

GRAND CAUCASUS

Character:

A cultural delight as we travel to the Caucasus to explore the secrets of this hidden land from Yerevan and Tbilisi to dramatic Caucasus Mountains and Silk Road sites frozen in time. Experience Caucasian hospitality at its best, visit wineries, sample Armenian cuisine and Georgian polyphonic singing.

Duration:

10 days / 10 nights

Accommodation:

Tourist hotels

Meals:

10 breakfasts

Mode of travel:

Comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles

Some days involve short walks (2-3 hours round trip); for those that do not want to walk local jeeps can be rented at a reasonable cost

Tour support:

AdvenTour tour leader/driver, local guides

Included:

Accommodation for 10 nights

Meals as specified in the itinerary

AdvenTour tour leader/driver, local guides

All activities as per itinerary with all entry fees

All transfers in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles

Welcome to the Caucasus information kit

Excluded:

Optional activities

Itinerary

Day 1

Treasures of Yerevan

In the morning meet other group participants and tour leader, brief pre-tour orientation meeting. The day starts with a visit to History Museum housed by Yerevan City Hall. Providing an excellent introduction to the history of the city, the museum is an ideal place to start your exploration of Yerevan, new and old. A walking tour of Yerevan exploring various layers of its history – medieval shrines hidden behind imposing Soviet-style façades, narrow streets of the old center with sunlight playing on its pink walls, Closed Market and Blue Mosque on Mashtots Avenue, Republic Square, Cascade and Mother Armenia, Opera House and Northern Avenue. A cultural showcase not to be missed is Matenadaran, one of the world's oldest repositories of ancient manuscripts, visit to Genocide Memorial, a solemn reminder of the first genocide of the 20th c. We continue our exploration with a visit to the Vatican city of Armenia, Holy Echmiadzin. Experience a fascinating journey through time, descend to the ruins of the pagan sanctuary beneath the altar and pay tribute to the Treasury of Mother Cathedral with striking collection of relics of Christianity. On to Zvartnots, a temple consecrated in the presence of Emperor Constantine of Byzantium, it stands out as one of the most prominent creations of medieval architecture.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 2

Classical Armenia

Breakfast at hotel. Drive east to the magnificent Temple of the Sun at Garni, the only surviving sample of Hellenistic architecture in the Caucasus and the legendary Monastery of Spear at Geghard. Explore the mosaic ancient baths and ruins of the royal palace, immerse yourself in the atmosphere of this mythical place and examine remarkable cross stones carved into sheer rock. On to Lake Sevan, one of the highest freshwater lakes in the world - the tranquil majesty of its ever-changing waters, stunning mountains silhouetted against the blue sky, all this inspired its name The Pearl of Armenia. Enjoy the scenery, take a 20-minute walk to the top of Akhtamar Trail for the best photographic views of the Lake, explore romantic Sevanavank Monastery. If we are lucky with the weather, we will take a boat trip to Seagull Island (groups of 6 persons and more). Back to Yerevan. In the evening we offer you to enjoy the cultural life of Yerevan with an exquisite performance at National Opera or a concert at Classical Music Chamber offering you the best of what is available at the time of your stay (optional).

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 3

Amberd Fortress

Early start today with a trip to the highest peak of Transcaucasia, Mount Aragats (4,090m), an extinct volcano. The first stop of our trip is Saghmosavank (Monastery of Psalms) perched on the edge of picturesque Kasakh gorge. Acclimatizing gradually as we ascend the beautiful countryside, we reach Amberd Fortress on the southern slope of Aragats. Breathtaking views of the fortress and citadel, snow covered peaks of Aragats, sun scorched grasslands dressed in wildflowers combine to provide an unforgettable experience this morning. If we come here during summer months we can visit high-mountain camps of friendly Yezidi tribes who tend their sheep under the towering peaks of Aragats. We will discover the traditional way of life of these people of the mountains, visiting their tents, trying fresh cheese and yogurt. Continue to our comfortable hotel in Byurakan - clear mountain air, powerful panoramas, fresh dishes and star observations at 1,460 m above sea level!

