

10 Day Explore Georgia Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

Overview

Explore Georgia

Starts from: Tbilisi
Available: APR-OCT
Distance: 1322 KM
Duration: 10 DAYS

10-day private tour Explore Georgia covers four regions of the country: [Kartli](#) (central area), [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#) (South-West), [Imereti](#) (West Georgia) and [Khevi](#) (North). The tour includes the highlands of the **Greater Caucasus Mountains** and [Kazbegi National Park](#), natural wonders of the [Imereti protected areas](#) - **Prometheus karts caves** & [Kinchkha Waterfall](#), ancient cave settlement of [Vardzia](#) and [Uplistsikhe](#), the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of **Kutaisi** and [Mtskheta](#), [Martvili Canyon](#) and more natural reserves, towns and highlights.

We are excited to host you in Georgia!

Tour details

- Code: GH-44
 - Starts from: Tbilisi
 - Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
 - Duration: 10 Days
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Prices

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Sights to Visit

- [Martvili Canyon](#)
- [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#)
- [Bagrati Cathedral](#)
- [Gelati Monastery](#)
- [Jvari Monastery](#)
- [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#)
- [Prometheus Cave](#)
- [Uplistsikhe Caves](#)
- [Vardzia rock-cut caves](#)
- [Narikala Fortress](#)
- [Akhaltsikhe Castle, Rabati](#)
- [Holy Trinity Cathedral](#)
- [Mamadaviti Church](#)
- [Metekhi Church](#)
- [Vardzia Museum](#)
- [Gergeti Trinity Church](#)
- [Kazbegi National Park](#)
- [Tbilisi Historic District](#)
- [Okatse Canyon](#)
- [The Chronicle of Georgia](#)
- [Dariali Gorge](#)
- [Khevi](#)
- [Kartli](#)
- [Gardenia Shevardnadze](#)
- [Jvari Pass](#)
- [Peak Kazbegi](#)
- [Imereti](#)
- [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#)
- [Aspindza](#)
- [Tbilisi Funicular](#)
- [Akhaltsikhe](#)
- [Dariali Monastery](#)
- [Ubisa Monastery](#)

Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN TBILISI

Arrival at Tbilisi International airport. Meet and greet at the arrival hall and transfer to Tbilisi hotel.

Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

DAY 2: TBILISI - JVARI - GORI - UPLISTSIKHE - AKHALTSIKHE

Driving distance: 256 km

Tour starts after breakfast at the hotel.

10:00 Check out and meet your guide in the hotel lobby.

Today leave Tbilisi for Akhaltsike for two nights. Drive through [Kartli](#) region and visit UNESCO World Heritage Site: [Jvari Monastery](#) 6th c.

Tour continues to Gori – a small town at the center of [Kartli](#). Make a short Gori tour, visit [Gori Fortress](#) – a medieval citadel situated on a hill, that offers panoramic views on Gori. Stalin house-museum is located nearby. Museum visit is *optional.

Head to the ancient cave complex of Uplistsikhe. This oldest urban settlement is dated back to the 1st millennium BC, and is located in 15 km from Gori. Covering an area of approximately 8 hectares, Uplistsikhe served as an important religious, political and economic center in pre-Christian [Kartli](#) kingdom. Today visitors can find streets, chambers, tunnels and theater hall in the ruins of Uplistsikhe.

Drive to [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#) region, in the evening arrive in [Akhaltsikhe](#) – the major town located in the ravine of the river Potskhovi.

Overnight in [Akhaltsikhe](#).

DAY 3: AKHALTSIKHE - RABATI - VARDZIA - AKHALTSIKHE

Driving distance: 126 km

After breakfast at the hotel, visit the major attraction - the medieval **castle- museum in Rabati** historical district on [Akhaltsikhe](#) hilltop, where 9th century fortress was rebuilt. Here, Duke Jakeli family palace, fortress, orthodox church, mosque, synagogue, catholic church, and a museum are located in a few minutes of the walking distance. Excursion will take about 45 minutes.

Drive along the [Mtkvari](#) river to the town [Aspindza](#) , [Khertvisi](#), [Tmogvi Fortresses](#) and [Vardzia](#) cave monastery. [Vardzia](#) is a medieval rock-hewn cave complex, carved into the volcanic rocks on 13 levels, with numerous internal corridors, secret tunnels, chapels and dwellings. The main hall is covered with beautiful murals of 12th c. The [Vardzia](#) tour will take about 1 h.

