6 Day Discover Georgia Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

Overview

Discover Georgia

Starts from: Tbilisi
Available: May-October
Type: Private Cultural 6-day tour
Total Distance: 970 km
Duration: 6 days

6-day private tour Discover Georgia starts from Tbilisi and covers major cultural highlights in three regions of Georgia.

The tour includes private full day city sightseeing in Tbilisi and Kutaisi, exploration of **Kartli**, **Imereti** and **Khevi** regions, visiting two cave sites: Prometheus karst caves & Uplistsikhe urban settlement, medieval fortresses of Narikala and Ananuri, UNESCO sites: Gelati, Jvari and **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral**, **National Museum** & Stalin house museum, beautiful landscapes of Great Caucasus mountains, **Kazbegi National Park** and its surroundings: Stephantsminda, Gergeti, Dariali canyon and Gveleti waterfall.

Discover Georgia with us!

Tour details

- Code: GH-28
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: 6 Days

Prices

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Sights to Visit

- Svetitskhoveli Cathedral
- Bagrati Cathedral
- Gelati Monastery
- Jvari Monastery
- Prometheus Cave
- Uplistsikhe Caves
- Narikala Fortress
- Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Metekhi Church
- National Museum
- Uplistsikhe Museum
- Ioseb Stalin State Museum
- Ananuri Fortress
- Gergeti Trinity Church
- Kazbegi National Park
- Tbilisi Historic District
- Kutaisi
- Dariali Gorge
- Khevi
- Kartli
- Imereti
- Dariali Monastery

Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Arrival in Tbilisi International Airport.

Meet and greet, transfer to the hotel.

Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

DAY 2: TBILISI CITY TOUR

10:00 is recommended time to start Tbilisi City tour. After breakfast, guide will meet you at the hotel lobby.

Visit the main cathedral of Georgia - Sameba – the Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi located in Avlabari district. This Cathedral is the tallest in Georgia and is surrounded by beautiful yard. From here Tbilisi panorama opens the view on mount Mtatsminda and old Tbilisi. Sightseeing will take about 30 minutes.

Continue Tbilisi city tour to **Metekhi Church** of 13th c. that is situated on the rocky bank of the river **Mtkvari**. From Rike Park in the downtown we take a cable car to the ancient **Narikala Fortress** (built in the 4th c.). Narikala is located on the hill top overlooking the downtown, enjoy panoramic views of the old Tbilisi. Perfect place for Instagram pictures!

Afterwards, take a walk in Historical District of Tbilisi – visit Legvta**Khevi** canyon and waterfall, the Sulfur bathhouse district and head to the narrow streets of Cotton Row, Iron Row, Shardeni and Erekle II streets, where cafes, art galleries and souvenir shops are located. The pedestrian glass **Bridge of Peace** is another attraction in the old Tbilisi.

Today city tour includes also to visit the **National Museum** of Georgia. Among the numerous collections and exhibitions, one of the most amazing specimens is the prehistoric human remains found in Dmanisi – the earliest signs of human existence outside of Africa. The collection of Treasures features gold and silver artifacts and jewellery from the pre-Christian period.

In the evening enjoy free time on Rustaveli Avenue, walk in front of Parliament house, Blue Gallery, **Kashveti Church**, Opera House and Republic Square, some souvenirs and handicrafts are available to buy near the statue of Rustaveli.

Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

DAY 3: TBILISI – MTSKHETA – GORI – UPLISTSIKHE – KUTAISI

Driving distance: 288 km (4h 54 min)

After breakfast in Tbilisi hotel check out and depart for Kutaisi.

Drive to **Mtskheta**, the former capital of Georgian Kingdom Iberia. Visit its major monuments: **Jvari Monastery**, constructed in the 6th c., and **Svetitskhoveli** Cathedral, built in the 11th c. both are included in the list of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The next city to visit is **Gori,** the historical and cultural center of **Kartli** region. Easy walk up to the **Gori Fortress** and visit the museum of **Joseph Stalin**. Museum and memorial house keep collection of Stalin's personal items, gifts and private train.

Head to **Uplistsikhe** cave complex, 12 km away from Gori. The caves represent the oldest urban settlement on the territory of Georgia dating back to Early Iron Age. The town is cut in rock; some residential halls design reflects imitation of the wooden structure on the ceiling. The secret tunnels and passes connecting ancient chambers and halls run towards the river and park.

Nearby **Uplistsikhe,** there are different local outdoor areas for lunch. Take time, enjoy the **Mtkvari** river scenery and after lunch-break continue the tour.