Overnight: Hotel in Byurakan

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 4

Lori, Northern Armenia

We start to explore some of the less traveled routes of Lori, the largest of Armenia's 11 provinces. Start our day with a drive to Kurtan with a small 5th century basilica church, the start of a dramatically beautiful gorge, one of the deepest and longest in Armenia. On to Hnevank, a splendid monastery decorated with fine stone carvings. Drive to Stepanavan, a charming town nestled in the

mountains. Visit to the ruins of feudal Armenia's main fortresses, Lori Berd situated on a naturally fortified plateau between two river gorges. Explore the site and take in the beauty of dramatic mountain scenery. Inside the fortress is a bathhouse, with remains of a complex plumbing system. Continue on foot to a vaulted medieval bridge at the bottom of the gorge crossing Urut River, leading to several cross carvings in the rock face. Here we have a great view over the so-called Communist Caves once serving a secret meeting place for "red" revolutionaries. Optional dinner at one of many roadside restaurants before heading to your hotel in Stepanavan.

Overnight: Hotel in Stepanavan

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 5

Northern Armenia cont'd

After breakfast we are off to beautiful Kobayr monastery situated on the edge of a narrow ravine. Superb frescoes and a unique atmosphere make Kobayr a jewel in the crown of Northern Armenia. We continue our trip to sleepy Alaverdi, once an industrial town and rise to our next destinations - Haghpat and Sanahin. Severe and majestic design and marvelous bas-reliefs justly rank these sites among the celebrated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Marvel at the intricate reliefs showing biblical scenes and characters, before wandering the atmospheric graveyards. Many tombs are carved with khachkars – Armenian cross stones, perhaps looking remarkably Celtic to some of you. Continue to Dilijan, a town nestled in a deep wooded gorge. Check in at hotel, rest. In the evening take a stroll in the old town where strangers are greeted with smiling curiosity.

Overnight: Hotel in Dilijan

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 6

Old Tbilisi

Breakfast at hotel and trip to the border. We begin our journey of Georgia's fascinating and historical countryside and head for Tbilisi, the vibrant capital of Georgia. Arrival in Tbilisi, check in at hotel. Visit to Georgian Art Museum offering an exclusive collection - the icon of Zarzma Monastery, the Chalice of Bedia, Anchistkhati and Khakhuli Triptychs and much more. Providing an excellent introduction to the history of the city, the museum is an ideal place to start your exploration of Tbilisi, new and old. Walk in lively Kala, the medieval city center, small yards encircled by galleries, steep street stairs and houses with patterned balconies create picturesque images of Old Tbilisi. The Holy Trinity Cathedral, which is the largest religious building in the area of the South Caucasus. Walk along the Dry Bridge (Mshrali Khidi), open-air exhibition of paintings and artifacts. A unique option this evening is visit to Nabadi folk theatre where a show of music, dance and song about Georgian legends and culture awaits us.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 7

Old Tbilisi continued

Breakfast at hotel. Proceed to the tour of old Tbilisi. Best explored on foot our tour includes some of the most colourful sites of this ancient city - Metekhi Temple, Narikala Fortress with a marvelous panoramic view of the city, Sulfur Baths dating back to the time of Arab Khalifs, the Synagogue and Sioni Cathedral. Fine masonry with carved woodworks, arts and crafts workshops offer us an insight into the fascinating cultural diversity of Tbilisi. Continue to open air ethnographic museum of Tbilisi featuring 70 houses with traditional household furniture and utensils from various regions of Georgia. You have a bird's eye view of Tbilisi from Mtastminda Park, the highest entertainment park in city, located on the 800 meters above the sea level. Optional sulphur bath with massage in the evening.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 8

Caucasus Mountains

Travel the famous Georgian Military Highway and visit Ananuri Fortress. Arrive at Kazbegi, a lovely town nestled at the base of Caucasus Mountains. Enjoy the wildly beautiful views of Mount Kazbek (5,047m), one of the six 5,000 m peaks of the Caucasus range where Prometheus was said to be chained. Visit magnificent Darial Gorge, Gates of Caucasus, one of the only two crossings of

the Caucasus mountain range and on to village Sno where Patriarch of Georgia comes from. Gergeti Sameba (Trinity), a remote but enchanting church dramatically sited at the foot of Kazbek, is a site not to be missed. In order to reach the church we will take a winding road uphill through flower-filled meadows enjoying fantastic vistas of the area (walking about 2-3 hours round trip). We spend the night at a cosy alpine hut style hotel in nearby Gudauri ski resort.

