8 Day Classic Tour to Georgia

Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

Overview

Classic Tour to Georgia

Starts from: TBILISI upon request

Available: APRIL-OCT

Distance: 1026 km

Type: Private Cultural multi-day tour

Duration: 8 DAYS

8-day private multi-day cultural tour **Classic Georgia** is designed to introduce you to the major cities and regions of the country. **Khevi, Kartli,** and **Imereti** regions, caves of **Uplistsikhe** and **Prometheus**, and UNESCO sites of **Mtskheta** and **Gelati** are part of the itinerary. The tour includes sightseeing of the capital city **Tbilisi,** and towns such as **Mtskheta, Gori, Stephantsminda, and Kutaisi** and takes you through the mountains of the Great Caucasus.

Tour details

- Code: GH-38
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: 8 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
- Vani
- Uplistsikhe Museum
- Ioseb Stalin State Museum
- Ananuri Fortress
- Gergeti Trinity Church
- Bridge of Peace
- Kazbegi National Park
- Tbilisi Historic District
- Kutaisi
- Gori
- Rike Park & Cableway
- Mount Gergeti
- Khevi
- Kartli
- Jvari Pass
- Stepantsminda
- Europe Square Tbilisi
- Vani Archaeological Site
- Imereti
- Tbilisi Funicular
- Zhinvali Reservoir
- Ubisa Monastery

Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Arrival in Tbilisi Airport. Transfer to the hotel.

Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

DAY 2: TBILISI CITY TOUR

10:00 am is recommended to start Tbilisi City tour.

After breakfast guide will meet you in the hotel lobby and start full day Tbilisi city tour.

The first place to visit is **Holy Trinity Cathedral** (Sameba), the main cathedral of Georgia and one of tallest orthodox Christian churches in the world. The tour will take about 40 minutes.

Next stop is the **Metekhi** plateau. Situated on an elevated cliff above the river **Mtkvari** and old Tbilisi, this was the first residential area of Georgian Royal family; the church was built in the 13th century. Fantastic view - **Tbilisi Historical District** lies in front of you!

Now start walking to **Europe Square, Rike Park,** and take a **cable car,** which goes to the other side of the river and to the **Narikala Fortress** – major fortification of medieval times. Enjoy panoramic views, walk down towards the **Sulfur bathhouse** district and Shardeni street and come across to the Maidan square. The area is notable for beautiful narrow streets, outdoor cafes, and souvenir stores, which links to the modern glass **Bridge of Peace**.

Have a wonderful day ahead!

Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

DAY 3: TBILISI – MTSKHETA – ANANURI – GUDAURI

Driving distance: 2 hr 39 min (136 km)

Today drive to the **Great Caucasus mountains** and stay in **Kazbegi** municipality for two nights.

After breakfast, check out and head to the North. **Mtskheta** – the old capital of former Georgian kingdom Iberia, is the first site to visit. **Mtskheta** town and its historical monuments: **Jvari Monastery** and **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral** are recognized by the UNESCO as World Heritage Sites.

Jvari (586-604 AD) is a church of tetranoch architectural style, popular in Byzantine, Armenia and Georgia in early Christian time.

Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (1010-1029 AD) is known as the burial site of Christ's mantle and has been one of the most sacred places since first century. The interior walls of the cathedral are covered by frescoes of different times (16th-19th cc). The stonework in the church depicts carved grapes reflecting Georgia's wine-making traditions linked with old testimony.

After **Mtskheta** tour, continue towards North, **Khevi** region. On the way make a stop near **Ananuri Fortress** (built in the 16-17th cc) on the right bank of **Zhinvali Reservoir.** Medieval fort is comprised of churches, fortification structures, jails, escape tunnel and residential tower of local lords – Aragvi Eristavi.

This road had great economical and historical importance, as it was the main trade rout, part of the **Great Silk road,** connecting Caucasus countries to the north. In 19th c the road was named by Russian Empire as **Georgian Military Highway.**

Overnight in Gudauri.

DAY 4: GUDAURI– GERGETI – GVELETI – DARIALI – GUDAURI

Driving distance: 1 hr 59 min (88.0 km)

After breakfast start a full day Caucasus mountains exploration. Today, we follow the Georgian Military Highway through Jvari Pass, stop at Gudauri observation platforms and travertine moutain.

