

6 Day Exploration of Georgia

Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

Overview

Explore Georgia Along the Great Silk Road in 6 days

Starts from: Tbilisi every second Sunday

Type: Small Group Exploration Travel

Available: All seasons

Distance: 880 km

Duration: 6 Days

Let us offer an easy travel itinerary for all-seasons along the Great Silk Road in Georgia country. This ancient trade route covers three major regions of [Kartli](#), [Imereti](#) and [Kakheti](#). The tour combines history, nature, Georgian culture and wine. We introduce to you three capitals of medieval Georgia – Tbilisi, Kutaisi and [Mtskheta](#), historic towns of [Vani](#), [Sighnaghi](#) and [Gori](#), the cave-city of Uplistsikhe and karst caves of Prometheus, two UNESCO sites in Gelati and Svetitskhoveli, archaeological site in [Vani](#) and two traditional wineries: [Askaneli Garden](#) and Giuashvilis' family wine cellar in Manavi village Giuaani.

*The group is **Guaranteed to Run** when two adults book the tour.*

Tour details

- Code: GH-15
 - Starts from: Tbilisi
 - Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
 - Duration: 6 Days
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Price Table

| Start Date | End Date | Seats Left | Price From | Availability | Reserve |
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| 2024-08-18 | 2024-08-23 | 15 | € 961 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2024-09-01 | 2024-09-06 | 15 | € 961 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2024-09-15 | 2024-09-20 | 15 | € 961 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2024-09-29 | 2024-10-04 | 15 | € 961 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2024-10-13 | 2024-10-18 | 15 | € 961 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2024-10-27 | 2024-11-01 | 15 | € 961 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2024-11-10 | 2024-11-15 | 15 | € 961 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2024-11-24 | 2024-11-29 | 15 | € 961 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2024-12-08 | 2024-12-13 | 15 | € 961 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2025-01-19 | 2025-01-24 | 15 | € 1033 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2025-02-02 | 2025-02-07 | 15 | € 1033 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2025-02-16 | 2025-02-21 | 15 | € 1033 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2025-03-02 | 2025-03-07 | 15 | € 1033 | Scheduled | Reserve for € 300 |
| 2025- | 2025- | | | | Reserve |

Sights to Visit

- [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#)
 - [Bagrati Cathedral](#)
 - [Gelati Monastery](#)
 - [Prometheus Cave](#)
 - [Uplistsikhe Caves](#)
 - [Narikala Fortress](#)
 - [Gori Fortress](#)
 - [Holy Trinity Cathedral](#)
 - [Metekhi Church](#)
 - [Vani](#)
 - [National Museum](#)
 - [Historical Museum](#)
 - [Bridge of Peace](#)
 - [Tbilisi Historic District](#)
 - [Kutaisi](#)
 - [Gori](#)
 - [Rike Park & Cableway](#)
 - [Kakheti](#)
 - [Kartli](#)
 - [Europe Square Tbilisi](#)
 - [Giuaani winery](#)
 - [Imereti](#)
 - [Askaneli Garden](#)
 - [Kutaisi Botanical Garden](#)
 - [Manavi Fortress](#)
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Itinerary

Day 1: Tbilisi City Tour

Sunday

We organize pick up service from centrally located hotel and start city sightseeing from [Tbilisi Historic District](#).

Tour starts at 09:00. Local Guide will lead you to Holy Trinity Cathedral – gorgeous golden cupola orthodox church of 20th c. We observe city panorama from here, walk around and inside, and after 45 minutes come back to the car.

Next stop is Metekhi plateau - this rocky cliff wall overlooks the [Mtkvari](#) River bed, mediaeval part of the city and Mt. Mtskhinda Mount. Nice setting, once, here was the first residence of the Bagrationi family (5th -7th cc). In front of 13th c Metekhi St. Virgin Church we see the equestrian statue of King Vakhtang Gorgasali - the king, who moved capital city from [Mtskheta](#) to Tbilisi in the second half of fifth century.