For lunch visit local farm [Valodia's Cottage](#). Family offers organic vegetables and trout barbeque on [Mtkvari](#) riverside.

In the evening we come back to [Akhaltsikhe](#).

Overnight in [Akhaltsikhe](#).

DAY 4: AKHALTSIKHE - BORJOMI -RIKOTI PASS- KUTAISI

Driving distance: 184 km

On day 4, after breakfast check out and depart for [Borjomi](#) resort. Visit [Borjomi National Park](#), taste local sparkling mineral water '[Borjomi](#)', and take a walk in the park.

After tour in [Borjomi](#), continue to the west Georgia via **Rikoti pass** through tunnel connecting East and West Georgia. On the way stop at [Ubisa Monastery](#) (9th c) beautifully painted by artist Damiane (14th c frescoes), a few spots where local farmers sell various pottery and other handmade ethnographical souvenirs.

Arrive in [Gelati Monastery and Academy](#), the brilliant example of 12th c Georgian Golden Era. Wall painting, mosaic and architecture represents the real masterpiece of middle ages and is listed in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

In the evening arrive in **Kutaisi** – the administrative center of [Imereti](#) region. Enjoy Kutaisi evening walking tour, visit [Bagrati Cathedral](#), main square around the fountain, central park and check in the hotel.

Overnight in **Kutaisi**.

DAY 5: KUTAISI-PROMETHEUS CAVE - OKATSE - MARTVILI CANYON -KUTAISI

Driving distance: 146 km

Today, explore natural wonders of [Imereti protected areas](#) and small part of [Samegrelo](#) region. First, visit [Prometheus Cave](#) – a deep karst cave near [Tskaltubo](#) town, that has a 1.8 km trail with stalactites, stalagmites, underground rivers and lakes open for visitors.

On the second part of the day enjoy a hanging 500 m path through the [Okatse Canyon](#) and a boat trip in [Martvili Canyon](#).

In the evening drive back to **Kutaisi**.

Overnight in **Kutaisi**.

DAY 6: KUTAISI - ZHINVALI-ANANURI - GUDAURI

Driving distance: 294 km

After breakfast, depart for [Gudauri](#) skiing resort. Today we drive to the north and next two days are dedicated to observe the **Great Caucasus mountains**. On the way make a photo stop at the [Zhinvali Reservoir](#), visit **Ananuri** Architectural Complex located in the gorge of the river **Aragvi**.

Children playground is nicely set nearby [Ananuri Fortress](#). Take time to swim in fresh mountain water of **Zhinvali**.

Continue the way to the north, towards the Greater Caucasus mountain, and arrive in [Gudauri](#) ski resort, situated at an elevation of 2196 meters above the sea level.

- *Optional: Paragliding and rafting are available to arrange nearby.
- *Optional: wine tasting at [Chateau Mukhrani](#) winery

Overnight in [Gudauri](#) hotel.

DAY 7: GUDAURI -JVARI PASS- KAZBEGI - GERGETI - DARIALI - GVELETI - GUDAURI

Driving distance: 97 km

After breakfast, start full-day adventure of [Khevi](#) region in **Caucasus** mountains. From [Gudauri](#) we depart for [Kazbegi National Park](#). The road reaches 2395 m above sea level on the [Jvari Pass](#), the watershed of **Aragvi** and **Tergi** rivers. Stops for observation platform, and enjoy [Snowy](#) peaks of the **Caucasus mountains**.

Afterwards, we arrive in **Kazbegi** municipality town **Stephantsminda**. The [Mount Gergeti](#) is an excellent place for short hiking and for panoramic views from the [Gergeti Trinity Church](#) (14th c). The Church is beautifully set on the top and overlooks villages of **Kazbegi area**. It is part of [Kazbegi National Park](#). In clear weather, the **Kazbegi Glacier** (5054 m) is visible to see from here.

For lunch visit **Keti's family** Cafe and taste main dish of mountain people - **Khinkali** (dumplings).

Continue to [Dariali Gorge](#), a narrow canyon along Tergi river. Walk to **Gveleti** waterfalls, visit **Dariali St. Michael and Gabriel monastery** and see **Georgia-Russian border** (14 km from Stephantsminda).

