Didgori-Kojori Day Trip Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

Overview

Didgori-Kojori Day Trip

Starts/ends: Tbilisi

Available: Every day/ May-November

Type: Private Full Day trip

Duration: 8 hours

Total distance: 128 km

Full day getaway to nature and historical sightseeing within easy reach from Tbilisi. A perfect trip for people looking for a peaceful day in nature, away from over-crowded touristy sights and busy city. Explore **Didgori Battle Memorial**, visit **Udzo Monastery**, climb **Azeula Fortress** and at the end of it all **enjoy a BBQ** in the tranquility of Kojori forest.

Tour details

Code: GH-100

Starts from: Tbilisi

Max. Group Size: 15 Adults

Duration: Full Day

Prices

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Sights to Visit

- Didgori Battle Memorial
- Kojori Azeula Fortress
- The Kojori Owl's Perch

Itinerary

Itinerary: Didgori-Kojori Day Trip

09:00 pick-up from Tbilisi. Drive to <u>Didgori Battle</u>

<u>Memorial</u>, by passing <u>Mtskheta</u> and nearby villages NorthEast of Tbilisi. Newly paved asphalt road takes you through deciduous forest of **Nichbisi valley** all the way up to Didgori mountain ridge at 1,620 m asl. The monument is erected on top of the hill opening up panoramic views of surrounding fields and valleys of **Shida** and **Kvemo** <u>Kartli</u> regions.

Dedicated to one of the most important events in Georgian history – **the Battle of Didgori** (1121 A.D.), the complex is spread around impressively large area. It consists of many connecting elements, including statues of warriors, large swords planted in the ground, ceremonial columns, bell towers etc. It was during this battle, when vastly outnumbered army of famous Georgian king - David the Builder obtained a victory against Turko-Seljuks, contributing to the rise of the Golden Age of Georgia.

After visiting the memorial, continue the way to the south, making several photo-stops, until reaching our next destination - **Udzo monastery**, located on top of the **Mtatsminda ridge** nearby small town of **Kojori.** Hidden among pine forest it makes a truly peaceful getaway from the noisy capital. According to the legend, the medieval Church of St. George – which is the oldest structure in the monastery, was built by a childless man (Georgian: "Udzeo" ydyn) – as a gift to god so that he would grant him a descendant.

Before reaching the end of our journey – **Azeula Fortress** – our field cook is going to build a fire and make preparations for farewell picnic in the forest. The fortress is located on the volcanic hill, south of **Kojori** and requires a short hike (approx. 400 m one way and 50 m. elevation gain) followed by a climb on steep stairs. Although, your effort will be rewarded with some of the best panoramic views in the region, medieval atmosphere of the site and warm meal waiting for you on the way back, before our return to Tbilisi.

Inclusions

Included

- Private Transportation
- Private Professional Guide service
- Private field cook
- 0.5 x bottle of mineral water per person
- 1 x picnic / BBQ
- Taxes

Excluded

• Alcoholic beverages & Personal expenses

More Info

Additional Info

Please note, the last part of the itinerary requires a short hike to reach the top of the fortress, comfortable shoes are highly recommended.

*Optional services:

- Dinner in Tbilisi Georgian traditional restaurant with live folk show: 30 \$
- Tbilisi airport private pick up service: 32 \$
- Tbilisi airport private drop off service: 27 \$
- Tbilisi airport private transfer double way: 49 \$

To arrange airport transfers and pre-tour (post-tour) hotel overnights, contact us at info[at]georgianholidays.com

1 person from the group is FREE of charge if 10 or more adults are traveling together

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation is free of charge prior 2 days of the startingday.

• The booking deposit 15 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 2 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





