# 11D 8N Mystical Caucasus

## Azerbaijan . Georgia . Armenia

Tour code: CAU11D

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- **100% MEALS :**
  8 BREAKFASTS , 7 LUNCHES , 8 DINNERS
- **INCLUDING SPECIAL MEALS :**
  KARVANSARAY WELCOME DINNER, WINERY DINNER, LAVASH BREAD, KHINKALI LUNCH, CHINESE MEAL, THAI MEAL
- **4-5* HOTELS THROUGHOUT**
  * BAKU – PARK INN BY RADISSON
  * SHEKI – MARXAL SHEKI
  * SIGNAGI – LOPOTA LAKE RESORT & SPA
  * GUDAURI – MARCO POLO
  * TBILISI – BEST WESTERN
  * TSAGHKADZOR – MARRIOTT
  * JERMUK – HYATT PALACE
  * YEREVAN – DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

**Hotels subject to final confirmations. Should there be changes, will be offered similar accommodations as stated.*

### Day 1
**SINGAPORE - BAKU (AZERBAIJAN)**
Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport for your flight to **Baku** - the capital and largest city of **Azerbaijan**.

### Day 2
**BAKU** (MEALS ON BOARD / KARVANSARAY D)
Upon arrival, meet up with our local guide and begin city tour in **Baku**, the commercial hub of Azerbaijian. Start your walk in **Icheri Sheher** - the old part of the city, visit to **Maiden's Tower** and the **Shirvan Shahs' Palace** UNESCO Heritage site. Also visit the **markets square** and **handmade carpet's workshop art studio**. Continue to The **Heydar Aliyev Center** which is an avant garde building complex designed by Iraqi-British architect Zaha Hadid. End our tour today at **Memory Alley Shehidler Khiyabany** that opens up a great panoramic view of Baku city. Welcome dinner has been arranged at one of the famous Karvansaray restaurant.

### Day 3
**BAKU – SHAMAKHI – SHEKI** (B/L/ HOTEL D)
After breakfast, you may join an optional to visit the Ateshgyakh Zoroastrian Fire-Worshipping Temple and Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape where listed in 2007 as UNESCO Heritage Site. Tour the volcanic desert sites and view rocks covered with drawings stand amidst chaos of stones and mountains. Thereafter, have a sightseeing of historical **Juma Mosque** - also known as "Friday Mosque" was built in 743- 744 a.c. Travel to Sheki for our overnight stay.

### Day 4
**SHEKI – KAKHETI WINE REGION (GEORGIA) – SIGNAGI** (B/L/ WINERY D)
This morning, visit **Sheki medieval fortress** and **Sheki Khans Palace**. The palace is one of the most outstanding and valuable monument from the 18th century in Azerbaijan. Then, walk into a **local bazaar** (recommended shopping place) where you can find many handicrafts, food and spices. Drive pass the snowy peaks of the Greater Caucasus towards the border between Azerbaijan and Georgia. Start exploring the Eastern part of Georgia, famous for its viticulture and wine-making traditions. Visit one of the wineries in Kakheti Region and enjoy **wine-tasting in a wine cellar**, followed by a dinner.

### Day 5
**SIGNAGI – ANANURI – KAZBEGI** (B/L/ HOTEL D)
Drive up to **Ananuri fortress**, which dates back to the 17th century bearing witness to the many battles which resulted in Georgia's unique blended architectural aesthetic. After lunch, head to **Kazbegi National Park** which is located on the northern slopes of the mighty Caucasus range. Where you can enjoy a panoramic view of the glacier and snow-capped **Mount Kazbek** (5,047m) above sea level, the third highest mountain in Georgia. Overnight at **Gudauri** area and you might get a chance to view a millions stars across the pitch-black sky!

### Day 6
**KAZBEGI – MTSKHETA – TBILISI**
(B/ KHINKHALI L/ THAI D)
Today travel to **Mtskheta**, one of the oldest towns, the cultural and religious centre of Georgia ( UNESCO world heritage). Visit **Jvari Church** and **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral**, the main cathedral of Mtskheta where the robe of Christ is being kept. Continue capital of Georgia, **Tbilisi**. Visit the **Holy Trinity Cathedral**, one of the largest orthodox cathedrals in the world. Next, **Metekhi Temple** and **Monument of Vakhtang Gorgasali**, the legendary founder of Tbilisi.

### Day 7
**TBILISI – LAKE SEVAN (ARMENIA) – TSGAHKADZOR** (B/L/ FISH D)
After breakfast, drive to border crossing to Armenia. Visit **Lake Sevan**, "The Jewel of Armenia" which is one of the largest high mountainous fresh water lakes in the world. Admire fine views over the serene waters by a cruise ride. Next, visit the **Sevanavank Monastery**, which is situated on the northwest part of the lake. Transfer to the most popular ski destination in Armenia - Tsgahkadzor for our overnight stay.

### Day 8
**TSGAHKADZOR – SELIM PASS – JERMUK**
(B/L/ HOTEL D)
This morning, passing through **Selim Pass** and also known as Armenia Silk Route. Visit **Selim Caravanserai** where is the best preserved caravanserai in Armenia and indeed the world. Heading to **Jermuk** where is a spa resort town in Armenia characterized by a mild climate and clean air, picturesque spots, and healing mineral waters. Have a great time exploring **Jermuk Waterfalls** surrounded by green forest. Relax in the hot pools available at the hotel.

### Day 9
**JERMUK – KHOR VIRAP – YEREVAN**
(B/L/ CHINESE D)
After breakfast, visit **Khor Virap Monastery** (4th-17th cc), one of the romantically sited monasteries in Armenia with views across a vast plain to Turkey and the twin peaks of **Mount Ararat**. Embark to **Yerevan**, one of oldest cities in the world. Visit **Cascade Monument** which was the main symbol of the cities 2780th anniversary with the equivalent number of stairs. A panoramic view from the monument opens up breathtaking city view with **Opera House, Republic Square**, and **Abovyan Avenue**. Continue to **Victory Park** and **Statue of Mother Armenia**, the most public visual rendering is a monumental statue overlooking the capital city.

### Day 10
**YEREVAN – SINGAPORE** (B/ Meals on board)
After breakfast, free at own leisure. If time permits, you can do some last minute shopping before your transfer to airport for your flight back to Singapore.

### Day 11
**SINGAPORE**
We hope that you have had an enjoyable time with **Hong Thai Travel**.

Remarks :
- Due to seasonal / weather subjective conditions of itinerary, we reserve the right to arrange alternative attraction / transport should stated be unavailable.
- Sequence of itinerary is subject to change without prior notice.

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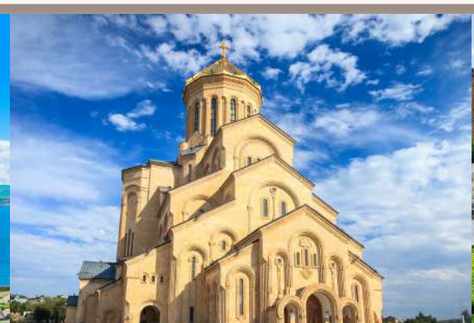

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