3	Day	Nature	Exploration
			City Breaks

Overview	3 Day Nature Exploration		
	Starts from: TBILISI Available: May-October Total driving distance: 635 km Duration: 3 Days/2 Nights Type: Private City Break		
	Private City Break to Borjomi , Vardzia , Akhaltsikhe and Javakheti from Tbilisi is an easy and enjoyable tour to the National Parks of Georgia: Borjomi -Kharagauli and Javakheti. We pick you up from Tbilisi hotel and take to explore two regions: Samtskhe-Javakheti and Kartli , two ancient cave towns: Uplistsilhe and Vardzia , two towns - Borjomi and Akhaltsikhe , and two fortresses: in Akhaltsikhe Rabati and Khertvisi. Adventure along Georgian roads with us!		
Tour details	 Code: GH-69 Starts from: Tbilisi Max. Group Size: 15 Adults Duration: 3 Days 		
Prices	/		

Sights to Visit Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park Uplistsikhe Caves Vardzia rock-cut caves

- Varuzia rock-cut caves
- Akhaltsikhe Castle, Rabati
- Vardzia Museum
- Valodia's Cottage
- Javakheti National Park
- Vardzia-Khertvisi
- <u>Kartli</u>
- Paravani Lake
- <u>Tsalka</u>
- <u>Borjomi</u>

Itinerary

DAY 1: TBILISI - TSALKA - JAVAKHETI NATIONAL PARK - VARDZIA

In the morning guide will meet you at the hotel lobby, greet by holding the name board and start the tour to the South-West Georgia.

Direction is Vardzia, passing through Javakheti Plateau. Notable for its alpine lakes and bird-life, the area has been turned into a Javakheti national park in 2011.

Visit **Phoka Monastery**, **Sagamo**, **Paravani** and **Tsalka** Lakes. Enjoy your time surrounded by unique volcanic landscapes.

In the evening arrive to the village Vardzia.

Dinner and overnight in **Vardzia** guesthouse.

DAY 2: VARDZIA - AKHALSTSIKHE - BORJOMI

After breakfast check out and drive to **Vardzia**. **Vardzia** cave monastery was established in the 12th c., during the Georgian Golden Age. The caves are cut in soft volcanic layer and are spread on thirteen levels on the cliff over the river **Mtkvari**. We follow up and down steps inside the dark echoing corridors connecting fifth floor to eight. Dwellings, storages, refectories, wine cellars, 15 churches and prayers could accommodate garrison. The famous fresco of Queen Tamar – the first woman king and her father is well preserved in the main church. Excursion lasts about 1,5 hour.

Continue to <u>Samtskhe-Javakheti</u> region along Mtkvari river gorge. Very picturesque area! A Lot of medieval fortresses are presented here and we can observe them from the road: <u>Vani</u>s Kvabebi and Zemo <u>Vardzia</u> – the most secret ones, Tmogvi – the biggest one, Khertvisi – the best preserved one, Atskhuri – the smaller one and <u>Akhaltsikhe</u> – newly renovated and the most developed one for contemporary life.

Akhaltsikhe fort integrates medieval castle, amphitheater, churches, watchtowers, a museum (extra charge) and a mosque. We have guided excursion here about 40 minutes. After sightseeing Akhaltsikhe, head towards the next stop -Borjomi spa-resort. We make easy and pleasant walk in Borjomi central park and taste natural bubbling mineral waters directly from the hot springs. This Mineral water are bottled and sold in many countries around the globe. Overnight in Borjomi.

DAY 3: BORJOMI - UPLISTSIKHE - TBILISI

After breakfast, check out. Drive back to the Kartli region.

Visit **Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park**. Make a choice for a day trails - we fully rely on your preferences. Please, follow the link **here**.

Next stop in **Uplistsikhe**, located near <u>Gori</u>. **Uplistsikhe** is the ancient rock-hewn cave town dating back to the 2nd millennium BC. We can trace the ancient districts of wealthy and poor from both pagan and Christian times, defensive and living quarters. At the very end, walk down through the escape tunnel to the riverside park. Guided excursion takes about 40 minutes.

Evening arrival in **Tbilisi**.

We wish you pleasant evening in Tbilisi and hope to greet you again for further trips!

Inclusions

Included

Staff:

• Private Professional Guide/driver service during the tour

Transportation:

• Private Transportation

Accommodation for 2 overnights:

- 1 x night Vardzia Valodia's Cottage or similar family guesthouse
- 1 x night Borjomi 4* hotel Borjomi Palace or similar

Meals:

- 2 x Breakfasts-on days 2, 3
- 1 x Dinner-on day 1

Other:

- 1 x liters of water per-person per day.
- Excursions in accordance with the program
- All entrance fees per program
- All local taxes

Excluded

- Tbilisi airport private pick up/drop off transfers
- Alcohol beverages
- Lunches and dinners unless mentioned

More Info

Additional Info

To arrange airport transfers and additional hotel overnights, contact us 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 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 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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