

# 8 Day Flavor of Georgia Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

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## Overview

### The Flavor of Georgia

**Starts from:** Tbilisi

**Available:** all year

**Total driving distance:** 1057 km

**Duration:** 8 days

**Type:** private cultural tour

The Flavor of Georgia is four seasons cross-country tour starting from Tbilisi, to west Georgia, to the Black Sea shores of Batumi and covering four regions: [Kartli](#), [Imereti](#), [Guria](#), and [Adjara](#) autonomous republic.

The tour includes visiting main cities: **Tbilisi**, [Gori](#), [Mtskheta](#), **Batumi**, and **Kutaisi**, sightseeing of 4 monuments listed among the World Heritage Sites by the UNESCO in towns of [Mtskheta](#) and **Kutaisi**, excursions in karst cave **Prometheus** and the ancient cave city of **Uplistsikhe**.

The trip is designed for individual groups, families, and travelers, who prefer private guided tours by professional and experienced staff. Two overnights per city will make the journey easy and pleasant.

Have a Great Trip!

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## Tour details

- Code: GH-40
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: 8 Days

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## Prices

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## Sights to Visit

- [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#)
- [Bagrati Cathedral](#)
- [Gelati Monastery](#)
- [Jvari Monastery](#)
- [Prometheus Cave](#)
- [Uplistsikhe Caves](#)
- [Narikala Fortress](#)
- [Gonio Fortress](#)
- [Gori Fortress](#)
- [Holy Trinity Cathedral](#)
- [Sioni Cathedral](#)
- [Metekhi Church](#)
- [Jumah Mosque of Tbilisi](#)
- [Uplistsikhe Museum](#)
- [Gonio Museum-Reserve](#)
- [Ioseb Stalin State Museum](#)
- [Motsameta Monastery](#)
- [Bridge of Peace](#)
- [Tbilisi Historic District](#)
- [Ethnographic Museum](#)
- [Kutaisi](#)
- [Gori](#)
- [Rike Park & Cableway](#)
- [Batumi Piazza](#)
- [Komli](#)
- [The sculpture Ali & Nino](#)
- [Imereti](#)
- [Adjara](#)
- [Europe Square Batumi](#)
- [Adjarian Wine House](#)

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## Itinerary

### Day 1: Arrival in Tbilisi

Private transfer to Tbilisi hotel and support in the check-in process.

The travel agent will meet you at the arrival hall at Tbilisi International airport. Overnight in Tbilisi.

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## Day 2: Tbilisi City tour

Good morning Tbilisi! After breakfast guide will greet you at the lobby holding the yellow signboard. Let's start the sightseeing!

The first site to visit today is the **Holy Trinity Cathedral** – one of the most important landmarks of Tbilisi. Its golden dome is visible from all panoramic views of the right bank and represents the main Orthodox Christian Cathedral of Georgia. About 40 minutes of sightseeing inside and around and return back to the car for to the historical district of Tbilisi.

Now combine walking and riding by the aerial cable car from the **Europe Square** and **Rike Park** to the fortress of **Narikala**, downhill stroll to the **Botanical** street to **Jumma mosque**, **LegvtaKhevi** canyon, and waterfall. The story of Tbilisi starts here, at the **Sulfur Bathhouse district**. Follow the legend along the narrow medieval cobbled streets to the **Maidan square, Shardeni**, and the King Erekle II streets. Pass by crowded small art salons, outdoor cafes and coffee shops, **Sioni cathedral**, modern glass **Bridge of Peace**, and take time for a cup of tea.

The second half of the day continue the city sightseeing by car along with the main districts of Tbilisi – Rustaveli Avenue, Hero's Square, Chavchavadze avenue, and drive to Turtle lake. The site overlooks **Victory Park** and soviet Tbilisi.

The final activity of the **Tbilisi city tour** is an **Open-Air Museum** of Ethnography. Stone and wooden houses of 14 different ethnographic zones of Georgia are put together in the park. It takes about 1 hour to accomplish the tour here.

In the evening drive back to the hotel.

Overnight in Tbilisi.