Drive through the Rikoti Pass – the natural watershed between East and West Georgia, to the **Imereti** region. In the evening arrive at the Gelati Academy and Monastery, founded in the 12th c., This UNESCO site is prominent for beautiful mosaics and frescoes inside the main church. The western window of the medieval academy building is the best place to enjoy the breathtaking sunset.

Overnight in Kutaisi.

DAY 4: KUTAISI – PROMETHEUS CAVE – ANANURI – GUDAURI

Driving distance: 336 km (5 h 45 min)

After breakfast at the hotel, pay a short visit of **Bagrati Cathedral,** located on top of the hill **Ukimerioni**. Here was the residence of the Bagrationy Royal Dynasty. Cathedral was constructed in early 11th c and was dedicated to the unification of all Georgian Kingdoms.

Head to the karst Caves named by **Prometheus**, also known as Kumistavi. The cave trails open for visitors' various natural forms: stalactites, stalagmites, curtains, petrified waterfalls, cave pearls, underground rivers, and lakes. The cluster of six caves differs significantly from each other in scale and have unique shapes of petrified flow stones found within. This is one of the most popular attraction in Georgia.

After tour in **Imereti** region, we return back to the Eastern Georgia and drive towards the resort **Gudauri.** Follow **Georgian Military Road,** stop near **Zhinvali** reserve and **Ananuri Fortress** (16-17th cc.), The castle was residence of Aragvi Eristavi - local duke, controlling the main trade route to the North.

Continue to the Great Caucasus Mountains and arrive in **Gudauri**.

Dinner and overnight in **Gudauri**.

Notes:

- **Gudauri** is located at an altitude of 2010 m above sea level.
- **Prometheus Cave** is not open for visitors on Mondays.

DAY 5: GUDAURI – GERGETI – DARIALI – GWELETI – TBILISI

Driving distance: 216 km (4 h 38 min)

Check out after breakfast and start tour in **Caucasus Mountains**. Make several stops on the way to Kazbegi area – at the observation platform - Peace Monument, **Jvari Pass** (2379 m), and Kazbegi travertines, taste bobbling mineral water.

Arrive in **Stephantsminda**, alpine townlet and administrative center of **Kazbegi** municipality. This is the starting point to hike to the top of the **Mount Gergeti** (approximately 2.5 h trek), and see the breathtaking view from **Gergeti Trinity Church** (14th c.). If the weather is clear, we can see the **Kazbegi glacier** (5054 m) very close from here.

Continue exploration and drive to **Dariali Gorge**. **Dariali Archangels' church** was built recently (20th c) nearby Georgia-Russian border.

Take another short walk to **Gveleti waterfalls**.

In the evening drive back to Tbilisi.

DAY 6: TBILISI – TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT

Distance: 25 km (30 min)

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and transfer to the Airport for departure.

We wish you nice flight back home and hope to greet you again in Georgia.

Happy Travel to you!

Inclusions

Included

Transportation:

- 2 x Private transfers to/from Tbilisi airport-hotel by a comfortable vehicle
- Private transportation with a comfortable vehicle

Private Staff:

- Professional guide service during the tour

Accommodation:

- 3 x overnights in Tbilisi 3* hotel Brigitte (or similar)
- 1 x overnights in Kutaisi 3* hotel Green Rooms (or similar)
- 1 x overnights in Gudauri 3* hotel Alpina (or similar)

Meals:

- 5 x Breakfasts - on days 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- 1 x Dinner - on day 4

Other:

- Water 2 x bottles per person daily
- Excursions in accordance fees with accordance of the program
- All taxes

Excluded

- Flight tickets & travel insurance
- Beverages & Personal expenses

More Info

Additional Info

***Extra services are available to book in advance:**

- **Single Supplement**: 138 $
- **4 x 4WD Jeep** Mitsubishi Delica service to Gergeti - 30 $ per car (5+2 seats)
- **Lunch** - per person 15 $
- **Dinner** - per person 25 $

To arrange extra services and pre-tour (post-tour) hotel overnights, contact us **info[at]georgianholidays.com**

1 person from the group will be FREE of charge if 10 and more adults are traveling together

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation is free of charge prior 7 days of the starting day.

- The booking deposit 60 USD is non-refundable.

If Tourist cancels the booked tour for some reasons not depending on Tour Operator, the following sums are kept back as a fine:

- 50% of the total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 7 days or less prior to the tour;
- 100% of the total cost of the tourist product due to the Tourist's failure to appear.

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