# 7 Day Tusheti Trekking Adventure & Trekking Tours

#### **Overview**

#### **VILLAGE TO VILLAGE TREKKING IN TUSHETI**

7 days / 6 nights

Pick-up from: Tbilisi/Telavi/Alvani

Season: July-September

Difficulty: Medium

This village-to-village trekking experience in Great Caucasus Mountains is ideal for individuals with a good level of fitness who crave a break from city life and yearn to awaken their inner highlander. Embark on an adventure through one of Georgia's most remote and breathtaking mountain regions. Immerse yourself in the local way of life, uncover ancient customs and traditions, and savor the rich flavors of Tushetian cuisine.

\*Please indicate your preferred pick-up and drop-off locations in the comment at check-out.

#### Tour details

Code: GH-110

Starts from: Tbilisi

Max. Group Size: 8 Adults

Duration: 7 Days

#### **Prices**

# **Sights to Visit**

- Mta-Tusheti
- Akhmeta
- Dartlo
- Shenago
- Bochorna
- Diklo
- Omalo

# **Itinerary**

# Day 1: Tbilisi-Abano Pass-Omalo

**Pickup from Tbilisi at 6:00 AM.** Driving distance: 190 km, appx. 6 hours.

Early morning we'll start driving East heading to **Kakheti**, wine region of Georgia. While most people would find **Gombori pass** to be quite amusing, our main adventure and thrilling ride will be still on the way. After passing **Alaverdi cathedral** and village **Pshaveli**, we will start a long and bumpy off-road ride, crossing the main Caucasus range at 2926 m **Abano pass** – following the road which one might intuitively think - shouldn't be there at all. After a lunch break right at the pass, we will descend into the valley lying at the other side of the ridge and finally arrive to village **Omalo**, the largest settlement of the area.

Explore the area around upper and **lower <u>Omalo</u>**, with beautiful views of **Chagma valley**. Visit the **Keselo fortress** and ethnographic museum of Tusheti.

Overnight at Guesthouse in Omalo.

# Day 2: (Trekking) Omalo-Shenako-Diklo

Trekking time: 11 km, 5 hours;

**Elevation:** ↑649 m / ↓400 m

After breakfast in guesthouse we will pick up our day packs (our driver will take your main luggage to next village) and start exploring surrounding villages of **Tusheti.** The first village on our way is **Shenako** - one of the few still populated villages of Tusheti, overlooked by **Mount Diklo**, with Georgian traditional dwellings and medieval Trinity church. Next comes tiny village <u>Diklo</u> and ruins of the old **Diklo fortress**.

Overnight at Guesthouse in Diklo.

# Day 3: (Trekking) Diklo-Tutareki Pass-Dartlo

**Trekking:** 8.6 km, 4 hours.

**Elevation:** ↑691m / ↓719 m

Today is going to be relatively short, but quite demanding hike with steep descend and abrupt elevation gain. On the way you will be crossing **Tutareki pass** at the elevation 1911 m. Views from the top of the pass are quite impressive. You can see almost all gorge of Pirikiti Alazani and nearby villages. Arrive to **village Chigho**, ancient settlement of Pirikiti valley with traditional wooden houses.

#### Overnight at Guesthouse in Dartlo

# Day 4: (Trekking) Dartlo-Kvavlo-Chesho

Trekking: 9.14 km, 4 hours.

**Elevation:** ↑490 m / ↓390 m

Today you will have a chance to explore village <u>Dartlo</u> and enjoy by the views of the Pirikiti valley. Situated about 1800 meters above sea level – <u>Dartlo</u> is perhaps one of the most picturesque villages in Tusheti, protected by UNESCO. Hike up to village Kvavlo and Dano located up above Dartlo and continue our way along the ridge to small village Cheso for overnight.

Overnight at Guesthouse in Chesho.

# Day 5: (Trekking) Chesho-Parsma-Nakaicho Pass-Mt. Makratela-Jvarboseli

Trekking: 18.4 km, 8 hours,

**Elevation:** ↑970 m / ↓1070 m

From **Chesho** we will follow a road that goes along the right bank of Pirikita Alazani until arriving to village **Parsma**. Cross the river **Alazani** by shaky metal bridge and start hiking up to **Nakaecho pass** – the most demanding and picturesque part of our journey. Once on a pass take a short detour to climb nearby summit of **Mt. Makratela (3092 m asl.)** offering one of the most beautiful views of Tusheti valleys. From here the trail descends into the Gometsari valley. Along the way you pass through the villages **Dadikurta** and **Verkhovani**.

Overnight at Guesthouse in Jvarboseli.

# Day 6: (Trekking) JVarboseli-Dochu-Bochorna-Omalo

Trekking: 16.7 km, 6 hours

**Elevation:** ↑915 m / ↓709 m

After breakfast, we will slowly descend to the river bank, cross the bridge and follow the main road downstream. After about one hour the road crosses a river again and climbs up to **Beghela village**, where to road foes uphill and enters into the forest. After another hour of walking, we'll get views of beautiful **village Dochu** right below on a slope. Finally we will arrive to **Bochorna village** – located at 2,345 m asl. which with a permanent resident population of only one man – is by some considered as the "highest settlement in Europe". Here we will be picked up and driven back to **Omalo** for well deserved rest and farewell dinner.

Overnight at Guesthouse in Omalo.

# Day 7: Omalo-Telavi-Tbilisi

After late breakfast and some free time in **Omalo**, we will start driving back to Tbilisi. About Halfway on a road we can make an optional stop near **Torgva Baths** a tiny managed bathhouse, where it is possible to relax and enjoy warm pool with mineral water.

Once in <u>Telavi</u>, we will make a stop in one of the local restaurants for a lunch and you'll have some time to stroll around local farmer's market as well, before heading back to **Tbilisi.** 

Drop off in Tbilisi.

# Inclusions

### **Included**

#### **Transportation:**

- Transfers with 4x4 Car with professional driver days 1, 6 and 7.
- Transfer of luggage between villages
  Omalo/Diklo/Dartlo/Chescho/Jvarboseli by car.

#### Staff:

 English-speaking professional trekking guide service days 1-7.

#### **Accommodation:**

- 2 x overnights Omalo guesthouse (B/LP/D)
- 1 x overnight Diklo guesthouse (B/LP/D)
- 1 x overnight- Dartlo guesthouse (B/LP/D)
- 1 x overnight- Chesho guesthouse (B/LP/D)
- 1 x overnight- Jvarboseli guesthouse (B/LP/D)

#### **Catering:**

B - Breakfast, LP - Lunch pack, D - Dinner.

#### **Excluded**

- Airplane tickets
- Travel insurance
- Visa fees
- Single room accommodation
- Alcoholic beverages
- Other personal expenses
- Trekking gear such as\*: trekking poles, backpacks, personal water storage.

\*Additional trekking is available for rent upon special request.

## **More Info**

#### **Additional Info**

Please note, this itinerary is quite demanding and requires good physical level.

To arrange airport transfers and additional hotel overnights, contact us info [at] georgianholidays.com

# **Cancellation Policy**

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

• The booking deposit 110 \$ 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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