# Travel to Racha from Kutaisi City Breaks

#### **Overview**

### Travel to Racha from Kutaisi

Starts from: Kutaisi

Duration: 3 days/2 nights

Private tour: city break

Available to travel: May-October

Distance: 288 km

The 3-day private tour takes off in Kutaisi and covers nature landmarks, historical monuments, and cultural icons of caucasus mountain region <a href="Racha">Racha</a>. during the tour, you will visit winery <a href="Royal Khvanchkara">Royal Khvanchkara</a>, Shaori reserve, Nikortsminda cathedral, towns <a href="Onioning-nature">Oni</a>, <a href="Shovi">Shovi</a> and <a href="Ambrolauri">Ambrolauri</a>. Adventure with us <a href="Racha">Racha</a>!

### **Tour details**

Code: GH-57

Starts from: Kutaisi

Max. Group Size: 15 Adults

Duration: 3 Days

#### **Prices**

# Sights to Visit

- Nikortsminda Cathedral
- Royal Khvanchkara
- Racha
- Ambrolauri
- Oni
- Barakoni Church
- Shovi

### **Itinerary**

# Day 1: Kutaisi - Shaori - Nikortsminda - Ambrolauri

In the morning drive to **Racha** region. First stop at Shaori reservoir, located at the altitude of 1132 m.

Continue to Tkibuli, a small town at the foot of Nakerala mountain. The town was a coal-mining center, but as of 2018, no mines remain operational in the town itself. We make a short photo stop at the town and head to Nikortsminda. The Cathedral was built-in 1010-1014 years, during the reign of King Bagrat the third. Its stone carving is recognized as a masterpiece of medieval culture. Inside the church, you will find magnificent fresco dating back to the 17th century. The cathedral is on the tentative list as a UNESCO world heritage site.

Arrive in the administrative center of <u>Racha</u> region – <u>Ambrolauri</u>. Visit local winery – <u>Royal Khvanchkara</u>, have an excursion around the winery and taste wines.

Overnight in **Ambrolauri**.

# Day 2: Ambrolauri - Khimshi - Barakoni- Oni -Shovi - Ghebi - Ambrolauri

In the morning drive to the village – Khimshi. According to sources, the village was inhabited in the 11th century. Here is preserved St. Georges church built in the 11th century. In the church, you will find fragments of frescoes from the same century. Visit medieval fortress - Khidikari, located in the gorge of Rioni river. See Barakoni cathedral dating 1753 year. Continue to **Oni** town and stop at the synagogue, built in the 19th century. Drive to resort **Shovi**, located 1520 meters above sea level. You will have free time to walk through the village, visit beautiful buildings, which were former residences and sanatoriums, but for now, are abandoned.

The main site to visit today is Gebi, an old village of the settlement Chiora, from the northern slopes of Caucasus bordered by Russia. Gebi with other two villages create one ethno-cultural area.

The In the evening drive back to **Ambrolauri** for overnight.

Overnight in **Ambrolauri**.

# Day 3: Ambrolauri - Kutaisi

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free morning in **Ambrolauri**. Drive back to **Kutaisi.** 

## **Inclusions**

### **Included**

#### Staff:

 Professional private guide/driver service during the tour

### **Transport:**

Private transportation with a comfortable A/C car

#### **Accommodation:**

 2 x nights - Ambrolauri Guesthouse Chateau Dio or similar

#### Meals:

- 2 x Breakfasts on days 2, 3
- Wine tasting in winery- "Royal Khvanchkara"

#### **Entertainment and other:**

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

#### **Excluded**

- Alcoholic beverages
- Extra personal fees
- Lunches & Dinners

### **More Info**

#### **Additional Info**

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

To arrange private 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.

# **Gallery**











