

8 Day Omalo - Shatili Trekking

Adventure & Trekking Tours

Overview

TREKKING FROM OMALO TO SHATILI

8 days / 7 nights

Pick-up is available from: Tbilisi/Telavi/Alvani

Season: July-September

Difficulty: Hard

Panoramic trekking trail, connecting some of the highest mountain areas of Georgia and crossing 3431 meters high Atsunta pass. It is considerably long trek in the wild mountain area that involves fording several small rivers and passing 3431m Atsunta pass – which can be quite demanding for inexperienced hikers.

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

Tour details

- Code: GH-108
 - Starts from: Tbilisi
 - Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
 - Duration: 8 Days
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Prices

Sights to Visit

- [Tusheti National Park](#)
 - [Shatili](#)
 - [Akhmeta](#)
 - [Dartlo](#)
 - [Pshav-Khevsureti](#)
 - [Zhinvali Reservoir](#)
 - [Mutso Stronghold](#)
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Itinerary

Day 1: Tbilisi-Abano Pass-Omallo

(image)

Pickup from Tbilisi at 6:00 AM.

Driving distance: 190 km, appx. 5 hours.

Drive from Tbilisi to Tusheti region. After passing village Pshaveli, we will start long and thrilling off-road ride, crossing the main Caucasus range at 2926 m Abano pass, until finally arriving at village [Omallo](#) – largest settlement in Tusheti region. After some rest and dinner at the guesthouse, we will have final brief on upcoming trekking trip via Atsunta pass.

Overnight at Guesthouse in Omallo.

Day 2: Omalo-Ghele-Dartlo

(image) [Dartlo](#)

Trekking: 12.7 km, 4 hours. **Elevation:** ↑ 560 m/ ↓ 640 m.

After breakfast we begin our adventure and start trekking north toward village [Dartlo](#). At the beginning of the trail, we'll have a quick stop at **Keselo** - small 13th c. fortress located just above the village of upper [Omalo](#). Locals used the fortress to protect themselves from the invading Mongols and later raids by Daghestani tribes.

In about 2 hours, we are going to reach **Ghele viewpoint**, situated on top of the main ridge dividing [Tusheti National Park](#). In the past, it was the place where the elders of local communities would meet to discuss important issues. From here the road starts descending down to the valley of Pirikita Alazani river until reaching village [Dartlo](#). Situated about 1800 meters above sea level – Dartlo is perhaps one of the most picturesque villages in Tusheti, protected by **UNESCO**.

Overnight at Guesthouse in Dartlo.

Day 3: Dartlo-Kvavlo-Girevi

(image)

Trekking: 16.4 km, 6 hours. **Elevation:** ↑1259 m / ↓999 m

We'll start our day with a steep hike to tiny village **Kvavlo**, located on top of the hill just above [Dartlo](#). After a short brake at Kvavlo to enjoy the views, we'll continue to nearby **village Dano** and get on a path traversing a ridge above **Pirikiti Alazani** valley. We'll eventually get down to the main dirt road just before village **Chesho**. The last section of this trek turns into a narrow path along the cliff that takes you to **village Girevi** – our end point for today.

Overnight at Guesthouse in Girevi.

Day 4: Girevi-Kvakhidi

(image)

Trekking: 14.1 km, **Elevation:** ↑ 803 m / ↓ 417 m

After clearing the border police, we'll start trekking along **Atsunta-Alazani Gorge**, passing abandoned **village Chontio** – the last inhabited village we'll see on our way. Continue towards to the **Kvakhidi campsite at (2400m)**. The path goes up through the beautiful alpine meadows along the river, with panoramic views and picturesque landscape.

Overnight in Tents at Kvakhidi Campsite

Day 5: Kvakhidi-Atsunta Pass-Khidotani Ridge

(image)

Trekking: 15.0 km, ↑1207 m / ↓961 m

This is the most demanding part of the trek. The trail goes up by **Kvakhidisitskali river**, that we'll have to cross twice, the first time on a small footbridge, the second time we'll have to ford it. After the second crossing, we will continue to the valley to the right and start the ascent to **Atsunta Pass (3431m)**. From the top we have amazing views of the surrounding summits and canyons of Khevsureti province. Descend to the campsite at 2400m.

Overnight in Tents.

Day 6: Khidotani Ridge-Mutso-Shatili

(image)

Trekking: 19.5 km, ↑343 m / ↓1583 m

Start early morning, descend by the narrow path into the valley of **Khonistskali river** and then continue walking towards **Mutso fortress**. The fortress is a remarkable fortified settlement which for centuries was the strongest outpost in northern Georgia, controlling the incoming roads and protecting the state border from the raids of northern tribes. Since most people would be too tired to care to explore it on the same day, we leave it as “optional” visit with a chance to get back to it next day (if reserve day is not needed, see below).

Here we will be picked up and driven to [Shatili](#) for overnight.

Overnight in [Shatili](#) at the Guesthouse.

Day 7: Shatili-Reserve Day

(image) [Shatili](#)

We intentionally include 1 reserve day into this itinerary, in case of unfavorable weather conditions on previous days, which may make crossing of the Atsunta pass impossible or too risky.

If you arrived to [Shatili](#) on schedule, it's possible to take a one of the day hikes in the nearby area (Mutso, Anatori) or just have a free day to relax and walk around the mountain village.

Day 8: Shatili-Zhinvali-Tbilisi

After breakfast we'll drive back to Tbilisi. The road crosses Datvis [**Jvari Pass**](#) (2676m) and follows Aragvi gorge until the Zhinvali reserve joining Georgian Military Highway.

Drop off in Tbilisi

Inclusions

Included

Transportation:

- Transfers from Tbilisi to Omalo and Shatili to Tbilisi.
- Transfer of luggage between Omalo/Dartlo/Girevi by car.
- Transfer of luggage between Girevi/Shatili by horses.

Staff:

- English-speaking professional trekking guide service days 1-8.
- Accompanying Horseman.

Accommodation:

- 1 x overnight in Omalo guesthouse.
- 1 x overnight – Dartlo guesthouse.
- 1 x overnight – Girevi guesthouse.
- 2 x overnights – Shatili guesthouse.
- 2 x overnights – In tents.

Meals:

- All meals during the itinerary.
- "Lunch boxes" during the lunch stops.

Gear:

- Sleeping mats (but no sleeping bags).
- Tents (1 per 2 people.)
- Cooking kit

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.

More Info

Additional Info

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

Some overnights will be in tents and participants are expected to help with setting up the campsites and cooking.

For larger group, or custom itinerary please contact us at [adventure\[at\]georgianholidays.com](mailto:adventure@georgianholidays.com)

Cancellation Policy

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

- The booking deposit 135 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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