After enjoying the setting, continue to Europe square and Rike Park. Aerial cable car lifts up us to the 4th c fortress on the opposite side of the river. Narikala fort served as the main hold force in Kala district, the second residence of Royal Family (12th c-13th cc)

From [Narikala Fortress](#) we start walking down past Botanical Garden Street and Tbilisi Mosque. Follow the Iron spiral staircase, walk out the castle wall to the Leghvti [Khevi](#) (Fig ravine) waterfall and the Sulfur Bathhouse district - the meeting point of two continents - Europe and Asia.

Now here we are! The taste of multicultural amalgam, smells of sulfur, coffee and bread, mix of ornamented wooden residential architectural styles and countless churches, sounds of different worships, colorful carpets, artworks, galleries and outdoor cafés. Take time, wander around and continue to Maidan square, Shardeni and the King Erekle II Streets. On the way don't skip short visit to **Si Oni** Cathedral, the former seat of the patriarch and continue to the modern glass pedestrian [Bridge of Peace](#). All pictures you see here look like a postcard. Walking takes about an hour and half.

Continue to [Anchikhati basilica](#), the oldest church in

Day 2: Tbilisi-Gori-Uplistsikhe-Kutaisi

Monday.

Total driving time today is 4 hr 48 min (287 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we start 09:00 for [Gori](#) and Kutaisi. Drive to the west passing through the [Kartli](#) region. First stop is town [Gori](#) – 88 km from Tbilisi. Here we visit two sites: [Gori](#) medieval fortress and Joseph Stalin house-museum. Each will take approximately 30-45 minutes.

Next site is cave-town Uplistsikhe, 14 km away from [Gori](#). Uplistsikhe is one of the oldest rock-hewn urban settlements in Georgia dated back to the 1st millennium BC.

Our next stop is a place, from where we can see the very nice sunset - Gelati Academy of 12th c. To reach the place, we drive Rikoti Pass, the natural watershed of East and West rivers: Eastern waters flow down to the Caspian Sea, the western- to the Black sea. The pass is picturesque, several tunnels make our drive shorter, the oldest one is the longest - 1.800 m, it was built in 19th c.

After the tunnel, we are already in [Imereti](#), West Georgia. Head to Gelati Academy and Monastery. The site served as a cultural center in middle ages and preserved 12th c mosaic, spectacular murals, and manuscripts from the 12th-17th cc. The sightseeing will take about 30 minutes. Drive to Kutaisi for free evening and overnight.

Overnight in Kutaisi hotel Bagrati 1003 or similar.

Day 3: Kutaisi City Tour-Vani - Kutaisi

Tuesday.

Total driving time today is 1 hr 54 min (87.0 km)

Today we have a relaxing day: Kutaisi city tour and [Vani](#) Archaeological Museum-Reserve, only 41 km away from Kutaisi. This means, we can start a bit late - at 09:30.

After breakfast, visit [Bagrati Cathedral](#) 11th c. a former residence of the King Bagrat III, the first King of the United Kingdom of Georgia and pre-ancestor of the Bagrati **Oni** dynasty. The site overlooks Kutaisi, Ri **Oni** River valley and Kvamli mountains on the north.

Continue city sightseeing. Walk to Kutaisi Historic district, Opera house, Agmashenebeli Square and drama theater, visit [Kutaisi State Historical Museum](#) and Botanical Garden.

After finishing the city tour, take one free hour for lunch.

Second half of the day we dedicate to exploring [Vani](#) archaeology. 50 minutes' drive on narrow backroad to Sulori River. The complex is located near a small town and includes archaeological site, an expedition base, and the museum itself. Guided excursion will take 50 minutes.

The permanent exhibition displays cultural development of the unearthed city between 800 BC and 100 AD. Highlights of the exhibition include spectacular collection of jewelry of local goldsmiths.

Optional* It is possible to visit Geiser sulfur pools in nature.

Evening drive back to Kutaisi. Overnight in hotel Bagrati 1003 or similar.

Day 4: Kutaisi-Prometheus Caves-Mtskheta-Tbilisi

Wednesday

Total driving time today is 4 hr 35 min (276 km)

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and drive 22 km to the North to [Prometheus Caves](#). Discovered in 1984, these karst caves are one of the biggest natural caves in Georgia -1.2 km long underground trail is open for public. The one-hour tour is accompanied by light enhancements and classical music. If the water level permits, we can experience a boat trip for 300 m at the end of the caves.