From **Dariali**, return back to [Gudauri](#). Near the **Kobi village**, take a moment and don't skip **Kobi-Gudauri cable car** – unbelievable experience!

Overnight in [Gudauri](#).

DAY 8: GUDAURI- MTSKHETA - TBILISI

Driving distance: 124 km

Breakfast at the hotel; check out and drive to **Tbilisi**.

On the way visit UNESCO town [Mtskheta](#), the capital of the former Kingdom of Iberia. In [Mtskheta](#) walk around the historical walking district and see the masterpiece of Georgian renaissance [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#) (11th c)

More 20 km drive and we are in Tbilisi. Visit **Chronicles of Georgia** – late Soviet huge monument near Tbilisi Sea. The monument is called as a “modern Georgian Stonehenge”. It was erected in 1980 and depicts various historical and religious events that took place in the country. From this point we can enjoy panoramic views of Tbilisi city.

- ***Optional:** On the way, you can make a brief visit to [Gardenia Shevadrantze](#)—a German-style garden, greenhouse, and vintage-style café.

Drive along the **Rustaveli Avenue**, take a look at the buildings of the **Parliament of Georgia, Rustaveli National Theatre, [Georgian National Opera and Ballet Theater](#)**. For shopping visit centrally located Tbilisi Mall offering numbers of well-known local and international brand shops, banking facilities, multi-screen cinema, a family entertainment center etc.

Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

DAY 9: TBILISI FULL DAY SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast, continue Tbilisi City tour. Drive to the David Agmashenebeli Avenue and take a walk in the renovated “New Tiflis” area. Here, we can make a stop at the Tbilisi Flea Market on Dry Bridge, where you will find vast assortment of antique, such as hand-made jewelry, old military medals from World War II, Soviet style cutlery, old enamel, vintage cameras and many more.

From Dry Bridge we drive to the Tbilisi Old Town. We are going to visit [Anchiskhati basilica](#) – the oldest church (built in the 6th century) in the city, the Residence of the Patriarch of the Georgian Orthodox Church – the Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi, which is also one of the tallest orthodox churches in the world.

Move towards the Rike park, cross the glass [Bridge of Peace](#), and take a cable car from the car that takes us to the [Narikala Fortress](#), a medieval fortress situated on the mountain overlooking Tbilisi. Finally, we stroll down from Narikala back to the old districts, visit Legvta [Khevi](#) canyon and waterfall and continue to Sulfur Bathhouse District (Abanotubani), Meidan square and Shardeni street. There are lots of outdoor cafes, bars, restaurants, art galleries and souvenir shops in these areas.

In the evening go up to the Mtatsminda mountain by a funicular tram, where we can visit the Mtatsminda Pantheon of Writers and Public Figures – largest necropolis in Tbilisi, where some of the prominent writers, artists, scientists and other public figures are buried.

Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

DAY 10: TBILISI - AIRPORT

After breakfast check-out from the hotel and transfer to Tbilisi International airport for departure.

We hope to be your host again.

Have a nice flight!

Inclusions

Included

Transportation:

- 2 x Tbilisi Airport transfers to/from Tbilisi hotel by a comfortable vehicle
- Private transportation with a comfortable vehicle

Private Staff:

- Professional guide service during the tour

Accommodation:

- 3 x overnights in Tbilisi 3* hotel Brigitte (or similar)
- 2 x overnights in Akhaltsikhe 3* hotel Tiflis (or similar)
- 2 x overnights in Kutaisi 3* hotel Green Rooms (or similar)
- 2 x overnights in Gudauri 3* hotel Alpina (or similar)

Meals:

- 9 x Breakfasts on days 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- 2 x lunches at Valodia's Cottage day 3 and in Kazbegi on day 7
- 2 x Dinners-on days 6, 7

Other:

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

Excluded

- Visa Fees & Travel Insurance
 - Flight tickets
 - Early Check Ins/Late Check outs
 - Meals & Alcoholic beverages
 - *Optional* services*
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More Info

Additional Info

To arrange extra services and pre-tour (post-tour) hotel overnights, contact us [info\[at\]georgianholidays.com](mailto:info@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 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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Gallery

