

8 Day Georgian Wonders Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

Overview

Georgian Wonders

Starts from: KUTAISI

Available: APR-OCT

Type: Cultural multi-day private tour

Distance: 1137 km

8-day private tour Georgian Wonders is well-suited for travelers arriving in Kutaisi International Airport. We offer to explore South, North, and central parts of Georgia.

Visit capital city Tbilisi and major towns of the country: [Gori](#), [Akhaltsikhe](#), [Borjomi](#), [Stepantsminda](#), [Gudauri](#); ancient caves in Uplistsikhe and [Vardzia](#), [Akhaltsikhe](#) Castle in Rabati, alpine valleys and Javakheti lakes, Zhinvali nature reserves, Kazbegi Protected areas, Great Caucasus mountains and various monuments of Georgian medieval culture that are recognized as the part of the world heritage of special historico-cultural significance.

Have a wonderful trip!

Tour details

- Code: GH-128
- Starts from: Kutaisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: 8 Days

Prices

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Sights to Visit

- [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#)
 - [Bagrati Cathedral](#)
 - [Gelati Monastery](#)
 - [Jvari Monastery](#)
 - [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#)
 - [Khertvisi Fortress](#)
 - [Narikala Fortress](#)
 - [Gori Fortress](#)
 - [Akhaltsikhe Castle, Rabati](#)
 - [Holy Trinity Cathedral](#)
 - [Metekhi Church](#)
 - [Vardzia Museum](#)
 - [Uplistsikhe Museum](#)
 - [Stephantsminda Museum](#)
 - [Ioseb Stalin State Museum](#)
 - [Samtskhe - Javakheti Museum](#)
 - [Ananuri Fortress](#)
 - [Gergeti Trinity Church](#)
 - [Bridge of Peace](#)
 - [Kazbegi National Park](#)
 - [Tbilisi Historic District](#)
 - [The Chronicle of Georgia](#)
 - [Kutaisi](#)
 - [Gori](#)
 - [Gudauri Ski Resort](#)
 - [Rike Park & Cableway](#)
 - [Dariali Gorge](#)
 - [Kartli](#)
 - [Jvari Pass](#)
 - [Stepantsminda](#)
 - [Imereti](#)
 - [Ninotsminda](#)
 - [Aspindza](#)
 - [Borjomi](#)
 - [Tbilisi Freedom Square](#)
 - [Mtskheta Monuments](#)
 - [Akhaltsikhe](#)
 - [Dariali Monastery](#)
 - [Zhinvali Reservoir](#)
 - [The Antioch Monastery](#)
 - [Ubisa Monastery](#)
 - [Kutaisi Opera Theatre](#)
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Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN KUTAIISI

Arrival in Kutaisi Airport. Transfer to the hotel. Check in time 14:00.

Overnight in Kutaisi.

DAY 2: KUTAISI - BORJOMI - AKHALTSIKHE

Driving distance: 179 km (3h 19 min)

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and drive to **Borjomi** spa-town, located on the other side of Rikoti Pass, [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#) region. Rikoti Pass is a watershed of East and West rivers falling into the Black and Caspian Seas. The longest tunnel (1772 m length) was constructed in 19th c. which makes the driveway easy and short.

After the tunnel you are on the East Georgia.

Borjomi mineral waters are famous for pleasant taste, curative effect and is used for thermal treatment as well. Take a relaxing walk in the [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#) and drink Borjomi waters coming right from the springs.

Continue the trip to [Akhaltsikhe](#), [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#) municipality town. Visit [Akhaltsikhe](#) fortress in **Rabati** district. **History Museum** is located inside the fortress and has unique collection of manuscripts, archaeological, numismatic and ethnographic artifacts.

Overnight in [Akhaltsikhe](#).

DAY 3: AKHALTSIKHE - VARDZIA - TBILISI

Driving distance: 286 km (5 h 15 min)

Breakfast. Check out and continue exploration of [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#). The picturesque road goes along the river [Mtkvari](#). The ruined medieval fortresses control the area, the largest of which, **Tmogvi**, is the best example of how architecture and landscape can interact harmoniously.

