



Viiden maan kierros 16.9.2008 — 2.10.2008

Turkki — Georgia — Armenia — Iran — Azerbaidzan

Istanbulista Iraniin Persepolisiin käy matkamme. Matkustamme omalla bussilla Turkin halki Armeniaan, Georgiaan, Iraniin ja Azerbaidzaniin. Välin Turkin Trabzonista Georgian Batumiin kuljemme paikallisbussilla. Koska välimatkat ovat pitkät, teemme myös muutaman lentomatkan.

Lennämme tiistaina 16.9.2008 Malevin koneella Budapestin kautta Istanbuliin, jossa matkanjärjestäjämme ja oppaamme Fayez Al-Tabbaa on meitä vastassa. Kotiin palaamme Istanbulista torstaina 2.10.2008. Lentoaikataulut ovat

16.9. Helsinki-Budapest 09.30-10.55

16.9. Budapest-Istanbul 12.45-15.35

2.10. Istanbul-Budapest 15.35-16.30

2.10. Budapest- Helsinki 18.45-22.10

Matka toteutuu, mikäli osanottajamäärä on vähintään 10. Ilmoittautumiset pyydän mahdollisimman pian, kuitenkin viimeistään 15.6.2008. Lentomatkat olen varannut Matka-Vekasta. Edestakaisen lentomatkan hinta on 416 euroa/henkilö. Hinnat voivat hiukan muuttua, koska lentokenttäveroja ei vielä tiedetä tarkkaan. Laskutuslisä on 8 euroa. Matka-Vekka lähettää jokaiselle lähtijälle laskun lentomatka-

Varsinainen kiertomatka Istanbulista alkaen maksaa jaetussa kahden hengen huoneessa 2550 euroa, yhden hengen huoneessa 3100 euroa, jos meitä on vain 10-14 henkeä. Jos meitä on 15-20 henkeä, hinta jaetussa kahden hengen huoneessa on 2250 euroa, yhden hengen huoneessa 2800 euroa. Yksin matkustavan on varattava yhden hengen huone.

Pyydän ennakkomaksuna 50% kiertomatkan hinnasta tililleni Nordeaan 117335-24586 viimeistään 1.8.2008. Jos matka peruutetaan kaksi viikkoa ennen lähtöä tai myöhemmin, ennakkoa ei makseta takaisin. Sitä ennen peruutetusta matkasta saa puolet takaisin. Loppu maksetaan Turkkiin saavuttuamme Fayez Al-Tabbaalle. Hintaan sisältyvät hotellit aamiaisineen ja muut matkaohjelmassa mainitut ateriat (ei juomia), kuljetukset, sisäänpääsymaksut mainittuihin kohteisiin ja oppaan englanninkieliset palvelut. Hintaan eivät sisälly juomarahat oppaille, kuljettajille ym. Niitä varten pyydän varaamaan 100 euroa. Hintaan ei myöskään sisälly Iranin viisumi.

Matkalla ei ole suomenkielistä opastusta. Muistakaa ottaa matkavakuutus!

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TURKEY – GEORGIA – ARMENIA – IRAN – AZERBAIJAN TOUR
16 NIGHTS 17 DAYS
SPECIAL GROUP

Day 1	Tue	16.9.	Helsinki – İstanbul	Day 10	Thu	25.9.	Yerevan – Tabriz
Day 2	Wed	17.9.	İstanbul – Ankara – Cappadocia	Day 11	Fri	26.9.	Tabriz
Day 3	Thu	18.9.	Cappadocia	Day 12	Sat	27.9.	Tabriz – Tehran
Day 4	Fri	19.9.	Cappadocia – Çorum – Samsun	Day 13	Sun	28.9.	Tehran – Shiraz
Day 5	Sat	20.9.	Trabzon	Day 14	Mon	29.9.	Shiraz – Tehran – Baku
Day 6	Sun	21.9.	Trabzon – Batumi	Day 15	Tue	30.9.	Baku
Day 7	Mon	22.9.	Batumi – Tbilisi	Day 16	Wed	1.10.	Baku – İstanbul
Day 8	Tue	23.9.	Tbilisi – Lake Sevan – Yerevan	Day 17	Thu	2.10.	İstanbul – Helsinki
Day 9	Wed	24.9.	Yerevan – Garni & Geghard				



DAY 1 Tuesday, İSTANBUL

Meet at the airport. Transfer to Hotel at The Sultanahmet old city. Check in hotel. Day is free.

