

Travel Tips

HIGHLIGHTS OF GEORGIA & ARMENIA

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

****Please check your own country's international travel advice as well as the airline requirements before travel.****

US guests: See the U.S. State Department's website for Armenia and Georgia entry and travel updates:

Armenia: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Armenia.html>

Georgia: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Georgia.html>

PASSPORTS

Your passport should be valid for at least six months beyond the period of stay. Please be sure to fill out the "Emergency Next of Kin" section in your passport.

VISAS

Armenia: UK, US, Canadian, Australian and most EU citizens may enter Armenia without a visa for up to 180 days within a year. For other nationalities, check with the Armenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <https://www.mfa.am/en/visa/>

Georgia: UK, US, Canadian, Australian and most EU citizens do not need a visa for stays up to one year. Check specific eligibility here: <https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en/visaInformation>

All travelers must have sufficient funds and a return airline ticket.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

All passengers must have valid travel insurance before traveling, including health and cancellation insurance. Please ensure you have a copy of your insurer's 24-hour emergency telephone number and your policy number.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS & PERSONAL MEDICATION

Please advise us before travel if you have any medical conditions requiring special attention during your trip. If you have a specific medical condition, it is wise to carry the relevant doctor's prescription with you.

TRAVELLING WITH CPAP OR OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES

If you require CPAP or similar medical equipment, please notify The Big Journey Company at the time of booking. If distilled or ionised water is required, please let us know in advance so that our ground agents can prepare. Additional charges may apply.

LUGGAGE

What to Pack and Wear:

We would recommend comfortable clothes and shoes for this tour. Feel free to include a smart-casual outfit for dinner if you wish, however there is no pressure to follow a dress code.

Travelling in summer, the weather should largely be warm and sunny throughout the journey, however it is always good to be prepared for every eventuality, so make sure you pack a light jacket in case of rain and the fact that it may be cooler in the evening. Insect repellent and sun cream are also essential items. Don't forget your camera, with charger/spare batteries and memory cards.

Travelling in winter, be prepared for the cold and to wrap up. Good boots, jumpers, winter coats, as well as hats, scarves and gloves are recommended.

Luggage Allowances:

International airlines are often strict about the size and weight of checked in baggage and carry-on luggage. Prior to your departure, please contact your airline or visit their website for specific luggage requirements, as size and weight limitations may

vary according to the airline and destination.

LANGUAGE

The official language of Armenia is Armenian. In Georgia, it is Georgian. Russian and English are also spoken to varying degrees, particularly in tourist areas.

TIME ZONE

Armenia: GMT+4

Georgia: GMT+4

WEATHER

The weather in Armenia and Georgia in the summer months is typically warm to hot, with average daily highs ranging from 25–35°C (77–95°F), especially in lowland areas. Spring and autumn are mild and pleasant. Winters can be cold, particularly in mountainous regions.

ELECTRICITY

In both Armenia and Georgia, the standard voltage is 230V and the frequency is 50Hz. You will need a European plug adapter (types C and F), and/or a voltage converter depending on which electrical appliances you bring with you.

MOBILES & INTERNET COMMUNICATION

Mobile coverage is generally good across both countries, especially in cities and towns. In rural or mountainous areas, signal may fluctuate. Wi-Fi is widely available in hotels and restaurants. Please check data roaming charges for Armenia and Georgia with your service provider before leaving home as these can quickly become very expensive.

MONEY

Currency:

Armenia uses the Armenian Dram (AMD)

Georgia uses the Georgian Lari (GEL)

Credit cards are widely accepted in larger cities and hotels, but in smaller towns and rural areas, cash is preferred. ATMs are available in urban areas. Visa and Mastercard are commonly accepted, though American Express may not be widely supported.

If you intend to use your debit or credit cards whilst away, please contact your bank before you leave to inform them that you will be travelling. You may be asked to provide ID if you cannot pay by chip and PIN.

Gratuities:

After feedback from previous guests, we offer a group tipping package for this tour. More information on this will be shared in the 'Pre-Tour Emails'.

WATER

Tap water in both Armenia and Georgia is generally safe to drink in major cities, but bottled water is widely available and may be preferred by those with sensitive stomachs or when travelling in remote areas.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Both Armenia and Georgia are considered generally safe for tourists. As visitors, tourists may be more vulnerable to petty crimes like pickpocketing and scams, so we recommend staying aware and taking simple precautions.

RELIGION

Armenia is predominantly Christian, with the Armenian Apostolic Church being the national church.

Georgia is also predominantly Christian, primarily Georgian Orthodox.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Armenia and Georgia are full of scenic landscapes, ancient churches, and cultural landmarks.

- Pack your camera, charger, spare batteries and memory cards
- Ask for permission before photographing people

- Be respectful in churches and religious sites—some may prohibit flash or photography entirely

ARRIVAL IN ARMENIA & GEORGIA

Please note, standard hotel check-in is around 3pm. If arriving earlier than this, your room may not be available upon arrival. For those arriving early morning, we do everything we can to work with the hotel to get you an earlier check-in subject to availability.

For further questions, contact us at: info@thebigjourneycompany.com

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