Overnight: *Hotel in Gudauri*

Meal plan: *Breakfast*

Day 9

Fortress of God

Travel to Gori, the birthplace of Joseph Stalin. Visit the remarkable Stalin Museum re-creating surreal and revealing scenes from the life of the tyrant. A large statue of the "Leader of the People" used to dominated the square of Gori until last year. Stalin's bulletproof train carriage, which he used to travel to the Potsdam Conference in 1945 lies in the grounds of the museum. Visit Uplistsikhe or Fortress of God, an ancient cave town dating back to I millennium BC. Explore its caves, temples, labyrinth passages and colonnaded streets, all carved out of stone. Wander among the impressive ruins of the amphitheatre, one of the oldest in the world. Afternoon proceed to Mtskheta, the ancient capital of Georgia founded 3000 years ago, Jvari Church built to house the robe of Jesus Christ and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, major pilgrimage site listed as UNESCO World Heritage site. Arrival Tbilisi, check-in at hotel, rest.

Overnight: *Hotel in Tbilisi*

Meal plan: *Breakfast*

Day 10

Wine and Art

Breakfast and departure from Tbilisi. The first stop of our visit is David Gareja cave monastery. Take a light hike up the mountain, the slopes of which lead you to another world. In the footsteps of ten centuries of pilgrims, explore Lavra and Udabno churches for fine frescos and rare examples of cave architecture. Continue deep into the heart of Alazani, a fertile valley boasting three hundred years of wine making. We reach the walled town of Signagi with splendid views of romantic Alazani valley. Here we visit a family of winemakers and taste some of the finest red and white wines of the region. We learn first-hand about the local traditions of wine making and sample wines from kvevri, a clay jar kept in the ground. In the evening we make our way back to Tbilisi.

Overnight: *Hotel in Tbilisi*

Meal plan: *Breakfast*

Those taking Svaneti, Batumi or Eastern Turkey extensions start their tours the next morning after breakfast (see Svaneti, Batumi and Eastern Turkey extensions below)

SVANETI EXTENSION (May-October)

If you want to complete your stay in Georgia, consider a side-trip to Svaneti. The highest inhabited point in Europe, surrounded by 4 of Europe's 10 highest peaks, Svaneti is a land of stunning beauty. Upper Svaneti, UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a mythical place dotted by medieval villages and evocative tower-houses. You will travel to Ushguli, the highest continually-inhabited settlement in Europe, en route you will visit Kutaisi, the capital of Western Georgian Kingdom with its evocative sites. You will be guests in small villages and experience the life of Svans.

Day 1

Highlights of Kutaisi, Kingdom of Colchis

Breakfast at hotel and part of the group taking Svaneti extension embarks on a journey revealing many secrets of the turbulent history of Georgia. Arrival Kutaisi, capital of ancient Colchis, Western Georgian Kingdom. Time to explore the town and visit Gelati Monastery Complex and Academy founded by King David the Builder and Ubisa Temple, with striking examples of Georgian monumental painting. Wonder in the old town and sample famous Imereti cuisine. A unique option this afternoon is a visit to Sataplia Caves famous for fine speleothems and dinosaur footprints. Now renovated and open to the public, this 300 m long cave abounds in stalactites and stalagmites. We enter the cave on one hillside, cross the hill underground and then go back on the surface past dinosaur footprints.

Overnight: Hotel in Kutaisi

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 2

On to Svaneti

After breakfast we leave Kutaisi and drive to Zugdidi to start our trip to Zemo (Upper) Svaneti - wild Caucasian vistas, snow-capped mountains and amazingly friendly locals essentially cut off from the rest of the country. Have a stop in Zugdidi, the capital of Samegrelo to visit Dadiani Palace and Museum, travel back in time and explore rare exhibits from various periods of Georgia's turbulent history and rich culture heritage. Among the exhibits is Napoleon's death mask! Arrive Mestia and start your exploration with a visit to the Margiani open-air ethnographic center. Continue to Khergiani Museum with replica of unique temples of Lagami and Gekhtaga. Proceed to the Church of Prophet John, one of the two unique religious landmarks in the world. Arrive Mestia, overnight at hotel.

