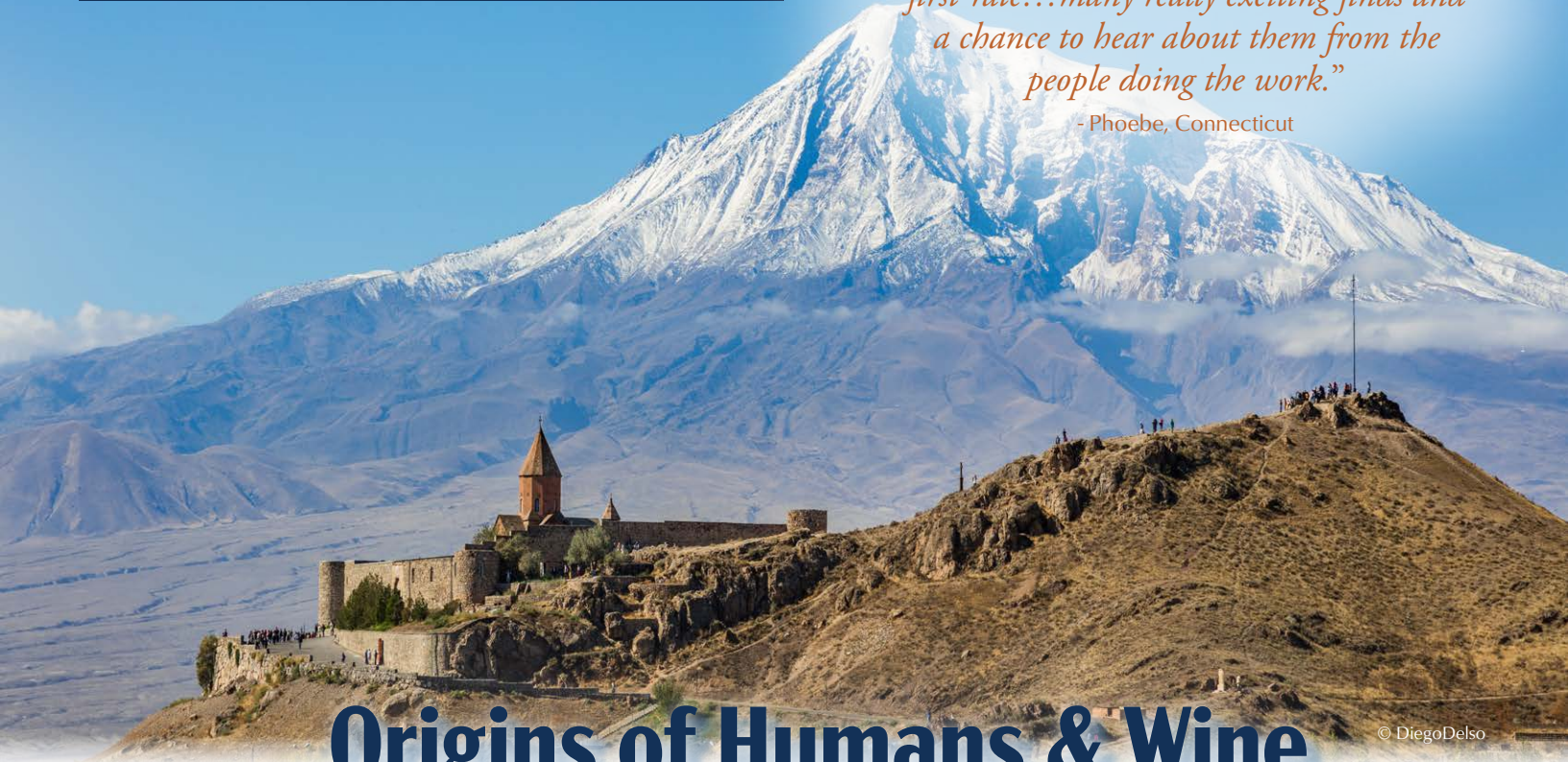




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Origins of Humans & Wine

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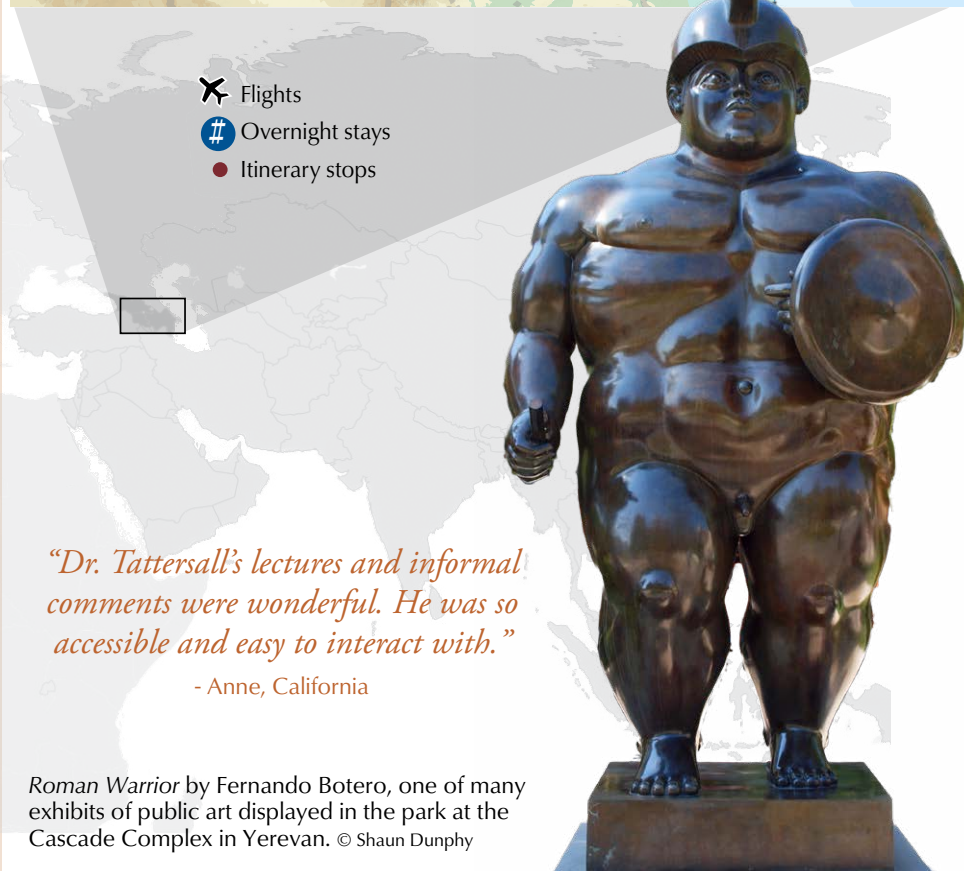


Ian Tattersall, American Museum of Natural History curator emeritus, is a renowned expert on biological anthropology and human evolution. He has lectured to acclaim on numerous expeditions to Africa, Europe, and Asia. Trained in geology as well as in archaeology

and anthropology, his field researches on living primates and his fossil studies have taken him to countries around the globe, including to the Caucasus. Dr. Tattersall co-curated the American Museum of Natural History's Spitzer Hall of Human Origins, and is the author of many technical and popular books. Of particular relevance to this itinerary are *Understanding Human Evolution*; *Masters of the Planet: The Search for Our Human Origins*; *The Strange Case of the Rickety Cossack and Other Cautionary Tales from Human Evolution*; and (with Rob DeSalle) *A Natural History of Wine*. Over the last two decades, and including two departures of this very AIA tour since 2021, Dr. Tattersall has accompanied several trips to the southern Caucasus, speaking principally about prehistory and the wine cultures of the region.

COVER: (top) Khor Virap Monastery, (bottom from left) Gobustan, Zvartnots Cathedral, Tibaani Vineyards.

Join us for an exciting trip back in time to explore early humankind and the 'cradle of wine' in the southern Caucasus. Learn about ancient winemaking techniques and sample the bounty of the region's vineyards. Explore medieval towns and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including prehistoric through early Christian complexes. Enjoy Georgia's famed hospitality, wherein a 'visitor is considered a gift from God.' This is a region of extraordinary contrasts, deep history, and cultural diversity.



- ✈ Flights
- # Overnight stays
- Itinerary stops

"Dr. Tattersall's lectures and informal comments were wonderful. He was so accessible and easy to interact with."

