

NATURE & CULTURAL | 10 DAYS

Private special tour, escorted long journey for individuals and families



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10 days Nature & Culture Tour to Georgia is a special itinerary designed to experience this country in different way. Meet local people to truly feel the spirit of Georgia, taste delicious dishes from various regions, participate in making lunches and learn how to cook famous Georgian dish - Khinkali. Short hiking experience in Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park, enjoy the natural beauties of Martvili Canyon and Prometheus grotto. Finally explore the wine region and sample some of the best Georgian Queuri and European wines.

MAIN HIGHLIGHTS & SITES:

TBILISI CITY

- Tbilisi city
- Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Metekhi church of 13th c
- Narikala Fortress 4th century AD
- Legutakhevi
- Sulfur bathhouses
- Shardeni street
- Meidan square
- Bridge of Peace
- National Museum of Georgia
- Rustavel Avenue
- Gardenia Shevardnadze
- Mtatsminda park & Tbilisi funicular

SAMTSKHE-JAVAKHETI REGION

- Borjomi spa-resort
- Borjomi National Park
- Rabati fortress in Akhaltsikhe
- Khertvisi fortress of 10th
- Vardzia cave town
- lakes Sagamo
- Paravani and Tsalka

IMERETI REGION

- Kutaisi City
- Bagrati Cathedral 11th c 🏛️
- Gelati Monastery 12th c 🏛️
- Prometheus grotto
- Martvili Canyons

KAKHETI REGION

- Shumi winery
- Museum of Al. Chavchavadze
- Gremi Royal Residence 16-17th CC

MTSKHETA CITY

- Svetitskhoveli Cathedral 11th c 🏛️
- Juari Monastery 6th c 🏛️
- Chardakhi family winery

KARTLI PROVINCE

- Uplistsikhe Caves 1st Millennium B.C

DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

1 DAY | Arrival - Tbilisi

Arrival at Tbilisi Airport. Transfer to the hotel. Free time.

2 DAY | Tbilisi city tour

Start a full-day Tbilisi city sightseeing tour. First site is the Holy Trinity Cathedral - major cathedral of the Georgian Church. From Sameba we continue Tbilisi sightseeing tour to Narikala Fortress. Take an aerial cable car from Rike Park and ride up to the fortress that is situated on the mountain overlooking Tbilisi. Narikala is an ancient fortification that was established in the 4th c. Stroll down towards the old Tbilisi and visit various interesting areas, such as Legutakhevi canyon and waterfall, and Sulfur bathhouse district.

Our tour continues to the Georgian National Museum on Rustaveli avenue. Museum unifies several leading Georgian museums and houses numerous unique collections and exhibitions that represent history, culture and art of the country. Next we drive to Gardenia Shevardnadze, flower garden and plant nursery with a

little café inside, where we can taste home-made cakes and lemonade.

Afterwards we ride up to Mount Mtatsminda (770 m) and Park by the funicular, which is overlooking the city.

The final activity of the day is the dinner at a Georgian restaurant accompanied by folk show.

3 DAY | Tbilisi-Mtskheta-Borjomi

We head to Mtskheta, a small town near we are going to visit two major attractions: Juari Monastery and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. Juari Monastery built in 586-605 AD, stands on a mountain above the confluence of the rivers Mtkvari and Aragui, overlooking Mtskheta and its surroundings. On the other hand, Svetitskhoveli Cathedral that was built in the 11th century and is still second largest church in the country, is situated on the lowland in Mtskheta town. Both of the monuments represent Georgian church architecture style and are recognized by the UNESCO as world heritage sites.

From Mtskheta we drive to Borjomi town. Borjomi is a resort famous for its Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park

and natural sparkling mineral water 'Borjomi'. On a short Borjomi tour we can take walk in Borjomi Park and taste mineral waters from the spring.

4 DAY | Borjomi – Akhaltsikhe – Vardzia-Borjomi
Drive to Akhaltsikhe, the center of Javakheti, southern region of Georgia. First stop is at Rabati Castle. The Castle is a medieval complex that comprises of fortress and an area inside the curtain walls with several churches, mosque, museum and synagogue. Fortress was originally established in the 9th c, however, it was rebuilt and restructured during the Ottomans 18th c. We are going to visit Valodia Zazadze's Cottages and Farm and have a lunch with fresh trout barbeque. Afterwards we continue exploration of Samtskhe-Javakheti and drive to Vardzia Cave Monastery passing through the picturesque scenery of Mtkvari gorge. Vardzia is a medieval monastery complex carved in rocks of the Erusheti mountain range. It was built during the Georgian Golden Era by the Queen Tamar of Georgia, in the 12th-13th centuries. Vardzia consists of numerous different cave dwellings, chambers, tunnels, churches and chapels. In the evening drive back to Borjomi.