Now head towards East, former capital town of ancient kingdom of Iberia, holy town [Mtskheta](#). The place is included in UNESCO list for the high artistic value of unique mediaeval architecture and represents the main pilgrimage site, as it is believed, the Robe of Savior is buried under a 17th century ciborium. Visit [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#), walk in a town, find some souvenirs and evening return back to Tbilisi.

Check-in the hotel. Leisure evening. Overnight in Tbilisi hotel Brigitte or ZP.

Day 5: Tbilisi-Manavi-Sighnaghi-Tbilisi

Thursday, Total driving time today is about 3 hr 40 min (222 km)

Today we drive to [Kakheti](#) – a region that is known for its organic wine-making traditions. In 60 km to the East, we are in [Giuaani winery](#). Here we listen to our host, learn about Qvevry wine production and taste 3 varieties of premium local wines (2 red, and 1 white).

Continue our trip to [Sighnaghi](#) – a small mediaeval town, surrounded by 18th c. defensive wall and marvelous, cozy museum of archaeology, ethnography and arts. On the second floor there is permanent exhibition of genius naïve artist Niko Pirosmani and fantastic view from the balcony overlooking Alazani River Valley.

Continue to [Bodbe Monastery](#) – a functioning nunnery, a place where relics of Georgian enlightener St. Nino are preserved. She was a female apostle who preached Christianity in the 4th c.

Drive back to Tbilisi.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

Note: Those taking extension trips to Georgia will start their tour next morning after breakfast.

In case you want to travel longer, please see the extensions or contact us at [trips\[at\]georgianholidays.com](mailto:trips[at]georgianholidays.com)

Day 6: Tbilisi

Friday

Check out time is 12:00. This is the end of our 6-day tour. We organize one group transfer to/from Tbilisi airport at the beginning and at the end of the tour. For Private transfers, please, inform us in advance.

We are looking forward to greet you again on optional tours from Tbilisi the next morning.

Inclusions

Included

Staff:

- Professional English-speaking guide/driver service

Transport:

- Comfortable A/C vehicle
- One group transfer to/from Tbilisi airport at the beginning and at the end of the tour

Accommodation: 5 overnights in double/twin rooms at 3* hotels:

- 3 x nights in Tbilisi hotel Brigitte/ZP or similar on days 1,4,5
- 2 x nights in Kutaisi hotel Ponte or similar on days 2 and 3

Meals:

- 5 x Breakfasts - on days 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Entertainment and other:

- 1 x wine tasting in Giuashvilis' family winery on day 5
- 2 x bottles of water per person daily
- Excursions in accordance with the program
- Entrance fees in accordance with the program
- All taxes

Excluded

- Accommodation in Single room
 - Hotel night on the last day of the Land Only itinerary.
 - Travel insurance
 - Meals and beverages unless mentioned in the itinerary
 - Breakfast on the final day if departing earlier than 8 am
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More Info

Additional Info

The deposit for this trip is: 300 \$

10% discount is available for early booking (6 months before your landing).

The flights should be booked individually.

The flights should not be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and it says "Guaranteed" on the trip.

Additional services:

- Single room supplement: 131 \$
- Private pick-up transfer from Tbilisi airport: 32 \$
- Private drop-off transfer to Tbilisi airport: 27 \$
- Discounted double-way private transfer to/from Tbilisi airport to/from Tbilisi hotel: 49 \$

To arrange airport transfers or pre-tour hotel overnights, please contact us at [trips\[at\]georgianholidays.com](mailto:trips[at]georgianholidays.com)

CHILD POLICY:

- 0-6 years - Free
- 7-11 years - 481 \$
- 12 years and over - Adult price

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation is free of charge prior 14 days of the starting day.

- The booking deposit 300 \$ is non-refundable. We will keep this sum for your future trip.

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 total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 14-7 days prior to the tour;
- 90% of total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 7 and fewer days prior to the tour;

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