DAY 2 Wednesday, İSTANBUL – ANKARA – CAPPADOCIA

After early breakfast drive to Cappadocia on the highway. Arrive to Ankara, Capital of Turkey. Visit the [Anatolian Civilization Museum](#), [Museum and Mausoleum of Atatürk](#). Depart to Cappadocia. Check in hotel. Dinner at hotel.

DAY 3 Thursday, CAPPADOCIA

Our tour starts from your hotel in the morning, we'll drive to Devrent valley where the geographical formations remind us a place of another planet. Then in Pasabagi, we'll take a stroll among the amazing fairy chimneys of Cappadocia. From here we'll drive to Avanos to have our lunch. After having our lunch we leave from Avanos to see the most beautiful examples of Byzantine art in [Göreme Open Air Museum](#). Then we drive to [Uçhisar](#) castle, the highest point of the region, where we have a fabulous panoramic view over Cappadocia. Overnight at hotel.



DAY 4 Friday, CAPPADOCIA – ÇORUM – SAMSUN

After breakfast drive to [Çorum](#). Visit the ancient [Hittite Capital city Hattuşaş](#). Drive to [Samsun](#). Check in hotel. Dinner at hotel.

DAY 5 Saturday, TRABZON

After breakfast drive to [Trabzon](#). Visit the [Sumela Monastery](#) which was built on the top of the mountain. Trabzon city tour. Check in hotel. Dinner at hotel.



DAY 6 Sunday, TRABZON – BATUMİ

After breakfast your guide will take you to Main bus station. Take the regular bus to Batumi, 160 km. Meet by your Georgian guide at Batumi Main bus station. [Batumi](#) city tour. Check in hotel. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 7 Monday, BATUMI – TBILISI

After breakfast drive to Tbilisi, Capital of Georgia. [Tbilisi](#) city tour. Check in hotel. Overnight at hotel.



DAY 8 Tuesday, TBILISI – LAKE SEVAN – YEREVAN

After the breakfast drive to Georgia-Armenia border. Coach change.

Trip to [Sevan Lake](#) - pearl of Armenia. Peninsula and churches of Sevan.

Sevan, this wonder of nature, is 60 km from Yerevan on a highway which cuts northward through mountains and rocks. Sevan is so austere and majestic that the gentle turquoise waters are astonishing. They fill the gigantic depression situated at the height of almost 2000 m above sea level.

Sevan, with its pure air and sandy beaches, is a popular holiday resort. Sevan has always been famous for its fish "[Ishkhan](#)" which means "[prince-fish](#)" in Armenian. The fish has graced many Lords' tables in old times. One of the most interesting sites in Sevan is the monastery on the rocky peninsula founded in 874 AD by [King Ashot I](#) and his daughter Mariam. Other monuments include [Sevan Monastery](#) (874 AD) and [Astvatsatsin Church](#). Drive to Yerevan. Check in hotel.

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DAY 9 Wednesday, YEREVAN CITY TOUR – GARNI & GEGHARD

Breakfast at hotel.

Yerevan city tour:

Yerevan is the capital of Armenia and one of the oldest cities in the world. It stretches under the gaze of [biblical mountain Ararat](#) and resembles a beautiful gilt bowl to those flying over it. A basalt slab with an [Urartu](#) cuneiform inscription, unearthed by archaeologists in the south-eastern part of the city shows the age of [Yerevan](#) to be 2783 years old. Modern Yerevan is mostly a rebuilt colorful city with buildings of unique architecture, constructed from basalt, marble, onyx and volcanic tufa stone and it is a contemporary to such ancient metropolises as [Babylon](#) and [Nineveh](#).



