4 Day Rural Tour to Caucasus & Samegrelo-Svaneti

Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

Overview

4 Day Rural Tour to Caucasus & Samegrelo-Svaneti

Starts from: Tbilisi on Friday once in a month

Type: Small Group Rural Tour

Available: May-September

Distance: 1039 km

Duration: 4 Days

Guaranteed small group rural tour to Samegrelo- Zemo Svaneti starts from Tbilisi. Explore the unique, untapped mixture of local cultural heritage, visit Nokalakevi archaeological site, natural wonders of Martvili Canyon, small remote towns of Mestia, Martvili, Mukhuri and Zugdidi, have jeep tour to Ushguli. Escape from the city life to the rural areas of the Greater Caucasus mountains, enjoy landscapes and nature, meet local people, and taste local food. All of these will happen in four days!

The group is Guaranteed to Run after 2 adults book the tour.

Tour details

- Code: GH-21
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: 4 Days

Price Table

Start Date	End Date	Seats Left	Price From	Availability	Reserve
2027-05-14	2027-05-17	15	€ 904	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
2027-06-11	2027-06-14	15	€ 904	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
2027-07-09	2027-07-12	15	€ 904	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
2027-08-06	2027-08-09	15	€ 904	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
2027-09-03	2027-09-06	15	€ 904	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300

Sights to Visit

- Martvili Canyon
- Ushguli Community
- Nokalakevi
- Mestia Museum
- Dadiani Palace
- Abasha
- Mestia
- Zugdidi Botanical Garden
- Svaneti
- Samegrelo
- Peak Shkhara
- Summit Ushba
- Enguri Dam
- Zugdidi
- Senaki
- Chkhorotsku
- Winery Obene

Itinerary

DAY 1: TBILISI – NOKALAKEVI – MARTVILI-MUKHURI

Total drive: 5 hr 5 min (348 km)

Your guide and driver will pick you up from Tbilisi hotel at 08:00 start the tour.

First stop at Nokalakevi archaeological museum-reserve. Guided Excursion will take about one hour. You'll visit renovated museum halls, archaeological fragments of thermal baths, churches, citadel, and escape tunnel.

The next site to visit today is Martvili Canyon. Enjoy the scenery of Samegrelo waterfalls and take a 20 minutes boat trip in the Abasha green color river. Tour continues for approximately an hour.

In the evening arrival in Mukhuri a small town, unique experience!

The small family guesthouse is good opportunity for an overnight, you have the best chance to explore the real local lifestyle.

Dinner and overnight in Mukhuri.

DAY 2: MUKHURI – ENGURI DAM - MESTIA SURROUNDINGS

Total drive: 3 hr 22 min (141 km)

08:30 After breakfast at the guest house, check out and drive to Zemo Svaneti, Mestia and its surroundings. Move up the mountain serpentine of the Caucasus.

The first must-stop site on the way is Enguri Dam –a very impressive, picturesque gorge and the biggies construction of Soviet times (50 min from Mukhuri – 40 km). Doing 20-30 minutes photo stop here and continue to Upper Svaneti. 103 km left from here to Mestia, but non-stop time generally takes about 2 h, 20 min. Make as many stops as you like and feel the spirit of the roaring waterfalls, the Inguri River, mountains and unspoiled wildlife.

Arrival to Mestia, an administrative center of Svaneti region, surrounded by the three major summits: Ushba North (4690 m), Ushba South (4710 m) and the bride Tetnuldi (4858 m). Villages around Mestia – Latali, Lenjeri and Mulakhi, keep traditional lifestyle. There are 78 medieval churches and defensive towers decorated with medieval frescoes in Mestia and its surrounding villages.

This is the reason, why we head to the tower-museum of Margiani (12th c.) immediately after our arrival.

Pay a visit to mineral sparkling spring, Seti square, and the Svaneti Museum of History and Ethnography of Mestia. The museum’s collection includes ethnographic and archaeological findings, old manuscripts, Orthodox icons painted in the local Svaneti style.

In Mestia stay at the local family guesthouse and enjoy homemade dinner.

Dinner and overnight in Mestia.

DAY 3: MESTIA - USHGULI JEEP TOUR - MESTIA

Driving distance double way: 93.7 km

If you would like to book Ushguli trip instead of trekking, guide will help to arrange a local 4x4WD vehicle.

The road to the village of Ushguli is located only 45 km from Mestia, most of it is paved with concrete, but narrow and steep. The last 16 km is a gravel road, and frequent avalanches make it impossible even in the summer season. The area is made up of medieval settlements with an authentic local community. Ushguli is one of the highest permanently inhabited places in Europe. For the historical, cultural and geographical reasons listed above, Ushguli was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Walk around the village, visit the Lamaria Church and hike to the foot of the Shkhara Glacier (5068 m), the highest peak in Georgia.

In the evening drive back to Mestia.

Dinner and overnight in Mestia.

DAY 4: MESTIA – ZUGDIDI – TBILISI

Total drive: 456 km (7 h 13 min)

After breakfast in Mestia guesthouse, check out and drive to Zugdidi –administrative center of Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti Region, Zugdidi Municipality. Visit Dadiani Palace Historical Museum. Excursion will take about one hour.

Optional visit to Zugdidi farmer’s market, buy local spices, homemade sauce Tkemali and Satsebeli, homemade cheese Sulguni and Honey.

Drive back to Tbilisi. Evening arrival in Tbilisi. Drop off to your overnight place is included.

Optional Gala dinner in Tbilisi restaurant should be arranged in advance.

This is the End of our 4-day tour.

We are looking forward to greet you again on optional tours from Tbilisi.

See you soon!

Inclusions

Included

Staff:

- Professional English-speaking guide service (guide-driver in case of 2 pax in the group)
- Professional driver service

Transport:

- One group transfer to/from Tbilisi airport at the beginning and at the end of the tour
- Comfortable A/C vehicle

Accommodation: 3 x overnights at family guesthouses:

- 1 x overnight in Mukhuri guesthouse.
- 2 x overnights in Mestia Ushba guesthouse or similar

Meals:

- 3 x breakfast
- 3 x dinners

Entertainment and other:

- 1 x bottle mineral water per person per day
- All Excursions and Entrance fees
- Map of Georgia
- All Local Taxes

Excluded

- Flight tickets
- Lunches and Beverages
- Airport transfers
- post-tour overnight on the last day of the itinerary
- Services not mentioned in the includes section

More Info

Additional Info

The deposit for this trip is: **300 $**

- *10% Discount is available for “early bird” booking (6 months before your landing).*

To arrange *“early bird” booking,* airport transfers, extra services and pre-tour (post-tour) hotel overnights, contact us trips[at]georgianholidays.com

Note:

- Ushguli village and Bali Pass are located on high elevation (2000-2395m above sea level).
- Dress code applies in churches and places of worship

CHILD POLICY:

- 0-6 years - Free
- 7-11 years – 50% discount
- 12 years and over - Adult price

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation is free of charge prior 14 days of the starting day.

- The booking deposit USD 300 is non-refundable.

If the Tourist cancels the booked tour for some reasons not depending on Tour Operator, the following sums are kept back as a fine:

- 50% of total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 14-7 days prior to the tour;
- 90% of total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 7 and fewer days 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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