Overnight: Hotel in Mestia

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 3

Ushguli, the Highest Settlement in Europe

Depart to traditional Ushguli community located 2,200 metres above sea level with its unique architecture and cult monuments amidst stern landscapes. We will find ourselves among medieval towers, roaring waterfalls and dramatic peaks of the Great Caucasus Range. Experience the life of these proud "people of the mountains". En route we will explore St. Barbare and St. Kvirike shrines, cross traditional villages of Ipari and Kala. Evening back to Mestia.

Overnight: Hotel in Mestia

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 4

Back to Tbilisi

After an early breakfast and farewell to our hosts we make our way back to Tbilisi. Arrival and free time for personal exploration, perhaps an opportunity to sample the legendary nightlife!

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meal plan: Breakfast

Included:

Accommodation for 4 nights

Meals as specified in the itinerary

AdvenTour tour leader/driver

All activities as per itinerary with all entry fees

All transfers in comfortable, air-conditioned 4WD vehicles

BATUMI EXTENSION (June-September)

Love summer and music? Visit Batumi. Lots of music festivals take place in the city every year. Enjoy walking in the Botanical Garden and hiking in Mtirala National Park, a site of stunning beauty and visit one of the oldest historical monuments of Georgia, Gonio Fortress built by the Romans in the first century. And above all enjoy the beaches, enjoy the sea, see and experience the pure relaxation which is Batumi.

Day 1

Batumi City

Breakfast at hotel and embark on a journey to Batumi – the city at the Black seaside. Arrival at the hotel. A walk along the boulevard and a tour in the city. Visit Batumi state museum with Gold Treasury. It houses a lot of ancient artifacts found near the town-fortress of Gonio which we will visit the next day. Later enjoy a walk in the Botanical garden and return to hotel for rest.

Overnight: Hotel in Batumi

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 2

Gonio Fortress

After breakfast leave for Gonio Fortress in 12 kilometers from Batumi, near the Turkish border. It was built in the first century by the Romans and was one of the main forts on the Black Sea coast. The fortress is related with the trip of Argonauts in Kolkheti for the Golden Fleece. The fortress was occupied intermittently by Romans, Byzantines, Turkish and Georgian troops. Return to hotel, free time in Batumi.

Overnight: Hotel in Batumi.

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 3

Mtirala National Park

Breakfast at hotel and journey to Mtirala National Park. It will take 1 hour to get to the park. The trip begins from the tourist information center. We will spend 3 hours in the park, at the end of which we will enjoy a picnic lunch at a scenic spot at the lake. During your trip you will see many endangered and endemic species of flora and fauna, pass mineral and fresh water springs where we can relax and taste the highly valuable medicinal waters. The trip ends at the waterfalls of Mtirala. Back to hotel in Batumi.

Overnight: Hotel in Batumi

Meal plan: Breakfast, picnic lunch

Day 4

Spend a whole day at the seaside. Enjoy the warm climate of Batumi and the Black Sea.

Overnight: Hotel in Batumi

Meal plan: Breakfast

In the morning return to Tbilisi by train, arrival Tbilisi in the afternoon, end of tour.

Included:

Accommodation for 4 nights

Meals as specified in the itinerary

AdvenTour tour leader/driver, local guides

All activities as per itinerary with all entry fees

All transfers in Batumi in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles

EASTERN TURKEY EXTENSION (year round)

Round up your Caucasus experience with Eastern Turkey extension. The legendary final resting place of Noah's Ark, Mount Ararat dominates our journey towards the town of Kars, where we visit the ancient Armenian capital of Ani. Continue via the sumptuous splendour of Isak Pasha Palace to Lake Van where to visit Aktamar Island and 10th century church of the Holy Cross.

Day 1

Kars

Breakfast at hotel and part of the group taking Eastern Turkey extension starts the journey to the Turkish border. Meet your local guide at the border and change cars. Drive across a landscape dominated by the towering presence of Mount Ararat and reach Kars.