“[Mayr-Hayastan](#)” (panoramic view of Yerevan), [Matenadaran](#) (Depository and Museum of Ancient Manuscripts):

The Matenadaran is one of the oldest and richest book-depositories in the world. Its collection of about 17,000 manuscripts includes almost all of the areas of ancient and medieval Armenian culture and sciences – history, geography, grammar, philosophy, law, medicine, mathematics, [cosmography](#), theory of calendar, alchemy, chemistry, translations, literature, chronology, art history, miniature, music and theatre, as well as manuscripts in Arabic, Persian, Greek, Syrian, Latin, Ethiopian, Indian, Japanese and others.

Street tour including Republic Square, [Yerevan State University](#), Victory Bridge, Sports & Concerts complex, Kiev Bridge, Parliament, Palace of President, Academy of Sciences, Opera house. [State Museum of History of Armenia](#):

The Museum was founded in 1919 by governmental decree of the First Republic of Armenia. The doors first opened to visitors in 1921. It is one of the world's greatest repositories of Armenian art. Its vast collections, comprising about 400,000 items, represent Armenia's material culture from the remote past to the present day. The famous personalities of Armenian science and culture contributed much in founding the Museum and in compiling the first collections for the Museum. The oldest materials in the State Museum's collections reflect all phases of the Palaeolithic period, beginning from over one million years ago to the Mesolithic (12,000-8,000 years ago) and the Neolithic (eighth-fifth millennium BC) periods.



Half-day trip to [Garni Pagan Temple and Geghard Monastery](#).

This pagan temple was built in 1st. c. AC and was devoted to one of the Armenian Pagan Gods - Mitra. After Armenia converted to Christianity in the 4th c., the rulers of the country used the temple as their summer residence. King Khosrov stayed there often as the area was his favorite hunting ground. Garni was destroyed when the Arabs conquered Armenia but was rebuilt in the beginning of the 10th c. Its final destruction came in 1638 during the Turkish invasion. A violent earthquake buried what remained from it in 1679. The complete restoration of the temple began

in 1970 and was over in 1978. The temple consists of dwellings and bath quarters built in the 3rd century in the Roman style. The fantastic landscape of Garni canyon shakes the human imagination.

Proceed to Geghard Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage):

Geghard was initially known simply as Ayrivank (Cave Monastery). The present buildings comprising it date back to 10-13th cc., at which time it was renamed as Geghard meaning "lance" (spear) in Armenian. The name refers to the biblical lance used by a Roman soldier to pierce Christ's body to find out if he was alive or not. The lance was kept in Geghard for a long time before being moved to the museum of [Echmiadzin Cathedral](#). The main church, constructed in 1215, is the oldest building in the monastery complex. Avazan church, 1283, is carved right into the solid rock and is an incomparable work of art. It leads to a rectangular portico and then to another church deeper in the rock. Along the southern and eastern walls of the monastery, high above the valley, medieval dwellings appear. The monastery has withstood many assaults during a period of seven hundred years. Its walls have sheltered many scholars and it was revered throughout Armenia as one of the greatest spiritual and cultural centres in the country. Hundreds of [khachkars](#) (cross-stones) and caves are built in the rocks surrounding the Monastery. Overnight in Yerevan.

DAY 10 Thursday, YEREVAN – TABRIZ

After the breakfast drive to Iran border, 390 km. At the border change the coach. Meet by the Iranian English guide. Drive to Tabriz. Overnight at Tabriz.

DAY 11 Friday, TABRIZ

After breakfast full day [Tabriz](#) tour. Saint Serkis Church, Church Of St. Mary (Kelesa-Ye Maryam-E Moghaddas), The [Blue Mosque](#) (Or Masjid-E Kabud) [Ark-E Tabriz, Ark Or Citadel Of Tabriz](#), Bazaar, [Azarbaijan Museum](#). Overnight at Tabriz.

