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DANCE AND CULTURE TOUR

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DAY ONE: ARRIVE TO TBILISI

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Upon arrival at Tbilisi International Airport we meet you to take you to your hotel. Check in to your hotel and have free time to relax. Enjoy Welcome to Georgia Musical in the evening.

DAY TWO: TBILISI CITY TOUR

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH/ DINNER

BREAKFAST 08:00

LUNCH 13:00

DANCE 10:00- 12:45 WITH BAYKAL AND LOCAL TEACHER

TOUR 15:00

DINNER 19:30

Tbilisi is a vibrant example of the mix of nationalities, cultures, religions, and ethnic groups found in Georgia. Tbilisi was founded in the 5th century AD by Vakhtang Gorgasali, the Georgian King of Kartli (Iberia) and made into a capital in the 6th century.

Today, get acquainted with the city on a walking tour, passing through the old quarters and the center, with its famous sulphur springs along the Mtkvari River. Visit the Metekhi Church, pass across the Metekhi bridge, the first bridge built to connect the Mtkvari River's left and right banks, stand in Sioni church, where St. Nino's cross from 337 AD is kept, and stop at Anchiskhati church, the most ancient church in Tbilisi. Traditional houses with balconies and grape vines accompany your stroll towards Narikhala, the 4th century fort overlooking the city. The fort provides an exquisite view of the city and region.



Check in to your hotel, enjoy dinner at a traditional Georgian restaurant with folklore show and enjoy a soothing soak in hot sulphur springs in traditional bath house followed by Georgian traditional massage.

DAY THREE: TBILISI – MTSKHETA – TBILISI

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH/ DINNER

BREAKFAST 08:00

DANCE 10:00- 12:45 WITH BAYKAL AND LOCAL TEACHER

LUNCH 13:00

TOUR 15:00

DINNER 20:00

In the after depart to Mtskheta is the ancient capital of eastern Georgia. The country's conversion to Christianity occurred in Mtskheta in 337 AD, and it is considered one of Georgia's most important religious centers. While in Mtskheta, visit the Svetitskoveli Cathedral and the beautiful Jvari Monastery, situated on the edge of a cliff. Drive back to Tbilisi.



DAY FOUR: TBILISI – KAZBEGI – TBILISI

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH/ DINNER

Drive along the stunning Caucasus Mountains to Kazbegi region. The drive is as exciting as region itself. Embark on 4 wheel drive to Gergeti Trinity church.

Upon arrival embark on 4 wheel drive to Gergeti Tsminda Sameba Trinity Church, built in the 14th century and situated nearly 7,000 feet up on the hill. From this spot you have an unforgettable view of Mount Kazbek, rising over 16,500 feet and covered with glaciers and permafrost. According to the legend, the titan Prometheus who brought fire to men was chained on Mount Kazbek. Drive back to Tbilisi

DAY FIVE: TBILISI – SIGNAGI - LAGODEKHI

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH/ DINNER

****NO DANCE LESSONS****

Drive to the Eastern part of Georgia – wine region Kakheti. Take a guided city tour of Signagi. Meaning “shelter,” Signagi is one of the smallest towns in the country with one of the richest histories. The city is sits on a hill surrounded by a fortified wall. A large variety of languages and nationalities mingle with the unique mountain landscape to make Signagi one of the most breathtaking places on the planet. Explore multiple architectural monuments and learn about the traditions of local people, all while enjoying the splendid views that open up on the gorgeous Alazani Valley, known as the cradle of Georgian wines.



Enjoy lunch and Georgian Culinary Masterclass in Georgian winery.

In the evening, drive to Lagodekhi. Overnight at the local guesthouse.

DAY SIX: FREE DAY

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH/ DINNER

Dance Lesson with Baykal and local teacher

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a dance lesson.

Have this day free to explore Lagodekhi nature reserve, you can take a walk or hike up on one of the trails. In the evening, you can enjoy BBQ for dinner with folk show in the nature with local dancers and singers. Overnight at the local guesthouse.

DAY SEVEN: LAGODEKHI – SHEKI

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH/ DINNER

12:00 Upon arrival to Georgia border guests will be transferred to selected hotel.

13:00 Upon arrival to the hotel we will have check in to the hotel and have a free time.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch time



14:00 Sheki is one of the most famous and ancient places of Azerbaijan. Situated 700 m (2297 ft.) above sea level like an amphitheater surrounded by the mountains and forests of oak trees, this ancient city was long famed as a silk Centre and an important stop on the Great Silk Route. There is an assumption that the name of the town goes back to the ethnonym of the Saks, who reached the territory of Azerbaijan in the 7th century BC.

We'll start our Sheki tour from visiting the 18th century Khan's summer palace with magnificent frescos and exquisite stained glass work. Visit the Albanian church located in Kish village. Legend says that the church was built in 78 AD, but the researchers place it a few centuries later.

18:30 – 19:30 Dinner in Sheki in traditional restaurant with folklore show program where will be 2 small girls dancers and 4 boy dancers

19:45 – Dance lesson in local family in Sheki. Also guests will explore how to prepare some meals of Azery local cuisine.

21:00 Back to hotel and free time

Overnight in Sheki

DAY EIGHT: SHEKI – SHAMAXI – BAKU

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH/ DINNER

08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast in the hotel.

09:00 – 10:30 – Continue dance lesson in local family house with Baykal and local teacher

10:45 Check out and drive to Baku. On the way stop in Shamaxi City.

On the way stop to visit Diri Baba Mausoleum and Juma Mosque in Shemakha City. After visit Yeddi Gumbez mausoleum where were buried Shirvanshahs family members.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch in Shamaxi

17:00 Arrival to Baku and accommodation in the hotel



18:30 – 20:00 Dinner

20:30 – Dance lesson in conference hall of hotel or some dance studio local dance teacher

Overnight in Baku.

