

IRAN W/ SOUTH CAUCASUS

IRAN, ARMENIA AND GEORGIA

April 05 - 19, 2018

USD 5,388/person

DAY 01 05 APR (THU) DEPART MANILA

DAY 02 06 APR (FRI) ARRIVE SHIRAZ, IRAN

Early morning arrival and transfer to hotel. Rest then commence tour of Shiraz, city of roses and nightingales. Sightseeing includes **Ali ibn-e Hamze Mausoleum, tomb of Hafez and Saadi, Nasir Ol Molk Mosque** (aka Pink Mosque), **Eram Garden** (UNESCO World Heritage), **Karimkhan Citadel** and **Narenjestan Garden**.

DAY 03 07 APR (SAT) PERSEPOLIS

Depart for an excursion to ancient **Persepolis** (UNESCO World Heritage) and **Naghsh-e Rostam**, a necropolis during the Achaemenid Empire. Via **Naghsh-e Rajab** on the way back to Shiraz and enjoy a stroll in **Vakil Bazaar**. Overnight Shiraz.

DAY 04 08 APR (SUN) SHIRAZ / PASARGADAE / ISFAHAN

Leave Shiraz for Isfahan with a stop at another UNESCO World Heritage site, the **Pasargadae**, first capital of the Achaemenid Empire.

DAY 05 09 APR (MON) ISFAHAN

Our full day tour of Isfahan to explore more Persian wonders: the **Naqsh-e Jahan Square** (UNESCO World Heritage), **Imam Mosque, Sheikh Lotfullah Mosque, Ali Qapu Palace, Chehel Sotoun Palace, Gheysariyeh Bazaar, Chedel Sotoun** (UNESCO World Heritage) the **Atashgah Fire Temple** and historical bridges. Back to hotel for rest and overnight.

DAY 06 10 APR (TUE) ISFAHAN / TEHRAN

Depart Isfahan. Visit **Vank Cathedral** in Jolfa and **Jameh Mosque** then take a flight to Tehran. Upon arrival we cross the beautiful Nature (Tabiat) Bridge which connects the Teleghani Nature Park and Abo Atash Park, and enjoy one of the best modern sights of Iran. Overnight Tehran.

DAY 07 11 APR (WED) TEHRAN

Full day sightseeing tour of **Tehran**, Iran's capital since Qajar Era. Tehran is sharply divided between North and South. See the **Golestan Palace, Archaeological (National) Museum** and **Glass & Ceramic Museum**.

DAY 08 12 APR (THU) TEHRAN / YEREVAN, ARMENIA

Transfer to the airport for departure to Yerevan. Time to rest before dinner and overnight.

DAY 09 13 APR (FRI) YEREVAN / ECHMIADZIN

Proceed to various main points of interest in **Yerevan: Republic Square, Cascade** and **Opera House**. Drive to **Echmiadzin Cathedral**, one of the oldest standing churches in Christendom. After lunch visit **St. Hripsime Church** (UNESCO World Heritage), **Garni Temple** and the **Geghard Monastery**.

DAY 10 14 APR (SAT) KHOR VIRAP / NORAVANK

Excursion tour to **Khor Virap Monastery**, set against **Ararat Mountain**, widely accepted in Christianity as the resting place of **Noah's Ark**. Proceed to **Noravank Monastery** before heading back to Yerevan.

DAY 11 15 APR (SUN) LAKE SEVAN / HAGHPAT / SADAKHLO / TBILISI, GEORGIA

Check out of hotel then drive to **Lake Sevan** to visit **Sevanavank Monastery** and **Haghpat Monastery** (UNESCO World Heritage). Continue to Armenian-Georgian border for transfer to Tbilisi.

DAY 12 16 APR (MON) TBILISI / MTSKHETA / GORI / UPLISTSIKHE

Explore **Mtskheta**. Visit **Jvari Monastery** and **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral** where the Robe of Christ is said to be buried. Drive along the **Great Silk Road** to the town of **Gori** and see **Stalin's Museum** and birthplace. Walk along ancient streets of **Uplistsikhe** cave town before going back to Tbilisi.

DAY 13 17 APR (TUE) ANANURI

Head to the **Ananuri fortress**, one of the most attractive sights along the Georgian military highway. Then back to Tbilisi to visit the **National Gallery, Rustaveli Avenue, Metekhi Church, Sinagogue, Sioni Church** and have a photo stop at the ruins of **Fire Temple**. Time permitting, have a chance to enjoy a Tbilisi panoramic tour and reach **Narikala Fortress** by Cable Car, photo stop again at **Hamam** and visit the **Holy Trinity Cathedral**.

DAY 14 18 APR (WED) DEPART TBILISI

Check out today for flight back home.

EXCLUSIONS:

- Visa processing Fee
- Any other items not mentioned

INCLUSIONS:

- RT International Airfare
- 4-star hotel accommodation
 - Full board Meals
- English Speaking Guide
 - Tips and gratuities
 - Travel insurance
- Filipino Tour Escort
 - Taxes

IMPORTANT:

- USD 1,000 non-refundable deposit is required for reservation
- Minimum 20 passengers