Day 12 Saturday, TABRIZ – TEHRAN

After early breakfast transfer to airport. Take early flight to Tehran. 07:55 09:05

Tehran City tour [Golestan Palace](#), [The National Museum of Iran](#), ([Glass museum](#), [Carpet museum](#)). After tour check in hotel. Overnight at Tehran.



DAY 13 Sunday, TEHRAN – SHIRAZ

After breakfast take a flight to [Shiraz](#) (departure between 6 to 8 AM.)

Upon arrival. Drive for [Persepolis](#) (53 km), stop at [Koran Gate](#), tomb and hermitage of Iranian poet and Mystic [Khajou Kermani](#) and Qajari [bas-relief](#) at the city entrance, then visit to Persepolis ([UNESCO's World Heritage Site](#)) and [Naghsh e Rostam](#) at north-west of Persepolis (6 km) to see the tombs of Achaemenid kings, Sassanian bas-reliefs, Kaba Zartosht (an ancient observatory). Return to Shiraz and visit to mausoleums of famous Iranian poets [Hafez](#) (Hafezieh) and [Saadi](#) (Saadieh), touring at Bazaar & Saray e Moshir. Overnight at Shiraz.



Day 14 Monday, SHIRAZ – TEHRAN – BAKU

After breakfast take a flight to Tehran. Arrive to Tehran. Tehran city tour including [Niavaran](#) and Sahebgheranieh palaces. Bazaar, [Reza Abbasi Museum](#). Check in hotel. Rest at the hotel.

00.00 Transfer to Airport. Take a flight to Baku at 02:55 Meet at the airport. Transfer to hotel.

Day 15 Tuesday, BAKU

Morning is free. Afternoon [Baku](#) sightseeing tour. Visit to Memory Alley – “Shehidler Khiyabany”, panoramic view of Baku city from the park. Boat trip in Caspian Sea Baku bay. Visit to [medieval fortress of Old Baku](#). Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 16 Wednesday, BAKU – ISTANBUL

After breakfast full day tour in Baku and around. “Icheri Sheher” 15-17 c.c., “Maiden Tower” – 9 c., the Complex of [Shirvan Shahs' Palace](#) -15 c. medieval Caravan Saray -15c., medieval Markets square, handmade carpet’s workshop art studio. Trip to the Absheron peninsula. Visit to flaming mountain – “Yanardag”, [Temple of Fire Worshipers’](#) – Free time walking in the central streets and Baku boulevard. Visit to the State Carpets museum. Transfer to Baku airport. Take a flight to Istanbul. Transfer to hotel. Check in hotel.



Day 17 Thursday, İSTANBUL – FINLAND

Transfer to İstanbul airport. Take the Finland flight. End of the tour.



TURKEY PART

1. All Transfers And Tours Mentioned On The Itinerary with 27 seat midibus
2. 2 Nights Accommodation At [Ambassador Hotel](#) in Istanbul or similar hotel BB
3. 2 Nights Accommodation At Cappadocia 4* [Dinler Hotel](#) HB
4. 1 Night Accommodation At [Buyuk Samsun hotel](#) 4* Samsun HB
5. 1 Night Accommodation At [Usta Hotel](#) 3* Trabzon
6. Bed And Breakfast Accommodation
7. 2 Dinners At Cappadocia Hotel
8. 1 Dinner at Samsun
9. Baku/ İstanbul Azarbeijan or THY Airlines Economy Ticket Ow
10. English Speaking Guide
11. Entrance Fees To Museums And Historical Places
12. Travel Insurance Which All Travel Agencies Must To Their Customers.
13. Trabzon- Batumi regular Bus ticket

GEORGIA PART

1. Hotel accommodations and overnight in Batumi and Tbilisi [Varazi Hotel](#) or similar HB
2. Full transportation and transfers in Georgia as specified in itinerary;
3. Guide-interpreter
4. Entrance fees to all sightseeing destinations
5. Local taxes

ARMENIA PART

1. Hotel accommodation and overnight in Yerevan (2 nights) [Ani Plaza Premium](#) 4* HB
2. Full transportation and transfers in Armenia as specified in itinerary;
3. Guide-interpreter;
4. Entrance fees to all sightseeing destinations;
5. Local taxes.

