

# EXPLORE GEORGIA | 10 DAYS

Private escorted multiday cultural tour package for individuals and families



## BEST TIME

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Explore Georgia during the 10 days tailored tour: enjoy the highlights of high Caucasus mountains, natural wonders of Martvili Canyons and Imereti Karst Caves, visit ancient rock-hewn cave towns, UNESCO World Heritage Sites and experience authentic lifestyle of the Georgian people. Our staff will make the trip pleasantly memorable, by taking care of each tourist individually.

## MAIN HIGHLIGHTS & SITES:

### TBILISI CITY

- Mtatsminda Park
- Tbilisi Mall & Flea Market
- Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Narikala Fortress 4th c
- Tbilisi Old Town
- Legutakhevi Waterfall
- Shardeni Street
- Sulfur Bathhouses
- Meidan Square
- Gardenia Shevardnadze
- Bridge of Peace
- Georgian National Museum

### SAMTSKHE-JAVAKHETI REGION

- Borjomi Town
- Rabath Fortress 14-18th cc
- Akhaltsikhe Town
- Vardzia Rock-Cut Town 12th c

### IMERETI REGION

- Kutaisi City
- Bagrati Cathedral 11th c 
- Prometheus Karst Caves
- Gelati Monastery 12th c 
- Martvili Canyon

### MTSKHETA CITY

- Suetitskhoveli Cathedral 11th c 
- Juari Monastery 6th c 

### KARTLI PROVINCE

- Gori town
- Uplistsikhe Caves 1st Millennium B.C

### KHEVI REGION

- Gudauri Ski Resort
- Ananuri Fortress 16th-17th cc
- Stephantsminda Village, Kazbegi
- Gergeti Holy Trinity Church 14th c
- Dariali Gorge
- Gueleti Waterfalls

## DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

### 1 DAY | Arrival In Tbilisi

Meet at the National airport. Transfer to Tbilisi. Overnight in Tbilisi.

### 2 DAY | Tbilisi-Mtskheta-Gori-Akhaltzikhe

Drive to Mtskheta-the old capital of Iberia Kingdom to visit two UNESCO world heritage sites: Juari Monastery 6th c and Suetitskhoveli Cathedral 11th c .

Our trip continues to Gori – a small town at the center of Kartli. We are going to make a short Gori tour and visit Gori Fortress – a medieval citadel situated above the town on a hill, that offers panoramic views on Gori, lowlands of Shida Kartli region and the mountain peaks of the Greater Caucasus range to the north.

From Gori we head to explore the ancient cave complex of Uplistsikhe – one of the oldest urban settlements in Georgia dated back to the 1<sup>st</sup> millennium BC, located in 15

kilometers from Gori. Covering an area of approximately 8 hectares, Uplistsikhe served as an important political, economic and religious center in pre-Christian Kartli. Today visitors can find numerous chambers, streets, walls, tunnels and halls in Uplistsikhe.

In the evening we arrive in Akhaltsikhe – the major town of Samtskhe-Javakheti province, located in the Akhaltsikhe basin and the ravine of river Potskhovi.

### 3 DAY | Akhaltsikhe-Vardzia Caves-Akhaltzikhe

First visit Rabati Complex, a 14-18th c. castle which consists of a mosque, several churches and a museum.

Continue to Vardzia cave town along Mtkvari river. Vardzia is an ancient 12th c. rock-hewn cave city carved into the volcanic rocks on 13 levels, linked inside by internal corridors, secret tunnels, painted chapels. The route by Kura riverside is picturesque and pleasant.

Overnight in Akhaltsikhe.

#### 4 DAY | Akhaltsikhe- Borjomi-Kutaisi

Drive to Borjomi Spa where we walk in Borjomi National Park, taste sparkling mineral water from the spring and have a nice walk in the park.

Continue to the western Georgia via Rikoti pass. On the way you can stop at pottery market, fruit market, see farmers selling baskets, honey, mushrooms and fruits.

Arrive in Kutaisi and visit 2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites - 12th century Gelati Monastery & Academy and 11th century Bagrati Cathedral. Overnight in Kutaisi.

#### 5 DAY | Kutaisi-Tskaltubo Caves-Martuli Canyon

Today you explore natural karst cave Prometheus, where you find different types of stalactites, stalagmites, underground rivers, waterfalls, cave pearls, and lakes.

Next drive to the Martuli Canyon, natural attraction with canyons, caves and waterfalls. You will take a boat trip and reach the very beginning with 7 meter high powerful waterfall. Drive back to Kutaisi for overnight.