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Roman Warrior by Fernando Botero, one of many exhibits of public art displayed in the park at the Cascade Complex in Yerevan. © Shaun Dunphy



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Travel and learn with AIA lecturer/host Ian Tattersall, who is both a paleoanthropologist and an oenophile; plus a professional tour manager and local guides
- Visit impressive UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Baku's Old City, Shirvan Shah Palace complex, and 98-foot-tall Maiden Tower, plus the ancient petroglyphs of Gobustan, in Azerbaijan; Georgia's Mtskheta; and Armenia's Echmiadzin and Zvartnots Cathedral
- Learn about and sample wines at five different wineries: Azerbaijan's ASPI Winery in the Savalan Valley; Georgia's Tibaani Vineyards, Chateau Mukhrani winery, and a winery specializing in *quevri*-made wines; and Armenia's Areni Winery near the ancient Areni-1 cave complex
- Explore a variety of fascinating prehistoric through early Christian sites, including:
 - Dmanisi, a medieval town under which were found five 1.8-million-year-old *Homo* skulls
 - The cave complex of Areni-1, where a 6,000-year-old winery was discovered
 - Several of Georgia's oldest churches, including Bolnisi's Sioni Church, Tbilisi's 6th-century Anchiskhati Basilica, and Mtskheta's 11th-century Svetitskhoveli Cathedral
 - Impressive monasteries, including 6th-century Jvari, with one of the country's earliest (and one of its finest) churches
- Enjoy a large feast, known as a *supra*, by experiencing a Georgian Table covered with plates of delicacies balanced on top of each other plus countless toasts



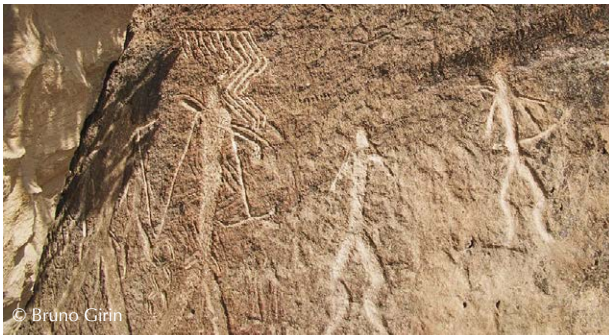
Maiden Tower at the Shirvan Shah Palace complex (Baku)



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PHOTOS (from top): Gobustan, National Museum of Azerbaijani Carpets (Baku), petroglyphs at Gobustan, textile (Tbilisi)

ITINERARY

(B)=Breakfast, (L)=Lunch, (R)=Reception, (D)=Dinner

Monday, October 14, 2024: Depart home on flights to Baku, AZERBAIJAN

Tuesday, October 15: Arrive Baku | Transfer to hotel | Welcome reception

Upon arrival at Baku Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD), you will be met and transferred to our hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome reception at the hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Hilton Baku](#) for two nights.* (R)

Wednesday, October 16: Baku walking tour: Old City, Shirvan Shah Palace, Maiden Tower, National Museum of Azerbaijani Carpets | Welcome dinner

This morning we embark on a walking tour of Azerbaijan's capital, Baku. Explore the Old City (Icheri Sheher), which is completely encircled by old city walls with their medieval gates, in the company of a local architect (schedule permitting) who recounts Baku's history and construction. On a hill above the Old City, the 13th- to 15th-century Shirvan Shah Palace complex encompasses the royal residence, mosques, and tombs, and is a highlight of Azerbaijani architecture. The Old City, Palace complex, and 98-foot-tall Maiden Tower are together a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Next we visit the National Museum of Azerbaijani Carpets, where vivid colors and bold designs of Azeri, Caucasian, and Iranian carpets are on display. In 2010, UNESCO added the traditional art of weaving Azerbaijani carpets to the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Return to our hotel or participate in an optional visit to Martyrs' Lane, set on a terraced hill above the harbor, which pays homage to the 137 people killed during the Black January of 1990, which marked the turning point in the country's drive toward independence. Gather for an introductory lecture followed by a welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 17: Gobustan | ASPI Winery | Sheki

This morning we check out of our hotel and drive to Gobustan, an important UNESCO World Heritage Site of ancient petroglyphs. Its carvings of men, women, animals, and artifacts give insight into details of daily life such as hunting, recreation, culture, and economy. An excellent site museum adds to the experience. Continue on to the Savalan Valley

for a wine tasting at ASPI Winery, which began in 2007 with the goal of reviving the art of winemaking in a region of the southern Caucasus known for wine since ancient times. Drive onward to Sheki, where we check-in to our hotel and then gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star Macara Sheki City Hotel.* (B,L,D)