5 DAY | Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park "Info trail"
Drive to the Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park and get registered as a visitor. Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park is one of the largest protected areas in the region with We can have a short hike through the National Park Information trail that starts from the administration building (850 m). The highest peak of the 1.5-hour route is 950 meters above the sea level. Enjoy hiking and head back to your hotel.

6 DAY | Borjomi-Prometheus Caves-Kutaisi
Continue our journey to the Imereti region. We are heading to the Prometheus Cave - one of the largest karst caves in Georgia and one of the popular attractions of Imereti. Prometheus Cave has 1.5 km long trail open for visitors that are willing to observe various underground karst forms, rivers, lakes, cave pearls etc. From Prometheus we drive to Kutaisi - the major city of Imereti and third largest city of the country. Next, we are going to visit Bagrati Cathedral. Built in the 11th century, cathedral represents medieval Georgian church architecture style and is situated in the middle of the city on Ukimerioni Hill. Bagrati Cathedral is recognized by the UNESCO as a World Heritage Sites and it is considered as a symbol of Kutaisi city.

7 DAY | Kutaisi-Gelati-Martvili-Kutaisi
Sightseeing of the Imereti region. After breakfast we move to the Gelati Academy and Monastery located near Kutaisi. (12th c.). Gelati complex was built in the 12th century by the most prominent king of Georgian history David IV the Builder. The interior of the main church has well-preserved unique frescos and mosaics. The site is included in UNESCO World Heritage list as well. From Gelati we drive to Martvili Canyon Natural Monument. Martvili canyon is a gorge created in limestone rock by the waters of river Abasha, which goes as deep as 40 meters. Visitors can take a boat trip on river Abasha in the canyon. Drive back to Kutaisi.

8 DAY | Kutaisi-Uplistsikhe-Tbilisi
Depart for Tbilisi. On our way we stop at Uplistsikhe Cave Complex located on the left bank of river Mtkvari. Dating back to 1st millennium BC, Uplistsikhe is a rock-hewn ancient city that served as an important political, cultural and religious center, especially in the pre-Christian period. Uplistsikhe has numerous caves, chambers, tunnels, streets and walls, covering an area of approximately 8 hectares. After excursion at Uplistsikhe we leave for Tbilisi.

9 DAY | Tbilisi-Tsinandali-Shumi-Gremi
On day 9 we head for an exploration of Kakheti region in the eastern part of Georgia. Kakheti is one of the major traditional winemaking region of the country.

First, we are going to visit village Tsinandali, famous for its Tsinandali museum of Alexander Chavchavadze. Chavchavadze was a 19th century Georgian aristocrat, Romanticist poet, and a military figure under the Russian Empire. Nowadays aristocrat's estate is turned into a museum that consists of Chavchavadze's memorial house, landscape garden, historical winery and wine cellar, hotel and a café.

Continue our journey to the village Shumi. The winery and museum Vazoni houses a fine collection of wine related exhibits, an ethnography department and a wine-tasting area, with the collection of 294 varieties of wine from Georgia, as well as 92 varieties of foreign wines. Here, we have a wine-testing with light snacks.

From Shumi we move to the Gremi Royal Residence - a 16th c. architectural monument that consists of a citadel and the Church of the Archangels. The buildings are remains of a medieval town that served as a capital of the Kingdom of Kakheti in the 16th-17th c. Evening drive back to Tbilisi.

10 DAY | Tbilisi - departure
After breakfast transfer to the airport and departure.



Special Activities and Highlights:

- Lunch in Valodia's farm with trout barbeque
- Lunch in Chardakhi family winery with home-made dishes
- Dinner with folk show in one of the best restaurants in Tbilisi
- Wine-tasting in Chardakhi family winery
- Wine-tasting in Shumi winery
- Boat tour in Martvili Canyon

INCLUDES:

- 4* Accommodation, all transfers, excursions & entrance fees, Professional guide & driver service during the tour
- comfortable vehicle service all days
- 4 x nights-Tbilisi 4*
- 3 x night- Borjomi 4*
- 2 x nights-Kutaisi 3*
- 9 x Breakfasts-on days 2-10
- 2 x bottles per person daily

Book 6 months in advance & **SAVE 10%**

€ PRICE PER PERSON	PEOPLE IN THE GROUP	CHILD POLICY	
	2 people	1606€	0-4 years
4 people	1181€	5-6 years	50 % OFF
6 people	1059€	7-9 years	30 % OFF
8 people	967€		
10 people	964€		
	Single supplement	283€	

The deposit for the tour is 200€