IRAN PART

1. Hotel accommodation and overnight in Tabriz (2 nights) HB 4*
2. Hotel accommodation and overnight in Tehran (1 night) HB 4*
3. Hotel accommodation and overnight in Shiraz (1 night) BB 4*
4. Full transportation and transfers in Iran as specified in itinerary
5. Tabriz-Tehran Air Iran flight ticket
6. Tehran-Shiraz Air Iran flight ticket
7. Shiraz-Tehran Air Iran flight ticket
8. Tehran-Ardabil or Tabriz flight ticket
9. Entrance fees to all sightseeing destinations
10. English Speaking Tour Guide/ Escort
11. Iranian Entry Visa Processing (Consular Fee not Included)
12. Porterage
13. Sightseeing & Excursion tours as mentioned on itinerary

AZERBAIJAN PART

1. Hotel accommodation and overnight in Baku (2 nights) HB [Absheron Hotel](#)
2. Full transportation and transfers in Azerbaijan as specified in itinerary
3. English Speaking Tour Guide
4. Entrance fees to all sightseeing destinations

Tour price from Istanbul Airport to Istanbul Airport

(Flight tickets Helsinki - Istanbul - Helsinki not included)

10-14 PAX

Per person in double room : 2550 €

Per person in sng room : 3100 €

15-20 PAX

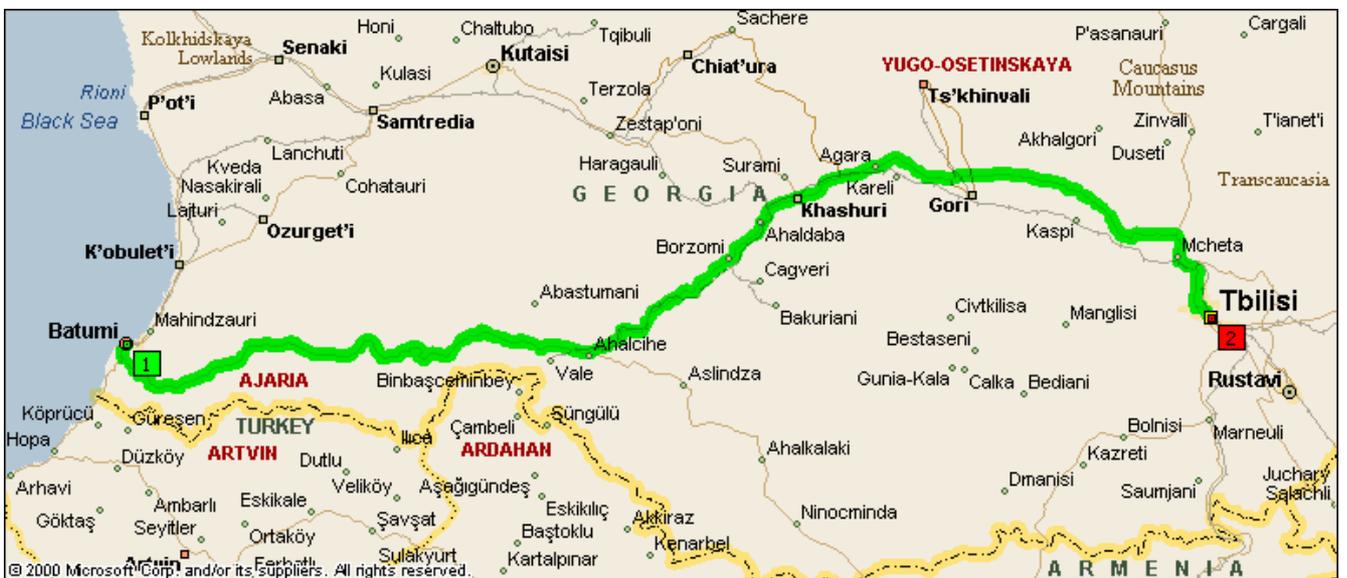
Per person in double room : 2250 €

Per person in sng room : 2800 €



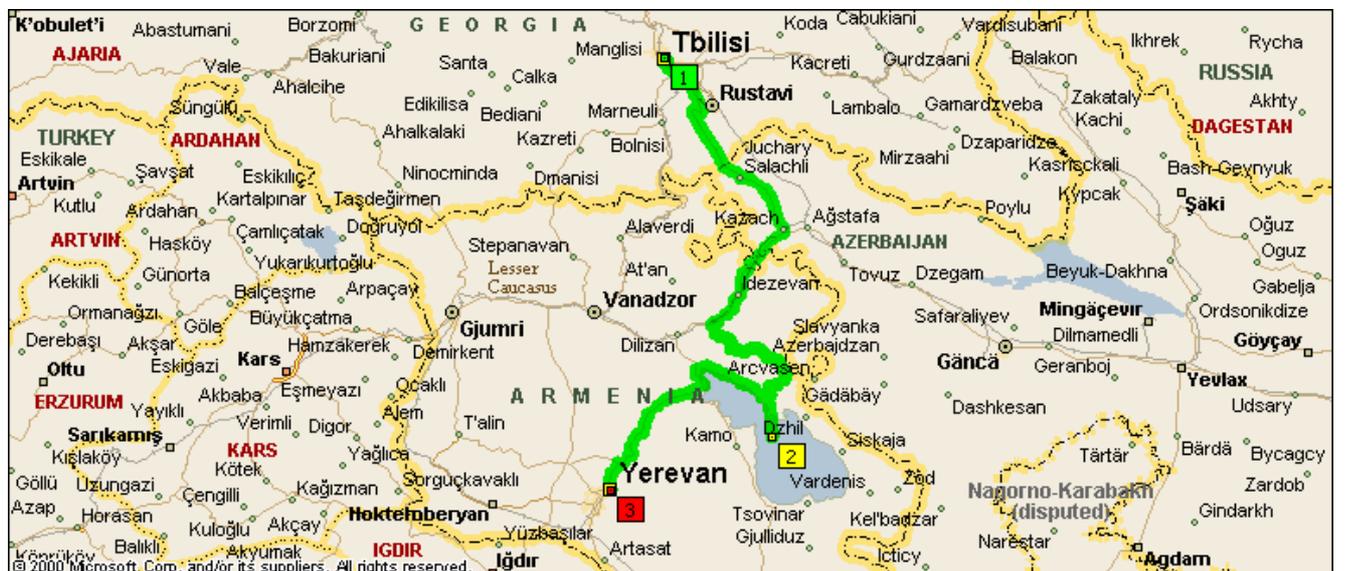
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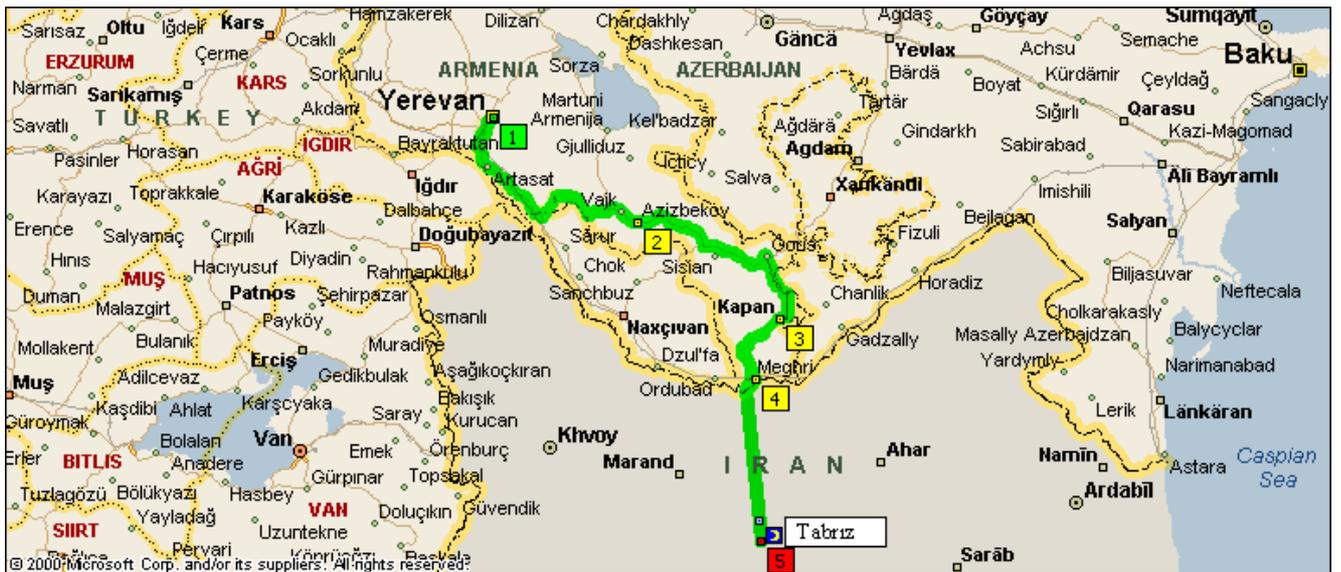
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BATUMİ / TBİLİSİ