## Day 3: Tbilisi - Gori - Uplistsikhe - Gelati-Kutaisi

Driving distance: 286 km (4hr 55 min)

After breakfast check out and leave Tbilisi. Today we have a long transfer to the West Georgian region of **Imereti**. Break the way and explore the **Kartli** region. Take the western highway to the town **Gori**, prominent as the birthplace of Olympic wrestlers and Soviet dictator of 20th c Joseph Stalin. His house-museum consists of three parts: 19th c memorial brick house, an exhibition building of the mid-Soviet era with a tower, and Stalin's personal coach with furniture and interior. We have a guided excursion here for about 45 minutes.

After visiting **Gori**, continue the tour to **Uplistsikhe Caves**. The site is located 14 km away from **Gori** and represents the oldest cave complex in Georgia, dating back to the 1st millennium BC. Excursion in **Uplistsikhe Caves** will take approximately an hour.

Afterward, we drive to the **Imereti region** via the main highway through **Rikoti Pass**. Make a couple of stops to see traditional bakeries and pottery production along the way.

Drive to **Gelati Monastery** and Academy complex. **Gelati Monastery** is the architectural masterpiece of the "Golden Age" of Georgia. Distinguished for its harmony with its natural setting and a well-thought-out overall planning concept, the complex compounds central cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary, St. George and St. Nicolas churches, Bell tower and spring, academy building, medieval observatory, and the tomb of the most prominent king of Georgia - David IV the Builder, the founder of this complex in the 12th c. Here you can see the well-preserved mosaic decoration and more than 40 portraits of kings, queens, and high clerics, and the earliest depiction of these seven Ecumenical Councils.

In the evening we arrive in Kutaisi.

*\*Optional: On the way visit **Motsameta** monastery surrounded by rocky mountains and Colchis woods. Entrance is free of charge.*

## **Day 4: Kutaisi - Prometheus Cave - Vani-Kutaisi**

Driving distance: 125 km (2h 33min)

After breakfast start for [Tskaltubo](#) spa town, well known for its healing springs. All spas are located together in the subtropical park circle. *\*Optional stop: Walk towards Stalin's Bath for a short excursion. Entrance is free of charge*

After [Tskaltubo](#), about a 10-minute drive to reach the visitors center and the entrance of [Prometheus Cave](#). Five interconnected halls of 1200 meters long karst caves are beautifully lighted for observation of stalactites, stalagmites, and other karst figures that have been forming for millions of years. At the end of the cave, we have an option to take a boat trip (if the water level is good today).

Lunch is hosted by the family. Homemade fresh food and interaction with the locals open up more ways to understand this place.

The next highlight to visit today is [Vani Archaeological Museum-Reserve](#) (tentative list of UNESCO), about 42 km away from Kutaisi. The permanent exhibition displays the cultural development of the site between 800 BC - 100 AD. The Highlight of the museum includes a spectacular collection of jewelry, unique bronze sculptures and their fragments, and samples of coins.

In the evening drive back to Kutaisi.

*\*Optional wine tasting is available on the way, to the village Vartsikhe, Vartsikhe winery.*

Overnight in Kutaisi.

**NOTE:** *Promete Caves is closed on Tuesday, Sataplia is closed on Monday.*

*Depending on the weekdays, switch Staple's Caves to Promete Caves.*

## Day 5: Kutaisi - Shekvetili - Batumi

Driving distance: 149 km (2h 40min)

Leave **Kutaisi** for **Batumi**. After breakfast check out and drive towards the **Black Sea** coastal **Autonomous Republic of [Adjara](#)**.

On the way to Batumi visit **Shekvetili Dendrological Park** - one of the largest in Georgia, stretching on 60 ha and consisting of two sectors: 1. tree endemic species, replanted from different regions of Georgia. The collection brings together 39 unique species and more than 200 gigantic trees. 2. Thousands of exotic woody plants were imported over the years from five continents.

After a one-hour nice walk in **Shekvetili Dendrological Park** continue the trip to another park - **Georgia in Miniatures**, located close to the highway, just 8 minutes drive. Park presents 54 architectural miniatures of Georgian cultural heritage monuments, architectural landmarks, and landscapes (made on a 1.25 scale).

Drive to **Batumi** and visit two main squares in the old Batumi district. After check-in at the hotel, walk along the **Europe square** to **Piazza**, listen to the story of Jason and Medea - the characters from Greek mythology, who linked to the quest of Argonauts and Golden Fleece in the former Kingdom of Colchis. The guided walking tour will cover the main highlights of **Batumi**. Take an evening walk in the beautiful boulevard of the city.

