Overview	Adjarian Highlands by jeep to Khikhani fort, <u>Khulo</u> , <u>Keda</u> , Shuakhevi, Makhuntseti <sup>Starts from: Batumi</sup>
	Type: Private full-day jeep tour
	Available: from June till October
	Duration: 8 hours
	Total Distance: 242 km
	Full day jeep tour to <b>Adjara</b> mountains starts in Batumi and covers <b>Keda</b> , <b>Shuakhevi</b> , and <b>Khulo</b> municipalities. Adjaristskali river valley, hilly villages in the green forests area, crystal clear springs, lakes and waterfalls, medieval stone arched bridges, hospitable people, and exquisite local dishes provide eco-tourism enthusiasts with an unforgettable experience.
	Hiking option is available from <mark>Khikhani Fortress</mark> to Shuamta lakes.
	Have a great day ahead!
Tour details	<ul> <li>Code: GH-41</li> <li>Starts from: Batumi</li> <li>Max. Group Size: 15 Adults</li> <li>Duration: Full Day</li> </ul>
Prices	/

## Sights to Visit

- Makhuntseti Waterfall
- <u>Adjara</u>
- Khikhani Fortress
- Adjarian Wine House
- <u>Khulo</u>
- Keda Town Upper Adjara

#### Itinerary

#### Batumi-Makhuntseti-Khikhani-Shuamta lakes-Khulo-Batumi

8:30 Pick up and meet your guide at Batumi hotel.

Head to <u>Adjara</u> Highlands by driving to <u>Makhuntseti</u> <u>Waterfall</u> in <u>Keda</u> municipality. The narrow-asphalted road follows the river Adjaristskali valley. The first stop is <u>Makhuntseti Waterfall</u> - the highest waterfall in <u>Adjara</u> – 48 m. Make several photoshoots and continue to Shua<u>Khevi</u>

Before leaving <u>Keda</u>, you can buy local famous honey or sweets-Churchkhela made of almost all species of Georgian grapes, dried fruit, tklapi (fruit leather), fir gum, and various jams.

While exploring upper <u>Adjara</u> region we come across several medieval arched stone bridges, one of them was built over Kedistskali River, dedicated to Queen Tamar. Despite enduring many floods and mudslides, the bridge remains in its place dutifully serving the locals.

Another remarkable 300 years old bridge is the rarest engineering structure in Georgia - a wooden 25 meters bridge in the village of Khabelashvilebi. It was built to connect villages of Chvana gorge with the <u>Khulo</u> district. Khabelashvilebi Bridge is very peculiar and creates an impression of fabulous construction built by some dwarfs, elves, or hobbits.

Continue to the Shua**Khevi** up to the village Zamleti, and turn to South-East for **Khikhani Fortress**. It takes about 1h 27 min to cover 27 km road to reach the fortress. On the way, stop for **Shkalta** monastery 12th c - inside a large hall church, with a protruding, seven-faceted apse, small fragments of the New Testament scenes — exemplifying the Paleologian art of the 14th or 15th century— were uncovered by the Georgian expedition in 1997.

After 15 minutes stop, continue driving to <u>Khikhani</u> <u>Fortress</u> - long serpentine and 40 minutes walk to ascend the fortress. The oldest narrow path is the only approach to the castle. From here we have incredible views of Shavsheti range: wooden houses nestled in the mountains, shepherds

## Inclusions

#### Included

#### Staff:

• Professional guide/driver private service during the tour

#### Meals:

• 1 x lunch

#### Transport:

 Private Transportation with a comfortable A/C 4 x 4 WD Jeep

#### Entertainment, equipment and other:

- Water (2 x bottles per person daily)
- Excursions in accordance with the program
- All taxes

### Excluded

- Insurance
- Accommodation
- Navigator Jeep with technical assistant
- Alcoholic beverages

#### **More Info**

#### **Additional Info**

# \* Make sure you **take your ID/Passport.** Border guards may request to check your documents

Don't forget to take comfortable walking shoes, a raincoat, and sunglasses.

#### Extra services:

- Dinner in Batumi: 25 \$ per person
- Batumi airport private pick up/drop off transfer: 31 \$
- Discounted individual transfer rate for the double way Batumi airport: 55 \$

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 2 days of the starting day.

• The booking deposit 15 \$ 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 48 hours 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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