# 3 Day Nature Exploration City Breaks

#### **Overview**

#### 3 Day Nature Exploration

Starts from: TBILISI Available: May-October

Total driving distance: 635 km Duration: 3 Days/2 Nights

Type: Private City Break

Private City Break to <u>Borjomi</u>, <u>Vardzia</u>, <u>Akhaltsikhe</u> and Javakheti from Tbilisi is an easy and enjoyable tour to the National Parks of Georgia: <u>Borjomi</u>-Kharagauli and Javakheti. We pick you up from Tbilisi hotel and take to explore two regions: <u>Samtskhe-Javakheti</u> and <u>Kartli</u>, two ancient cave towns: Uplistsilhe and <u>Vardzia</u>, two towns - <u>Borjomi</u> and <u>Akhaltsikhe</u>, and two fortresses: in

Akhaltsikhe Rabati and Khertvisi.

Adventure along Georgian roads with us!

#### Tour details

• Code: GH-69

Starts from: Tbilisi

Max. Group Size: 15 Adults

Duration: 3 Days

#### **Prices**

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## **Sights to Visit**

- Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park
- Uplistsikhe Caves
- Vardzia rock-cut caves
- Khertvisi Fortress
- Akhaltsikhe Castle, Rabati
- Vardzia Museum
- Valodia's Cottage
- Javakheti National Park
- Vardzia-Khertvisi
- Kartli
- Paravani Lake
- Tsalka
- Samtskhe-Javakheti
- Aspindza
- Borjomi
- Dashbashi Canyon

## **Itinerary**

## DAY 1: TBILISI - TSALKA - JAVAKHETI NATIONAL PARK - VARDZIA

In the morning guide will meet you at the hotel lobby, greet by holding the name board and start the tour to the South-West Georgia.

Direction is <u>Vardzia</u>, passing through **Javakheti Plateau**. Notable for its alpine lakes and bird-life, the area has been turned into a **Javakheti** national park in 2011.

Visit <u>Dashbashi Canyon</u>, <u>Phoka Monastery</u>, **Sagamo**, **Paravani** and <u>Tsalka</u> Lakes, make stops for picnic and picture hunting. Enjoy your time surrounded by unique volcanic landscapes.

In the evening arrive to the village **Vardzia**.

Dinner and overnight in <u>Vardzia</u> farm house **Valodia's Cottage.** 

### DAY 2: VARDZIA - AKHALSTSIKHE - BORJOMI

After breakfast check out and drive to **Vardzia**. **Vardzia** cave monastery was established in the 12th c., during the Georgian Golden Age. The caves are cut in soft volcanic layer and are spread on thirteen levels on the cliff over the river **Mtkvari**. We follow up and down steps inside the dark echoing corridors connecting fifth floor to eight. Dwellings, storages, refectories, wine cellars, 15 churches and prayers could accommodate garrison. The famous fresco of Queen Tamar – the first woman king and her father is well preserved in the main church. Excursion lasts about 1,5 hour.

Continue to <u>Samtskhe-Javakheti</u> region along Kura river gorge. Very picturesque area! A Lot of medieval fortresses are presented here: <u>Vani</u>s Kvabebi and Zemo <u>Vardzia</u> – the most secret ones, Tmogvi – the biggest one, Khertvisi – the best preserved one, Atskhuri – the smaller one and <u>Akhaltsikhe</u> – newly renovated and the most developed one for contemporary life.

**Akhaltsikhe** fort integrates medieval castle, amphitheater, churches, watchtowers, a museum and a mosque. We have guided excursion here about 40 minutes.

After sightseeing **Akhaltsikhe**, head towards the next stop - **Borjomi** spa-resort. We make easy and pleasant walk in **Borjomi** central park and taste natural bubbling mineral waters directly from the hot springs. This Mineral water are bottled and sold in many countries around the globe. Overnight in **Borjomi**.

## **DAY 3: BORJOMI - UPLISTSIKHE - TBILISI**

After breakfast, check out. Drive back to the Kartli region.

Visit **Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park**. Make a choice for a day trails - we fully rely on your preferences. Please, follow the link here.

Next stop in **Uplistsikhe**, located near **Gori**. **Uplistsikhe** is the ancient rock-hewn cave town dating back to the 2nd millennium BC. We can trace the ancient districts of wealthy and poor from both pagan and Christian times, defensive and living quarters. At the very end, walk down through the escape tunnel to the riverside park. Guided excursion takes about 40 minutes.

Evening arrival in **Tbilisi**.

We wish you pleasant evening in Tbilisi and hope to greet you again for further trips!

## **Inclusions**

## Included

#### Staff:

Private Professional Guide/driver service during the tour

#### **Transportation:**

Private Transportation

## **Accommodation for 2 overnights:**

- 1 x night Vardzia Valodia's Cottage or similar family farm guesthouse
- 1 x night Borjomi 4\* hotel Golden Tulip or similar

#### Meals:

- 2 x Breakfasts-on days 2, 3
- 1 x Dinner-on day 1

#### Other:

- Souvenir map of Georgia
- 1 x liters of water per-person per day.
- Excursions in accordance with the program
- All entrance fees per program
- All local taxes

#### **Excluded**

- Tbilisi airport private pick up/drop off transfers
- Alcohol beverages
- Lunches and dinners unless mentioned

## More Info Additional Info

#### Available Pre- booked Optional services \*

Single Supplement is: 50 \$

Lunch: 15 \$Dinner: 20 \$

- Tbilisi ethno-restaurant with live folk show 30 \$ per person.
- Wine tasting in Kolkhi's Ezo Winery 10 \$ per person.
- Tbilisi airport private pick up transfer: 32 \$
- Tbilisi airport private drop off transfer: 27 \$
- Tbilisi airport individual double way transfer: 49 \$
- To arrange airport transfers and additional 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 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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