#### 6 DAY | Kutaisi-Ananuri-Gudauri

Drive to the Caucasus Mountains, ski resort Gudauri. On the way visit 16-17th century Ananuri complex-the former Aragvi duke's residence. Arrive at ski resort Gudauri on the elevation of 2196 m. above sea level. Overnight in Gudauri.

#### 7 DAY | Gudauri-Kazbegi-Gergeti-Darjali-Gueleti

Full day exploration of high Caucasus mountains; Reach 2395 m level on the Cross Pass, make several stops to taste mineral waters and observe waterfalls, snowy peaks of the mountains. Upward walk approximately 2.5 hours to the Mount Gergeti, enjoy the panoramic view of the surrounding mountains, visit Holy Trinity church 14th c. located under the magnificent peak Kazbegi glacier 5033m. Continue to Darjali gorge, an important crossing point of Caucasus range. Take a walk along the river to Gueleti waterfalls and enjoy the surroundings of green valleys and picturesque landscapes.

Overnight in Gudauri.

#### 8 DAY | Gudauri-Tbilisi Tour

Drive to Tbilisi. Start evening Tbilisi tour. The tram will take you to Mtatsminda Hill, where you can visit the Pantheon of writers and public figures, next head to the National Museum of Georgia, it's collection includes artifacts of human history and culture, rich ethnographic and archaeological collections beginning from Paleolithic era to Middle Ages.

Leisure walk down on the Rustaveli Avenue, see the Parliament of Georgia, Rustaveli Drama Theatre, an Opera and Ballet Theatre.

You may also go shopping to Tbilisi Mall. Tbilisi Mall offers a broad range of high street and internationally famous brands and is an exciting family destination experience for the tourists. Within the building there is a fruit & vegetable market, banking facilities, a multi-screen cinema and a family entertainment center. Overnight in Tbilisi.

#### 9 DAY | Tbilisi Full Day Sightseeing

Drive to Tbilisi Sea and visit the Georgian Kings Memorial. The monument was created in 1980 and depicts various historical and religious events that took place in the country. From here you can enjoy panoramic views of Tbilisi city and learn the history of Georgian Kings, Queens and public figures.

Continue to the Gardenia Shevardnadze, an amazing little flower garden and nursery. You can relax in the cozy little café located inside the garden, enjoy the beauty and scent of blooming plants around and taste delicious home-made cakes and lemonade. Walk around the gar-

den, next drive to Aghmashenebeli Avenue for a walking tour in the renovated "New Tiflis" area. Stop at the Tbilisi Flea Market, where you will find vast assortment of antique and hand-made jewelry, old military medals from World War II, Soviet style cutlery, old enamel, vintage cameras and many more.

Get in your car and drive to Baratashvili bridge. From here you'll start exploring Tbilisi Old Town by foot. Pass Gabriadze theatre on the way to the 6th century Anchiskhati basilica-the oldest church in the city, the Residence of the Patriarch of the Georgian Orthodox Church. Next cross the Bridge of Peace, a modern tech-style bridge leading to the Rikhe park. Ride up on the cable car to the 4th c. Narikhala fortress. Enjoy the attractive views of the Old Town from the top, explore the fortress and stroll down to Legutakhevi area with its small waterfall. Continue to Abanotubani - "Sulfur Bathhouse district" and arrive on Meidan square. Leisure time on Shardeni street with its outdoor cafes, galleries and souvenir shops.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

#### 10 DAY | Tbilisi-Airport

After breakfast check-out from the hotel and transfer to Tbilisi International airport.



#### INCLUDES:

3\* Accommodation, all transfers, excursions & entrance fees, Professional guide & driver service during the tour comfortable vehicle service all days

- 2 x Airport pick up/drop of service
- 3 x nights-Tbilisi
- 2 x night-Akhaltzikhe
- 2 x nights-Kutaisi
- 2 x nights-Gudauri
- 9 x Breakfasts-on days 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- 2 x Dinners-on days 6, 7
- 2 x bottles per person daily
- All local taxes

Book 6 months in advance & **SAVE 10%**

PRICE PER PERSON	PEOPLE IN THE GROUP	CHILD POLICY
	Solo	0-4 years <b>FREE</b>
	2 people	5-6 years <b>50 % OFF</b>
	4 people	7-9 years <b>30 % OFF</b>
	6 people	
	8 people	
	10 people	
	Single supplement	

The deposit for this tour is **30€**