5 Day Glimpse of Georgia Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

Overview

Glimpse of Georgia

Starts from: TBILISI

Available: MAY-OCT

Type: Private Cultural Tour

Total Driving Distance: 408 km

Duration: 5 DAYS

Private tour Glimpse of Georgia is designed to explore nature and important cultural monuments along Georgian Military road in Mtskheta-Mtianeti region. The tour includes 2 overnights in the Great Caucasus Mountain resort Gudauri and 2 overnights in capital city Tbilisi.

Travel to <u>Kazbegi National Park</u>, mountainous province of <u>Khevi</u>, ancient capital town of <u>Mtskheta</u> with its UNESCO Sites Svetitskoveli and Jvari, Ananuri Architectural Complex and <u>Zhinvali Reservoir</u>.

Caucasus Mountains are waiting for you!

Tour details

Code: GH-103

Starts from: Tbilisi

Max. Group Size: 15 Adults

• Duration: 5 Days

Prices

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Sights to Visit

- Svetitskhoveli Cathedral
- Jvari Monastery
- Narikala Fortress
- Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Ananuri Fortress
- Gergeti Trinity Church
- Bridge of Peace
- Kazbegi National Park
- Tbilisi Historic District
- Tbilisi
- Gudauri Ski Resort
- Rike Park & Cableway
- Dariali Gorge
- Khevi
- Mtskheta
- Jvari Pass
- Stepantsminda
- Europe Square Tbilisi
- The Mtkvari River
- Tbilisi Freedom Square
- Tbilisi Funicular
- Dariali Monastery
- Zhinvali Reservoir

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival at Tbilisi International Airport

Driving distance: 25 km

Travel agent will greet you in Tbilisi international airport at the arrival hall holding the nameboard. After meet and greet, individual transfer to the hotel and check in assistance will be provided.

Check in time: 15:00

Overnight in Tbilisi.

Day 2: Tbilisi-Jvari Monastery-Ananuri-Gudauri

Driving distance: 138 km (2h 45min)

After breakfast at the hotel, start Tbilisi half day city tour. First, visit is one of the tallest orthodox churches Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi (Sameba). Splendid panorama of Mtatsminda mount and the city will open up from the yard of a church. Excursion will take about 30 minutes.

After Sameba let's head to **Tbilisi Historical district** to the **Europe square** and **Rike park**. Ride to the **Narikala Fortress** by an aerial cable car. Narikala fort is situated on the opposite side of the **River Mtkvari** on the hill top and overlooks the central districts of Tbilisi. 3 minutes fly above the river is gorgeous feeling!

Stroll down hills to the Botanical street, the **Mosque and Sulfur Bathhouse** district.

After this short Tbilisi tour drive to the North. First stop is 19 km away from the capital. UNESCO World Heritage Site **Jvari Monastery** (6th c.) is overlooking the area from the hilltop. Look around, feel the calmness of **Kartli** mountains and enjoy the panorama of Aragvi and **Mtkvari** valleys.

Continue the way along the **Georgian Military road** towards the mountainous region of <u>Khevi</u>. On the way stop at the <u>Zhinvali Reservoir</u> and visit <u>Ananuri Fortress</u>, built in the 16th 17th c.c. Ananuri stronghold consists of the fortress, two churches and residential building of Aragvi Eristavi dukes.

In the evening arrive to **Gudauri** (2196 m).

Dinner and overnight in Gudauri.

Day 3: Gudauri - Kazbegi - Gergeti -Gveleti-Dariali-Sno- Gudauri

Driving distance: 110 km (2h 45min)

Breakfast at the hotel. Get ready for a full-day exploration of the Caucasus Mountains;

On the way to **Kazbegi** make several stops: at observation platform, the **Jvari Pass** (2395 m level) - the highest point on the road, pinkish travertine mount and mineral spring.

Afterwards, arrive to **Stephantsminda**, the center of Kazbegi municipality. Start hike to <u>Mount Gergeti</u> – the round trip will take approximately 2.5 hours. On the top of the mountain (2010 m) visit medieval <u>Gergeti Trinity</u> <u>Church</u>, (14th c.), overlooking white river clouds streaming from the **Dariali Canyon**. This is the starting point for Alpinist to <u>Mountain Peak Kazbegi</u> (5054m). Sometimes, His Majesty the glacier will open up his top under the thick curtains of mystical clouds. Breathtaking place!

The distance from Stephantsminda to the northern frontier of Georgian-Russian border Larsi is only fourteen kilometers. The narrow pass through **Dariali Gorge** follows Terek River and brings us to the border and **St. Archangels' Michael and Gabriel** church.

Another short hike today is arranged towards **Gveleti** waterfalls.

In the evening drive to **Sno Valley** and see large megalith stone sculptures carved by local artist Merab Piranishvili.

Dinner and overnight in **Gudauri** hotel.

Day 4: Gudauri - Mtskheta - Tbilisi

Driving distance: 138 km (2h 55min)

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and return to Tbilisi. About two hours' drive is needed to reach the capital.

Before entering Tbilisi, make a stop in <u>Mtskheta</u> - the former capital of Eastern Georgian kingdom Iberia. Walk in medieval streets and visit the masterpiece of Georgian renaissance **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral**, built in the 11th c...

Tbilisi City sightseeing includes walking Rustaveli Avenue, Freedom Square, Pushkini Street, pedestrian glass **Bridge**of Peace, King Erekle II and Shardeni Streets, Meidan square and the old town, full of souvenir shops, outdoor cafes and art galleries scattered around.

Finish the tour on **Mtatsminda park** – the highest point in Tbilisi (770m). We can ride the funicular cable train. Amazing panorama opens in front of you.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

Day 5: Departure for Tbilisi International Airport

Breakfast. Check out time at the hotel is 12:00. Transfer to Tbilisi Airport for Departure. We wish you nice flight back home!

Inclusions

Included

Transport:

- Private comfortable vehicle during the tour
- 2 x Private transfers by a comfortable vehicle to/from Tbilisi airport to/from Tbilisi hotel

Staff:

° Private professional guide/driver service

Accommodation 4 overnights:

- ° 2 x nights in Tbilisi hotel 4* Brosse Garden (or similar)
- ° 2 x nights in Gudauri hotel 4* Gudauri Inn (or similar)

Meals:

° 4 x Breakfasts: days 2, 3, 4, 5

 $^{\circ}$ 2 x Dinners: days 2, 3

Entertainment and other:

- ° 2 x bottles of water per person daily
- Excursions in accordance with the itinerary
- ° Entrance fees in accordance with the program
- All taxes

Excluded

- Visa Fees & Insurance
- Flight tickets
- Early Check in/Late Check outs
- Lunches, dinners in Tbilisi & alcoholic beverages

More Info Additional Info

During the tour don't forget:

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Rain jacket, windbreaker or umbrella
- Hat or sun visor
- Sunglasses, sunscreen and glasses case
- Prescription medication (if you take any) with the label/script so that you can refill if needed and not be questioned by officials

Please note: Gudauri resort and Jvari Pass are located on high elevation (2000-2395m above sea level).

Dress code applies in churches and places of worship

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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