Stop at the **Khertvisi** fortress - an important stronghold that protected the southern borders during feudal times (10-16 centuries) and is well preserved to this day.

Continue on to [Vardzia](#), a 13-storey cave monastery complex from the 12th century. An image of Queen Tamara at her early age, together with King George III of Georgia, Bagrationy Dynasty, her father, is depicted on the north wall of the Holy Mother cave church. The frescoes are a little dark, but well preserved. The caves are connected by narrow corridors and staircases that links the various hidden parts of the complex. The tour will take about an hour.

After the tour of [Vardzia](#), drive to **Tbilisi** across the **Javakheti plateau**. Enjoy the view of the high mountain lakes **ParaVani**, **Sagamo** and [Tsalka reservoir](#). The area is a favorite spot for bird watchers.

Don't miss the small shop of handcrafted chocolates and cheeses produced by local nuns at St. Nino [Phoka Monastery](#).

Arrival in the capital in the evening.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

DAY 4: TBILISI - MTSKHETA - ANANURI - GUDAURI

Driving distance: 141 km (3h 10 min)

Today drive towards the Greater Caucasus mountains for two overnights stay in alpine village [Gudauri](#).

Before leaving Tbilisi, visit the **Chronicles of Georgia** on the **Tbilisi Sea** (artificial reserve). This huge bronze memorial complex of Georgian kings was created by Zurab Tsereteli in very late Soviet times. The place overlooks the Temka district and despite the unfinished parts of the complex (due to the collapsed USSR system), the monument is very impressive.

The next place to visit is the [Jvari Monastery](#) (6th century). A fantastic panoramic view of the confluence of two rivers, Aragvi and [Mtkvari](#) valley opens from here. On the left side, Mount Armazi, known as the place of paganism worship up to 4th c and in front of it, the city of [Mtskheta](#), the capital of Iberia up to 5th c, the former Georgian kingdom. Today [Mtskheta](#) represents the UNESCO site for its unique architectural and historical value.

Drive to [Mtskheta](#), walk in the historical district, visit **Antiokhia** (5th c), and **Svetitskhoveli** Cathedral (11th c).

Take time for lunch and continue the journey north; Make a stop at the [Zhinvali Reservoir](#), visit the **Ananuri** castle (16-17 centuries) - the residence of Aragvi Eristavi (princes of Aragvi). Behind the curtain walls there is a simple five store residential tower, churches and other fortifications. The tour will take about 30 minutes.

Follow **Georgian Military road** to the north and arrive in **Gudauri** ski resort, located at an altitude of 2196 meters for overnight.

Dinner and overnight in [Gudauri](#).

DAY 5: GUDAURI - KAZBEGI - GERGETI - DARIALI GORGE - GUDAURI

Driving distance: 100 km

After breakfast drive towards the [Khevi](#) region, part of **Kazbegi Protected areas**. The administrative center of the municipality is named as [Stepantsminda](#) and represents the base camp for trekkers and nature lovers. Along the way make a few stops: at the [Jvari Pass](#) (2395 m), observation platform, bobbling mineral spring and travertine hill.

Walk up to the [Mount Gergeti](#), visit the 14th century Holy Trinity Church of Gergeti situated on top of the mountain 2120 meters above the sea level. If the weather is clear, the **Kazbegi glacier** (5054 m) will show up its beauty.

***Optional:** visit [Stepantsminda History museum](#) (20-30 minutes)

Continue the trip to the gorge of the river Terek – **Dariali** is the name of this canyon and the St. Michael and St. Gabriel monastery, which is located nearby the Georgia-Russian border.

Easy trek towards **Gveleti** waterfalls.

Evening drive back to [Gudauri](#).

Overnight in [Gudauri](#).

DAY 6: GUDAURI - TBILISI

Driving distance: 117 km (2h 26 min)

After breakfast in [Gudauri](#), check out and drive back to Tbilisi.

