyard after vineyard. We visit the hill town
of Sighnaghi then a winery for lunch and a tasting.
Next: Tsinandali Estate, residence of a 19th-century
noble family; the town of Telavi in the Alazani Valley;
and 11th-century Alaverdi Cathedral, a UNESCO
site. We return to Tbilisi early evening. B,L,D

Day 10: Tbilisi/Mtskheta/Stepantsminda (Kazbegi)
Breathtaking Caucasus views await as we travel
toward Stepantsminda today. En route, we visit
the ancient capital of Mtskheta, where Georgians
accepted Christianity in the early 4th
century and now a
UNESCO site. We
discover one of six
5,000-meter plus (16,404 ft) peaks in the
Caucasus range. We visit beautifully situated Gergeti
Sameba Church then enjoy lunch in the home of a
local family. This afternoon we board 4 x 4 vehicles for
the trip to the village of Juta in the unpaved Sno Valley,
where a traditional mountain culture endures. B,L

Day 11: Stepantsminda More stunning Caucasus
scenery is in store today as we tour the city and its
surroundings. We’re at the foot of Mount Kazbek,
one of six 5,000-meter plus (16,404 ft) peaks in the
Caucasus range. We visit beautifully situated Gergeti
Sameba Church then enjoy lunch in the home of a
local family. This afternoon we board 4 x 4 vehicles for
the trip to the village of Juta in the unpaved Sno Valley,
where a traditional mountain culture endures. B,L

Day 12: Stepantsminda/Gori/Borjomi We cross
back through Jvari Pass as we travel to the resort town
of Borjomi, stopping for lunch on our own in the hist-
toric town of Gori, birthplace of Joseph Stalin. Then
we continue our journey through the Lesser Caucasus to
Borjomi, where we dine tonight at our hotel. B,D

Day 13: Borjomi On this morning’s walking tour of
this town known for its mineral water, we visit the local
park then take a cable car up the Borjomi Plateau for
views of the town and its surroundings. The rest of
the day is free before dinner together tonight. B,D

Day 14: Borjomi/Vardzia Today’s excursion features
two UNESCO sites: the medieval fortress of Khertvisi
and the cave palace/monastery of Vardzia, built in the
12th century to protect Queen Tamara from attacking
Mongols. Time permitting, we’ll visit 13th-century
Rabati Castle in the town of Akhaltsikhe before
returning to Borjomi late afternoon. B,D

Day 15: Borjomi/Uplistsikhe/Tbilisi En route to
Tbilisi today, we stop in the 7th-century cave town of
Uplistsikhe then continue on to Chateau Mukhrani,
with gardens designed by a Versailles gardener and
where our lunch is accompanied by fine Georgian wine
from the chateau’s wine cellar. Then we return to Tbilisi,
where tonight we celebrate our Caucasus adventure at
a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 16: Tbilisi/Depart for U.S. With our rooms
reserved for late check-out, today is free to enjoy

Your Tour Price Includes

Post-Tour Extension

September 14-19, 2022

Azerbaijan: Sheki & Baku
5 days/4 nights for $1,395 total price
Single Supplement: $355

Encounter gems of this former Soviet republic,
including the picturesque Silk Road town of
Sheki in the Caucasus and the medieval
walled city of Baku on the Caspian Sea.

Your Tour Price Includes

- 4 nights’ accommodations: 1 night in Sheki at Manzlar Resort
  & Spa (First Class); 3 nights in Baku at Hilton Baku (Superior
  First Class)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing, including all entrance fees
- Services of a tour director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and
  hotel porters, and all drivers
- $100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Cal Discoveries/
  Odysseys Unlimited tour ($200 after 3 tours; $300 after 10 tours)

In the time of your life, live…”

– William Saroyan

Activity Level 3 | (see pg. 5)

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Stepantsminda, at the foot of Mt. Kazbek bordering Russia

Tbilisi as we wish. This evening we transfer to the
airport for our return flight to the U.S. B

Day 17: Arrive U.S. We arrive in the U.S. and
connect with our flights home.

Tour Departs: August 30, 2022

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees

New York, Philadelphia $4,474
Atlanta, Boston, $4,774
Los Angeles, Miami, Washington, DC $4,974
Chicago, Cincinnati, $5,074
Orlando, Seattle $5,174
Baltimore, Charlotte, $5,174
Cleveland, Detroit $5,174
Dallas, Denver, $5,174
Houston, Minneapolis, $5,174
Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Tampa $5,174

Land Only (transfers not included) $3,695

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $479, which are subject to change until final payment has been made.

Single travelers please add $995. Your $500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All 2022 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight: $3,495 per person from Atlanta, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia; $4,995 per person from Boston, Dallas, Los Angeles, Washington, DC (Dulles); $5,995 per person from Houston, Miami, in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Please note: While the elevations on this tour are not severe, the relatively high altitude reached at Jvari Pass on Day 10 (approximately 7,858 feet) and at the hotel in Stepantsminda on Days 10-11 (approximately 5,577 feet) could pose problems for guests with certain health conditions. You should consult with your personal physician if you have concerns.
Tour Prices
Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2022, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

Gratuities
Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on “On Your Own” optional extensions.

Not Included in Your Tour Price
Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations and inoculations; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment
A deposit of $500 per person confirms your reservation and is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

Cancellations and Refunds
If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. All cancellations need to be submitted in writing to Cal Discoveries Travel. Refunds for
cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

**For all tours (except as noted)**

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For Egypt & the Eternal Nile, Ethiopia: Cradle of Civilization, Journey through Vietnam, Machu Picchu to the Galapagos, Patagonian Frontiers

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Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. Trip cancellation insurance is available from CAA and information will be sent after you reserve. You may research travel insurance online at travelinsure.com/calalumni. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

**Pre-Departure**

After reserving your tour, you will receive pre-departure mailings that include a detailed itinerary, visa requirements, and reading list. We will send your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers) two to three weeks before departure.

**Single Travelers**

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

**Changes to Your Reservation**

We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a $100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.

**Required Information**

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program (for details, please visit tsa.gov), as well as for our international travel partners: your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender (for details, please visit tsa.gov). In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

**Travel Documents**

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all tours in this catalog. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you the appropriate information after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you are not a U.S. citizen,
please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

**Smoking**
For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

**Health and Medical Issues**
We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire, and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, the Cal Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination.

**Air Transportation**
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour “Land Only” is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, the Cal Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

**Responsibility**
The liability of the Cal Alumni Association (CAA), as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. CAA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. CAA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.
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I/We would like to request ________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

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Please book my/our air from __________________________________________ I/We request an air upgrade to ________

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I will share a room with ______________________________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

I/We request an upgrade to a Highland Villa (for Machu Picchu to the Galapagos only) ❑

I/We request an upgrade to cabin category ________ (for Patagonian Frontiers only)

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