Hike to **Gergeti mount**, observe snowy peaks and visit the **Holy Trinity Church** 14th c., located on the top of the mountain, overlooking **Stephantsminda;** at the same time, the site is situated under the foot of the glacier Kazbegi (5054 m).

Drive to the **Dariali Gorge**, walk to the waterfalls of **Gveleti.** Follow the roaring stream of the river Tergi, visit **Dariali Monastery** and see Larsi Georgia-Russian border.

Overnight in Gudauri.

DAY 5: GUDAURI – GORI – UPLISTSIKHE – KUTAISI

Driving distance: 5 hr 10 min (324 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Driving day: the long transfer from northern frontiers to the west Georgia.

Check out and depart for **Gori** – historical town in **Kartli** region. Today visit the museum of **Joseph Stalin**, the Soviet dictator leader. Nearby the town there are ancient caves of **Uplistsikhe** (15 km from Gori).

Uplistsikhe town was carved in rocks in 1st millennium BC and is considered as the earliest discovered urban settlement in Georgia. The tour in Uplistsikhe will take approximately 40 minutes.

After visiting **Kartli**, continue to the west, through **Rikoti Pass.**

In the evening arrive in the former capital city of Georgia – **Kutaisi.** Stroll on Agmashenebeli Square and at Kutaisi Opera to the Kutaisi Historic district. Bagrati Cathedral of the Dormition (11th c) is beautifully set on the hill top and overlooks Khvamli mountains and the river Rioni. The archaeological part of Bagrati Royal residence reveals 1st c curtain wall, the ruins of 9th c St, George church and secrete passage to the lower fort.

Overnight in **Kutaisi.**

DAY 6: KUTAISI -VANI – PROMETHEUS CAVE – KUTAISI

Driving distance: 121 km (2 h 37 min)

Start tour to **Vani Archaeological Site**, located about 42 km away from Kutaisi (about 45 minutes). **Vani Archaeological Museum-Reserve** is included in UNESCO tentative list. The permanent exhibition of the museum displays cultural development of the site between 800 BC and 100 AD (gold-work, silver, unique bronze sculptures and their fragments, samples of coins, etc.). Highlights of the exhibition include spectacular collection of jewelry, that displays skills, and talent of local goldsmiths.

Drive to **Prometheus Caves** that is known for various types of stalactites, stalagmites, curtains, petrified waterfalls, cave pearls, underground rivers, and lakes. If the water level permits, boat trip will be available to book on site.

In the evening return back to **Kutaisi.** Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site Gelati Academy is lovely, as the best sunset can be seen from the windows of 12th c Academy building.

Overnight in **Kutaisi.**

Note: Gelati Academy is closed for renovations as of 2025

DAY 7: KUTAISI –UBISA - TBILISI

Driving distance: 282 km (5 h 8 min)

After breakfast at **Kutaisi** hotel, check out and leave Kutaisi. On the way back to Tbilisi make a short stop on **Rikoti Pass** and visit 9th c **Ubisa Monastery,** prominent for 14th c wall paintings by Damiane.

In Tbilisi enjoy leisure evening, visit shopping malls, flea market on the **Dry Bridge**, **Tbilisi Historic District** and **Mtatsminda park** by funicular train.

Overnight in **Tbilisi.**

DAY 8: DEPARTURE FOR TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Distance: 25 km (30 min)

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out time is 12:00.

Transfer to the Airport for departure.

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

Inclusions

Included

Private Transportation:

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

Private Staff:

- Professional guide service during the tour

Accommodation 7 overnights:

- 3 x overnights in Tbilisi 4* hotel Brosse Garden (or similar)
- 2 x overnights in Kutaisi 4* hotel Kutaisi Inn (or similar)
- 2 x overnights in Gudauri 4* Gudauri Inn (or similar)

Meals:

- 7 x Breakfasts-on days 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Other:

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

Excluded

- Visa Fees (when needed) & Insurance
- Flight tickets
- Early Check ins/Late Check outs
- *Optional services
- Meals and alcoholic beverages

More Info

Additional Info

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

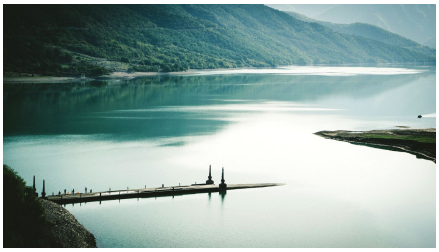
1 person from the group will be FREE of charge if 10 and more adults are traveling together

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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