2 Day Vardzia, Borjomi and Akhaltsikhe tour

City Breaks

Overview

Vardzia, Borjomi and Akhaltsikhe tour - travel to South Georgia

Starts from: TBILISI
Type: Private City Break
Available: All year
Distance: 580 km
Duration: 2 Days/1 Night

South Georgia is a private tour and includes main highlights of Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti region: charming towns of Borjomi, Gori and Akhaltsikhe, fabulous Caves in Vardzia, carved inside the slopes of the Erusheti Mountains, medieval Rabati Castle, Khertvisi Fortress and Borjomi park. Taste the flavor of Javakheti!

The trip is accompanied by a professional guide.

Tour details

- Code: GH-66
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: 2 Days

Prices

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Sights to Visit

- Uplistsikhe Caves
- Vardzia rock-cut caves
- Akhaltsikhe Castle, Rabati
- Vardzia Museum
- Uplistsikhe Museum
- Ioseb Stalin State Museum
- Vardzia-Khertvisi
- Gori
- Paravani Lake
- Tsalka
- Samtskhe-Javakheti
- Akhaltsikhe

Itinerary

DAY 1: TBILISI – GORI – UPLISTSIKHE – BORJOMI – AKHALTSIKHE

Morning, at 9:00 guide will come to your place of overnight in Tbilisi and pick-up for two day tour to South Georgia.

The first stop on our journey today is Gori – a small town of the **Kartli** region, located 78 km from Tbilisi on the western highway. We are visiting two major attractions: The house-museum of the Soviet dictator J. Stalin and the ancient cave town of Uplistsikhe dating back to 1st millennium BC, 15 km away from the town Gori.

Uplistsikhe has rock-hewn streets and squares, halls, secret tunnels, remains of ancient churches and a museum building, where valuable items excavated in Uplistsikhe are presented. The town is argued to be one of the oldest settlements in the region.

After head towards Borjomi – a resort-town famous for its mineral sparkling waters. Here we can taste Borjomi mineral sparkling water and walk through the Borjomi Central Park.

Evening departure for **Akhaltsikhe** town.

Overnight in **Akhaltsikhe**.

DAY 2: AKHALTSIKHE – VARDZIA – TSALKA – TBILISI

After breakfast, check out and head to **Akhaltsikhe** castle.

First, visit Rabati district. Rabati is historical part of **Akhaltsikhe** town around the medieval fort that integrates a castle, fortification, museum, mosque, synagogue, church, and other different interesting attractions. **Akhaltsikhe** museum (extra charge) presents the cultural heritage of Javakheti region and various artifacts collected from this historical province: old manuscripts, archaeological exhibits, ethnographic material, collection of old carpets, rugs, and etc. Rabati also includes noblemen Jakeli family castle, 18th c.

After sightseeing Rabati, drive to the south part of the country along the **Mtkvari** river gorge, where you can enjoy hilly landscapes and several old fortresses. Make a short stop (visit is not included) by the **Khertvisi Fortress**.

Continue to **Vardzia** – a cave monastic complex dating back to the 12th-13th cc. **Vardzia** is carved in the slopes of the Erusheti Mountains, stretched along the 500 meters on a cliff and consists of 19 different tiers. Georgian Queen Tamar is credited for establishing this monastery during her reign in the 12th c. Nowadays monks still live in caves.

In summer season, drive back to Tbilisi passing through the Javakheti Plateau and Tsalka lake.

In winter, just drive back the same way as we came through the **Borjomi**-**Akhaltsikhe** highway.

Evening arrival to Tbilisi.

Inclusions

Included

Transportation:

- Private Transportation

Staff:

- Private Professional Guide/Driver service

Accommodation:

- 1 x overnight in Akhaltsikhe 4* Akhaltsikhe Inn or similar

Meals:

- 1 x Breakfast

Other:

- 2 x 0.5 l. bottle of mineral water per person
- All entrance fees per program
- All taxes

Excluded

- Beverages
- Personal expenses
- Lunches & Dinners

More Info

Additional Info

To arrange airport transfers and pre-tour (or post-tour)hotel nights, contact us at **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 5 days of the startingday.

- The booking deposit 30$ 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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