

## *Georgia & Armenia with The Delegation for Friendship Among Women*

*Tbilisi ♦ Vardzia ♦ Signagi ♦ Yerevan*

*Travel Dates: October 15-29, 2018*



### **Brief Description**

This in-depth Delegation trip presents a slice of life in the Republic of Georgia and its neighbor, Armenia, which share stunning mountain backdrops, powerful stone architecture, and a strong code of hospitality. Contemporary life here is layered with centuries of epic struggles, unwavering persistence, unwritten rules of friendliness and hierarchy, and incredible accomplishments.

Go beyond the outward manifestations of culture and commerce, and discover the history and living traditions of these ancient peoples through interaction with the women – entrepreneurs, civil society leaders, health practitioners, artists, chefs, youth, and politicians.

In Georgia, we will meet prominent women, and participate in a roundtable discussion with members of the business association “Women of Tomorrow.” We’ll visit a woman-founded environmental NGO, an accomplished chef and an innovative natural winery.

In Armenia, we’ll meet with female politicians, the organizers of a charitable fund for the disadvantaged, and an Armenian woman who cooks a wonderful meal for us in her 170-year-old home using her grandmother’s recipes.

Add awe-inspiring UNESCO sites, a town dug out of living rock, the flourishing urban life of the capital cities. Tbilisi and Yerevan, the beauty and tranquility of a countryside entwined with grapevines, all set to a soundtrack of ancient spine-tingling polyphonic songs of love, longing and loyalty.

## **DRAFT Daily Itinerary**

Day 1, Mon, Oct 15 Arrive Tbilisi, Georgia

Day 2, Tue, Oct 16 Tbilisi

Day 3, Wed, Oct 17 Tbilisi

Day 4, Thu, Oct 18 Tbilisi

Day 5, Fri, Oct 19 Tbilisi Kazbegi via Mtshketa

Day 6, Sat, Oct 20 Kazbegi

Day 7, Sun, Oct 21 Kazbegi • Tbilisi via Gori, Uplistsikhe

Day 8, Mon, Oct 22 Tbilisi • Signagi

Day 9, Tue, Oct 23 Signagi • Tbilisi

Day 10, Wed, Oct 24 Tbilisi • Yerevan, Armenia via Lake Sevan Yerevan

Day 11, Thu, Oct 25 Yerevan

Day 12, Fri, Oct 26 Yerevan

Day 13, Sat, Oct 27 Yerevan • Echmiadzin & Zvartnots

Day 14, Sun, Oct 28 Yerevan • Ashtarak day trip

Day 15, Mon, Oct 29 Depart Yerevan

### **Cost: \$4500 double occupancy excluding roundtrip flight from the US**

Trip arrangements will be managed by MIR Corporation with the assistance of an in-country provider in each country. MIR Corp [www.mircorp.com/](http://www.mircorp.com/) has over 30 years of experience in providing travel in Russia and former Soviet states and boasts many industry awards. They can help individual delegates with travel from the U.S. through their airline partnerships flying into Tblisi and out Yeravan. Contact Anne Thorsteinson [annet@mircorp.com](mailto:annet@mircorp.com) toll free direct number: 855-691-7903.

Visas are not required for U.S. and EU passport holders to either Georgia or Armenia. Other nationalities may require visas, please inquire.

## REGISTRATION FORM

### *Georgia & Armenia with The Delegation for Friendship Among Women*

**DEADLINE for submission May 1, 2018 • \$500 Deposit Required**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone / Home:** \_\_\_\_ \_ **Mobile:** \_\_\_\_ \_

Age range (Circle one): 20-30; 30-40; 40-50; 50-60; 60-70; 70-80

This is my first Delegation trip (Circle one): Yes No

**Preferred Roommate:** \_\_\_\_\_

(If this is your first Delegation trip and you do not have a preference, you will be matched with an experienced delegate in your age range)

Hotels in Tblisi and Yeravan will be at the Marriott Hotels

#### **Please note, you will be asked to:**

- participate in two pre-trip telephone conference calls prior to departure;
- provide a brief one paragraph biographical/professional summary for the trip brochure;
- prepare for the trip and meetings through readings, websites, videos; and
- correspond with a possible “counterpart” prior to departure.

Trip-related materials will be provided on the Georgia/Armenia Resources page of the Delegation website [www.friendshipamongwomen.org/](http://www.friendshipamongwomen.org/). A Facebook page will be created for trip participants for questions, details and additional resources. Members are encouraged to add to the resources.

**Questions:** Holly Jobe [holly.job@gmail.com](mailto:holly.job@gmail.com) 215-479-7823

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PLEASE SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND DEPOSIT CHECK TO:  
Jill Christiansen, Treasurer • 540 South Park Road • Lagrange, Il. 60525

### Payment Details and Deadlines

Delegation Two-week trip to Armenia & Georgia

Travel Dates OCTOBER 15 – 29, 2018

**Please note:** The number of participants is limited to 16 people.

- Participation will be determined on a first come - first served basis and places held according to the date we receive your Registration Form.
- Delegates whose registration is received after the trip is full will be placed on a waiting list and informed should a place become available.

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**Total cost of trip**, *includes in-country travel, lodging & most meals; entrance fees, tips, gratuities, honoraria, Embassy reception, closing dinner and Mary Pomeroy Award* **\$4500.00**

#### DEADLINES

MAY 1, 2018. Deposit due with Registration Form **\$ 500.00**  
AUGUST 1, 2018. Balance of Trip Cost due **\$4000.00**

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#### Refunds and Cancellations

- Before MAY 15, 2018. \$250 of the deposit is refundable, after which date the deposit is forfeited and non-refundable.
- Before AUGUST 15, 2018. Full Trip Cost Balance amount is refundable, after which date the payment is forfeited and non-refundable. As of August first, a delegate is considered a trip participant; plans and commitments are made accordingly.
- After AUGUST 15, 2018. Should a delegate need to cancel, the Delegation will attempt to find a replacement. If a replacement is found, it is up to the two individual delegates involved to make financial arrangements for reimbursement.

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