Friday, October 18: Sheki walking tour | Alaverdi Monastery and Cathedral, GEORGIA | Tsinandali

After an early breakfast, check out of our hotel and enjoy a brief walk around Sheki, one of the oldest towns in Azerbaijan, founded some 2,700 years ago. The town is renowned for its carpets and its special type of sweet halvah. See the exterior of the mosaic-covered khan's summer palace with its brilliant stained-glass work, called *shebeke*, and the fortress that surrounds the palace. Explore some of Sheki's small gems, including the local crafts market and a bakery where we can sample baklava or halvah. Drive across the Lagodekhi border into the Kakheti region of Georgia. Proceed through customs formalities, change over to a Georgian motorcoach and, en route to Tsinandali, visit the Alaverdi Monastery complex and Alaverdi Cathedral, one of the tallest churches in Georgia and one of the most striking in its simplicity. Arrive in Tsinandali and check-in to our hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure, to enjoy on your own the hotel dining options, spa, and/or lounge areas. *Overnight at the 5-star The Tsinandali Estate, a Radisson Collection Hotel for two nights.* (B,L)

Saturday, October 19: Signagi | Tibaani Vineyards | Niko Pirosmeni House-Museum | Lost Ridge Brewery | Tsinandali

The Kakheti region is Georgia's most important wine-growing area. Set out for a visit to the hill town of Signagi, around which King Erekle II constructed a defensive wall in the 18th century. Wander the narrow streets and admire the richly-carved balconies and the green valleys below. Continue on to Tibaani Vineyards, owned by the Pheasant's Tears Winery, and enjoy a walk through the vineyards to see where the grapes are grown and to visit the cellars where the grapes are macerated and aged in huge ceramic vessels lined with beeswax. These vessels are called *qvevri*, and have been used for winemaking in this part of the world for more than 8,000 years. Also learn more about the production of organic wines from varietal grapes that grow well in the Kakhetian micro-region, and sample the region's wines. For lunch, enjoy a meal of traditional Georgian favorites at the on-site restaurant headed by chef Ketavan Mindorashvili, one of the country's rising female culinary stars, who is also a professional polyphonic singer! Visit (pending its re-opening) the modest Niko Pirosmeni House-Museum just outside of Signagi. Pirosmeni was (posthumously) the most famous Georgian artist of the 20th century. Our last visit of the day is to Lost Ridge Brewery, Georgia's first country craft brewery, where we enjoy a tasting of craft beers with snacks. Return to our hotel in Tsinandali for the evening at leisure. (B,L)

Sunday, October 20: Tsinandali: Alexander Chavchavadze Museum | Local winery | Tbilisi: Simon Janashia Museum of Georgia

Check out of our hotel and take a walk through the park to the House Museum of Alexander Chavchavadze, a 19th-century Georgian aristocrat and poet. Here, he and his father founded the first and foremost winery in Georgia, which still produces the dry, white Tsinandali wine. On our drive to Tbilisi we stop to visit the cellar of a local winemaker specializing in *qvevri*-made Georgian wines. Arriving in Tbilisi, we check-in to our hotel and walk to the nearby Simon Janashia Museum of Georgia, part of Georgia's National Museum, for a look at some



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A street in Baku's Old City

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of the country's most significant archaeological finds. The most famous exhibit may be the 1.8-million-year-old *Homo* skulls unearthed at Dmanisi, a site that we will visit later in the program. Enjoy the evening at leisure. *Overnight at the 5-star [Tbilisi Marriott Hotel](#) for five nights.* (B,L)

Monday, October 21: Tbilisi walking tour: Anchiskhati Basilica, sulfur baths, Sololaki District, Kebzari Jewelry Workshop & Educational Center

