

# 2 Day Vardzia, Borjomi and Akhaltsikhe tour

## City Breaks

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### Overview

[Vardzia](#), [Borjomi](#) and [Akhaltsikhe](#) tour - travel to South Georgia

Starts from: TBILISI

Type: Private City Break

Available: All year

Distance: 580 km

Duration: 2 Days/1 Night

South Georgia is a private tour and includes main highlights of [Kartli](#) and [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#) region: charming towns of [Borjomi](#), [Gori](#) and [Akhaltsikhe](#), fabulous Caves in [Vardzia](#), carved inside the slopes of the Erusheti Mountains, medieval Rabati Castle, [Khertvisi Fortress](#) and [Borjomi](#) park. Taste the flavor of Javakheti!

The trip is accompanied by a professional guide.

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### Tour details

- Code: GH-66
  - Starts from: Tbilisi
  - Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
  - Duration: 2 Days
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### Prices

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## Sights to Visit

- [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#)
  - [Uplistsikhe Caves](#)
  - [Vardzia rock-cut caves](#)
  - [Gori Fortress](#)
  - [Akhaltsikhe Castle, Rabati](#)
  - [Vardzia Museum](#)
  - [Uplistsikhe Museum](#)
  - [Borjomi Museum](#)
  - [Ioseb Stalin State Museum](#)
  - [Samtskhe - Javakheti Museum](#)
  - [Valodia's Cottage](#)
  - [Vardzia-Khertvisi](#)
  - [Gori Historical Museum](#)
  - [Gori](#)
  - [Paravani Lake](#)
  - [Tsalka](#)
  - [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#)
  - [Aspindza](#)
  - [Akhaltsikhe](#)
  - [Foka Monastery](#)
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## Itinerary

### **DAY 1: TBILISI - GORI - UPLISTSIKHE - BORJOMI - AKHALTSIKHE**

Morning, at 9:00 guide will come to your place of overnight in Tbilisi and pick-up for two day tour to South Georgia.

The first stop on our journey today is Gori – a small town of the [Kartli](#) region, located 78 km from Tbilisi on the western highway. We are visiting three major attractions: [Gori Fortress](#), The house-museum of the Soviet dictator J. Stalin and the ancient cave town of Uplistsikhe dating back to 1st millennium BC, 15 km away from the town Gori.

**\*Optional:** Two museum visits are available during this tour:

- [Josef Stalin House -Museum](#) (works every day)
- [Gori Historic-Ethnographical Museum](#) (non-working day is Monday)

Uplistsikhe has rock-hewn streets and squares, halls, secret tunnels, remains of ancient churches and a museum building, where valuable items excavated in Uplistsikhe are presented. The town is argued to be one of the oldest settlements in the region.

After head towards Borjomi – a resort-town famous for its mineral sparkling waters. Here we can taste Borjomi mineral sparkling water and walk through the [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#) – one of the largest protected areas in Europe, which covers 5300 sq. km.

**\*Optional:** museum visits is available:

- [Borjomi Local Lore Museum](#) (non-working day is Monday)

Evening departure for [Akhaltzikhe](#) town.

Overnight in [Akhaltzikhe](#).

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## DAY 2: AKHALTSIKHE - KHERTVISI - VARDZIA - TSALKA - TBILISI

After breakfast, check out and head to [Akhaltsikhe](#) castle.

First, visit Rabati district. Rabati is historical part of [Akhaltsikhe](#) town around the medieval fort that integrates a castle, fortification, museum, mosque, synagogue, church, and other different interesting attractions.

[Akhaltsikhe](#) museum presents the cultural heritage of Javakheti region and various artifacts collected from this historical province: old manuscripts, archaeological exhibits, ethnographic material, collection of old carpets, rugs, and etc. Rabati also includes noblemen Jakeli family castle, 18th c.

### **\*Optional:**

- [Samtskhe-Javakheti Historical-Ethnographic museum](#)  
in Akhaltsikhe:3\$

After sightseeing Rabati, drive to the south part of the country along the [Mtkvari](#) river gorge, where you can enjoy hilly landscapes and several old fortresses. Make a short stop by the [Khertvisi Fortress](#).

Continue to [Vardzia](#) - a cave monastic complex dating back to the 12th-13th cc. [Vardzia](#) is carved in the slopes of the Erusheti Mountains, stretched along the 500 meters on a cliff and consists of 19 different tiers. Georgian Queen Tamar is credited for establishing this monastery during her reign in the 12th c. Nowadays monks still live in caves.

**In summer season**, drive back to Tbilisi passing through the Javakheti Plateau, Phoka Monastery and Tsalka lake.

**In winter**, just drive back the same way as we came through the [Borjomi-Akhaltsikhe](#) highway.

Evening arrival to Tbilisi.

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## **Inclusions**

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### **Transportation:**

- Private Transportation

### **Staff:**

- Private Professional Guide/Driver service

### **Accommodation:**

1 x overnight in Akhaltsikhe 3\* hotel Tiflis or similar

### **Meals:**

- 1 x Breakfast

### **Other:**

- 2 x 0.5 l. bottle of mineral water per person
- All entrance fees per program
- All taxes

## **Excluded**

- Beverages
  - Personal expenses
  - Lunches & Dinners
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## More Info

## Additional Info

- Single Supplement: 35 \$
- Dinner: 20 \$
- Lunch: 15 \$
- Tbilisi airport private pick up transfer: 32 \$
- Tbilisi airport private drop off transfer: 27 \$
- Discounted individual transfer for Tbilisi airport double way: 49 \$

**\*Optional:** museum visits are available during this tour:

- [Josef Stalin House -Museum](#) (works every day): 8\$
- [Gori Historic-Ethnographical Museum](#) (non-working day is Monday): 2\$
- [Borjomi Local Lore Museum](#) (non-working day is Monday): 2\$
- [Samtskhe-Javakheti Historical-Ethnographic museum](#) in Akhaltsikhe:3\$

To arrange airport transfers and pre-tour (or post-tour) hotel nights, contact us at **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\$ 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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