Overnight: Hotel in Kars

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 2

Kars and ruins of Ani

City tour of Kars including some of its major historical sites - the citadel, Church of St. Gregory and Ethnography Museum containing samples of jewellery, kilims, ancient pottery and some fascinating reminders of Russian and Armenian influences. Proceed to the ruins of Ani, the capital of Armenian kingdom and an important trading point at the great Silk Road. Parts of the citadel and the Cathedral still remain and many ruined churches still retain some of their remarkable decorations and wall paintings (Church of St Gregory, Tigran Honentz) despite having been exposed to the elements for centuries. Back to Kars, rest and overnight.

Overnight: Hotel in Kars

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 3

Van via Dogubeyazet

After breakfast drive to Dogu Beyazet and visit the spectacular Ishak Pasha Palace. It has an eclectic mix of Armenian, Georgian, Ottoman, Persian and Selçuk architectural styles and was said to contain 366 rooms, one for each day of the year. Proceed to explore the nearby bas-reliefs of what is believed to have been an Urartian Citadel, dating from the 9th century BC. After lunch we continue via the cascading Bendimaahi Falls near Muradiye and arrive at the town of Van, lying on the eastern shores of Lake Van. Overnight at hotel in Van.

Overnight: Hotel in Van

Meal plan: Breakfast

Day 4

Van and Akhtamar Island

After breakfast drive to the dramatic Kurdish fortress at Hosap, an impressive site - a medieval stronghold that dominates the village and was built in the 17th century by the order of Suleyman Bey. Boat trip on Lake Van to Aktamar Island. Seven times the size of Lake Geneva, Lake Van is the largest lake in Turkey and the largest saline lake in the world. We will visit Akdamar Island and its Church of the Holy Cross, a superb example of medieval Armenian architecture. Set against the spectacular backdrop of the lake it still retains its majesty, enhanced by the startling diversity of its exterior reliefs and *kachkars*, Armenian cross-stones. After lunch with Van Tarekh, the only type of fish which survives in salty waters of the lake we return to Van. Visit the Rock of Van towering above the old city of Van and supporting the imposing mass of the castle built by Urartian King Sardur I and the tomb of King Argishti.

Overnight: Hotel in Van

Meal plan: Breakfast

Included:

Accommodation for 4 nights

Meals as specified in the itinerary

Local tour leader / driver

All activities as per itinerary with all entry fees

All transfers in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles

Tour Notes

1. Special notes

The information in these Special Notes covers the average range of conditions likely to be found on this trip. In remote destinations unexpected conditions can prevail at any time, and all adventurous holidays can therefore be subject to unexpected changes; in order to enjoy them you should be prepared to be flexible where necessary.

2. Travel health and insurance

No vaccination is required for traveling in the Caucasus. The region's climate is very pleasant, with no health risks. Water is very clean and safe. However, travelers usually prefer bottled spring and mineral water, which can be found in shops and supermarkets.

There are registered pharmacies in all cities and towns with all basic medications. Travelers with special needs are advised to take a supply of those medications that they are likely to require. Medical facilities are numerous with many qualified doctors practicing in all specialties. Doctors and hospitals often expect cash payment for their services. Travelers are advised to consult their medical insurance company prior to traveling to confirm whether their policy applies overseas and covers emergency expenses such as medical evacuation. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that it cover medical expenses including emergency repatriation and personal liability. We also strongly recommend that the policy cover loss of luggage and personal effects.

3. Physical preparation and tour grade

There will be no extreme fitness requirements and rough traveling. Some of the natural and historical sites we visit will require fair amount of walking with options for more keen travelers and nature explorers. A normal level of fitness will be expected and will certainly help enhance the opportunities to enjoy the trip.

4. Money

You will need to allow enough money for meals as well as optional activities. An average meal in a restaurant should cost between EUR 8-10. Tipping is customized and not compulsory. You should be aware that Caucasus is still a cash-only economy and credit cards are not accepted in the majority of shops and restaurants. There are several ATM machines in major cities where you can obtain cash.

5. Communication during the tour

If you need to be contacted while traveling we recommend that you set up an email address that can be accessed on the road. Email cafes are common and are the preferred way for our leaders and travelers to stay in touch.

If someone wishes to contact you in an emergency while you are on an AdvenTour trip we recommend that they contact our operator by phone + 374 10 48 22 71 or E-mail: adventour@netsys.am.