Check in time at Tbilisi hotel is 14:00

Start **Tbilisi City sightseeing** tour, visit Historical district, the **Holy Trinity Cathedral**, **Metekhi Plateau** & Church (13th c.), **Rike park**, an **aerial cable car**, **Narikala Fortress** (4th c), **LegvtaKhevi** canyon (Fig Canyon) and natural **waterfall**, Sulfur bathhouses, Shardeni and King Erekle II streets, Maidan square, a glass modern [Bridge of Peace](#), and **Rustaveli Avenue**. The mix of medieval architecture and modern outdoor restaurants, art galleries, handicraft and souvenir shops attract visitors. Tbilisi City Mall Galleria is located nearby the **Freedom Square**, at the very beginning of Rustaveli Avenue.

Leisure evening.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

DAY 7: TBILISI - GORI -UPLISTSIKHE - KUTAISI

Driving distance: 271 km (4h 29 min)

After breakfast at the hotel depart for Kutaisi. The town [Gori](#) - the center of the [Kartli](#) region is one hour drive from Tbilisi, western highway. Visit medieval fortress Tskhrakara (Nine Gated) and bronze sculptures of Eight Warriors sitting around the memorial of unknown soldiers of World War II (sculptor Giorgi Ochiauri 1985).

[Gori](#) is the birthplace of Joseph **Stalin**, the Soviet dictator. His house - museum will be turned in future to the Stalinism museum. Visit memorial house, exhibition building with tower, and Stalin's personal train.

After [Gori](#) drive to [Uplistsikhe Caves](#). Located on the crossroads of the Great Silk Road, the carved in rocks on the left bank of the river [Mtkvari](#), town had citadel, escape tunnels, places for worship, stables, storage and residential quarters and markets. The wide ancient roads are dating back to 1st millennium BC and goes from the urban settlement to the antique theater. The tour will take approximately 45 minutes.

Moving to the west of Georgia through the **Rikoti pass**(996 m). Stop at **Ubisa** Village. The 9th century basilica is hidden in the courtyard of the [Ubisa Monastery](#) behind the bell tower. The place is cozy, built of rough field stones, with a naive appearance of early feudal times, but with a brilliant interior, painted by the local artist Damian in the 14th century. These frescoes retain the influence of the Palaeologus style.

Along the pass local farmers sell various food, fruit, honey and handmade pottery.

Arrival in **Kutaisi**, the center of [Imereti](#) region, and former capital of medieval Georgia. Evening sightseeing tour of the city and its surroundings. Visit two well-known monuments from the Georgian Golden Era that are listed as World Heritage Sites by the UNESCO. **Bagrati** cathedral, (11th c.) and **Gelati** Academy and Monastery (12th c.) by the most prominent king in Georgian history David IV - David the Builder Bagrationy Dynasty.

DAY 8: KUTAISI - DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the Kutaisi Airport.
Departure.

Inclusions

Included

Pick up/drop off service:

- 2 x transfers from/to Kutaisi airport by a comfortable A/C vehicle to the Kutaisi hotel

Staff:

- Private certified guide service during the tour

Transportation:

- Private transportation with a comfortable climate-controlled vehicle

Accommodation for 7 overnights:

- 2 x nights in Kutaisi 3* hotel Green Rooms (or similar)
- 1 x night in Akhaltsikhe 4* hotel Akhaltsikhe Inn (or similar)
- 2 x nights in Tbilisi 4* hotel Citrus (or similar)
- 2 x nights in Gudauri 4* hotel Gudauri Inn (or similar)

Meals:

- 7 x Breakfasts-on days 2-8
- 2 x Dinners
- 2 x bottles of water per person daily

Other:

- Excursions in accordance with the program
- Entrance fees in accordance with the program
- All taxes

Excluded

- Early Check In/Late Check out
 - Beverages & Personal expenses
 - Lunches and dinners
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More Info

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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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