Two overnights in Batumi.

## **Day 6: Batumi City sightseeing - Gonio - Borjgalo**

Driving distance: 56 km (1h 30min)

After breakfast starts a pleasant tour of **Batumi's surroundings**. First, visit the ancient **Gonio Fortress** – a first-century castle that served as a well-fortified city of Romans on the territory of historical Colchis in the 2nd century AD. The excursion will take about 30 minutes.

Drive to one of the main attractions of the tour – the artisan **Ethnographic Museum Borjgalo**. During this 40-minute tour in the open area place, enjoy the handmade woodcarving models of high mountain village houses and local people in 100 years old traditional lifestyle from the villages of **Adjara**.

After an excursion in the **Borjgalo museum**, drive to **Sarpi**, Georgia-Turkish border. Make some pictures and drive back to Batumi.

Take **Batumi** evening walk in old and new boulevards. Visit **Alphabetic Tower**, the moving sculpture of '**Ali and Nino**' by Tamara Kvesitadze, spend a leisure evening among the lights of dancing fountains of **Batumi Boulevard**.

Overnight in Batumi.

*\*Optional: On day 6 it is also possible to visit Batumi Delphinium and attend the interactive show.*



## Day 7: Batumi - Komli - Mtskheta - Tbilisi

Driving distance: 375 km (6h 27min)

Today depart for Tbilisi- we have a long transfer from **Batumi** to **Tbilisi**. Make two breaks on the way: at the rustic farmhouse **Komli** in **Guria** district, and **Mtskheta** town, a spiritual center and former capital of East Georgia (the UNESCO town).

After breakfast, say goodbye to **Batumi** and head to the small village of **Tsitelmta** in the mountains of **Guria**. The host family adheres to the philosophy of **permaculture**, growing organic products from the farm to the table. Take part in a garden tea tasting, have a light lunch, and continue the journey after an hour.

Before reaching Tbilisi, make another stop in the small town of **Mtskheta** for sightseeing. **Mtskheta** has been the capital of the Georgian Iberian kingdom since the 4th c. BC. to 5th c. AD It lies at the confluence of the two rivers - **Mtkvari** and **Aragvi**. Walk around the city and visit the **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Evening arrival in Tbilisi. Leisure time.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

**Note:** *If your flight is arranged in the early morning, please, request a lunch box for breakfast in advance.*

## **Day 8: Tbilisi - Departure**

Breakfast at the hotel. Hotel Check-out time is midday, 12:00.

The check-in time for Tbilisi international airport is two hours.

The transfer agent will come to the hotel 2h30 min before your flight departure and drive you to the airport.

We wish you a Happy flight back home!

We hope to greet you again in Georgia soon!

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## **Inclusions**

## **Included**

### **Pick up/drop off service:**

- 2 x from/to Tbilisi International Airport to/from Tbilisi hotel by a comfortable climate controlled vehicle

### **Staff:**

- Private certified guide service during the tour

### **Transportation:**

- Private transportation with a comfortable climate-controlled vehicle

### **Accommodation for 7 overnights:**

- 3 x nights- Tbilisi 3\* hotel Brigitte or similar
- 2 x nights- Kutaisi 3\* hotel Green Room or similar
- 2 x nights- Batumi 4\* hotel Chao or similar

### **Meals:**

- 7 x Breakfasts-on days 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- 2 x Lunches in local families on days 4 & 7

### **Other:**

- 1 x liter of water per person per day.
- Excursions in accordance with the program
- Entrance fees in accordance with the program
- All taxes

## **Excluded**

- Travel insurance
  - Flight tickets
  - Early Check-Ins/Late Checkouts
  - Meals & beverages
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## More Info

## Additional Info

### \*Optional Services

- Single Supplement: 211 \$
- Wine tasting in Vatsrikhe winery: 15 \$ per person
- Gala dinner in Tbilisi with the folk show: 30 \$ per person

To arrange extra services and pre-tour (post-tour) hotel overnights, contact us [info\[at\]georgianholidays.com](mailto: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 to 7 days to the starting day.

- The booking deposit of 60 USD is non-refundable.

If a Tourist cancels the booked tour for some reason 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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