

# Hike To Shaori Megalithic Fortress

## Adventure & Trekking Tours

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### Overview

#### ONE DAY TRIP WITH HIKE TO SHAORI FORTRESS

**Pick-up from:** Tbilisi

**Tour duration:** 9 hours

**Season:** June - October

**Driving distance** (one way): 132 km, 2 h 50 mins.

**Hiking distance:** 5 km, 2 hours; 390 m ↑ and 390 m ↓

**Hike Difficulty:** Easy

**Shaori Fortress**, sometimes referred to as “Georgian Stonehenge”, represents mysterious bronze Age megalithic structure in Georgia's southern region [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#). Situated on top of the rocky mount, at an altitude of **2752 m, above sea level**, the fort overlooks [Paravani Lake](#) and offers great views of surrounding area. The hike is Easy grade, although the path, that is sometimes barely visible, lies on rocky terrain that makes it a bit tricky for inexperienced hikers.

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### Tour details

- Code: GH-99
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: Full Day

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### Prices

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## **Sights to Visit**

- [Kartli](#)
  - [Paravani Lake](#)
  - [Tsalka](#)
  - [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#)
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## Itinerary

### Tbilisi - Tskneti - Tsalka - Tambovka - Shaori Fortress - Tbilisi

**8:00 AM**, pick up from Tbilisi hotel.

Drive to southern part of Georgia, pass **Tskneti** and continue to [Tsalka](#) - the largest settlement and municipality center of **Kvemo Kartli** region.

Soon after leaving Tbilisi, make a short stop at the viewpoint called "**Sidedris Ena**" (Eng: "Tongue of Mother in Law"), which was featured in Hollywood movie about Russo-Georgian war in 2008 called - 5 Days of War, starring among others: Rupert Friend, Andy Garcia and Val Kilmer.

Next stop is in village **Tambovka**, located at the shores of [Paravani Lake](#), the largest alpine lake in Georgia. This village was founded by Russian Doukhobors (Christian religious group). Few of them still live there, despite harsh climatic conditions. Their settlements are characterized by unique architecture. Even though, most of the houses are in ruins, there are several examples of traditional Doukhobor houses, with green roofing and fancy facades.

After visiting the village, continue west towards the mountains, where the hike begins. The trail here is not marked, it is recommended to always follow your guide, as the "path" is barely noticeable and lies on the rocky terrain with unstable rocks. The upper section of the trail hides a big surprise for the visitors - ancient "street" that is made out of finely laid flat rocks, which must have been constructed several thousand years ago. This final and most pleasant to walk section, leads you to the main highlight of the journey - **Shaori megalithic fort**, located on top of the mountain.

Until today, it is not certain what was the purpose of this construction, some scholars say it was used for **Astronomic observations** while others are more inclined to its sacral origin and proclaim it as an ancient pagan temple. Whatever it is, one can definitely feel its mysterious atmosphere.

After reaching the top and having a picnic lunch at the fortress, slowly descend back to the vehicle and drive back

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## **Inclusions**

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### **Transportation:**

- Private 4x4 vehicle with professional driver.\*

### **Staff:**

- Professional Trekking guide service.\*

### **Catering:**

- 1 lunch pack and 2 liters of bottle per participant.

### **Gear:**

- Trekking Poles;

*\*For groups under 3 people, guide and driver will be same person.*

## **Excluded**

- Alcoholic beverages & personal expenses.
  - Trekking gear such as\*: backpacks, Trekking clothing, personal water storage.
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## More Info

## Additional Info

Rocky terrain, make sure to wear hiking boots!

**Comfortable hiking shoes, hat and sunscreen are absolutely necessary!**

### OPTIONAL SERVICES:

- Rent a pair of trekking poles for the trip: 15 \$
- Dinner with live folk show: 30 \$ per person
- 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 or pre-tour (post-tour) hotel overnights, contact us [info\[at\]georgianholidays.com](mailto:info@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 starting day.

- 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.
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