DAY NINE: BAKU CITY TOUR

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH/ DINNER

08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast in the hotel.

09:00 – 10:30 Dance lesson in conference hall of hotel or some dance studio with Baykal and local dance teacher

11:00 After lessons start explore Baku City

Baku boulevard- Walking through Baku Boulevard which stretches along a south-facing bay on the Caspian Sea. It traditionally starts at Freedom Square continuing west to the Old City and beyond. Since 2012, the Yeni Bulvar (New Boulevard) has virtually doubled the length to 3.75 km.

Baku Eye - is a Ferris wheel on Baku Boulevard in the Seaside National Park of Baku, capital of Azerbaijan. The wheel is 60 meters tall and has 30 cabins, each holding eight people. It makes a complete turn in 30 to 40 minutes.



Visiting of "Old Town" or "Inner City". The territory of "Inner City" - 22 hectares, which represents a small fraction of the total area of Baku (44,000 hectares). However, the concentration of architectural and historical monuments, dictates the need for this excursion into a separate and make this part of Baku, perhaps the most interesting to explore:

Maiden Tower is a 12th-century monument in the Old City, Baku, listed in 2001 under the UNESCO World Heritage List of Historical Monuments as cultural property. It is a legendary place and world-famous landmark in Baku and houses a museum, which presents the story of historic evolution of the Baku city.

Palace of Shirvanshahs is a 15th-century palace built by the Shirvanshahs and described by UNESCO as "one of the pearls of Azerbaijan's architecture". It is located in the Inner City of Baku.

Minaret Synyk Gala: The most ancient building not only in "Icheri-Sheher" but in the entire Azerbaijan is Mohammed Mosque also known as Synyk-Kala which means "Destroyed Tower" which was bombarded in 1723 but survived. The half-destroyed minaret still towers over the mosque as if reaching for the sky.

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Juma Mosque: The Cathedral Mosque was built in the 12th century on the site of a temple of fire-worshippers. Located in the historic Icheri Sheher, the mosque has been rebuilt several times and is also known as Friday Mosque.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

After lunch visit local family chateau compliments to Baykal Dogan, where you will enjoy the enchanting evening with local dancers and singers and delicious BBQ and organic food at the garden of the Chateau.

21:45 – Dance lesson in conference hall of hotel or some dance studio local dance teacher

Overnight in Baku



DAY TEN: ATESHGAH AND YANARDAGH AND VISIT LOCAL FAMILY

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH/ DINNER

08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast in the hotel.

09:00 – 10:30 After breakfast guests will be transfer to dance lessons with Baykal and local teacher.

11:00 After lessons excursion Ateshgah and Yanardagh

Then we will start our tour with excursion to Ateshgah. The temple of fire worshippers Ateshgah is located at the Apsheron peninsula at the outskirts of Surakhani village 30 km from the centre of Baku and was revered in different times by Zoroastrians, Hindus and Sikhs. Current constructions of the temple are dated by XVII century. As a result of excavations far more ancient artifacts were discovered here. Pentagonal complex has an open courtyard with temple-altar in the center which was the place of pilgrimage for worshippers. By the decree of the President of Azerbaijan Ateshgah was declared a State historical-architectural reserve. This museum under the open sky was recently restored. Different workshops and souvenir galleries are located here now.



13:00 – 14:00 Lunch



Excursion to Yanar Dag. Yanar dag is a natural gas fire which blazes continuously on a hillside on the Absheron Peninsula on the Caspian Sea near Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, which itself is known as the "land of fire."

Visit family in Baku where guests can have tea break and explore how people like dance in their houses.

18:30 – 20:00 Dinner

20:45 – Dance lesson in conference hall of hotel or some dance studio local dance teacher

Overnight in Baku



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DAY ELEVEN: FREE DAY

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH/ DINNER

08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast in the hotel. Enjoy free day to explore Baku at your leisure.

Overnight in Baku

DAY TWELVE: DEPARTURE

BREAKFAST

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit miniature books museum in Baku Old City and after drive for lunch

After departure to airport

RATES ARE GIVEN IN EUR BASED ON DOUBLE ROOMS OCCUPANCY
PER PERSON

4 nights in 4* Cron Palace hotel in Tbilisi
2 night in Guesthouse in Lagodekhi
1 night in 4* Minali hotel in Sheki
4 nights in 4* Baku Inn Hotel in Baku

15 pax/ 1,839 EUR PER PERSON
20 pax/ 1,715 EUR PER PERSON
25 pax/ 1,625 EUR PER PERSON
30 pax/ 1,569 EUR PER PERSON
35 pax/ 1,529 EUR PER PERSON
40 pax/ 1,489 EUR PER PERSON

Single Supplement – 303 EUR PER PERSON

Supplement for early arrival/late departure transfer – 10 EUR PER PERSON

Supplement for German speaking guide – 5 EUR PER PERSON

INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation : 11 nights in chosen hotels
- Transportation during tours and transfer
- Meals: HB – Breakfast, Dinner
- Professional German speaking guide
- Entrance Fees
- 1 Georgian Dance Masterclass
- 1 Georgian Culinary Masterclass
- 2 dinners with Folk Show
- Visit to Sulphur Bath
- 2 TL in single rooms
- Bottled water per person a day

EXCLUSIONS:

- Travel Insurance
- Airfare
- Normal E-visa to Azerbaijan
- Alcoholic drinks
- Tips
- Early check in
- Services not listed in inclusions

13. bis 24. Mai 2020 (11 Nächte)
Mit deutschsprachigem Reiseleiter

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