Enjoy a full-day tour of Tbilisi, beginning in the red-roofed Old Town. Visit the 6th-century Anchiskhati Basilica, the city's oldest church, and then walk to see the sulfur baths. Hot springs lie just under the surface in the Old Town. The earliest sulfur baths were probably built during Arab rule in the 7th or 8th centuries, but most of the baths in use today were built in the 17th century. Explore the art nouveau Sololaki District, built in the 19th and early 20th centuries by Georgian and European architects. In recent years, many of Sololaki's beautifully-decorated façades have been renovated, and a growing number of hip cafés and restaurants has transformed it into the city's up-and-coming restaurant district. Our last stop of the afternoon is at designer Nino Mamulashvili's Kebzari Jewelry Workshop and Educational Center. Nino's designs feature beautiful pieces of jewelry that combine traditional aesthetics with modern touches and are inspired by the historical artifacts found in the Caucasus. Learn firsthand how they are manufactured in the workshop and enjoy an opportunity to meet with Nino and hear about the research, design, and history behind the jewelry. Dinner and the evening are at leisure to explore Tbilisi on your own. (B,L)

Tuesday, October 22: Bolnisi | Dmanisi | Tbilisi

Spend a day in the countryside, stopping first at Bolnisi to visit what is probably the oldest Christian church in Georgia. Called Sioni (Zion), the square stone church shelters what may be the oldest example of Georgian script in the country. After lunch at a local restaurant in Bolnisi we visit the archaeological site of Dmanisi, a 9th-century town overlooking the confluence of two rivers where Silk Road caravans used to pass. In the Middle Ages, townspeople dug cellars and storage pits through layers of strange bones and stone tools that in the 20th century were determined to belong to some of the earliest hominids found outside of Africa. The discovery here of five 1.8-million-year-old *Homo* skulls has made Dmanisi crucial to the study of human evolution. Meet with a local archaeologist (schedule permitting) who will provide additional insights. Return to our hotel and gather this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 23: Mtskheta: Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, Jvari Monastery | Chateau Mukhrani winery | Tbilisi

This morning we visit Mtskheta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was the capital of the eastern Georgian kingdom of Iberia from the 3rd century B.C. until the 5th century A.D. Georgia's conversion to Christianity took place here in A.D. 337, and the Orthodox churches built during this period are considered among the finest in the country. Also visit the 11th-century Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, considered a sacred pilgrimage destination, whose interior is decorated with frescoes and murals; and the 6th-century Jvari Monastery, with one of Georgia's first Christian churches. Stop for lunch at Chateau Mukhrani winery, where we stroll through the vineyards and enjoy a sampling of the traditional European-style wines produced here. Return to Tbilisi, where the balance of the day and dinner are at leisure. (B,L)

Thursday, October 24: Gadachrili Gora | Tbilisi | Georgian Table

Set out for a visit to Gadachrili Gora, considered to be the location of the earliest winemaking in the world. Tartaric acid found on pottery fragments unearthed here and in the nearby Shulaveri Gora ("gora" means mound or

PHOTOS (from top): A vineyard in Signagi, Bolnisi's Sioni Church, Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (seen from the street in Mtskheta), a market in Tbilisi

hill) indicates that Neolithic farmers were making wine here 8,000 years ago. Return to our hotel in Tbilisi, and then gather for a special dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoy a Georgian Table-style meal of traditional dishes such as chicken in crushed walnut sauce, *khachapuri* (a savory cheese pie), puff pastries, little meat dumplings called *khinkali*, and marinated vegetables, just to name a few. (B,L,D)

Friday, October 25: Drive to Yerevan, ARMENIA

After breakfast, check out of our hotel and depart for the Sadakhlo crossing at the Georgia/Armenia border. Proceed through customs formalities, switch to an Armenian motorcoach, and stop at a local restaurant for lunch. Continue driving to Yerevan, where we check-in to our hotel and gather for a late dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Tufenkian Historic Yerevan Hotel](#) for four nights.* (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 26: Yerevan: Erebuni, History Museum of Armenia, Republic Square, Mother Armenia, Genocide Memorial

Today we will explore Yerevan, a city older than Rome, founded as “Erebuni” in 782 B.C. In the 4th century, Armenia became the first country in Europe to adopt Christianity as its official religion. Start the day with a visit to the ruins of the citadel of Erebuni, built on a hill on the outskirts of present-day Yerevan. Its 36-foot-high stacked stone walls enclose the foundations of temples, dwellings, ceremonial courtyards, and storehouses. An excellent site museum houses many of its treasures, including splendid metalwork, cuneiform tablets, and weaponry. Return to central Yerevan and visit the History Museum of Armenia. Located in the central Republic Square, it features ancient models of Yerevan, thousands of original photographs and documents that chronicle Armenia’s history, and archaeological collections from the Neolithic period, including the world’s oldest known shoe from the Areni-1 cave complex.