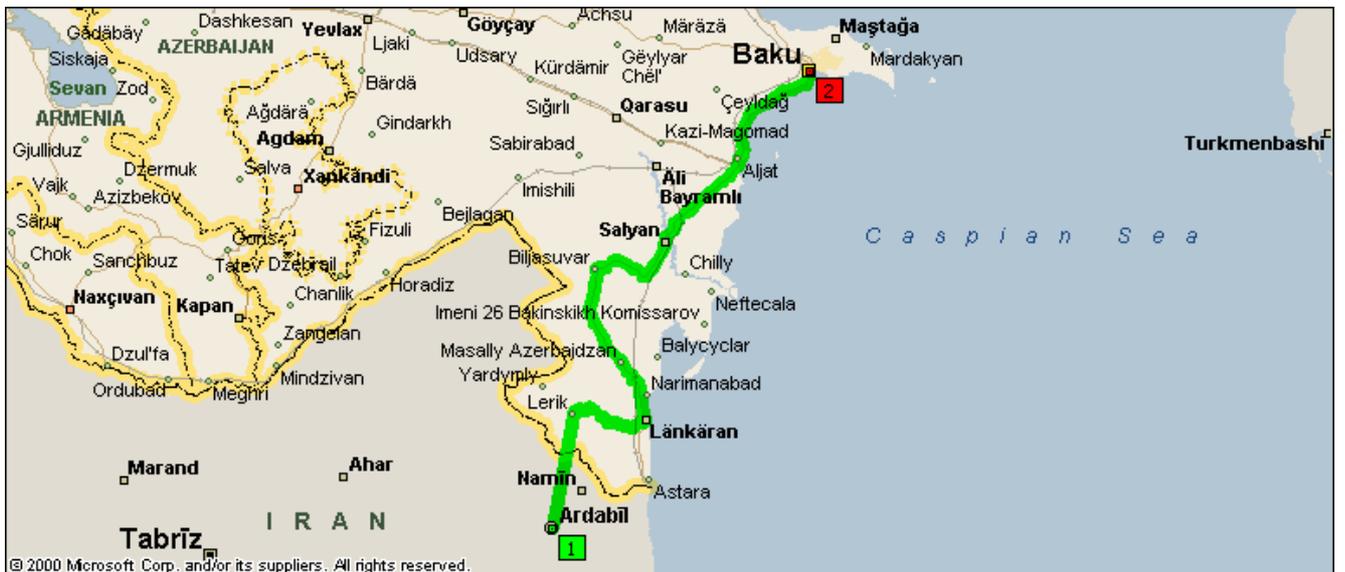


Summary: 324,9 kilometres

TBİLİSİ /LAKE SEVAN/YEREVAN



Summary: 420,7 kilometres
 YEREVAN/ MEGHRİ BORDER / TABRİZ



Summary: 372,8 kilometres
 ARDABİL / BAKU