8 Day Jeep tour to Kakheti and Tusheti

Jeep and ATV Tours in Georgia

Overview

Start: Tbilisi, GEORGIA

Best time: June-September.

Distance: 835 km.

Duration: 8 DAYS

An 8-day jeep tour to Eastern Georgia covers two key points: the fertile farmlands of **Kakheti**, where wine is mainly produced; and Tusheti - the most remote, inaccessible mountain region of the High Caucasus with its extraordinary medieval villages, northern fortresses, off-road adventures in **Tusheti National Park** and breathtaking wildlife.

Tour details

- Code: GH-136
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: 8 Days

Prices

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Sights to Visit

- David Gareja
- Gremi Royal Fortress
- Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Tsinandali Museum
- Gremi Church
- Kvareli Wine Cave
- Kvetera Fortress Church
- Mta-Tusheti
- Gremi Fortress
- Sighnaghi
- Akhmeta
- Batonis Tsikhe
- Dartlo
- Shenaqo
- Kvareli
- Diklo
- Omalo

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrival-Tbilisi

Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Free time.

**Optional Tbilisi City Tour for this day*

Visit Holy Trinity Cathedral (“Sameba”) - main Orthodox Cathedral and the seat of Patriarch of Georgia. Continue the tour to Metekhi Plateau, Europe square, Rike Park and ride up to Narikhala fortress by aerial cable car. Enjoy the views of the city from the top of the fortress and walk downhills Boranical Garden Street to Legvtakhevi area, see a natural 40 m high waterfall and a small river running by. Walk to Sulfur Bathhouses and reach Meidan Square.

Walk along the mediaeval streets, visit Caravansary – today it works as Tbilisi History Museum and Art Gallery, cross pedestrian glass Bridge of Peace, follow the king Erekle II street to Anchiskhati basilica VII th c. and Baratashvuili street. Freedom square, Rustaveli Avenue and the National Museum of Georgia are on a walking distance. Take a guided tour to the Golden Treasure and learn the history of the country from ancient times.

Visit Mtatsminda Mountain & Park by Tbilisi funicular for relaxation and panoramic views of the city.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

DAY 2: Tbilisi-David Gareja-Sighnaghi

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to David Gareja semi-desert.

David Gareja is a real sanctuary of man-made art and nature-made landscapes, equally interesting for both nature and culture/history lovers. The complex integrates hundreds of cells, living areas, churches and chapels all cut in rocks. Part of the complex is located in Azerbaijan. Breathtaking views across David Gareja desert-Lavra monastery, seven-storey cave monastery complex of Udabno 9th-16th cc., ancient high artistic skill frescoes in the refectories and cells of the complex-wild desert flowers are top highlights to visit.

Continue your way to Kakheti – wine-producing region of Georgia and arrive in Signagi. Signagi is a small town surrounded by defensive wall of 18th c. The town is also called “the city of love” by locals.

Overnight in Signagi.

DAY 3: Sighnaghi-Kvareli-Nekresi-Gremi-Telavi

Breakfast at the hotel. Excursion and optional wine-tasting at Kvareli Wine Tunnels - it used to be a bomb shelter in the Soviet times, later the shelter was converted into the largest storage of Georgian wines. It is a 7.7 km long tunnel shaped wine cellar, which consists of 2 large parallel tunnels linked with 13 small galleries and holds 25 000 bottles of high-quality wine.

Continue to Nekresi monastery. Beautifully set on the hilltop in the woods, the monastery includes several structures built in different periods.

Afterwards visit Gremi Citadel and Royal Residence. Gremi town functioned as the Capital of Kakheti kingdom in 16th-17th cc.

Arrive in Telavi for overnight.

DAY 4: Telavi-Omalo-Shenako-Diklo-Omalo

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to Omalo-the village in Akhmeta municipality, the largest settlement of the area, located 1880 meters above sea level. Explore upper and lower Omalo, with beautiful views of Chagma valley. The scenery everywhere is a spectacular: mix of snow-covered rocky peaks, deep gorges and steep grassy hillsides, where flocks of sheep appear frequently.

Explore villages of Tusheti. The first village on our way is Shenako-one of the few still populated villages of Tusheti, known with Georgian traditional dwellings, medieval Trinity church and Mount Diklo overlooking the area. Next continue to the tiny village Diklo and see ruins of old Diklo fortress.

Overnight in Omalo.

DAY 5: Omalo-Keselo Castles–Dochu-Dartlo–Dano–Kvavlo-Chesho–Parsma-Omalo

Breakfast at the hotel. Another full day for exploring Tusheti. Visit Keselo fortress and ethnographic museum of Tusheti, get stunning views of village Dochu, village Dartlo and enjoy the beauty of Pirikiti valley. Situated about 1800 meters above sea level – Dartlo is one of the most picturesque villages in Tusheti, protected by UNESCO. Drive up to village Kvavlo and Dano located above Dartlo, pass the ridge and you are in small village Chesho. From Chesho you follow the road that goes along the right bank of Pirikita Alazani until you arrive in the village Parsma.

In the evening return back to Omalo for overnight.

DAY 6: Omalo-Akhmeta-Kvetera-Telavi

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Telavi - administrative center of Kakheti and an former royal town. En-route visit Georgian Orthodox church Kvetera, built in a historic fortified town Kvetera, in an early part of the 10th century.

Evening relaxing tour and overnight in Telavi.

DAY 7: Telavi-Tsinandali-Tbilisi

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit Batonis Tsikhe (Batoni Castle) – the castle is a museum now representing king’s living area and bedrooms, also the king’s sword and throne.

Continue to Tsinandali museum of Alexander Chavchavadze – Kakhetian nobleman and public figure. Alexander Chavchavadze was familiar with European ways of making wine and established the winery and decorative garden, where he frequently entertained his guests.

Arrive in Tbilisi and overnight.

DAY 8: Tbilisi-Departure to Tbilisi Airport

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Tbilisi Airport.

Inclusions

Included

Staff:

- Professional English-speaking guide service during the tour – On days 1-8
- Professional driver service during the tour –On days 1-8

Transport:

- 2 x transfers to/from airport to/from the hotel by a comfortable Climate Controlled Delica 4x4- On days 1,8
- Transportation by a comfortable Climate Controlled Delica 4x4- On days 2-7

Accommodation:

- 2 x nights in Tbilisi Citrus or similar (B/-/-)
- 1 x night in Sighnaghi Brigitte or similar (B/-/-)
- 2 x nights in Telavi Holiday Inn or similar(B/-/-)
- 2 x nights in Omalo Tsetse Guesthouse or similar (B/l/D)

B-breakfast L-lunch D-dinner

Entertainment and other:

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

Excluded

- Visa Fees (when needed)
- Insurance
- Flight tickets
- Early Check Ins/Late Check outs
- Alcoholic beverages
- Extra personal fees

More Info

Additional Info

To arrange airport transfers and additional hotel overnights, contact us **info [at]georgianholidays.com**

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation is free of charge prior 7 days of the starting day.

- The booking deposit 60 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 7 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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