6. Accommodation

We choose hotels/guesthouses that combine comfort and great service with unique ambiance and appreciation of the natural beauty of a region. The emphasis is on location and practicality.

Our tours are based on 3 star properties. In capital cities and other places where higher-class accommodation is available you can upgrade if you wish. Your tour leader will help arrange this and the extra cost will be paid by you. In areas where hotels are not available, particularly in small towns in the regions, the group will stay at a local guesthouse (often with shared facilities). Some campsites we stay in are equipped with showers, toilets, electricity and a common eating area. Where no campsites are available we go wild camping (no facilities). These are limited to once or twice a tour and are in areas where you can enjoy the scenery. All other nights will be in campsites/hotels as described above.

Single Supplement

Should you want more privacy during your trip, you can upgrade by the requesting your own room, often at a little extra cost.

Pre / Post-Tour Accommodation

If you require additional accommodation either before or after the trip, we can book this for you. Please contact AdvenTour for current prices.

7. Transport and private transfers

The mode of transport we use is chosen to suit the environmental aspects and local infrastructure. During tours we use comfortable, air-conditioned cars, minibuses and buses as well as some local transport that is well-maintained and supplied with a first-aid kit. In fact, we often use more than one type of transport per trip. And just in case you are wondering – we also travel by foot.

Airport transfers are not included in the cost of the trip. Please, let us know at the time of booking if you would like us to arrange a private transfer for you.

8. Staff and support

While on AdvenTour trips, you will be accompanied by a tour leader/driver. The tour leader is in charge of general organization of your trip making sure that you have a most enjoyable time. He/she has broad general knowledge of the places visited, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. The tour leader is able to provide suggestions on what to do and see and can recommend great local eating venues. Local guides are an important part of AdvenTour team, they are trained by us and support our groups in sites and locations where their special knowledge of the trails, particular activities or communities will add to the enjoyment of the tour.

9. Meals

The tour cost includes bed and breakfast in the hotels and guesthouses. Meals, when included, will feature local cuisine. For other meals, you are left to choose what and where to eat, though your tour leader will be on hand to suggest venues and arrange where necessary. This can be one of the great joys of this trip as the food in Armenia is superb. Vegetarians should have no problems on this tour.

10. Laundry

Facilities are offered by most hotels for a charge.

11. Visas

Citizens of EU, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and a number of other countries can obtain Armenian visa upon arrival at the airport or land border. All other nationals are advised to consult Armenian Embassy in their country of residence. Georgian visa is not required for EU, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand citizens. All other national are advised to consult the Georgian Embassy in their country of residence. Turkish visa is obtained upon arrival at the airport or land border. Iranian visa support is provided by AdvenTour through local partners in Iran. Visa regulations can and do change without notice. Please check the current regulations in good time to obtain a visa if one is required.

12. Travel luggage

Because of limited luggage space on transfer vehicles, we limit each passenger to ONE main suitcase or frameless backpack (the size not more than 75cm x 45cm x 25cm, the weight no more than 20 kg) and one day bag. The daypack is practical for keeping general items (e.g. camera, books, wallets etc.) at hand when your main pack is out of reach. Please note many hotels in the regions do not have porters and you will need to carry your own luggage.

Travel tip 1: On some tours, if you wish, it is possible to leave surplus clothes and other personal equipment in hotels where you will return after your circular trip. Please bring a small bag to pack excess items in and leave the bag at the hotel. Mark your luggage with your name and arrival date. Please ask your tour leader to advise where this may be possible / advisable.

Travel tip 2: You might be tempted to buy a few souvenirs here and there, so leave a little room for those extra purchases!

13. Safety

We always recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while traveling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, cash and other valuable items. All the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which can be used to store your valuables.

14. Responsible tourism

Tourism can be a real help to local communities providing income, positive cultural exchanges and the financial incentive to protect the natural environment. Our trips are designed to use family-based guesthouses in the regions, buy local food, hire local guides, drivers and rent trucks to ensure that as much money as possible is retained within the local economies.

15. Feedback

After your travel, we would like to hear from you. Within two weeks after your departure we will send you a feedback form to complete.

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