We will also take a stroll in Republic Square, built of the characteristic pinkish tuff for which the city is known. Visit the giant “Cascade” stairway that links central Yerevan to the Mother Armenia Statue in Victory Park. Ride the escalators toward the top of the stairway, and walk the rest of the way up until you reach the Mother Armenia statue, designed so that its interior resembles the iconic Hripsimeh Church at Echmiadzin (which we visit on October 28th). Lastly, visit the Armenian Genocide Memorial, a stirring site in a park at the top of Tsitsernakaberd (“Swallow Castle”). According to scholarly estimates, more than one million Armenians perished between 1914 and 1918 as a result of policies of the last Ottoman government. Return to our hotel with the balance of the evening at leisure. (B,L)

Sunday, October 27: Areni-1 Cave | Areni Winery | Khor Virap Monastery | Yerevan

This morning we drive to the Areni-1 cave complex, best known for the discovery of the world’s oldest leather shoe, unearthed in 2010 by an international team. The cave is also the location of a 2007 discovery of an ancient winery, dating to around 4000 B.C. Continue on to the family-run Areni Winery for a tasting of red and white wines, flavored vodkas, and wines made from unusual fruits such as pomegranates. Afterward we visit Khor Virap, a small monastery set on a ridge above the flat Ararat Valley, behind which looms snow-covered Mt. Ararat, associated with the Biblical story of Noah’s Ark. We return to Yerevan where, this evening, you may choose to join your guide for an optional walking tour of the



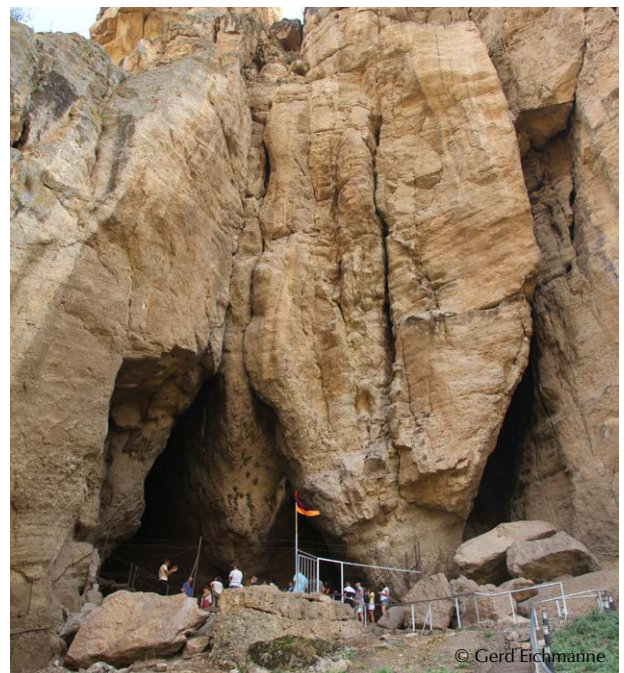
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PHOTOS (from top): Republic Square (Yerevan), the Cascade Complex (Yerevan), colorful fabric on display at the local market (Tbilisi), entrance to Areni-1 Cave

open-air Vernissage Market, an excellent opportunity for shopping for locally-produced crafts and for people watching. Return to our hotel and freshen up before dinner at a local restaurant with Armenian folk music. (B,L,D)

Monday, October 28: Echmiadzin: Hripsimeh Church, Zvartnots Cathedral | Farewell lunch | Armenian Wind Instrument Studio | Yerevan

This morning we explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Echmiadzin, founded as Vargarsapat in A.D. 117 and once the capital of Armenia. Also once the center of an agricultural area renowned for its fruit and wine, it is better known as the spiritual center of Armenia and the seat of its Catholicos, or Patriarch. Its 7th-century Hripsimeh Church sits on the foundations of the 4th-century mausoleum of martyred St. Hripsimeh, and its fabulous church treasury includes a piece of wood from Mt. Ararat said to be from Noah's Ark. Also see the ruins of the 7th-century Zvartnots Cathedral, once the largest round church in the world and, today, jointly a UNESCO World Heritage Site with Echmiadzin. After a farewell lunch, enjoy tea or coffee at an Armenian wind instrument studio, where we listen to the double-reeded *duduk*, with a sound reminiscent of a clarinet, and other instruments. The evening is on your own for an independent dinner and to prepare for an early morning flight. (B,L)

Tuesday, October 29: Fly home

Transfer to Zvartnots International Airport (EVN) for flights homeward. (B)



The fortress of Narikala and church of St. Nicholas in Tbilisi.

