# 2 Day Kakheti Exploration City Breaks

#### **Overview**

## **Kakheti** Exploration

Starts from: TBILISI

Duration: 2 DAY/1 Night Private Tour: City Break Available to travel: All Year

Distance: 470 km

The private tour takes you to the magnificent, picturesque valleys and historical monuments. Enjoy panoramic views in **David Gareja** semi-desert and visit Lavra caves. Take a walk in **Telavi** and Signagi, a medieval small towns surrounded by 18th c. defensive wall, drive through the Alazani vineyards, enjoy the sightseeing of ancient historical monuments in **Kakheti** – **Gremi** Royal Residence, BatOnistsikhe, Alaverdi Cathedral, Ikalto and monastic complex of New and Old Shuamta.

## **Tour details**

Code: GH-59

• Starts from: Tbilisi

Max. Group Size: 15 Adults

• Duration: 2 Days

### **Prices**

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## Sights to Visit

- David Gareja
- Bodbe Monastery
- Tsinandali Museum
- Alaverdi Cathedral
- Ikalto Monastery
- Twins Wine Cellar
- Gremi Fortress
- Sighnaghi
- Telavi
- Batonis Tsikhe
- Kakheti
- Old and New Shuamta

## **Itinerary**

## Day 1: Tbilisi-David Gareja-Bodbe-Signagi

Morning pick-up from the hotel and departure from **Tbilisi** to the eastern province of **Georgia** – <u>Kakheti</u>. We drive to <u>David Gareja</u> semi-desert, partially through ground roads. Have excursions in <u>David Gareja</u> caves and monastery of Lavra, founded in the 6th c. by one of the Assyrian fathers who arrived in **Georgia** in order to spread Orthodox (Eastern) Christianity.

After visiting the first site, drive to **Bodbe** – beautiful nunnery located near town **Signagi**. **Bodbe Monastery** built in the 9th c. was significantly renovated in 17th c. Nowadays, the monastery is one of the major pilgrimage sites in **Georgia**. The relics of the female evangelist St. Nino are rested in Bodbe.

Afterward, visit **Signagi** – often referred to as the "City of Love". The town is located on the hills of the **Gombori Mountains**, at the heart of the **Kakheti** region, overlooking the valley of river **Alazani**. The 18th c. defensive curtain walls surround the town. Enjoy the beautiful views over the **Alazani River** valley and the Great **Caucasus Mountains**.

Dinner and overnight in Sighnaghi.

# Day 2: Sighnaghi-Tsinandali-Telavi-Gremi-Napareuli-Alaverdi-Ikalto-Shuamta-Tbilisi

After breakfast drive to Tsinandali and visit the housemuseum of Alexander Chavchavadze (Georgian poet and nobleman). The Museum has 19th c beautifully decorated garden around. Here, Chavchavadze's family entertained guests with music, and finest wines made at Tsinandali winery. Excursion in the museum and taste a glass of Tsinandali cellar wine will take about 30 minutes.

Drive to <u>Telavi</u> – administrative center of <u>Kakheti</u> and an old royal town. Bat**Oni**stsikhe - the palace of Great King Erekle II is located on the main square. Visit the palace and continue to the remains of another old capital of <u>Kakheti</u> Kingdom- <u>Gremi</u>, dating back to the 16th-17th cc. The beautifully painted Church of the Archangels and the royal citadel are the main landmarks in this medieval town.

Afterward, head to the Twin's Wine Cellar and Museum in Napareuli. Take an excursion to the local wine museum, which presents wine fermenting process.

Have lunch at Twin's restaurant, which offers traditional Georgian dishes. There is an optional wine tasting available for an additional fee.

From the winery continue to another important monuments nearby – Alaverdi monastery 11 th c and Ikalto academy dating back to the 6th century.

On the way back to Tbilisi pay a visit to Shuamta monastery hidden in the forest.

Evening arrival in Tbilisi.

# **Inclusions**

## **Included**

## **Transportation:**

• Private transportation with a comfortable vehicle

#### **Private Staff:**

• Professional guide service during the tour

#### **Accommodation:**

• 1 x overnight in Sighnaghi Family guesthouse Mate or Qusika (or similar)

#### Meals:

• 1 x breakfast day 2

#### Other:

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

### **Excluded**

- Alcoholic Beverages & Personal expenses
- Lunches & Dinners

## **More Info**

### **Additional Info**

- Single Supplement: 47 \$
- Lunch- 15 \$
- Dinner 20 \$
- Wine tasting in Napareuli Twin's winery: per person 6 \$
- Tbilisi airport private pick up transfer: 32 \$
- Tbilisi airport private drop off transfer: 27 \$
- Discounted individual transfer for Tbilisi airport double way: 49 \$

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

## **Cancellation Policy**

Cancellation is free of charge prior 5 days of the starting day.

• The booking deposit 30 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 5 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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