WHAT TO EXPECT



ACTIVE: Must be able to walk three or more miles per day on mostly uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

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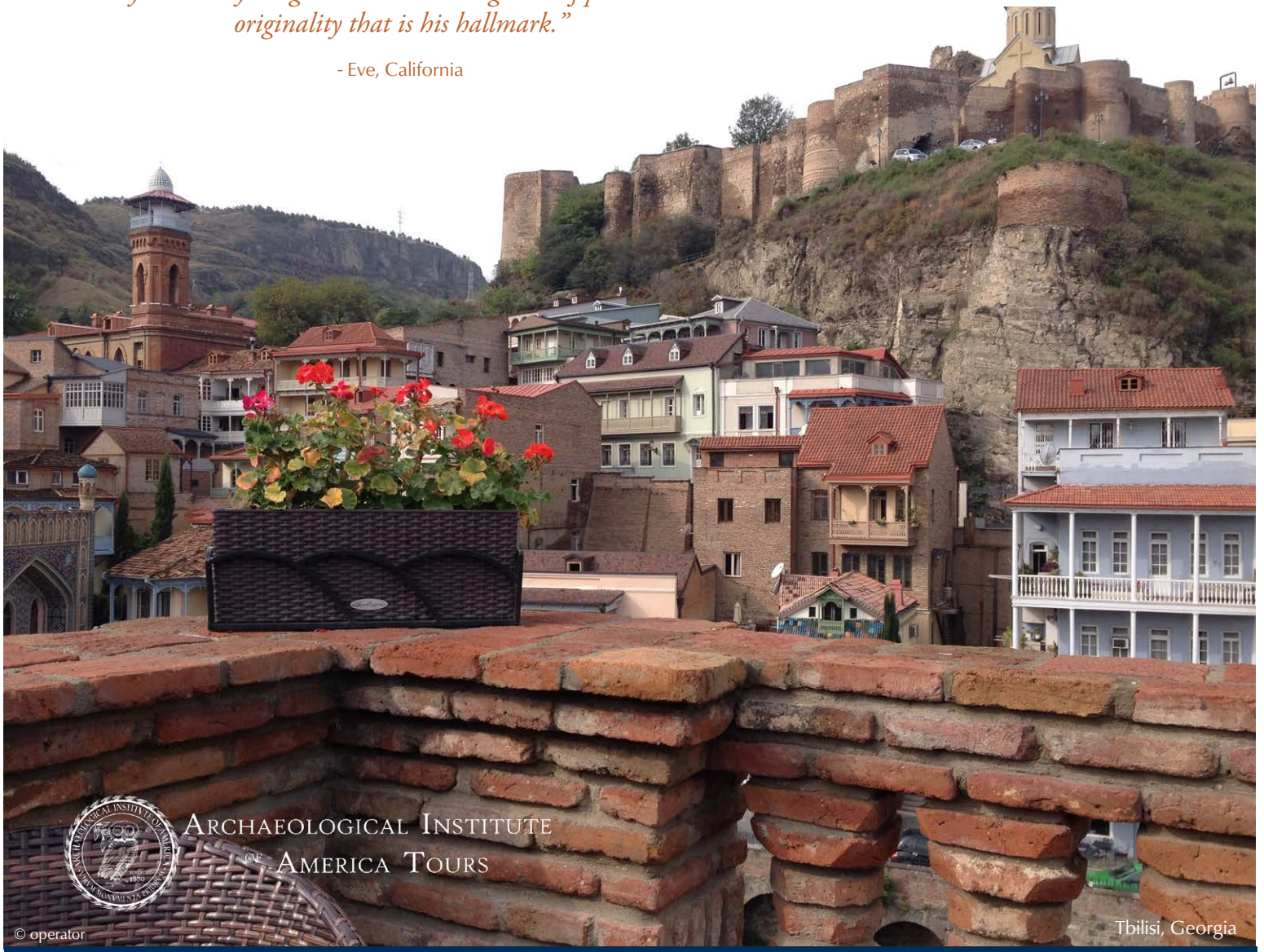
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